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Trust plans reorganization in preparation for autonomy

By BILL WEBSTER

The Islands Trust is reorganizing itself in preparation for independence.

An agenda of reorganization — in preparation for Trust autonomy this spring — was approved at a recent Trust Council meeting, held in Victoria.

Autonomy comes to the Trust in April, 1990, when the Islands Trust Act is to be proclaimed. Lyall Hanson, minister of municipal affairs, stated in a letter to the Trust: "This brings me to your interest in having the Islands Trust Act proclaimed effective April 1, 1990. An order had been drafted and I will be taking this to Cabinet shortly.

"I realize that early passage of this order will give you the necessary confirmation of the Government's intention to bring the new Act into effect at this mutually agreed date."

Nick Gilbert, chairman of the Islands Trust and trustee from Salt Spring, said the new Act is "a compromise." While it offers the trust autonomy in certain areas, he feels it doesn't go far enough in other areas to allow the Trust to truly fill its mandate to preserve and protect the islands of the Strait of Georgia.

The recent the Trust Council meeting, which involved the full slate of 26 trustees representing the 13 major islands of the area, approved a three-pronged reorganization.

The Trust will be structured into three major areas. The administrative and financial component will support the planners and provide services on a day-to-day level.

A long-term planning division will be created to come up with a

new regional policy statement for the Islands Trust area. This group will also formulate plans for the Trust Fund.

The local planning component will be strengthened. More staff will be added to aid the planners in their efforts.

To finance the changes in structure, the Trust Council approved a preliminary budget of \$1,552,413.

The province will be asked to kick in \$601,522 to cover the costs of the long-term planning section.

Islanders will have to pay approximately \$950,891 which is the

price tag for local planning services. Taxpayers on each of the islands in the area will contribute to that amount.

Gilbert noted that islanders currently pay about 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessment. He expects the figure to double to 60 cents per \$1,000 but it could be as high as 80 cents per thousand.

In addition, Gilbert said, the price tag for applications for zoning changes will increase to what he termed a more appropriate level. Such applications carry a tag of

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"Biggest ever" party is planned for Jarrod

A Christmas party planned for Jarrod Booth this Saturday, could be the "biggest ever" bash on Salt Spring Island.

Party organizer Brian Harding says he expects hundreds of people will drop by the Harbour House Hotel December 16 to meet Jarrod and perhaps bring him a Christmas card.

Harding, who also kicked off the Christmas card campaign for Jarrod, says the party will be a good way to say *thank you* to everyone participating in the campaign.

The Christmas card campaign, launched earlier this season, has seen cards arriving from all over North America for the eight-year-old Salt Spring youth. Media coverage on Vancouver Island, Calgary and Seattle — to name a

few sources — has resulted in a deluge of Christmas greetings for the young cancer patient.

Harding expects the number of cards sent to Jarrod will be close to 10,000 by the time the party starts at 3 p.m. Saturday.

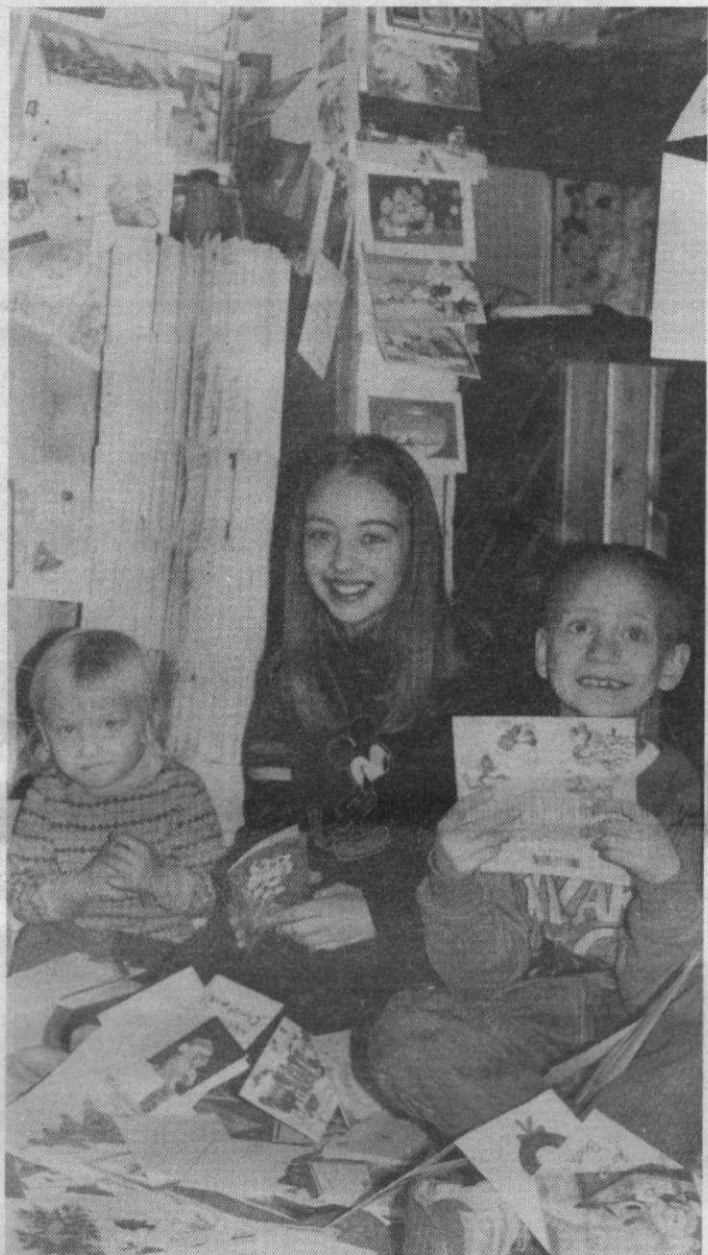
At least 2,000 cards will be presented to Jarrod at the party — Stelly's Secondary School in Victoria has 1,000 cards to give him, while Cubs and Brownies groups have also promised to send along their greetings.

Organizers are looking for a truck to bring in cards from the Victoria area — a car is too small.

Harding says islanders have cooperated without hesitation, helping him organize Saturday's party.

"The words are hardly out of my

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Taylor (left) and Neacol Booth give brother Jarrod a hand in opening the deluge of Christmas cards that arrive at the Booth household on a daily basis. The Booth's home is covered, wall to wall, in Christmas greeting cards as the tally nears 5,000. Organizers of the send-cards-to-Jarrod campaign expect that figure will double shortly.

Driftwood photo by Susan Dicker

INSIDE



The Christmas ship, bearing Santa Claus (alias Tripo Costello) and an entourage of clowns arrived in Ganges last Saturday evening — greeted by 100s of Salt Spring Islanders.

For the complete story and a full-page photo spread, please turn to Pages A22 and A23.

RCMP seize pot from island home

A local woman has been charged with trafficking marijuana, after Ganges RCMP seized between \$50,000 and \$100,000 worth of pot from a Fulford area residence.

Police have not released the name of the woman, pending further investigation.

The seizure occurred following a routine vehicle check in Fulford last Friday night, when police located a small amount cocaine and marijuana on a person in the vehicle.

A subsequent residential search conducted under the Narcotic Control Act, revealed a hydroponic operation and about 16 pounds of marijuana.

Police say the pot is worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000, depending on the way it was sold.

The woman has been charged with cultivating marijuana, and possession for the purpose of trafficking. The maximum penalty for trafficking marijuana is life imprisonment.



THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week beginning Monday December 10 expected for the weekend.

HIGHS: 9 degrees C.

LOUDS: 0 degrees C.

Chance of precipitation near 0 Wednesdays, 30 per cent for the weekend.

Cloudy with some sunny periods. Early morning fog expected Wednesday, followed by mostly sunny periods Thursday. Clouds are

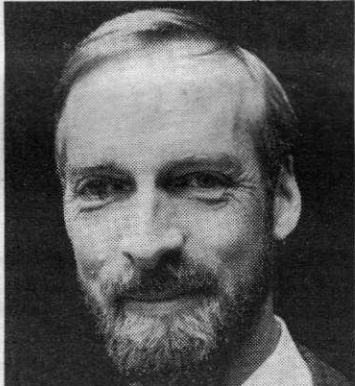
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Trust must draft policy statement

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close to \$300 currently but that figure does not come close to covering the staff cost involved.

For the next months, the Trust will be concentrating on formulating a policy statement covering aspects of the new Islands Trust Act. The statement must conform with the community plans of each of the Trust islands and be in line with the mandate of the Trust as set out in the Act.



Nick Gilbert

Gilbert said that such a policy statement should ease relationships with various ministries of the

government and help avoid the confrontations which has marked dealings with governmental agencies in the past.

The idea of an Islands Trust Fund was part of the original Islands Trust Act but had never been proclaimed. The Fund sets up the mechanism which would allow the Trust to accept bequests of land or money, Gilbert explained.

A 1975 study of the Islands Trust area identified certain parcels of land which should be protected. The Fund gives the Trust the opportunity to acquire these "special pieces of land," said Gilbert.

In addition, the Fund would enable the Trust to negotiate easements with developers to ensure that such areas as wildlife habitat are protected and nature trails are set aside for the enjoyment of all.

The autonomy which the Islands Trust will enjoy sets it up on a par with regional districts. It would enjoy similar responsibilities but would be limited to land use and related issues.

"It's quite unique," said Gilbert of the Trust and its potential autonomy. "There is nothing else like it."

Islands Trust plans to apply to join municipalities union

The Islands Trust will be making an application to join the other municipal governments of British Columbia.

At a recent General Trust meeting held in Victoria, trustees passed a motion urging the executive committee to explore ways for the Trust to become a member of the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

Nick Gilbert, Islands Trust chairman and trustee from Salt Spring, said the group would seek full participation in the UBCM. The membership fee is set at a per capita basis but the Trust, covering areas which are included in several regional districts, will negotiate with those districts and the UBCM to ensure that double payment does not occur.

The trustees also agreed to

demand an end to dumping industrial waste in waters of the Islands Trust area. They will take the demand to the federal ministry of the environment and seek a halt to industrial dumping from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Johnstone

Straits.

The trustees also want money made available to monitor and test industrial waste and they urge the federal environment people to begin a program of regular testing of shellfish in the area.

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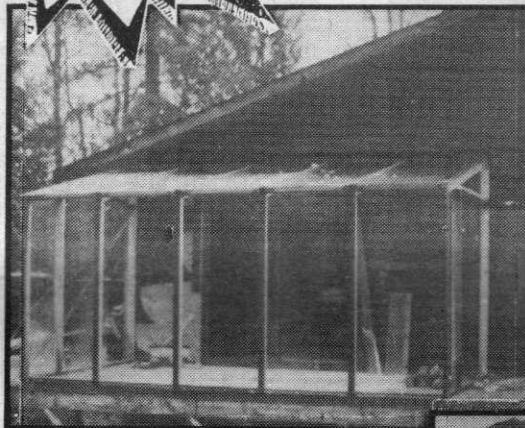


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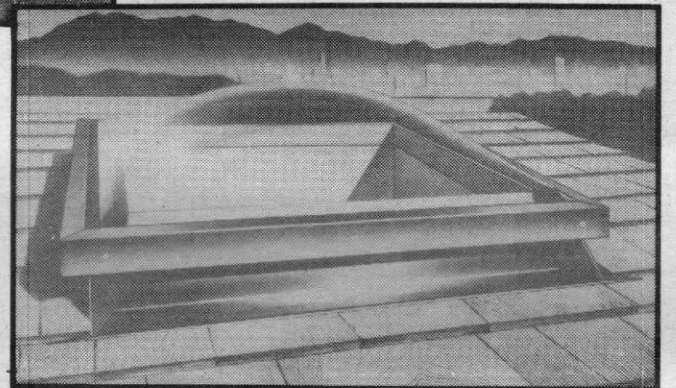
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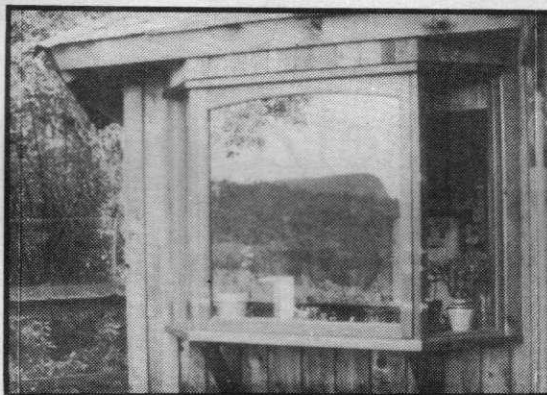
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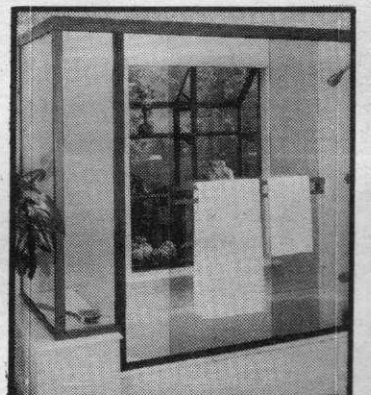
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Harbours End, Ganges

CRD extends 911 service

The Capital Regional District will extend its 911 emergency response system to the Gulf Islands, beginning December 15.

As of that date, anyone in the Gulf Islands needing assistance from police, firefighters or ambulance may call the 911 number.

Bill Jordan, CRD executive officer, said the system has been in use for most of the CRD area, except the Gulf Islands, since January. In that time, he added, there have only been two complaints about the service.

a readout for the operator handling the call.

The information exchange takes less than one quarter of a second.

The caller will be asked which emergency is to be met, fire, police or ambulance and depending upon the response, the operator presses a button.

A call for police assistance will be relayed to the RCMP office in Ganges or on Pender Island as needed.

A call for ambulance assistance will go to the B.C. Ambulance Dispatch office which in turn will notify the appropriate ambulance service on the islands.

A fire call goes to the Langford Fire Department which activates pagers of the volunteer fire-fighters on the particular island.

Callers are advised to stay on the line until requested to hang up. But if someone hangs up too soon, the operator can call the number displayed on the screen. If the telephone is not answered after eight rings, the police will be dispatched to the home.

Jordan noted that when the system went into operation in the Vancouver Island area of the CRD, children would call in with false messages "not realizing that Big Brother is watching," he said.

The system, Jordan said, carries a capital cost for installation, including back-up equipment, of slightly more than \$1 million which was partially covered by lottery grants.

The annual operating expenses work out to about \$2.50 per capita for the entire CRD area, he added.

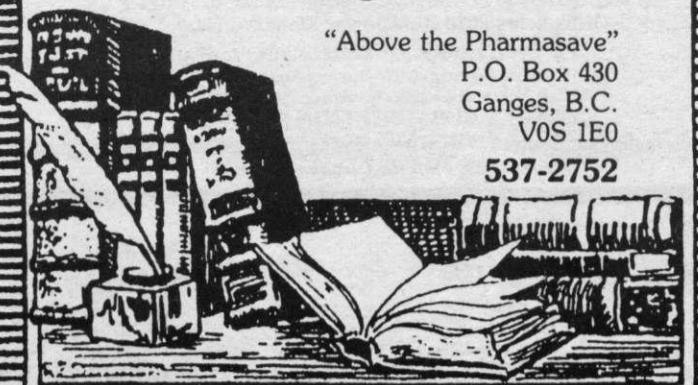
Sometime in the early hours be-

tween Thursday and Friday, the emergency number 911 will come into being for the Gulf Islands. In addition to Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, North and South Pender and Saturna islands, the number will affect residents of Curlew, Gossip, Retreat, Sammel and Tumbo islands and Trevor Islet.

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Islanders need only dial 911 in case of any emergency

Jordan said the Victoria area telephone book contained 48 different numbers to call for various emergencies.

With the new emergency number, an individual only needs to dial 911 to receive help from a variety of sources.

Jordan described the system as one of the most sophisticated in North America.

When the 911 number is dialed, a microwave relay connects with a computer in Vancouver which notes the caller's telephone number, plus the address and name of the telephone subscriber. That information is flashed back to the answering terminal at the RCMP office in Colwood and displayed as

Vern Roddick is named as vice-chairman

Following the inaugural meeting of the new board of directors for the Capital Regional District (CRD), a Gulf Islands director was chosen to sit as vice-chairman of the board.

Vern Roddick, who represents the Outer Gulf Islands, will be the new vice-chairman. Roddick lives on Pender Island.

Taking the position of board chairman is Saanich alderman Murray Coell.

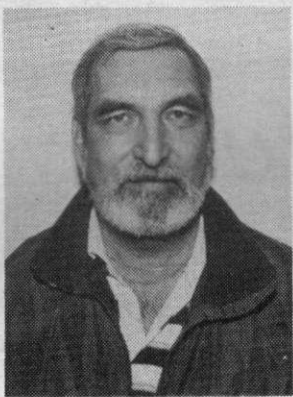
Coell replaces Susan Brice, mayor of Oak Bay. She is on a leave of absence from the CRD board to run as the Social Credit candidate in the Oak Bay-Gordon Head byelection. Peter Bunn of the Oak Bay council sits in for her until at least election day.

The board will learn which director is on which committee at the next CRD meeting scheduled for today (December 13), when Coell gives his first address as chairman. The board agreed to continue the practice of meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

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RE: 1989 COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

Dear Sirs:

We disagree with the basic thrust of the 1989 Community Plan, as written. We find the definition and assumptions made about population are erroneous and misleading. We request that the Islands Trust re-define "population" and raise the allowable planned density in a manner which will allow new permanent residents to assimilate into our community without hardship, on either side.

Yours truly,

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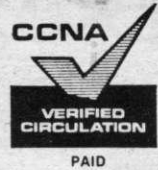
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Card campaign

An overwhelming response makes season unforgettable

The public's overwhelming response to the Christmas card campaign for island youngster Jarrod Booth is a heart-warming expression of what the Christmas season should be all about.

The campaign, initiated by Salt Spring resident Brian Harding and sparked by off-island media attention, continues to gather momentum. With close to two weeks left before Christmas, the eight-year-old cancer patient has already received more than 5,000 letters.

And the response from all over the province — even the world (letters are said to be coming from as far away as France) — continues to grow.

An initiative of this sort is not new to our community. Jarrod and many others have benefitted from numerous fund-raising events on the island. Perhaps this one is special for Jarrod as the letters, invitations and gifts continue to offer tangible evidence — each day — of people who care enough to take the time to send them.

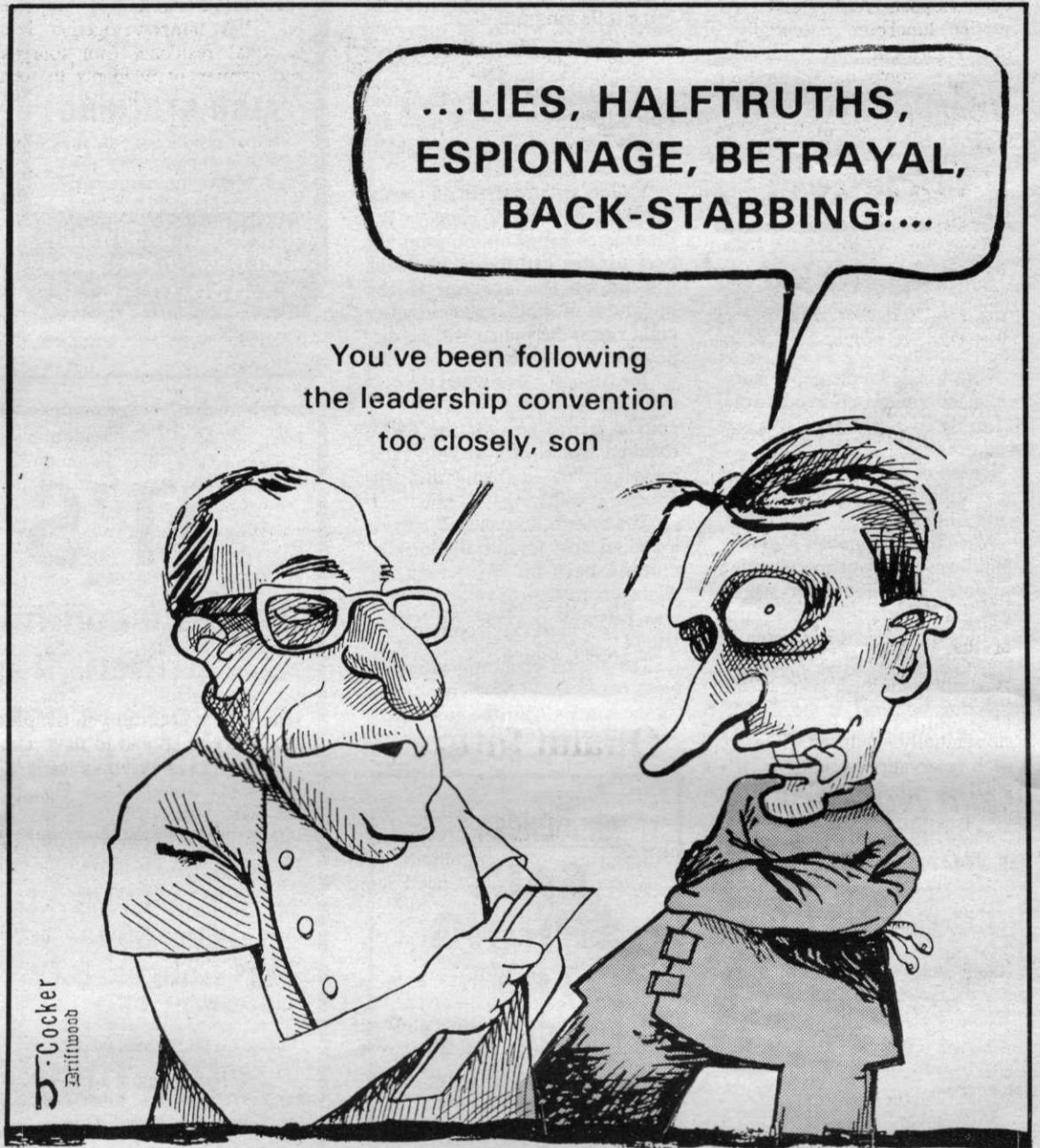
Many cards are beautiful examples of hand-crafted, careful workmanship. Many cards have arrived with parcels, letters and invitations.

It is heart-warming to see people responding so eagerly to brighten Jarrod's Christmas.

Those participating in the card-sending campaign have the opportunity to make someone else happy — and obtain a personal sense of satisfaction that accompanies a gesture such as this.

Both are especially appropriate as the hustle of Christmas descends upon us.

For Jarrod and his family, this is undoubtedly one Christmas that won't be forgotten.



Please sir. . . some fingers for my gloves

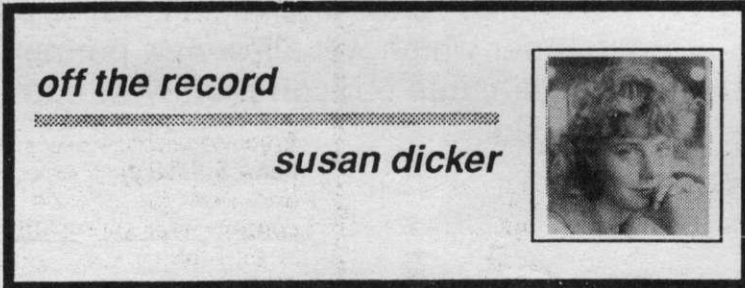
There's a few things I don't like. Vacuuming and scraping ice off my car wind-shield immediately spring to mind, but the worst offender of all — I hate being cold.

And that frosty bite out there reminds me it's way too many months until we can expect some heat.

So I'm sitting at my office computer with the little heater cranked and fingerless gloves on my hands.

The heating system in this place keeps the mice and any other night creatures happy, but leaves us daylight people out in the cold. On those mornings when I stumble in here at 6:30 a.m., the furnace is merrily pumping out the heat. I can hang up my coat and bare to touch the tip of my nose.

By about 2 p.m., when the mice are snuggled up keeping each other warm, the furnace punches out for the day, the coat comes off the hanger and the tip of my nose looks like I've been nipping at the gin



bottle. These small, once-white fingerless gloves have sort of reached celebrity status in my own little world as they survived — albeit with a few scars (newsprint and coffee stains) — through an entire winter without getting lost.

This is truly novel. (They were in fact the third pair of gloves purchased last winter, but since I still have them today, I figure they deserve the prestige of having made it through a season with me.)

Last week I purchased my first pair of gloves for this season. It was a toss-up. There was my typical *you're-going-to-lose-them-anyways* \$7 pair, and then there was this incredibly soft pair of gray leather gloves that felt so nice as they slid over my fingers, and so what if they cost just a little more. This time, I decided, I'll just try harder not to lose them.

Three days. I bought them mid-day Friday and by Monday morning, having already been rescued at

least three times, they'd disappeared forever. Gone. No more soft gray leather gloves.

Just coffee-stained once-white gloves. With no fingers.

(What I need are those little safety clips you see attached to kid's jackets. I could clip my gloves to my jacket . . . and then lose the whole thing.)

But back to the cold. I can handle the nasty wretched winter chill on a mountain with skis under my feet and seven layers of clothing under my ski suit. By try cooking in this sort of get-up.

In the middle of every winter we say, next year (I promise) we'll be in an insulated house where you can walk over to a thermostat and turn it up (or even turn it on).

Last year was way too cold. The water in our toilet bowl froze. The water in the sink froze. The water the cup beside the bed froze. Then all of the pipes burst and no water froze because we didn't have any.

Then our visitors from Ontario arrived for a three-week stay.

All this was just a little much for someone who hates being cold as much as I do.

There's something about the appendages — hands, feet and nose — that just won't warm up.

When I was in high school I had this boyfriend who, the first time he ventured to hold my hand, very eloquently said "cold hands means a warm heart."

That was fine the first time. Then he started demanding I sit on my fingers for five minutes prior to his holding my hand. Well that relationship took a nosedive.

Cold feet can be solved with woolly socks and hiking boots — although its iffy with a dress — but the cold nose problem I haven't solved. Nose muff? Nose scarf? Nose warmer?

Seems a likely item to add to my Christmas list. Along with a new pair of gloves.

letters

No appreciation

To the Editor,
I am writing this letter to try and assuage my feelings of bitterness and disappointment toward the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. In October, I was contacted by the Chamber and asked to do a luncheon for the Tourism Association of Vancouver Island. I agreed and quoted a possible menu and luncheon price. Several days later I was phone back and requested that the luncheon be quite inexpensive. I agreed to do a proper luncheon, essentially at cost, figuring it's all of our duties to help promote tourism on the Island.

With all of this in mind, was I ever surprised when, the night before the luncheon, I was told that I was also hosting a board meeting for 14 which would flow directly into a "Bed and Breakfast" meeting for 25. I was to provide — at no charge — a meeting room, all day coffee service etc., for these meetings, without even being asked!

Well, the day of the meeting arrived and we started fielding a barrage of calls from people who were to attend the meeting but who were never told how to get to Salt Spring, much less how to find Booth Bay Resort. We got calls from both Maple Bay and Chemainus asking whether or not those ferries went to Salt Spring. Later, Mr. Ludford, the President of the Tourism Association, arrived saying that the Chamber had made a reservation for accommodation for him to stay ... at a substantially reduced rate. No such reservation was made. It's a good thing that we had a room and that Mr. Ludford had a sense of humour. We honoured the rate quoted, even though it wasn't quoted by us.

Finally, it was near the end of the meeting. I had been promised that the meeting would end by 4:30 p.m. so I could get the dining room ready for the nightly opening of the Bay Window. As you probably guessed, 4:30 p.m. came and went, as did 5:30 p.m., before the last person left. I sat in the Office expecting someone from the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce to come into the Office to say "Thanks" or "sorry" or something at least. But, not a word was spoken.

This entire day brought to my mind one question, isn't the main duty and thrust of the Chamber of Commerce supposed to be communication? If this is so, as I feel it is, the Chamber failed miserably. Not only was I embarrassed for us at Booth Bay Resort because we seemed un-informed, but I was embarrassed for Salt Spring. I don't think that the president of the Tourism Association should

have had to apologise for the Chamber of Commerce when he left the next morning, but he did.

STEVEN N. LYNCH,
General Manager and Chef

Innocent

To the Editor,
In reference to your article about the Chairman of the Environmental Appeal Board, by Hubert Beyer, in the November 8, 1989 issue of your paper, I have the following comments:

When I made the statement about the Appeal Board secretary's health, it was the best information I had at the time; I thoroughly believed it. It was only later that I was proven to be wrong, because the growth on her lung, thank goodness, was found to be benign.

To make an issue over my statement, was a cheap shot by Mr. Zimhelt, NDP MLA; he was really reacting. For your information, I hope I do get an investigation into the matter by the Minister of Environment, because I am innocent of any wrongdoing, and further, the incident will not affect the outcome of the Frank Cushman appeal in any way. I am currently examining which legal options I have open to me against Mr. Zimhelt for damages.

FRANK A. HILLIER,
Chairman, Environmental Appeal Board.

Quaint future

To the Editor,
Was the Official Community Plan-Review Committee comprised of a well balanced representation of our community?

Like the multitudes, I congratulate the 1989 O.C.P. Committee for their effort. Not for the esoteric content of their proposed plan, but rather for the fact that at a recent public meeting they sat patiently, listened politely and then responded openly to the steady stream of accolades. Except for one committee member who publicly stated that he strongly disagreed with some of the essential areas of the proposed plan, I did not observe even one local contractor at that meeting.

As a resident, landowner, and developer, one of my main concerns is the manner in which the

committee chose to deal with the issue of density.

I asked the panel to describe the manner which they had employed to establish our present "Density." My question was answered with a variety of unacceptable answers. The specific point to my question is based on the premise that if the Committee didn't take an accurate picture of where we are presently at then how could they possibly plan effectively or efficiently for the future? What constitutes a density? It appears to me that the proposed plan has lumped together both seasonal residents (not tourists) and permanent residents to form the total maximum 15,000 planned allowable density.

I asked the panel to clarify this aspect and again I received a mixed variety of answers — one which I found acceptable was diametrically opposed to the proposed plan which states "Population as referred to herein means permanent residents and occupants of seasonal cottages combined, and does not include tourists."

The plan then goes on to make the essential assumption that 15,000 maximum population is a "distant decision" which is then followed by this conclusion.

"Consequently, it is proposed that the "planned population at maximum development" be left at 15,000." Now what if our present population (as defined by the new plan) is much higher than the committee figured? Then, I suggest that the future is not that distant, which, according to the plan, would mean an end to new home construction as we know it.

I was assured by the Committee that those involved in that industry would have plenty of maintenance and renovation work once we have attained our maximum planned population. How quaint, Salt Spring's not so distant future may be.

M. CYPRUS,
Ganges.

P.S. During the meeting I wondered to myself what objections would have been raised if the Committee would have set the allowable density at 6,000, an amusing thought. Probably 80 per cent of those who attended would have been made non-conforming residents. As an aside, the C.R.D. 1989 estimates a total of 100 duplexes on Salt Spring Island and that's a humungous increase of 14 since 1986.

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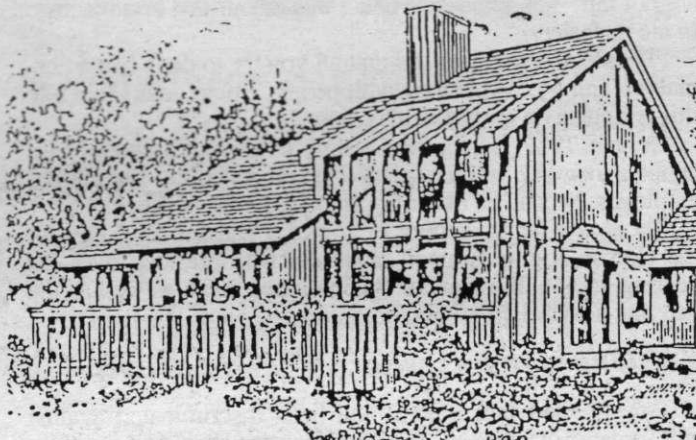
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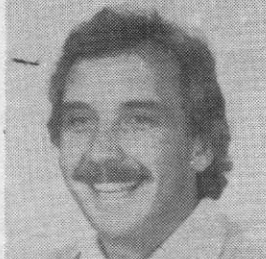
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VICTORIA — So you think Canadians are tolerant and not inclined towards racism. Read on and think again.

Tony Baichu was born in Guyana. He describes himself as "a Black person of East Indian origin." Like so many others from every conceivable part of the globe, Baichu came to Canada in search of a better life.

From a purely material aspect, he probably has found what he was looking for, but not without paying a steep price. He and his family have been paying for the better life in hard currency — heartache, tears and loss of self-respect.

In July 1983, Baichu enrolled in a welding course at the Pacific Vocational Institute in Vancouver. Upon receiving his Class C ticket, Baichu applied for a job with Devron Hercules Manufacturing Ltd. in Vancouver. No welding jobs were available, but he was hired as a shop helper at \$7 an hour.

Baichu's duties consisted of cleaning the washrooms and the shop, delivering materials and helping the tradesmen with their work. It wasn't what he had hoped for, but he was told that he might eventually get some welding experience that would enable him to obtain his Class B and A tickets.

Fellow workers not that tolerant

He got his experience all right, but not in welding. His fellow workers, it seems, were not quite as tolerant as most Canadians fondly believe themselves to be.

In one instance, when he was washing his hands, a fellow worker remarked that it didn't make much difference, considering his colour. Others present burst out laughing.

Well, that's not all that bad, you may think. How about being called monkey-faced boy or jungle bunny by your foreman? Still think that's funny? Well, here's another one. While assisting an apprentice weld a piece of metal, Baichu asked if he could do the welding. The answer was, no, with "black shit" added.

On another occasion, one of his fellow workers said to Baichu, "Tony, you know what we call people like you back home? Nig dog." How did Baichu feel about it all? Here's what he told a recent hearing of the B.C. Council of Human Rights:

"I felt pretty shaken up, like very insulted and I felt, just inside, I felt like crying, but I knew that wouldn't be the proper thing to do.

I didn't ask to be born this way

"It sort of made me feel not too worthy of myself, because I can't have a normal life and provide for my family. Sometimes I question myself, that I didn't ask to be born this way. Sometimes it seems that it's very unfair the way God treats people, and the way people treat you. It's not a fair world, and people are not fair. You know, me being this colour is a disadvantage to me in society.

"People don't understand that all you try to do is live a normal life and try to get along with people. Sometimes I feel like this is a curse on me to be this colour."

In June, 1987, Baichu read a story in the North Shore News about a new \$7 million plant being opened by his former employer. He said he never got an offer for re-employment.

There is a happy ending of sorts for Baichu. Eric Powell, the Human Rights Council chairman who presided over the hearing, took a dim view of Baichu's treatment, as well as the fact that he was laid off and not rehired.

One wonders what possesses people

Powell ruled that Baichu had been discriminated against and ordered Devron Hercules Manufacturing to pay him \$25,000 for loss of wages and an additional \$2,000 for the injury to his feelings and self-respect and for the humiliation he suffered. Powell also ordered the firm to rehire Baichu at the first available opportunity in a position for which he is qualified.

One wonders what possesses people to treat their fellow humans in this fashion. It is difficult to fathom that this sort of thing happens in Canada, but happen it does.

Fortunately, most Canadians would not inflict such hurt on others, but the fact that it does happen, no matter how rarely, should give us reason to re-examine our own feelings towards minorities.

The award Powell handed down is one of the largest ever made by the B.C. Council of Human Rights. It shows that the council is serious about dealing with discrimination in any form, and that's something to be grateful for.

But for the message to take effect, it must get out. Hence this column. With vigilance and goodwill, and with the help of an active Human Rights Council, we may still end up with the kind of Canada most of us would like to see, a Canada in which the colour of one's skin is not only irrelevant, but not even noticed.

more letters

Without due care

To the Editor,
My wife and I retired to Salt Spring approximately two years ago and we both love it here, except for one thing, *some of the drivers!*

On December 2 at about 10:40 a.m. we were on the Fulford/Ganges road driving to the Christmas fair at Beaver Point. The rain was pelting down and the road was very slippery, however, I was doing the speed limit of 80 kph. As we neared Arnell Way a light blue Pinto S/W with wood panel sides crossed the solid line and passed us narrowly missing a collision with a northbound car. We were very close to being involved in a three car accident, and all because of one thoughtless and reckless person.

After this foolish act by the Pinto driver we drove on and in approximately five minutes found ourselves right behind the same Pinto. At this point the Pinto driver had to drive rationally as he was behind two cars both driving in a reasonable manner. We watched as we turned to the Beaver Point Road to see the Pinto going down to Fulford, probably to catch the 11 o'clock ferry. It was then 10:50 a.m. If the Pinto driver did take the ferry he was there in time to sit in the terminal waiting to load for 10 minutes.

Next time leave earlier and drive like a responsible adult! North to south is about 20 miles!

D. MADSEN,
Ganges.

Townhome not a Townhome?

To the Editor,
I note that we are now well on the slippery road to urbanization. Ganges has been elevated to town status, courtesy of Pemberton Holmes (Gulf Islands) Ltd; see recent Kingfisher Cove ad.

Shame on you!
DENNIS SEWARD,
Ganges.

Positive feedback

To the Editor,
The Salt Spring Island Community Society wishes to thank the *Driftwood* for its excellent coverage of alcohol and drug information before and during National Drug Awareness Week.

We have received positive feedback regarding events which took place and believe that Gulf Islanders have benefited from up-to-date knowledge which was shared through the paper.

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In addition to a backhoe, the tenderer must provide a suitable single axle dump truck for the removal of excavated material from the job site, and for the collection and trucking of bedding material to the job site. An hourly rate for the truck and driver must be included in the quotation.

The successful tenderer will be expected on occasion to stay on the job after regular working hours to complete work which cannot be left overnight. He will also be expected to respond to emergency calls during the normal working day and at times other than the regular working day.

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The province-wide Counter Attack program kicked off last week, meaning Ganges RCMP will be stepping up enforcement through regular road blocks. Here, Auxiliary Constable Jim Stuart conducts routine check for impaired drivers at Ganges-area roadblock.

Free service offered

Azure Transport will again provide free bus service on New Year's Eve.

On the same night last year, the operators of Azure Transport began picking up passengers at 6 p.m. By 5 a.m. the next morning, they had delivered more than 60 people to pubs and parties, and home again.

Judy and Alec McDonald, who run the service, believe the free ride may have prevented a few of the alcohol-related accidents that tend to characterize New Year's Eve night.

The McDonald's are providing that same service this year, although they are those who want a ride to book a seat no later than 10 p.m. the night before (December 30). The sooner people book, the better.

Last year they accepted calls until noon on New Year's Eve day but it caused a few problems with the scheduling.

While hotels on the island will be offering free coffee and soft drinks to their patrons on December 31, as they do throughout the year, this is the only free transportation service available that night.

Alec adds, however, that contributions are welcome, noting the local Petro-Canada station is

Oil threat prompts request

Concern about a major oil spill in the Strait of Georgia area prompted Island Trustees to agree to apply for a \$14,000 grant from Environment Canada to purchase spill containment equipment.

If the money is granted, the Trust would buy seven emergency oil spill kits and distribute them throughout the Trust area. They will also be asking for volunteers to learn how to use the kits in case of a spill.

B.C. Ferries will be asked to carry such kits on its boats as a safeguard if a large amount of oil gets loose.

providing propane for the bus.

In the meantime, the McDonald's say they don't mind giving up their own party activities on December 31 and add that it's worth it, if they manage to get a few more people home that night safe and sound.

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"Are you sure this time?"

Under the circumstances I thought this was a reasonable question. It was three o'clock on a December morning and snowing and Hornby Island was two ferries and 20 miles away from the hospital in Comox. There had been a false alarm with much fanfare the week before and G. had slunk home in disgrace, feeling everyone's eyes on her mountainous maternity clothes.

I studied my wife. G. was huddled under her raincoat and a Hudson Bay blanket, and she trembled as she stared at the second hand of an alarm clock. In her left hand she gripped the clock, and in her right her favourite painting, a small seascape by Art Simons. To complete the ensemble, G. wore a toque of violent colour, from which curls of dark brown hair escaped.

"Five minutes," she declared. "Every five minutes. Take me to the hospital. Now! Do it now!"

Called her in the middle of the night

It dawned on me that this was the real thing. The arrival of new life, the first for either of us and, at our age, probably the last. With enormous deliberation I dialled the number of the Hornby ferry captain. Then I called my substitute to ask her to teach for me. It was weeks after Christmas before I realized I'd woken her up in the middle of the night. Margaret thought it was a riot.

In those days we lived in a farmhouse on 60 acres of hayfields which looked across the strait to Denman Island and then beyond to the long, mystical line of the Vancouver Island mountains. The place was so beautiful you could strain your eyes trying not to miss anything.

Unexpected December snow

At the end of our rose garden, cliffs ran down from the feet of eagle-trees to a sea that was javellined with reefs. Below tide the oysters grew so thickly they had arguments over property rights. The gurgling and splashing of seals and fish and the cries of sea-birds and ravens made it sound like Eden.

But an unexpected December snow began at dusk and by now had wrapped the farm and the sea in silence and swollen every familiar line of fencepost and tree and bramble into a grotesque and exaggerated shape. The island was a landscape of dreams.

G. was already waiting in the car, a Volvo considerably past its prime. I brushed six inches of thick, damp snow off the hood and started the motor. The car groaned up the long drive and stopped at a heavy, closed, farm gate.

Not a good time for conversation

The bottom rungs were buried under a drift and had to be dug out. After the desperate, unprintable, quarter hour it took to accomplish this task, I drove with exaggerated care to the ferry. You could write my knowledge of obstetrics on a postage stamp and still have room left over for O Canada (in both official languages), and the road around Hornby boasted deep, well maintained ditches on both sides. G. sat rigidly on the passenger seat, counting the minutes and seconds between contractions. It wasn't a good time for conversation. You could tell.

The captain had called the crew out and by the time we arrived at Shingle Spit dock they were all set to go. Feeling like Prime Minister Trudeau (as he then was), I drove down the middle lane of the deserted deck.

His men loved pregnancies. Apart from the fact that they were no doubt paid quintuple overtime, the drama of the situation pleased them. The 15 minute run between islands gets monotonous in spite of the views, and maternity runs, unlike other emergencies, are essentially joyous occasions.

Last year's grads debate how to spend extra funds

Grad '89 ended its celebrations with a surplus of money and members of the class are now deciding how to spend the extra bucks.

The 54 members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School graduating class last spring managed to collect more than \$4,000 to pay for various aspects of graduation.

Once the bills had been paid, the grads had \$974 left in the bank account.

To find out how grads wanted the money spent, a letter was sent to each, offering two options.

The first option allowed for \$200 to be given to Grad '90 with \$50 going to the Terry Fox Fund and a similar amount to Multiple Sclerosis. Each school library would receive \$100 and the remaining \$274 put into an interest bearing account in preparation for a class reunion in 1999.

The second option would allow \$200 to be given to Grad '90 with \$274 going into the bank for the reunion. The remainder, \$500, would be given to the sports department of GISS to purchase uniforms for the volleyball and basketball teams.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, said that school board policy requires the school principal control the money. The problem of an excess of grad dollars has never come up before.

"That's a new experience," said Marshall, explaining that Grad '89 was the first graduation group to raise so much money.

The requirement of principal control, Marshall said, is to ensure

that money raised for a particular purpose was spent on that purpose.

John Wellingham, principal of GISS, said he controls between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in at least 23 different bank accounts. He indi-

cated that he is waiting to hear from the Grads as to how their money should be allocated.

"The money is there for the grads," he said. "They just have to tell me where it goes."

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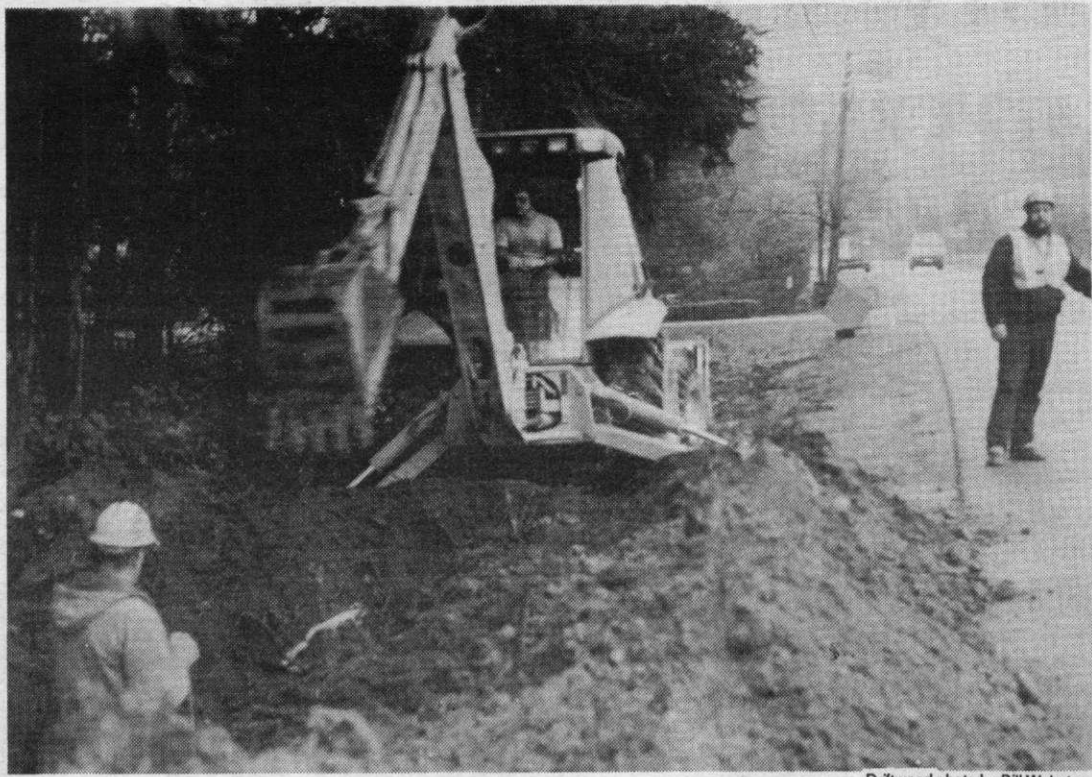
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Backhoe operator Ken Tara, flagman George Lamont and Norm Helgesen in the ditch work towards installation of 2,000 feet of new pipe on Lower Ganges Road. The work is part of an overall upgrading of the system.

Party is organized for Jarrod

From Page A1

mouth and people say yes they'll help," Harding told the *Driftwood* last week.

He said staff members at the Harbour House Hotel have donated their time to event, and the hotel is providing coffee and space in the dining room at no charge.

Two Rolls Royces will pick up the Booth family and Santa Claus and take them to the party, which will feature a variety of entertainment and edibles. Card trees, made from some of Jarrod's cards, will be on display, along with the giant Christmas card, created locally for him.

During the course of the event, Jarrod will announce the winner of the card signing contest, which

challenges people to guess the number of signatures on his giant Christmas Card. (The winner will receive a dinner for two at the Vesuvius Inn, plus a gift package from Dairyland Products.)

Organizers hope Betty Fox — Terry Fox's mother — will attend

the party as a special guest.

In the meantime, the Booths' Lakeview Road home is overflowing with Christmas Cards. The family has strung cards across every available space in at least two rooms, and has now started making card trees to save space.

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Yours, Mary Jane Chapman, Ottawa.

No, Mary Jane, I don't ignore the TVangelists because I fear the wrath of their faithful audience. It's not the prospect of spending eternity in a brimstone-filled jacuzzi that keeps me off their case either. The reason I haven't gotten around to writing about the Blow Dry Brethren in their polyester three-pieces and diamond-encrusted Rolexes is . . .

How could I possibly improve on reality?

Who would have believed me?

Would you, Mary Jane Chapman — would anyone — have believed me if, ten years ago I'd spun a tale about a TV preacher and his mascara-heavy wife who praised God on Sundays and shopped for air conditioned dog houses and gold plated toilets the other six days of the week?

Who ordered \$100 worth of cinnamon buns just so they could smell them? Who tried to fire a cook who'd neglected to put mustard on a hamburger? That's the saga of Jim and Tammy Bakker — and only a morsel of it at that!

And that's only one of the Evangelical Vaudeville shows we've been treated to over the past little while. Consider Jerry Fallwell, whom Jimmy Bakker scorns as a marauding capitalist. Bakker swears that Fallwell, ex-head of The Moral Majority, stole the PTL Club away from him in a corporate takeover snatch worthy of T. Boone Pickens.

In better shape than Jimmy Swaggart

Then there's Oral Roberts, who, two years ago hijacked himself and announced on international television that God was going to kill him unless his followers came up with \$4 and a half million U.S. Dupes to the end, they sent their money in. Since then, Robert's fan kingdom has thinned out considerably, but don't feel too badly for him — he's still taking in about \$3 million a month.

All in all, he's probably in better shape than Jimmy Swaggart, who was number one on the Bible Thumpers Hit Parade until photographic proof showed that he liked to indulge in low rent rendezvous with equally low rent chippies.

Now I ask you, Mary Jane — could Hans Christian Andersen or the Brothers Grimm invent anything as wacky as this? Could Life itself offer anything more preposterous?

Well, actually . . . yes.

Pray for a good set of waves

I have before me (right beside Mary Jane Chapman's mis-sive) a newspaper item about the latest religious phenomenon on surface in the Bible Belt. It is the Calvary Chapel Surfing Association of Fort Lauderdale. One of their prayers beseeches the Lord on High to send down "a good set of waves and protection from sharks."

"We like to call ourselves surfers for Jesus," says James Gould, one of the board-toting disciples, who even ventures to dip his big toe into the stormy sea of theosophical speculation: "I'm sure if Jesus were alive today he would be a surfer. Jesus would probably not even use a board," says Gould. "He would probably get out there and ride the waves on his bare feet."

At least the Surfers For Jesus haven't set up a TV show or a toll-free number to milk millions out of their money — yet.

I don't know what can be said about the surfers or the Bakkers or the rest of the plague of polyester shysters who worm their way through television sets and into the hearts of the gullible each week.

I wonder what Christ would do if he could see what they've done with his teachings.

I don't know, but I suspect one verse in the Bible would probably cover it.

It's the shortest one in the book — John 11:35.

Jesus wept.

Ferry survey planned

A safety inspection will be conducted on each of B.C. Ferry Corporation's 38 ships within the next four months.

The inspection, expected to start early in the new year, will be undertaken by a four-person team appointed by the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the Marine Workers Union.

Union president Lee Cochran said his group has been calling for the inspection for the past several months, following "numerous incidents" which have occurred on the ferries.

He said some of the union's concerns include passenger overloads, the transportation of dangerous cargo and passenger counts.

B.C. Ferries agreed to the inspection 10 days ago.

B.C. Ferry spokesman Bill Bouchard said the two groups expect to meet within the next few weeks to work out the survey's terms of reference and appoint the inspection crew.

The report itself is expected to be finished in April.



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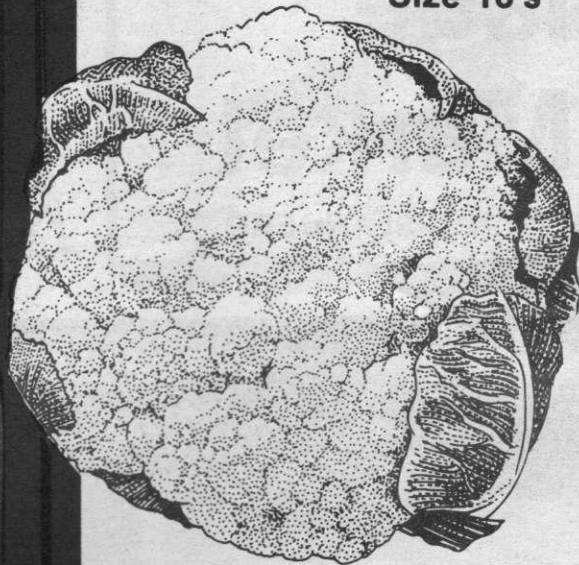
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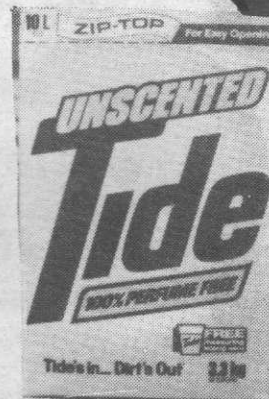
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Making a list and checking it twice? Christmas 1989 arrives in just a few more days and for those of you addicted to scurrying about at the last moment for that special something, I have some ideas.

It would be hard to go wrong purchasing a handcrafted item by one of our local artist/artisans. Salt Spring is rich with talented, creative people and their wares are in abundance at local outlets.

Waterfront Gallery, an artists' co-operative in Ganges, has a wealth of beautiful items. There is a nice selection of delicate pottery by Merle Box in soft beige, lavender and blue glazes. Gary Cherneff's pottery is also on display, beautifully designed, reasonably priced, in sensuous colours.

Exotic raku jewellery by Christine Drake is also worth consideration. Drake also has hanging raku fish ornaments, which would make great additions to the Christmas tree.

Varied enough to satisfy most tastes

Hand-painted silk scarves and pillows by Babs O'Brien are also at Waterfront Gallery. Painted in rich reds, rust and blue shades with gold or silver outlines, they are stunningly beautiful.

Gulf Jewels Gallery, also in Ganges, has a good selection of hand-crafted sterling silver jewellery, with interesting pieces by Craig Wright, Bruce Pearson and Jan Hilton, on display. The work is varied enough to satisfy most tastes.

Pewter figurines of animal and sealife by Tony Marcan, packaged beautifully in tiny wooden boxes, can also be found. This gallery has a number of visual artists represented, including etchings by Diana Thompson and paintings by Michael Aronoff.

Morningside Studio in Fulford is another artists' collective with a good selection of handcrafted gift items. Hand-painted rain hats by Wild and Wooly Works, make a useful and interesting gift. Staghorn Jewellery with dried flowers, by English and Gaitt Crafts are delicate and colourful with special appeal to the nature-lover.

Talk about recycling and one must include Clear Sky Creations' ivory earrings, beautifully crafted from old piano keys. This is another stop for a wonderful selection of pottery. There are pots by Lari Robson, Peter Price, Mark Meredith, Harry Pickstone and Bas Cobanli, on display.

One more possibility

Cobanli's exquisitely designed and glazed plates really caught my eye. There are watercolours of island life by Art Simon and collages by Jackie Doyle.

Everlasting Summer has romantic wreaths and dries flower arrangements in the shop.

Well if this isn't enough to tick off those last gift items on your Christmas list, I hold out one more possibility to you.

On December 17 at 5 p.m. in the Ganges United Church, Randy Thomas will be welcomed back from New Zealand at a community potluck. The Salt Spring Island artists represented in the book *Carmanah: Artistic Visions of an ancient Rainforest* will be on hand to autograph books.

Bring along the one you already have for signatures or purchase your book at the event.

Seasonal craft fair

A day-long "Spirit of Peace Craft Fair" will offer patrons the opportunity to purchase a variety of items and listen to some good entertainment.

The fair, which begins at 10 a.m. December 16, will run until 10 p.m., with the musical evening beginning at 7 p.m.

The variety of crafts promised for sale is expansive, including watercolours, silk and fabric creations, weavings, guatemalan crafts, jewellery, handmade clothing, beauty products, Christmas ornaments, cards, calendars and apilleras.

Food items such as pickles, chutney, vegetarian mince pies and local organic jams, will also be available.

The day will feature face-painting, a carol sing at 2 p.m., plus a raffle in aid of Green Islands. (Organizers have already acquired numerous prizes for the raffle — anyone else wishing to donate a prize should contact Green Islands.)

Also on the agenda is the appearance of a mystery Christmas fairy, who will tell Christmas stories to children at 1 and 5 p.m.

The musical evening — admission by donation — will feature numerous local and off-island talent:

Environmentalist Jerry Ellen is a Vancouver song-writer, who favours the folk music and the blues, while Victoria artist Lia Argo sings "mood-lifting" heart songs."

Film-maker and westcoast singer-songwriter Peeter Prince is also on the agenda. Prince sings songs with a "global pulse and spirited Earth ascending music. His audio tape and compact disc "Sea of Dreams" and videotape "Rediscovery: the Eagle's Gift" will also be available.

The local music scene will be represented by singer-song-writer Susan Cogan.

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Farmers' Market makes move to a drier and warmer location

If you spent Saturday morning touring the centre of Ganges in search of the Farmers' Market, you will be pleased to know that it hasn't closed for the winter. It's just moved.

Wendy Beatty, the woman who has been operating the cappuccino machine since last August, says she didn't want to put it on blocks for the winter. She decided instead to try to keep the Farmers' Market

open by moving it to the Farmers' Institute on Rainbow Road.

This is the second time someone has attempted to keep the market open through the winter and Beatty hopes this time it will be a success.

"I would really like to keep the market alive," said Beatty, adding that it keeps money circulating in the community and gives vendors the chance and the place to sell goods that they might not otherwise have.

The market typically closes just after Thanksgiving weekend because of the cold. However, operating from an indoor location at the Farmers' Institute will alleviate that problem, said Beatty, noting there is lots of parking.

Close to 35 vendors manned booths at last Saturday's opening.

While the emphasis at the market now tends to be on crafts made for the Christmas season, Beatty says she is hoping to see a broader mix in the new year.

One of her ideas is to set up a table where local producers can sell eggs. A second plan is to encourage residents here to bring items they would otherwise sell at garage sales in their own yards.

The market runs from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

OCS Christmas bash promises a good time

It will be serious and funny business when the members of the Off Centre Stage Society gather at Salt Spring's Mahon Hall, Saturday, December 16.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. the group will hold an annual general meeting to hear annual reports, to answer questions about operations, past and proposed, as well as to elect a new slate of officers.

Then the fun begins with the "Annual Christmas Office Party Extravaganza."

April Curtis, artistic director of OCS, explained what could happen during the evening:

"This year's Office Party will also be an open house to announce Off Centre's new office location at the back of Mahon Hall. It will pack all the punch and eggnog of last year's festivities as many of the island's favourite performers turn out to share the fun with a variety of entertainment.

"There will be a charming Santa upon whose knee will sit some "Hysterical" personalities. Good Humour will abound as (Arvid) Chalmers, (Sid) Filkow and (Mary) Williamson do Mary, Joseph and Gabriel.

"The mostly Rich and Famous including John Ledlin, Rachel Kane, Orin Williams and Eric Donnelly will mingle and jingle some hot holiday sounds.

"You will be royally rocked by the Nosmo Kings and the Lisa Max band.

"Be prepared to dance and laugh your Christmas socks off. Join the spirit of the occasion and come as your favourite office character, fixture or lampshade."

Entrance fee will be by potluck Christmas sweet or savory snack. Phone 537-5211 to make the required advance reservation. The winning ticket of the quilt raffle will be drawn. The raffle has been conducted to raise money for the Centre for the Arts fund.

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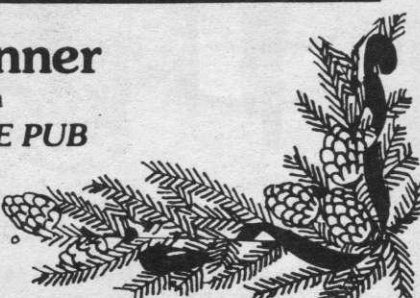
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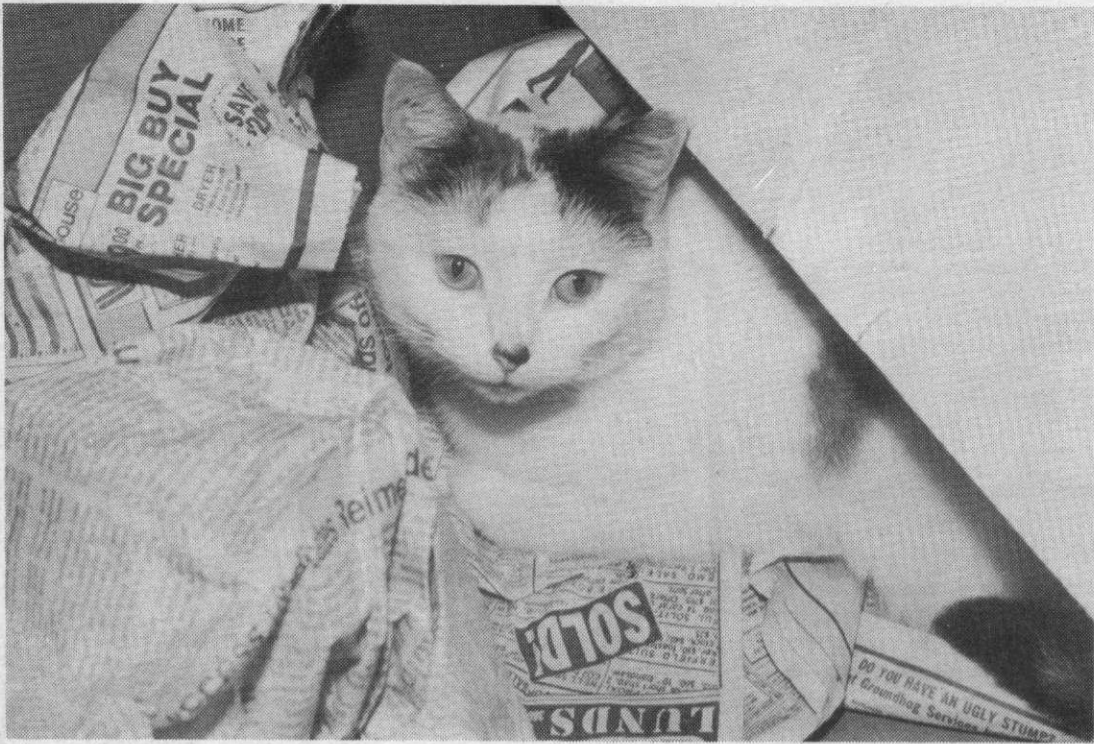
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Ceremony celebrates solstice

An Earth Spirit ceremony and Festival, held at Beaver Point Hall on Salt Spring, will celebrate the solstice.

As organizers note, the Christmas season is traditionally a time of celebrating love, peace and joy. Long before Christmas, however, we celebrated the solstice season: a time of renewal, an expression of thanks for the sun and a request for his return.

The December 21 Earth Spirit ceremony and Festival will offer drumming, dancing and chanting, expressing gratitude for this beautiful planet, and envisioning a healed, whole Mother earth. the

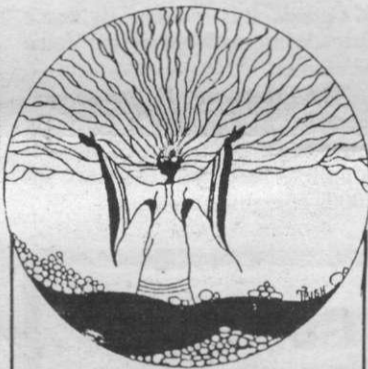
ceremony will run from 7 to 10 p.m.

The following day, the group will be "playing." The day-long festival will offer a children's ceremony, plus workshops in voicing and dancing.

The evening will give participants the opportunity to enjoy local musicians and dancers expressing their love and concern for the Mother. Joining the event will be: Susan Cogan, Keith McHattie, Barb Slater and Kevin Wilkie, Rick Burness, Peeter Prince, SS Dance Collective, Valdy, Lee McCarrigle, Judy Lea, Richard Cross, Brian MacDonald and Nosmos King.

Speakers Gail Bryn-Jones, Mary Williamson and Randy Thomas, are also scheduled.

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Karen Ridd wants Canadians to know the experience of carrying on in El Salvador, despite torture, night raids, aerial bombings and the disappearance of loved ones. She wants people to act and believe they can do something to help.

To this end, the 28-year-old Winnipeg woman is travelling across the country, telling her story.

While still a teenager, Ridd decided the "rich have a responsibility" and quietly began dedicating her life to fighting injustice.

She gave up a scholarship to Queen's University to become a

clown, which enabled her to work as a integral part of recovery therapy at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

It also helped her diffuse tension in the difficult job she undertook when she agreed to go to San Salvador for Peace Brigades International. This organization believes trained volunteers can defuse violence by acting as witnesses — not stopping or interfering with the action, but recording it with photographs or testimonials.

On November 20, Ridd put her life on the line for her ideals. After being arrested with a group of others, blind-folded, interrogated and then taken to the headquarters of the much feared Treasury Police, she was released with the help of the Canadian consul. She refused to leave without her friend from Columbia and was re-imprisoned. Later, the two women left together.

She and many fellow humanitarian workers have had to leave the country.

On November 29, the United Nations called for a cease-fire and resumption of dialogue between the Christiani government and the FMLM; it condemned the indiscriminate use of weapons in densely populated urban areas; demanded the war-injured receive medical care (and the Red Cross not be impeded); condemned the brutal assassinations of a rector and seven members of the Central American University (also asking the government investigate and punish those responsible); condemned the per-

sistence of serious human rights violations such as disappearances, torture and death squads; and appealed to all States to stop intervening to prolong the armed conflict, rather encourage dialogue and peace.

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Ridd will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19 at the United Church in Ganges. Although admission is free, donations are requested.

The tour is sponsored by Salv-Aide, Vancouver El Salvador Refugee Association, Action Committee for Women in El Salvador and the United Nations Association of Canada. It is endorsed by Peace Brigade International and the Voice of Women.

The Emergency Response Network for El Salvador is currently providing urgently needed medical supplies, food and blankets for 1000s of civilian casualties.

Broadcast features local potter


Salt Spring potter, Mark Meredith, will be focus of a feature documentary broadcast by Vancouver television station CKVU.

The camera crew were on the island recently and host Cheryl Josephson interviewed Meredith. She is filming a five-part series on changing life styles as the decade turns into the 1990s.

The program featuring Meredith goes to air on the 5:30 p.m. news block during the week between Christmas and New Years.

Josephson said a surprising finding of her series was that people, who a few years ago left the city for the rural life, are forsaking the country and returning to urban living.

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To the Editor,
Further to the article on junk mail, *Driftwood*, Nov. 15, I have received numerous phone calls and feel a few points need clarification. Any junk mail that arrives addressed to you, simply write *Return to sender* on it and drop it back in the postal system. All the other junk should be put in an eight by ten envelope packed no more than 3/4" thick and sent with a brief note demanding action from the government. The ministers to send it to are Lucien Bouchard, Minister of the Environment, Lynn Hunter, MP Saanich Gulf Islands, and Harvey Andre, Minister for Canada Post. The address is House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2, and are postage free.

Canada Post receives 60 per cent of its revenue from junk mail and is planning to triple current volumes. We want a postal service, not a postal industry whose only interest is profit.

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To the Editor,
I wish to thank all the parents, brothers, sisters, friends, teachers, ex-teachers and members of the general community who supported the Senior Girls Volleyball team at the Provincial tournament held in Victoria on November 23, 24, and 25. The girls had committed many hours and a lot of energy to

the pursuit of the Championship and it was great to realize so many people care.

To the parents, a special thank you for the years you have spent backing your daughters' endeavour, and helping her attain a very special and memorable goal.

SALLY WALKER,
Coach.

Down the tubes

To the Editor,
Mr. Langer, department head for habitat management for the Fraser River, British Columbia and the Yukon, wrote a memo condemning governments for looking the other way while corporations destroy the environment with toxic wastes. At the same time B.C. Attorney General Bud Smith claimed that Langer's memo dealt with past practices (the past, he admitted, was only a few months ago — how time flies when the political pressure is on).

As it happens, commercial crab fishing has been banned in eight sites on the British Columbia coast because of dioxin. Well! Is it naive of me to expect that something is being done to stop the dumping of dioxin, especially since we know full well that the dioxin is coming from pulp mills? Of course it's naive. Western civilization has taught its people to expect that they can consume everything in sight and avoid the peril of environmental collapse. Everyone expects that government or someone else should do something to stop pollution or the other forms of environmental destruction. But while we wait for someone to do something we continue to demand pulp paper. You are, after all, reading this paper which was made with dioxin producing technology.

It is not very wise of any of us to sit around complaining that we can't eat shellfish or bottom fish because of dioxin and then continue to buy products (like white paper) that are ultimately the generators of dioxin. Nor does it seem very smart to vote people into

government who are either large shareholders in, or friends of the industries who make money off of dioxin, while those downstream from the effluent lose their livelihoods.

So what do we do? We can write to our newspapers and demand that they use pulp from sources that do not produce dioxin; and tell them that we will not buy their product unless they do so, giving them about six months in order to find a non-polluting supply. Demand that the politicians make laws that they will enforce that will stop environmental destruction even if it will lower profit. How can they refuse? Western civilization prides itself on being responsive to truth. The truth is that our environment is going down the tubes. To ignore calls for immediate environmental action is tantamount to criminal neglect.

ARNIE JOSEPH BELL,
Galiano Island.

Gratitude

To the Editor,
I would like to commend the review committee of the Salt Spring Planning Association for an excellent report in connection with the current review of the Salt Spring Community Plan. It is clear committee members took a thoughtful and balanced approach to their task and the report provides an excellent basis for the debate on specifics that will follow.

The review together with the public meetings that followed required a great deal of time, effort and patience on the part of committee members. The community owes them a debt of gratitude.


T.A. TOYNBEE,
Ganges.

Thanks

To the Editor,
Congratulations to the Concert Society for bringing the Victoria Symphony to Salt Spring on Sunday. I know that mixed with the applause for the performance was

applause for the members of the Concert Society who, for many years, have added to the cultural life of our community. Bravo!!

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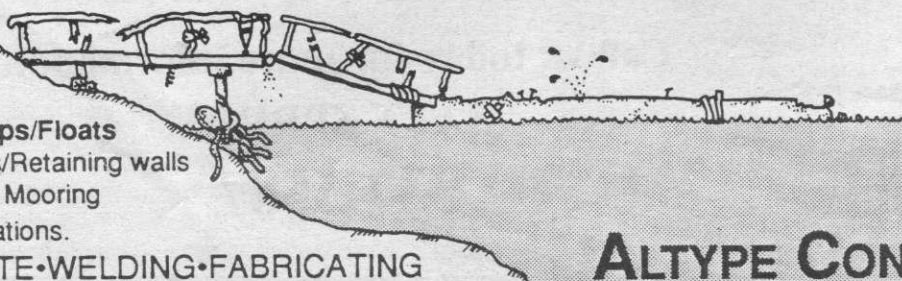
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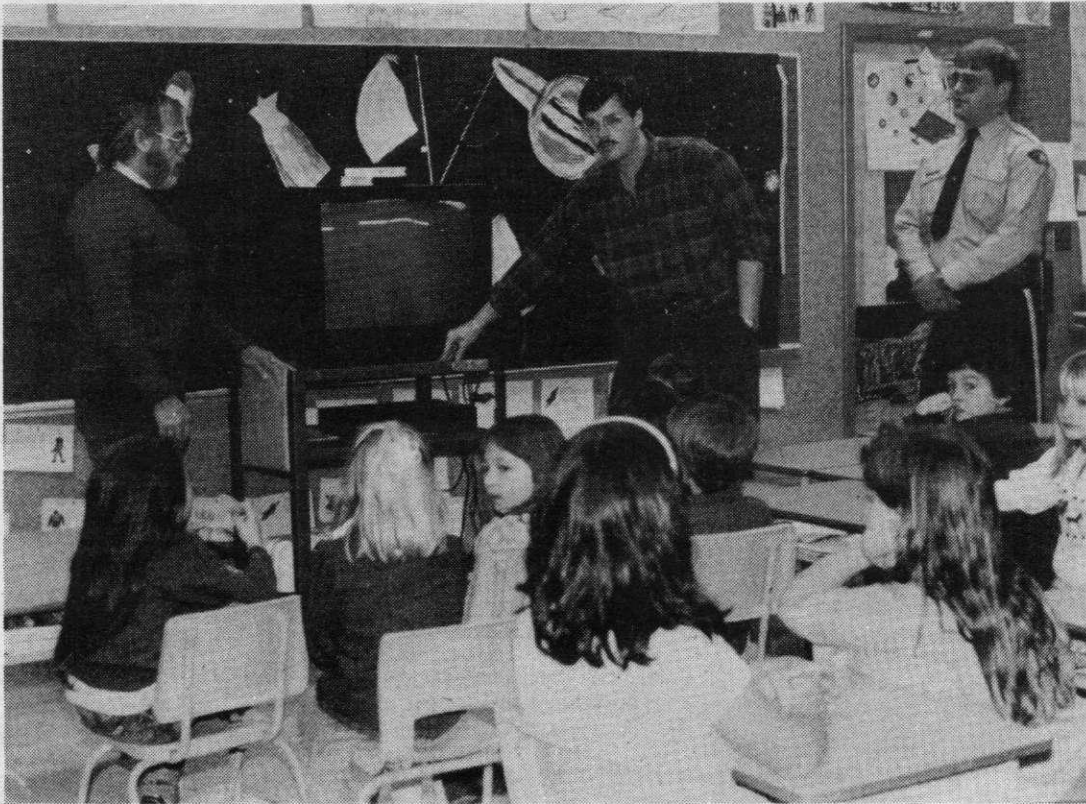
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Gulf Island substance abuse counsellor Gary Hogan (left), Galiano school teacher Barry Bartlett and RCMP Constable Chris Bomford prepare Galiano youngsters for film on drug abuse.

School children introduced to prescription drug dangers

Several Galiano school children were introduced to the dangers of drug abuse last week, when they viewed a film produced by the Association of Canadian Chiefs of Police.

The group was the first of several Gulf Island classes to view the film.

The film — shown to students in Grades Two and Three — was presented by Gulf Islands substance abuse counsellor Gary Hogan and RCMP Constable Chris Bomford.

Mr. Findley's Pharmacy is one

of three films made by the Association of Canadian Chiefs of Police. Each film has been created for a different age group, and Hogan and local RCMP hope to take the films to as many Gulf Island classrooms as possible.

Following presentation of the film, Hogan and Bomford were available to answer questions.

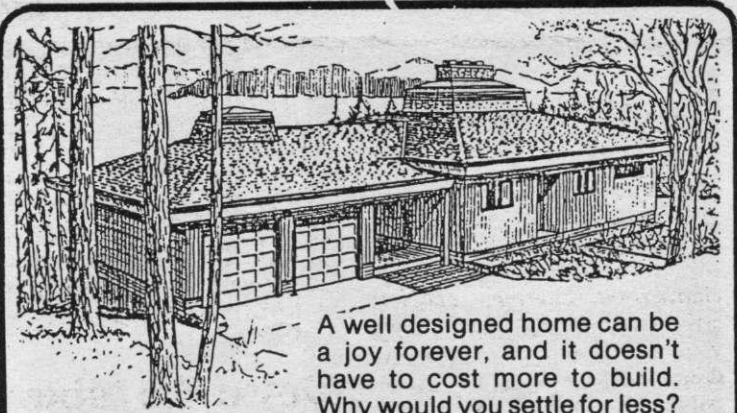
The film aimed at the younger students — *Mr. Findley's Pharmacy* — uses puppets to introduce students to drugs. It deals mostly with prescription drugs: warning children not to take pills from

someone else's bottle and to turn in any pill bottles they find.

The abuse of non-prescription drugs is only touched on by the film, however children expressed knowledge that went beyond the film. When asked if alcohol is a drug, they responded yes, and one child noted "it is bad to take drugs that make you strong."

The children were also adamant about the dangers of smoking tobacco.

Hogan and Bomford used the film to discourage children from becoming involved in the use of illegal drugs, advising them not to take drugs offered to them by someone else because the origin of that drug, and the effect it could have on the body, is unknown.



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Potluck honours return

Randy Thomas returned to Salt Spring yesterday following a three-week visit to Auckland, New Zealand to protest conditions at the Crofton pulp mill.

Included in that visit was a presentation at the annual shareholders meeting of Fletcher Challenge and a variety of interviews with the media there.

A group of people from the island who helped arrange that trip have planned a home-coming potluck supper for Thomas which will be held at the United Church this Sunday. The purpose of that dinner is to raise funds to cover the trip and provide Thomas with the opportunity to publicly discuss his visit.

The public is invited to bring its copies of the Carmanah book which will be signed by all of the Salt Spring island artists, including Robert Bateman, who contributed to it.

Store sells "green" products

A new retail store in Ganges specializes in any product which is environmentally sensible.

Salt Spring Green is operated by Randy and Melanie Hooper from space in the Island Spoke Folk store on Lower Ganges Road just across from the Credit Union.

They sell products such as burlap shopping bags, unbleached toilet paper as well as organic floor stripper. To qualify for sale at SS Green, products must be non-chemical or environmentally sensible. The emphasis is on packaging which won't end up on the garbage pile.

The couple arrived on Salt Spring about a year ago and have been active in environmental issues here since that time.

To spread the word, they are seeking other potential business people who would have ideas for retailing other products which meet the mark of being kind to the environment. Space would be made available for such enterprises.

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Tripo Costello was in Ganges for the last time dressed as the jolly man in red. Costello, who has made the trip via the Bellingham-based Christmas ship for the past 29 seasons, said he has many wonderful memories.

Costello makes his final trip

By BILL WEBSTER

The child approached shyly and held out an apple. Santa jumped from his chair to greet her and accept the gift. Turning to his helper, Santa said, "Look. Look what she gave me."

His voice cracked with emotion and tears welled in his grey eyes.

The scene is typical of several last weekends, as Tripo Costello said goodbye to the people of the Gulf Islands. He ended a 28 year reign as the focus of attention on the Bellingham J.C.'s Christmas Ship.

To be sure, Tripo will be back next year to help his successor, Rob Graham, in the intricacies of being Santa Claus.

The Christmas Ship has plied the waters of the Canadian Gulf Islands since 1955, just four years after it began to visit the American islands. Tripo has been their Santa since 1962.

"This has been a rough trip," he said as he prepared to greet the children of Salt Spring last Saturday evening. "Every stop, people have said goodbye and given me gifts."

Earlier, a flotilla of vessels — fish boats, sail boats, and pleasure cruisers — made their way down Ganges Harbour to meet the *Discovery*, the Bellingham Sea Scout boat bringing Santa for a visit. Out past the Sisters, the vessels idled and circled as anticipation of sighting the visiting vessel grew.

High overhead, the moon brooded about the bright lights below twinkling on the water and from the houses lining the shore. Excitement heightened in the search for the boat. Finally, streaming through Captain Passage at Prevost, it appeared.

The escort vessels fell into line and the colourful procession came back up the harbour to the dock where children squealed their delight.

On the bow of the *Discovery* stood Santa, proudly waving to those on shore.

Tripo Costello was making his last visit to Ganges as Santa Claus.

When the boat finally tied up and Santa followed his clown entourage ashore, the excitement of the evening warmed the chill air. Santa led the parade, sitting in the Salt Spring Firefighters Engine No. 1, as it wound to the activity centre in the elementary school.

There he greeted children and gave away goodies for the better

part of two and one-half hours.

Next stop on the agenda was Lady Minto Hospital followed by a visit to Greenwoods.

Then the activity wound down as the 25 J.C.s from Bellingham, and Santa relaxed with a buffet meal in the firehall.

Over the years, Costello and his helpers have stored remarkable memories of their Christmas visit to Canada. But this trip was special.

Allison MacLean, who acted as chairman for the trip this year, noted some of Bellingham J.C.s came for the fun while others "came for Tripo."

The Washington State president of the J.C.s, Kaen Carnley, made the trip because of Tripo.

Jim Warner, the national vice-president, came from Maryland to join the group.

Regional Director Roy Abbett noted, "We've had a lot of excellent responses." He added, "It's a long time for any one project to continue."

Salt Spring Fire Chief Les Wagg, presented Costello with a sterling mug suitably engraved. He thanked him for the many years of enjoyment and memories he has brought to the people of the Gulf Islands.

Costello introduced his replacement, Rob Graham and urged the J.C.s that "we have to keep this thing going." He offered his aid and assistance to the new Santa.

Graham responded by saying he didn't think he needed much help: "I learned from the best."

In a mellow mood following the excitement of the evening, Costello reminisced about various trips. He noted with amazement that in several years, snow greeted him when he arrived in the Gulf Islands. He thought for a moment and concluded that including the 1988 visit, snow had coated the islands at least twice during his visits.

The day began early for the international visitors when they steamed from Bellingham to stop at each of the other Canadian Gulf Islands. Salt Spring was the last stop for the day. The next morning found them heading south for stops at various of the San Juan islands.

In 1963, the J.C.s of Victoria began their adventures aboard the Santa Ship which made visits to those islands, Canadian and American, which the Christmas Ship missed. The exchange of visits is unique in the world.

Costello described his feelings in an interview.

"It's the joy that the ship gives. I feel that I could go on for another hundred years. It's going to hurt very deeply but there comes a time when you've got to look forward to the future and change."

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- ★ **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS** - Anyone needing a Christmas Hamper should contact the Community Centre at 537-9971 as soon as possible.
- ★ **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - for reception and various projects in an interesting, lively setting.
- ★ **KINDLING** - Neatly bundled kindling from Roy. 537-4189, or the Achievement Centre, 537-9909.
- ★ **MEDICAL PREMIUM ASSISTANCE** - Call the Community Worker at the Centre for information on who is eligible, or call Medical Services Plan direct, 1-800-663-7100 (toll free).
- ★ **RECYCLING** - At the new depot on Rainbow Rd. we accept ● **NEWSPAPER** tied in bundles ● **GLASS** bottles, clean, with lids removed ● **CANS** clean & flattened and ● Clean, corrugated **CARDBOARD**.
- ★ **ACHIEVEMENT CENTRE PHONE NO.** - New number is 537-9909.
- ★ **AFTER HOURS CRISIS LINE** - Dial "O", ask for Zenith 2262.
- ★ The **S.S. HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION** has information regarding **R.R.A.P.** home renovation grants for disabled persons. Call the office at 537-9971 or 537-4386 evs.
- ★ **WANTED:** people interested in puppetry and children's shows. Phone Louise at 537-9971.



1-800-663-7382

The WCB's new **Info-Line** gives workers and employers in central Vancouver Island toll-free access to WCB information. So if you want more information on how to make your job site safer, if you have questions about an injury claim, or want to know how to apply for compensation benefits, call the **WCB Info-Line**.

Whether you're in Ahousat, Parksville or Port Alberni, one number will handle your WCB inquiries.

Save this toll-free WCB **Info-Line** number. If you've got questions, we've got the answers.



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WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Salt Spring welcomes Christmas Ship and Santa



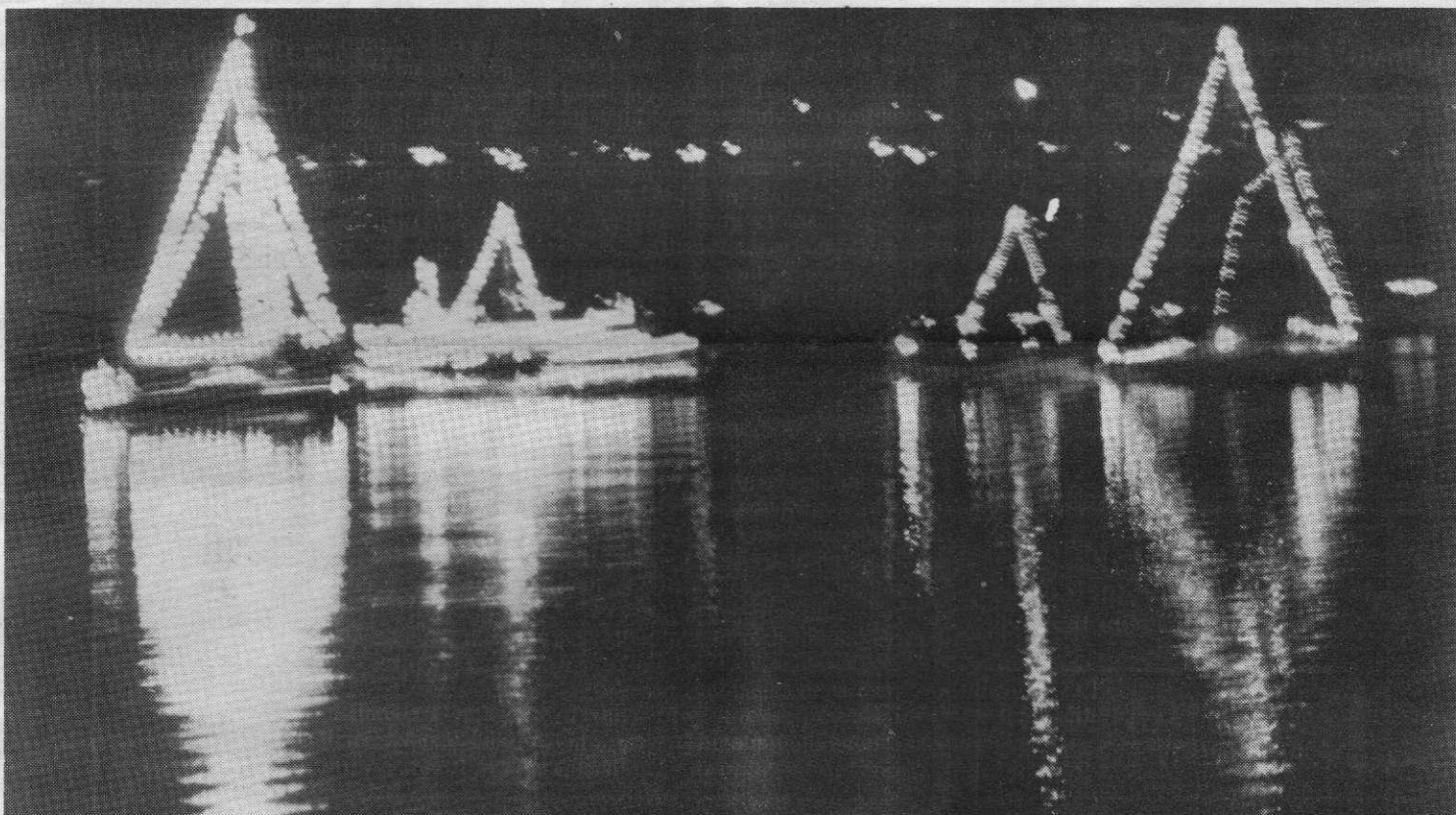
At least 200 people crowded to the Coast Guard dock on Salt Spring last Saturday evening to welcome the 6 p.m. arrival of the Christmas ship.

Above, children eagerly await the arrival of Santa Claus and his entourage of clowns. Above (right), Santa rides the firetruck with local youngster Jarrod Booth.

At side is an example of the brilliantly lit boats that met the Bellingham-based Christmas ship, while below (left) shows the multitudes crowding to meet it.

Beside that, Santa's helpers accompany him to Greenwoods.

Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy and Bill Webster





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PRIVACY - ACREAGE - WATERFRONT



A beautiful piece of waterfront on Scott Point with 144 ft. of oceanfront. One of the few properties that offer 1.36 acres of enjoyable level and very private land. 3 bedroom house set in the background enjoying the view of the marine traffic with a large deck to view from. Moorage at your doorstep. Outbuildings are a plus. View today one of the most reasonable waterfronts on the market. \$289,000 MLS.

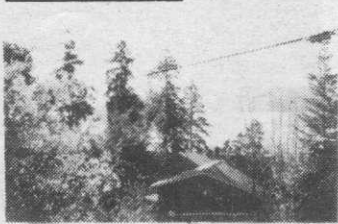
BUILD IN TREED SERENITY



Gently sloping 2.78 acres of nicely treed property. On paved cul-de-sac designed for privacy. Water and hydro to lot line. A wonderful buy! Now \$39,500 MLS.

MARION MARKS
537-2453

NEW NEW NEW



Do you remember when you last saw a south facing new lot so close to the ocean you could smell the ocean breezes? This is it. Large trees, a small cabin, 10 gpm well, and a great view of Ganges Harbour complete this package. A rare find in an area of good homes. For more information give me a call at 537-5515 or 537-2095. Asking Price \$89,900 MLS.

OCEAN VIEW



Cosy two bedroom home on .51 acre ocean view lot. This lot is zoned for two family dwellings as well as home occupatio. A 20x24 workshop, fully insulated with 60 amp service, phone and water complete this valuable parcel. Taxes include sewer and water. \$88,000 MLS

PHYLLIS FETHERSTON
537-2095

LAKEFRONT RESORT



Great opportunity in this well established business. One of the island's loveliest lakefronts, offering an owners residence, 5 cottages, office, store, showers, washrooms, 36 RV hookups, 17 tenting spaces, docks and much more: 2 1/2 acres level with approx. 375 ft. of frontage on beautiful St. Mary Lake. Call today for further details. \$550,000 MLS.

CHARACTER WATERFRONT



Charming older character home located on low bank waterfront. Sunny exposure. Features include 3 bedrooms, den, large kitchen, cosy living room, 3 baths, large deck with views over harbour. Landscaped tastefully. Large separate studio and workshop, greenhouse and fruit trees. Asking \$269,000 MLS.

MAGGIE SMITH
537-2913

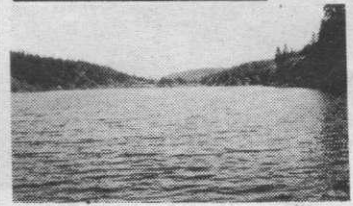
ST. MARY LAKE WATERFRONT



A rare opportunity to acquire prime waterfront on St. Mary Lake, this parcel is over an acre in size and contains a renovated two-bedroom home with potential for an in-law suite in the basement. \$149,000 MLS.

CUSHEON LAKE ESTATE

1ST GROWTH TIMBER



5 & 1/2 acres with approx. 500 ft. of lake frontage. The driveway winds through a stand of stately first-growth timber, terminating on a one acre flat, lakeside building site, bordered by a 50 acre greenbelt area. \$149,000 MLS.

STRICK AUST
537-5828

NEW LISTING



5 acres of land, lake and pasture views, 3 bedroom main home, plus 4 plex, cabin, studio/workshop, property shows good income and is priced at \$149,000.

NEW LISTING



Located in Vesuvius area, on wooded lot, 3 bedrooms deluxe home, plus den, family room, living room, two & 1/2 baths, formal dining room, large kitchen oak cabinets, large games room and swimming pool, carport, paved driveway, plus many more extras. Priced to sell. \$189,500.

MEL TOPPING
537-2426

NEW LISTINGS

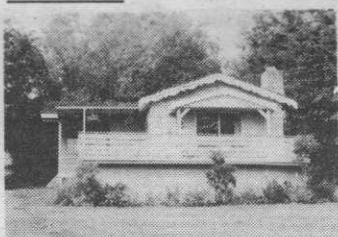
5 acres with over 400' of high bank waterfront on Long Harbour. Super view over Long Harbour, drilled well. Rustic cabin, driveway roughed-in. Asking \$107,500.

ACREAGE

5 acres on Saltair Lane, southern exposure. Naturally treed. Vendor financing with 10% down on price \$55,000.

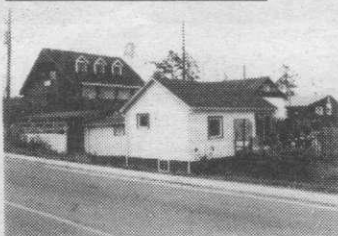
BOB TARA
537-5807

FERNWOOD SEASIDE COTTAGE



1.73 ac. Assorted fruit trees, 2 BR, 516 sq. ft. cottage. Appliances. New storage shed. Asking \$118,500.

POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN CORNER



Jackson & McPhillips .15 ac. presently rented as residential @ \$525/mon. but ideal for corner store. Excellent holding at \$95,000.

DICK TRORY
537-2236

6+ ACRES - 14 GPM WELL

This nicely parked acreage has 3 level bench areas with two excellent building sites. Close to hydro, roughed-in driveway and 14 gpm well make this good value at \$62,500.

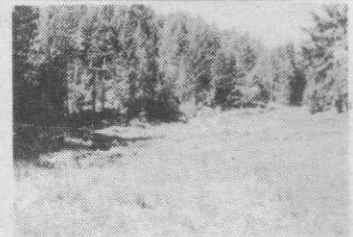
FULFORD HARBOUR



There has been 80 acres set aside from this 147 acre parcel to serve as a natural PRESERVE. Individual acreages are 3 to 7 acres in size. All have wells, many have driveways, natural ponds and meadows. There are 10 unique parcels remaining unsold.

DENNIS O'HARA
653-9555

SMALL FARM ACREAGE



11 acres of fenced, very productive peat soil, lying in a hanging valley. \$90,000.

CHARMING COTTAGE ON 4 ACRES

Pasture, fenced and cross fenced, mixed orchard, barn & outer buildings, near Ganges, old farm atmosphere. \$149,900.

JIM SPENCER
537-2154

A MANY SPLENDORED VIEW



Oceans of view in prestigious 100 Hills area. Trellised private courtyard, with rockery and flower garden. This 3 bedroom well-built home is situated on a secluded .93 acre lot. A must to see! \$179,900 MLS.

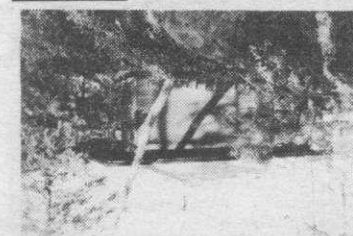
THE WILD SIDE OF LOVELINESS



Enjoy your own private, parklike forest of mature trees and completely deer-fenced peach orchard, situated at the end of a quiet country road. Warm, southern exposure with hydro hook-up to a proposed building site. A plus is brown loam and hundreds of feet of fencing and trails. 9.99 acres. \$65,000 MLS.

SHELLI ROBERTSON
653-4347

ACREAGE



Island retreat. New 1 bdrm cottage on 3.11 sunny acres; close to island amenities, furnished, excellent potential. ENQUIRE FURTHER NOW. \$107,500 MLS.

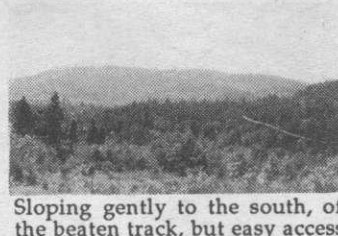
FAMILY HOME



Centrally located in the Mobrae area; large lot of approx. 1 acre, 3 bedrooms, family room down, some saltwater view, and view of St. Mary Lake. VIEW NOW. List Price \$99,500 MLS.

GIL MOUAT
537-4900

2 ACRES



Sloping gently to the south, off the beaten track, but easy access, drilled well, power, with a pastoral view, all stamped and ready to go. \$38,500.

GOOD BUYS!

* 1.36 acres semi-waterfront, seasonal moorage, on water system. Priced right \$79,900.

* Fulford 1.49 acres, natural state, drilled well, driveway, ideal location. Call now \$39,000.

* Mt. Belcher, sunny .96 acre, nice corner lot, some views on water system. \$45,900.

* Vesuvius building lot, 1.05 acres on water system. Only \$41,500.

* North end - close to beach, 1.22 natural acres. Only \$35,000, try terms.

* Waterfront, prime S.W. exposure, 1.99 acres in prestigious area fine homes, yearound moorage. Asking \$159,000 Firm.

* Seaview acreage, 2.19 sunny private acres, excellent views. Only \$47,000.

PAUL GREENBAUM
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Start with a one-of-a-kind waterfront acreage - 354 ft. of southwest exposure beachfront and 6.83 acres of land in its natural state. Add the plus of warm swimming, good moorage for your boat, and splendid views over Thetis and Kuper Islands, towards Vancouver Island's majestic mountains. You bring the plans - this is the location to turn that dream home into reality. Open to offers to \$275,000 MLS.

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