

*Abbeyfield housing project  
growing on Salt Spring . . . . . B6*  
*Chamber of Commerce AGM  
was held last week . . . . . B13*

# Driftwood



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

**HIGH LIGHTS** - Fred Hogman of B. C. Hydro decorated this Centennial Park tree on Monday as part of the *Driftwood*-sponsored seasonal light-up celebrations. In keeping with its own Power Smart program, Hydro used energy efficient five-watt bulbs to add cheerful illumination to the tree.

## Annual Light-Up brings in season

Christmas celebrations officially begin on Salt Spring this Saturday when the sixth annual Light-Up takes place.

This year's event has the added highlight of a Festival of Lights Parade for island children. Full details on the parade can be found in an accompanying story to this article.

*Gulf Islands Driftwood* has sponsored Light-Up for the past four years, taking it over from the Ganges Centre Association which started the event.

Santa's arrival by seaplane will start off the day at 1:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to dockside for the welcome. Because possibility of snow is remote on the Gulf Islands, Santa leaves his reindeer home to rest and takes a more reliable form of

travel. He will be accompanied by local Harbour Air pilot Saint McColl and a jolly elf.

Serenading Santa upon his arrival will be the Fulford Family Singers with choir conductor Lynn Quinn.

After the greeting, Santa will make his way to Ganges Firehall where *Driftwood* photographer Gail Sjuberg will take pictures of youngsters. Free photographs will be available later, courtesy of Salt Spring Colour King and the newspaper.

Mandarin oranges and candy canes will be provided for the youngsters and hot chocolate served by Guides will be available for everyone.

LIGHT-UP B4

## Can meet "saints" everyday at G.I. Lady Minto Hospital

By GEORGE CLOGG  
*Special to the Driftwood*

It is Sunday, soon after 7 a.m. The blood-red sunrise spreads across the horizon, Van Gogh fashion. Ganges is still. Many folk slumber on. Fifteen minutes earlier, the night staff at Lady Minto Hospital had been alerted that I was being driven urgently for attention. Asthma plus bronchitis which had knocked me for six, stubbornly rejected the antibiotics administered by my doctor several days previously.

Inside Lady Minto eager outstretched hands swing into action. Minutes after a doctor's examination, I am in bed. An intravenous drip, oral drugs, spells on a ventilator, and priority treatment 24 hours a day is in order.

Imagine my dilemma if this had happened in America. I would have had to sell my house to pay the treat-

ment costs. Not only the residents of Salt Spring but all living on the adjoining Gulf Islands should thank God for the medical Bank of Gold that lies between the trees almost unseen just off the Upper Ganges Road.

Most of us certainly take for granted that help will be available immediately when illness strikes, but somehow we don't think it ever will.

Have you ever stopped to think

just what happens behind Lady Minto's closed doors? This hospital is a treasure. You don't have to wait until you leave this planet to come face to face with saints and angels. They are here right in the centre of the blood, sweat and tears.

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HOSPITAL B2

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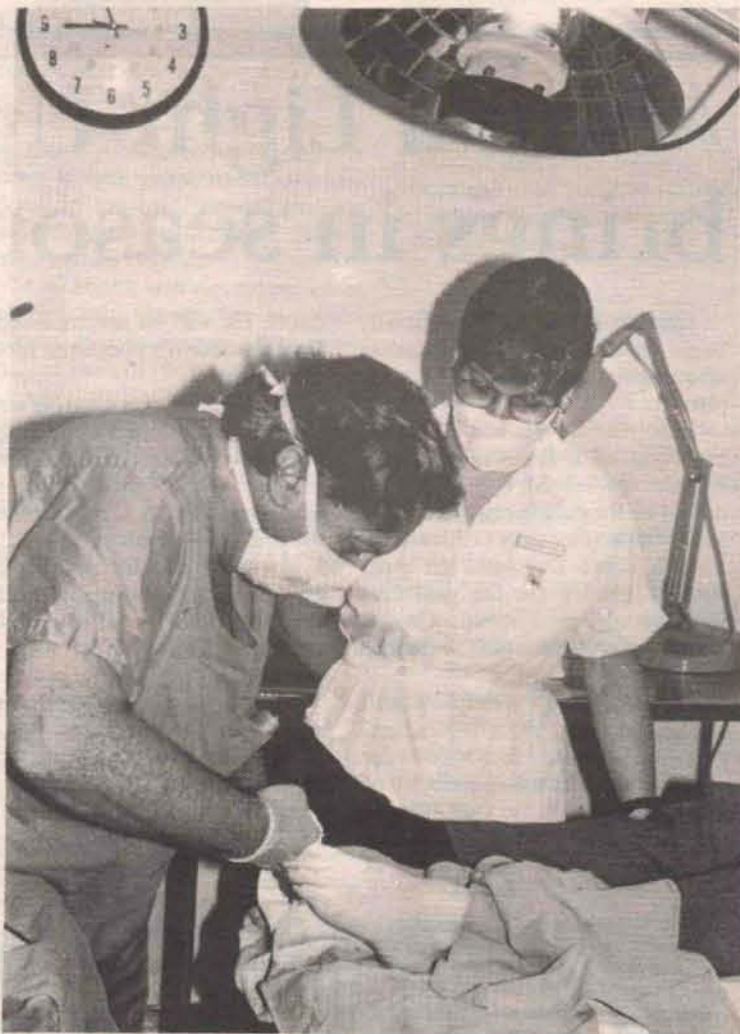
Wood Dock with Chain & Anchor

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FEATURE

# ISLAND "NIGHTINGALES" AT WORK

Driftwood photo feature by  
Derrick Lundy



Nurses at Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods care home on Salt Spring work for our good health. Seen here are (clockwise, starting at top left): Dr. Gerald Scott and nurse Gillian Mouat; Karen Davies; Public Health Nurse Pam MacKenzie; Marg Munro; Gail Mussell with young patient Adam; Molra Bergstrom; Sue Yardley; and Nona Brack with extended care patient Doris Rogers.



## HOSPITAL

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professionalism of this devoted team of 10 doctors and 19 nurses.

From my bird's eye view and just yards from my mattress I have witnessed the action — quite unknown to anybody. Just like the adverts say: "If you are capable of working under heavy pressure, then we want to see you." Well, nobody can afford to crack here. Life is too precious a commodity, sacred.

Night and day the phone seldom stops ringing. Right now the ambulance radio-telephone sound off. They are bringing an emergency. The

nursing is about."

There is senility with which to cope, and delicate medical matters which only the strong of heart could possibly stomach.

Not once have I heard a cat's whisker of a grumble. Smiles? Yes, thousands of them around the clock. Father time, of course is never on their side, but doctors and nurses alike have this bedside philosophy, a psychology of stopping and listening.

Please excuse this short break. An emergency chopper has touched down on the helipad. Silhouetted in the failing light, two uniformed

Until fairly recently I lived in the Hampshire, England, village of West Wellow where Florence Nightingale — the lady of the lamp — lies buried. There were times in straight laced Victorian England when this world renown heroine who succoured the injured and dying, came under cruel male dominated criticism. Now more than a century later her inspiration burns fiercely on.

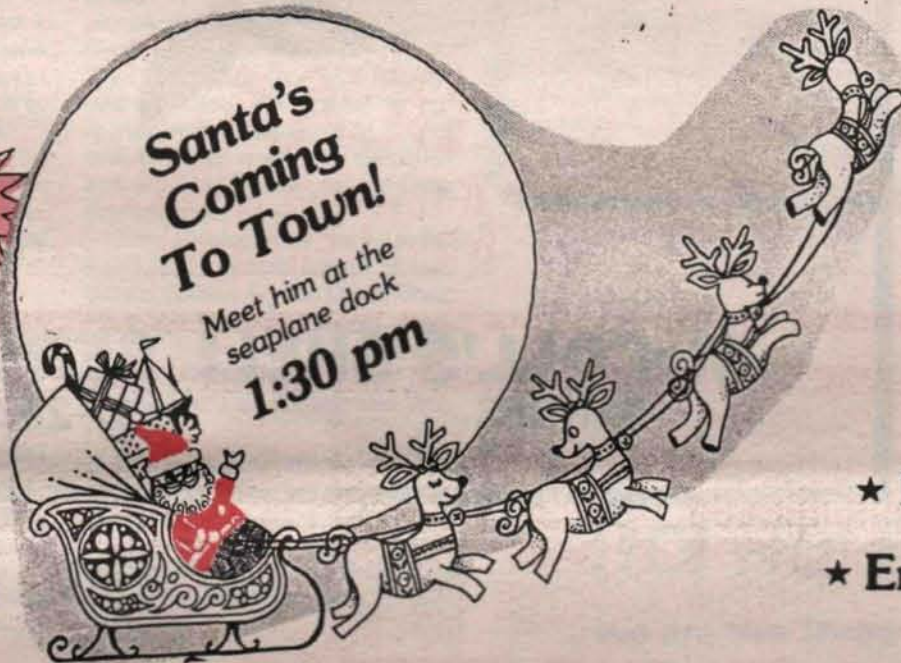
It is 3 a.m. Just five hours to go before the night shift's 12-hour stint.

Halos for each and every one of the staff. This devo-



# LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS

## Saturday, Dec. 1



- ★ Santa's Arrival
- ★ Hayrides for everyone
- ★ Hot Chocolate
- ★ Decorating contest
- ★ Entertainment galore

LIGHT-UP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
1:30 pm	• Santa arrives at seaplane dock, greeted by Fulford Family Singers. Everyone invited.
2:00 pm	• Santa arrives at firehall for photos with children
	• Hayrides start at Centennial Park
2:30 pm	• Fernwood School Band #1 at Firehall
	• Raging Grannies at Grace Point Square
3:00 pm	• Fernwood School Band #2 at Firehall
	• Channel Two (Gary Lundy & Antone Prosk) at Creekhous
3:30 pm	• S.S. Elementary School Choir at Firehall
	• Antone Prosk at Creekhous
4:00 pm	• Deadline for Reader's Choice entries at Firehall
5:45 pm	• Festival of Lights Children's Parade starts at Embe Bakery
6:45 pm	• Carolling starts at Centennial Park
7:30 pm	• Food Bank Auction, Central Hall—doors open 6:30 pm for viewing & silent auction.

*Gulf Islands*  
**Driftwood**  
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

**NEWSBEAT**

**Parade initiates new "Festival of Lights"**

Highlight of the first-ever Salt Spring *Festival of Lights* occurs in late afternoon when a parade wends its way through Ganges.

The parade will finish off a day of Christmas festivities at the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* annual Light-Up celebration which includes a visit from Santa, store decorating contest, hayrides and entertainment beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Parade participants gather at the Jackson Avenue extension and Seaview Avenue and the parade begins at 5:45 p.m. They will ride floats, strut their stuff or gambol along Fulford-Ganges Road to Hereford, across the square to Lower Ganges Road before heading back to Centennial Park.

Organizers have commitments from Shellyndan Guest House, the accommodation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Lady Minto Hospital, Kindergym and St. George's nursery school for floats to carry upwards of 110 children.

Salt Spring Centre School Choir, 70-children strong, will stroll the route as will nine other children under auspices of the Cheshire Cat Restaurant.

Matthew Horn will have a power car driven by a child while B.C. Ambulance service will taxi another youngster in its vehicle — with lights flashing. Salt Spring fire department will also transport a child.

One organizer Shelley Wilson told the *Driftwood* she is extremely happy with the response for the parade. Plans call for it to become an annual event.

"The magnitude of people involved is overwhelming," she said. "The biggest and most wonderful thing is having people ask if it is just for kids. I reply of course it is just for kids, kids from nine to 90 because everyone has a child in them."

Parents from Fernwood School will also be there serenading observers with carols. When the parade returns to Centennial Park organist John Akehurst will lead a sing-song of carols.

**LIGHT-UP**

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A community Christmas tree erected annually will be replaced this year by lighting a permanent tree in Centennial Park near Gasoline Alley. B.C. Hydro donated special energy-conserving Christmas lights for the tree as well as the equipment and men needed to string the lights. In the past, a tree was cut down and transported to a location between two local banks. A decision was made this year to make use of a permanent tree.

Merchants will be decorating their premises, both inside and out, for the annual store decorating contest.

This year something new has been added. In addition to a panel of judges, *Driftwood* readers and their families will be able to select a best-overall store decoration. Judging forms can be found in this section of the paper and more will be available at the firehall. Entries for the store with the most votes will be placed in a box and one winner will be selected.

The prize is a family lunch (to a value of \$50) at any restaurant on Salt Spring Island. A list of stores entered in the contest as of November 26 is included in a Reader's Choice Light-Up advertisement elsewhere in this section of the newspaper.

Special Christmas offerings, bargains and free draws are being offered by Ganges area merchants beginning Saturday.

Entertainment will include school bands and choirs from Fernwood, and Salt Spring Elementary Schools, the Raging Grannies, Channel Two with Gary Lundy and Tone Prosk and solo renditions by Prosk. Times and locations for the entertainment are listed in a complete schedule of events on Page B3.

After Santa's visit, store judging, entertainment, the parade and carolling, people can move along to Central Hall where the annual Food

school performances, staff parties, home entertaining, church activities, concerts, and gift buying will not end until Christmas Eve when families and friends gather to relax and enjoy a special celebration.

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No Name Vinegar 1 litre	139	129
Purex 4-roll pack	249	239
Viva 2-roll pack	149	139
No Name Hi-Protein Cat Food 4 kg	829	729
Knorr's Soup Mixes	179	169
Knorr's Chicken Stock	259	239
Mainstay Dog Food 8 kg bag	749	649
Japanese Oranges	12 <sup>98</sup>	10 <sup>99</sup>

NEWSBEAT

# Abbeyfield asks for community support

Members of the Salt Spring Island Abbeyfield Society hope the seasonal spirit of giving will help them raise funds for a four-year-old dream.

Sheila Reynolds told the *Driftwood* last week that since the Abbeyfield group obtained "society" standing — and the subsequent ability to issue tax receipts — community donations are trickling in.

The society needs to raise enough money to either purchase and renovate an existing house into a Abbeyfield residence for the elderly, or enough funds to build its own structure.

Abbeyfield homes, popular in Britain and recently established in the Victoria and Sidney areas on Vancouver Island, provide a family

## Government aid is at least two years away

atmosphere for eight to 12 seniors who do not wish to live alone.

Each resident furnishes his or her own room and is responsible for his or her own laundry and room upkeep. Residents also prepare their own breakfasts.

The Abbeyfield house includes a suite where the "house-mother" resides. The housemother runs the home on a daily basis, providing lunch and dinner — but not nursing services — for the residents. Residents must provide a sponsor who the housemother can contact in the event of an emergency.

As Reynolds noted, the residence

provides a "middle-ground" home for seniors who do not need care-home facilities, but who do not want to live alone.

The local Abbeyfield Society is just one of 40 such groups in the province currently involved with or establishing Abbeyfield homes.

The local group recently learned its project would not receive any government funding for at least two years. This has forced it to turn to the community in an appeal for tax-deductible donations.

The society recently met with the staff at Greenwoods to outline its plan.

Reynolds said that depending on the future plans of Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital, an Abbeyfield house could potentially be built on property belonging to one of these facilities. The other possibility is to purchase and renovate an existing home, she said.

The site must be level (for easy access) and close to local amenities. The group has decided to obtain property close to Ganges for the first home and close to Fulford for a second home.

Reynolds estimates it would cost approximately \$400,000 to purchase (\$200,000 for the building) and

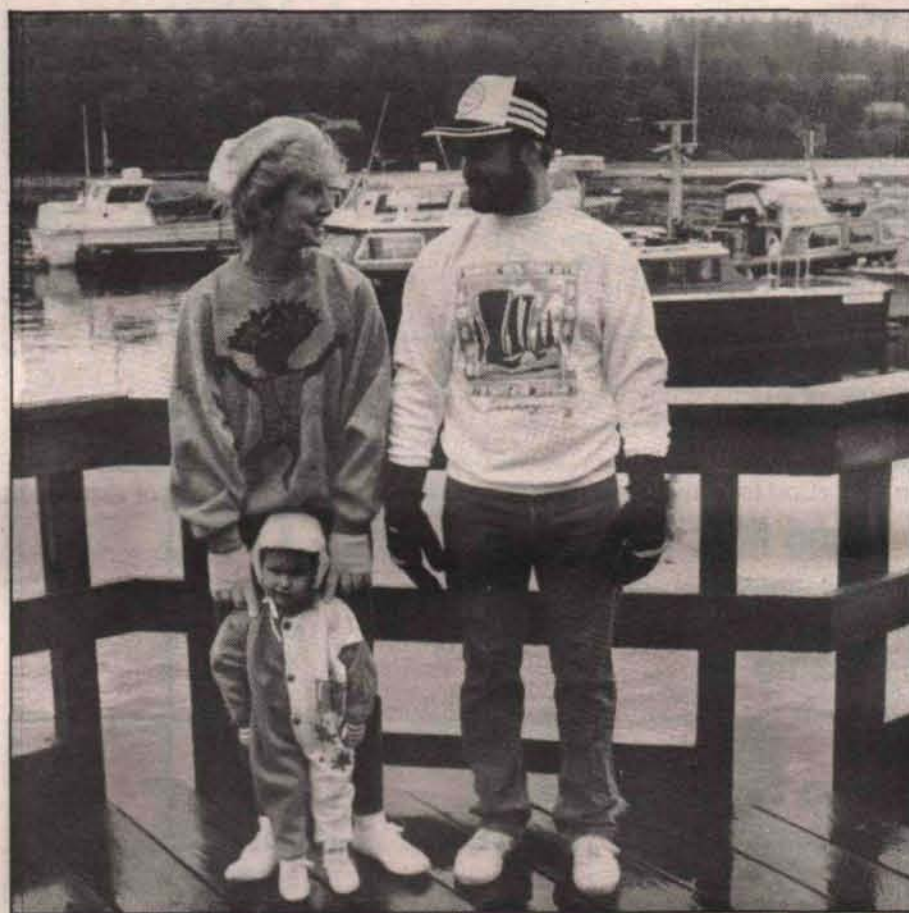
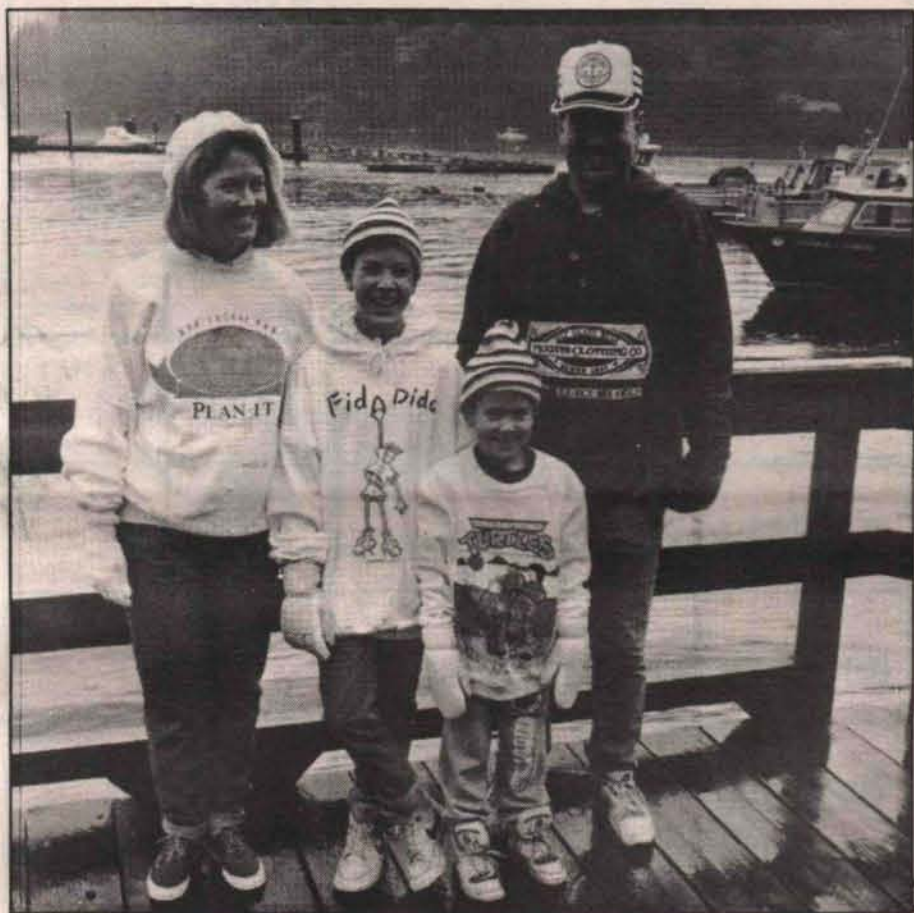
upgrade an existing home to meet provincial standards which would include an intercom system, wheelchair accessible entrances and a housemother suite.

The fully-constructed Abbeyfield house in Sidney cost approximately \$600,000 to build and the Victoria project cost \$900,000, Reynolds said.

The local organization has coordinated several minor fund-raising efforts, including bake and book sales. Donations are trickling in and a raffle is planned for the spring.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the cause may contact Reynolds at 653-9214 or Nel Bushby at 653-4541.

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NEWSBEAT

# MADD ribbon campaign initiated on island

If the high school CounterAttack group gets its sales pitch revved up, island vehicles will be sporting coloured ribbons this winter.

Using the slogan "Tie One On For

Canada," Mothers Against Drinking Drivers (MADD) has packaged ribbons for attaching to vehicles as part of an awareness campaign. The ribbons serve as a visible reminder for

people not to drink and drive and let vehicle owners state their opposition to a major cause of accidents and deaths in B.C.

Students from Gulf Islands

Secondary School's CounterAttack club will be selling the ribbons to contribute to awareness and as a fundraising scheme. Half of the \$2 cost for three ribbons goes into

MADD coffers. The other dollar is retained by the local CounterAttack group.

In their attempt to educate fellow students and the public about the hazards of drinking and driving, students hope to bring an impressive multi-media film presentation to Salt Spring Island before the end of their school year.

Three club members viewed the film at a recent leadership conference held in Nanaimo and want to share its message with others. Student Kristie Taylor says it features high school students and well-known musicians and athletes.

The CounterAttack club hopes the sale of vehicle ribbons and other fundraising activities will give them the \$425 needed to bring the presentation to Salt Spring.

Taylor, Angela Hamer and Dave Denton attended the ICBC-sponsored conference which included delegations from all parts of Vancouver Island. They participated in several workshops, including *Addiction and Recovery, Not the Wheels I Had in Mind* and *Traffic Accidents—Not Just a Meeting of Metal*.

GISS student Kristine Pickell was one of the organizers of the event.

The ribbon campaign was aptly kicked off during National Addictions Awareness Week.

CounterAttack students also set up an information display at their school last week.



**TIE ONE ON** - Gulf Islands Secondary School's CounterAttack group and RCMP Constable Chris Bomford braved Friday's rain to tie a MADD-sponsored ribbon on an RCMP vehicle. Seen left to

right are Dave Denton, counsellor Marg Sitton, Bomford, Angela Hamer, Sam Patella, Kristie Taylor and Kristine Pickell.

Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

## Funds for Ometepe needed

A parish priest says money undergoes strange convolutions in Nicaragua and school children on Ometepe Island feel the squeeze.

Father Smith is the parish priest of Moyogalpa where Ometepe Island is located and he sent a letter to the Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association in an effort to explain the situation.

Farmers are paid in old cordobas, the Nicaragua equivalent of the dollar, but have to pay for feed, food, gas and other staples of life in new cordobas. The U.S. dollar is also legal tender there.

For instance, farmers sell their harvest of sesame seed but can not be paid because the bank does not have sufficient funds. They are issued credit by merchants and the bank covers expenses when it can.

Gasoline can cost up to three million old cordobas per gallon. A farmer might earn \$100 each month but have to pay \$40 for water for his farm.

Part of the problem comes through policies of

the International Monetary Fund which requires the Nicaraguan government abide by certain rules in order to reduce the international debt of the country.

School children come from outlying areas of Ometepe to school. If they can afford it, they ride the bus. But the cost of gasoline has increased their fares on the privately run bus.

The Gulf Islands group sent \$500 to Father Smith to keep the bus running for six months. But more money — at least \$1,000 — is needed to keep the school bus in operation until the end of next year.

Donations can be sent, earmarked for the Ometepe school bus fund, to Father Smith, Scarborough Missions, 2685 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario, M1M 1M4.

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**NEWSBEAT**

*To be Frank*  
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*Like the Gospel said*

When I was a small boy learning the rudiments of the Christian religion I was always intrigued with the statement of Jesus quoted under Mark 8 - 36, "Does a man gain anything if he wins the whole world but loses his life?" I used to speculate how impossible it would be for one man to win control over the whole world.

And now I just wonder who will be that man.

*The good old days*

Once upon a time there used to be vigorously fought elections without television. I know it sounds like a fairy tale, but it's true.

It was the time Before Television, abbreviated to BTV.

People used to attend political meetings in the dozens; sometimes in the hundreds. And they'd listen and heckle. It was people like me who suffered. Before an election I was out at every political meeting that was called. Some evenings I'd cover two meetings.

After a few years you could almost figure what a speaker was going to say before he said it.

The sure-fire never-miss was that of a party leader.

"They asked me. How will I find my cabinet members? And I told them that every one of my candidates is cabinet material!"

That was my favourite. It was so sickly and so regular.

I wish I had kept all my election notes. They'd be history today.

*Just call me "Poker Face"*

I played poker the other day; first time I looked at that game for 40 years or more. I'm just not a gambler, I guess. But I was filling in for a fellow who was a sight better player than I.

It went averagely until, finally, I got a half-way decent hand. But nobody would bet. I collected my winnings and commented that I should have made more on a hand like that.

Then Jack Althouse explained it to me later.

"You have to get that silly grin off your face when you're holding four aces," he said.

That's me: Poker Face!

*Running north*

I have a car that was designed to drive northwards. Never look into the sun! That was the slogan when they decided to line the dash with a light brown plastic. Every time the sun shines on it it reflects back and half the view you get through the windshield is the pattern of the plastic dash.

I discovered the secret a long time ago. You throw a black jacket or a dark-coloured duster on the dash between the wheel and the windshield and it kills the reflection.

Just hope they've found out the proper colour by now.

**ICBC costs upped**

Most B.C. drivers will again pay more for vehicle insurance next year.

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. says it needs 4.5 per cent more income in 1991, three per cent to pay for claims and improved Autoplan benefits and 1.5 per cent to offset the Goods and Services Tax' impact.

For three-quarters of private passenger vehicles, the corporation says the increase will be less than \$50. Underinsured motorists' protection will rise \$3 across the board, and third party liability coverage and no-fault accident benefits will cost an average four per cent more than in 1990.

A 15 per cent hike has been attached to comprehensive premiums due to more claims for damaged windshields, thefts and vandalism.

The seven per cent GST will not apply directly to Autoplan insurance, but ICBC will have to recoup the tax it pays on purchased goods and services.

One ICBC service will actually cost less in 1991. Motorists purchasing insurance for periods of less than one year will pay a four rather than five per cent surcharge on premiums, to a minimum of \$20.

Commuters who live outside of but work in the higher-rated Lower Mainland may also benefit from a 1991 policy change. Most private vehicles will be rated according to the territory in which they are garaged or kept when not in use rather than the area in which they are principally operated.

No-fault accident benefits have been increased from a maximum of \$200 to \$300 per week when a claimant loses wages due to an accident injury. The increase will also apply as of January 1, 1991 to people currently receiving benefits from a previous accident.

In an attempt to encourage car pooling, ICBC will raise the number of days a vehicle may be driven to work (from four to six per week) while still rated for pleasure use only.

ICBC president Tom Holmes says B.C. motorists set another record for the number of claims reported in 1990. The total is expected to exceed 800,000 compared to 739,000 claims made in 1989.

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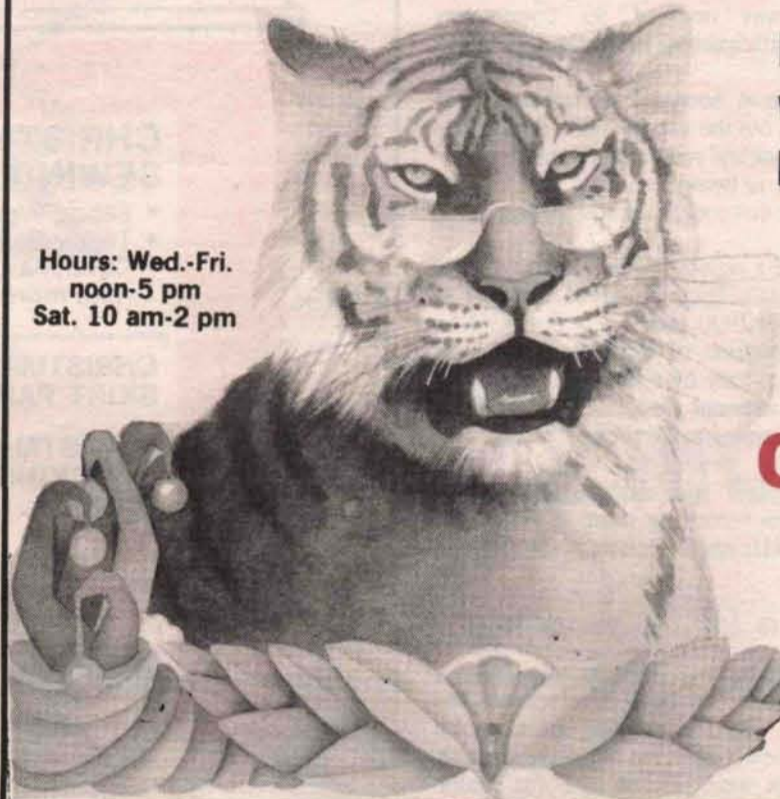
**NEWSBEAT**



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**CATCH OF THE DAY:** Fred Moulton weighs and bags a pound of prawns off of his boat *High Gear* at the Ganges government dock.

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## Rain soaks islands

Rain gave the Gulf Islands a good washing by Sunday, but the mainland had a longer and wetter bath.

Ganges weatherwatcher Robert Aston told the *Driftwood* this week, he measured a total of 6.2 centimetres (2.43 inches) of rain for the storm which lasted four days.

Heaviest rainfall came on Friday with 3.68 cm (1.45 in.) which caused problems for hydro crews.

Aston noted that 17.2 cm (6.76 in.) of rain has fallen so far this month. The figure compares favourably with the 10-year average precipitation for November of 18.75 cm (7.38 in.).

But, he warned, the 10-year average contains 7.1 cm (2.8 in.) of snow which we have yet to experience this winter.

"It's been frosty a couple of mornings," he cautioned, "and we have a few more days to keep our fingers crossed."

## District obtains art grant

School District 64 has \$2,000 for art education thanks to the Vancouver Foundation.

Lynn Kagan, program director for the foundation, recently informed the school board of the grant.

District fine arts co-ordinator Kevin Vine applied for the grant to help fund the district's Arts in Education program.

In her letter, Kagan wrote, "Vancouver Foundation is pleased to be able to continue this assistance to

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NEWSBEAT

# Market survey reveals trends

Gulf Islands Driftwood was one of 95 community newspapers across Canada participating in a Decima local market survey last April.

Results of the survey have now been released. They show that 97 per cent of people filling out the survey had read the previous week's issue and 85 per cent had read the last four issues.

Information from the survey is being analyzed and will be used to improve the newspaper coverage and advertising base, says publisher Joyce Carlson.

Decima Research has earned a reputation as Canada's most respected opinion research firm. The spring mail readership survey which appeared in two April 1990 issues was designed by Decima Research under the direction of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association. Part of a national marketing plan instituted this year by the national association, the survey had an outstanding response according to Decima vice-president Catherine Murray.

More than eight per cent return was recorded across the country with some communities recording more than 10 per cent. Gulf Islands Driftwood reader response was in the average range for returns of this survey.

### Average response is 1.5 to 2 per cent

No reader-incentive surveys such as this usually have a response of 1.5 to two per cent. The only involvement the Driftwood had in the survey was the printing of supplied materials and insertion into the newspaper. No incentive through advertising or editorial message were offered to boost reader response and all questions were supplied and could not be altered. All collection and tabulation of the results were handled outside the newspaper office as replies were returned to a central point through a business reply envelope.

Each participating newspaper received a 120 page report on its responses.

Each survey asked a total of 30 questions. Sample questions under readership were time spent reading, most recent issue looked at, how many people in the household read the most recent issue, how many days a copy was kept in the home, how many of the last four issues were read, and how often is a daily newspaper read.

Editorial questions included the importance of coverage for specific local and community events such as sports, local taxation, editorial opinion and the source most relied upon for information.

### Demographic questions reveal trends

Under demographics, readers were asked about age, sex, rent or own property, what type of dwelling, education levels, employment status, total number in the household and income levels.

For advertising, the questions asked who is responsible for grocery shopping, readership of flyers arriving in the mail versus those arriving in the newspaper, what types of advertising are used for all other items, which are used most often, items purchased within the last 12 months and shopping habits by retail stores.

Driftwood readers replied that 83 per cent of them kept the newspaper around for more than four days. On average each issue is read by 2.09 people. (Wonder who the .09 is?) Only 26 per cent of the respondents read the Victoria Times-Colonist at least three times a week while the Vancouver Sun had 13 per cent readership and the Province nine per cent.

Information of local news was deemed important by 89 per cent of readers and more specifically 91 per cent said local land development issues information was important to them. And 79 per cent of respondents found community services information important.

Demographic information indicated that 34 per cent of respondents were male, 62 per cent female and the rest did not answer the question. Fifty-one per cent were between 30 and 65, and 29 per cent were over 65 years old. Homeowners formed 84 per cent of the total.

### Automotive repairs led purchases

Of the total response, 87 per cent were high school graduates and graduates of higher educational levels. Some 33 per cent of the male household heads of family were retired and 59 per cent of households had pre-tax incomes of \$30,000 or more.

Asked for advertising information, readers replied that 63 per cent of them used flyers which came inserted inside their community newspaper compared to only 25 per cent which used flyers delivered separately. Nine per cent of the heads of households who have the main responsibility for grocery shopping are male and 64 per cent are female. Among respondents, 25 per cent share the chore.

The statistical information of the survey can be broken down into age groups, income levels, education levels and family structure. For example, 44 per cent of women under 25 responding

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Another example of Esso "Going That Extra Mile".

**Thankful Tankful Days**

**SALT SPRING LIONS CLUB** members will be "lending a hand" at the pumps Dec. 1 and 2.

**NEWSBEAT**

# Irwin to take over as Chamber head

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce has a new president following its annual general meeting last week.

Cedar Beach Resort owner Sherry Irwin was elected president by the new board of directors after the general meeting Wednesday night. She has worked diligently over the past year to initiate the Salt Spring Accommodations Group, a chamber sub-committee, as well as being an active member of the advertising and brochure committee.

Irwin says she wants to strengthen the chamber's leadership role in the community by encouraging the business sector to take a more active stand so their issues and concerns can be represented.

"I'm looking forward to working with the entire membership."

Past president Glen Moores will continue to chair the Seawalk Committee as the chamber representative. He told the *Driftwood* he wants the project to move to the point where more of the seawalk is usable.

It may take a few years to get it "totally complete," he added. "I have been with this since it started and I want to get the job done. It has to be finished as far as I'm concerned."

Moores told the meeting the future of Salt Spring depends on development of a good business plan including a marketing strategy that will identify the needs of the community.

"What will our community look like?" he asked. "Will it continue to be a retirement community or can we see the development of an integrated community with a diversified employment base with sufficient jobs to support a growing community?"

A challenge for the chamber is to attract tourists both in the summer period and winter months, he added.

"We must lobby for our rights as a separate and unique community,"

he said.

Moores said he was pleased to see the chamber develop a committee system over the past year and expressed his appreciation to his fellow directors for their efforts.

Chamber manager Neville Atkinson thanked both the chamber directors and volunteers during his report.

Highlights of the chamber year included management of the tourist information and business information centres, improved channels of communications between directors, members and the general public, formation of the accommodation group, and a variety of educational seminars on the Community Plan, group insurance, the GST and home-based businesses.

A meeting with B.C. Ferry Corporation and Ministry of Tourism Cliff Michael proved beneficial as did a breakfast meeting attended by 30 business and professional people.

Atkinson said despite very poor spring weather the overall tourism picture from January to October was better than other regions. While "party" statistics showed a five per cent decrease, the number of enquiries by mail increased by 68 per cent while the queries by telephone increased by 28 per cent over the previous year.

New directors were elected to the board. They include Joyce Carlson, Sharon Crouse, Wynne Davis, Doug Hack and Hans Hazenboom. Continuing directors are Sherry Irwin, Glen Moores, Sandi Ballantyne, Helen Tara, Dee Kinney and Don Harrison.

Current projects for the chamber include a newly-revised brochure, map and island landmark cards.

More information about activities and membership can be obtained by calling the chamber office at 537-4223.

# Donations "glow"

As contributions to Salt Spring's food bank Christmas hamper program grow, so will the glow projected by a Bank of Montreal Christmas tree.

Staff members are erecting a tree on December 1 in conjunction with village "light-up" celebrations: for every \$10 the bank receives as a food bank donation, a tree light will be turned on. Bank spokesman Lana Clarke says they want to see the tree "glowing" by Christmas.

A daily balance of funds received will also be displayed in the bank's window.

Clarke says the Bank of Montreal would like the community's help "to ensure all islanders enjoy a Christmas dinner and healthy New Year."

Christmas hamper program coordinator Mary Fraser stresses cash donations are definitely preferred over contributions of food items.

Islanders can also help the food bank Christmas cause at the annual goods and services auction at Central Hall on Saturday, December 1. Doors open for viewing and entertainment at 6:30 p.m., while auctioning is set to start at 7:30.

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## BILL WEBSTER



You've proved me wrong, again. Thank for taking the vote seriously.

Following the grind of preparing the November 14 issue of the *Driftwood* last week, I rested. For five days. Waiting. Part of the driveway at the humble abode is littered with two cords of firewood. The wood has been there since . . . Well, it has been there for a long time.

The days of rest were to be passed productively by piling the wood out of the rain, the better to burn and heat the house. But it rained. I watched a movie. The rain continued. I began, and almost finished, the novel *Shogun*. It rained.

Sleep overcame me at many opportunities. It rained.

You're right again. The wood remains wet and unpiled but I did get a good rest.

Now, if I could only teach the cats to pile wood as payment for their supper . . . Meanwhile back to more serious topics.

Santa Claus is coming to town — several times. Hope it don't rain on his (their) parade(s).

Parents tend to work hard for the entire year to pay for children's smiles on the Big Day. Credit card fever strikes the unwary, the malady being part and parcel of the season.

Enough about serious matters. Let us discuss something frivolous.

Seems workers at Lady Minto and Greenwoods are deprived of the right of association because of other associations. Rules of both the societies of both facilities prohibit employees from joining said societies.

For many years, they, the workers have petitioned humbly to be accepted in the society. They, the workers, agree membership would suffice and election to the boards of directors would not be a required aspect of joining.

Under our esteemed Bill of Rights, we are supposed to enjoy freedom of assembly and freedom of association.

When the Charter of Rights and Freedoms is perused, we find a guaranteed freedom of peaceful assembly as well as the time-honoured freedom of association.

Now begs the question: if we, as citizens of this land, are guaranteed

freedom of association, why are the workers at Lady Minto and Greenwoods, just because they work there, denied freedom to associate with the societies of those institutions?

An argument against them becoming society members revolves around implied conflict of interest but that doesn't cut zilch. Doctors, through the chief of staff and the president of the medical staff, deal directly with the boards of directors and no one accuses them of conflict of interest. Why the workers?

Makes one wonder. The very people, who through their actions at work ensure the facilities run well, are denied the opportunity of having any say in the matter. Does that seem right to you?

The policy of not allowing workers to be part of the society stems from an edict, brought down years ago, from the Ministry of Health. Mayhaps it is time to change that edict.

Governments all too often are prone to stepping on just plain folk. Too many times in the past in Canada, we've meekly submitted to such tactics because governments prefer to think they know best.

Here on the home front, we see actions of various governmental bodies, elected and otherwise which imply that we, children the lot of us, should do as we are told.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, for some reason or other, don't want a beer garden at Sea Capers. They don't want any alcohol in our parks. Well, good for them but did we have a say in the matter? Were we asked for opinions? Not on your sweet bippy.

From the board of directors of the Capital Regional District come edicts and bylaws which, again, assume we are children who don't know enough to come in out of the rain.

Hartland Road garbage dump has become a bit of an embarrassment to them and is going to cost mega-bucks to fix or move. They, the CRD board of directors, see a lucrative tax-base on Salt Spring and want us to be part of the problem.

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NEWSBEAT



**BUGGY BUILT FOR TWO:** Julian and Beau Kerfort do some early Christmas shopping at the Little Ones' Christmas Market, held last week in Ganges. At right, Emily Delahaye decorates an arbutus branch with homemade (edible) decorations

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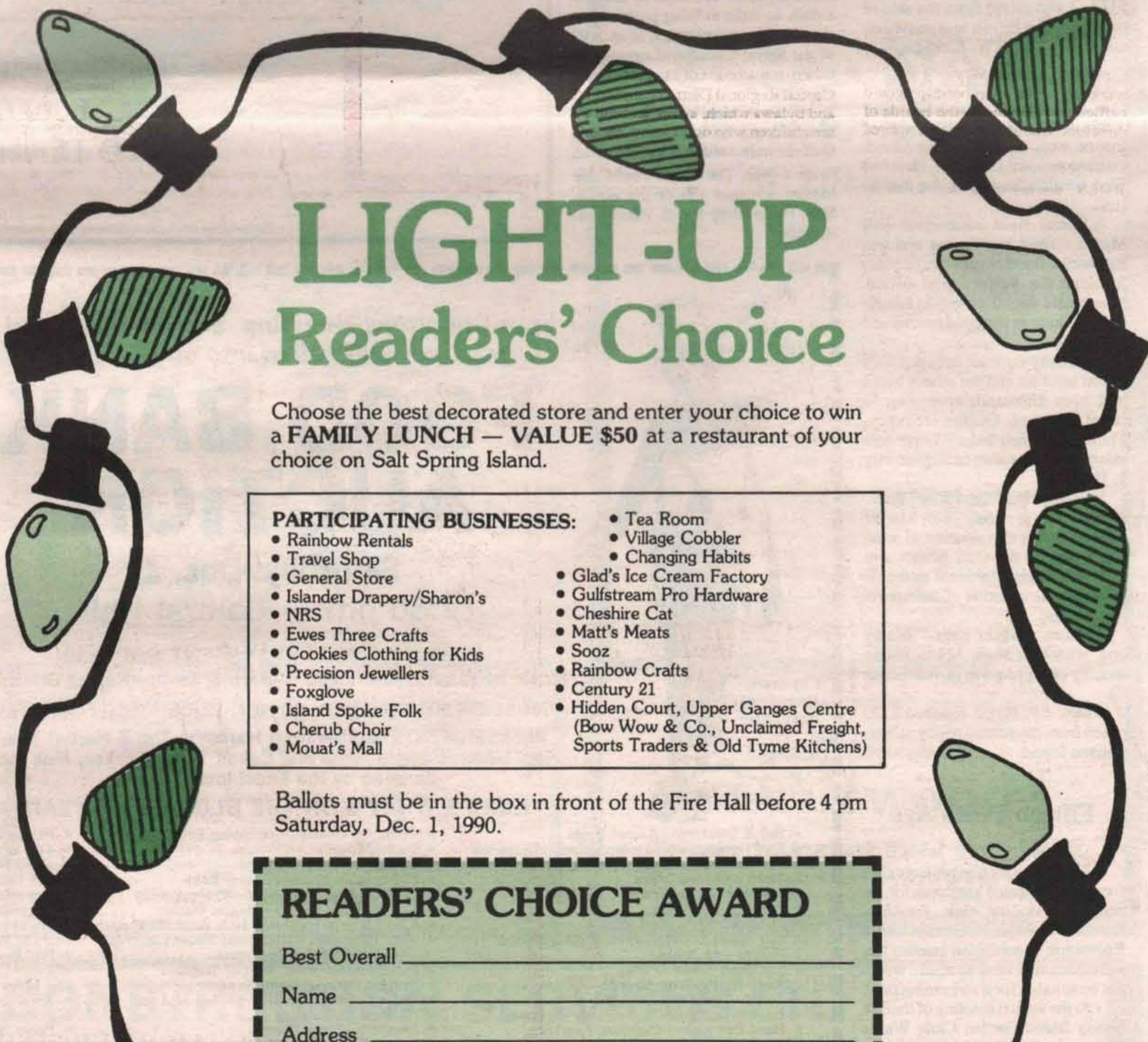
## Arpillera calendar outlet named

A story in last week's *Driftwood* on Chilean arpillera daily calendars neglected to mention an outlet for the book.

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# DOWN THE YEARS

## Thirty Years Ago

- A team of Salt Spring dogs entered in Duncan dog obedience trials surprised the dog world of Vancouver Island by trotting away with the Cowichan Trophy.
- Gulf Islands school trustees passed a motion requiring all students to take government examinations. In the past, several students were "recommended" and did not have to take the tests.
- Al House was elected president of the Salt Spring Social Credit Group at a re-organizing meeting held in Fulford Harbour.
- Mahon Hall was the setting for the Gulf Islands Camera Club's first show. A standing-room-only crowd of enthusiastic viewers attended the event.
- Listed for sale in Ganges: a two-bedroom house and lot for \$6,250.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

- Mrs. A.T. Ryan of Walker Hook reported sighting three snow geese in her field. Nine of the birds had landed at Terry Byron's place the day before, exhausted from flight.
- A smorgasbord supper raised \$169 for the Fulford Hall Committee and the Athletic Club. Edie Wilson was thanked for her help at the dinner.
- Sgt. Major Kenneth Byron, home from Nova Scotia on three weeks' leave, was special guest at a party held in his honour at Cedar Beach Resort.
- Legion Ladies Auxiliary president Mrs. H. Emerslund reported \$427.11 was raised from the sale of poppies. Ellen Brown was convener, assisted by Mrs. F.W. Kirkham.

## Twenty Years Ago

- No candidates had been nominated for four available school trustee seats on Salt Spring Island. Galiano resident Donald A. New had filed nomination papers for that island.
- Postal field supervisor Bill Mason visited Salt Spring and was met with a flood of rumours of plans to close the Fulford post office. Mason said the office would remain in use as long as it proved needed and paid for itself.
- A salary contract between Gulf Island teachers and the school board had been finalized, according to board chairman George Heinekey. The contract included a 7.71 per cent salary increase commencing January 1, 1971.
- Salt Spring Island Ratepayers' Association president Bill Sawyer told a meeting that creation of a national park in the Gulf Islands was unlikely. More significant to the island was the question of incorporation, he said.
- Indian summer turned sharply into winter as snow began falling steadily on Salt Spring on November 22.
- Mrs. J.P. Hume reported \$130 raised from the annual poppy sale on Galiano Island.

## Fifteen Years Ago

- A Lions recreation project called for a prefabricated structure for the projected skating rink. Regional Director George Heinekey told a Recreation Commission meeting that a prefabricated steel structure would not be suitable for a swimming pool.
- At the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club, Walter

be painted with a yellow centre line, proper lighting equipment and helmets be mandatory for cyclists and signs warning motorists and cyclists of poor road conditions be posted at all Gulf Island ferry landings.

- Blood flowed freely in the Legion Hall at Ganges when the Canadian Red Cross set up its blood clinic and collected 146 pints from islanders. The clinic fell short of its goal of 175 pints.

## Ten Years Ago

- Concern over a lack of school facilities at the south end of Salt Spring was expressed by a new resident to the area. Carol Eyles told school trustees that her young daughter would be eligible for kindergarten next year but there was no facility for the class south of Ganges.
- The RCMP's batmobile came to Salt Spring Island and resulted in a weekend of roadblocks. Approximately 40 drivers were ticketed, with defective automobiles being the main reason for the penalties. Impaired charges were minimal, said police.
- Three new members were elected to the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission at its annual meeting. John Crofton, Jim Ballantyne and Tom Watson were elected along with incumbents Hugh Borsman, Bev Unger and Glenn Woodley.
- When Salt Spring Island Lions Club members were invited to sing the new official version of *O Canada*, members were unaware of the new words. In order to bring people up to date on the revised lyrics, Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion published the words in its most recent bulletin.
- School board trustees passed a motion requiring water taxis serving Gulf Islands students be inspected twice a year. The board would also require adequate life-saving equipment be installed for all vessel passengers.

## Five Years Ago

- Gulf Island residents coped with more November snow, with several accidents and power outages resulting from abnormal conditions. Gulf Island schools reported a 40 per cent

drop in attendance due to transportation difficulties.

- Village Bay's resident goose named Willie was murdered on Mayne Island. A witness said they saw an off-island man chase the goose and wring her neck near the

ferry parking lot at Miner's Bay.

- B.C. Tel employee Rick Parsons won the \$1,000 grand prize in a Salt Spring Grey Cup party attended by 200 football fans at Fulford Hall. His ticket number was the prophetic "649."

# Thank-you, Salt Spring!

To all of my supporters, thank-you for your vote of confidence. I am looking forward to getting on with the many things we've been planning over the past year.

There will be a number of public meetings over the winter—on solid waste, the new high school, health care *AND* local government!

## PLEASE—

Get informed and get involved.  
Your participation keeps the democratic process happening on Salt Spring.

Thanks again,  
**JULIA ATKINS**  
CRD Director



Arvid Chalmers, Journeyman Auctioneer



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Your Christmas shopping, a good cause and a great party all rolled into one — it's the

# FOOD BANK AUCTION

Saturday, Dec. 1

7:30 pm — Central Hall

VIEWING & ENTERTAINMENT 6:30-7:30

Music by Rural Electrification—Barb & Kevin—Raging Grannies

ADMISSION BY DONATION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

REFRESHMENTS: Coffee from Harlan's, Tea & Herbal Tea, Paul Linton's Apple Juice and Cakes, Cheesecakes, Pies etc. donated by the finest local bakers.

## HERE'S WHAT'S ON THE BLOCK THIS YEAR:

- ★ Bed & Breakfast—Anchor Point
- ★ Two 1-year on-island subscriptions—Driftwood
- ★ Porcelain Jar—Rainbow Crafts
- ★ Pottery—Gordon Wales
- ★ Jewellery—Craig Wright
- ★ Pottery—Lee Sollitt
- ★ Firewood—Paul Konig
- ★ Gift Boxed Salmon—John & Anne Miller
- ★ Haircut—by Bevan
- ★ Silk Scarf—Babs O'Brien
- ★ Rug—Burritt Bros. Carpets
- ★ Books—Horsdal & Schubart
- ★ Hardcover Book "On the Brink"—et cetera
- ★ Hand knit socks—Catherine Faulkner
- ★ Computer Course—Continuing Education
- ★ Tool—Mouat's
- ★ Jewellery—Terry Warbey
- ★ Chiropractic Massage—Gary Robb
- ★ 3 hr. Desktop Video Intro—Penny George
- ★ Pavlova (with notice)—Maggie Warbey
- ★ 4 hr. Pressure Wash—Al Hall, Aqua Blast
- ★ 4 hr. 'Environmentally Sound House Cleaning'—Viki Vekmirovich, Gypsea
- ★ Painted Xmas Window—Del Seagrave
- ★ Sausage Rolls—Sanchia Seward
- ★ Cedar Fencing (500 BF)—Mickey McLeod, Deluxe Contracting
- ★ Jewellery—Bruce Pearson
- ★ Family Photo—Betty Peters
- ★ Two large pizzas—Luigi's
- ★ Dried Flower Arrangement—Endless Summer
- ★ Gift Pack—Knoth Sausage
- ★ Sheepskin Bike Seat Cover—Kathy Ball
- ★ 'Magnolia in Spring' Print—Patricia Brown
- ★ Framing for Brown's Print—Andy Dietrich, The Picture Framer
- ★ Bird House—Mimi Gossett
- ★ 3 Rowing Lessons for 2 People—Lake of the Moon Rowing School
- ★ Jewellery—Rosamund Dupuy
- ★ Fruit Trees or Plants—Tom Hall
- ★ Prints, Shrink Wrapped—Anna Hawthorne
- ★ Math or Reading Tutoring—Gloria Nye