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**ALL EARS:** Attentive youngsters listen while Yvonne Hilton reads aloud from a children's book at the Salt Spring library.

Pre-schoolers and parents gather each Monday morning at 9:30 to hear the stories and look at a variety of colourful pictures.

## Erskine price is met

All of the money needed to purchase the Mt. Erskine property has been collected by the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

Group representative Glen Moores says the final surge of donations arrived in the last two weeks. A total of 220 families have made contributions to the fund, up from 189 at last count.

He says there are indications of willingness to contribute to future land purchases, so that if something else comes up, all funding sources have not been "exhausted." Trail expenses on the Mt. Erskine parcel could create a need for further funding, he says.

A celebratory walk of the property has been organized for this Sunday, October 21. Interested persons are invited to meet at Centennial Park at 1 p.m. Bob Andrew and Nick Gilbert are the hike leaders.

The actual transfer of property is hoped to take place in the middle of December.

"That's what we're working towards," says Moores.

## Five candidates will battle for two seats

Five islanders have announced their candidacy for the two available Islands Trust positions on Salt Spring Island.

Bob Andrew, Cordelia (Dee) Kinney, Dietrich Luth, Max Soder and incumbent John Stepaniuk will be included on Salt Spring ballots in the November 17 election. Stepaniuk declared his intention to run last month and was profiled in the September 26 issue of *Driftwood*.

The backgrounds of Andrew, Kinney and Luth are outlined below. Max Soder has been on vacation for the past few weeks and was unavailable to be interviewed before *Driftwood's* deadline Tuesday. Soder will be presented in next week's issue.

### Bob Andrew

A Salt Spring resident for the past 10 years, Bob Andrew has been in-

involved in several community ventures.

Andrew was a founder of the Crown Lands Use Coalition, established to seek ways to preserve and grant community control over the island's Crown lands. He is also an ecological reserve warden and a director of the Island Watch Society.

He has been a member of the transportation committee and a transportation task force appointed to respond to the Provincial Regional Transportation Committee. Andrew is also a current director of Island Pathways, the Sierra Club and Beaver Point Parks Board.

He is the present chairman of the CRD's Solid Waste Management Committee and the Beaver Point Hall Association.

Andrew says any profession or trade he has been involved in "always

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## Donation to United Way fosters island well-being

Those who consider the mental and social well-being of this community important can translate that concern into action with a donation to the 1990 United Way campaign.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
*Driftwood Staff Writer*

A financial contribution to the United Way this year will help realize the goal of reducing the painful results of drug and alcohol abuse or emotional damage experienced by many people in our community. With aid from a \$38,000 United Way grant given to the Salt Spring Community Society, the centre offers several programs, including counselling and advocacy services.

In the year following April 1, 1989, 271 people on Salt Spring Island used the services of the centre's two community work counsellors. Counselling services coordinator Susan Krug explains the workers provide free short-term counselling and crisis intervention for people experiencing dif-

ficulties in parenting, relationships, anxiety or depression. The workers also provide a vital link to further services and support groups an individual may require. They do follow-ups and home visits, and can be accessed after regular hours through Victoria's Zenith 2262 NEED Crisis Line.

A full-time drug and alcohol counsellor is also on staff at the Community Centre, covering both Salt Spring and Pender islands. Krug says he does a combination of individual, family and group counselling with substance abusers and those affected by the abuser. Preventative and educational programming is an important part of his job.

A youth worker provides support to and recreational activities for the island's young people, with a focus on drug and alcohol issues, says Krug. He is currently running a "clean and sober" group for teenagers trying to abstain from substance abuse.

Krug says he is also "interested in helping kids get into the resources available to them."

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## Frazer challenges incumbent director Atkins' position

Two islanders have announced their candidacy for the position of Salt Spring's director to the Capital Regional District, jumping into a race that will finish at the polls November 17.

Incumbent director Julia Atkins told the *Driftwood* last week she will attempt to regain her seat in the upcoming election. Atkins, who was elected as regional director last November, filled the one-year term left by Dr. Hugh Borsman when he died September 18.

So far, former solid waste com-

### Race heats up for Salt Spring's director to the CRD

only candidate challenging Atkins for the three-year term.

### Julia Atkins

Salt Spring's incumbent CRD director Julia Atkins says she wants to regain her position in order to follow through on some of her work in the past year which is just now coming to fruition.

"I want to offer continuity — stick handling — to several initiatives

just now getting underway," she says.

Atkins says there are at least four CRD projects currently underway which she would like to see followed through.

One of the most important issues to face Salt Spring Islanders in the next few years, she believes, is the question of local government. A study looking at governmental options for Salt Spring has already been

Atkins says problems exist with the current structure as the two forms of local government (CRD and Islands Trust) are both involved in daily and longterm planning for the island.

"There is no formal liaison between the two and communication depends on the people who are in office."

Atkins also wants to ensure follow-through on the joint use

being built in conjunction with the new high school. The Parks and Recreation Commission is currently looking at a joint-use agreement and soliciting recreational information from islanders.

Atkins believes this might be the island's best opportunity to secure some recreational facilities at a shared expense.

The entire solid waste issue is another initiative Atkins wants to continue working for. Atkins says she has battled "long and hard" for the CRD to accept an on-island



# Non-functioning septic field kills foliage at school

A non-functioning septic field can be added to the list of problems troubling the school on Pender Island.

When trees started dying around the septic field, the school district hired a consulting engineering firm — Hardy BBT Ltd. of Victoria — to find out why.

Tests undertaken on the soil and

trees showed an excess of salt existed, killing the foliage.

The school septic field is located on a ridge east of the school. The land slopes down to the north of the field and joins a swell which eases south-westerly back to the playing fields.

The soil is silty with gravel to a depth of close to one metre on top of hard clay. The water from the field

runs downwards, following the down-slope curve of the land.

Although there are two wells on the school property, problems with salinity in the water showed up several years ago. A filtration system to draw the saline out of the water was in use for a while but recently, fresh water has been trucked to the school.

Meanwhile, water from the wells was being used in the washrooms and the flushing action brought the salt into the ground around the septic field.

The field has been in use since 1977. Evidence found in samples of wood taken from the trees indicates growth slowed dramatically about five years ago.

The school district will hire a contractor to build a replacement for the septic field. The current field will be left unused, allowing winter rains to flush out the salt naturally.

The tests were conducted over the past few months at a cost of \$10,000 and the new septic field will cost the school district \$6,000, said secretary-treasurer Ken Starling.

# Families and individuals aided by Community Centre's work

From Page A1

The expertise of a mental health nurse provides services for individuals diagnosed with psychological problems who often require the use of medication. She works closely with the patients' doctors and uses facilities in Duncan and Victoria. Krug says "she is only a part-time worker and has way more work to do than there is funding for her."

Gulf Island families especially benefit from the Community Centre's work, and again, the need is far greater than what available monies can address.

A professional counsellor based in Victoria covers the Outer Gulf Islands through the Family Enhancement Program. Besides a network of volunteer peer counsellors trained by the Community Centre, the Family Enhancement worker is the sole service provider on the other islands.

Special Services for Children and Families is the final program administered through the Community Centre. Ministry of Social Services and Housing funding provides workers for children and families defined as "at risk." Family members may have considered suicide, or cause an intolerable level of distress in their homes.

Krug says she would like to see this program expanded to focus on preventing family problems. "We can do better preventative work when kids are younger, not after patterns have already been established."

Families headed by psychologically healthy individuals who have good parenting skills and no substance abuse problems have been repeatedly proven to raise children with high self-esteem and minimal problems themselves. The long-term result of accessible counselling services is a healthier community.

Unfortunately, she says, a lack of funding has meant the elimination of a subsidized long-term counselling service once offered by the centre.

"We see so many people coming to us who have suffered so many traumas that are seriously impairing them in life," she says. "We feel helpless and frustrated we can't provide service to these people."

To partially compensate for the loss of that program, a peer counselling group is currently being trained by Krug on Salt Spring. The 12 participants will emerge from the program with basic counselling and active listening skills to aid friends and family members experiencing emotional problems. Peer counsellors will hopefully supplement the services of the centre's two paid community workers.

Krug points out the effect of a trained counsellor goes beyond the person directly receiving assistance. "It has a real ripple effect because

they positively affect the other people they come in contact with," says Krug.



"If we can support them (people needing counselling services) and help them heal, not only will they do better themselves, but for those with children — and most of them do have children — it will help all of them be healthier and happier and will ultimately benefit society."

Reliance on psychiatric hospitals

and jails will be reduced if a community's mental health problems are addressed, she adds.

The Community Centre is also essential as a confidential meeting space for local support groups, and the sponsor of special mental health related workshops and programs.

Driftwood readers can make their United Way contributions through the mail-in donation envelope inserted in this issue. Others may be personally canvassed by volunteers or through a letter sent in the mail.

United Way chairman Susan McNair says the fundraising goal of \$25,000 can be attained with an average donation of \$10 per household. McNair can be contacted regarding the campaign at 537-5765 or at her Ganges store at 537-4241.

## THE WEATHER

**OUTLOOK:** For the week starting Monday, October 15

Cloudy with showers Monday and Tuesday.

Rain expected on Wed. and Thurs.

Cloudy with chance of rain Friday.

Sun returns on Saturday.

**HIGHS:** 14 degrees C.

**LOWS:** 3 degrees C.

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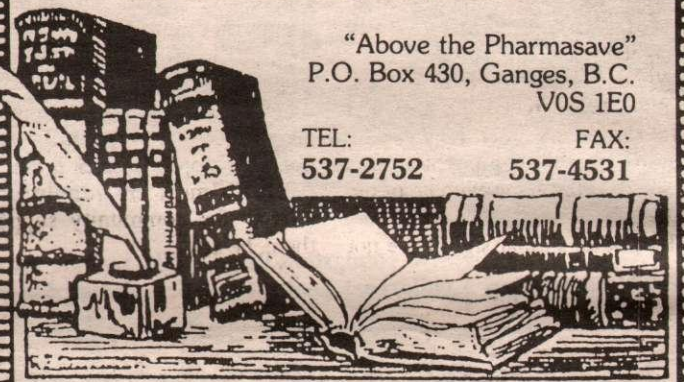
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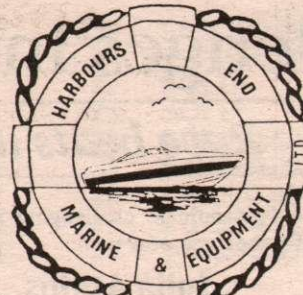
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**NEWSBEAT**



Young Thomas Loiselle holds wooden street number part of a sign stolen September 29 and recovered on North Beach Road last week. The other sign (left) was found ruined by fire at the same time. Two similar Last Resort signs are still missing.

Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

## Loiselle seeks sign vandals

One of Jim Loiselle's Last Resort signs stolen September 29 was spotted by jogger Mernie Irwin while he was out running last week.

The remains of the stylized wooden sign was seen lying just off the shoulder of North Beach Road about a mile past the Fernwood Road turn-off. It had been severely damaged by fire.

When Loiselle went to retrieve the sign, he searched the area and found the stolen street number portion of a larger sign which was damaged on the same evening of the thefts.

Two other similar signs have not been found.

Loiselle feels strongly about curbing vandalism on Salt Spring Island. He says the problem will only increase if the community condones it and other crimes through a lack of response.

He hears people say "it's just a bunch of kids, what can you do?" but thinks that attitude has unfortunate repercussions for the kids and the rest of the island.

He says if people see something suspicious "they should call the police or stop and check it out."

RCMP members are only as effective as the community supporting them, he adds.

Loiselle also believes part of the

solution can come from the community improving its relationship with teenagers who might be prone to acts of vandalism.

"There's a saying that if a person doesn't feel respected as an individual then he won't respect what you own," he says.

Making our young people feel more valued in their homes and our community might reduce the incidents of negative activity like vandalism, he adds.

Loiselle is considering using the Crime Stoppers reward program to help identify the vandals and promote community awareness.

## School trustees justify the switch to diesel-run buses

Fuel used in school buses threatened to become a gaseous issue for the Gulf Islands School board.

After using propane to power school buses for several years, the trustees decided in the spring of this year to switch to diesel. The decision attracted criticism.

Dr. Ralph Miller wrote a letter to the trustees expressing a portion of that opposition.

"Many of us — students, parents and staff — are personally embarrassed by and ashamed of the Board's decision regarding the buses. Is it too late to give greater consideration to the environment and to the leadership role that the schools play in the community?"

District secretary-treasurer Ken Starling explained the switch had taken place because of safety concerns as well as the high cost — and frequency — of repairs needed by the propane-powered engines.

Drivers for the school district, when making their runs in buses powered by propane, experienced difficulties maintaining power on the many hills of Salt Spring. As well, that lack of power prevented the use of the engines in braking the large vehicles on the downhill stretches.

The propane buses required frequent service and engine replacement.

Propane powered engines require a precise tuning, Starling added. If the mixture is too lean, the resultant burn in the cylinder tends to slowly destroy the piston.

The relative cleanness of the exhaust from a propane engine also depends upon how well the engine is

well serviced to avoid the emitting exhaust above acceptable limits.

When the trustees accepted the staff report to purchase diesel-powered buses, the matter was weighed very carefully, Starling noted. Safety — the loss of power on hills by the propane engines — as

well as the relative costs involved were looked at very carefully, he said.

The deciding factor, however, centred on the simple fact that manufacturers do not make propane-powered buses any more for a variety of reasons.

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If you would like to help or if you need information, please call any of the Committee members:

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### More to offer

To the Editor,  
In response to the yattering of the "development" boys (in "Letters to the Editor"): if you can earn enough money to live comfortably, take a break, man.  
The earth, and mankind, have much more to offer than can be taken.  
**KEITH MacHATTIE,**  
Ganges

### Raised \$10,000

To the Editor,  
The raffle sponsored by the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts Society raised about \$10,000 towards building a Centre for the Arts on Salt Spring. The draw was held on September 30 and although all four winners were from off-island, we know that the cause was well supported by locals and we thank all those who bought tickets and those who sold tickets, i.e. Morningside Studio, Matt's Meats, Volume II, et cetera, ArtCraft staff, Festival volunteers, Avalon Fair and Reader's Theatre.  
We would also like to thank for services rendered: Cedric Barker, Ganges Village Market, and especially our raffle managers Rita Cummings and Mary Koroscil. Special thanks again to the local artists who provided our fine prizes: Lawrie Niesh, sabot; Leroy Jensen, pastel; Carol Evans, print; and Donna Johnson, quilt.  
**PATRICIA NOBILE,**  
Salt Spring Festival of the Arts

### Update

To the Editor,  
I would like to take this opportunity to bring friends up to date on what is happening to me.  
For those who may not know the situation, I will give a brief history. On September 2, 1985, I helped clean up a diesel fuel spill at Long Harbour. I attended this as a volunteer fireman. I became ill and continually got worse until I had to give up work on B.C. Ferries. I went from doctor to doctor and eventually the good people of Salt Spring sent me to the Mayo Clinic.

The doctors there thought if I could keep away from chemicals eventually I would get better. BCFC gave me a job as night watchman and I got a chemical filtermask but after a short time I had to give up that job and was put on a longterm disability pension.  
Great West Life, the carrier of this pension requested medical tests to prove this disability. After talking to several specialists including a trip to Saskatoon we realized there was nobody who could perform these tests in Canada.

GWL's position was any doctor should be able to take a perfume that would mask diesel fuel and expose me to the perfume and then the diesel and perfume. I sent the letter from GWL to specialists all over North America and every response was don't allow these tests as they could do more serious damage.

At this point B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union stepped in and hired a lawyer who made arrangements for me to go to Dallas for the tests. On August 26, 1990, I went for three weeks. They have proven my illness and have given me allergy shots and recommended a two- to three-month detoxification at their clinic.

It is interesting to note that at one point three of six people being tested were firemen. Dr. Rea stated that a large part of his patients are firemen and they have the worst insurance coverage of any group.  
My pension from GWL ended on September 22, 1990. This I am sure

the union, thanks.  
**BOB WALDE,**  
Ganges

### Terry Fox Run

To the Editor,  
The 10th annual Terry Fox Run was recently held at over 2,500 run sites across Canada and 83 sites in 38 countries around the world. In B.C. and the Yukon, the regional office is proud to report that increases in participation and money raised are being projected. This will be the most successful year ever.

The run clearly could not succeed without the joint support of your newspaper and the volunteer organizers who put the events on. To all of you I extend a sincere thank you. Also, to the participants and supporters who contribute so generously to cancer research, I thank you.

Just a reminder: pledges and donations can be turned in to any chartered bank until October 13 after which time our office will accept them at 203-550 Burrard St., Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2J6.

Thank you for sharing Terry's dream and joining in the fight to beat cancer.

**J. BRAD BROHMAN,**  
Provincial Director

### Candidacy suggested

To the Editor,  
In his latest screed ("Election time", October 3) Murray Cyprus agonizes about the coming island elections, slurring anyone who has views that differ from his own.

I suggest to Mr. Cyprus that there is a sure-fire way in which his agony (and ours) can be relieved in one fell swoop.

I suggest that Mr. Cyprus "puts his money where his letters are," so to speak, and run for office himself.

Whether elected or not, it will give him his one grand opportunity to demonstrate that in contrast to the rest of us he has no biases whatsoever, that he has superior insights on what constitutes the "right direction" for this island and that he in no

way represents a — God forbid — "special interest group."

It would give the rest of us the opportunity to fulfil his fervent wish that we truly "choose wisely at this important time."

**JOHN LAMMERS,**  
Fulford Harbour

### Peaceful revolution

To the Editor,  
There is a need for drastic change in both the way we are governed and operate our local and global economies for obvious human and environmental reasons. I call it peaceful revolution.

In 1956, government costs were paid by 47 per cent corporate tax and 34 per cent personal income tax, the remainder from other sources. In 1986, 10 per cent was paid by corporate tax, 44 per cent income tax and the rest borrowed. Since the development of technology and transportation after the war led to growth of bureaucracies and transnationals, policies are controlled not through the state but outside economic forces for profit, with the help of "propaganda machines."

We pay for services and relocation of businesses, threatened by loss of jobs to our economy.

Raising the GST is no solution. The government should be cut in half and monies re-directed to local economies and environment through decentralized non-partisan means. Deferred corporate taxes should be collected and at least some of the international debt, paid several times over in interest, forgiven.

This idea of stuffing the Senate, sanctioned by the Queen, gives most people a "royal pain." Members should be abolished and replaced by a few representative Canadian "dignitaries"/elders/people who've done something for their community.

There has been no money invested in the "environment" other than a "Green Plan" — which is five years down the road, and of course, the Federal Environment Minister Bouchard resigned to lead a "separatist" government block.

The effect of these policies has

inhuman consequences and undermines individual, family and community morale without justification. On the positive side, hopefully these crises will lead to dramatic change and with a little communication, common sense and co-operation, improve the way things are for us and the rest of society.

**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
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**OPINION**

**Equal play**

Malcolm Legg's report on the Cove vs Salt Spring F.C. game September 30 was, in fact, very one-sided.

First of all, the "hatchet" style displayed by Cove was just the same as

displayed by the local team. Both clubs were equally guilty of playing "bad" soccer.

The game should have been reported the way it happened. It should have been noted that Salt Spring fans were throwing verbal

abuse at the ref and opposing players.

All the other times we have played on Salt Spring we have had an enjoyable game, but when you print an absolute bunch of "garbage" like that report, I'm afraid we, on Cove, take it to heart.

The cool heads of the Salt Spring F.C. that prevented a brawl were mentioned. I say it was cool heads on both sides. When a player takes a run at our goalie with no intention of playing the ball, what do you expect?

It is also unfortunate the ref was mentioned as another part of the problem. Refs don't come a dime a dozen and it is not easy to control 22 men.

Salt Spring team members are no angels either, they are just a bunch of guys who, like us, enjoy the game of soccer.

So next time we play, it will be enjoyable, you have a good team. I know the next time there will be no "hatchets."

IAN MYERSCOUGH,  
Cove

*Capital Comment*

**HUBERT BEYER**



VICTORIA — The past four years have been anything but easy for Bill Vander Zalm. Being premier did not turn out to be the "piece of cake" he expected it to be.

Four years after leading his party to an overwhelming victory in the last provincial election, the man who said he wouldn't campaign on substance if style sufficed, is hounded by the media, vilified by his opponents and forsaken by many of his former supporters.

Not since his own party almost drummed him out of office a year ago, has Vander Zalm had to contend with as much criticism as he does now, and his response is the same as it has always been: he lays the blame elsewhere.

The premier has always blamed others for his own misfortunes, with the media leading the pack. To this day, he believes himself to be the victim of a media conspiracy.

He also believes that, devastating polls notwithstanding, the people are solidly behind him. A couple of weeks ago, he harangued his ministers at a cabinet meeting not to give up. He was talking to the people out there, he said, and they were telling him to hang in there. As for the bad standing in the polls, that could be turned around, he said.

*Suffering at hands of critics*

Sometimes his response to criticism is unorthodox. On one recent occasion, he phoned an open-line radio show, and last week, he wrote a seven-page open letter to the media, giving his version of the controversy surrounding the sale of Fantasy Garden World.

In the letter, the premier talks about the "considerable suffering" he and his wife have had to endure "at the hands of the critics, particularly the media." The theme is all too familiar. The premier cannot possibly be wrong. It's always someone else's fault, most often the media's.

Some corporations which had booked the banquet meeting hall facilities cancelled after encountering "negative media stories," the letter adds. Of course, they did. They never should have booked the place to begin with, just as it would be wrong or at least unwise for a business to hold a meeting in a union hall. The smart money doesn't mix business with politics.

*Everyone appears to have missed the point*

The letter refers to stories about Liquor Licences for facilities at Fantasy Gardens as "this latest witch hunt." That's what he said about the Knight Street Pub affair when it first broke into the news. It wasn't a witch hunt then, and it isn't one now.

Liquor Licences are a lucrative and sought-after commodity and when one of them can be connected to the premier's friend, Peter Toigo, questions are in order.

The letter discusses at length how everybody, including himself, appeared to have missed the important point that he remained the majority shareholder in Fantasy Gardens, when, on numerous occasions, he had told the media that it was Lillian's business.

When the question of his majority shareholder status surfaced a couple of weeks ago, the premier first accused the media of lying, then the lawyers and accountants of having screwed things up, and finally himself of stupidity.

The letter makes it very clear that it wasn't his lawyers or accountants who goofed. "Our lawyers and accountants also considered the use of a blind trust or the transfer of shares to Lillian," it says.

*Can't find fault with himself*

The letter also deals with how the purchaser of Fantasy Gardens happened to meet Lieutenant Governor David Lam. While here in B.C. to finalize the Fantasy Gardens deal and talk to Finance Minister Mel Couvelier about the possibility of establishing a trust company in B.C., Tan Yu and his daughter, Emilia Roxas, also asked to see the lieutenant governor, the premier says in his letter.

"He was impressed that the lieutenant governor of the province of British Columbia was of Chinese origin," the letter says. And so, "when a major investor bought Fantasy Gardens, I also marketed B.C. as a place to visit and in which to invest," the premier says in his letter.


There's nothing wrong with the premier marketing British Columbia. Vander Zalm is very good at it, but I wish he'd understand that it's extremely bad form to use the Queen's representative like a huckster for promotional purposes.

The last paragraph reveals, once more, his poor-me-against-the-world attitude which doesn't allow him to find even the slightest fault with himself.

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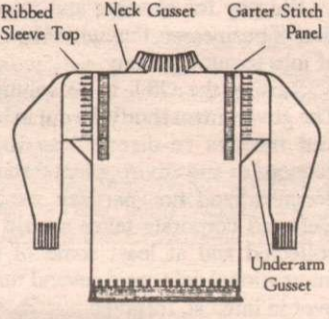
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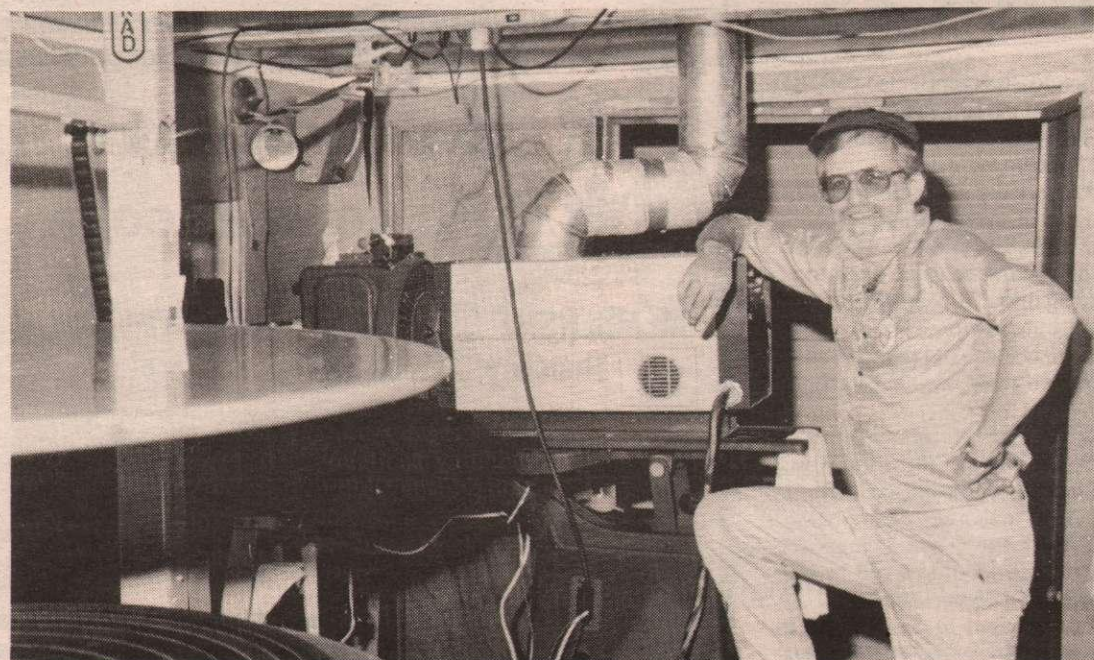


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**ALL WOUND UP:** Island Cinema has come a long way in 12 years. Danny Evanishen poses by his new (to Salt Spring) 35 mm projector. The large trays at the left allow the film to be fed into the projector where it is stored on a second tray. This means Evanishen never has to rewind the film. Since he opened the cinema in 1978, 71,051 people have paid admission to the various motion pictures screened. Central Hall now boasts padded chairs as an added, and welcomed, feature.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

**Method of Madness**

To the editor,  
At the current time it is raining, whilst elsewhere in B.C. it is either snowing or pouring down at an incredible rate.

(Near Abbotsford they had 100 millimetres of rain in less than 24 hours, and the weatherman Norm is mistaken when he says "the worst is over.")

Beyond this, I'll say that we will see a cold and snowy winter in B.C. this year, and flooding next spring.

After that a dry season will expand the clear-cut logged areas with clear-burned areas due to "dry lightning."

"Dry lightning" is caused by ionization of the airmasses mixing above the Rockies, and doing so without enough moisture to cause rainfall.

The reason the blend of the warm air rising daily from the sunbaked slopes and the cool moist ocean air no longer provides rain is this:

Prior to clear-cutting the land, the air rising due to solar energy would carry evaporation provided for by the trees which would also hold tons of water logged in their roots.

Now, with the trees gone, when the air rises, it is dry. And everyone above Grade Four science knows that warm dry air has the ability to absorb vast amounts of water.

So today we have seen the beginning of a new weather pattern and cycle, with a glimpse into how the first winter will be. Last winter was the last winter of the old weather pattern.

Do not count on B.C.'s so called "Rain Forests" to be able to withstand the onslaught of dry weather, at least not south of the north end of Vancouver Island.

What lack of rain won't do, due to tinder-dry forests being lost to fires, you can count on Big Business Greed to do.

Big Business with Love, however, could alleviate the economic suffering, if not the physical displeasure that Mother Nature has in store for The Ungrateful Species.

(Not only Ungrateful, but Disrespectful... etc., etc.)

The first action to take to save the logging industry is to — prior to the enforcement of a moratorium on clear-cutting areas larger than a house lot — instigate a four step program that will take half a century to go one cycle, but will have a pattern of fluency that can be adapted to the seasons, locations and work forces.

Step 1 of the plan is to seek out all and every re-planted area dating back to July 12, 1985. These areas are to be plotted on a map of B.C. In July of 1991 an ad is to run in all local B.C. newspapers, offering free Christmas trees to be farmed as a thinning procedure, seeking out deer-damaged and diseased trees. In all cases, local governments explain the ad to the ones who show any interest. The harvest itself will be done in December, flooding the market to keep the prices down, because a) everyone should be able to afford one; and b) the trees were to die so the forest can grow strong.

Step 2 of the plan can be started whilst trees are being marked for step 1. This stage will concern neighbouring areas planted between 1975 and 1985, with the intention to thin out trees that then can be used for fenceposts, firewood et al. Therefore, ads (in the same media) can keep locals informed as to cheap material to help boost the economy.

Later, when B.C. has learned to start on a new way to harvest its forest, the logging industry will have designed a new method to what has

been madness up to now.

We will see in the next decade whether the weather will be cold or hot, but we must weather it anyway, whether we like it or not.

If we are smart, we will adapt to the new weather pattern, and if we are lucky, we will be able to prevent me from being a bloody prophet of doom, ok?

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# Candidates discuss ideas

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landfill. The district now appears prepared to consider the plan.

Atkins also hopes to see the curbside recycling program get underway.

The final initiative Atkins wants to help "pull together" is the Community Health Council: "Health care could be a lot more efficient and effective provided there is thorough planning and cooperation," she says. "I'm certain the health council will do that."

Atkins further stated that since

taking her holiday this summer, others have started to take responsibility for decision-making. This, she says, has allowed for a broader-based decision-making process, allowing her to fulfil her role by taking the island-made plans through the CRD system.

## Jack Frazer

Frazer, who took part in the committee looking at garbage disposal on the island, maintains the CRD director should represent the island position on issues at the board meetings.

Too often in the past few years,

the director has represented the CRD position on the island, he claims.

The waste disposal problem is such an issue, he stated.

"What really pushed me into this is the lack of any progress on the solid waste issue," he told the *Driftwood*.

The committee came close to an island solution "a couple of times," he said, but something would happen at the CRD level and the committee would find itself back at the beginning again.

He noted the delays have cost a year in seeking a solution and with a deadline slated for the end of next year, "time is short."

"But if the issue is handled properly, the solution could be garbage disposal on the island."

Frazer retired to Salt Spring in 1987 after 36 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He joined the RCAF at the onset of the Korean War as a pilot and over the years served in a variety of posts including a two-year stint with the acrobatic team the "Golden Hawks."

He attained the rank of colonel and served as staff officer in national defence headquarters in Ottawa, NATO forces in Norway and the Canadian forces at Cold Lake Alberta. He also commanded various units of the RCAF in Europe and served as military attache in Africa.

Frazer was invested as an officer in the Order of Military Merit for his service and earned the Meritorious Service Cross for his actions during the civil war in Uganda in 1985.

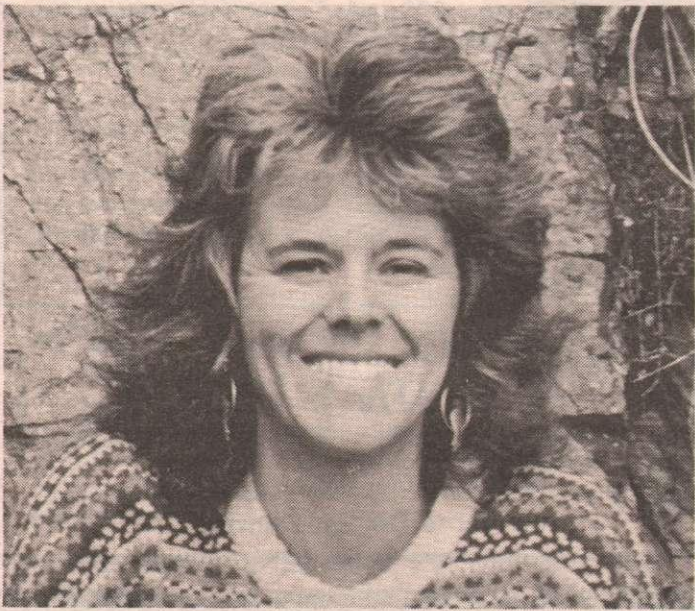
Although he has definite ideas of how the CRD director should perform, Frazer said he would represent the position of island residents. He understands the problem in reaching islanders to find that position.

He recognizes the vocal segment of the island does "not necessarily represent the majority of island residents." He will find some way of reaching islanders to determine a consensus on issues, he said.

That he is relatively unknown does not bother Frazer. He points to the election last October when the current director was the relatively unknown candidate.

He, and his supporters, are working to change the situation of "Jack Who?" by personal contact with as many residents as possible. Telephoning people is not the best way but it will be part of the campaign to get his name known to voters, Frazer said.

"I should be popular with animal lovers," he said. "I walk my dog along Fulford-Ganges Road every day."



Julia Atkins



Jack Frazer

## Appointment pending

A Capital Regional District representative to the Lady Minto Hospital board of directors will be named shortly.

Salt Spring CRD director Julia Atkins recently told the *Driftwood* she has been talking to a number of people who have expressed interest in the position.

Sandy Gordon has been the CRD representative at board of directors meetings.

Hospital society bylaws outline membership regulations for the board of directors. As well as the 10 members elected by the society to

represent interests of various islands, appointed directors are part of the board.

The ministry of health, the Auxiliary to Lady Minto, the medical staff plus an appointee of "the Regional Hospital District in which the hospital is located," each appoint an individual to the board.

The bylaws were written before the advent of the CRD and there is no regional hospital district now. The CRD is served by a hospital board comprising each of the directors from the various parts of the district.

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TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA

AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION:

Re: Application 02-C-1STR-90-24198

LEGAL: Reamended Lot 3, (DD2444801) Section 2; Range 2 East, North Salt Spring Island, Plan 2495

The letter from the Island Trust to Mr. Robert P. Murdoch January 25, 1990 stated that the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee did not support this application. The letter stated: "The official community plan is to preserve agriculture land, and there are no land use studies or that suggest a change in the land use area, in which the land is located. The letter from the refusal with THREE TYPED SIGNATURES from January 25, 1990 in which they refused my application. March 1st, 1990 a letter with registered mail was sent from the land office in Burnaby. I did not receive the letter in time for a MEETING at 8:30 a.m. in the morning on the 10th of March 1990.

There was an exclusion meeting in Duncan on April 13, 1990, where I presented my letter for the application of my land. Again in the letter from the LAND OFFICE from May 23, 1990, I received another refusal. The reason for all these refusals for my application are no longer valid.

At the public hearing SEPTEMBER 10, in the office from THE TRUST IN GANGES BYLAW 256 significantly amends the principles and objectives of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan. The only reason given to me; ADRIANA JOHANNA BUITENWERF was; The land in question is surrounded by agriculture land reserve and is designated agriculture in the official community plan and zoned agriculture 1 (A1).

This is changed on SEPTEMBER 10, 1990 at the public hearing in Ganges. The Island Trust Vice-Chairman and Hearing Chairman, MR. JOHN DUNFIELD, noted an almost complete absence of opposition to bylaw 256. MR. JOHN DUNFIELD WAS ONE OF THE TRUSTEES WHICH REFUSED MY APPLICATION FOR MY LAND, THUS MY REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, SO SOON AS POSSIBLE IN GANGES FOR EXCLUSION OUT OF THE LAND RESERVE.

As a 72 year old citizen and senior it is my right for a PUBLIC HEARING.

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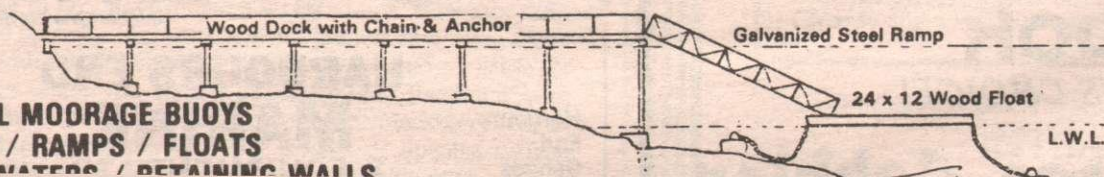
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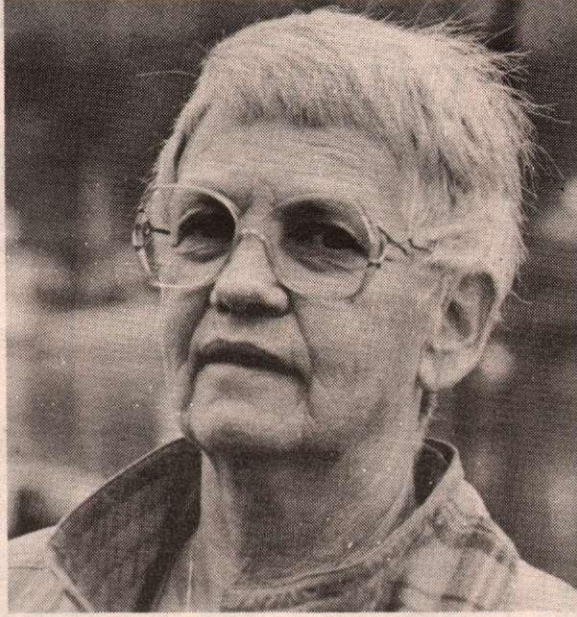
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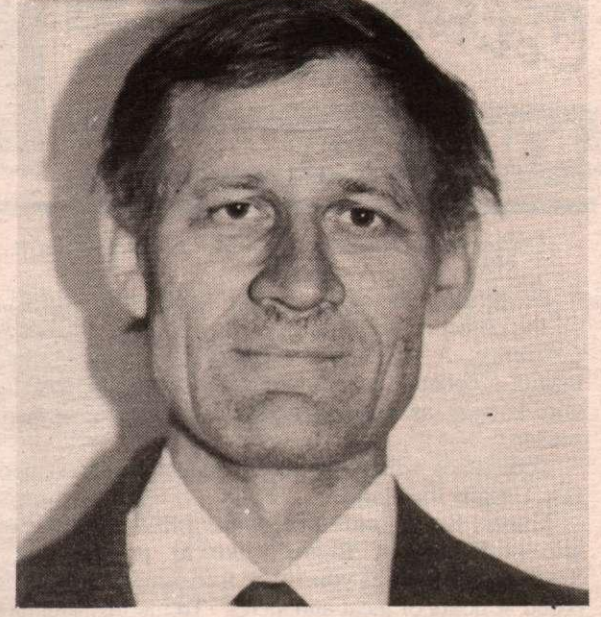
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Bob Andrew



Dee Kinney



Dietrich Luth

# Five vie for Salt Spring Islands Trust positions

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embodies what today is known as a *sustainable development or environmentally sensitive ethic*." He owned and operated a farm in Manitoba for seven years, and has worked as a water chemist, entomologist, biology technician and in aquaculture. He has built many energy efficient homes and currently makes his living from woodworking.

Andrew is running for the Trust as a "logical step" from his environmental background, knowledge of the community and participation with groups supporting the Trust's mandate and policies, he says.

Andrew says now that the Community Plan's goals have been revised, its policies need to be tightened up. "The Community Plan is the tool to assist the Trust in its preserve and protect mandate."

Andrew believes the Trust needs to "encourage thoughtful and sensitive development placing a *conservationist* attitude before a *development* attitude." Encouragement of the use of island services rather than developing a "commuter" island and a modest expansion towards the planned population figures are also part of his philosophy.

He says he is "a strong believer of participatory democracy, that is, community participation in decision-making." He says local government leaders should be responsible for disseminating information to the public and gathering their input. This way, he says, decisions will be made for the entire community rather than only certain individuals or interest groups.

Andrew says transportation and forestry issues would be addressed by him in this manner if elected.

He feels it is important for trustees to work closely with the Capital Regional District on related matters. He says much of what he has learned about the inner workings of the Trust came from his assisting CRD director Julia Atkins this year.

## Dee Kinney

Dee Kinney's face is familiar to many islanders. Since arriving with her husband Lloyd 20 years ago, she has been actively involved in island life.

After building a home, the couple started a backhoe contracting business. They later purchased a septic tank manufacturing company, which Kinney ran with the help of two employees.

After selling that business, Kinney found time to volunteer with the Chamber of Commerce. Both Kinney and her husband are active members of the Castaways Car Club. She is presently employed as the manager of Goodness, Love, Bread, Honey...

business she became familiar with island zoning and land use issues and she has attended a number of Advisory Planning Commission meetings and Islands Trust rezoning hearings. Her observations made her believe greater equality is needed in decision-making.

She says affordable housing must be available to people on fixed incomes and working people, and feels this need is not being addressed. She believes current zoning decisions create larger lots and are causing local housing prices to rise beyond the means of many residents.

Kinney says her platform is straightforward and simple. "Every applicant before the Trust must be treated equally," she says. "Decisions must be made on the merits of the application and not the personality of the applicant."

Further, she adds, "applications must be dealt with speedily and in accordance with the bylaws."

She says the island needs to realistically pre-plan for moderate and orderly future development and the bylaws must be simplified and updated to reflect the needs of the community.

Finally, Kinney says Trust decisions should be based on existing bylaws. "It is ridiculous to create a new bylaw for almost every application which receives a favourable response," she says.

Kinney says she has declined the support of formal groups on the island. She is instead asking members of the community to support her and work on her behalf in the campaign. She feels that by running independently she will be free of obligations to any special interest group.

Kinney says if elected she "intends to be a conscientious worker to the benefit of the entire island."

## Dietrich Luth

Dietrich Luth is another well-known islander who has been associated with Salt Spring for 33 of his 49 years.

He studied archaeology, anthropology and sociology at the University of British Columbia, and received his Masters degree from UBC in 1964. He received additional training in bio-statistics at UCLA and linguistics at Georgetown University.

Luth spent 10 years teaching and doing research at UBC and three years in the armed forces achieving the rank of corporal. He has been self-employed on Salt Spring for the past ten years trading in steel products, large volume water storage tanks and providing forklifts and materials-handling equipment and services to the building trades.

Luth has been involved in several volunteer activities on the island in

public and policy-makers." "I have the stamina to resist pressures that might go against the Trust," he adds. Luth also stresses

that he doesn't owe favours to anyone on the island and has no commitment to special interest groups.

Luth has several objectives if elected trustee. He says he would "ensure that Trust decisions are consistent with longterm community goals and adhere to island values as outlined in the Community Plan."

He feels it is important to "maintain an arm's length relationship with zoning change applicants," and to establish procedures to ensure the Trust "does not exceed or deviate from its mandate." He says it is not the trustees' function to "promote" applications, and they should "stick to their role and not violate their mandate."

He also believes engineering and related land use studies required in zoning or land use changes should be done by objective consultants rather than those paid by applicants.

Transportation issues should be addressed, says Luth, including the provision of bicycle paths in the upcoming review of island road standards, and general transportation policies "which maintain the island identity and address islanders' needs."

He would encourage town hall meetings of the islands trustees, CRD director, MLAs and relevant government officials on contentious issues.

Luth says he is familiar with the procedures of the Trust and has "the capacity to communicate with the

public and policy-makers." "I have the stamina to resist pressures that might go against the Trust," he adds. Luth also stresses

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And then to breakfast, with what appetite you have.  
— Shakespeare, *Henry VIII*

Breakfast is the slow, hungry stepchild of lunch and dinner — the object of grumbling abuse or, worse, Shakespearean indifference. A Cinderella without the redeeming qualities of magic; a collation swallowed with imperative haste and a certain distaste, as exciting as brushing molars or finding clean socks.

Sometimes writers try to say something good about breakfast. Usually they fail.

Francis Bacon, only one of the Elizabethans whom certain idle professors of English like to pretend was the real Shakespeare, advises you "to be free-minded and cheerfully disposed at hours of meat and sleep." To me this sounds more like the nap after a big dinner of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. When my dreams are shattered by an alarm clock, and a bowl of oats with a clutch of vitamin pills on the side waits malevolently downstairs, it's hard to be cheerfully disposed.

Sydney Smith, the philosopher, declared that the only thing worthwhile about breakfast was, that no one in his circle was awake sufficiently to become conceited before one o'clock in the afternoon. Times change.

Robert Louis Stevenson had his pirates breakfast on rum and apples, which accounts for that celebrated author's remark: "When a man 'as breakfast every day, he don't know what it is."

I don't know what it is either, but I do know what it is not. Brunch is not breakfast, not even half of it. Brunch is a ghastly portmanteau word favoured by people who are too lazy to get up at dawn and do the right thing, but who nevertheless lack the necessary discipline and backbone to wait until noon when they can embrace the next opportunity.

Leisurely affair served in bed on a tray

The best breakfasts are not meals; they are places and states of mind. There is, for instance, the ideal breakfast.

This breakfast occurs only on Sundays. On the other hand, my version of Utopia there will be no other days of the week. That way I really shall be able to enjoy a "month of Sundays."

It will be a leisurely affair served in bed on a tray. One digests the weekend book reviews with a supercilious eye(brow) over the toast and marmalade. A recent pastiche composition of Pierre Berton's is deplored. Is Canada singularly blessed or do all countries have Pierre Bertons? The coffee is dark and smoky and powerful like the Colombian volcanoes. It is topped thickly with whipped cream and coloured by dash of cinnamon.

Downstairs a thoughtful person has turned on appropriate music: a guitar concerto of Villa Lobos perhaps. The telephone, an uncivilized, Pavlovian instrument, does not work. The dog waits with patience outside the door and doesn't scratch, or no longer has, her fleas. In the orchard birds sing politely and do not quarrel. Instead of playing with the Nintendo device or loudly practising "ollies" on his skateboard, my son is reading J.R.R. Tolkien with an air of critical aplomb. Soon he will take up the *Autobiography of Bertrand Russell*.

I have yet to experience this kind of breakfast, but you never know.

Then there is the Anglo-Saxon breakfast. A forthright, bellicose race, they gave us the word breakfast by joining "brecan" and "fast." Whenever they ate after sleeping, praying, or fighting, it was time for breakfast. Since that was all any of them did, apart from that other Anglo-Saxon activity, it was a moveable feast. No one told Beowulf it had to be at 7:30 a.m.

Roman breakfast a jejune affair

An Anglo-Saxon breakfast consisted of sticky bowls of mead and haunches of venison served atop a shield on somebody's moor or blasted heath. The conversation was brutal. Since my rugby days, I haven't had an Anglo-Saxon breakfast.

The Romans were hopeless about breakfast. Even Jeff Smith, the "Frugal Gourmet" who continuously plagiarizes my books on his syndicated cooking show, can't keep his mouth open for long on the subject of Roman breakfasts. Pliny and the boys called it "ientaculum" and that's just what it was: a cold snack of bread and fruit taken as soon as the sun came up and you could see enough to kick the slave who was sleeping on the mosaic floor. The word is related to "jejunus," an adjective meaning hungry, abstinent, and fasting.

A Roman breakfast was thus a jejune affair, meagre and without ornament. After bolting this down it was high time to trot over to the law courts and hand out some more stiff sentences (!). There are still a lot of Romans around today.

As a marathon runner I must regard breakfast as a physical necessity. On the other hand there isn't much you want to carry around in your stomach for 26 miles on a Sunday morning. I call this recipe Runner's Porridge. People who think runners are crazy can skip it and go on to the advertisements for chainsaws and whatnot.

Jump out of bed at dawn and a set of sit-ups. Now mix three parts rolled oats and two parts almond granola in boiling water seasoned with a little salt. Cook briefly, cover and set aside for ten minutes while you stretch the quads and tigerbalm your Achilles. For each serving put a spoonful of blackberry jam in the centre and garnish with a few threads of Spanish saffron

District office planned

An office for Salt Spring Island's director to the Capital Regional District is in the works.

Current CRD director Julia Atkins says the room next to the CRD Building Inspector's office in the provincial government building on Lower Ganges Road is available for use. Final negotiations with the British Columbia Buildings Corporation, which administers provincial government buildings, are taking place in the near future.

The office would not handle administrative business but would provide public access to the CRD director and be a place to keep relevant files and bylaw material. All files are currently located in Atkins' home.

If the Parks and Recreation Commission decides to share the office with the CRD, the commission's secretary could be trained to handle CRD inquiries, says Atkins. The CRD would not provide funding to hire a paid secretary on Salt Spring Island.

Atkins says with the CRD's public health clinic and building inspection office already here, there is no need for additional staff.

She hopes the office will open in the new year.

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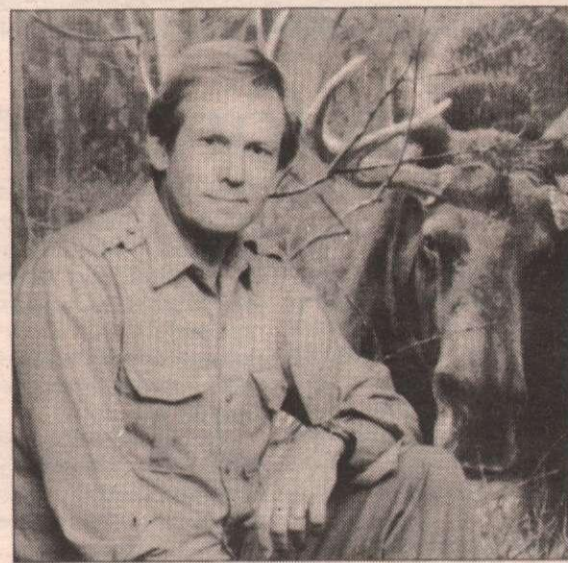
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**NEWSBEAT**

# Concern expressed over Don Ore subdivision

A Don Ore Road property owner faced neighbours' concerns in a presentation for rezoning made to the Advisory Planning Commission on Thursday.

Leslie Quesnel owns 17 acres of land above Don Ore Road. The land is presently zoned Rural and subject to a five-acre minimum subdivision lot size. Quesnel presented the APC with a plan to rezone her property to Rural Residential 3 which would allow subdivision of lots into a one-acre average parcel size.

Rezoning of the property would require an amendment to the Community Plan.

Quesnel told the APC and about 20 community members present at the meeting her preliminary plan would create 12 residential lots and a park area from the 17 acres. She said the property was intended to comprise the third phase of the Don Ore subdivision developed by her late father, Bruce Barnes, in the late 1960s.

Barnes died before the subdivision could be completed. The Community Plan was then drawn up and the land put into the five-acre minimum Rural classification. Quesnel said she and her mother had limited knowledge of property matters and were unable to oppose the zoning at that time.

Several residents of the area were at the APC meeting. They voiced concerns about the effect of a subdivision on drainage and flooding. Some had experienced washout and run-off problems from the flow of water off Mt. Belcher at various times.

Don Boyse, who lives on Devine Crescent, said run-off from Don Ore Road had caused serious problems for him. He said "some kind of diversion needs to be guaranteed."

Don Ore Road resident Louise Rumsey said she and her husband Art had used the services of the highways ministry, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, a provincial cabinet minister and neighbours to

fix drainage problems affecting their property.

"If anything happens above us, our house is going to end up in Ganges Harbour," she said.

The Rumseys' neighbour Nora Eckford confirmed the flooding phenomenon. She also said "I sympathize with someone who owns property and wants to do something with it."

Quesnel responded by saying it was not solely her property contributing to excessive runoff in the area. She said the problem starts further up the mountain.

She asked if people would feel more comfortable if a drainage study was undertaken to find possible solu-

tions. The discussion then shifted to who would be responsible for the cost of such a study.

Trust Planner Tony Quinn said if the rezoning application was approved by the local Trust committee then the Trust would probably have to pay for a consultants' study. He stressed however that the property would not be examined until the change from Rural to Rural 3 had been made.

Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert said "if there is no support for the rezoning application there is no point considering the details."

Quesnel confirmed that under present zoning she could create three lots from the 17-acre parcel but be-

cause it was view property she expected more than three lots.

She pointed to the recent increase in density near Ganges village with multi-family dwelling construction, and suggested the 100 Hills area was more appropriate for increased density.

She said if her application was not approved she would be forced to log the property to pay its property taxes.

Quesnel told the *Driftwood* on Friday she now plans to hire an engineer with drainage expertise to do an assessment of the property. She also plans to tell Quinn to put her application on hold before the Trust committee decides its fate.

## Sewer meeting planned

Proposed changes to the Ganges sewage treatment will be the subject of a public meeting this weekend.

The meeting, to be held between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, will take place in the library at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Commission member Kathy Reimer and Tom Wright will host the afternoon information sessions. They hope to hear concerns regarding proposed changes and answer any questions they can.

Reimer explained if questions cannot be answered at the meeting, the commission will seek advice from experts.

Essentially, the commission is looking to change the treatment process and to utilize a continuous discharge.

The sewage is currently treated with chlorine, neutralized and stored to be discharged at ebb tide.

The commission plans to install an ultra-violet (UV) system to disinfect the sewage and discharge it as needed. Reimer said other jurisdictions which use the UV treatment have found it more effective than chemicals.

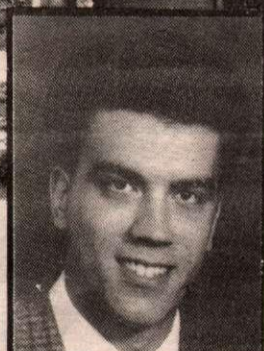
A continuous discharge would mix with the large volume of water at the outfall much easier than a discharge of 250,000 litres (55,000 gallons) as is now the case, she said.

The sewage is now treated with chlorine. A workman shovels the chlorine into the treatment tanks and then adds more chemicals to neutralize the chlorine. All the same, Reimer pointed out, some chlorine is discharged, forming organochlorides on contact with the sea water. The byproduct often has adverse effects on the environment at the outfall, she said.

The meeting is to gather concerns about the changes, she said.

"It doesn't mean we're going to expand the sewer system in Ganges," she stated. "We're just going to

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**NEWSBEAT**

**Local man sentenced to 28 days**

A 25-year-old Ganges man will serve 28 days in jail after pleading guilty to his third impaired driving-related charge.

Rainbow Road resident Phillip Edward Kitchen pleaded guilty to the offence which occurred on February 17, 1990, in the Harbour House Hotel parking lot. The Crown entered a stay of proceedings on count two: refusing to provide a breath sample.

Crown Counsel Edward Ormheim told the court Kitchen was first seen by Ganges RCMP Constable Chris Bomford in the driver's seat of a parked car at approximately 12:04 a.m. The vehicle's motor was running. Kitchen told Bomford he was warming up the vehicle while he waited for his girlfriend to drive him home.

According to Crown evidence, Kitchen showed signs of impairment. Bomford advised him he should not be behind the wheel of a vehicle. He watched him return to the bar before leaving to attend another call.

At 12:36 a.m., Bomford returned to the Harbour House parking lot where he once again saw Kitchen in the vehicle. The vehicle was running and slowly moving backwards. Bomford noted the back-up lights were on. He approached Kitchen, read him his rights and demanded he provide a breathalyser sample.

The defence counsel told the court Kitchen had not intended to drive. He said the vehicle had to be started in neutral and the back-up lights came on as the accused passed the gear-shift through reverse.

In handing down the sentence, Judge Ralph Hudson noted Kitchen had "care and control" of the vehicle on both occasions. He said the circumstances were not mitigating, especially as Bomford had already warned him of the offence.

He sentenced Kitchen to 28 days in jail to be served intermittently on weekends. He further suspended his driver's licence for 18 months.

**Man nets 21 days**

A second impaired driving conviction resulted in a jail sentence for a Victoria man last week.

Michael Bystedt, 32, was driving a vehicle along Upper Ganges Road on August 17, when he was involved in an accident at 6:45 p.m. He sped away from the scene and RCMP stopped him on Vesuvius Bay Road.

The police officer suspected Bystedt was impaired and the subsequent breath analysis proved the point.

When considering sentence, Judge Hudson heard Bystedt had been convicted on a similar charge at the beginning of August, 1989. Bystedt was sentenced to serve 21 days in jail and will be without his driver's licence for at least 18 months.

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**Impaired driving**

A Ganges man will pay close to \$600 in fines after he pleaded guilty to two driving offences.

Rick John Black, 36, of Jackson Road pleaded guilty before Judge Ralph Hudson in Ganges provincial court to charges of speeding and impaired driving.

Crown evidence indicated Black was stopped for driving 80 kilometres per hour in a 50-kilometre per hour zone on Vesuvius Bay Road, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Impaired driving charges were laid against Black on April 29 at 1:37 a.m. when he did not stop at a road block.

Ganges RCMP Constable Pat Wilkinson and auxiliary constable Jim Stuart saw Black driving toward the roadblock in an erratic manner. They were forced to jump out of the way to avoid being hit by Black's vehicle.

The officers pursued and stopped Black's vehicle. They noted Black showed numerous signs of impairment.

The Crown said the incident led to Black's first impaired driving charge.

The defence counsel said his client had been hit in the eye with a piece of wood and was driving to the hospital. He said Black felt it was more important to get to the hospital than stop for the roadblock.

In considering the offences, Judge Hudson noted Black was driving well in excess of the permitted speed. He fined him \$145 for the speeding offence.

He also said Black's inebriated condition on April 29 seemed to have been "substantially above the legal limit." He fined him \$450 and suspended his drivers' licence for 12 months.

**Motor vehicle accident**

A traffic accident cost a former Salt Spring woman \$1,000 over and above the cost of repairs to the two vehicles involved.

Jayna Corinne Adshead, 22, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without due care and attention in Ganges court last week. She had been involved in a head-on collision in the driveway leading to Harbour House Hotel.

Estimates of damage ran as high as \$3,000.

In court, Judge Hudson imposed a \$1,000 fine for the offence. Adshead, who has since moved to Alberta, had also been charged with impaired driving but circumstances resulted in the Crown entering a stay of proceedings on those charges.

**Impaired driving**

A Salt Spring celebration led to a court appearance for a Brentwood Bay man who decided to drive home after the festivities.

Graham Leslie Etheridge, 26, appeared in Ganges provincial court last week to plead guilty to a charge of being in care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired.

The court learned Etheridge took part in a Victoria Day weekend soccer tournament on Salt Spring last

May. He left a celebratory party close to midnight and was driving erratically when an RCMP patrol stopped him on Ganges Hill.

The court also heard Etheridge seldom drinks alcohol and the amount he consumed that evening affected him severely.

Judge Hudson imposed a fine of \$450 and Etheridge automatically faces a loss of his driver's licence for a one year period.

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*Peter and Anne-Marie Brimacombe slated for the Harbour House*

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Actually the "fine small band" consists of Peter Brimacombe on piano backed by electronic accompaniment which supplies the back-drop music for vocals by Anne-Marie Brimacombe.

Peter Brimacombe hails from Victoria while Anne-Marie comes from Trinidad. The couple now live in Sidney and are launching a third career for themselves on the Vancouver Island club circuit.

As a talented teenager on the Caribbean island, Anne-Marie attracted attention from England and won a three-year scholarship at the royal academy in London. She stayed in Blighty five years, gaining stage and concert experience.

The highlight of her stay came when she won the part of Lady Thiang in the *King and I* starring Yul Brynner. But because she was a student, she could not obtain a work permit to allow her to perform.

Peter, at that time, was working the hotel circuit in Trinidad as a

pianist. He produced a play for Christmas, starring Anne-Marie. They subsequently married and lived for a time in Toronto before returning to Victoria.

They perform Friday, October 19 and again on Saturday, October 20 in the dining room of the Harbour House Hotel.

**WHO IS EVA...?**

## Flatliners scheduled this week

Following a short delay, Island Cinema presents *Flatliners* along with an apology from Danny E.

The picture screens each evening from Friday, October 19 to Wednesday, October 24 at 8 p.m.

A couple of weeks ago, before the distributor rearranged Danny E.'s schedule of movies, the *Driftwood* presented a thumbnail preview of the movie. In the interim, the plot line has not changed.

Starring Keifer Sutherland and Julia Roberts under direction of Joel Schumacher (*St. Elmo's Fire*), the motion picture carries a restricted rating due to violence, coarse language, suggestive scenes and an autopsy.

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Social commentary has long been part of artistic expression. Finding roots in the work of artists such as Honore Daumier and Pablo Picasso, art mirroring the surrounding society and feeding back comment on it has an important role to play in a free society.

In 1832 French artist Honore Daumier was sentenced to six months in jail for creating a cartoon of King Louis Phillipe as *Gargantua Swallowing Bags of Gold Extracted from the People*. Throughout a long artistic career Daumier produced almost four thousand lithographic plates for a variety of journals, many images dealing with social commentary.

Pablo Picasso painted *Guernica* in 1937, with vivid imagery based on passionate outrage over the bombing of the small town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. In later years Picasso painted *Massacre in Korea*, *War*, and 14 scenes in etching and aquatint entitled *The Dream and Lie of Franco*.

During the Second World War, while the Germans occupied France, Picasso was forbidden public exhibition of his work.

Chaplin's images widely recognized

Political cartooning is an accepted part of everyday life in Canada. Our politicians and their decisions, the economy, the environment and world affairs, are fodder for the humour mills.

Part-time Salt Spring resident Carl Chaplin (a.k.a. Doctor Nuko) has exhibited images of cities being blown up by nuclear bombs in efforts to draw attention to the dangers of nuclear technology. He has travelled as far afield as Japan and Israel in efforts to promote world peace through his artwork.

There is indeed a long and proud tradition of political commentary expressed through the visual arts. As artists hold up the mirror to a society and reflect what they see, whether the beauty or the danger, they play an invaluable part in marking where that society is in its development. They create an historical record which can be examined by future generations and reveal a great deal about life and times of the age.

Unusual and daring television venture

Television plays a large role in many lives and has a powerful influence on our thinking. The current enormously popular television series called "The Simpsons" is master-minded by former underground cartoonist, Matt Groening.

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An unusual and daring venture for television, Matt Groening has taken satirical cartooning to the level of mass appeal with undoubtedly very lucrative results.

Artists continue to draw attention to our value systems and social reality. When done with a sense of humour it is often all the more poignant.

Gallery honours Utley

Former Salt Spring Island painter Windsor Utley will be commemorated in a retrospective showing at a Seattle gallery.

Some 60 examples of his work, ranging from his 1939 watercolour, "L.A." to "Radiant City," an oil on canvas, painted in 1986, will be exhibited at the Foster-White Gallery, on Occidental Avenue, south, in the Washington city.

The show will run from November 1 to December 2, with a special preview on Wednesday, October 1 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Utley was born in Los Angeles, in 1920 and died in Seattle, April 8, 1989. He came to Salt Spring Island 30 years ago to acquire property on Beddis Road and to build his "Windsor's Castle" out of 900 tons of rock gathered from the beaches. He moved to the island in 1969 and set up his studio above the pool room on McPhillips Ave., where Luigi's Restaurant is located today.

In addition to taking a prominent place in island activities, Windsor Utley was a popular social figure and entertained lavishly.

He left Salt Spring in 1981 and moved to Laguna Beach, where he grew up. He remained active and productive up to the time of his death.

His widow and son, Josephine and Claude, have worked with the Foster-White Gallery to present this retrospective.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Workshops will focus on special education needs

A variety of workshops on special education will be presented by the Gulf Islands School District, C.U.P.E. and the Ministry of Education this Friday.

*Working Together for Special Education* will be held at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Friday, October 19, (Provincial Pro-D Day).

Workshops will be presented for parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, and School Board trustees, as well as other interested

members of the community. No registration fee is required for Gulf Islanders.

Conference speakers include Patrick Ross, Director of Instruction — Special Programs in Nanaimo and former Ministry of Education Special Education coordinator, who will give the keynote talk on "Key Issues in Successfully Integrating Regular and Special Education."

Dr. Ron Tinney, Director of Professional Studies at the Univer-

sity of Victoria, is presenting two sessions on "Working with Ineffective Learning Behaviours in the Regular Classroom."

An afternoon panel discussion will be presented for parents of children with special needs, to assist them in becoming more effective advocates and partners in the educational process. Panel members include Pat Ross, Susan Gibbs (President, Board of Directors, Learning Disabilities Association), Beverly

Kissinger (Regional Resource Parent, Family Support Institute and Community Options, Victoria); Carl Albert (Social Worker, Social Services and Housing, Duncan); Robert McWhirter (Director of Instruction, Gulf Islands School District), and Dr. Ralph Miller (psychologist and Special Education Consultant, Gulf Islands School District).

In addition, a workshop is planned on "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk."

Sharada Filkow and Lisa Sigurgeirson will present effective communication and problem solving techniques for adults living or working with elementary or secondary students.

Water taxi service will be provided for Outer Island participants.

For further information and registration, contact program coordinators Ralph Miller and Judy Boylan at 537-2616.

## Speakers celebrate beginning

Turning back the clock, Salt Spring Speakers will return to 1938 for a Founder's Day Celebration this Thursday night.

Hats and gloves will be required attire as club members of International Training in Communication honour Ernestine White, the woman who founded Toastmistress 52 years ago in San Francisco. Since that time the organization has grown to nearly 20,000 members in 29 countries. As more and more men joined ITC a move was made to change the name four years ago.

ITC has a four-point learning program of leadership training, speech improvement, organizational skills and communication techniques.

Thursday's celebration program includes induction of new Salt Spring Speaker members and three speeches outlining development of the organization since its inception.

Guests are invited to attend the dinner meeting at Harbour House Hotel. Call to order is 6:30 p.m. and guests should arrive by 6:15 p.m. Meals are \$12 per person and must be reserved by calling membership chair Carol Voorhoeve at 653-4364.

# Chamber-sponsored workshop will benefit local entrepreneurs

Turning a good idea into a profit-making business will be easier for people attending a special two-day home-based business workshop sponsored by Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Workshop facilitator Valerie Stanley-Jones will lead participants through two four-hour sessions on October 19 and 20 at the Harbour House Hotel. Sessions start at 1 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday. Interested people can register by calling the chamber office at 537-4223. Cost is \$35 which includes a workbook that all participants take home with them.

Each year in B.C. 15,000 new home-based businesses are launched but 80 per cent fail within two to five years.

Stanley-Jones was one of the success stories as she began a home-based business in retail jewellery, taking it to a limited company before selling. She now works on a contract basis for the provincial government leading seminars and workshops on various aspects of starting and promoting home-based businesses.

She says a wonderful service or product is not sufficient to ensure the success of a home-based business. It is critical to conduct a market survey, write a business plan and understand basic bookkeeping.

Despite the high failure rate, home-based businesses are becoming increasingly attractive to people in this province. Being independent, close to the rest of the family and eliminating the need to commute ap-

peals to many people.

Topics to be covered at the weekend sessions are how to choose a business, how to develop a business plan, introduction to market surveys, basic marketing strategy, financial planning, and pricing and cost control.

Developed by the Ministry of Regional and Economic Development under the direction of Minister Stan Hagen, the workshops are designed to support and educate new entrepreneurs in areas that most often cause businesses to fail.

"Home-based businesses are the

most important incubator for future businesses we have," says Hagen.

"North American trends suggest that in 20 years most British Columbia employers will trace their roots to home-based businesses started over the same period."

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# DOWN THE YEARS

## Thirty Years Ago

Nearly 150 people sat down to the annual Salt Spring Thanksgiving dinner as a fundraising event to buy a new stove for the manse. Turkey and all the trimmings were served on tables decorated with the autumn blooms of Mrs. W. LeFevre.

Sanitary Inspector Norman Lewis visited Salt Spring to inspect the sewage problems in Ganges at the request of the Chamber of Commerce. Lewis declined to make a report of his findings until they had been evaluated.

Nels Degnen shot a superb game of golf to win the Schwenger Cup with a net score of 136 on a 20 handicap. In fact, he shot such fine golf that several of the losers were heard to mutter Degnen's handicap would definitely be lower in future tournaments.

Jack Smith announced the sale of his taxi business to Chester Reynolds. Smith had been in the taxi business for 14 years, while Reynolds had spent most of his life in the logging and lumbering industry.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

The Salt Spring Lions Club's sixth charter night saw a full turnout of members, visiting Lions and other guests. In addition to reporting major growth in the club since its inauguration, the Lions had achieved a major objective of raising \$17,500 for their Pioneer Village Society.

Newly elected as second vice-president of the B.C. School Trustees Association at the 61st annual convention in Vancouver was Jim Campbell of Saturna Island. Campbell had been chairman of the

Gulf Islands School Board for the past two years.

## Twenty Years Ago

Improvements to power service were underway in the islands. Improved reliability would be provided for most of B.C. Hydro's customers by a power distribution loop which was under construction. Upon completion of the construction program, Salt Spring, Mayne, Galiano, Saturna and North Pender islands would be linked by a system combining conventional overhead power lines and submarine cables.

Minister of Fisheries Jack Davis proposed to establish a marine park of the Gulf of Georgia in order to prohibit despoliation of the waters surrounding the Gulf Islands.

The third annual Greasy pig contest was held October 10 at the Ganges school grounds. It once again proved to be an outstanding success as well as lively entertainment. The young contestants seemed more exhausted than the piglets which doubled back and forth as they were chased around the corral.

## Fifteen Years Ago

Islands Trustee Mike Larmour put forward a suggestion that the Salt Spring Island road allowance be increased to 100 feet in width. Other Islands Trust representatives had been lobbying the highways ministry for a reduction in the present road width to 66 feet. Larmour explained that the additional width would provide for footpaths and other functions besides road traffic.

Arno and Alf Bangert swam for more than 40 minutes in icy waters when their canoe capsized south of Ganges. Jack Langdon sighted the swimmers from his sailing boat and crossed over to rescue them.

## Ten Years Ago

CRD director Yvette Valcourt introduced a bylaw to require a vote on the allocation of a half-mill for parks and a half-mill for recreation. Both half-mill levies had been in force for several years.

The waste disposal problem at the Ganges school complex was to be

put in the hands of a local contractor, who would then come up with plans for a septic tank and disposal field, it was decided by the school board.

Galiano Island would get a new school if efforts by the joint committee proved successful. A delegation of parents from Galiano was told that a proposed change in the education ministry regulations could allow the construction of a school. School enrolment had to be more than 60 before a new school would be built.

Two members from a group known as the Apostles of Infinite Love were on Salt Spring Island seeking donations from residents. Local resident Alice Turnbull called RCMP after two "nuns" knocked on her door. Turnbull said they were "a little rude."

## Five Years Ago

Driftwood editor Tony Richards reported on the editorial department's switch from typewriters to word processing equipment. "We try to memorize every word in preparation for that awful moment when we discover all has been lost, gone forever in the murky depths of Random Access memory, or decimated into a handful of worthless bytes, buried somewhere between two pieces of cardboard known in computer jargon as a floppy," he said.





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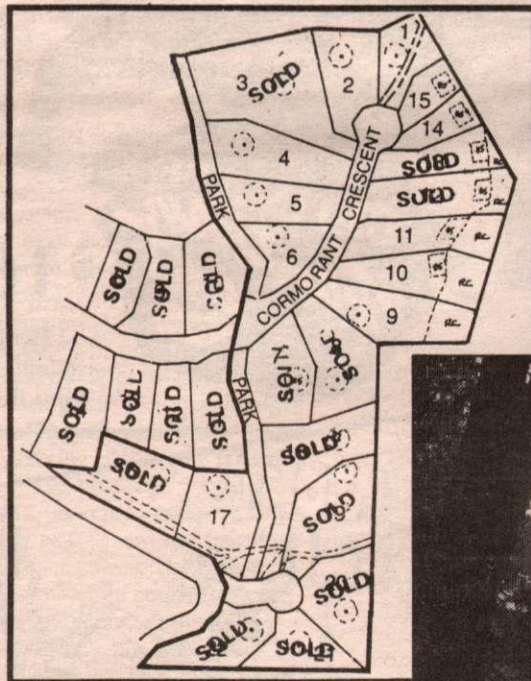
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