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Dioxins result in crab ban

Commercial crab fishing in eight sites on the British Columbia coast has been banned because of dioxins.

The federal department of fisheries issued the ban which includes 12 square miles of Stuart Channel and 14 square miles of Cowichan Bay.

Health and Welfare Canada issued a warning about eating shell fish and crabs from those areas as well.

The suspected source of contamination is the Fletcher Challenge mill at Crofton.

The Stuart Channel ban covers an area north from a line between Grave Point on Vancouver Island and Erskine Point on Salt Spring, to a line running from Bare Point at Chemainus to North Reef and back to Parminter Point on Salt Spring.

All of Cowichan Bay is closed to commercial crabbers inside a line from Separation Point to Cherry Point.

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GISS team is tops

Members the Gulf Island Secondary School girls volleyball team made the news again this week, when they captured the 1989 Small Schools Girls Provincial Volleyball Championship in Victoria last Saturday.

The team beat out 10 other schools from around the province to win the cup.

Following the two and one-half day championship, played at two different schools in Victoria, GISS team member Grace Graham was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while teammates (and sisters) Rose and Sheila Graham were voted to the All-Star team.

Earlier in the month, the team walked off with the Mid-Island championship, followed by a bronze-medal performance against the best of Vancouver Island.



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

'Tis the season to catch and cook up a fish, or four, as did young fisherman Ryan Muir last week. The youth caught his limit in cutthroat trout at St. Mary Lake, while his father, Steve

Muir, Darin Craig and Jim Craig, all waited for a nibble on their lines. Fishermen and fishercooks can be seen most days at the north Salt Spring area lake.

Public expresses population concerns

Speaker after speaker expressed concern about the potential population of Salt Spring Island.

The Islands Trust and the Community Plan review committee held 10 hours of public hearings over two days to listen to what locals had to say about the proposed changes to the Community Plan's goals and objectives.

In the document released by a review committee, the potential population varied from a low of 12,400 to a high of 28,800.

When the original Community Plan was brought into law in 1974, the population of the island under provisions of that plan was anticipated to be 15,000. The current number of residents stands at somewhere around 7,000.

Local Island Trustee John Stepaniuk suggested that concentrating on a set figure would solve nothing. He would like to see a method of appropriate land use devised to ensure island population does not become too large nor stay too small.

In 1974, the originators of the Community Plan used a formula based on land zoning in place at that time to derive the 15,000 figure. While such zoning as duplexes was in place then, no one took the provision seriously, believing duplexes would not sell on Salt Spring.

Now, however, density transfers in large subdivisions have spawned the creation of more duplexes than anticipated. Density transfer revolves around switching the potential number of lots in one

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Salt Spring Island moves closer to housing a Centre for the Arts

By BILL WEBSTER

Salt Spring Island is one step closer to being home to a cultural centre.

Close to 70 islanders showed up to an information forum last Thursday, November 23, to hear more about the proposed art centre and to join The Islands Arts Centre Society.

The meeting combined an information session as well as a general meeting of the Society to elect a board of directors.

Lawrie Neish, chairman of the Community Arts Council (CAC), explained that the concept of an arts

centre for Salt Spring has been bandied about for close to 22 years. Several efforts in the past to create such a centre met with no success, he explained.

But now the crunch has come. The Gulf Islands School Board told the CAC that after 1991, the art groups could not be assured of use of Mahon Hall. The Ganges building houses ArtCraft in the summer and concerts during the winter months.

Various Salt Spring groups began discussions to try to find an alternative. When word of the Windfall Fund went out, they came

up with a plan to create a permanent home art groups here.

The Windfall Fund came about through Salt Spring's share of profits on land sales in the Western Communities of the Capital Regional District. The late Hugh Borsman struck a committee to decide how the money should be spent. The committee has decided and it is now in the hands of recently elected CRD representative Julia Atkins to announce the results.

Neish told the meeting that favourable response from the Windfall Fund to the CAC applica-

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INSIDE

This issue of the *Driftwood* welcomes the Christmas season with information on Saturday's Light-up activities. Please turn to Page A9 for a list of events.



This issue also carries the annual Christmas Carol sheet.

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week beginning Monday November 27

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: 12 degrees C.

LOWS: 2 degrees C.

Chance of precipitation throughout the week.

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Jarrood Booth flooded with invitations, cards

While Christmas greetings continue to flood the *Driftwood* for eight-year-old Jarrod Booth, the island youngster was taken to Victoria General Hospital Tuesday night for blood transfusions.



Jarrood Booth picks up greeting cards, gifts and invitations at the *Driftwood* office in Ganges.

In the meantime, following the airing of a human interest story about Jarrod on a Victoria television station last week, the Booth family has been invited to a performance by the Victoria Opera Society Friday night and to remain in that city overnight as guests of that group.

He is expected to remain at the hospital for the better part of the week.

According to Jarrod's mother, the transfusions are required to increase his blood count, which is depleted as a result of the chemotherapy treatments he receives every five weeks.

The family has also been invited backstage to meet the cast after the performance.

More than 250 cards have arrived for Jarrod, who suffers from cancer, since the card-sending campaign was initiated by Brian Harding a few weeks ago. Ninety-five of those cards arrived in one day and the overall figure is expected to rise dramatically following news Tuesday that children at at least one school in Kamloops are preparing cards for the boy.

In addition to what has come through the mail, Jarrod has been asked to participate in the Santa Clause parade in Victoria this weekend and will be a special guest at two other ceremonies including the visit of the Christmas Ship from Washington on December 9 and a second "Santa's tea party" on December 16. Harding says the purpose of that party which begins at 3 p.m. and will be held at the Harbour House is to give other children the opportunity to meet Jarrod and drop off their cards.

Harding notes that not only will the largest Christmas card be at that party but so will the largest Santa Claus. That particular Santa stands close to seven-feet tall.

"He's probably the only person that can reach the top of this card."

In the meantime, Harding said the eight- by eight- foot plywood card that was built for Jarrod last week has gathered more than 60 signatures - a figure expected to increase after the card is circulated at Fernwood school this week.

Harding said he is hoping to find more plywood to add extra pages to the card and build a type of "thermometer" which will indicate the number of cards coming in.

Closure hurts locals

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Oyster harvesting is also banned in Stuart Channel.

The health warning covers recreational and native harvesting of crab and suggests a weekly consumption of more than 10 grams could pose a health hazard. The Cowichan Bay health warning limits crab consumption to less than 75 grams per week.

Two oyster farms are affected by the ban. One farm is just north of Willy Island and the other is in Booth Bay, on Salt Spring Island.

Other shell fish — littleneck clams, shrimp, prawns, English sole and quillback rockfish — are not considered hazards to health when eaten.

When the ban was issued, the department of fisheries noted that it might be some time before the situation warrants lifting the ban. At least three crab fishermen from Salt Spring and many more from the Duncan-Cowichan area will be without a source of income because of the presence of dioxins in the crabs.

Other areas of the coast affected include Harmac, Powell River, Gold River, Elf Falls, Prince Rupert and Kitimat. Each area is situated close to a pulp mill.

The only areas close to mills given a clean bill of health are at Port Alberni, Port Alice and Ocean Falls.

The contaminants, dioxins and furans, are produced in pulp mills when chlorine is used in the bleaching process and released into the environment through incineration of waste which results in smoke stack discharge. The toxic chemicals can also be released from chemical waste dumps.

The fisheries department also tested salmon for the presence of dioxins but found levels which were "very low to non-detectable."

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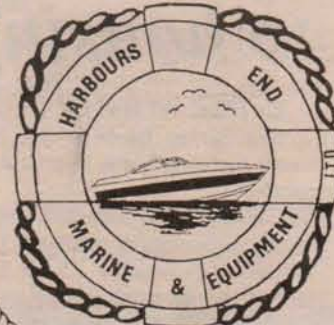
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Construction on the Ganges seawalk continues as workers Tammy Kowbell (left) and Martin Scaia place down boards. Upon completion, the boardwalk will follow the waterfront all the way around Ganges.

Centre will bring groups together

From Page A1

tion for \$200,000 was key to any further action on the arts centre.

The estimated total cost of the centre is set at \$1,314,500.

The funds are expected to come from several sources. In addition to the Windfall grant, the Arts Society expects to pick up \$434,000 from GO B.C., \$185,000 from the federal department of communications, \$174,000 in land donations from the provincial parks department and a further \$321,000 from the Community.

Of the community share of the proposed budget, \$160,000 has already been assured leaving only \$161,000 to be funded.

Trish Nobile spoke on behalf of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts.

She said the Festival has experienced four successful years despite the embarrassment of bringing quality performers to a high school gymnasium. The success of the Festival has a proven record, she said, and the Festival "warrants a new home."

April Curtis explained the involvement of Off Centre Stage in the project. She noted the theatre group began five years ago as a source of alternative theatre, but has evolved into mainstream entertainment for the island. They perform in a converted store for an audience sitting on hard chairs, but have done it successfully.

Of the proposed Arts Centre, Curtis said, "Once we've done it, we'll have a tangible place in the community... not just for us or our

children, but for our children's children."

The Centre will be located at the corner of Seaview and Jackson Ave. The land will be transferred from Mouat Provincial Park to the CRD. The Society also has an option on two lots on McPhillips to bring the total parcel to 1.67 acres.

The plan calls for a 235 seat theatre on one level with a 3,875 square floor visual arts space on another level. Because of the tilt of the land in that area, both the theatre and the gallery space would be at ground level.

Parking would be provided for 43 vehicles close to the building with 42 more spaces on McPhillips provided on a shared basis with a local merchant.

The plans discussed at the meeting are not the final plans, Neish stressed but only a beginning. When the money matters are more secure, the Society intends to hold public meetings to find out what the community would want in its Arts Centre.

Road closure approved for Light-up activities

The portion of Fulford-Ganges Road near the Ganges Firehall will be closed during the annual Light-up festivities this Saturday, December 2.

Permission has been granted by the Ministry of Highways for the closure between 12 noon and 4:30 p.m. A request to close a portion of the road was made by Rae Anne Huth of the *Gulf Island Driftwood*, who is entertainment co-ordinator for Light-up '89. She has arranged for most of entertainers to perform in that area.

The closure was allowed with certain conditions attached. They include the provision that the closure be for four and half hours, that adequate traffic signs and barriers be erected and adequate parking be maintained. Huth said no parking will be affected by the closure.

Approval for the closure also was obtained from the local RCMP detachment, fire department and ambulance services.

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Representatives from the Ministry of Environment will be in Ganges on December 6, 1989, to accept small volumes of old pesticides and chemicals **FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC** for disposal. The location will be the Fire Hall parking lot from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

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Social illness -- a low priority?

In a community where hundreds will storm to a meeting with an agenda involving the environment, land-use or transportation, it seems unnatural that a total of 25 Salt Spring Islanders — including invited panel members — would attend a meeting on a subject that affects us all.

Twenty-five people took time out Saturday to discuss drug and alcohol abuse here and elsewhere in North America. The meeting was informative and interesting and the panel members — selected to answer questions on a variety of topics — represented a broad range of knowledge.

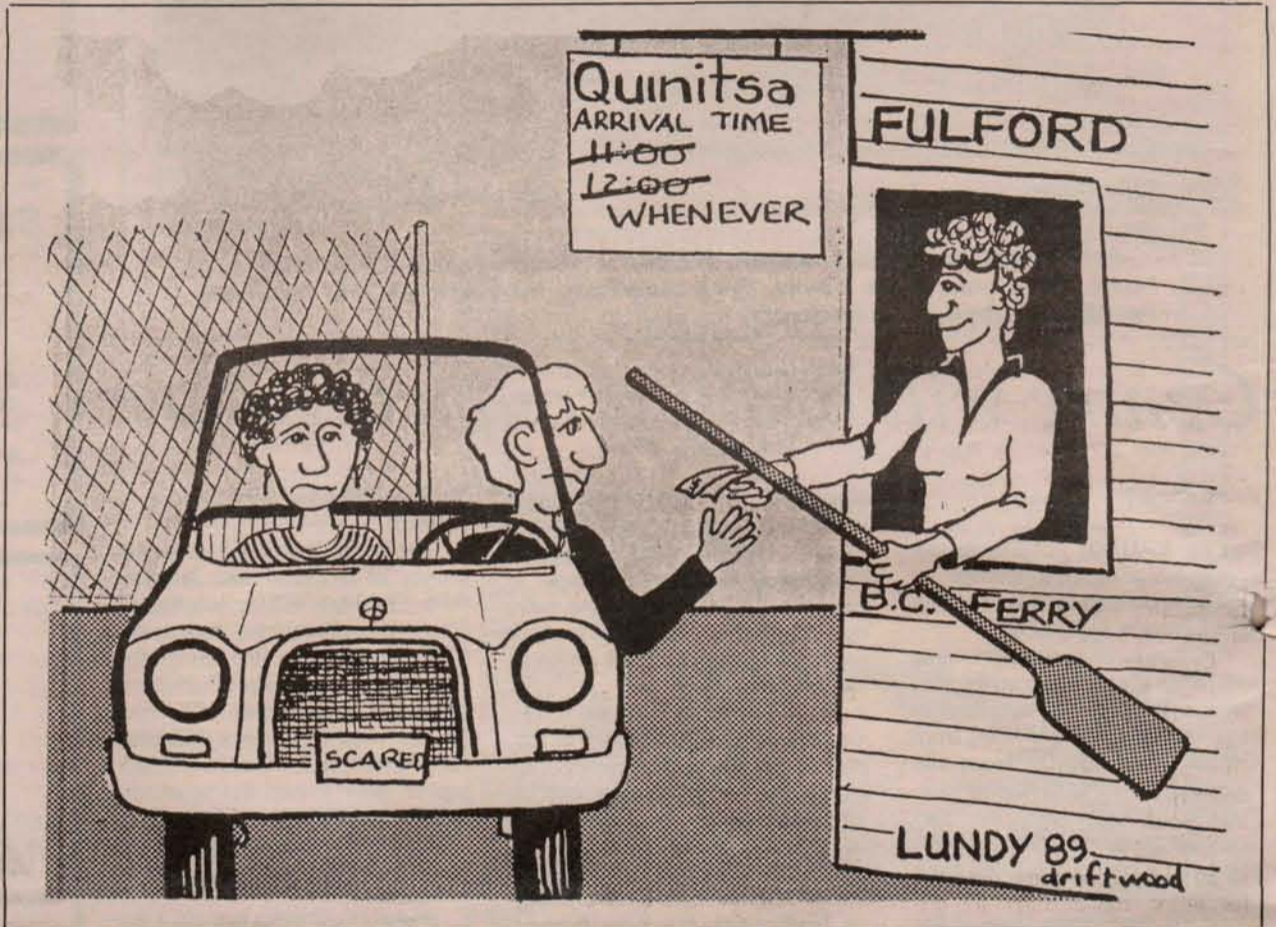
Drug and alcohol abuse is everybody's problem. Accidents caused by impaired drivers, send our vehicle insurance way up. Break and enter offences cause house insurance to increase, not to mention the accompanying inconvenience, frustration and a feeling of invasion. Vandalism, mischief and traumatic family disputes are just a few other symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse.

The cheap, easily obtained form of cocaine known as crack has already spread through Greater Victoria. As was pointed out at Saturday's meeting, crack has been on the island and will soon be a permanent part of the drug scene here. Crack can have a devastating effect on the user — and again those surrounding the user. It seems natural to consider ways of fighting a problem *before* the problem gets out of hand.

Why then, are so few people interested in working towards solutions for social ills?

Environmental issues are of global concern and merit individual and collective action. Transportation and land-use issues are local concerns, that also merit addressing.

These issues cannot, however, dominate social issues.



Is the ferry corporation punishing us?

Okay, okay. Enough cruel and unusual punishment.

Earlier this year, islanders told B.C. Ferry Corporation in, granted, unminced words, we like to be consulted on matters destined to influence the life of this island — such as the construction of a ferry terminal at Isabella Point.

Also granted, we said slow down with your plans and increase service when the demand is there. We were vocal about it. Didn't necessarily sugar-coat our words.

But sticking us with a ferry that runs at least ten minutes and up to one-half hour behind schedule, on a 35-minute run, seems unreasonable punishment.

If the ferry corporation prints a schedule, it should follow the schedule. Arriving one-half hour late (as did the *Quinitisa* throughout the day last Wednesday) results in missed ferry connections, missed bus connections and general inconvenience for commuters and day-trippers alike.

Salt Spring may run on its own time. But the ferry corporation is based in Victoria.

Gloomy, grey skies -- when I should be in the sun

As I sit gloomily gazing at the grim grey clouds and glowering sky, I try not to remember I'm supposed to be on holidays. In the sun.

(I describe the Salt Spring weather situation with care, neglecting to mention even the possible threat of rain falling here, as my father, who lives in Victoria, and I, have an ongoing battle about weather here verses weather there. My father, who in his heart of hearts is actually desperate to move to this Hawaiian-type island, maintains Salt Spring is about to sink due to the enormous amount of rain that falls here.)

I counter these accusations, when I arrive in typical Victoria downpours on Fridays, and prance about in the rain, expressing delight to my father at the unfamiliarity of the sensation. As I have explained to him, the only rain that does fall on Salt Spring, conveniently occurs during the night, quenching the thirst of lush Salt Spring vegetation, and bringing glorious, misty sunshine to our heavenly mornings.

off the record

susan dicker



He pretends not to believe me.)
The threatening rain outside my window reminds me I should be in the sun (the only definite requisite for my vacation — aside from Disneyland, music in the tape-deck, breakfasts out and a few good spy novels) but I'm not. I'm in my gloomy office, with grim grey clouds and threatening rain outside.

Usually I split my holidays in two — a week in the summer and week in September. This year, we made big plans for a provincial tour the last two weeks of September. Everything short of the mountain-

side falling on our house, made timing for that trip a poor choice. So on the large *Driftwood* calendar I marked off November 18 to December 3 with Susan — really, truly, for sure and nothing will stop her — on holidays.

Now it has a nice red FOILED written through it.

The reasons behind this teary-eyed FOILED statement are too tedious to list, but I figure another eleven years of these re-occurring reasons to stay home, and I should get a full 365 days off.

All this has got me day-dreaming about a vacation.

One has to differentiate between a holiday and a vacation. For example, the following situation may be a holiday but not a vacation: Travel occurs in one of a small Datsun or loud Landrover to Long Beach, with two tents in the trunk, two children in the back seat, and an axe, a frying pan and one sleeping bag left behind.

Music or conversation in the front seat, is overridden by conversation in the back seat — "You're so immature/ You're such a snob/ Well, you're stupid and ugly/ If I'm so stupid, how do you spell scissors?/ Who cares? Move over/ You move over/ Gross! Don't touch me/ Move over then/ No/ Yes/ No/ YOUR HAIR IS TOUCHING MY SHOULDER! . . ."

(My parents overcame this problem, one time when we travelled to California. Dad built a canopy for our Toyota pick-up, where he stuck me, my little brother and the dog for the duration of road travel. He set up an intercom system, which allowed him and my

mother to tune into us at any time, but limited our conversations. Bored without an audience, my brother and I cautiously got along — that is until we stopped and got our audience back.)

Meals in this holiday are cooked over a fire which is lit a good jog away from the tents and food supply, and no matter how well you gather ingredients and tools for the meal preparation, you end up jogging back and forth at least 25 times. Dishes are washed in the ocean. Sand left on the dishes invariably fills your sleeping bag.

You arrive home totally exhausted. You are happy to go back to work, where you can finally relax.

This is not a vacation.

Of course, sitting in a gloomy office doesn't add up to a holiday or vacation. And it won't even add up to a weekend, if I don't stop staring out the window, thinking about all the rain Victoria gets.

letters

Less than desirable

To the Editor,
B.C. Ferries has in the past served Salt Spring well but is it now falling behind in its service commitment? For instance, why are Salt Spring schedules:

- less desirable for us than for any other Island?
- not as good as they were 20 years ago?
- written so transfers from Swartz to Fulford ferry do not connect easily?

— designed to end so early from Swartz. Why does the little island of Hornby end at 10 p.m.; Quadra at 11:30 p.m. and Salt Spring with a larger population end at 9:30!

Why do trips from Vancouver: — arrive later at night than for any other run.

— not provide through passage on transfers as other transportation firms do. (e.g. A trip to San Francisco on an airline that stops in Seattle does not force passengers into a fight for space on the next trip out. You are booked through.)

Why is B.C. Ferries allowed to continue operating in Fulford where the existence of the town is in question due to excessive traffic, parking and an unvillage like atmosphere?

Certainly the Trusts questionable policy of encouraging slightly less than desirable service has long since passed. When friends, newspapers, mail and deliveries become chronically late and when roads become filled with would be ferry patrons racing to an overloaded ferry then time for action and changes are warranted.

Safe practices are not possible on overfilled ferries.

Where is our government leadership — or are we being mesmerized into inaction by the media and Channel 6 News?

A. SEYMOUR,
Ganges.

Warning

To the Editor,
According to the Islands Trust growth rate figures Salt Spring will double its population (i.e. reach the Community Plan's planned population figure of 15,000) in less than 14 years and we will reach a "peak" population of 28,000 in less than 27 years. By

world standards this is an astronomical growth rate. By North American standards? Well North America is at a Zero Population Growth rate.

Fortunately we have a close at hand warning system to let us know just what our rapid growth rate means. Central Saanich is experiencing a similar growth pattern and according to their planners they will reach "saturation point" (no more houses to be built) in just two years. Central Saanich planners are considering expanding beyond this point, citing such benefits as more and better sewers, new roads and an increased tax-base. The latter "benefit" has been proven time and again to be disadvantageous — more growth always means more taxes per household, not less.

In short, one of the greatest disadvantages to rapid growth in a community is that the community becomes disjointed and unfriendly, with all the connected problems — crime increases, more youth problems, transportation and service problems, environmental degradation, pressures to develop agricultural land, and in general, lower neighbourhood spirit. Let's grow if we must but let's grow slowly to allow time to take care of our growing pains.

I support the goals of the Community Plan, reduction of zoning density, holding to the planned population, slower growth, etc. and suggest that it would behoove us all to keep a close eye on Central Saanich to see how they handle their problems.

ROBERT ANDREW,
Fulford Harbour.

Amateur radio

To the Editor,
With reference to the article "California Quake Provides Local Impetus to Form A Local Disaster Plan," the concern expressed by Ian Fraser as regards adequate communications on the islands is noted.

It has been noted that no major disaster has been able to maintain adequate communications without the assistance of radio amateurs. In this regards, Salt Spring is particularly fortunate as there are some 40 "ham" operators on the island fully capable of providing local or long distance communica-

tions from either fixed or mobile stations.

It is true that, at this time, we are neither trained nor experienced in disaster or crowd control as our usefulness has been ignored since the virtual demise of the Provincial Emergency Plan some six years ago. We would therefore much appreciate having the opportunity to work with the police or any other organization who could use our services.

Anyone interested in obtaining our help with communications can contact the Salt Spring Amateur Radio Club through me. Phone 537-5354.

E.S. (TED) COOMBES,
Secretary.

Eliminate abortion

To the Editor,
Women say "No criminalization of abortion — never again!"

Over 90% of abortions take place in the first trimester of pregnancy — as you will know.

The main reasons for abortion are lack of birth control information or contraceptive failure — as you will know.

The North American pharmaceutical industry has virtually stopped research on birth control because of pressure by right-wing fanatics; better sex education and more family planning agencies — even free birth control devices to poor women here in Canada and world wide would reduce or nearly eliminate abortion — as you well know.

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VICTORIA — By and large, politics the world over is progressing towards enlightenment, but it seems that B.C. is determined to keep a monopoly on witlessness and absurdity.

A case in point is Highways Minister Rita Johnston's performance last week at a Sacred meeting in Oak Bay-Gordon Head which installed Susan Brice as the party's candidate for the October 12 byelection in that riding.

Rita couldn't be accused of being a moderate and rational politician at the best of times, but the anti-NDP tirade she unleashed on that occasion can only be described as the illiterate ranting of a small mind.

How else can one interpret the attempt by a B.C. cabinet minister to connect the momentous events in Eastern Europe with the politics of British Columbia? What can one say about a person who tries to equate the NDP with the brand of communism that is being routed from power after decades of ruthless oppression?

Socialism, Johnston said, has failed despite 70 years of trying with the full power of a dictatorial state.

"Even tanks and machine guns couldn't make socialism work. The dark night of socialism, dictatorship and despair is retreating around the world," she said.

How does one respond to utter clap-trap?

Now, that's true enough, and her remarks would have been appropriate had she addressed the United Nations, but she was talking to Oak Bay Sacreds who are trying to score the first victory after five byelection defeats.

Johnston actually warned the audience that British Columbia was in danger of bucking the world trend away from socialism. But that wasn't all.

She said the NDP wasn't trying to help poor people, but attempting to manipulate them. NDP proposals to increase welfare rates, she said, were but a scam to keep the poor as a separate class, so they could manipulate them. With increased welfare rates, she said, the highways to B.C. would be clogged by welfare bums wanting to cash in on the goodies.

How does one respond to such utter clap-trap other than with incredulity? Has the woman ever read anything other than Home and Garden? Has she had even the slightest brush with education? One doubts it.

Only simpleton could ignore contributions

A generation ago, W.A.C. Bennett got away with brandishing the NDP as a socialist threat to a free and happy British Columbia, until 1972, when it no longer worked. His son never picked up on the theme. He knew better. He knew that times had changed, and that warnings of the socialist hordes at the gates of British Columbia were no longer appropriate.

Today, it takes a very special simpleton to ignore the contributions the NDP has made to Canadian society, despite the fact that the party never held power federally and only a few times in three provinces.

Without Tommy Douglas pioneering Medicare in Saskatchewan, the country would have had to wait a whole lot longer to get proper health care.

Benefits such as unemployment insurance and family allowance were implemented before their time because the NDP pushed for these measures.

To mention outstanding Canadians like Tommy Douglas, David Lewis, and Ed Broadbent in the same breath with Eastern European dictators is an insult of which only an uneducated person is capable.

First to be rounded up and killed

How would the lady feel if her government were compared with the morally-bankrupt right-wing gang that rules El Salvador, a government that bombs heavily-populated civilian areas, killing thousands of its own citizens to drive out insurgents? Same thing.

Mike Harcourt was correct when he pointed out that the Social Democrats were the first ones to be rounded up and killed by both the communist dictatorships in eastern Europe and Nazi Germany. It's obvious that Johnston's knowledge of history is rather scant.

I should stress that candidate Brice didn't pick up on the cabinet minister's theme of commie-bashing, which was not surprising.

She is an intelligent person. She has been serving her municipality well as mayor and would undoubtedly make a good MLA. So, for the record, would Elizabeth Cull, the NDP candidate.

Meanwhile, we must resign ourselves to the galling fact that they laugh about us in the rest of Canada, and justifiably so. In no other province can so few cause so much embarrassment to so many.

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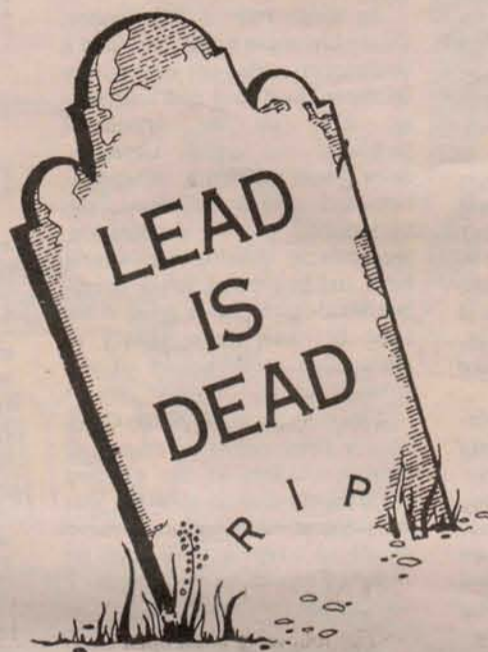
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Community supports its Plan

By CAROLYN CANFIELD

On Saturday night, November 18, the long endured suspense surrounding Macmillan Bloedel's development plans for their holdings on Galiano Island ended.

The "real estate concept" unveiled by the IntraWest development company made clear the lack of the slightest understanding of the community's expectations for appropriate land use they might have learned from their many months on the island, their consultation with residents, or from a simple reading of the Galiano Official Community Plan.

Guest

Column

As the audience gathered for yet another well attended public meeting on MB land use, the more than 300 community members were astounded and insulted by first time attendee MLA Mel Couvelier's accusation that the community failed to listen to "the loyal employees of this huge corporate giant."

Couvelier accused the community of lacking respect for the rights which ownership of private property gives MB and asked for a "generosity of heart and spirit" in considering future possibilities.

Not only does the community uphold Couvelier's contention that "the laws of the country give rights to private property," but we are insisting MB conform to the present law governing land use, our Community Plan.

The proposed development concept does not conform to the present law nor to the spirit of the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect the island to benefit either islanders or the people of the province generally.

To allow the MB real estate development, the community would have to change the law. And that very law, the Community Plan, was drafted in 1972 to counter just such a development scheme from MB.

Through petitions, by written advocacy, and in repeated public comment, the Galiano community has pledged its support for the Community Plan which restricts activities in the Forest Zone to those related to forestry and sets limits for residential development and subdivision on the island to ensure a continued rural environment.

Without a formal application to the Islands Trust by MB, no stronger endorsement is possible.

So what are the community's expectations for Forest Zone land use? MB has committed itself to sustainable harvest on Galiano. There is widespread support for sustainable forestry using socially responsible logging practices which would benefit both the community and the landowner.

Long term protection of environmentally sensitive areas and economic benefit to island based loggers and woodworkers would satisfy many islanders. So much of Galiano timber has been harvested in the past decade, that the scale of any sustainable logging would be small indeed for many years to come.

The benefits of such a scheme to the landowner, especially valuable to MB, would be this forest's management as a model for a local and worldwide audience. It is increasingly obvious that traditional

large scale mechanized forestry practices which have led to the present crisis in the industry must be supplanted with more labour intensive cutting and local processing, and with silvicultural methods which will insure future jobs and a high quality product.

The possibility of a public relations demonstration project for MB in a location so close to major population centres has an inestimable value to counter the massive popular demands for environmental preservation and continued economic benefits from the forest products industry in this country.

What can we make of the MB/IntraWest residential development plan? Residential housing is proposed for just those areas which have been the most productive forest land in MB logging operations of the recent past and replanted for future harvests.

This would seem to remove any credibility from MB's commitment to professed outrage at being denied access to prime logging areas elsewhere in the province, most notable in the Carmanah Valley.

On Galiano Island MB is advocating the voluntary and irreversible alienation of productive forest land.

IntraWest stated at the Saturday meeting that its firm's expertise

embraces all aspects of real estate projects except single family developments. And yet this is the only type of proposed development on Galiano.

The contention that MB has hired IntraWest simply to design subdivision infrastructure services and oversee the municipal law procedures to sell 350 single family dwelling lots suspends credibility. That MB would compensate IntraWest for their expenses from the proceeds of a gradual sale of these lots is dubious at best. All that is certain is that the MB/IntraWest development concept has reinforced the community's assurance that as long as it holds the balance of power in land use decisions through the public hearing process of the Islands Trust, there is no chance whatsoever of the required changes to the Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw from ever taking place.

Finally, in the words of IntraWest spokesperson Bob Mason, "This program is predicated on us being able to sell a portion of the land for parks." This essential requirement is that an undetermined amount of the MB land not slated for development must be sold, not swapped, to the province. In effect, the tax payer is being asked to subsidize with cash MB's compensation for willingly giving up productive forest land for housing.

more letters

Destroying

The following is an open letter to Hugh Fletcher, Chief Executive of Fletcher Challenge, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

In reading your Annual Report for 1987 I have grown more appalled and anxious with every assertion of your power and profits.

I am angry, because I do not like dioxins and other poisons created by the Crofton pulp mill dumped into my drinking water supply. I do not like 50 tons of such stuff poured into the atmosphere every day. I do not like unknown amounts of toxic matter released into my part of the ocean, so that I can no longer eat the fish, shrimp, crab, clams or shellfish from these waters. I deeply resent the mill noise, heard all the time, but especially at night when trying to sleep. It is so bad that it shakes the foundations of my house, and rattles the windows; I can no longer sleep in the main bedroom — and have had to move to the other end of the house.

I, along with many others, am very alarmed at the effect of the fallout from your pollution on the vegetables we grow in our gardens — who knows what the effect is, or will be?

You are destroying our environment, and no amount of money that you are making (\$1 million every other day) can put that environment back together again once it has gone. I know a great deal of that money pours into the Canadian economy (and how much into your pocket?), but it will cost the B.C. government a lot more in health costs, cleaning the air, and so forth, than the taxes your company pays.

I live directly across from the mill in what was and still could be an absolutely beautiful area; it

used to be exquisite waterfront, which is only going to degenerate. In the evenings I see the emissions get worse, proving that you are illegally bypassing the scrubbers, which is blatantly against the law. My own personal health is deteriorating; I have continuous long infections, and have become irritable from lack of sleep.

I am sending copies of this letter to Sir Ronald Trotter and the newspaper in Auckland, as well as to our Minister of the Environment (B.C.) and the local paper, *The Driftwood*. Also enclosed are several news clippings about the mill, my own personal photographs, and a report on the extremely high level of noise ("beyond human endurance").

Along with many other concerned citizens, I expect your reply soon.

PATRICIA L. MAY,
Ganges.

School for goat kids?

To the Editor,

I have recently become aware of a group of adults wearing out our taxpayers' school buses for their leisure use to travel off island on Sundays. As a taxpayer I am very concerned with this. I thought school buses were for school children.

The next thing you know the school trustees will be asking us to pay higher taxes to replace these school buses. If the school trustees feel this is a legitimate way of spending our school taxes then maybe the Softball Club, The Dog Obedience Club, Golf Club, Rod and Gun Club, or even the Beaver Point Goat Breeders Association may like to book a time for their use.

STAN ROSSBURGER,
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Society announces its support for Community Plan changes

By SAM LIGHTMAN

Island Watch Society membership put Salt Spring Island's proposed changes to the Community Plan's goals and objectives under a microscope last week and located many of its flaws and omissions.

When the discussion ended, the assembled group unanimously passed a motion "that the Island Watch Society strongly supports the revised plan in principle, and commends the Review Committee for its work."

Several suggested the Community Plan and the Islands Trust get "really tough"

Those attending made several recommendations for changes to strengthen the wording of the plan and expand its authority.

The lively discussion was led by Max Soder, Chairman of the Community Plan Review Committee. He was assisted by Pat Byrne, a member of the Committee and former Island Trustee. The meeting was chaired by David Borrowman, Vice Chairman of the Island Watch Society.

Considerable discussion surrounded the Planned Population section of the Community Plan.

Soder said the existing figure of 15,000 represented a substantial compromise. Several years ago, the Advisory Planning Commission conducted a survey of attitudes about population on the island, he said, and had received 696 returns.

"Over 82 per cent of those responding would in fact prefer a population below 12,000," he noted.

The role of the duplex clause and other loopholes were cited in the creation of extraordinary densities, with Channel Ridge and Musgrave subdivisions being discussed in this context.

"I can tell you, as an ex-Island Trustee," said Byrne, "that every developer who comes to us now demands four times the allowable density as his inalienable right."

Several people suggested the Community Plan and the Islands Trust "get really tough" about loopholes which result in population increases.

The panel then pointed to rising taxes as a consequence of development.

"There is a popular misconception that increasing population expands the tax base and brings lower taxes," said Soder. "In fact, just the opposite happens. The new population always places more demands on roads, schools, hospitals and other tax-supported services than their taxes can cover, and taxes inevitably rise," he said. "That lesson has been learned all over North America."

The meeting supported a call for developers to pay fees for services which development of new lots will require from the community. Additional development should not place economic demands on existing residents.

Those assembled also registered strong feelings that no density transfers should be approved, nor should bylaws provide for "second residences," where the net effect would be an increase in population.

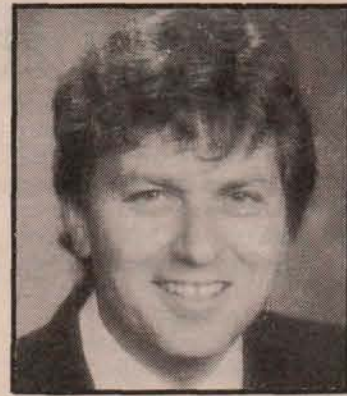
The membership agreed that transportation was the key to future island development. They supported the original 1973 report, which emphasized pedestrian traffic and the critical role of transportation to the character of the islands.

From the floor, Jack Fisher noted that many landholders had sacrificed their development rights over the years in favour of the existing plan. He felt it would be unfair if those sacrifices were now rendered meaningless by unimpeded Island growth which profited only the developers. (Fisher once donated 57 acres to provide access to the Mt. Erskine Crown Lands, which at the time were designated as a Park Reserve but have since been downgraded to a lesser status.)

Other contributions from the floor were made by Hank Schubart, who helped to write the original community plan 15 years ago; Mark Holmes, Salt Spring's first Island Trustee; and Pat Massey, a former CRD Director from Vancouver Island and presently the Is-

land Watch representative on the Advisory Planning Commission.

Approximately 65 people attended the meeting, which was held on Tuesday night, November 21 at the Off Centre Stage.



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Changes include major adjustments to rating territories, increased "No-Fault" Accident Benefits and the annual "aging" of some vehicles. The impact of 1990 claims cost increases is also a factor.

These changes and increased claims costs mean that ICBC will need an estimated 4.8 per cent more money in 1990 than in 1989.

Other claim-free motorists, such as those who have their vehicles rated for pleasure use only or who live in some of the newly defined rating territories, will see their premiums rise seven to thirteen per cent.

Premiums for Compulsory and Extended Third Party Legal Liability coverages combined have been increased by six per cent for new and renewal policies as of January 1, 1990. Underinsured Motorist Protection and Comprehensive coverage also rise by six per cent. Premiums for Collision and Specified Perils coverages remain unchanged.

WHAT'S NEW?

☐ Territorial changes mean increases over and above the general increase in some communities and contribute to either decreases in premiums or less of an increase in other areas.

☐ "No-Fault" Accident Benefits have been increased for auto-related claims, occurring on or after January 1, 1990, resulting in injury or death.

☐ For those who qualify, disability benefits for an employed person have been increased to \$200 per week from \$145.

☐ The limit of liability for medical and rehabilitation benefits has been increased by 50 per cent to a maximum of \$150,000.

☐ The maximum amount for funeral expenses has been doubled from \$1000 to \$2000.

☐ To reduce fraud, proof of identity is now required for most Auto Plan transactions.

FINES & DRIVER POINTS

☐ Motorists caught violating traffic rules are now required to pay fines in addition to being assigned penalty points and charged Driver Point Premiums.

☐ Drivers with five points or more are billed for points recorded in a twelve month review period. Up to December 31, 1989, the twelve month review period starts fourteen months prior to the driver's birthday (coming forward twelve months) but as of January 1, 1990, the review period will start 17 months prior to the driver's birthday to allow for recording and processing time.

ICBC

Two options available

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area to another to ensure the first area remains rural or forested, and the second area bears the denser development.

The practice is essentially a trade-off compromise to keep everyone, developer and opponent relatively happy.

Max Soder, chairman of the review committee, noted the community has two choices. The plan and the zoning bylaws can be left alone with a potential resulting population of close to 30,000; or the provisions for duplexes and the density transfers can be eliminated and perhaps the population would level off at the anticipated 15,000.

During the six and one half hours of sittings Monday, November 27, the review committee and the local Islands Trust heard from 55 speakers and had several more written submissions to read.

Other concerns expressed centred around potential development in Fulford. Speakers stressed that any south-end development should be small scale. They would put up with multi-family developments, the committee heard, if the concept was small.

Development came under question. Does the Islands Trust have sufficient control and is the island developing too fast? These were twin concerns of most speakers.

Development affects areas such as agriculture, the forests as well as the quality of life, the committee was told. The Community Plan should address provisions to ensure farm land is not lost to development. Speakers also stressed the need for a strong statement endorsing appropriate forestry practices.

LIGHT-UP

Christmas '89

Saturday, December 2

**Santa's
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1:15 p.m.

Fire Hall



- ★ Santa's Arrival
- ★ Hayrides for everyone
- ★ Hot chocolate
- ★ Coffee
- ★ Donuts
- ★ Decorating Contest
- ★ Entertainment galore

Schedule of Events

NOON SS Centre School choir and recorder group

12:15 Les Four

12:40 SSE School choir

12:55 Tuned Air

1:15 SANTA ARRIVES!

1:30 High School drama class Introduction skit and excerpts from "A Christmas Carol"

1:50 Raging Grannies

1:55 Fernwood School choir & band

2:10 Light-up winners announced

2:15 SS Speakers debate

2:35 Rachael & Duncan - fire breathers & jugglers

2:45 Terry Warbey

2:55 Arvid Chalmers & Sid Filkow

3:10 Fulford School choir and recorder group

3:30 John Akehurst - one man band

Gulf Islands Driftwood

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Salt Spring "lights up" for festive season

Salt Spring Island's Christmas season arrives in full splendour this Saturday as the annual Light-up takes place in downtown Ganges.

Santa's arrival will highlight the day's activities, which include a store decorating contest, entertainment, hay rides and special pre-Christmas bargains from local merchants.

Sponsored by the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, Light-up has signalled the start of the festive season for the past five years. Originally the event was sponsored by the Ganges Centre Association, but two years later its organization was taken over by the newspaper to prevent it from disappearing. At that time, the best decorated premises contest was added to the list of activities.

Erecting a community Christmas tree has been an annual feature of Light-up. When the down-town rejuvenation was completed and the old lane between the Bank of Montreal and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was closed, a permanent tree stand was installed.

The power source originates at Mouat's Trading Company which absorbs the cost of power each year. The *Driftwood* locates, erects and decorates the tree on behalf of the community. This year the tree has been provided by Dan Pippin of Ace Courier Service.

Santa will be flying into Ganges Harbour at 1 p.m., before making his way to the Ganges firehall where he will visit with youngsters.

Photos will be taken and made available by the *Driftwood* and Salt Spring Colour King, while Santa is at the firehall. Prints will be available for pick-up later in the day at the Gasoline Alley photo shop.

Also on the agenda is the provision of Mandarin oranges and candy canes for the children, along with hot chocolate and coffee for everyone.

The importance of recycling to Salt Spring Islanders became evi-

dent when the Guiding Association group, Pathfinders, said it would only help with serving if styrofoam cups were not used. The *Driftwood* has located and purchased "environmentally friendly" cups for Light-up to answer that concern.

Entertainment for the day begins at noon and includes school choirs, recorder groups, adult choirs — Tuned Air and the Raging Grannies — the high school drama class, a Celtic musician, a one-man band, a juggler and even a fire-

eating woman.

A complete list of entertainers and a schedule can be found on the special full-page Light-up advertisement on Page A9.

Permission has been obtained from the Department of Highways to close off a portion of Fulford-Ganges Road near the firehall where most of the entertainment will be located. Some of the groups will rove around the downtown area as well. More roving groups could be accommodated, says

entertainment co-ordinator Rae Anne Huth. She can be contacted at the *Driftwood* at 537-9933.

December 2 promises to be a fun-filled, exciting day with Light-up festivities, the Salt Spring

Elementary School Christmas bazaar and the first day of Christmas tree sales by the local Scouting groups.

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas".



Driftwood photo by Nancy Vail

Driftwood publisher Joyce Carlson and helper Jelina Huth examine some of the lights, which will be used to light up Ganges and more specifically, the community Christmas tree. Light-up takes place this Saturday.



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Salt Spring Legion gears up for season

By GORDON HUTTON
1990 membership dues are payable now. Ordinary and associate members, \$25 must be paid by January 31, 1990, otherwise membership lapses and delinquent members have to be re-instated. Fraternal \$30 must be paid by December 31, 1989, or affiliation ceases and new applications for acceptance must be made.

Legion News

Branch sports activities
Members and their guests welcome.
Monday: Pool - Games Room, 7 p.m. (Art Pilon 537-2180)
Tuesdays: Shuffleboard — Games Room 7:30 p.m. (Jack DeLa Franier 537-2977).
Wednesdays: Cribbage — Lounge 7:30 p.m. (Eleanor Noakes 537-5032), Darts — Games Room, 7:30 p.m. (Ron Seymour 537-9310).
Saturdays: Bridge — Lounge or Hall 12 noon (Libby Noble 537-5769)

Meat Draws: Every Saturday 3 to 5:30 p.m. (Members and their guests welcome).

Friday night suppers: At 6 p.m. (Members and their guests welcome).

December 1: roast beef — \$7.
December 8 — stuffed roast pork — \$7.
December 15 — roast turkey — \$7.
No suppers December 22 or 29. Recommence January 5.

Special Events:
New Year's Eve Gala - 8 p.m. Club opens. 9 p.m. Dance to Les Four Band. 10:30 p.m. Smorgasbord, party favours etc. Members and their guests welcome. Book early. Tickets now on sale \$15 per person.

January 1 noon — New Year's Day Levee (members only).

Meetings
Branch General - Monday December 4, 1989, 8 p.m.

Branch Executive - Monday, December 18, 1989, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary General - Monday, December 11, 1989, 8 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Executive - Tuesday, January 2, 1990, 3:30 p.m.

OAPO elects new directors

At a well attended meeting on Tuesday 21 November in Fulford Hall, members of Branch 170 of the B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization made sure that the club would begin 1990 with a full board of directors.

Acclaimed to the board were Nancy Patterson, Laura Roland, Lillian Horsdal, Margaret Baker and Bill Baker. The successful candidates will be installed in office at the January business meeting.

Among the upcoming events is the annual Christmas party to be held on Tuesday, December 12, starting at 5 p.m. in Fulford Hall. The party will consist of a potluck supper, followed by gift exchanges, singsong and other entertainment. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar!

Ship plans local stop

Decorated with more than 2,000 lights and carrying upwards of 40 passengers including Santa Claus and an entourage of clowns, the Christmas ship will be pulling into the Ganges Harbour at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 9.

Rob Graham, president of the Bellingham Jaycees, the group that's been organizing the event for the past 39 years, says that the ship will make 13 stops on its two-day voyage and hand out upwards of 1,200 gifts.

The Christmas ship was started by the Bellingham Jaycees in 1951 to transport Santa to the more remote areas in the American San Juans and the Gulf Islands where there are no shopping malls or other sites where Santa could otherwise meet his young fans.

"The whole idea is to spread the spirit of the season and to give the kids the opportunity to meet Santa," said Graham.

For the second time this year, the 86-foot Christmas ship will be accompanied by a second ship out of Seattle which will carry an additional 20 passengers.

Both ships will spend the night in Ganges.

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Eight years of service honoured at luncheon

The luncheon honoured eight years of service to Salt Spring Meals on Wheels.

Lou and John Conlisk have been volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels program on the island for the past eight years, with Lou serving as co-ordinator of the program for five years. She expected no fanfare when she recently decided to step down.

But the folks at Salt Spring Home Support Services used the occasion of treating the volunteer drivers to applaud the service performed by the Conlisks. "The whole deal was a surprise," said Lou.

John explained they had been dishing up meals for delivery three days per week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday — for those years and had no time to leave the island.

"It's time we did something else," he stated.

Meals on Wheels provides meals to island residents who might have to do without a nutritious dinner. Conlisk noted they serve up anywhere from nine to 25 meals each day they operate. The meals are prepared in the kitchen at Greenwoods, and taken to the various clients around the island.

Local scouting group begins Christmas sale

The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers of Salt Spring will begin their annual sale of Christmas trees this Saturday. The evergreens will be available at the Ganges Village Market parking lot from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The next day, Sunday, December 3, the boys will be out from noon to 6 p.m.

The sale continues on December 9 and 10 with the same hours. The following week, the sale of trees begins on Friday, December 15, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., continues on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. followed up on Sunday, for the hours of noon to 6 pm.

Last chance to aid the youth in their major fund-raising event of the year will be on Friday, December 22 for tentative hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

When the Scouting season began, Jean Albert was selected to lead the Beavers, while Leynor Hearsey would take charge of the Cubs. The initial meeting heard from visitor Frank Kence, Victoria Regional Director of Scouting.

The Beavers and Scouts are off and active, but the Cubs had to be limited to 20 boys due to a shortage of leaders. They are anxious to hear from potential volunteers, whether the individual has Scouting experience or not.

The Scouts, working out of the Farmers' Institute building on Rainbow Road, will be accenting the environment this season and plan to focus on a pioneer theme for their camp on the island. Off-island trips and activities are also on the agenda. Long range plans for the Salt Spring Scout troop involve hosting a regional camp here.



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Vesuvius residents Charles and Irene Baseley recently celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Bedside celebration marks anniversary

Charles and Irene Baseley of Vesuvius celebrated, belatedly, 60 years of marriage recently.

They were to mark the diamond occasion on November 16, but Irene had a bad fall and required attention in Lady Minto Hospital. The staff heard of the quandary for the couple and created a celebration — complete with cake — at Irene's bedside.

The Baseleys met in Kingston, Ontario, in 1928 and were wedded the following year.

Charles Baseley tells of his birth in a room above the Old Crabmill Inn near Stratford-on-Avon in England in 1906. His parents owned the pub.

Irene was born in mid-Atlantic in the same year.

Her father was a bandsman with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. The band booked a series of engagements in South Africa and while they were there an insurrection occurred and the bandsmen became policemen until things quieted down.

While her family booked ship for England, Irene was born. She was christened Irene Saxonina in honour of the ship upon which she was born.

After marriage, Charles obtained employment with the Canadian penitentiary system. He served at Collins Bay in Ontario and a prison farm in B.C. before retiring. They have lived on Salt Spring for 25 years.

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Can you stand to read one more column about what man is doing to the environment?

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This is a different what-man-is-doing-to-the-environment column.

It's about the *good* things that are happening.

Don't look now, folks, but I believe we are beginning to win a few rounds here and there.

Now, don't get me wrong. We're not out of the swamp or anything like that. The rain forests are still burning, too many of our lakes are still turning to vinegar, Glad bags full of used Pampers and aerosol cans are still piling up on our landfill sites and the chemical stew we inhale with each breath is still several light years away from pure mountain air, but here and there, if you look really hard, you might see the odd flower sprouting out there in no man's land.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, and it just might turn out to be sunshine.

A little environmental good news

Whence cometh my Pollyanna optimism? Oh, just one or two things that have appeared in the news over the past few days. You in the market for a little environmental good news? Help yourself.

ITEM: Canada has sent its first corporate polluter to jail. His name is Sam Siapas. He owns Best Plating Incorporated in Toronto — a company that has been charged literally dozens and dozens of times with pouring poisons into the environment. Siapas got away with it 48 times. On the 49th, the court decided he wasn't getting the message so they threw him in the slammer.

Mister Siapas is currently cooling his heels in the Don Jail, where he is expected to reside for the next six months.

It might be wishful thinking, but I like to believe I can hear a chorus of self-conscious "ahems" and much nervous tapping of gold Mont Blanc pens in various corporate boardrooms across the land.

Not a card-carrying environmentalist

Speaking of corporate boardrooms, did you catch that guy spouting off on the environment the other day? He was ranting about the Temagami region of Ontario, where the last stands of red and white pine in the province are slated to face the chainsaw. I copied down some of his choicer quotes:

"Standing amid such natural beauty, I recalled the wood panelling in boardrooms across this country, and I wondered if my children, or their children, would ever see a natural forest."

Well, you get the drift. This guy — Jon Grant, his name is — went on to blast big business and government for raping the land and leaving it covered in filth.

All of which would be just one more depressing environmental sermonette if it sprang from the lips of a tree hugger like Farley Mowat or David Suzuki. But Jon Grant is not a card-carrying environmentalist. He is president of Quaker Oats Company of Canada — and the first major Canadian businessman I've heard speak honestly and forthrightly about the mess we're in and the culpability of big business in putting us there.

One last upbeat environmental story. This one concerns the stopping of a \$3 billion dollar hydro-electric dam which would have flooded an area of exceptional natural beauty, killed untold numbers of wildlife, and polluted the drinking water of large human populations living nearby.

Happened in reactionary Hungary

A group of environmentalists toiled for six years to block construction of the dam. Last week, parliament voted to terminate the project.

And where did this happen — in democratic, forward-looking Canada? In environmentally conscious Sweden or Denmark?

Nope. It happened in reactionary old Hungary, a country where air pollution and water contamination have traditionally been considered a minor industrial cost and environmentalists are routinely arrested for being "unpatriotic."

The river they won't be damming is the famous Danube. Who knows? Maybe someday they'll even turn the Danube blue again.

And after that, perhaps the Hungarians could come over here and teach us how to do the same for the St. Lawrence, the Fraser and our not-so-Great Lakes.

Campaign will help Nicaragua

Tools For Peace is again collecting various items to be sent to Central America, particularly Nicaragua.

On Salt Spring, collection boxes are located at Patterson's in Fulford as well as Pro Hardware, et cetera and the United Church in Ganges.

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Regiment met its motto: Ready for the Fray

By JOHN CROFTON
Fifth of Five Parts

After a brief rest in early November, the Scottish moved to the Nigmeagan area, about two miles from the German border. There they experienced a three-month period of static warfare, while the top Allied commanders debated future strategy. During this time, most of the excitement at the front line level came from enemy artillery fire and patrolling under cold, damp, muddy and snowy conditions.

On February 8 Operation "Veritable" — the Allied operation to clear enemy forces west of the Rhine — began. This operation called for the Canadians to eliminate the enemy from an area 30 miles long and 20 miles wide from the Nigmeagan salient.



Dedication of the Regiment's Permanent Memorial in Pioneer Square, Victoria, 1951.

Their plan of attack called for movement across dry land. However, on February 7 a sudden thaw took place which released millions of tons of water through dykes that had been breached earlier by the Germans. By February 8 the water

had risen over this flat country by more than 40 inches. Consequently large troop-carrying, clumsy amphibious vehicles called "Buffaloes" were brought in to replace tank support.

The main attacking body of the Canadian Scottish were "A" and "D" Companies. Their task was to capture Niel, while "B" Company was to take a strong point which they called "Little Tobruk" because of the large amount of firepower the Germans had concentrated there.

Poor wireless communications at that time gave many difficulties for the control and command of these attacks.

At 11 p.m. on February 8 "A" and "D" Companies set out for Niel at the same time that "B" Company was attacking "Little Tobruk."

In his book *Ready for the Fray*, Dr. Roy describes the situation which ensued at the Tactical Headquarters of the Canadian Scottish:

"About an hour later "B" Company reported that they were still battling for the strong point. No word, however, had come in regarding the progress of the main body, so that when Brigadier Spragge asked Lt. Col. Crofton a short time later for a report on his forward companies he was unable to give one. As a result of further conversation with the Brigadier, Lt. Col. Crofton set out with his Tactical Headquarters for Niel. Since D-day Crofton had been noted for his aggressiveness and general desire to be as close to the forward positions as possible. In fact in Normandy as a Company commander he had to be ordered not to go on patrols into No-Man's Land. As Commanding Officer however, he realized his place was a position where he could control the entire battalion ... Shortly after midnight, therefore, Crofton and his group clambered aboard two "Buffaloes" and the craft waddled down the muddy road ... With daylight approaching and still no sign of either company Lt. Col. Crofton's craft eased into the western part of Niel. When going between two buildings ... the leading craft carrying the Commanding Officer was struck by a rocket."

This strike caused many casualties, killing three and wounding others including Lt. Col. Crofton, whose arm was badly smashed, and Lieut. Tommy Burge, who was blinded. These two managed to find shelter in a nearby barn where they remained for almost 12 hours before they were rescued, thanks to the efforts of Padre Bob Seaborn.

Shortly after this event, "A" and "D" Companies found their objective and took it with only a few casualties.

Major Larry Henderson was given command of the battalion to replace Lt. Col. Crofton with Major Bill Matthews as his second-in-command. Operation "Veritable" continued for the Scottish for another 12 days. On February 21 the battalion was informed it was being relieved by the Royal Regiment of Canada and that it was to go into a reserve role. This news

was received with great enthusiasm by all ranks.

On March 25 the battalion joined the other Allied forces in the move across the Rhine and on March 31 with the capture of Emmerich they went north to liberate Holland.

Finally, at the end of April, with his navy, army and air forces torn

to shreds Hitler committed suicide and a few days later Berlin fell.

On May 5 a ceasefire came into effect bringing to an end the fray for the Canadian Scottish.

World War II proved that the Canadian Scottish could live up to its motto: "Ready for the Fray."

Here is what General Crerar, their General Officer commanding

during the war, said about them:

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To the Editor,
It was a shock to see Dr. Terry Huberts removed from such an important cabinet position. I believe he showed a level of integrity and commitment to his constituents often lacking in politicians. He was given the Minister of Parks job as well as Minister of State, and he dealt intelligently and firmly with the issue of Strathcona.

There is no doubt in my mind his swift and mature response saved this government from a path of embarrassment and public confrontation that, until Dr. Huberts acted, seemed inevitable. I am one of his constituents and have seen his sincere desire to address our concerns as a people. He is a rare breed of politician who is able to go beyond simple party loyalty and do what needs to be done for all the people in his riding and his province.

I believe it was his comments about the B.C. Ferry Corporation that led to his dismissal from cabinet. It is a pathetic state of affairs that our premier is punishing everyone in his party and, seemingly, in B.C. who dares to point out the failings of our government bodies.

Dr. Huberts has described himself as a positive person, and in light of this latest insult he will need to be. I have much faith and admiration for him as a person and politician and wish him well in the future. We must not lose this man as our political representative in Saanich - Gulf Islands.

Perhaps the most promising move for such a man of values and integrity would be to switch to a party that would respect his abilities and not be so narrow in its party politics.

DAVE CLEGG,
Ganges.

Dangerous

To the Editor,
On November 11 of this year we experienced a very distressing, and potentially dangerous, situation. We found to our dismay that when our only Island drugstore is closed for a long weekend, it is impossible to obtain prescription

drugs on Salt Spring Island, short of being admitted to the Emergency Ward of Lady Minto Hospital.

My husband had been released from the hospital 24 hours earlier, following surgery, than our Doctor had wished, because of an overly-strained situation in the Emergency Ward, and the resulting need for bed space.

This did not disturb us at all. However, everyone had underestimated his possible need for pain relievers. By mid-afternoon of November 11 we came face to face with the unbelievable! There was apparently no way that we could purchase some Tylenol #3 tablets. We were nearly desperate when a friend "saved the day."

Our question is, why could we not purchase these tablets from the Lady Minto Dispensary in such a dire emergency? This kind of a situation is not good enough on our island. Surely something can be done about it!

HAZEL DABBS,
Ganges.

Act together

To the Editor,
I urge all War Veterans whose disability pension rights have not been properly addressed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (and there are several hundred in B.C.) not to keep this matter to themselves. Let the public know.

Have your case histories handy and clearly outlined for possible submission to the courts.

After all, if our Federal Government can spend millions protecting such as Ng, and paying for legal costs for those like Sinclair Stevens, then they can be made aware of those who suffered, and are W.W. II Veterans and Veterans of other wars. We all have to know about each other — and act together.

CHARLES B. CROSBY,
Ganges

P.S. I would also request any retired (or active) legal counsellor who may be especially interested in joining pursuing such matters to publish and likewise make such knowledge known to be available.

Filled with hope

To the Editor,
It was great to see the large

group of local teens participating in the "Walk for Clean Air" that ended with a rally and meeting with Crofton Mill management October 15. The beautiful energy of these "Green Teens" and their active commitment to the health of our planet filled me with hope!

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Environment ministry sets annual hazardous waste collection date

Representatives from the Ministry of Environment will be at the fire hall in Ganges next Wednesday (December 6) collecting hazardous household wastes that might otherwise pollute local lakes and rivers.

It is the only time during the year this service is provided.

Tom Wright, a representative from the local water preservation society, said that without this service, wastes such as unused portions of pesticides, herbicides, paint, and old fuels might otherwise be poured down drains or sent to Blackburn or some other dump site where the contents could leak into the water shed and contaminate larger bodies of water.

The Ministry's practice of removing hazardous wastes from Salt Spring was started three years ago after Donna Martin, co-ordinator of the local recycling committee, realized she could be liable for hauling those wastes from the island herself.

She had started collecting unused containers of hazardous wastes from homes here a few years earlier and was delivering them to a storage depot in Victoria.

She said some of the items she is especially concerned about include anything containing DDT — a product which is no longer available on the market — and pentachloroetherol, something found in a variety of fungicides and herbicides as well as in wood preservatives.

Other items that the Ministry will haul include solvents, moth balls, PCB-containing fluorescent ballasts, solvent-based cleaners such as furniture and metal polishers, swimming pool chemicals, empty aerosol cans and batteries.

Martin said that because this is the only time in the year when representatives from the ministry are here, consumers should take the

time to examine any of the pesticides and herbicides they have in their homes and check to see whether those are chemicals that should be used at all.

She noted that many of the chemicals on the market are not appropriate to use, even if they are available in stores. She added there are alternatives that pose less of a threat both to the individual and to the environment.

A spokesman with the Ministry of Environment said that these items turned over to them next Wednesday are taken to one of two depots either in Nanaimo or Victoria, separated and sent to facilities in eastern Canada where they are either destroyed or stored.

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Nations unite in call to ban all driftnet fishing practices

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British Columbia and six states on the Pacific coast united in a call to reduce and ultimately ban the use of driftnets.

Led by New Zealand, the nations attending the international conference called on Japan, Taiwan and Korea to reduce the number of driftnets each country uses.

Japan put 60 driftnet boats to sea last year, while Korea sailed a similar number. At least 100 vessels from Taiwan prowled the ocean at the same time.

Driftnets measure up to 37 miles long and 500 feet wide, and snare everything which gets in the way. Albacore tuna have been overfished by such methods.

The B.C. and Pacific states declaration calls for a reduction in the number of driftnets used leading to an eventual banning of the method of fishing.

In addition, the signatory governments have outlawed the use of driftnets within a 200 mile zone of the coasts.

In response to the call for moderation in the use of driftnets, the governments of the offending nations, Japan, Korea and Taiwan have agreed to limit the number of driftnet boats to 26 from each country.

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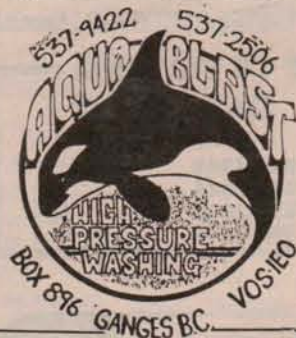
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Renowned painters in Ganges

Gulf Islands art lovers and visitors alike are in for a rare treat December 1, 2 and 3, when four of British Columbia's finest and most recognized painters will be in Ganges to conduct an exciting Prospectus of the Arts.

The artists are Karen Heine, whose exquisitely crafted water-colours of botanical themes have earned her wide acclaim; Harry Heine, R.S.M.A., internationally famous marine-scape artist; David Madagan whose paintings of Northwest Coast Indian scenes have an almost shamanistic quality, not to mention his superb land and seascapes; and Victoria's own Dorothy Oxborough, best known for her Indian portraiture and animal studies.

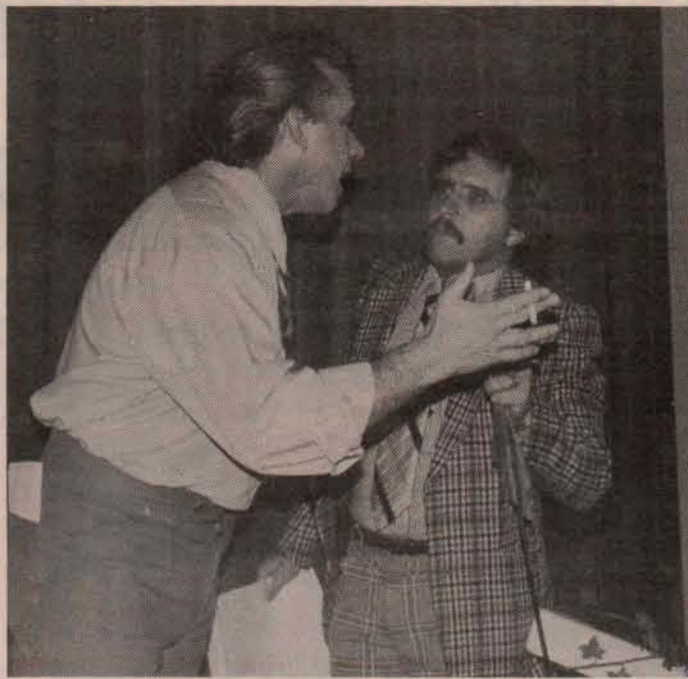
Oxborough has some surprises in store for those who admire her artistry, including bird paintings where real feathers are cleverly included with the brush strokes.

On December 1 Harry Heine and Madagan will conduct a lecture and slide presentation at Mahon Hall. Oxborough and Karen Heine will be "sitting in" on the show, which is open to the public and offered free of charge.

The Saturday and Sunday workshop (December 2 and 3) is fully booked, but those interested should see Judy Bourbas for cancellation possibilities.

On Saturday December 2 at the Pegasus Gallery, there will be a reception and showing from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., of original paintings by all four artists, who will be in attendance to chat with viewers throughout the show. The gallery will also be open Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This promises to be the most exciting and comprehensive art showing Pegasus has ever produced, and the gallery warmly extends an invitation to all to come — and enjoy!



Auctioneers Milton Bottemley (Arvid Chalmers) and Michael Hayes amuse the 100-plus people who attended the successful Food Bank Auction at Mahon Hall last Sunday night.

Cash for food bank

The 1989 Food Bank Auction was roaring success, with net profits topping last year's figure.

Auction co-ordinator Francis Eide told the *Driftwood* the Sunday night auction netted approximately \$4,700 for the local food bank.

Eide described the annual event, which took place at Mahon Hall, as a "real success" and "upbeat the whole way."

About 130 people filled the hall to participate in the auction and listen to entertainment provided by Terry Warbey and Tuned Air.

Arvid Chalmers and Mike Hayes shared the roles of Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer.

Money raised from the auction is directed to the local food bank, which helps islanders throughout the year and makes a special contribution of food hampers at Christmas time.

Eide said the admission price of a non-perishable food item resulted in six large boxes of canned goods.

"It was a dynamite evening due to the collaboration of donors, volunteers and the public," she added.

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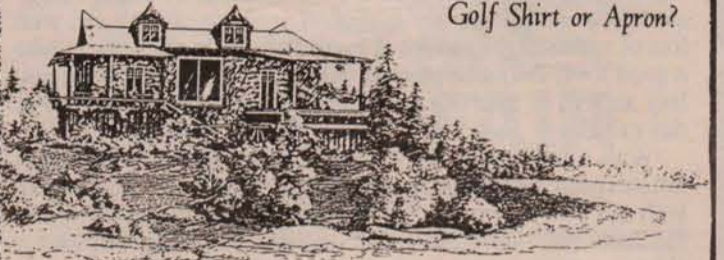
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There is an update to the artist-run gallery space situation on Salt Spring. It's not going to fill the gaping hole that will be left by the loss of the gallery at Off Centre Stage, mind you, but an exciting venture nevertheless.

Tom Duquette has opened his own gallery and studio on the top floor of Luigi's restaurant on McPhillips Avenue. *T. Duquette Contemporary Art* is a good space to display art, with lots of natural light and room to get back from the work to take a good look. Duquette plans to exhibit his own work in the gallery as well as rent the space to other artists for two or three day exhibits.

With a background in sculpture, painting and art direction in television and film, Duquette has a wealth of experience in both the fine art world and the money-making segment of art. He feels that his gallery will provide "... some fun and a chance to forget about the fishing boats for a while."

Destroyed process of creation and purchase

His non-traditional approach to contemporary art will provide "... an alternative to the overwhelming monopoly that trees and fishing boats have around here."

Duquette has never run a gallery before but feels the time has come since there are no existing outlets for the type of work that he does. He chose Salt Spring to embark on this venture because he was interested in a place where art was a major part of the local economy. He thinks that there may be a higher percentage of people here who are actually interested in art.

Duquette feels the whole cycle of creation is not complete until the artist has the money from the sale of his or her work.

"How are you going to make your next painting until the money is in your hand?" asks Duquette. He feels the Canada Council has destroyed the art scene in Canada by disrupting this natural process of creation and purchase.

Increase in activity began last year

The focus of Duquette's gallery is to sell contemporary, non-traditional artwork. He is not trying to sell art to the general public: "I'm trying to sell to a small group of people who are knowledgeable about contemporary art and are collectors. A very small percentage of people buy art at all, and an even smaller number buy non-representational art."

Duquette noted there has been a major international increase in art activity that started last year with rising purchase prices for artwork.

Western Canada does not appear to be part of that trend to date, with the exception of West Coast Indian art.

"There's a surprising lack of fine art galleries on the west coast. There are a lot of tourist and souvenir shops," says Duquette.

T. Duquette Contemporary Art is open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and may have evening hours on weekends in the near future. Drop by and talk to an interesting man about some interesting art.

Talent show slated

The Baha'i community on Salt Spring celebrates 25 years on the island with a talent show at Mahon Hall, Saturday, December 2.

Also part of the event will be the announcement of a scholarship to the Maxwell International Baha'i School in honour of Catherine Huxtable. She was one of the first Baha'i to move to Salt Spring to live.

The Maxwell School, located at Shawnigan Lake on Vancouver Island, attracts students from all parts of the world and includes three students from Salt Spring - Derek and Alex Peden as well as Kai Burt.

The Maxwell students did well in a recent UNICEF writing competition. They gathered four awards: first prize for essay writing as well as a first and second prize for art and an honourable mention for short story writing.

They will read a portion of their award winning essay at the fete, Saturday.

The philosophy of the Maxwell School aims at developing student potential for making contributions to the world through service and developing highly individual ability and creativity.

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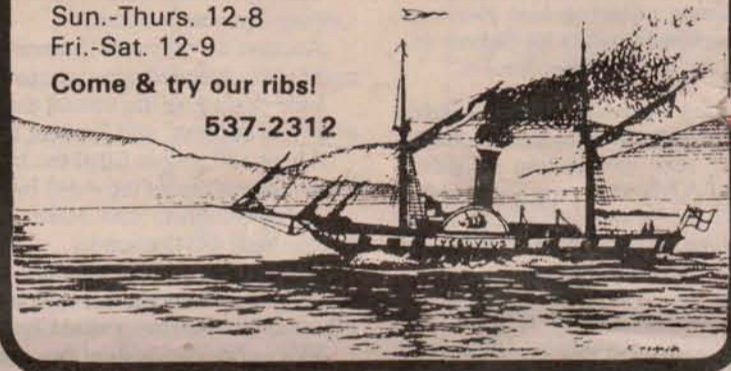
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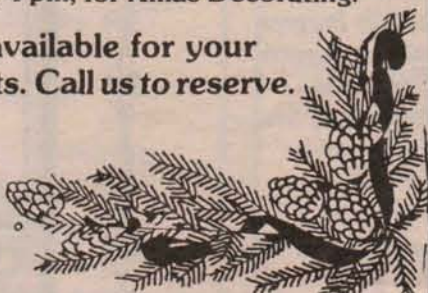
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A benefit concert for the Island Arts Centre is slated for this evening at Off Centre Stage.

Loreena McKennitt brings her four-piece Celtic backup group to the stage to enthral her island fans as she did last July. The event is being sponsored by the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts.

McKennitt, harpist, singer, composer, story teller and historian, hails from Morden, Manitoba and has studied at the Banff School of Fine Arts as well as with the Royal Shakespeare Company in England.

Her performance marks the end of Off Centre Stage in its current location. The Gulf Island arts ensemble moves to a new home in Mahon Hall in early December.

In the Gallery at OCS, Leroy Jensen presents a special "one night only" showing of the pastels he created of the Carmanah Valley.

Loreena McKennitt, In Concert, Off Centre Stage, November 29, 8 pm. Tickets: \$8 at the door. Reservations: 537-4167.



Loreena McKennitt

Contest open to short story writers has quickly approaching deadline

Short story writers of the Gulf Islands have only a couple of days left to enter the Prism international competition sponsored by the University of British Columbia.

Entries have to be postmarked by Dec. 1 for eligibility.

Top prize is \$2,000 with five second prizes of \$200 each. Stories must be original and unpublished.

Prism international is Western Canada's oldest literary journal.

Preliminary judging will be by the editorial board of the magazine with Aritha Van Herk acting as the final judge. She has penned such works as *Judith*, *The Tent Peg* and *No Fixed Address*.

Entries should be typed, double-spaced on 8 1/2 by 11 paper with no restrictions on length or form. Include name and address on the first

page of each story. Translations are eligible.

Entry fee has been set at \$10 with an additional \$5 per story submitted. No limit has been placed on the number of stories an individual can enter. If the writer wants the work returned, a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size should be included.

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Paradise Lots

Hysterical Society performance greeted with great enthusiasm

By **DUNCAN MacDONNELL**
Paradise Lots, the Salt Spring Hysterical Society's original play about development in the Gulf Islands, went north last weekend.

The production was staged at Friday night for 180 people on Hornby Island, and on Saturday night, for about 250 people in Courtenay.

Audiences in both communities responded favourably to the play. Following the performance at the Community Centre on Hornby Island and at the Sid Williams Theatre in Courtenay, the cast was showered with applause and comments about how well the production captures the spirit of island life and related issues.

Members of the play's cast and technical crew were impressed by facilities at both venues — particularly in Courtenay, where a full assortment of professional equipment was available — and by the hospitality of local residents who arranged the performances and supplied billets.

The production, staged with financial support from the Canada Council, was slated for retirement following the Saturday night performance in Courtenay. However, there is now a strong possibility it will be continued in the new year.

The Hysterical Society has received indications of interest in the play from Quadra, Cortez, Bowen, Denman and Pender islands. It also feels obligated to ar-

range at least one more performance on Salt Spring for the many people who were unable to attend previous stagings and who have since requested that the show be continued.

"We don't know what we'll do," says Hysterical Society member Anne Lyon. "Nothing is definite, but we'll try to at least reschedule something for Salt Spring."

Work on the play began earlier this year following approval in

February of a Canada Council grant. Writing continued until August, followed by extensive rehearsals leading up to opening night on Salt Spring in early September.

Since then, *Paradise Lots* has been staged eight times on Salt Spring, in front of over 1,100 people. Prior to last week's road trip, it had also performed on Mayne, Saturna, Galiano and Gabriola islands.

Cinema presents "Rocky Horror"

Rocky Horror Picture Show
Showing at Island Cinema, Saturday, December 2, 8 p.m. and 12 midnight, and Sunday, December 3, at 8 p.m.

Organizers want to know what can you say about this movie that hasn't been said many times? Nothing!

So the offer the following warning: Those who have never seen this flick before are advised to hit an 8 p.m. showing — the midnight version gets a little noisy. You won't hear the screen actors, and you'll be frustrated, because the audience will be hollering and throwing toast and rice and you won't know what's going on.

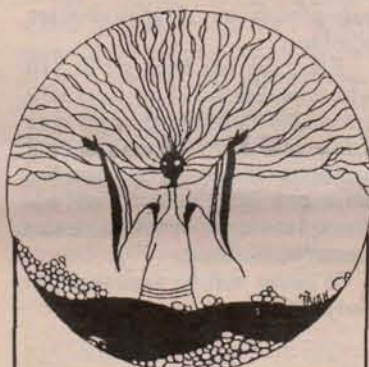
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Catherine Jeffrey

Student named to band

The exchange student at Gulf Islands Secondary School was named to the B.C. honour band.

Catherine Jeffrey comes to Salt Spring from Beaumont, Quebec. She was nominated, with three other GISS music students, for consideration to the Grade 11-12 Provincial Honour Band.

Music instructor Tone Prosk considers the four, Jeffrey, Suzanne Jaquest, Willie McQuire and Dominic Wales to be among the better music makers in his program at the school on the hill.

Jeffrey joined an elite group of 100 music students at the University of British Columbia for a three day music clinic earlier this month. The students rehearsed under guest conductors and showed their talent at a concert, November 12.

Jeffrey, an honours student, adds volleyball to her accomplishments here and has expressed the desire to remain with hosts Nick and Mary Gilbert to complete her secondary education at GISS.

Chamber meeting

A table centre contest will add some excitement to the Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting and dinner on December 8.

Chamber manager Siona Rook said local businesses will be asked to contribute centrepieces which will be auctioned off during the evening. The arrangement earning the most money during the auction will earn its creator's business a one year membership in the chamber.

Also on the agenda is a special presentation to a hard-working and long-serving member of the chamber. Rook said the honour is "semi-secret" and she urges members and guests alike to attend and be a part of it.

The annual Beautification Award will be presented as well. This annual award goes to the business which has contributed the most to improvement of the community.

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Benefit auction will help cover \$4,000 bill

The "little bus that could" couldn't for about two weeks earlier this month when a piston shot up through its propane motor putting the bus and the on island bus service out of commission.

The bus, better known as the Azure Transit service, is back on the road again but its owners — Judy and Alec MacDonald — are faced with a \$4,000 repair bill,

something a group of Salt Spring Islanders are hoping to help them pay.

"We feel this gives the community a chance to work together and support a service that supports us all," says Sue Newman, a Fulford resident organizing a benefit auction to cover the repair bill.

Since the service started up last March, the MacDonalds estimate

they have carried between two and 55 passengers a day and that the service is especially useful for people who have no other means of transportation.

They added, however, that an increasing number of ferry commuters and others who are concerned about the environmental effect of car pollution are using the

service. They noted they have been using their own car to pick up passengers while the bus was out service.

"We didn't want to leave people stranded on the side of the road," she said.

In the meantime, Newman says more a dozen items have been donated to the auction which will be held at the Ganges United

Church this Saturday (December 2 beginning at 1 p.m.)

Some of those include a hand-turned bowl from Bob McCay, a naturopathic treatment from Dr. Peter Bennet and a painting from Connie Kelly.

Altogether Newman says she is hoping to gather between 40 and 50 items for Saturday's auction.

United Way donations sought as campaign nears final phase

The United Way campaign is entering its final phases but help, in the form of donations, is still needed.

Barbara Jordan-Knox of the Salt Spring Community Society urges island residents to help the United Way of Greater Victoria reach its objective.

The Community Society and the local chapter of the Red Cross benefit from the generosity of donors.

Jordan-Knox said the island effort will concentrate on local business this week. Residents who missed the donation envelope in the *Driftwood* several weeks ago can drop into the Upper Ganges Road newsroom and pick one up.

Island residents participate in beneficiaries of the United Way in more ways than just the Salt Spring groups, Jordan-Knox pointed out. If someone needs special medical assistance in Victoria for arthritis or such, those groups benefit from the United Way.

She said the drive has been successful, so far.

"I think the people of the Gulf Islands are being very generous," she said. "And we appreciate that."

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