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Lady Minto Hospital staff are saluted from the inside ..... B1

Model of HMS Ganges is completed by Island resident .. C1

## Crews fight storm in a lengthy battle

32 hours of toppling trees and power outages

Rain, wind and trees caused headaches for Gulf Islands hydro crews last Friday and resulted in a dark day for many island residents.

Hydro workers were so busy on Salt Spring that a crew was brought in from Nanaimo on Friday and again on Saturday.

"We had all kinds of people running in circles," Gulf Islands Hydro manager John Langston told the *Driftwood* this week.

Beginning at 4 a.m. Friday until close to noon Saturday, electric crews coped with trees downed across power lines in recurring efforts to ensure customers had electricity.

The first tree knocked out lines running down Cusheon Lake Road bringing blackouts to most of the south-east section of Salt Spring. At least 560 customers were without power until 7 a.m., said Langston.

At 7:15 a.m., a tree fell at Razor

Point on Pender, also resulting in a blackout. Mayne Island residents joined those without power at 7:50 a.m. when a tree snapped power lines on that island.

Service on Mayne was restored by 10:20 a.m. while Pender residents had to wait until 11 a.m. for lights.

Meanwhile, a tree on Stewart Road knocked out the south-east end of Salt Spring for a second time that day at 10:20 a.m. Just as crews were in position to restore power, another tree snapped the lines.

Shifting switches and breakers at the sub-station allowed hydro to restore power to about 300 customers in the affected area.

But then another tree near Arnell Way on Ganges Hill took out more wire and Ganges went dark. More fancy switching in the sub-station restored power to the village and to Pender Island by 1:15 p.m.

STORM A3

## Election recount confirms results

Winners of the Salt Spring Trust election were confirmed in a recount and rumours of double voting in November 17 elections were quashed by a review of poll books conducted last Friday.

Returning officer Tom Moore met election poll clerks and candidates' agents at the school board office to conduct cross-referencing of people voting in advance and at three island polling stations. Moore says no incidents of people voting more than once were discovered in the review.

"The honesty of your islanders remains intact," he told the *Driftwood* on Monday.

Vote totals in the Islands Trust election changed slightly from the recount, but not enough to change the result. The revised totals are as follows with the initial number shown in brackets: Bob Andrew, 1428 (1418); John Stepaniuk, 1339 (1337); Max Soder, 1305 (1300); Dietrich Luth, 694 (686); Dee Kinney, 684 (678), for a total increase of 31 votes.

Most of the change was due to the inclusion of some ballots rejected during the first count.

Fourteen ballots were originally rejected because they had a small knick out of their bottom left hand corner which occurred when they were torn out of the ballot books.

the election" and was "reluctant" to ask for a recount.

However, when Soder called Salt Spring Tuesday and learned Moore was to review voting due to several allegations of double voting, he decided to ask for a recount of Trust election ballots.

"In the final analysis I agreed to a recount because it was better for this community. We needed a clear answer," said Soder.

With a 37-vote spread and no call for a review of voting, he would not have requested a recount, he said.

## Looking at future of school

Looking to the future was the theme of New School Awareness Day at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Saturday morning.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Moderator Charles Bazzard, speakers Janet Mort, Dr. Mike Marshall and architects Shiv Garyali and Donovan Marshall had a similar message to give to parents, teachers and community members present: the fu



FOR THE LITTLE ONES: St. George's Church Hall was transformed into the Little Ones' Christmas Market last Saturday. Surrounded by handmade dolls, quilts and stuffed animals, Milly Sinclair extends a Christmas smile to market participants.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

## Everyone is talking earthquake but some are preparing for it

Four major earthquakes have rocked this planet in the past five years, leaving more than 32,000 people dead and causing billions of dollars in damages.

By SUSAN DICKER LUNDY  
Driftwood Editor

The first three of those quakes — Mexico in 1985 (8.1 on the Richter Scale), Los Angeles in 1987 (6.5), Armenia in 1988 (6.9) — received media coverage, but gained little longterm attention from the British Columbian government and population.

This changed in October of last year. A 7.1

British Columbia's most "stimulating" disaster: "All of a sudden, everyone wanted information."

Now in 1990, earthquakes are once again a popular topic. An American sooth has predicted a major quake in the U.S. during the first week of December, sending a ricochet of "what if" alarm throughout the westcoast of North America.

Earthquake and disaster preparedness efforts on Salt Spring, in the works for some time now, are coming to a head with two organizational meetings planned for early December. An increased number of island residents are also planning for the "big one," purchasing earthquake insurance in greater numbers and ensuring earthquake safeguards are built into new structures.



# Islanders slightly confused over "Say Yes Now" project

Some confusion has arisen over two aspects of a planned global post card campaign initiated by the Booth family of Salt Spring Island.

The idea is to have \$2.5 billion dollars allocated by the United Nations for saving the lives of 14 million children under five who die each year around the world. UNICEF has estimated that amount of money would provide life saving solutions to the majority of children who die.

Eric and Cindy Booth lost their son, Jarrod, to cancer earlier this year. One of the highlights of the youngster's life was being sent thousands of cards from people around the world. It was Jarrod's death which prompted the Booths to do something to try and halt the needless death of other children.

But what began as a good idea has become more complicated than it need be, said Eric Booth. He explained he wants to simplify the campaign.

Reducing explanation to a few lines, he said he hopes to erase any confusion people have about what is expected of them and what they can do.

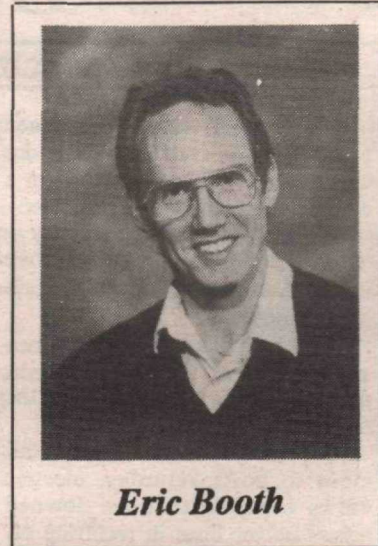
The lines read:

"Every year 14 million children under five die. UNICEF has stated 2.5 billion dollars will provide life saving solutions to the majority. Join the giant global petition to have this money allocated by the United Nations. The goal is 100 million cards. DO NOT SEND MONEY. Print "Say Yes Now!" on a post card and mail it to Box 200, Salt Spring Island, Ganges, B.C. Canada, V0S 1E0.

1E0. Do it now! You WILL make a difference."

Booth has sheets of paper with the message repeated 11 times available at his office in Pemberton Holmes Realty, 156 Fulford-Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

People can take one sheet and photocopy what they need, or more copies will be provided.



Eric Booth

Booth hopes copies of the message will be sent with Christmas cards or through regular business correspondence.

The second question of confusion Booth has received concerns the Ganges post office. People are worried about the affect of an avalanche of cards inundating the facility at its busiest time of year.

Unlike last Christmas season when the cards to Jarrod were being sent care of *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, this time around the campaign has its very own postal code. This means the mail will arrive pre-sorted from Victoria and Vancouver.

Booth explained he has a system which will bypass the post office altogether when the volume increases as he expects it to do in the next few weeks.

He is suggesting that the "Say Yes Now!" mail bags be placed on the freight truck first and the rest of the mail be loaded after so it is unloaded first. When that has been done, Booth said the rest of the bags could be released through the freight company to him and delivered to a designated storage station.

"We don't want to cause any major havoc for the post office," he added.

Since last Friday some 220 post cards and regular cards have been received. Some people are gluing old cards to create a post card and sending it along.

"It's a great idea to recycle cards and get more than one use out of them," Booth said in an interview with the *Driftwood*.

Booth is expecting endorsement for the campaign from several worldwide and national organizations. He has approached Save the Children, World Vision, Voice of Women, International Red Cross and IODE.

"We're expecting them to say they think it is a great idea and they are all behind it."

# Expenditures just appear higher

Expenditure reports for School District 64 may seem high for September and October but the school board says there is a good reason for this.

Secretary-treasurer Ken Starling said money invested by the school district was included in the report, for want of a better place to note it.

Expenditures in September came to \$1,831,047.04. However, a further \$2,092,181.99 was reported on the expenditure report for October. Included in those reported expenditures

was \$1.2 million of investment money.

"It's not truly an expenditure," Starling explained to the *Driftwood*.

The school district fiscal year begins in July and the provincial government sends approximately \$1 million each month to cover costs. Teachers are paid their full-year salary for 10 months of the year.

In July and August, funds for teacher salaries are included in the grant from the ministry, but teachers are not paid during those two months.

The money is invested to generate interest until it is needed, Starling explained.

"Cash flow for those months are high," he said, "while expenditures are low."

The investments had been included in expenditure statements merely as a bookkeeping item. Starling gained approval from the school board to present two reports each month: one to cover actual expenditures and another to cover investments.

## WEATHER

**OUTLOOK:** For the week starting Monday, November 26

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NEWSBEAT



**KEELED OVER** - Stormy Friday was too much for this tall tree which fell across Fulford-Ganges Road south of Ganges during the afternoon. Traffic detoured for about two hours while the tree was safely removed. Hydro crews were kept busy restoring power throughout the Gulf Islands as tumbling trees snapped hydro lines.

Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

STORM

From Page A1

Galiano joined the fun when a tree interrupted power on that island between 2 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. On Stewart Road, yet another tree fell. That tree snapped wires spanning eight hydro poles and a crew had to toil for six hours to restore service. By 11 p.m. that evening, with the

help of a crew from Nanaimo, local hydro workers had the main lines in operation. They turned their attention to individual homes which suffered power interruptions when trees and the wind knocked down lines on private property.

Langston estimated that up to 150 homes on the various island were without power until service was restored the next day. "It was a very long, hard show," he said. "It was two days of real effort."

Poor Portlock conditions cause halt in local soccer

Soccer activities on Salt Spring Island have been halted due to poor field conditions at Portlock Park. Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Society representatives Hans Hazenboom and Terry Stringer informed Parks and Recreation Commission members Monday night of the state of the field and the society's decision to stop using it. Several issues were discussed in relation to the soccer field and Portlock Park. Hazenboom presented the commission with a letter explaining gravel instead of sand had been dumped on the field, rendering it unplayable. No members of the soccer society had been informed of the action, he said. "If we had known the gravel was to be put there we would have at least arranged for volunteers with rakes," he said. Commission chairman Kelly Booth said "it was my understanding we were applying sand, not gravel." An expenditure for sand was approved at a previous meeting. Sports and fields committee chairman Matt Flanagan told the

meeting he met the truck operator en route to the field and he was definitely carrying sand to the park. Hazenboom stressed a general need for improved communication between the soccer association and PRC members. Hazenboom and Stringer also showed a video taken of the field, which illustrated the gravel and other area hazards. A board separating the running track from the field is dangerous, said Hazenboom. "When they are playing on that side of the field they can trip over it." The board was also mentioned in a letter from the Prospect Lake soccer group which now refuses to play on the Portlock field. Flanagan said "personally, I think it is dangerous. There were many concerns expressed over the years about this board." While Hazenboom and Stringer did not request its removal, members agreed to "deep six" the board and add material to the running track to reduce the drop between the field and track. Stringer and Hazenboom also said

tufts of grass on the field pose a danger to players and the whole area needs to be stripped by a grader. Years of dumping soil on the field as a temporary solution to field and drainage problems has also placed drainage tile 18 inches below the field's surface, they said. The PRC had hoped to have a new drain installed on the field before this winter but that project was postponed until next spring. Hazenboom said a proper irrigation system is also needed to keep fields green during summer months. "In the past 10 years there hasn't been any money spent on this field at all," he said. He estimated between \$60,000 and \$70,000 would be necessary to fully upgrade the fields. Booth told the delegation there were no funds for such a project in the parks portion of the PRC budget. Costs for improving park drainage already form part of the 1991 budget, she added. The commission did agree to investigate possible grants available for field upgrading on behalf of the soccer society.



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LETTERS

Gratitude

To the Editor,  
While a participant in the organization of the *Academy Awards*, the most recent fund raiser for Art-Spring, I was imbued with the spirit of appreciation and gratitude.

I would thank those entrepreneurs in the food service business who so generously provided us with such delectable culinary delights.

And I thank those wonderful women who so charmingly served the fare.

On behalf of the market vendors in Centennial Park, we thank you for your patronage this past summer, and on behalf of the vendors at the Winter Market, we welcome you to join us each Saturday at the Farmers' Institute.

As my list of blessings grows ever longer, I give thanks for living on an island where a walk with God is just outside my door.

Thank you.  
WENDY BEATTY,  
Ganges

Mudslinging

To the Editor,  
I read with particular interest, Jody Paterson's account of the role played by negative advertising in the Salt Spring Island and nearby elections (*Times-Colonist*, Nov. 18). Her account was headed "Mudslinging Campaign Ads in Media Drag Civic Candidates into the Dirt."

To their credit, it seems Salt Spring voters were not swayed by the verbal garbage that preceded the election and, I suspect, they will treat appropriately, the post-election coloured verbiage that is to come from the usual sources, in the future.

Most of us are aware, I think, of the depths to which negative advertising has sunk in U.S. elections. It seems to me that this is yet another facet of the U.S. political scene that one would not want to see thrive in Canada.

It also seems to me that the media has a key role in subduing these negativists who, seemingly, have more money to spend than they have positive ideas, skills, and contributions to make to the solution of our problems.

Surely the *Driftwood* can say, "negative, tasteless advertising stops here, at the advertising manager's desk."

I do not know how much money negative advertising, in all its forms, contributed to the *Driftwood's* advertising revenues, but it does raise the question of how much negativist candidates and their supporters do spend on their campaigns.

As we have seen, a few well-heeled people can develop a lot of damaging and misleading material in a short space of time. What responsibility does the *Driftwood* have in cases where legal action is justified?

Perhaps all local candidates should be required to disclose their financial sources and the amount of money involved, both direct and indirect, for us all to see.

LOWELL S. HICKS,  
Ganges

Hindsight

To the Editor,  
One of the most unfortunate char-

acteristics of the human race is our inability to evaluate those things which are truly dear to us until they are taken away.

The tragic realization is that they cannot be replaced, at least not in our lifetime. No doubt we all have wished we could return to some point in the past when we could have done some things differently. But that is hindsight which is a poor relation to wisdom.

These thoughts came as I strolled down a road past an old cemetery. The old trees, the beautiful hills, the breathtaking views in every direction, the abundant wildlife and the tingle of fresh sea air.

All this natural beauty also brought a tinge of sadness in the knowledge that it would soon be devastated by the power saw and the tractor in the destructive hands of man. It is enough to make even the stones weep.

Already it has begun, the tentacles of the greedy speculator are spreading everywhere. The cry that people need somewhere to live is the excuse for the rape of our countryside and it will go on and on and on. Beautiful hills shaved bald by clear-cutting and lovely valleys blotted out by ubiquitous housing estates.

Perhaps I should moderate my thinking to match modern lines. Who needs farmlands to grow our food when we can import it more cheaply? Who needs our dairy or beef cattle, our sheep or our salmon for that matter, when we can buy almost anything at a supermarket.

I cannot "update." I am appalled at what I see but there is one thing the developer cannot destroy: he cannot take away the reflections on the water, the reflections of the past.

CHARLES ADDISON,  
Ganges

Not informed

To the Editor,  
I have learned that the arts community has decided to make a formal acknowledgement of my late wife's contribution to the island community and that this recognition was made public on November 17.

I know just how much value she would have placed on this gesture if she had been alive.

My only regret is that I was not informed of this proposal and was not invited to attend the ceremony.

JAMES D. RAESIDE,  
Duncan, B.C.

Drawbridge

To the Editor,  
Re: the cartoon advertising in *Driftwood* November 7, 1990 (Ferry drawbridge).

It is not clear — although logical — whether this advertiser meant to advocate abolition of immigration quotas. Sure there are millions of people in the overpopulated countries of this earth (Asia, Latin America) who at once would come to

this island.

We have 5.3 billion people on this planet, 250,000 more are born every day. Unchecked immigration and settlement on our island will logically render the same grave results, as for instance, in Bombay.

Look for yourself first before mocking any other safeguard.

E.F. TEMMEL,  
Ganges

Raise awareness

To the Editor,

Re: the clear-cutting of old growth in the Walbran Valley.

After seeing the slide show presented by Syd Haskell, Carmanah Forest Society, and realizing that the Forest Service is not adequately monitoring cutting — which in places goes right down to lakeshores (removing their recreational value), we took a statement of concerns to Forest Minister Richmond, Phil Halkett (Deputy Minister), and Environment Minister Reynolds.

Copies were sent to the Forest Service, stating "we support a moratorium be placed on the Walbran region of TFL's 44 and 46, and that the Forest Service take over the Franklin River division development plan so that conflicts between the user public and the licensee can be resolved as per the Guidelines for Public Review of development plans." (Submitted by Ken Ingram March 1990 — Forest Service).

Syd has organized rallies to raise public awareness for the Walbran and Tsitika outside the Ministry of Forestry offices, 595 Pandora, every Thursday at noon (info: 381-1141). Meetings have been arranged with Halkett and Reynolds.

Mac-Blo in the meantime is running an expensive ad campaign on BCTV — the idea is to keep us talking while they keep logging, and repeat what you tell them in the next ad campaign.

A business report last week quoted their business manager from the Bronfman's empire (they own Noranda, which controls Mac-Blo) as saying they were down businesswise and "we've got to go after natural resources . . . it's all that's left" — meaning old growth, of course.

I don't pretend to understand fully the art of logging, but I do understand "corporate greed" — coming from down east. It's about time the B.C. loggers and the public reassessed their position and who their real enemies are, and the fact that the TFL's were given to these companies in the 1950s, with little forest service control since.

At the recent rally outside the courthouse last week in Nanaimo, Jack Munro of the IWA said, "our argument is not with Indians or environmentalists, but the land claims must be settled."

One of the loggers from Sayward carried a sign "Hug a Logger, Mug a Hugger," but overall, the feeling was

one of tolerance.

Incidentally, I noticed on the news last week that that particular loggers' town had been practically washed

away in recent flooding.

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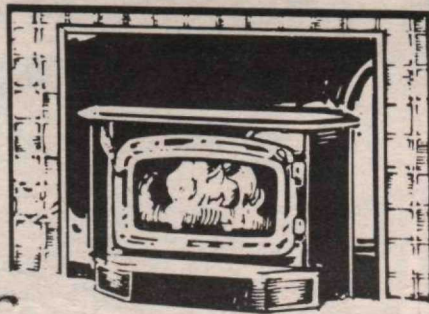
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OPINION

Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — There is not just one but two naked emperors parading around Victoria this week, trying to convince themselves and their subjects that they are very nattily dressed.

Both the government and the NDP are laying claim to innocence and purity in the wake of a report by B.C. Ombudsman Stephen Owen. The truth is they are both taking some very brazen liberties with Owen's conclusions.

If anyone or anything got a clean bill of health in the 630-page final report on the Bill Reid and Bud Smith affairs, it was the public service. The bureaucrats acted properly, Owen concluded, but he didn't say the same for the politicians.

Owen concluded that the decision not to prosecute Reid for having funnelled Go B.C. grants to two of his friends was made by then deputy attorney general Ted Hughes "without any political or any other improper influence or interference at any stage."

Hughes made the decision after exhaustive research and review by specialists in criminal law employed in senior positions with the Attorney General's Ministry or retained from private practice on this case, Owen says in his report.

Decision "remains unsatisfactory"

That takes care of the NDP allegation that Bud Smith interfered in the matter on Reid's behalf, but Owen goes on to say that the decision "remains unsatisfactory to a section of the public" for a number of reasons.

One was the close relationship between Reid and the recipients of the grants, another the fact that the RCMP thought it could get a conviction and wanted to prosecute Reid.

The lawyers brought to the case by the Attorney General's Ministry weren't all convinced either that there should be no prosecution. John Hall, a Vancouver lawyer, found it to be "a close call," according to Owen. Hall had this to say:

Bill Reid "acted improperly, as I think clearly emerges on the report of the Comptroller General. Hopefully, the release of that report may ensure that he is not put back into a position where he can abuse public trust and confidence in the way he did in this case."

In the end, Owen says, Hughes based his decision not to prosecute on the threshold standard of "likelihood of conviction," which is applied in British Columbia.

Regulations should be "explicit, mandatory"

To avoid future conflicts of this kind, Owen recommends that Lottery Act and Go B.C. grant regulations be strengthened, and that the government's policy regarding conflicts of interest for cabinet ministers "be explicit, mandatory and contained in legislation."

What Owen is saying in his usual polite manner is that Premier Vander Zalm's voluntary guidelines aren't worth the paper they are written on.

But the affable and courteous Owen's patience appears to have worn a little thin at times. There are passages in the report that leave no doubt what he thinks of the people who run our affairs in Victoria.

He refers to then attorney general Bud Smith's "vague posturing" and says that one of Smith's letters "suffers from political rhetoric."

Owen also tears apart the testimony by the NDP's Moe Sihota who spearheaded a private prosecution of Reid and was later responsible for the release of the Bud Smith tapes.

He quotes Sihota as saying that he has high regard for Ted Hughes, respects his judgements and that had he known the decision whether or not to prosecute was Hughes' to make, he, Sihota, would not have proceeded as he did.

Special office should handle future cases

Owen adds that as of April 10, Sihota did know Hughes would make the decision and yet, he proceeded as he did.

Owen also recommends that partly because of the "aggressively partisan politics practised in this province," a special, prosecutor's office handle all future political or sensitive cases of wrongdoing.

Owen's report also made public for the first time a recommendation by Alberta deputy attorney general Neil McCrank who was brought into the Bud Smith tape affair as an independent, outside arbiter.

McCrank had actually recommended that Sihota, the NDP justice critic who made the tapes public, be charged. He also

Cash appreciated

To the Editor,  
I would like to clarify the article on food hampers in the November 22 Driftwood. I would like to stress that cash donations are far more essential than canned goods. Each year a committee of shoppers help plan the contents of the hampers and shop for them in the local stores. This way there is a similarity in each hamper resulting in an attractive, well-balanced dinner.

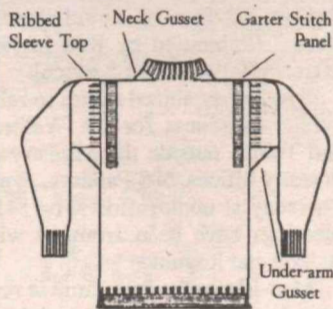
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# LETTERS

## Majority rule

To the Editor:  
From time to time the *Driftwood* has been apprised of the unfortunate misuse of language by various people or groups, and another example has just come to light: the appearance of the word "majority" everywhere around town.

I am not being partisan in objecting to this, except on the side of good usage. The word means "the greater number," or at least 51 per cent of a particular group. Statistics are available to determine what this means in relation to a well-defined group of people or objects, but when statistics are not available, or the group is not in any way defined, then the word becomes virtually meaningless.

Its use in a slogan seems to mean something, but on examination it is empty, and so should not be employed in such a case.

DAVID MASSY  
Ganges

## Consult neighbours

To the Editor,  
I find the only release from the anger and frustration felt by my wife and I, for the tree slaughter on Walker Hook Road is to write this letter.

Upon seeing the devastation, just south of Fernwood Dock, my wife cried and I felt hopeless and angry:

Sixteen piles of uprooted trees, each pile as big as a house, ready to burn, with enough maple, cedar and fir to satisfy the firewood needs of many islanders, all going to waste.

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The danger is obvious and will surely claim a life not if but when someone drives off the shoulder of the road. (In one place the shoulder between life and death is less than two feet). This carnage will hasten the washing out of the road into the ocean.

There are many options for view improvement from bush clearing to limbing trees to selective tree cutting, but the owner of this property obviously wants miles of unobstructed space that is common in Saskatchewan but is and we hope will remain foreign to B.C.'s Gulf Islands.

Needed guard rails, road repairs from wash-out, etc., should be at this owner's expense due to his/her actions but no, we will all have to pay. We will also be forced to live with this eyesore and the choking smoke from the fires yet to come.

This is a small island, and to live and enjoy as most of us want leads me to ask all owners of property to consider their neighbours' desires before selfishly changing the

landscape and beauty that attracted all of us here.

ROBERT J. FROST,  
Ganges

## Disappointing

To the Editor,  
The election has now come and gone and I must say that I found the last two weeks very disappointing as far as the messages carried in your newspaper were concerned.

I realize that a paid advertisement may be a political statement and that you try to be non-partisan in accommodating all candidates fairly.

However, I do question several of the articles and paid cartoons which appeared in your paper during the election. I hope that you will make a ruling on them so that they will not come up again in another election campaign, nor in the weekly editions of the *Driftwood*.

Let me be specific and deal with these one by one. First, the cartoon. Cartoons are political statements and as such should bear the name of the artist, especially if they have been paid for by supporters of a particular candidate. Several of the smaller advertising cartoons in a recent edition of the *Driftwood* bore no name or origin.

Second, any article which is featured on the front page of your newspaper should have the name of the writer or contributor, for example, the article *Sewer changes have approval*, November 7.

Third, the editorial. This is, of course, written by the editor. It is his or her comment on a particular subject. If the writer is not the editor, the writer's name should be given. For example, who wrote the article *It's time to set sewer system fight to rest at last*. This appeared on November 7 when the editor was in Russia.

Fourth, where an article gives figures or statistics, the reader should be told the source of the data. Word of mouth, personal opinion or written statements and from whom.

I think that we are well served on this island by your newspaper but I did become increasingly aware of the lack of information on those matters mentioned in this letter.

Thank you for the courteous help that your staff gave me and my campaign committee during the election.

PATRICIA MASSY,  
Chairman of the Campaign to elect Julia Sutton-Atkins

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## Coverage appreciated

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the extensive coverage you gave in the *Driftwood* to our Remembrance Day Parade.

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KEN MACKENZIE,  
President Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92

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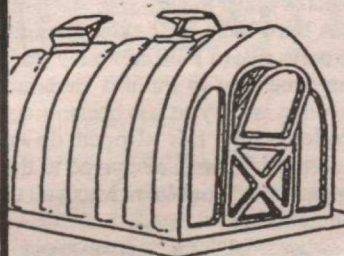
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NEWSBEAT

# Salt Spring safer than elsewhere in a quake

Until quite recently in history we thought of the everlasting hills and mountains as obvious examples of permanence and stability.

By TOM WRIGHT  
Retired geologist

Then, during World War I, an astronomer and meteorologist named Alfred Wegener came up with a theory that the continents might once have fit together like pieces in a giant jigsaw puzzle. It followed by logic that the continents must have drifted apart into their present position.

Wegener's theory was dismissed by the scientific community until startling discoveries about the seafloor were made during World War II efforts to track submarines.

The continents are indeed on the move, with large segments of the earth's crust shifting about on the globe. The rock of the underlying mantle evidently behaves something like silly-putty, fracturing under sudden movements but flowing slowly like warm toffee under gradual stress.

A dozen or so large crustal fragments and many smaller fragments are slipping about on the earth's surface at about the speed of a growing fingernail. Geologists call these fragments "tectonic plates."

Since the earth is a finite globe and what goes up must come down somewhere, there are many places, such as the west coast of North America, where the edge of one crustal plate rides under another one, driving downward as a subduction zone.

The Pacific Ocean floor slides eastward and downward under the wrinkled-up edge of the American continent like an enormous "down" escalator, carrying sediments from the continent with it.

An ocean floor speed of three metres per century does not sound like much, but it covers 30 kilometres (11.58 miles) in a million years and 2,400 kilometres (926 miles) in the 80 million years or so since the rocks of north Salt Spring Island were laid down. That is enough to tuck most of the sea floor between here and Hawaii under the continent!

The effect of the seafloor sliding eastward beneath Salt Spring Island has been the distortion of rock into long northwest-southeast folds which form the hard sandstone headlands and softer shale bays so typical of our coastline.

Here and there the folds and underlying older rocks have been displaced along linear fractures called faults, often many miles long.

One of these faults forms the east

shore of St. Mary's Lake, heads south across Baker Road where you will see a sharp ravine, cuts across Booth Bay and then across Maxwell Lake to Sansum Narrows.

From St. Mary's Highlands you can look across the lake and see how the continuation of the same sandstone ridge—Channel Ridge—has been displaced about two kilometres south by accumulated movements along this fault. This is not a very active fault. In comparison, the San Andreas fault in California would have moved about 600 times as far in a comparable time.

Another large fault extends along Booth Bay through Ganges Harbour, but this one is hard to see because it is covered with more recent sediments or under water.

A third large fault extends along the north side of Fulford Valley from Burgoyne Bay to Fulford Harbour. This one is easy to see because the whole valley has slipped down hundreds of metres compared to the high ground from Mount Maxwell to Reginald Hill.

Other smaller faults are also common on Salt Spring.

Until very recently it was believed continual slips along the subduction

*Some geologists believe they have evidence on the West Coast of sudden changes of land elevation... which leads them to speculate that a much larger earthquake could occur here someday.*

interface were sufficient to release most of the pressure and reduce the risk of major earthquakes in our area. Typically, we have noticeable force three to five earthquakes about once a month and smaller tremors, too small to be noticed by most people, much more frequently.

During the last several years, some geologists believe they have found evidence on the West Coast of sudden changes in land elevation during recent geological time, which leads them to speculate that a much larger subduction earthquake could occur here some day. By comparison to a similar quake in Mexico City in 1985, scientists warn of a possible earthquake of as much as 8.5 or even 9 on the Richter Scale in the Vancouver Island-Lower Mainland area.

Whichever theory is correct, we on Salt Spring are certainly more fortunate than our neighbours on the Lower Mainland.

Our houses are mostly of the safer low-profile timber frame construction and are usually built on solid rock. While feeling relatively safe (and hopefully not smug), there are still a few pointers to keep in mind if a strong earthquake occurs here.

If you are indoors during a tremor, move away from stone chimneys, fireplaces or other heavy objects which might tumble. Stay away from large windows and stand in a safe inner wood frame doorway.

If you are outdoors, stay there. Keep away from chimneys, walls or cliffs which might drop heavy rocks on you. In a large quake the power will probably go off, but nevertheless stay away from broken electrical wires.

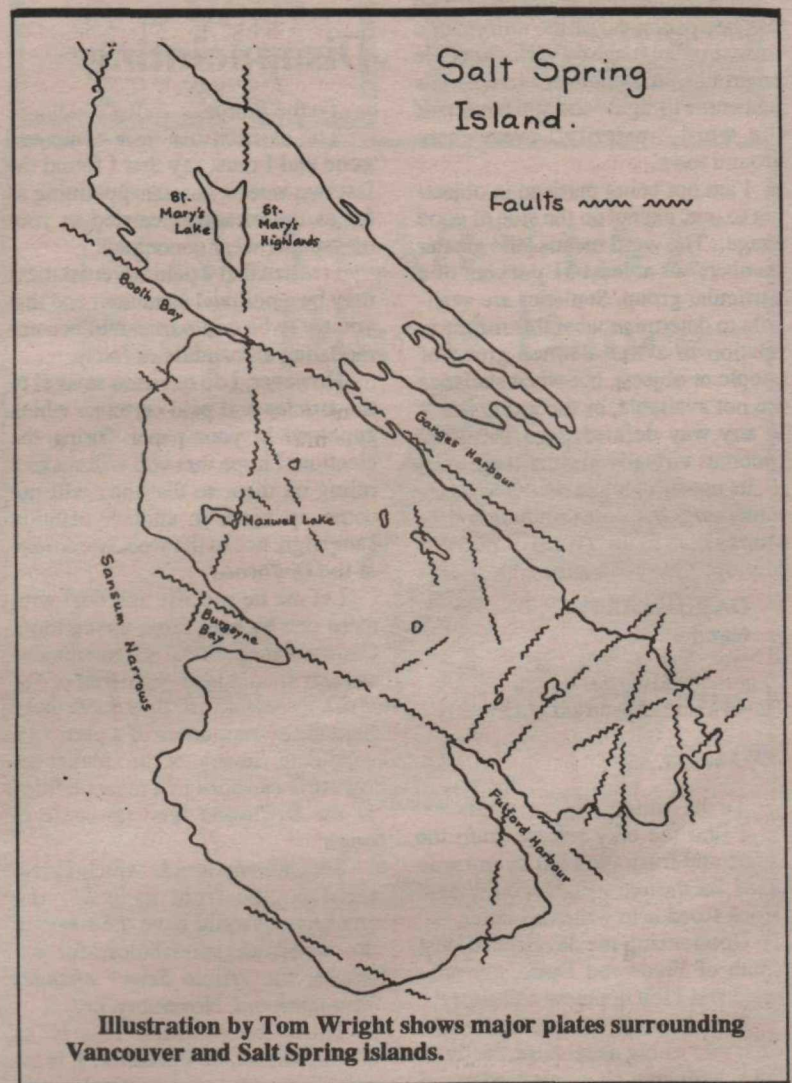
If the sea level drops rapidly, move quickly to high ground, as the ocean will soon rush back as a tidal wave or tsunami.

Do not be surprised if you lose your water supply. Underground water lines are easily ruptured by an earthquake. Water wells which on Salt Spring generally tap into underground fissures and joint planes in dense rock, may go dry as rocks are shifted and fissures close.

Sewer lines may also be ruptured beneath the ground, so do not flush toilets until lines are checked. Tap water may be polluted and drinking water should be boiled for at least six minutes before use until its quality can be determined.

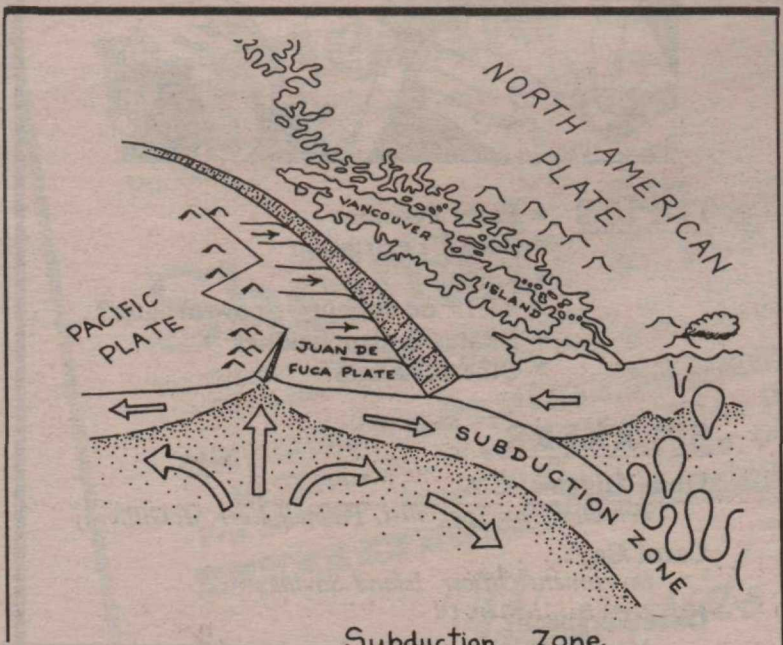
Try not to use telephones, VHF radios and roads unless absolutely necessary, as emergency services will be using all three. It is a good idea to have a battery radio handy for emergency information.

Whatever you do, try to enjoy the situation and watch what happens because this is an adventure you may have only once in a lifetime.



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NEWSBEAT

# EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

From Page A1

"The big fault line we are worried about is the Cascadia's abduction zone," Pearce told the *Driftwood* last week, where the Pacific Ocean Plate runs into the North American Plate.

Pearce said the Pacific Ocean Plate is moving in an easterly direction and the continental plate is "sort of" moving towards it.

A smaller plate in the area — the Juan de Fuca Plate — is being pushed under the continental plate, he added, resulting in a "subductive zone." Meshing of the abductive and subductive zones could lay the groundwork for a quake.

"We have the same geology in Alaska where a 9.5 earthquake took place (in 1965)," Pearce said. "Seismologists believe it could happen again. One major plate intersecting the other could cause an earthquake."

These and several minor plates elsewhere in the province result in more than 300 earthquakes a year in British Columbia. Most are not "surface observable," registering between 1.5 and 2 on the Richter Scale.

The area has had several major quakes, most notably in Courtenay in 1946 (7.2 on the Richter Scale), the Queen Charlottes (8.3) and Seattle (6.5) in 1949, and Chilliwack (8.7) in 1872.

The effect here of a major earthquake in Seattle, for example, would depend on several factors, such as the magnitude of the quake and the depth of the epicentre (the surface directly above the focus point).

"If it was centred in the Puget Sound and a fairly significant earthquake, we could have some damage," Pearce said, adding the effect would be greatly intensified if it was a shallow quake, registering 8 or above.

Soil conditions and structure types also contribute to the overall effect of a quake. Buildings that conform to the National Earthquake Code (established in 1980), reinforced with steel and concrete, will probably withstand the tremor. Turn-of-the-century buildings constructed with brick and mortar are most susceptible to damage.

Structures sitting on solid granite are less likely to suffer damage than those built on "reclaimed land."

"The larger the earthquake, the greater the radius of damage and the greater the effect on surrounding areas," Pearce concluded.

The length of shaking also contributes to the overall effect. A 7.0 earthquake usually shakes for 25 to 30 seconds, Pearce said. An 8.0 quake is 10 times more powerful, usually lasting between 50 and 60 seconds.

The 1965, 9.5 quake in Alaska shook for between four and 6.5 minutes.

On Salt Spring, Area Coordinator of Emergency Measures Ian Fraser said earthquakes have occurred here in the past and we should assume

another will hit. He said we must be prepared for a disaster of any type and is currently working to coordinate the various bodies which would be involved. (See related story.)

Workers at two Salt Spring insurance companies have seen increases in the number of islanders buying earthquake insurance.

Angie Mills at Island Savings Insurance Services said the number of earthquake insurance premiums purchased over the past three months seems to have increased. She added that many mortgages require earthquake insurance.

At Salt Spring Insurance, Tom

Hosie said people have been buying the insurance more regularly for the past three years. He said it is comparatively expensive at 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value (\$50 for a \$100,000 house), making up approximately 25 per cent of the total coverage.

"It's either cheap or expensive peace of mind," he said.

Earthquake insurance covers structural damage caused by a quake; it does not include loss of goods to a quake-related fire (general insurance premiums cover fire damage), but would repair damage from falling trees, washed out roads etc.

Surprisingly, Hosie said, the San

Francisco area earthquake last year did not cause the surge of insurance buyers anticipated.

"It's like they thought lightning won't strike twice in the same place," he said.

Pearce said last year's quake did have an affect on the population in general and governmental response to earthquake preparedness.

The B.C. Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) has "reorganized and refocused" to improve its ability to respond to crises such as an earthquake.

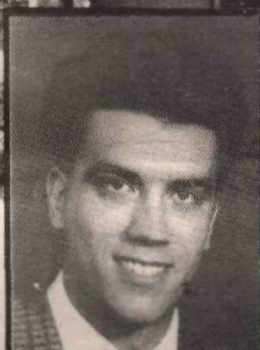
PEP recently produced a draft British Columbia Earthquake Response Plan. When completed,

Pearce said, it will mesh with the National Emergency Response Plan. The plan was produced through the joint effort of provincial ministries, federal departments, municipal government and non-governmental agencies represented on the Seismic Safety Sub-committee of the B.C. Inter-Agency Emergency Preparedness Committee.

The plan was assessed and developed further at two workshops held last spring in Vancouver.

Pearce said that with increased awareness and concern both at the provincial and local levels, the province should be prepared for the "big one" when it hits this area.

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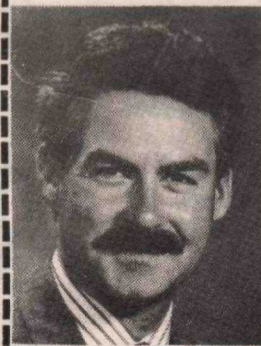
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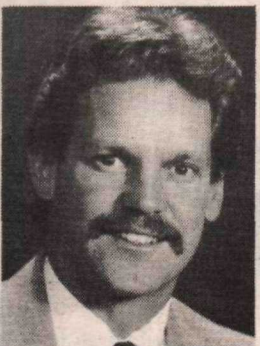
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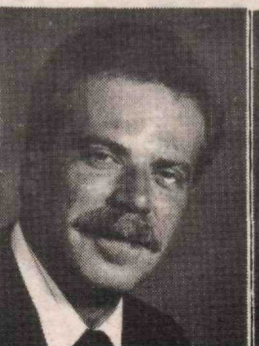
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## NEWSBEAT

Salt Spring's Area Coordinator of Emergency Measures says the "spokes" are starting to appear on efforts to coordinate island disaster preparedness, but the centre hub must yet be organized.

"We need to have a lot of people involved at a lot of levels," Ian Fraser said last week.

Fraser is currently coordinating a disaster preparedness group and plan for the island.

While Fraser's involvement with local emergency measures has only occurred within the past two years, an island effort has been in the making for some four years.

Fraser said the original instigator — George Meyer — was unable to get necessary local and provincial

# Volunteers needed at all levels for local disaster preparedness

support, but did pull together an outline of resources.

Fraser became involved in local disaster preparedness through his position on the school board two years ago. He has found the community fairly "lax on this one."

"It's like stop lights," he said, "they don't put one in until ten, 15 people have been killed."

"It's not something everyone takes seriously."

Fraser, however, takes it serious-

ly. A disaster caused by an earthquake may be topical now, he said, but islanders should consider the need to prepare for any disaster.

An increasing number of tankers are shipping fuel through the Strait of Georgia and Fraser believes islanders should be prepared to deal with an oil spill. Islanders could potentially face a major forest fire on Salt Spring, some sort of spill from Crofton or even an airliner crash, he said, adding that it would not be the first time a

plane crashed into the side of Mt. Tuam.

In his role as area coordinator, Fraser initiated an emergency plan steering committee, combining hospital, school board, Chamber of Commerce and social services representatives at once-monthly meetings. A separate group called the "first responders" brings together "action people" such as members of the Coast Guard, hospital and fire department, plus heavy equipment

operators. Fraser said dedicated members of these two groups must be combined with other resource people (such as HAM radio operators) to create the "centre hub" of a local disaster plan.

In other areas, the Ganges RCMP detachment is coordinating a search and rescue group for the island, attempting to solicit as many volunteers as possible at an organizational meeting this Sunday (December 2, 9 a.m. at the firehall in Ganges).

Search and rescue operations on the sea are organized by the Coast Guard.

"Talk of a possible earthquake may shake people up," Fraser said. "We have to get a plan in place and then work on keeping it alive."

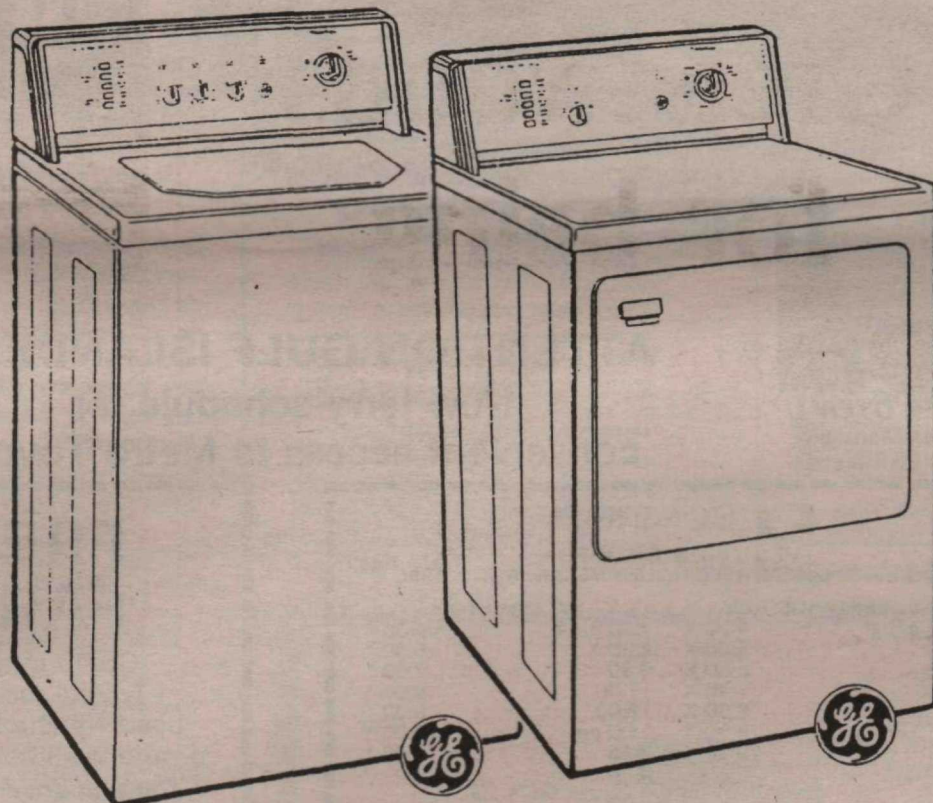
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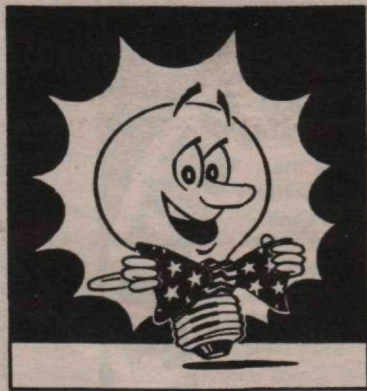
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**NEWSBEAT**

# B.C. Hydro program helps save expenses

Saving money is a goal for both individuals and businesses.

Greenwoods Intermediate and Personal Care Facility on Salt Spring is looking at ways to save money and increase lighting standards. And B.C. Hydro is helping with its Power Smart conservation program.



Greenwoods administrator Marg McKay and maintenance worker Paul Hearsey liked what they saw when they investigated the Power Smart program. In addition to rebate assistance on the installation of energy saving devices, the lighting products will use less wattage, thus saving on operational costs.

Last spring Greenwoods was faced with a space problem in the dining area as they were unable to fit an increasing number of wheel chairs at the tables. When an extension was planned, the sunroom concept was decided upon so there would be more light. New compact fluorescent lights were also installed to provide adequate lighting during the winter months when there are fewer daylight hours.

The next major lighting renovation will take place in the corridors which currently do not meet lighting standards for intermediate facilities. The 200 watt incandescent lights and smaller track lighting will be replaced instead of being added to for more light.

Hearsey said even with new lighter paint the corridors still have some dark areas.

"We measure the reflectance using the walls and floors, and we need more light."

In the future, plans call for energy efficient lights in the residents rooms as well.

Greenwoods is just one facility among a growing number of businesses taking advantage of B.C. Hydro's Power Smart conservation campaign. One part of the campaign is an all-out effort to popularize efficient compact fluorescent lighting products.

Power Smart is recognized as one of North America's most progressive energy conservation programs.

Launched in March 1989, it aims, by the year 2000, to be providing annual energy savings of 2,400 million kilowatt hours which is enough power to meet the energy needs of 240,000 B.C. homes.

Program manager Jennifer McCurdy says "They're still a relatively hard-to-get item and every time we display them at shows, they attract a lot of attention.

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Currently, compact fluorescent

"Now, you'll be seeing many of them selling for as low as \$19.99. Coupled with our rebate of \$5, that makes a final price of only \$14.99," she said.

The other rebates are: \$7.50 for screw-in adaptors and \$1 for lamps, valid to May 16, 1991, and \$25 off compact fixtures, valid to September 30, 1991.

McCurdy explained compact fluorescent fixtures range in price from \$40 to \$400 and the \$25 rebate represents the difference between the costs of a compact fluorescent and an incandescent fixture.

"We want to encourage the use of fixtures specifically designed for compact fluorescents. Over time, we anticipate virtually all indoor residential fixtures will be designed to accommodate energy-efficient lights. With wider use we expect the price to come down," McCurdy said.

Lighting accounts for about five per cent of the total energy used in the home and compact fluorescent lights can save as much as 70 per cent in lighting costs.

# \$\$\$ What Cost Garbage?

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# Thank you Greenwoods for being Power Smart

"We're beginning to see the light" is the current theme song at Greenwoods Intermediate and Personal Care Facility.

Participating in B.C. Hydro's Power Smart program will mean higher lighting levels and reduced utilities costs for the care facility located in Ganges which is home to 50 residents.

Lighting levels were not up to standard and changes had to be made, says administrator Marg McKay. Along with Paul Hearsey, who is in charge of maintenance, she has been examining ways of meeting the standards and taking advantage of Power Smart at the same time.

New compact fluorescent fixtures are being installed in the new sun room off Greenwoods' dining room. The facility will receive a rebate of \$25 each on the cost of the \$45 fixtures.

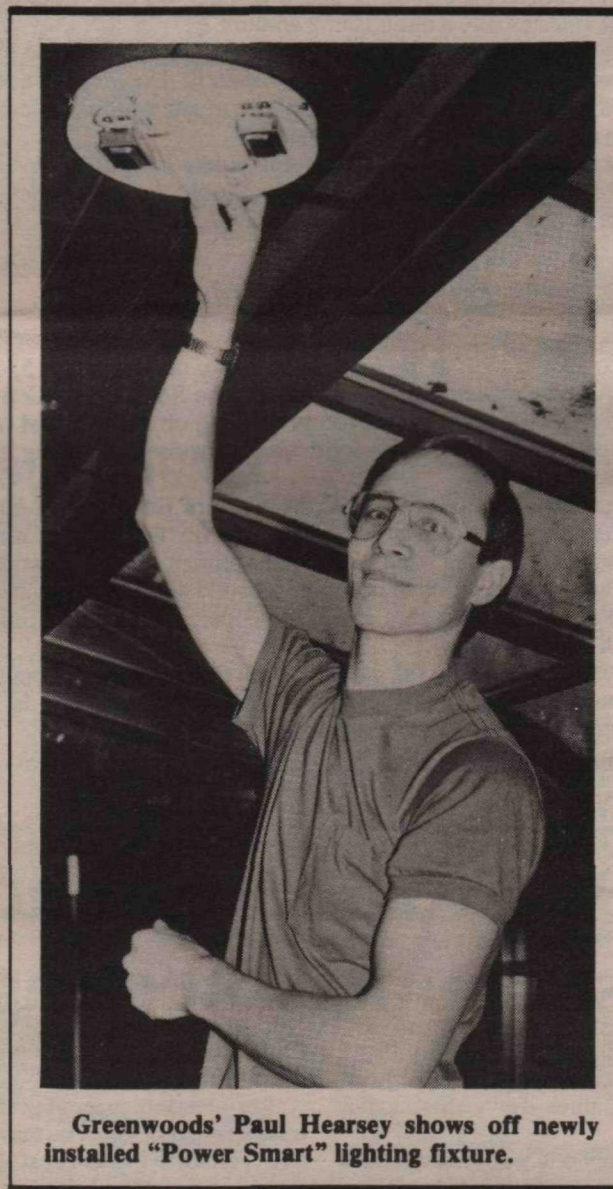
McKay says new lighting will be placed in the hallways, which are still too dark with the 200 watt incandescent fixtures and additional track lighting. Painting the walls a lighter colour did not raise the standards enough so new lighting will be installed.

Another plan calls for replacement of the Swedish-ball type fixtures in the dining room. In the future, individual lamps in residents' rooms will likely be replaced as well.

If power costs were not an issue, Hearsey says the problem could be corrected by installing more lights.

"B.C. Hydro has been very helpful to us," says Hearsey, "and their rebate program is even better than last year."

McKay agrees that B.C. Hydro and Power Smart will be beneficial to Greenwoods, helping with the cost of



Greenwoods' Paul Hearsey shows off newly installed "Power Smart" lighting fixture.

# Thank you, British Columbia, for being

**NEWSBEAT**

*Director's Report*

**JULIA ATKINS**

Thank you for your support. I am keen to get on with the many initiatives we have planned.

**Recreation questionnaire**

Many of you have already received a questionnaire from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Over 800 were sent to island residents. One of the purposes of this survey is to determine the kinds of recreational facilities we want and how much we are willing to pay for them.

Specifically, what kinds of community recreational facilities might be built with the new high school in Ganges. Responses will be analyzed, and public meetings held soon to further determine the public's interest in recreational facilities.

If there is adequate support for some sort of facility, the commission will look more seriously at opportunities for providing it. The proposed new high school represents one such opportunity. There are others.

**Solid Waste**

All of you will soon be getting a flier from the Solid Waste Committee. Hopefully everyone's interest in garbage was whetted during the election, and everyone will take the time to read the flier.

It is long and dense, with information on Blackburn closure and reclamation, the proposed curbside recycling program, and the most favoured (over 10 years and three Solid Waste Committees) options for disposing of the garbage we don't reuse or recycle (presumably a diminishing amount).

Cost estimates are included, primarily to provide a basis for economic comparisons between the options. However factors other than direct costs are likely to play a much more significant part in the decision-making process.

For example, the problems of siting a new landfill and overcoming public opposition traditionally present the most serious, and costly, barriers to landfill development.

**Open forum scheduled**

You should receive the Solid Waste flier on December 5, 6, or 7. A few days later, on December 10, the Solid Waste Committee is sponsoring an open forum meeting on the flier and on the most viable options for solid waste disposal, including an on-island landfill.

Representatives from the B.C. Ministry of Environment and the Capital Regional District will speak on the policies and regulations governing solid waste management. An engineering consultant will speak on the costs, risks and liabilities associated with landfills (what every prospective parent of a new little landfill ought to know).

There is far more to the garbage issue than what the committee could cram into the flier. The December 10 meeting is a good opportunity to find out at least a little bit more.

Please attend. 7:30 p.m., S.S. Elementary School Activity Centre.

**New Trustees attend first council meeting**

New Islands Trustees will get their first taste of Trust Council meetings at a three-day gathering this weekend.

The public is welcome to attend any part of the event which is scheduled for November 29 to December 1 at the Ramada Inn in Victoria.

An orientation meeting for trustees on Thursday, November 29 will commence at 9 a.m. with a welcome and introduction by outgoing Trust chairman Nick Gilbert. The Salt Spring trustee did not stand for re-election in the recent Islands Trust race.

Administrative and planner's sessions will follow prior to the lunch break. The afternoon agenda includes

Chief Judge Metzger administering the oaths.

Pre-election presentations for trustees seeking a spot on the executive committee will begin at 10 a.m.

Following a break for lunch, the general manager will give his report at 1:30 p.m. A planner's session, where individual trust committees meet with planners, takes place at 2 p.m.

The meeting adjourns at 4:30.

Executive committee elections will kick-off the Saturday session at 9 a.m.

After approval of the minutes from October 20, the Trust Council will establish the following new council committees: forest and land use; transportation and highways;

**POLICE Report**

Local RCMP were called to the Fulford ferry terminal when a driver ran the ticket booth lineup.

A Victoria resident now faces an impaired driving charge as a result of his eagerness to catch the ferry. He will also answer to a charge of driving while his licence was suspended.

Police went to the ferry terminal at the request of attendants on November 22 at 7:40 p.m. and arrested a 44 year-old man.

Later in the week, a routine RCMP patrol on Lower Ganges Road stopped a driver for erratic driving at 11:25 p.m. on November 24. Police charged a 29 year-old Salt Spring resident with impaired driving as a result of the incident.

**Chimney blazes battled**

'Tis the season to beware of chimney fires.

Salt Spring fire chief Les Wagg urges residents to have their chimneys cleaned and checked.

In recent weeks, firefighters have tended five chimney fires. Two blazes occurred last week-end.

Wagg notes that a clean chimney won't pose a hazard. Residents should have their heating units cleaned regardless of whether its an air-tight, ordinary wood stove, a fire place or a fire place insert.

He also urges care be exercised when disposing of ashes from the heaters. Ashes can stay alive for up to two days and if not stored in a metal container and disposed of in a safe place, fire could result.

Wagg pointed out that residents whose homes have shake roofs should take special care. Chimneys should be cleaned and the fire utilized to avoid sparks which could ignite the shakes.

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NEWSBEAT



SCHOOL FUTURE

From Page A1

Janet Mort is current executive director of the education ministry's Innovative Education department and a past teacher, principal and superintendent. She told the audience "you people are taking advantage of one of the times in our lives when all things are congruent," when "there is an acknowledgement that things are changing and education is changing."

She frequently referred to the education ministry's Year 2000 document, based on the report of the Sullivan Commission on Education released in 1988 which she feels was due 20 years ago. She believes we are fortunate to be one of the first provinces to create legislation supporting a definite change in educational practices.

Despite what she sees as positive direction from the government, Mort stressed the need to develop a school and educational system suited to community needs. She said if "what we see in our school is a photograph (of the Year 2000 document), we will probably have failed."

She said there is no "pattern or recipe" to be followed in planning the new school. "We have within ourselves the ability to make changes and predict the future because we are creating it."

"We need to disregard most of the fantasies of futurists," said Mort, and choose only the technological possibilities we wish to accept and use.

Mort said while our society has faced and will continue to face great changes due to technological advances, "human issues began to dominate in the 1980s" along with environmental concerns, and will continue to do so.

We need to ask ourselves what kind of school we want in our community and then, like the team in the *Wizard of Oz*, use our heart, brains and courage to make it a reality, she said.

School district 64 superintendent Dr. Mike Marshall examined the past, present and future nature of education using coloured building blocks to illustrate shifts in emphasis that have occurred in the past and will take place in the future.

The sole block used in the past represented "basic competencies," or what was called the "three R's"

members of the architectural firm Marshall Garyali hired to design and manage the construction of the school and site. He said their "humanitarian" approach to the project was what most impressed the hiring committee.

Donovan Marshall opened his firm's presentation by emphasizing the link between the school and community and the changing trends in education and institutions.

"Because education is exciting, parents and members of the community want to have access to that," he said.

The school must consider a growing emphasis on the individual student's educational needs while having more of a recreational and social function, he said.

Shiv Garyali stressed the school would not be just one building but "a whole living environment."

Initial analysis of the property has outlined three building site options which could take advantage of the south sun and views, he explained, and the school's relationship to the rest of the village is also important.

Garyali explained that a building can be institutional and lack human elements because concerned people were not behind its development.

"When you build a building it can have some meaning behind it, some spiritual dimension," he said.

He outlined one scenario incorporating new trends in education and school design. A foods and nutrition class and cooking lab could open to an outside herb and vegetable garden, greenhouse and outdoor cooking area. With this kind of set-up "we can relate to the whole of life rather than just doing cooking exercises," he said.

"The aesthetic environment (of schools) could be much more interesting than what we have been doing," he suggested, and "maybe one reason children don't like school is because they don't feel it is wonderful to be there."

One problem Garyali described was how to make an individual feel part of the school within a body of 600 to 1,000 students. Providing space to promote social gatherings was one solution put forth.

While Marshall Garyali brought sample drawings of "teaching spaces" and possible school facilities, the company emphasized

**PERUSING PLANS** - New School Awareness Day at Gulf Islands Secondary School allowed the viewing of possible site and building designs presented by architects for discussion purposes.

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Comprehensive coverage premiums are also adjusted to reflect claims experience, vehicle value, use and territory. Sharp increases in windshield theft and

Uninsured Motorist Protection (UMP) will cost \$3 more.

**GST Impact**

When you buy your Autoplan insurance you will not pay the 7 per cent GST on your 1991 Autoplan premiums. Financial transactions of this nature are exempt.

However, ICBC will be required to pay the GST on many goods and services it purchases.

**ANY GOOD NEWS?**

Yes. More and more people are participating in carpools and we've made a change that will make carpooling an even better deal. In the past you could drive a vehicle rated for "pleasure only" to and from work on only 4 days in a calendar month. We've increased that to 6 days so that, even in the longer months of the year, four carpool members who own pleasure-rated vehicles can share the driving to and from work without rerating their vehicles, as long as each of them drives to work not more than 6 days in the calendar month. The change to 6 days also applies to some other vehicle use classes. Ask your Autoplan agent to be sure you are rated correctly.

**Increased Weekly Benefits**

As of January 1, 1991 accident victims who qualify will receive increased compensation for lost wages. ICBC is increasing the maximum weekly indemnity from \$200 to \$300 provided that does not exceed 75 per cent of the victim's gross weekly income at the time of the accident. This will apply to all new claims as well as to all outstanding claims. Payments will not be retroactive but will start at the new level in January 1991.

**Short Term Savings**

Prior to January 1, 1991 a surcharge of 5 per cent of the annual premium has been charged to people licencing and insuring their vehicles for periods of less than 12 months (short term licence and insurance). This surcharge has been reduced to 4 per cent (minimum \$20) to make the short term option even more affordable.

**WHAT ELSE?**

**Territories**

For insurance rating purposes, BC is divided into 14 territories. In the past your Autoplan agent asked where your vehicle was principally operated in determining your premium. Now, for most vehicles, the territory is defined as where the vehicle is "garaged" that is, "primarily located when not in use". In most cases, this would be the vehicle owner's home address. This and other territorial changes have been made to accurately reflect claims experience in different parts of the Province.

**Commercial Rate Classes**

As of January 1, 1991, new value ranges and rate classes apply to commercial vehicles to account for increases in the price of new vehicles and deregulation in the industry.

The dividing line between light and heavy commercial vehicles is now set at 5,000 kilograms and operating distances have been redefined.

Commercial operators need to contact their Autoplan agents to determine how these changes affect them.

**Please Note:**

These Autoplan changes are effective January 1, 1991.



# Driftwood

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Students grow and develop

"I see people in my classes grow and develop and their eyes open to the world contained in any creative enterprise. They become more whole and aware of the connections between things," says Gary Cherneff, Salt Spring potter and pottery teacher.

By LYNDA LAUSHWAY  
Artseen Columnist

Cherneff has made pottery for the past 20 years, and more recently painted and taught art classes. This Saturday, Cherneff and his wife Beth will hold their annual Christmas sale at their Long Harbour Road home. Easily recognized by their distinc-

tive style, Cherneff's pots combine elegance of design with light, soft colours and whimsical patterns. Reminiscent of Mediterranean influence, his pots are beautifully executed with a real sensitivity to both aesthetics and function.

For the past two years Cherneff has been teaching pottery classes.

"It's been a longterm goal of mine to have a pottery or crafts school. In the past few years it seemed like the time was right to start teaching in my studio," explains Cherneff.

Wheel throwing, hand-building, glazing and raku pottery are included in the classes, offered to children through to adults.

"My teaching approach is to de-

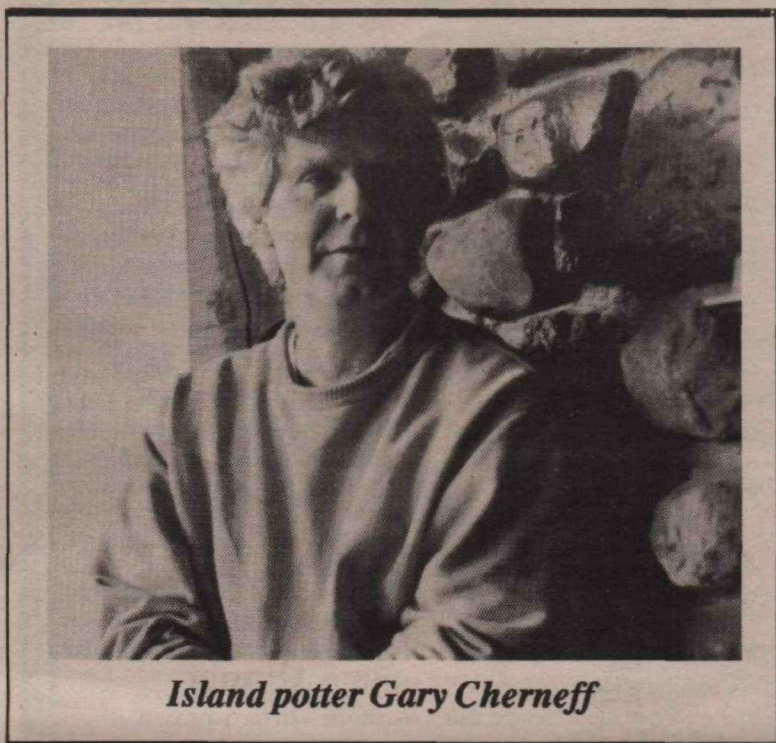
mystify what appear to be technical barriers. I start from the fun side or end product and work backwards. Once people have a visual, concrete reference point, things start to make sense. I learn as much from teaching as the students. Some of my best work was created for demonstrations.

"I believe that art is for everyone, and that every person is an artist. If you really look at people you see them do creative things everyday. One of the great losses in our society is that people have been lead to believe that some people are artistic and others are not.

"Art is generally not taught well in school because there is still an emphasis on having some particular quality of mind in order to make art. Every child I've ever taught has brought something special to (his or her) work. Each person is totally unique and has something to say through art," says Cherneff.

On Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Gary and Beth Cherneff will hold their annual Christmas sale at their home on Long Harbour Road. Pottery, weaving and hand-painted shirts will be included in the sale as well as a display of the work of Cherneff's pottery student.

In the new year Cherneff will be offering a full range of pottery classes. He explains that one of the beautiful things that evolves through teaching art is that "people learn to use more than one half of their brain, learning to trust facilities other than logic. Expression is basically being honest. It takes courage, because you're always risking that someone may disapprove, but if you never say it, you never get a chance to grow from it."



Island potter Gary Cherneff

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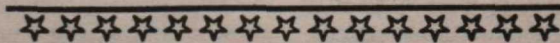
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Barb Woodley: show opens Friday in Vancouver

Woodley show opening

Barbara Woodley has pursued her dream along a tenuous, sometimes controversial path.

The results of that dream — to photograph women who have done inspirational things — will be displayed at *The Atrium* in the Bank of Hong Kong in Vancouver from November 30 to December 15.

Pursuing that dream has taken Woodley across Canada twice in the past year and a half. Her dream began when she worked at Greenwoods on Salt Spring and took time out to photograph residents.

She attended Capilano College to enhance her interest in photography. While at the mainland college, she heard Sharon Wood talk about climbing Mount Everest and that became the catalyst for her dream.

With financing from Finning Ltd., a tractor company for which she worked on a promotional slide show, Woodley set out to find her subjects. Some women were on her list, some she found through word of mouth. By the time she was finished, Woodley had captured 75 women on film.

The result of her dream, once only in her imagination, is now available to be shared with others.

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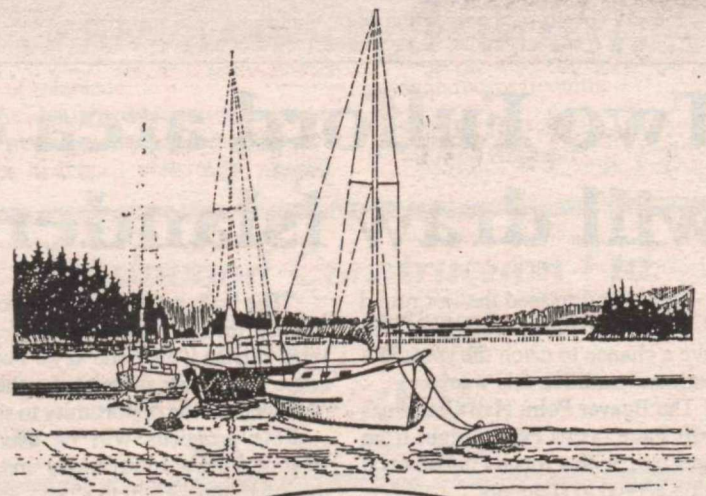
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# Two Fulford area craft fairs will draw islanders "south"

Those who missed the last round of island Christmas craft fairs will have a chance to catch the spirit at a south end tradition this weekend.

The Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Faire opens Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m. with a special Italian meal being served to shoppers.

The hall will be overflowing with the wares of island crafts-people for the last annual sale before renovations to Beaver Point Hall give it more breathing room.

Publicist Kathleen Horsdal says the Beaver Point event could not accommodate all of the artisans wanting to participate. As a result, a separate craft fair will also take place this weekend at Fulford Hall.

For Horsdal, the spirit of Beaver Point Hall and the fair are interconnected. Like the annual bean supper and frequent Beaver Point Hall boogies, the Beaver Point Hall Craft Faire has become a community tradition.

## Students chosen for band

Two local musicians recently joined a mass of B.C. high school students to form the University of British Columbia's Honour Band.

Gulf Islands Secondary School Grade 11 student Heather Denton and Grade 12 student Shandra Platts were selected to participate in an intense weekend of music held at UBC from October 26 to 28.

Denton and Platts were two of four names GISS music teacher Tone Prosk submitted to the UBC Honour Band committee upon its request for young talent.

The two clarinetists were among 160 high school students from all parts of the province who heard polished bands perform, participated in a full group rehearsal and concert, and attended master classes for individual instruction.

"It was quite an eye-opener to go and listen and see what can be done," said Platts.

Both girls noted an unexpectedly serious tone and intensity to the event. They were also told the quality of participating musicians and difficulty of pieces was higher than at previous honour band gatherings.

Denton said "the talent there was amazing, even among people our age."

Platts and Denton have been playing the clarinet for six years. Platts began teaching herself on Pender Island where there was no school music program and joined the GISS band after entering school on Salt Spring.

Denton said she was lucky to attend Grade Eight at a Langley school which strongly encouraged musical activities.

Careers in music are being considered by both honour band students, but as Prosk points out, they are "multi-talented" and could travel far in a number of directions.

"The hall has an old-time community feeling, and the fair represents this as well," she says. People come to the fair as much for the atmosphere as the opportunity to shop.

Sale proceeds will be used to finance further renovations and annual maintenance of the hall.

Horsdal says a small meeting room dubbed "the cosy room" will be added to the hall to accommodate the growing number of small groups meeting there. A new larger all-purpose room has also been designed "in keeping with the look at the hall," she says.

The whole spectrum of talent and wares will be covered at the fair with familiar names selling side by side

with newcomers. Baking and crafts for Christmas, herbal and soap products, socks from "the famous sock lady" and children's lamb and dragon rockers are some items to note.

As part of the event's community character, entire families have booked tables.

People will also have a chance to take home the live Christmas tree on display in the hall.

Island weight might be unevenly distributed this weekend with the Fulford Hall and Beaver Point craft events drawing fairgoers south. Both sales are open from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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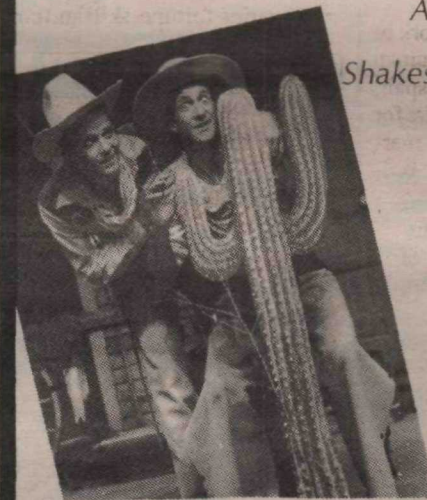
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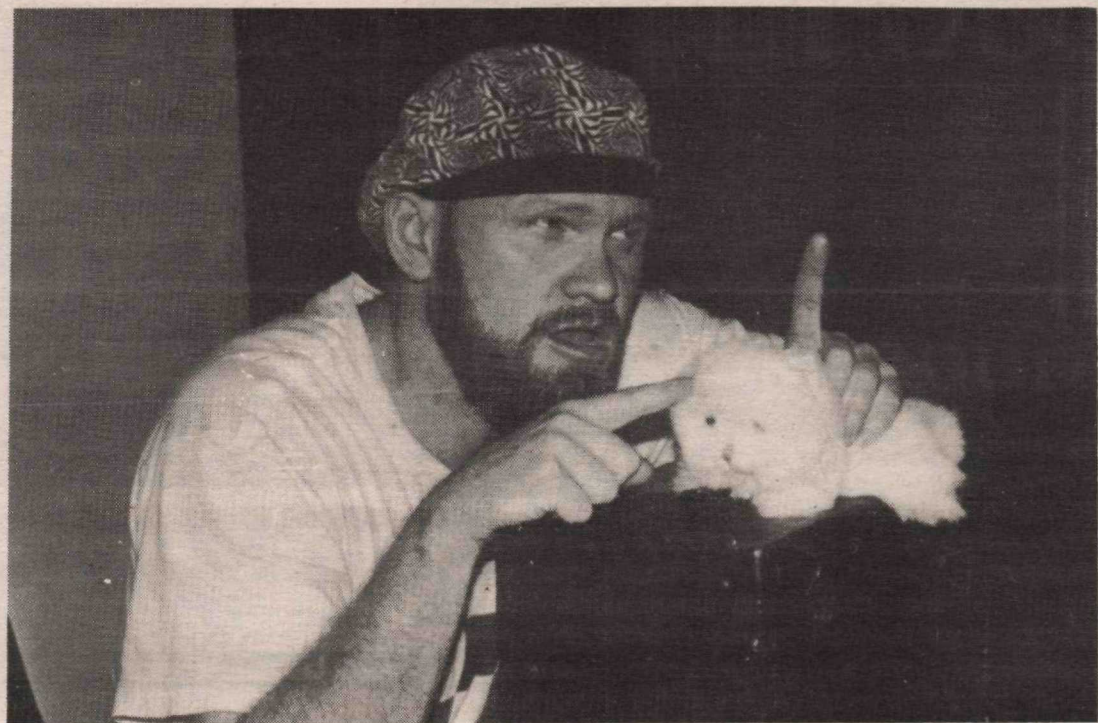
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



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**CAT IN THE BOX** - Andrew Struthers contemplates the fate of a kitten if he puts it in a soundproof, blast-proof box with a hand grenade. Struthers enthralled Salt Spring audiences with this and other questions in his performance of *Chomolongma - A Tibetan Journey* at Mahon Hall last weekend.

# Journey enthralls audience

Islanders starving for quality off-island theatre got a feast of it at Mahon Hall last weekend.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Tofino playwright and actor Andrew Struthers enthralled a Friday night audience with his non-stop two hour one-man show *Chomolongma - A Tibetan Journey*.

*Chomolongma* is a masterwork of autobiographical narrative. Human experiences of indecision, despair, convictions to change and a desire for enlightenment were portrayed marvellously with hyperbole and brilliant acting.

In describing the state of marriage Struthers said "when two people want to kill each other and can't go through with it, they marry each other instead."

He decries Greek science which cut everything in two parts, and meant people "went off to find the universe with only half their minds."

Struthers almost loses his entire mind at several junctures on his road to enlightenment, which takes him from musing in a cabin on the West Coast of Vancouver Island to London, Japan and finally Tibet.

He is a master of illumination through ridicule, which no subject matter escapes, though the play is in no way a "farce." It is wrenchingly serious stuff.

His renditions of other characters were effective, including the typically bleak Torontonians overseas, an American adventure tour video junkie and a rich Japanese businessman who cannot say "no."

At one point he thinks Japanese society might have captured "the whole" which was chopped up by western science and culture — they say yes to both sides of life. However, in a flash he realizes they do not say yes to the freedom of women, but instead say things like "I feel very Coke."

It was exciting to watch Struthers battle ill fate and contradictions and

suddenly experience an epiphany which whirling him off to the next phase of his journey.

I think one reason *Chomolongma* succeeds is because the audience cannot help but care about what happens to Struthers. He sets himself up as humanly vulnerable in the opening scenes, and painfully yearns for "the answer," which most of us have tried to grasp in some way. Great tension is created when we see our character of wavering fortune, skill and conviction

slowly stumbling towards his goal.

Struthers also "illustrated" the play using a projector to cast images relating to the topic being discussed on a screen behind him. These and sound/light effects enhanced many lines of already-hilarious dialogue.

*Chomolongma* was brought to Salt Spring by Off Centre Stage. Special thanks go to April Curtis for persuading Struthers to make the trek to enlighten us.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



**ENCORE:** The Linden Singers entertained an appreciative Salt Spring audience last Sunday at Ganges United Church.

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## CAC presents third in series: Jean Knight and Chris Kodaly

Islanders will appreciate the results as Jean Knight takes time off from her busy schedule to give her first full-length violin recital on Salt Spring for a long time.

The performance is third in a series of concerts sponsored by the Community Arts Council. It will take place this Sunday, December 2, at Ganges United Church.

Besides being a permanent member of the Victoria Symphony, Knight is well known on Salt Spring for her ardent work on behalf of the concert society and the Save the Children Fund. She brings a warmth of expression and technical assurance to her playing which has always gratified Salt Spring audiences.

Knight will be accompanied for this recital by pianist Chris Kodaly. Kodaly is well-known as a piano teacher and for his many concert appearances as soloist and accompanist, especially in partnership with Tone Prosk. Kodaly's piano playing combines sensitivity with great vigour.

The program will include a wide range of music, including Handel, Scarlatti and a Brahms Sonata. Kodaly will also play a solo work by Canadian composer George Crumb.

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Jean Knight and Chris Kodaly

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He plays a cowboy who goes to Australia as a sort of doggie bounty hunter. The movie, *Quigley Down Under* screens from Friday, November 30 to Tuesday December 4 at 8 p.m. each evening except Saturday.

Selleck rides the outback range in pursuit of dingos (Aussie wild dogs). Spectacular scenery is provided by Australia and Laura San

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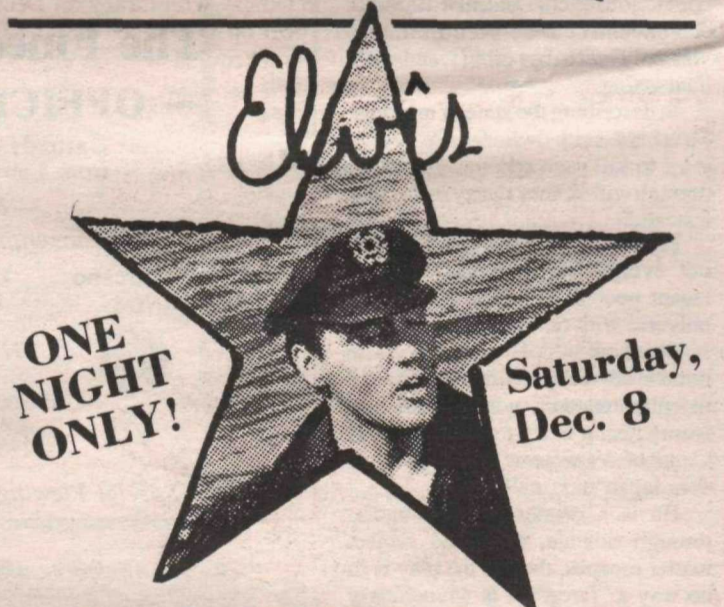
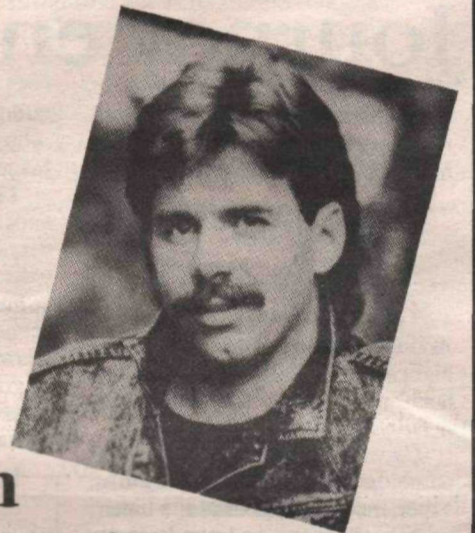
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UPCOMING EVENTS

# Readers Theatre schedules show

A "feast of Christmas delicacies" is planned for a Salt Spring audience at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, in the United Church.

The event will mark the first full concert by the Readers Theatre group which has been performing at Greenwood's, the elementary schools and some of the benefit concerts for Artspring, including the recent Academy Awards Night.

The group's artistic director is Don Boyes and the president is Meg Arteaga.

The presentation will feature a variety of readings along with traditional Christmas music. There will also be Christmas carol singing for all, accompanied by well-known islander Mae George.

Included in the program will be "Amahl and the Night Visitors," directed by Norma Seleg with the Recorder Trio consisting of Maggie Schubart, Sheila Stacey and Carol Young as guest musicians — as well as other humorous readings such as "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas and Joyce Grenfell's "Kindergarten Nativity."

The presentations will be interspersed with traditional Christmas carol singing with audience participation.

Organizers say the whole program promises to be a "smorgasbord of Christmas delights."

Tickets are available at et cetera.

# Hiking events planned

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has released its December schedule of activities.

All excursions leave from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

**DECEMBER 4**

• **HIKE:** Mt. Maxwell from Dukes Road with leader Brian Radford.

• **WALK:** Welby Point area with leader Peggy Jacobs.

• **EASY WALK:** Leader's choice — north end with leader Brenda Cornwall.

**DECEMBER 11**

The annual Christmas lunch will take place at the Salt Spring Golf Club at 12 noon. Tickets must be obtained in advance from Edna Watson — 537-2582. The event is for members only.

Prior to the lunch there will be a hike/walk in Channel Ridge with leader Ann Barber. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:15 a.m.


**DECEMBER 18**

• **HIKE:** Mt. Belcher with leader Betty Ball.

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# LEGION News

Events at Salt Spring Branch 92 of the Legion will slow down for December.

To introduce a festive air, members and their friends are invited to the annual Christmas decorating party to be held Friday, November 29 at 7 p.m.

Various regular meetings will be held beginning Monday, December 3 with the branch general meeting at 8 p.m. The Executive meets on December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary won't be holding a general meeting for December. They'll have a Christmas Party on December 10 with cocktails to be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Members have but a few days left to pay their 1991 membership dues, before November 30, to qualify as an early bird and be in line for prizes.

*Les Four* will usher in the New Year. Tickets for the dance and festivities will be pre-sold at the bar.

Friday dinners continue to tempt the hungry with turkey on December 7, pork on December 14 and roast beef on December 21. The L.A. will take December 28 off — no dinner is scheduled.

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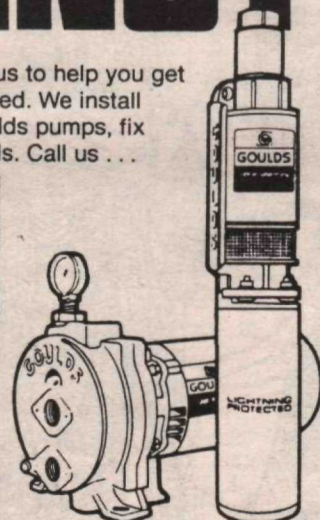
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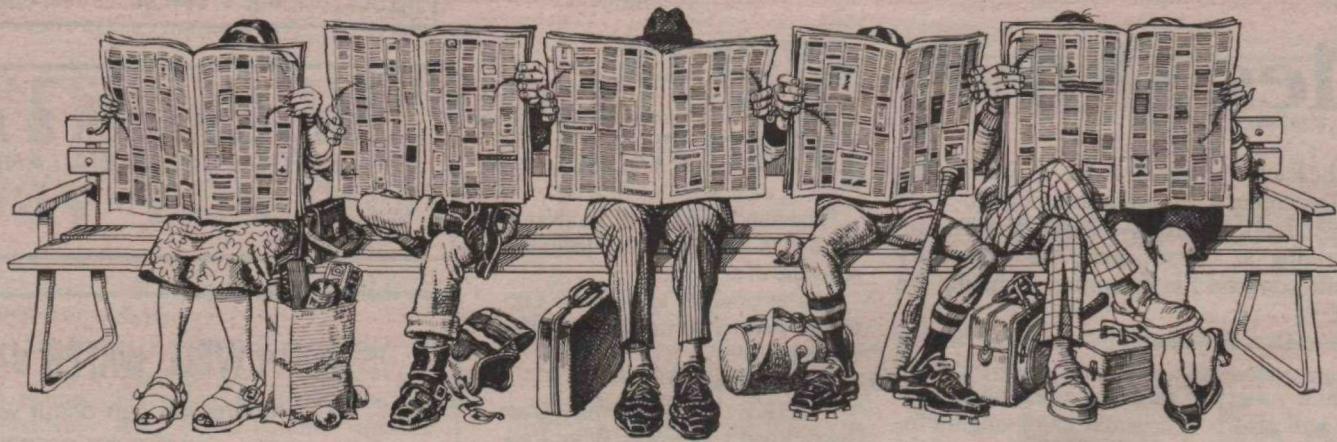
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