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Guinness debates entering Jarrod's record claim

A spokesman with the Guinness Book of World Records says the organization has not decided what it will do with Jarrod Booth's Christmas card claim.

Guinness' correspondent editor Martin Day, says the firm had planned to eliminate the category

for most cards received because of problems encountered by an English family three years ago.

He added, though, that another English boy who received close to a million postcards last year would be entered into the World Book.

Day said Guinness decided two

years ago to eliminate the category of most cards received after a campaign similar to the one run for Salt Spring Islands' Jarrod Booth went out of control.

The deluge of cards brought in through that campaign proved too stressful for the family.

After consulting with an English family who hoped to set a new world record last year, Guinness decided it would list the campaign if a new world high was set. It brought in close to a million cards.

Two weeks ago, Barry George, head of the Fill a Dream Foundation

in Victoria, announced that a spokesperson with Guinness told him chances were good the campaign here would find its way into the record book under a new category for the most Christmas cards received.

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Windfall debate heats up

By BILL WEBSTER

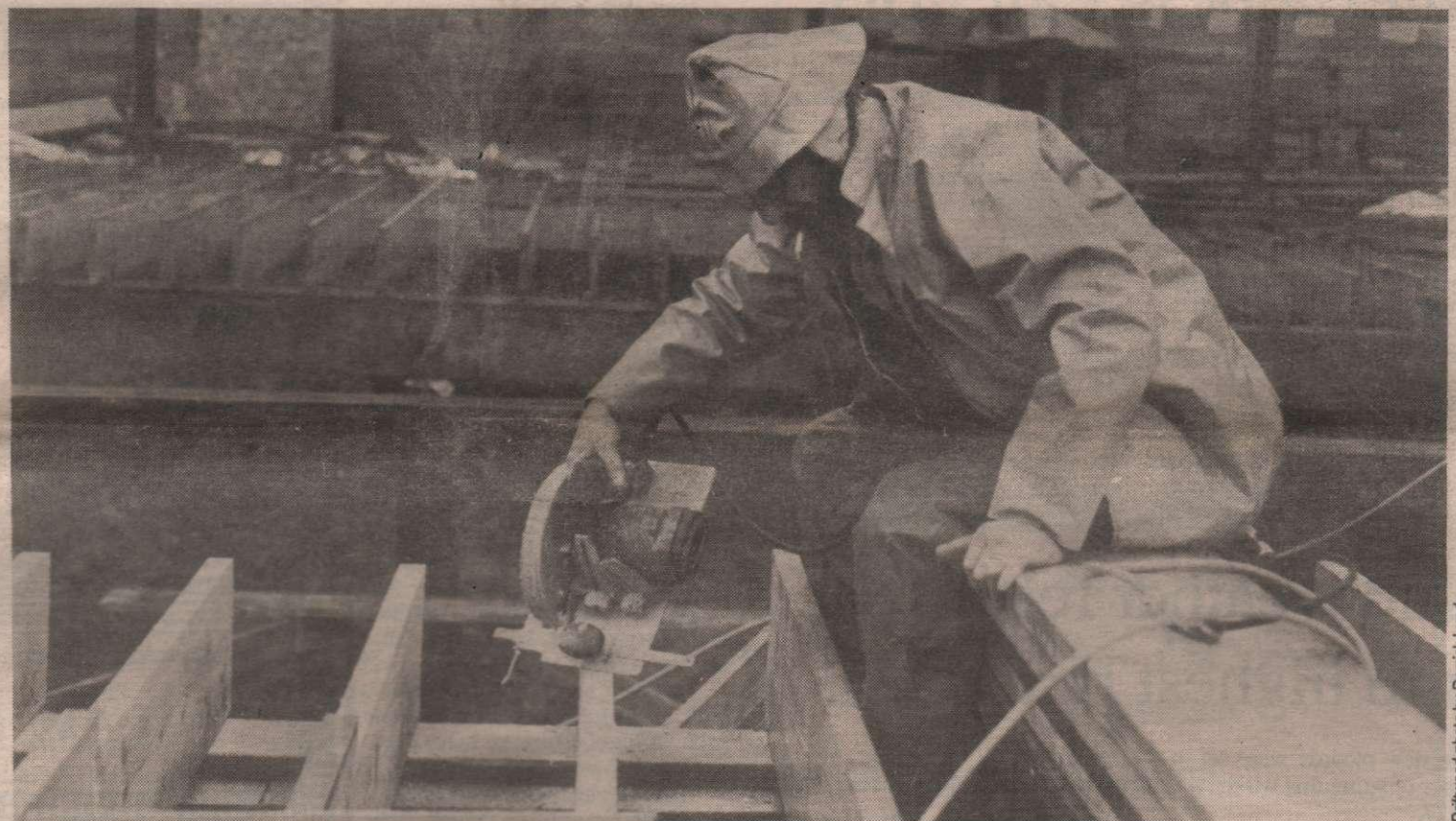
Julia Atkins, Salt Spring director to the Capital Regional District (CRD), has found herself surrounded by controversy regarding her handling of the Windfall grants.

Atkins received recommendations on how the money should be spent from the Windfall Committee early last November. Applicants were told a decision would be made before the end of last year and that the money would be available early in the new year.

The delay, fuelled by comments made by Atkins, has created an uproar.

Last Monday Atkins told the *Driftwood*, "I'm not going to say anything about Windfall," adding she would be releasing a public statement on the issue later in the week. Among the Windfall applica-

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Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Dressed for the wet weather, Lyle Harper helps keep construction moving at a Ganges work site. Harper is one of several people working on new buildings in the Ganges core (see Page A8). This particular development is owned by Leon Aptekman. See related story on Page A3.

INSIDE

This week's edition of the *Driftwood* contains the Continuing Education brochure. The organization is offering around 100 course throughout the Gulf Islands.



Glen Moores, the new president of the Chamber of Commerce, expresses his views and goals for the future. Please find the story on Page B19.

Heavy rains destroy road, strand local family

Run-off from the heavy rains over the past weekend gashed Mereside Road on Salt Spring Island effectively isolating a family.

Clive Williams lives at the end of Mereside in the Ford Lake valley. But water ate a six metre wide section of the road to a depth of 1.2 metres. The slash runs for close to 24 metres diagonally across the road. The gravel from the road washed down stream to block the creek bed and the torrent flooded along a low section of Mereside.

"This is a damn big gap," said Williams. "Somebody's at fault and I'm inconvenienced. I'm trapped."

Dan Evanishen also lives in the area said his driveway faced extinction until he utilized his backhoe to save the entrance to his property.

The problem began with the rainfall. From Wednesday, January 3, until Sunday, January 7, 7.4 centimetres of rain soaked the island.

An area on the southerly slope of the Ford Lake valley had been timbered recently. When rain falls as

much as it has in the past week, the run-off floods the creekbed — choked with slash from the timber cuts — and flows across the road. The displaced water follows a logging road, built to reach the timber site, down an incline to Mereside. And as the water flows, it eats into the gravel and sand.

The greatest rainfall occurred

between 4 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday when 3.33 centimetres of rain fell. The heaviest 24 hour-rainfall in recent years measured 9.7 centimetres.

Nick Gilbert, Islands Trust representative for Salt Spring, said the Mereside problem is only one of many on the island. He cited silt discolouring Stowe Lake and the

Ganges Creek among other problems of run-off from timbered areas.

"I know there are a lot of people in this community who are concerned about logging," he said.

But the Islands Trust, like any other municipality, has no recourse. The procedures of the forest ministry do not allow for local governments to have a say in forestry practices, Gilbert explained.

Williams said he talked to the highway maintenance firm on the island but learned it could do nothing because the problem of water not following the creekbed begins on private property. He had tried to contact the property owner with no success.

Mereside was also cut by water several weeks ago when another heavy rainfall washed the gravel down the creek. The two wash-outs have added silt to Fulford Creek causing it run sluggishly. Water has backed up to flood the low areas of the valley toward Ford Lake.

Local effort apparent during CounterAttack

Local RCMP say the effort made by islanders to use taxis, the bus and designated drivers paid off during the Christmas CounterAttack campaign.

RCMP Constable Chris Bomford said the Ganges detachment only charged two motorists with impaired driving throughout the campaign, which ran between December 8 and January 3.

CounterAttack is a province-wide campaign which combines stepped up police enforcement and public education to combat drinking and driving.

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THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week beginning Monday, January 8

Overcast skies and high winds with showers expected until Wednesday. Chance of sunny breaks Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Cloudy with showers this weekend.

HIGHS: 10 degrees C.

LOWS: 0 degrees C.

Chance of precipitation 10 per cent Wednesday and Thursday, 60 percent Friday and Saturday.

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Unlikely group will enter a new category

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Day told the *Driftwood*, however, it is unlikely a new category would be created. He added that Guinness is still considering the matter.

Other sources have indicated Guinness is considering entering the campaign in its North American edition.

At this point, close to 250,000 cards have come in for eight-year-old Jarrod and they are still arriving at the rate of 1,000 a day. Eric Booth says his son is "not impressed" with this latest turn of events and says he will write Guinness this week to

clarify the matter.

Regardless of the controversy surrounding the campaign, organizer Brian Harding, says he still hopes to send the Booth family to England to present the card count to Guinness.

Harding is hoping to raise \$10,000 for that trip which he would like to see take place late next month. (Donations for the trip can be made through the Islands Savings Credit Union in Ganges.)

"I think once they realize we are going to put up a fight, they'll change their minds," said Harding. "We want our day - that's all."

Mild weather results in third highest bird count

No new records were set in the December 17 bird count, but the number of siting this winter was the third largest since the count began in 1977.

In total, the 157 people who participated in the December 17 count recorded 23,034 birds on Salt Spring Island, up from last year's 22,396.

The record was set in 1983 when 24,823 birds were counted here.

Bird count organizer Christine Wooldridge says the most unusual find this December was the Western Tanager which has not been seen on Salt Spring before. And for the first time, a Great Horned Owl was included in the count — a bird which is occasionally seen on the island but has never been spotted on the day of the count.

Participants spot record 911 California quail and 81 bald eagles

Wooldridge says she suspects it was the milder weather which brought out the almost record number of people who participated in the count. The record for that was set in 1984 when 164 people turned out for the count.

While there were no new highs in terms of the overall count, Wooldridge noted that a record 911 California quail and 81 bald eagles were seen this time. Not surprisingly, the northwestern crow and the dark-eyed junco were the most common birds spotted that day.

Wooldridge noted the number of Western Greb was down considerably from what it has been in the past: it is usually seen in the thousands. She also noted that fewer water birds were included in the count. This could have resulted from the mild weather.

The bird count undertaken on Salt Spring Island is not considered official because the area covered in the count is less than the required 15 kilometre diameter. Like figures calculated in other parts of the province, however, local statistics are turned over to the National Audobon Society in New York through the B.C. Federation of Naturalists in Vancouver.

These figures are added to others collected throughout North America to determine the total bird count.

Total figures from the count done in this province should be released within the next week.

Windfall finalized this week

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tions is the Community Arts Council (CAC), which is seeking \$200,000 to help cover costs of a proposed \$1.3 million art centre for Salt Spring. Atkins has questioned giving half of the Windfall fund to one project. She has requested the group prove it has wide support for the project and suggested that a different site be arranged.

Reacting to the comments by Atkins, the Arts Centre committee met to discuss the matter. According to committee member Lawrie Neish, the group has agreed to proceed with the project even without Windfall backing.

Without the backing of Windfall, however, the proposed centre would appear to have lost support of the CRD director which is needed to buttress a request for a portion of Moutat Park. (The portion being changed from provincial to municipal park status.)

The group agreed that two lots on McPhillips Avenue, on which they hold an option, would be sufficient to hold the proposed Centre. However, expansion plans would be delayed permanently due to lack of space.

The delay in announcing a decision has caused consternation among applicants for funding as well as Windfall committee members.

Ron McQuiggan, a former CRD alternate who ran against Atkins in an October by-election, was hesitant to comment on the situation because he did not "want to sound like sour grapes."

He did express concern that the committee's work seems to be in process of being ignored.

"I think it's too bad that the thing isn't being followed through," he said. "A lot of effort just looks like it's going down the drain."

Jack Mitchell, chairman of the Windfall Committee, noted the irony in an Atkins' campaign promise to listen to the wishes of the people when a decision had to be made. He spoke to Atkins about the situation this week and came away from the meeting slightly more optimistic.

"I think we all better keep our underwear on for a while," he said after the meeting. He went on to explain that "hopefully, she'll accept the committees' recommendations and so far they've not been rejected."


Atkins said that a suggestion given to her involved rejecting the committee's recommendations and turning the entire \$400,000 over to the Salt Spring Solid Waste Committee.

She has also considered the option of investing the money and using the yearly interest to fund small projects. Another idea is to have the money and interest reinvested yearly to allow the fund to grow to close to \$1 million within five years.

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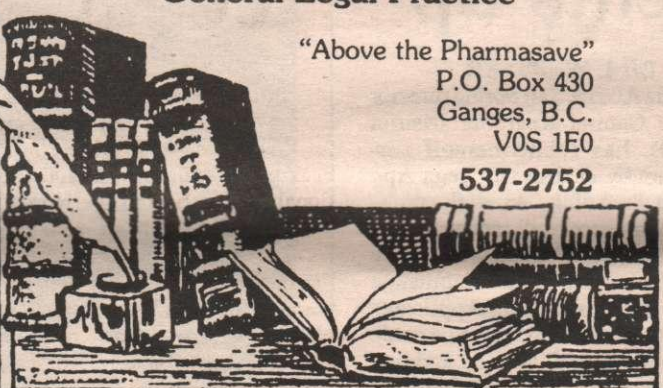


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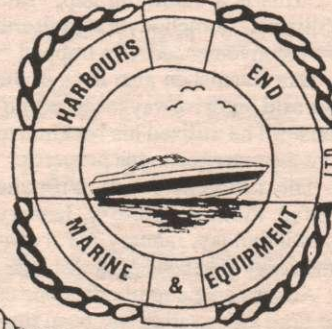
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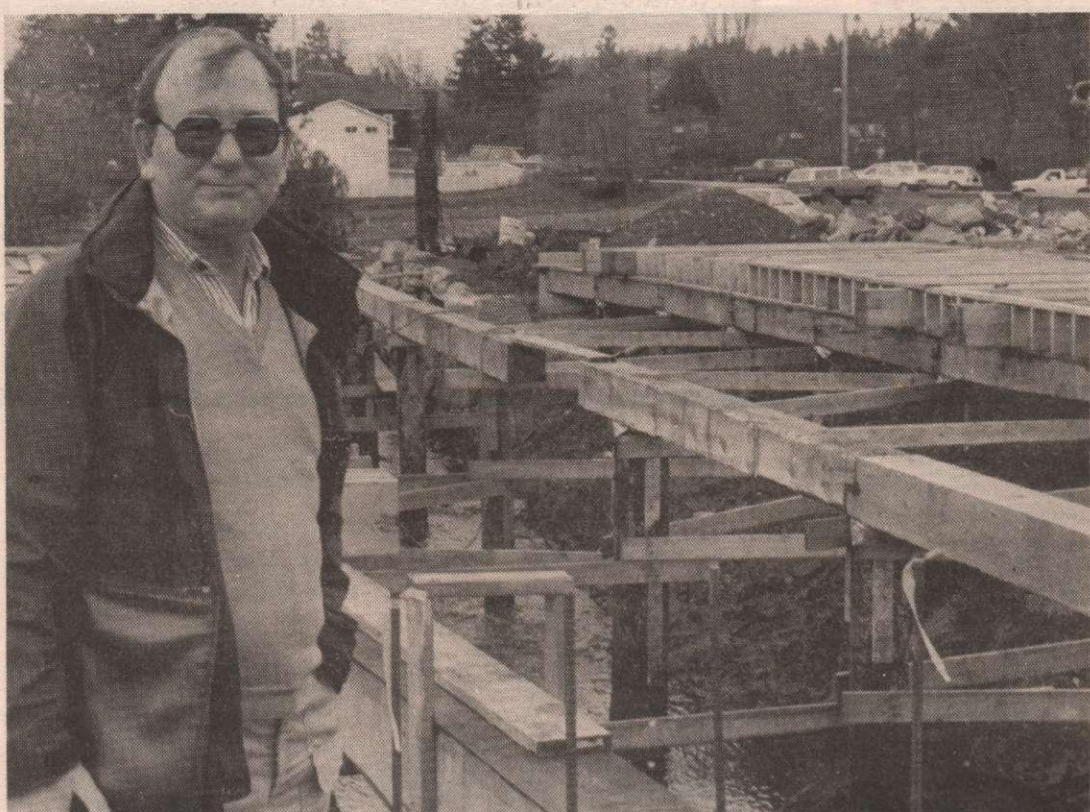
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Creekhouse owner Leon Aptekman stands at construction site of his Fulford-Ganges Road commercial development. Aptekman is proud of the development which took close to one and one-half years to design.

Creekhouse

New development to offer creekside, cedar walkway

The commercial development spanning Ganges Creek at Fulford-Ganges Road will be known as Creekhouse, said owner Leon Aptekman.

Creekhouse will feature two areas of commercial space separated by a cedar boardwalk covering the beginning of the creek. Office space will occupy the second floor of the buildings.

Aptekman has expressed much pride in his development: "It's going to be the finest building in Ganges," he said.

The walkway, stretching from the sidewalk at the front of the development, will join the linear park which follows Ganges Creek back to Jackson Avenue. A pedestrian crosswalk on Fulford-Ganges Road will allow access to Gasoline Alley and the boardwalk along the shore of the harbour.

Aptekman noted that a vehicular bridge will cross the creek behind

his stores to allow access from Seaview Avenue to the parking area for the project. The parking at the back of Creekhouse will add additional spaces behind the stores in that area of the village. Aptekman and Les Ramsey have purchased a lot further along McPhillips with plans to incorporate at least 30 additional parking spots to ease congestion in the village.

Access to the expanded parking lot will be from McPhillips Avenue as well as Fulford-Ganges Road and the new Seaview entrance, which also serves the grocery store being built adjacent to Aptekman's properties.

One building will house 108 square metres of office space on the upper level, while the other building will feature 144 sq. m. Aptekman said the second floor area can be subdivided into offices according to the amount of space needed.

Glass will be the major feature

of the ground floor with windows stretching across the fronts and along the boardwalk sides of the two commercial areas.

The cedar walkway will be pierced with viewing wells to allow light onto the creek. Aptekman said that the Salmon Enhancement group intends to stock Chum salmon in the creek and added that salmon like light.

Local architect Jonathan Yardley designed the development alongside Phil Granges who conducted the engineering studies. Contractor of the site is Hans Hazenboom.

Aptekman said planning of the concept took close to one and a half years. He had to discuss the concept with the department of fisheries, environment and the water board to gain approval to span the creek. Part of the deal resulted in him and Bruce Russell of Gulf Pacific which owns a nearby property to pay for the cement culvert recently installed under Fulford-Ganges Road.

He explained that the culvert — precast concrete measuring 2.4 metres by 2.4 metres — cost the two developers \$25,600 with the highways department covering the cost of labour.

Completion date is slated for April of this year with phase two and three of the project to follow. The next phases involve developing adjacent properties to match Creekhouse.

CRD strikes committee to govern water district

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has struck a new committee to govern activities of the Fernwood water district.

The north Salt Spring area water district came under jurisdiction of the CRD as of January 1, 1990.

The board named Aubrey Marler, Aubrey Shaw and Vicki Griffin for terms to expire January 1, 1992. Stan Smith and Mary Ashworth have been appointed to one-year terms.

Marler has since been named chairman of the committee.

The Fernwood water district begins at St. Mary Lake and centres on properties on both sides of Maycock and Howard extending north to include the properties on North End Road from approximately Whims Road to McFadden Creek.

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Atkins should follow her campaign promise

Salt Spring's director to the Capital Regional District (CRD) is in a tough position.

However, Julia Atkins really has only one path to follow when it comes to making a decision on distribution of the Windfall Funds. She has to follow her own advise.

In Atkins' bid for the position of CRD director, she promised to move island politics away from top-down decision making. She told islanders that decisions should come from the community itself, and to this end, set up the Round Table sessions.

Sixteen people worked for at least three months, examining 25 different proposals for expenditure of the funds. These people represented a cross-section of the community. They judged each project according to established criteria and considered the benefit each would bring to the community.

Countless others spent hours drawing up their proposals.

Atkins recently noted that the Solid Waste Committee could benefit from the \$400,000 windfall. To be certain, solid waste has become an important issue on the island which must be solved.

However, before Atkins decides to give the money to the Solid Waste Committee or to deposit it in the bank and spend the interest, she must determine what the community wants.

After all, it is her own advise.

Season's effort is noted

Salt Spring Islanders deserve a pat on the back for taking responsibility during the holiday season.

Statistics released by Ganges RCMP this week indicate many islanders refrained from drinking and driving during the annual Christmas CounterAttack campaign.

Police only charged two individuals with impaired driving throughout the month-long campaign.

RCMP said the low number of charges laid and the co-operation exhibited by drivers during roadblocks indicate islanders made an effort to find alternative ways of getting home.



THE SALTSRING SHUFFLE
 (LA-LA-LA LAMBO)

Dennis Parker 90

Tables turned: men working in a woman's world

The gentleman stood at the front counter of the *Driftwood* office, asking the two women who stood before him a variety of questions.

I wandered to the front, picked up my mail and headed back to my office. Damaris scooted up for one reason or another and Cathy could be seen walking down the hall.

The man cleared his throat as he prepared to leave. "Say," he asked uncertainly, "is this a women-only club?"

It's true. Used to be I'd go for a beer "with the boys" after work Tuesdays. Now we have to beg our partners to join us, just to have a little masculine input at the table.

Just three lonely soldiers left at the *Driftwood*. Men in a woman's world.

Pity the poor male who walked into the staff room, just in time to become embroiled in our debate: to shave or not to shave your legs. He sheepishly exposed a furry limb and

off the record

susan dicker



made a bee-line to Webster's office.

Then there was the time six female employees crowded into my office for an after-hours brew. Webster opened the door between our offices, looked around, opened his mouth to say something, closed it and retreated to his office. I think we were talking about Ontario shoe-
 wear.

"The first blast of the trumpet (will be) against the monstrous regiment of women," writes John Knox in the 1500s.

(This is one of the less obnoxious quotations flung at women through years, many of which compare our "feeble and frail" bodies to wine, flowers and other inappropriate inanimate objects.)

I have seen female intimidation first-hand. At university I took a Women's Studies course. The class, which met for three hours at a time, had around 40 students in it. About five were rather vocal man-haters and one . . . one poor soul was a man.

The first evening he bravely sat at the front of the room. Gradually, he travelled from seat to seat backwards, until one night, he disappeared and was never seen again.

I expect he just dumped the class, but at the time I was rather concerned about his well-being.

I also sat at the back, frightened one of those five women would turn to me and force me to admit I actually like men. (I mean they are just like large children.)

Then there was the time, more years ago, when my buddy Sonja and I were cruising downtown Victoria. Sonja (who suffered from a big mouth) made some disparaging remark to a group of young female thugs who happened to be walking by.

Lightning doesn't move as fast as those girls, who quickly had their fists at our 15-year-old throats, and had our terror-frozen bodies up against a car.

(Nothing "frail and feeble" here.)

"She didn't mean it," I assured my black-clad assailant. Sonja, of course, was speechless for the first time in her life.

It's just that we're taught to be frightened of men . . . women aren't supposed to be that scary.

The Women's Studies course did not turn me into a man-hater. However, I did take out the injustices inflicted on women past, present and future on every man I met for at least six months.

The women's world at the office does create some differences. Joyce reminds me to wear a coat when I go out. If I come in on a day off, she gets this look on her face — the same little crease on the forehead that mom used get when she thought I wasn't getting enough sleep.

And one thing that has definitely become apparent: the toilet paper bill has hit the ceiling.

letters

Forward & downward?

To the Editor,
In his letter to *Driftwood* (Dec. 13) Mr. Murray Cyprus asks the question "what constitutes a density?" I would suggest to Mr. Cyprus that he carefully re-reads his letter(s) and perhaps the answer will then become clear to him.

With regard to the advertisement in the same issue, placed by Mr. Cyprus' creation under the acronym "FORWARD": the statements in it are subtly misleading. Yes, the Community plan for SSI is written. That happened over a decade ago and it is known as bylaw 200. The 1989 community plan review at this time is just a review of that by-law and the process is wide open to public input and subject to public hearings and perhaps a plebiscite. Nothing is definite at this point.

Mr. Cyprus and his forward friends can present themselves and their ideas at these public functions like everyone else and they can dialogue with anyone or any group(s) who are involved in this issue too. If they choose not to, but attempt to circumvent rules for the common good while out of hand branding efforts to create and defend a responsible and sustainable economy and lifestyle on this island as restrictive and anti-development, well, if nothing else it tells us a lot about their attitude towards the community.

My sentiment is that anyone who bulldozes the interests of the community and society at large out of the way for purely personal gain is guilty of being anti-social. One person's freedom of action ends where another person's freedom begins and vice versa.

"Forward" proponents might also contemplate the fact that the only sane move when standing in front of a precipice is to step backward. And today no thinking person would dispute that the world in almost all respect is standing in front of a precipice.

JOHN LAMMERS,
Fulford.

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To the Editor,
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DAVID SOMERVILLE,
President.

Keep density down

To the Editor,
Dear F.O.R.W.A.R.D.: I have just read your advertisement asking for support in sabotaging the community plan. We and many people like us are certainly against expansion. It may be inevitable to grow very slowly and carefully, but please as slowly as possible!

You are correct if you assume that I am not a land "developer," real estate agent, or in the building trade. These are the obvious people who would benefit from expansion. The rest of us will hate the crowding and higher expenses that go with a larger population.

You are wrong if you think I am a newcomer to this area. My great grandparents, grandparents and father are all buried within 30 miles of here. I have seen the changes growth has made. I even remember when Victoria was a charming town — and I am not

old (very)!

People compare S.S.I. to Nantucket Island. They are similar but there is one glaring difference. Half of Nantucket is National Park. How much of SSI is protected? Less than 10%?

These Gulf Islands are unique. Let's all try to keep them that way!

Keep the density down.
DIANA KRAMER,
Ganges.

Dream

To the Editor,
Re: unrecyclable garbage:

I had a strange dream last night; Salt Spring Island had passed a referendum which divided all residences into mini-neighbourhoods of 12 dwellings, to better deal with plastics, poison containers, old paint cans, and other non-recyclable garbage (NRG).

Each month all 12 householders' NRG would be squashed by a travelling district compacter and buried in one of the resident's backyards, site to be chosen by Mrs. Jones or Mr. Smith — or Mr. and Mrs. Newman, as their turn came round, once a year!

People were having neighbourhood meetings on healthier consumer habits, as well as taking turns asking local businesses to refuse packaging and products which contributed to their NRG.

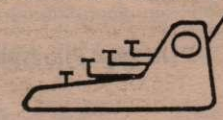
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by hubert beyer



VICTORIA — By now, you will have had more than your fair share of people wishing you a prosperous New Year, and the thought may have crossed your mind that if 1990 is going to be prosperous at all, it may well be the last one, considering the fiendish Goods and Services Tax Michael Wilson is going to unleash a year from now.

I've defended the GST in a previous column and I'm still licking my wounds, but I'd like to have another go at it. I'd like to tell you about a country which introduced a similar tax six years ago and succeeded in solving many of the problems Canada is facing today. The country is New Zealand.

In 1984, New Zealanders turfed out the ruling government and elected a new one with a few new ideas, one of which was to completely revamp the antiquated tax structure.

When the government took office, the economy was a shambles. Budgets had run high and deficits had been increasing year after year. Resource allocation had been severely distorted, inflation was on the rise and economic growth was less than it should have been.

Revamping entire tax system

In the area of taxation, things were much like here. A vast number of concessions, perks, exemptions and incentives were available mainly to the affluent. Companies and individuals with high incomes had both incentives and opportunity to avoid paying taxes. Sounds familiar? It does to me.

Roger Douglas, the new finance minister, faced the formidable task of revamping New Zealand's entire tax system, because nothing else would do the job, in the opinion of the new caretakers of the public purse.

It is Douglas' belief that there are only two fundamental tax systems, one of high taxation with built-in perks, incentives and concessions, the other a system of low taxes with absolutely no built-in subsidies and exemptions. He chose the latter.

In his first budget in 1984, Douglas introduced a massive phasing out of subsidies, incentives, tax breaks, concessions and protectionist measures. At the same time, the government began deregulating the finance sector.

Douglas also made it clear that the government would soon begin a relentless program of restructuring the public sector. And he introduced the country's first Goods and Services Tax.

Expose deficiencies of old system

Douglas says he was guided by number of key principles, the most important of which was to convince the public that low and middle-income earners would not be worse off than under the old system. Another was to expose the deficiencies of the old system.

The new government set the GST at 10 per cent, three per cent higher than ours will be. Simultaneously, the government lowered personal income taxes and increased welfare rates by five per cent. Unemployment insurance benefits were also increased.

The list of items exempted from the GST in New Zealand is short and includes all exported goods and services. The tax also doesn't apply to second-hand goods, including used cars and older homes.

Douglas says that within two or three weeks after its introduction, the new tax system had a 65 per cent approval rating from the public, and has never again been a political issue.

Since then, the New Zealand government has followed up on its promise to restructure the public sector. Those measures were very similar to the ones British Columbia went through during Bill Bennett's restraint program. The public service was down-sized, numerous publicly-owned companies were privatized and the private sector was freed of many of the restraints previous governments had imposed on it.

A way to sell change to the community

Today, the results speak for themselves. While Canada's deficit is continuing to rise, New Zealand has all but eliminated its deficit problems.

Douglas has some advice for the Mulroney government. "Don't compromise." Exempting too many items from the GST, he says, will not make the tax more acceptable.

"In many countries, political fears led governments to introduce taxes of this type with a large number of exemptions.

"When you boil it right down, they were looking for an easy way to sell the change to the community. But in fact, that approach ends up making it much harder to sell initially and much less satisfactory to the community after implementation."

So there is another one of my spirited defences of the GST. And, ah, yes, there's one more thing I wanted to mention. The party that saddled New Zealanders with all those nasty capitalist measures was the labour party, New Zealand's version of our New Democrat Party.

Court drops charges

Arguing there is a difference between wanting to contact a preferred lawyer and refusing to take a breathalyser test, Roland Unwin was found not guilty last month for refusing to provide a breathalyser sample.

Ganges provincial court also found the 23-year-old Victoria man not guilty of impaired driving.

In his testimony to the court, RCMP Constable Gary Styles said he was duty last June 25, when he saw Unwin sleeping in a van. Because the vehicle was blocking Ross Road, Styles woke Unwin and moved the van to one side of the road. He then threw the keys under the driver's seat.

Fifteen minutes later, Styles saw Unwin driving the van and pulled him over. Styles said the accused wobbled and fell back against his van when he left the vehicle. Styles formed the opinion Unwin was under the influence of alcohol. He told him he was being investigated for impaired driving.

At the RCMP detachment, Unwin was invited to phone a lawyer and asked to take a breathalyser test. Unwin refused to contact any of the local lawyers and refused to blow until he could contact his own lawyer, who was staying in his parents' cabin off-island at the time.

After again being offered the opportunity to contact a local lawyer, Unwin was charged with refusing to take the breathalyser test. Styles said a total of eight minutes had elapsed between the time Unwin was first asked to call a lawyer and the time he was charged.

In his decision, Judge A.E. Filmer said that it was precipitous to suggest that because the defendant would not blow until he could contact his lawyer, it was the same as a refusal. He also said that even though the arresting officers may have thought Unwin was impaired by the way he walked, an assumption based on what they saw in that circumstance was not enough to find Unwin guilty of impaired driving.

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Vesuvius awards dippers

From Page A1

While the icy fun was unfolding at the beach, Inn manager John Steele stayed at the Inn, claiming he had to cook hot dogs and brew hot chocolate for everyone.

Newell said this was his first dip at Vesuvius, although he has attended the mainland fray at English Bay for eight years.

"I heard this one was more fun," he said in explanation of his efforts, "and it is."

Frank Hinrichsen came a long way to swim in the cold water. He hails from Denmark where he swims everyday of the year in the North Sea. He came to the beach just to watch but couldn't resist the urge to get chilled.

Nancy and Sid Wigen of Fulford continued to be the elder statesmen of the event, as the south-end couple again took the plunge.

In all, with the three youngsters and Chestnut, five females and 10 males turned pink skin to blue. They were, including those mentioned: Penny Polden, Janine Morris and Patricia Brown, along with Leonard Wallbank, Andrew Hughes, Dan Clements, Stefan Jacobs, Stan Howard, Dean Gronsdahl and Nick Varzeliotis.

The event has become an island tradition as each January 1 at 11 a.m., *Homo Thalarctos maritimus* takes to the frigid water of Vesuvius Bay.

A joint complex? — Atkins

From Page A1

Atkins suggested a joint complex could be built, housing both the arts centre and the school board office — something that would be new to this island but has been done elsewhere.

Regarding the entire Windfall fund, Atkins said she has also considered investing all of the \$400,000 — using just the interest to fund local projects. She said she plans to discuss the idea in more detail with the Capital Regional District.

In the meantime, Lawrie Neish with the Arts Centre Society says his group plans to meet this week to decide what its next course of action will be.

arthur black



First thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers.

William Shakespeare penned those words for a minor character in his play *Henry VI* nearly 400 years ago. Last month in a souvenir shop in Stratford, Ontario, I saw racks and racks of T-shirts, all sizes, all colours, all bearing the same slogan. "How are the Lawyer T-Shirts selling?" I asked the clerk.

"Can't keep 'em in stock" she replied with a smirk.

Ah yes . . . lawyerphobia. The profession everybody loves to loathe. 'Twas ever thus.

Almost ever, anyway. The ancient Romans groused and grumbled about lawyers. The Bible smites them hip and thigh (Luke 11:46). The English poet Keats wrote "I think we may class the lawyer in the natural history of monsters." The nation of Andorra was so unimpressed with lawyers that it banned them from its courtrooms by government decree 'way back in 1864. That decree is still in effect.

Sleaze-exuding courtroom buzzards

The twentieth century has been no kinder to the legal profession. Maybe it was the spectacle of sleaze-exuding, courtroom buzzards like Melvin Belli and Marvin Mitchelson. Maybe it was the numbing realization that most of our politicians started out as lawyers (is that a lateral career move, or a demotion?). Lawyers have become society's official professional scapegoats, eclipsing even dentists and journalists.

How do I know? From all the lawyer jokes going around, that's how. Have you heard them?

What's brown and black and looks good on a lawyer?

A doberman.

Why do piranhas refuse to attack lawyers?

Professional courtesy.

What's the difference between a dead skunk and a dead lawyer in the middle of the road?

Skid marks in front of the skunk.

Why does Ottawa have the most lawyers and Baie Comeau the most toxic waste dumps?

Baie Comeau got first choice.

So far, the ABA hasn't threatened to sue

This is vicious stuff! So vicious that even some lawyers aren't laughing anymore. The American Bar Association is making nervous, throat-clearing noises about "the dangers of lawyer-bashing."

So far the ABA hasn't threatened to sue anybody.

They'd have their attache cases full if they did.

There's a popular syndicated column in many Canadian newspapers called *Court Jesters*. It's written by one Peter MacDonald and it's all about irregular court goings-on in this country — most of them hilarious, very few of them edifying to the lawyers involved.

Mister MacDonald comes by his material first hand. He's a practising lawyer in Hanover, Ontario.

That brings up a truly curious characteristic about the epidemic of lawyer jokes going around: most of the jokes come from lawyers.

Which may be the most promising feature of the profession — that its members have the grace to laugh at themselves.

One final lawyer joke — this one about F.E. Smith, a brilliant turn-of-the-century British barrister with a tongue like a Samurai's sword. Nobody, not even judges, cared to bandy words with F.E. Smith. He always won.

Well, almost always. Once, twitting a judge about the size of his belly, Smith asked if he expected a boy or a girl. "If it's a boy" said the judge, "I'll call him John. If it's a girl I'll call her Mary. But if, as I suspect, it's only wind, I'll call it F.E. Smith."

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from the trypewriter

of bill webster



The decade is gone. Did you enjoy it? Although there are those sticklers for accuracy who insist that we have 12 months left in the Eighties. Seems when the calendar turned, close to two millennium ago, to mark the before and after of The Carpenter's coming, there was no Year 0. So, even though the date is 1990, we suffer the dregs of the '80s for a while yet.

The Gulp Isles went through convulsions of epic proportions during these 10 years. Many happenings changed many things while many more events continue to unfold into tomorrow.

On Salt Spring, the decade (1981) began with acrimony which started many years previous and was centred on how Ganges could effectively dispose of wastes and such. The debate which marked the struggle cannot be described as friendly.

To be sure, when the debate, but not the differing opinions, was ironed out, the solution could be seen as speedy for the Gulp Isles. After all, the mess was sorted out in 20 years. Some say that time span was too quick.

Followed smoke to find the fire

And in those days, the garbage dump up on the Cranberry could be found readily. One merely followed the smoke to find the fire which regularly erupted. Complaints prompted official reactions and the used left-overs were buried. For all the years of its existence, the site has produced only smoke pollution and then only when someone got careless or nature indulged in spontaneous fire-bugging.

Now, we prove to be good citizens and recycle what we discard while what is left over is hidden underground.

Out there, on the Outer Gulps, development and cutting trees occupied attention for many of the 10 years. Mac Blo, among others, seemed intent upon ensuring baldness for Galiano. Off-islanders should have learn not to mess with those folks. For many years they tried vainly to convince the highways bigwigs that a short-cut was needed from the north end to Montague Harbour. When no one in the stone pile in Victoria listened, the good folk of Galiano gathered and built their own road.

Suitable for California or Crofton

Meanwhile on Mayne, folks under the hill learned that they shouldn't be there. Falling rocks threatened but officials did not much of anything. Developers attempted, several times, to do injustice to that island and the Mayne Inn with wild and wonderful plans which would be suitable for California or Crofton. The people insisted that such plans didn't belong — and won.

Pender faced a split in more than just the canal between the two islands. Development of many acres, hectares to those disposed to newspeak, had detractors and supporters. A long meeting held by the Penders Islands Trustees aired grievances, real and imagined, and the development, scaled to fit, proceeded. Magic Lakes remained foremost in the minds of Penderites as they pondered the new mega-development.

Saturna stayed serene with only family squabbles, as befits such a close-knit island, to cause ripples. The yearly salmon bar-b-que continued to draw the famished while residents fumed over the choice of paint which graced(?) the community hall.

The story remains similar

Life on the rocks continued more or less as before. More names appeared on each subsequent voters' list. And the number of realtors increased geometrically.

The trypewriter arrived when the decade began. Back then, in those days now enshrined in Trivia games, the method of producing trype was manual. Now, the bytes and DOS control how words go together. He came, the trypewriter from Trawna, eh? There he reported on official foolishness as the elected attempted to do what the electors didn't want. And the electors there argued mainly about the size and scope of development.

Seems the locale can change but the story remains similar.

Seawalks and who pays and who benefits fill the spaces around news of pollution from Crofton coupled with gnashing of teeth when faced with the latest clear-cut. Disgust, thinly disguised, centres on squeezing many housing units into small, visible spaces.

And the local empire, known as the Board of School Trustee for School District 64, grows mysteriously large when the number of children in classrooms is considered.

The decade changes. Has anyone learned anything?

Cocaine charges laid

• A former Salt Spring man has been charged with possession of cocaine.

Ganges RCMP seized approximately one gram of cocaine from a 23-year-old Victoria man as he sat in his vehicle in the Fulford Inn parking lot on December 26.

The individual will appear in Ganges provincial court on March 13.

• A Christmas CounterAttack roadblock resulted in impaired driving charges against a local man.

The 21-year-old was stopped by Ganges RCMP at a roadblock on Fulford-Ganges Road, December 27.

The individual was charged with impaired driving and driving with a blood-alcohol level higher than the permitted level.

• Local RCMP are investigating two break, enter and theft offences on Galiano Island.

On December 28 police learned two residences on Gulf Drive had been broken into. Thieves took off with various amounts of liquor.

• A 20-year-old Burnaby man was charged with several offences, after a local told police he heard a window smashing at Upper Ganges Centre.

When the police officer arrived on the scene, he noted an individual lurking in the vicinity of a broken window at Dagwood's Restaurant.

The man fled as soon as the RCMP officer arrived. A foot chase ensued, but came to an abrupt end when the man fell over an embankment into a blackberry bramble.

The 20-year-old accused was remanded in custody and charged with breaking and entering Dagwoods and mischief.

Region sets committees

The two Capital Regional District (CRD) directors for the Gulf Islands will be busy with various municipal committees this year.

New CRD chairman Murray Coell named Outer Gulf Island director Vern Roddick, of Pender Island, to chair the General Municipal Services committee. Roddick will also serve as member on the Administration and Community Health committees. He also sits as executive member for the CRD Hospital Board.

Julia Atkins, the Salt Spring director to the CRD, will serve on the Community Health committee and the General Municipal Services committee.

The Administration committee takes care of business concerning personnel, land, finance and other issues of interest to the CRD Board.

The Community Health committee looks after matters to ensure a smooth operation of the Community health services in the region.

The General Municipal Services committee concerns itself with community planning land use control, building inspection, animal control and other things as related to the electoral areas.

The Hospital Board takes care of money and such for the hospitals within the CRD jurisdiction.

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Grittani and band to present one-night dance and concert

Marianne Grittani, who hasn't been seen or heard in these parts for a while, will be making a stopover on Salt Spring for a one night-only appearance with her four piece band at Mahon Hall on Friday, January 12.

"I couldn't decide whether to do a concert or a dance, so we're doing both!"

The first part of the show will be an opportunity to listen to some of the music Grittani has been writing and recording since she left Salt Spring in 1981.

"There may be an old chestnut or two that will be familiar to the local audience," she says. "It'd be great to get some of my old musical cohorts up there to sit in with us - a reunion of sorts."

"That would sure make me smile."

After the intermission, the band and will come back for some "kick off your shoes and get down and boogie action."

"You see, I love doing concerts because it allows me to slide around musically, shifting from mood to mood expressing all the various facets of human experience that I observe and write about. That's the writer in me. But the dancer in me revels in having basically a hall full of people to dance with while I play."

Her songs do cover a lot of ground, lyrically and stylistically. And they are invariably delivered with conviction, honesty (and in some cases, humour) which is hard to be unaffected by. It's obvious that she enjoys performing with a band, which will be a more common occurrence come the new year. All her songs have a strong rhythmic base which is apparent even when she performs solo; but when she puts a band behind her, the sophistication of the rhythms, melodies and lyrics is a thrilling combination.

"This is a fairly momentous gig for me. First of all, this is where I made the leap from amateur to professional, not



Marianne Grittani

without invaluable support and encouragement from Valdy.

"And secondly, this is my first date with this band, this repertoire, this year - this decade. And it's a kick-off for me into a whole new phase of my career as a touring concert act.

"It's going to be wonderful to share that with some of the same friends that accompanied me through my last major transition. I'm looking very, very forward to it.

"Hopefully, they are too."

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by lynda laushway



The red carpet was rolled out to the sidewalk under a canopy. The valets were ready to park the cars of arriving guests. The multitude of employees were dressed in black and white, tastefully adorned with corsages and boutonnieres. The pianist played the grand piano as the imported champagne flowed. Duly impressed, I strolled in to Helen Frankenthaler's opening at the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery in Vancouver.

This was my first high-brow art opening, an experience not soon to be forgotten. A place to be seen by the artsy set in Vancouver and of more interest to me, a great place to people watch — almost as enticing as the artwork.

The words artist, female, famous and financially successful are not often found in the same sentence and Frankenthaler's achievements made a lasting impression.

Etchings were truly inspirational

Helen Frankenthaler is one of America's best known female artists. She has had a retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and a long and illustrious art career, travelling in the circles of Clement Greenberg and Jackson Pollock.

The exhibit of gouches and prints is large, covering the walls and floor space of three rooms. Frankenthaler's etchings, lithographs and combinations of the two, were truly inspirational. She knows a lot about the printmaking techniques and handles it with mastery. Her works-on-paper were less appealing to me, often bordering on simplistic. She has however, a rich sense of colour and intuitive design, with a light luminous quality in her work.

Being in the right place at the right time

The artwork of Frankenthaler impressed me but what was of more interest to me was the fact that it did not impress me more than the work of 30 or more of my contemporaries who are not well-known or well-heeled. I learned some interesting lessons at that opening about the nature of the art world and about being in the right place at the right time.

To Frankenthaler's credit she did do a lot of her much-emulated techniques and designs, first. She is truly a creative master and innovator, daring to risk ahead of others.

The price tags on the artwork ranged from \$14,000 for her prints to \$240,000 for her three-part etched screen in bronze sculptured case. There were apparently 12 of these screens created, with two left for sale.

For those of you planning a trip to Vancouver over the holidays, Helen Frankenthaler's show continues at the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery on West Georgia until January 15.

Calendar features Grannies

B.C.'s Raging Grannies will be one of the groups featured in a calendar which singles out prominent Canadian women.

The calendar, called "Herstory," is put out by the Saskatoon Women's Calendar Collective and is in its 15th year of publication.

Patty Williams, a member of the Saskatoon Women's Calendar Collective, says the goal of the group is to feature women who may not be well-known, but who do interesting things.

Fifty-three individuals or groups are featured in the calendar. B.C.'s Raging Grannies and Canada's first woman doctor are two of the new entries to the calendar this year.

There are currently six branches of the Raging Grannies in B.C. and new ones have recently started up in Edmonton and Toronto. The group was formed three years ago in Victoria and was actually an offshoot of the already existing NERTS or Nuclear Emergency Response Team.

Some 13 grannies belong to the Salt Spring Island group.

The original purpose of the NERT group, says Betty Brightwell, one of its key organizers in Victoria, was to protest the armed U.S. nuclear warships coming into Victoria's harbour. That same mandate was passed onto the Raging Grannies when it was formed three years ago, although environmental issues have become another raging concern.

Members of the Salt Spring group meet once a week, write most of their own songs and are available for a protest rally on 24 hours notice.

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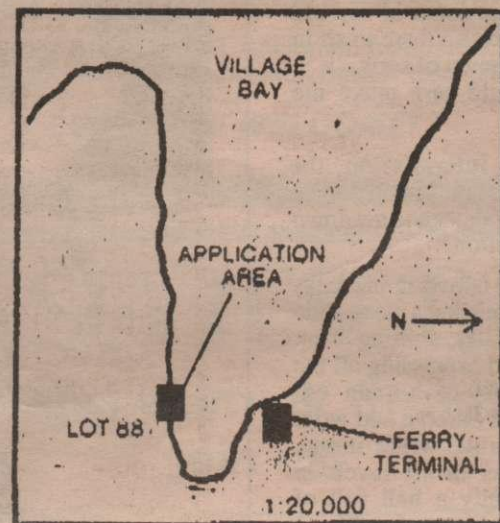
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Paper joins 46 others in B.C. Press Council

The *Gulf Islands Driftwood* has joined 46 newspapers in the province and become a member of the B.C. Press Council.

The *Driftwood* and the Fort St. John *Northerner* took out memberships in the Council this year, joining 17 daily newspapers and 27 community newspapers from across the province.

The B.C. Press Council announced the additions in a press release earlier this month.

The Council's main function is to consider complaints from the public about the press which have not been satisfied between the complainants and the newspapers involved.

Complaints must be about editorial matters: the Council does not deal with advertising complaints.

The Council will also consider complaints from the press about the conduct of government and other institutions relating to access to public information.

Members of the Council include representatives from the public and various newspapers.

The Council aims "to uphold press freedom and serve as a medium of understanding between press and public."



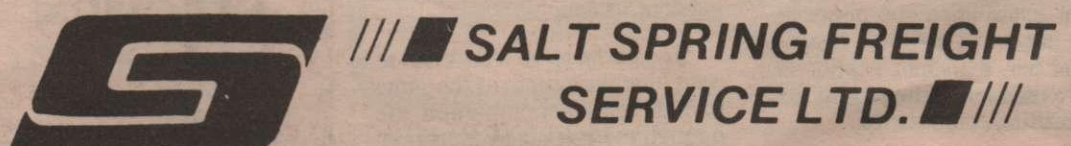
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4 turkeys, 50 lbs of vegetables – OAPO dinner

By BEVIS WALTERS

The Ganges Branch of the B.C. Old Age Pensioners Association held its Christmas dinner Wednesday, December 13 at Central Hall.

Some 84 members were served four turkeys and more than 50 pounds of vegetables.

Proceedings commenced with the singing of carols and Christmas songs, with Margaret Howell at the piano and with assistance from the Driftwood carol sheet. The scrumptious turkey dinner followed.

The dinner was cooked and supervised by Pensioner Honorary Chef Tom Lomas, and served by Honorary Assistant Chefs Bill Harper, Tom Holtby, Dave McRoberts, Cy Sloane, Ed Allan and Ted Aviss.

After the turkeys were consumed, the lights were dimmed and Dr. Rob Dixon appeared bearing on high — in the true Yuletide manner

— a 16-pound Christmas pudding, cooked by Rowena Dixon.

The pudding was decked with holly and flamed merrily, just as Christmas puddings should be.

After being carried around the tables, accompanied by the tune of *Deck the Halls with Bows of Holly*,

it was served with cream sauce, suitably flavoured, or ice cream.

In order to ensure the pudding developed the authentic Old England Christmas Pudding flavour, Mrs. Dixon started making it early in October, letting it settle until the day before.

After the meal was finished and the carol singing completed, there was a showing of the 50-year-old classic *The Wizard of Oz*, courtesy of Dan Evanišhen, owner of Island Cinema.

At the conclusion, OAPO President Louise Fowlis thanked all who

helped to make the event successful, including Betty Shea and her helpers who kept things running smoothly.

"I am told," said Mrs. Foulis, "this is one of the best functions we have ever had."

Legion

News

By GORDON HUTTON

January meetings

Branch General — January 8, 8 p.m.

Branch Executive — January 22, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Executive — January 9, 3:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary General — January 15, 8 p.m.

Zone at Branch 134 Malahat — January 21, 2 p.m.

Special Activities

Robbie Burns Night — January 28.

Friday night suppers are held at 6 p.m. (Members and their guests are welcome): January 5, Roast Beef (\$7); January 12, Roast Pork (\$7); January 19, Roast Turkey (\$7); January 26, Smorgasbord (\$8).

Membership

Ordinary and Associate Members must pay 1990 dues before January 31, 1990 (\$25). Fraternal Affiliates who have not now paid 1990 due must apply again for affiliation.

Meeting scheduled

Local Jehovah's Witnesses will join with more than 700 others from the Cowichan Valley at an assembly in Cassidy this weekend.

The theme of the January 6 and 7 event is "Keep Watching How You Walk," based on the scripture at Ephesians 5:15,16.

Among the speakers will be Douglas Held and Homer McKay, both travelling representatives of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Canada, based in Georgetown, Ontario.

The program is designed to aid young and old alike to continue to "Walk Wisely" as Christians in a stressful world. All sessions are open to the public, with a special note given to the Sunday afternoon address entitled "Light Bearers in a Dark World" to be presented at 1 p.m.

All sessions will be held at the Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Vowels Road in Cassidy, B.C.

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GST unacceptable

The following is an open letter to the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance, filed with this newspaper for publication.

As a supporter of the Conservative Party during the past two federal elections, my feelings regarding the GST proposals may be of some interest to you and your party: the proposals and the most current amendments are absolutely unacceptable.

Although I believe your aims are based on the highest of principals; it seems to me that your proposals, the rapid and disconcerted manner of presentation and the seemingly ad-hoc feeling to the whole issue; the entire matter has not been thoroughly planned out and it certainly hasn't been effectively communicated to the public at all. Neither the amount of the tax nor its method of collection will be acceptable to most of the voters in Canada.

It is my deepest feeling that in order to impose such a highly punitive and commercially restrictive tax (as the present GST most surely is) successfully, your government will have to show a similar willingness to ease our burdensome deficit by drastically reducing its own penchant for consuming the tax payer's dollar within the federal scope of public spending. This belt tightening will have to occur all along the spectrum of government services and responsibilities.

Before you tax the first time home buyer out of their most important purchase, perhaps you should consider that much of our current financial malaise is partly attributable to a very basic fact: many Canadians do not own their own homes. There is no pride of ownership, no long term planning or funnelling of finances toward the purchase and maintenance of private property. This creates a false sense of financial security and economic prosperity. It is this very false symbol of well being that you are intent on taxing.

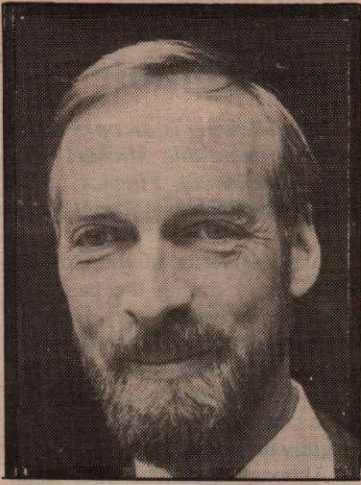
Should you successfully manage to push through your GST proposals into law, you will be accelerating the inevitable recession that will naturally follow the accompanying inflation that the GST will fuel. Your tax will be instrumental in pushing higher the already absurd bank interest rates, along with increasing the down payment and closing costs in the purchase of real estate. The first time home buyers who are scraping together enough equity to escape the rental vortex will be effectively shut out of anything remotely affordable.

All of this disruption of an economy that is just barely able to keep abreast of our deficit will surely affect our long term ability to even catch that same enormous deficit.

If you want my vote in the next election you had better be ready to swallow the same awful medicine that you've prescribed for the rest of us, but first make sure that it's strong enough to cure the disease yet spare the patient so that we may be able to start back on the road to economic recovery.

GEORGE PUHARICH
Ganges.

INTO A NEW YEAR



Nick Gilbert

Celebrate

By NICK GILBERT
Chairman, Islands Trust

Unlike those in so much of the world, we on the Islands have much to celebrate and to be thankful for as we enter the final decade of this century.

We have exhibited an exceptional pride in our communities, so apparent in the good-will and enthusiasm with which we attack our social, planning and environmental challenges.

There is little doubt that voluntarism is our fastest growing "industry," and the results are apparent in our healthy, vibrant communities, and in our determination to set our own goals, and march to our own tune, with respect for one another and for the good earth that nurtures us.

To the countless individuals who have supported the Islands Trust in so many ways, may I say "thank you," and may you bear the ripe fruits of your labours in the coming years.



Julia Atkins

Visions

By JULIA ATKINS
Salt Spring Director to the Capital Regional District

I am afraid my vision of Salt Spring Island, or anywhere else, in the year 2000 is rather confused. Multiple, often conflicting visions, from a variety of perspectives.

As a planner and steadfast friend of the environment, my vision of the future is bleak indeed. We are facing some fantastic problems, globally and locally.

But as a parent of two young children and a firm believer in the power of optimism, I work towards a positive, attainable vision. I do believe that if we all work together, with greater understanding, communication, compassion and co-operation, we may achieve a more

socially unified, economically self-sufficient and environmentally stable Salt Spring Island by the year 2000. Maybe with ten or 12 thousand people, undoubtedly with significantly more development, and hopefully still with the charm and rural character we all hold dear.

But my vision is not important. It is the collective vision of us all, and the action that springs from that vision that will determine the future of this island.

What better opportunity than the advent of a new decade to nudge us into a more thoughtful consideration of our future.

I would like to suggest that we establish a forum, where individuals can communicate their vision of Salt Spring Island in the year 2000.

For those who are interested, I have asked six attendees of the past two Round Table meetings to take five minutes each at the beginning of our next meeting (1 p.m. January 26, Fulford Inn) and present us with their vision. They are: Pat Massy, Tom Toynbee, Heather Martin, Hank Schubart, Kelly Booth and Randy Thomas.

The tentative format is: five minutes per vision, no questions or comment, and no judgement. (Applause optional). All of the proceedings will be recorded, and the process will go on for as long as we are all interested, with extra or longer meetings as required. After the last vision has been uttered, someone will sift through all of the visions, looking for points of convergence on which we can build.

Anyone who would like to present his/her vision at subsequent meetings, please call me or Bob Andrew (653-4625) to book a time. The more collective thought we put into our future, the better it will be.

To spark the muse, here are a few "off-the cuff visions":

"I don't even know what's going to happen tomorrow!" — Robert Rustad, father of three (2, 4 & 6).

"A lot less agriculture, a ferry at Isabella Point, more condominiums, more development, more taxes." — Bob Andrew.

"The word *no* is going to be of significant importance in the future development of Salt Spring." — Patricia Massy.

"Small neighbourhoods where you can reach out and touch someone." — Hank Schubart.

Changes

By DAVID EYLES
Ex-chairman, School Board

Having been Chairman of our School District 64 Board for the last three years, I have seen a lot of changes. Before commenting on them I would like to refer to the board itself.

As chairman I have seen my role primarily as that of spokesman, coordinator and facilitator. It's the Board as a whole which makes the decisions and takes the action. Over the last three years I believe we have made a lot of good decisions and I think the credit should go to all nine trustees equally.

I suppose at one time or another we have all had the thought that, well, I'll just get all this organized (whether it's the job, the house renovations or whatever) then I'll be able to sit back and relax. Well I haven't found such a situation yet and I now know for sure it will never happen on the school board. Change is constant. An anchor

is irrelevant, what we need is a good rudder and oars.

Provincially we have had three major changes in the last three years, each one of which normally wouldn't occur more than once a decade. First we had massive new labour legislation which necessitated our working out a completely new contract with our teaching staff as well as our administrators becoming a separate employee group.



David Eyles

Grace Byrne, my Vice-Chairman, worked many hours to help ensure that we made these changes in the best way possible.

The two other changes on the Provincial scene were the Royal Commission on Education and the new School Act. Our Board and Association under the leadership of Charles Hingston did much to provide input to both these documents.

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Finally the change which is ongoing and a continual challenge is our growth as a district which is one of the fastest in the province. Since I became chairman we have been constantly looking at expanding facilities to meet the needs of an ever increasing student body. Ian

Fraser deserves particular mention for his contribution in this area.

We are a big board having nine trustees and I can't mention all individually, but I would characterize them as typical islanders in that they are all real individuals who

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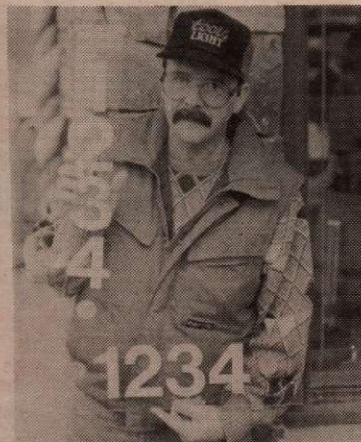
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INTO A NEW YEAR

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usually know their own minds and don't hesitate to speak them. This ensures that as a group they weren't always the easiest board to facilitate. It was often challenging and always rewarding.

There is one other person I should mention as having been particularly significant during my tenure, that is Mike Marshall, our Chief Executive Officer. I believe Mike's qualities as an educator, a leader, and above all, a caring human being, help to make our district the special place to educate children which I believe it is.

I consider it an honour and a privilege to have been chairman for these last three years. I look forward to continuing to work as part of the team under our new chairperson Grace Byrne and I wish her well.



Terry Huberts

Challenge

BY TERRY HUBERTS, MLA, Saanich-Gulf Islands

Another year has come and gone, and each of us looks forward to the challenges of a new decade just around the corner. Over the last year I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve you, as one of your MLA's, and to share with your concerns which affect the quality of life here on the Gulf Islands. With your encouragement and support, I look forward to continuing to ensure that our way of life is preserved, not only for ourselves, but for our children's children as well.

Reflecting back on my past role as Minister of Parks, I proudly introduced a "no logging or mining" policy to protect our Parks for future generations. In our constituency of Saanich and the Islands, I declared Brackman Island, one of the few remaining pristine Gulf Islands, an ecological reserve. In addition, 60 hectares were added to John Dean Provincial Park.

Since December 1988, the province has seen the addition of 13 new parks, nine new ecological reserves, and upgraded 23 Recreation Areas to cover some 215,000 hectares to Class A Park status. This makes a total of 5.5 million-hectares of parkland within a system of 388 parks and 123 ecological reserves, protecting 38 of the 52 natural landscapes within British Columbia. Therefore, there are another 14 landscapes that I will encourage the future Parks Ministers to protect.

British Columbia now boasts of a Parks system representing 5.9 per cent of the province's total landbase! My motto is "securing the present and building the future."

In the next decade our government will take even stronger steps towards the betterment of our environment. I am personally very supportive of protecting our environment.

As Minister of State, I promoted economic development on Vancouver Island and the North Coast. The results were very positive, enhancing our government's commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Also in the past year there has been mounting concern about drug and alcohol problems. This Government is committed to helping the fight to find solutions for the problem of alcohol and drug abuse. We have pledged \$137 million over the next three years to assist in achieving this goal.

With these environment, economic and quality of life initiatives, I look forward to a bright future as our province continues to evolve as one of the most valued places in the world in which to live.

As your MLA I am always eager to serve you. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours the very best in health, prosperity and peace throughout the coming year.

Reflective

By MEL COUVELIER, MLA Saanich-Gulf Islands

As we become entrenched in the holiday season I find myself reflecting in what has happened in the past year. We are leaving the eighties and entering the nineties... a new decade is beginning.

There have been a great number of changes over the past year, however one constant throughout 1989, indeed throughout the last three years is my distinct pleasure and honour in serving the people of Saanich and the islands alongside my colleague Terry Huberts.

Since December of 1988 this government has presented a balanced budget, restructured many of the ministries and faced a number of challenges in the political arena.



Mel Couvelier

Here in Saanich and the Islands we have dealt with the Pat Bay Highway upgrade, electoral reform, logging on Galiano Island, property tax reform, land use debates and a variety of other issues.

Throughout we have shown a strong sense of community and a commitment to maintaining a quality of life that is unique. Representing Saanich and the Islands means representing a wide variety of interests that are woven together with a common thread... caring.

During the holiday season I hope you will take time to remember those less fortunate than yourself and join with my family in

wishing for world peace and prosperity in the coming year.

Assessing

By LYNN HUNTER, MP Saanich - Gulf Islands

On every magazine rack this season you will find magazines with stories reviewing the past decade. It is a new year, and a new decade — the last decade of this century. It is a time for reflection and a time for assessing the challenges ahead.

The New Year marks the first anniversary of the free trade deal. We are already feeling the repercussions of that historic agreement. So far, over 60,000 workers have lost their jobs directly because of this agreement.

We have seen major changes to our unemployment insurance scheme, family allowance and old age pension programmes. We have seen the government introduce a variety of legislation which ensures the predominance of big business interests at the expense of the majority of Canadians.

For those of us who opposed the trade deal it is all frustratingly predictable. But we have not retreated in despair.

This past year has seen countless people become increasingly involved in the political process. Whether it is circulating a petition on the Goods and Services Tax (GST), attending a rally to support VIA rail or writing a letter deploring the clawback of old age pensions, these people intend their voices to be heard. Much has been said of political apathy. From my perspective, as Member of Parliament, I have seen little evidence of apathy over this past year. I am heartened by this.

As someone who has travelled in both Africa and Central America

where people are dying for their political views, I cherish our Canadian political system and celebrate participation in it. Renewed activism bodes well for us all.

"The personal is political," a phrase for the 60s resonates into the 90s. This is evident in people's willingness to take responsibility for our environment. While more people heed the call to recycle and conserve resources, it is the challenge of governments to create and enforce policies which reflect these values. It is the particular challenge of this new decade to embrace an economic order which puts substance into the words "sustainable development," which links the environment and the economy.

This challenge extends far beyond Canada's borders. We all recognize that both the economy and the environment have international dynamics. We have to find a way to not only "think globally and act locally" but also the reverse.



Lynn Hunter

Our global environment makes us increasingly aware that we are not only interdependent, we are interlocked. I look forward to meeting the challenges of this next decade with enthusiasm, knowing that we are in this together.

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by richards



There is a far greater concern in Britain for the disabled driver than we know here at home. The disabled driver is issued with a special permit which provides for parking in those places prohibited to other drivers. A disabled driver may park on a double line (which normally means no parking at any time) or in any position which can be reached and does not contribute to a greater traffic restriction. I'm not sure of the legal provision: I only learned of the faculty when I drove around with a disabled driver.

This provision is an extension of the "dial" parking system which only obtains, I gathered, where the local authority has adopted it. Instead of parking meters and their attendant dissuasion from shopping, every driver in a "dial zone" must be in possession of the cardboard dial. The dial rotates on a larger card to indicate the time at which the car was left. A maximum of two hours is permitted. Traffic wardens patrol the streets regularly and issue a ticket to any overtime parker.

It is illegal to nip back to the car and change the time on the dial, but I have committed that motoring sin. I'm one of millions. If this sounds heinous, then don't go back to your car when it's parked in Victoria and put more money in the meter. That is also contrary to rules and regulations.

The dial is the meter and the warden is the patrolling commissioner, police officer or local employee. Principal is the same, but the businesses who may gain or suffer from parking regulations, prefer the no-pay system. Nonetheless, like in B.C. finding a parking spot is dynamite.

Cheap! Cheap! Me too!

I had my Christmas present from the Canada Post Office this Christmas. There was a long line-up waiting to be served at the counter and I abandoned my plan to mail a letter. On the way out I noticed the stamp machine and put in my five cents worth. I stood there, fully expecting to get a 38-cent stamp in exchange. And so I did!

Out came a book with the 38-center accompanied by four sixes. Now, in my book; in my stampbook; that's 62 cents worth for 50 cents. Where could I do better? It's about the best Christmas present I ever received from the Canadian post office.

It's a great big world!

Small world, my foot! It's a great big wonderful world, I'm told. And when you climb to about seven miles high in a plane you get so you agree. And you surely know it's big!

There's a lot of people in it. Or "on" it?

There's Ted Taylor at Vesuvius. He and Ann were on a tour of Britain last summer and when they stopped at Ludlow in Shropshire, they went to one of the many old timbered pubs. Chatting with a Ludlovian, Ted explained that they were in a group of Canadians on holiday.

What part of Canada was he from, enquired a Freddy Caine, resident of that ancient border town. Ted shrugged it off and explained that if he were explicit nobody would recognize Salt Spring Island.

"Salt Spring Island, eh?" responded Freddy, "Give my regards to Frank Richards!"

Dickensian language?

It was a summary of shows coming on television and the program offered a brief resume of each listing. There were three different versions of Dickens' *Christmas Carol*.

There was the first, produced in 1938, starring Reginald Owen and Gene Lockhart. This version, current for the past 51 years, is entirely new to me. The later version of the Dickens classic Christmas tale when Alistair Sim played the part of Ebenezer Scrooge is not only more familiar, but in my opinion could scarcely be bettered.

It was produced in 1951 and probably ranks as the classic Christmas show. The second player listed in the program guide is Kathleen Harrison. In 1984 the version featuring George C. Scott and Edward Woodward appeared.

I was impressed, though not very favourably, with the program listing in its description of the Alistair Sim version. What would Dickens, with his mastery of English, have to say of this introduction to his masterpiece? "The miserly Ebenezer Scrooge gets a long-overdue attitude adjustment when a trio of ghosts visits him..."

Such artificial English is gradually throttling what was once a pleasing language. It is such absurdities that parade through our modern-day writings as great erudition! When the reviewer was writing of the George C. Scott version of the Carol, he was more circumspect. The miserly Mr. Scrooge now "learned a lesson in compassion when he was visited by a series of spirits."

But when the review appears in respect of the pioneer Christmas Carol the movie is virtually shrugged off. Too much has been said already! It is "based on the story by Charles Dickens." Period. About time!

more letters

Timber permits

The following is an open letter to the Islands Trust filed with this newspaper for publication.

Re: "Permit Area" for timber extraction.

Granted that the immature attitude of both forest land owners as well as the poorly informed public require further guidance, I believe that sound forest management practices will come with better education and communication, and not with the introduction of "Permit Area."

Perhaps it will take 10 to 20 years, but through open houses (forests), guided by forest personnel, and attended by a willing to listen public, we will shed our hostile attitudes and grow towards better understanding of forestry.

May I advise you to withdraw the "Permit Area" resolution; it is difficult enough for dedicated forest landowners to make a living or retirement income of forest land; to introduce a resolution requiring timber extraction permits would further restrict their freedom.

G. BLOM
Ganges

Search for Molly

To the Editor,

I do not know to whom to address this letter — hopefully it will be forwarded to someone who can assist.

I am trying to trace an old friend from 45 years back who attended public school in Kerrisdale in Vancouver with me. Her name was Molly Worthington — I believe her married name was Epp but I am not sure. I don't know if she even resided for any length of time on the island but her parents retired there ages ago and are likely no more. I believe their names were Alfred or Edward and Mary Worthington. He was a retired postmaster from Vancouver.

Molly had a brother — and both were very studious and clever.

It has been a very long time ago but if anyone remembers the Worthingtons or knows anything about them I would be pleased to have the information. As one gets older the memories of childhood friends surface.

I thank you for any assistance you can render in my search.

(MRS. L.K.) ERNA BAUER,
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Cigarette garbage

To the Editor,

I'm doing a survey. Would all the smokers on Salt Spring Island stand up and be counted so I could work out the percentage of empty cigarette packets that are just casually chucked into the bushes, sides of roads etc ... adding to the other garbage I find there.

Can I blame it all on the transients and tourists? Cats and dogs and birds never foul their own nests. Whatever happened to the pride of keeping the environment clean for yourself and everyone else as well?

In Bermuda, the environment conscious island in the middle of Atlantic there is even a ban on smoking on beaches in their Na-

tional Parks! Wish the ban on smoking on buses, airplanes, public working places in Canada could also eventually extend to the roads ... as public smoking is also a fire-hazard. One discarded cigarette butt can start a forest fire on Salt Spring.

I know big business conglomerates are worried about their profits. Fear not, CP Air. From now on, I for one (and kindred souls) will only travel on C.P.

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Ridd tells Ganges audience she'll remember the screams

BY NANCY VAIL

In a quiet, unassuming way, 28-year-old Karen Ridd sits down and says the one thing she will not forget about El Salvador is the cries of the people she heard in jail.

Her stay in jail last November 20 was brief — only 13 hours — but it was undoubtedly the longest 13 hours of her life. She was physically and verbally abused by the Treasury Police; however, when she was offered the opportunity to leave early in her detention, she refused until a colleague was also freed.

The action has given Ridd almost hero status since her return to Canada late last November. However it is not her own suffering or her subsequent actions that Ridd remembers about the nine months she spent in El Salvador. It is the living conditions and the suffering of the Salvadoreans themselves.

Ridd was in Ganges two weeks ago to make a presentation at the senior high school and a second one at the United Church. Through public meetings such as these, Ridd hopes to broaden awareness about the conditions in El Salvador and with any luck, bring about some much needed change.

Ridd's story has attracted national, if not international, attention since she was hauled away by national guardsmen with six others in a pre-dawn raid on November 20. Ridd and fellow Peace Brigades volunteer Marcela Rodriguez-Diaz from Columbia were taken to the National Guard headquarters where Ridd was interrogated and beaten.

Eleven hours after her arrest, Ridd was told she could leave, but she refused saying she wouldn't go until her friend, Rodriguez-Diaz, was released as well.

The peril to her own life did not cross her mind: she and Rodriguez-Diaz had made a pact they would not leave without each other.

Two hours later, with the help of the Canadian embassy, both women were released. They quickly left the country.

For Ridd, it was an unfortunate departure because of the work and the people she left behind. But it was the start, too, of a challenging job in Canada where she can now tell Canadians about life in El Salvador.

Said Ridd: "The history of El Salvador has been a history of tremendous repression which manifests itself in arbitrary arrests of people working with the poor. There is a population of five million

people of which close to half a million have fled because of the repression."

The "Salvador reality," as Ridd calls it, includes corpses left on the side of the road, young farm workers returned to their homes beaten and sometimes severely maimed, and raids, where people can be held for 15 days without being charged.

If Ridd's presence, and that of other volunteer workers, was important in El Salvador, she says, it is because it lets the government there know its actions are not going unnoticed by the world.

Our presence acted as a symbolic connection between us and the outside world, says Ridd

"Our presence acted as a symbolic connection between us and the outside world about what is going on," said Ridd, adding their presence occasionally served as a deterrent.

Ridd was one of 10 Canadian volunteers sent to El Salvador last year with Peace Brigades International (PBI), a human rights organization which sends "witnesses" to countries where there is wide-scale violence or where the lives of certain segments of the population are endangered.

Ridd was assigned to accompany particular individuals — usually human rights workers or union leaders — on an almost constant basis.

This meant, in Ridd's words, being an almost "human shield:" she would be the last one into a building and the first one out. It also meant visiting areas where there had been bomb threats, hoping the appearance would prevent the placing of the bomb.

It's unusual work, Ridd said, but it's nothing compared to what the people of El Salvador live through everyday of their lives.

At the root of El Salvador's problem, she added, is the \$1.5 million in military aid that the United States sends to El Salvador everyday — enough to keep the existing government of President Alfredo Cristiani in power. Also contributing to the problem, she noted, is a system whereby the

majority of the wealth and the power is concentrated in the hands of the few. The result is an government maintained economic imbalance where the majority of people live in shanties.

As Ridd said in an interview with the Brandon Sun, "Voices of protest in El Salvador are silenced Salvadoreans regularly disappear, are assassinated, tortured and receive death threats. They live in cardboard and plastic shanties which the government bombs leaving them dead or homeless.

"When I was in prison, I felt that I understood just a small taste of what their lives must be like . . ."

She believes her presence in El Salvador did make a difference. Once, as she walked to a peace demonstration, Ridd saw the Treasury Police arresting two demonstrators. Ridd ran up from behind and the demonstrators were released.

They were the lucky ones, says Ridd. Many of the thousands of people who are imprisoned in that country are so badly beaten that full recovery is not possible. To drive home this point, Ridd carries a photo album containing pictures of the severely maimed and wounded.

Ridd said her background has much to do with her current work. The 28-year-old English and History graduate and former University of Winnipeg basketball star is the daughter of Carl Ridd, a professor of religious studies at the University of Winnipeg. Carl Ridd and his wife have been worked for years to help refugees from Central America settle into this country.

After her first visit to Nicaragua in 1986, Ridd decided to put her social beliefs to work in Central America. The following year, she made her first visit to Guatemala as a representative with PBI.

"What they want in El Salvador is a negotiated peace settlement to the conflict . . . a real peace that looks at the underlying part of the struggle.

"They want the poor people to have enough to get by on."

While Ridd's sudden departure from El Salvador may have brought her work there to an abrupt end, she has every intention of going back. That may not be for 15 years, she says, but she will go back.

"There is a faith and a perspective for me that those who have money have the responsibility to act to bring about justice."



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Doris said of the party, "It was a surprise. All those people and no one squealed."

Friends and relatives from all across Canada came for the Golden event.

On Sunday, the De Longs attended Mass at Our Lady Of Grace Church. Father Bergin officiated at a duplicate marriage ceremony for the couple. Again, the Fourniers were best man and bride's maid. Members of the family took part in the second nuptials for the De Longs.

When the knot was tied for the second time, everyone took part in an open house luncheon in the church hall. Friends from the islands joined family and off-island friends share the occasion.

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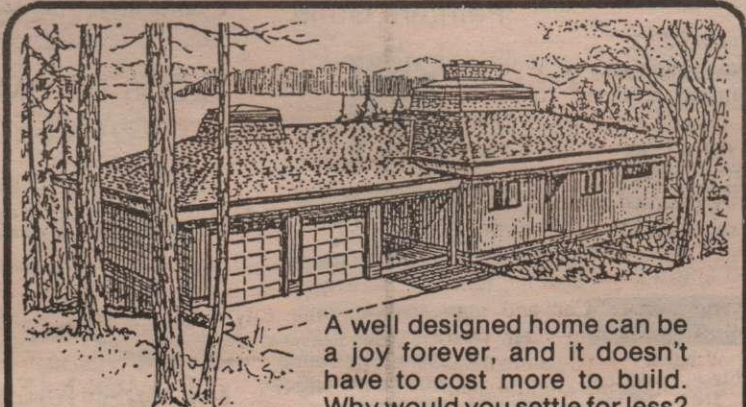
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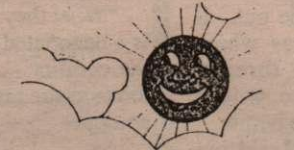
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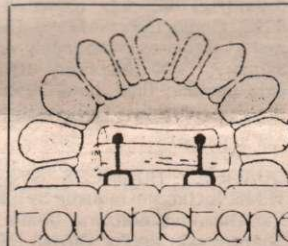
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Community Club pleased

A meeting of Saturna's Community Club was held Monday, December 18, 1989 in the Community Hall. The Club is thankful for two recent donations and wish to express its appreciation firstly to the Breezy Bay Recreational Society for a cash donation of \$2,730.06 and also a facsimile machine. The funds have been placed in the Club's general account as no decision has been made at this time as to what the money will be used for.

Secondly, the Club wishes to thank Mr. Tom Coulton, who lives on Trevor Island, for a donation of \$700 U.S. This money is donated in the memory of Eddie Reid, who passed away in August, 1989. The money is to be used to cover the expenses incurred during the recent repainting of the Community Hall.

80 Enjoy Candlelight Dinner

The "young" people of Saturna Island prepared and served a delicious turkey dinner to 80 lucky people on Tuesday, December 19 in the Saturna Community Hall. Many more people were disappointed when the only 80 tickets to this annual feast were sold out early.

The legend goes that a few years back on the day a Christmas dinner was to be held in the Community Hall, the power went out. So as not to spoil the evening for those who had purchased tickets and anxiously awaited a traditional turkey feast, the ambitious cooks continued valiantly cooking on their own, or borrowed wood stoves and managed to prepare and serve, by candlelight, the entire meal.

This tradition has continued and while the meal is served by candlelight, to date another power failure has not happened. Neverthe-

less, the meal was again absolutely delicious and the cooks are to be congratulated on the festive decorations, the unforgettable meal and the Christmas spirit that prevailed during the singing of Christmas carols and much wishing of "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Please forgive me, or phone and correct me, if I forget anyone who helped make this a special occasion, but those I know of who deserve thanks are Harvey Janszen, Anne Popperwell, Jackie Campbell, Cal and Rennie Hollings, Karen Muntean and Alf Reynolds.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CATHERINE!

Galiano Island couple celebrates fifty years of marriage

With the wartime song "I'll Get By" as a theme, and family and friends on hand to join them, Woody and Ellen Coward of North Galiano celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Community Hall recently.

The Cowards were married on December 9, 1939. An army sergeant, Woody was soon to be on his way to the front and an eventful career in Europe during the next five years. After the war Coward stayed with the army ending his career as a lieutenant-colonel in 1967.

During those years Ellen and the growing family (the Cowards have four children) lived in every part of Canada from east to west and north to south. In 1968 the Cowards sought land overlooking Trincomali Channel in one of North Galiano's first subdivisions. There

GALIANO

Alistair Ross



they camped, then cottaged and now live.

The family — Neil, Garry, Doug and Barbara — organized the anniversary supper. It was a family affair with Granny and Grandpa, sons and daughter-in-laws, grandchildren, nephews and nieces, and a brother and sister-in-law of Ellen's (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark from Port Alberni), around the table, all taking their part in the celebration.

Featured around the hall were

giant family snapshots (three feet by six approximately) prepared by son Garry. One very effective photo showed the couple with their four children, hands joined, looking off into the distance. The photo, taken at Banff on a family holiday, is significant in that it shows this family for what it is and for what it believes — in nature, the environment, the future and peace.

The 70 Galianoites and visitors attending the celebration were treated to a delicious four course

sit-down supper featuring roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, all prepared by Claire Wikkens and her helpers.

Gary Newstead set the mood for the evening on the organ with favourite songs of World War Two, and later in the evening provided music for dancing.

Telegrams from government bodies and officials and from friends who were not able to attend where read by son Doug, while Neil, the eldest, was master of ceremonies — Barbara, the youngest, gave the toast to the couple.

Group active

The Galiano Activity Centre Society is currently looking into the improvement of parking facilities at the centre. The paving of the remaining unpaved portion of the present parking lot plus the creation of a second (overflow) area on

suitable and already cleared land beyond the playing fields is proposed. It is the society's hope that a second entrance to the Activity Centre (school) grounds can in time be created. School Board lands include the now dismantled Pioneer Park on Gardner Road, the proposed road would therefore access to Gardner Road (a very short distance from Sturdies Bay Road at Murcheson Bay).

The Activity Centre executive elected at its recent annual meeting is as follows: president — Patti Rudolph, vice president — Mike Hoebel, secretary — Basil Bengler, treasurer — Charlie Dodwell. Members of the board are Sheila Anderson, Robin Allan, Geoff Gaylor, Louis Gautier, Pat Connelly and Jim Macdonald.

Mayne Island

The Junior Secondary students in Ian and Eleanor Cocker's classes gave an excellent presentation of *Walls*, written by Cocker and the students.

The play emphasized the restriction of walls in society, be it social, emotional or psychological, plus the demarcation of the Berlin wall, all of which must be removed if community is to be restored.

The presentation included performances by gymnasts, singers and cast members involved in a mime.

A first for the annual Mayne Island School concert was the violin concert presented by the students of Donna Williams of Victoria. The warm applause they received was indicative of the deep appreciation the audience felt for their splendid performance.

Len Pye, director of the Mayne

Music-Makers, led the happy audience in the singing of favourite Christmas carols and festive songs. The primary class recited the words to "The Night Before Christmas." All of the students joined in the singing of "The Wassail Song."

Sugar-plum fairies dressed in silver laminated vests and silk skirts and waving their sheer veils as they danced and rigid, marching, toy soldiers complete with bright red top hats were all part of the never-to-be-forgotten Christmas concert staged Wednesday night by the pupils of the Mayne Island school. There were violinists, dancers, gymnasts, singers, mime performers and nativity scene participants, complete with the manger with its straw, sheep, a mare, doves, a cow, donkey and a hen.

There was not even standing room left as parents, grandparents and friends crowded into the gym for the annual performance which seems to always supersede the one previous. And as always, Santa paid his jovial, annual visit, complete with knee-sitting and treats for all the children. Convening the very successful event were Mary Crumblehume, Susan Mackie, Len Pye, Elissa Sampson, Barry Wilks and members of the Mayne School Association, plus the parents who gave their support and assistance.

Principal Ken Mackie, presiding, praised the community support which made the annual concerts such an overwhelming success. He emphasized it had been a tremendous year so far at the Mayne school with marked accomplishments.

by Chris Stewart

more letters

Thanks

To the Editor,
As chairman of the 1989 Christmas Tree Sales Campaign I would like to thank all our citizens who purchased one of our Christmas trees.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to bring your tree January 6, 1990 between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. to the Ganges Parking Lot.

In conjunction with the Salt Spring Volunteer Firemen a Christmas Tree Burn will take place.

We wish you all the best in 1990.

BERT BEITEL,
Christmas Tree Chairman.

Thank you

To the Editor,
On behalf of Fernwood School, I would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to the Christmas food hamper: The Knoths, Embe Bakery, Foxglove Farm & Garden Supplies, Harlan's Chocolate Treats, Flowers and Wine Shoppe, The Deli Shoppe, Glad's, Ann & John Millerd, Connie Addario-Berry, Laura Klein, Doris Little, Claudia Armstrong, Gail Musset and Liz Dafoe.

Thank you again and merry Christmas to all.

SANDRA BRAINERD
Fernwood Parents Group.

Bored youth

To the Editor,
In the November 22 edition, teenage alcohol abuse was related to boredom. Having three young children, I am sensitive to the future needs of our youth.

Today at soccer, I saw a field of active, energetic children. How will our community challenge and stimulate the increasing number of young people?

We must, together with today's teenagers, plan to make Salt Spring a place where opportunities expand as its population grows.

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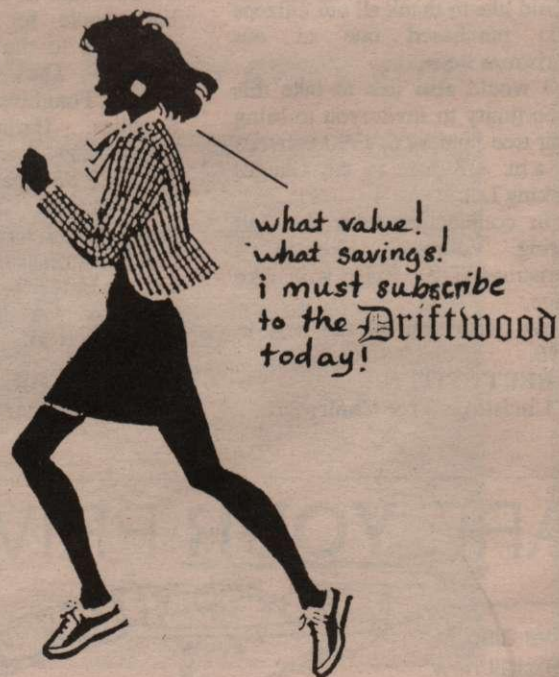
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