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Martin elected to head trustees

Fourteen-year Islands Trust veteran Carol Martin emerged the front runner of four candidates competing for the Islands Trust chair. She replaced retiring Salt Spring trustee Nick Gilbert as the new Trust chairman.

Martin was elected to the position last Saturday morning at the end of a three-day Islands Trust Council meeting in Victoria.

The Hornby Island resident, who has served as vice-chairman for six of her 14 years on the Trust, offered "myself, my time and my many years of experience" in her bid for the Trust chair.

She beat out fellow Hornby Island trustee John Fletcher, Saturna representative Harvey Janszen, and Thetis Island trustee and fellow vice-chairman John Dunfield.

Dunfield and Galiano Island trustee Diane Cragg were elected as vice-chairmen, joining Martin on the Trust's executive committee.

Martin told the *Driftwood* Sunday she does not see herself implementing any major changes or new directions for the Trust. She wants Council to have more input into the decision-making process and believes a stronger committee structure would help facilitate this.

"I want to see a more informed and more active council," she said.

This will likely result in a greater number of council meetings, she added.

"I see the role of the executive committee as carrying out what Council wants. The chairman works as the facilitator of the executive team. I don't see it as a position of power, but as a facilitation role."

In her pre-election speech Friday, Martin told fellow trustees the next three years will be of the utmost importance, as Council works to establish a Trust policy plan.

She noted that as an executive member for six years, she is familiar with the legislation and other agencies involved in Trust matters. She said she has been involved in defending the Trust on many occasions and noted that her sustainable lifestyle on Hornby Island is in keeping with Trust ideals.

"I have the time and the commitment and I'm prepared to come to Victoria as often as possible... and I enjoy going to the islands."

The other three candidates for the chair also noted the importance of drawing more input from Council.

"Council has to instruct the executive committee, bringing expertise and wisdom to the table," said Fletcher.

The Hornby Island trustee said the chairman must stand back and receive a professional view with understanding and then find the balance

CHAIRMAN A2



BLOWING IN THE WIND: These young musicians from Fernwood Elementary School played their hearts out Saturday, as part of the many Light-up festivities in Ganges. See additional photographs on Pages A12 and A13. Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Islanders celebrate Light-up

Ganges assumed a festive air last Saturday when the sixth annual Light-up added a seasonal glimmer to the village.

By BILL WEBSTER
Driftwood Staff Writer

Merchants prepared for the event for many weeks, planning decorations for their establishments. The community Christmas tree was decorated with energy efficient lights by B.C. Hydro crews.

Sponsored by *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, this year's event was expanded to include a Festival of Lights children's parade.

Santa Claus' visit and the entertainment took many hours to plan while parade organizers met each week to coordinate events.

Then Saturday everything came together under sunny skies and cold temperatures.

Santa and his elf companion arrived at the seaplane dock to be greeted by excited children and carols sung by the Fulford Family Singers.

Friday night, off-island judges rated the relative merits of store decorations and participants in the festivities had an opportunity to vote for their choice Saturday.

Children chattered in delight as they waited in 3 degree Celsius temperatures to have their photograph taken with Santa who welcomed them to the firehall. Mandarin oranges from Ganges Village Market and candy canes from Pharmasave were given to the children

LIGHT-UP A11

PRC concerned about land dedications

Concern about receiving surprise gifts of land to maintain has prompted Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission to apply for representation on the Advisory Planning Commission.

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff Writer

Capital Regional District officials will make the request on behalf of the

PRC, who see APC participation as a solution to a lack of communication from the Islands Trust regarding land transactions which affect the commission.

A rezoning application by Richard Murakami given second reading by the local Trust committee last month included provision for a dedicated trail and outlook point on the property. At the November 2 public hearing on the matter, trustee

John Stepaniuk said one reason the bylaw should not yet receive further reading was because it "required CRD and Parks and Recreation Commission acceptability of the trail and lookout dedication."

Commission chairman Kellie Booth became concerned when she "heard around town" about implied PRC involvement in the land but had received no specific notice of the application.

At last Monday's PRC meeting, she informed members of her concern. "This brought up the whole thing of the Trust not informing the commission from the ground up," she said, "and we end up with another piece of land."

Because the PRC is on a fixed annual budget, Booth explained, it needs to know how much land it will be managing. It should also have a say in approving such land acquisitions, she said.

In discussing the matter with CRD property officer Simon Joslin, he suggested the PRC presence on the APC would give the commission both the notice and opportunity for input it needs.

Stepaniuk told the *Driftwood* on Monday that consideration needs to be given to the entire advisory body. He said he knows of five other upcoming requests for APC seats and "would like to see some input from legal people and input from the community" on "better defining representation" on the APC.

Regarding the PRC's concern

LAND DEDICATIONS A14

Island property values appealed due to environmental concerns

New ground was broken last week at the Salt Spring Island Court of Revision, when two aspects of environmental concern were cited as contributory to a fall in property values.

Peter Pentz told the court that he was not expecting his appeal to be accepted. He appealed the valuation of his island property on the grounds that emissions from the Crofton pulp mill are reducing the value and the marketability of all Salt Spring Island properties.

The retired chemist said that he was appealing

in order to place his concerns on record.

"The true value of my property, in common with that of other residential properties on Salt Spring Island," said Pentz, "has been adversely affected by the serious degree of pollution emanating from the Crofton mill."

He blamed the "pollution by toxic chemicals" on the failure of provincial and federal regulatory authorities to enforce existing controls or to provide additional regulations.

REVISION A3

Driftwood

NEWS BEAT

Islands Trust approves grant to help fund highways study

An urgent request for \$15,000 to help fund an alternate route study in Ganges was approved by Islands Trustees in a telephone vote earlier this week.

Obtaining immediate approval from the Trust was vital to initiating the study, Salt Spring trustee John Stepaniuk told the Islands Trust Council last Saturday.

Stepaniuk moved that the Trust contribute \$15,000 towards a comprehensive \$45,000 ministry of highways study that will examine impact, soil conditions, drainage corridors

and other issues relevant to an alternate vehicular route around Ganges.

Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew seconded the motion. Trustees could not vote on Saturday because nine newly-elected members were not official trustees until noon Monday.

Under the regulations of the Islands Trust Act motions can be upheld or defeated in a telephone vote.

The alternative route proposal is one of several issues being studied by the Task Force on Parking, Drainage and Pedestrian Circulation in Ganges.

Stepaniuk said the highways ministry is prepared to contribute \$30,000 towards the study if it is undertaken immediately. The offer will not likely stand in the new year.

"The ministry has exhibited unprecedented cooperation," he said, adding the study is imperative to future development in Ganges. "It will be a planning tool for years to come."

Trust manager Jim Windsor told the meeting there would be no problem in obtaining the funds as the Trust is anticipating a surplus budget. He said the study would have to be undertaken eventually. Other trustees noted money had recently been given to Bowen Island for a similar purpose.

Several new trustees were concerned over the hastiness of the decision making, and wanted more information and documentation before being asked to vote.

The Salt Spring trustees did not have time to draft a proposal, Trust planner Tony Quin said, because they only heard of highways' cost-sharing offer a few days before the council meeting.

An official "show of hands" at Saturday's meeting showed unanimous support for the motion.

CHAIRMAN

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between this view and a love for the island.

In his bid for the chair, Dunfield described the need to harness the visions of trustees and island residents. "Each trustee has a vision... as a member of the executive committee I must put together those 26 visions."

As chairman, he said, he would work to carry out the requests of Council and carry forward the visions and wishes and concepts of residents.

Saturna trustee Janszen took a dif-

ferent route in his pre-election speech, saying a number of "real" issues needed to be addressed in the open.

"We are all pretty well in favour of the mandate, but it could be served in better ways and with a positive attitude that I could bring to it."

Janszen said that if the Trust feels "ignored and frustrated" on occasion, it is "the fault of Council for being narrow and timid."

"We can't stay separate from the world as superior and unique," he said. "We must be bold in addressing the government; we have to say this is what we want and then go after it."

Janszen said he was pleased to see the new Trust legislation: "We are virtually autonomous now."

"The Trust has been given to the people it belongs to — the people of the islands. We must take hold of it in a positive way."

Salt Spring trustees Bob Andrew and John Stepaniuk expressed confidence in Martin's ability to lead the Trust Council, noting her experience and commitment.

Andrew described her as moderate, strong and able to hold onto Council.

"She is a very dedicated worker," Stepaniuk said. "I hope she will have a broad approach. It is a difficult task to coordinate the islands... we have to give our total support."



Carol Martin

WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week starting Monday, December 3.

Monday - rain and high winds.

Tuesday - sun peeked through the clouds.

Wednesday - clouds hide the sun for a while and chance of showers.

Thursday - cloudy with rain.

Friday and Saturday - don't expect a break from Ma Nature.

Those white flakes could come back with a vengeance although temperatures will be slightly above normal.

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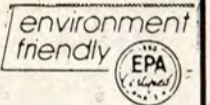
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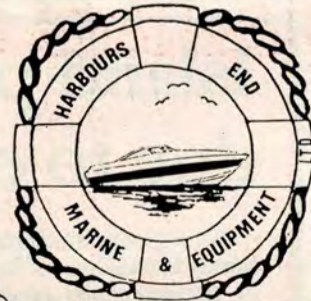
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RAINED OUT - An avalanche of water forced this culvert in Fulford right out of the ground on Tuesday morning. Heavy rains the night before also washed out a portion of Burgoyne Bay Road.

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Salmon return to creek

It's taken four years but chum salmon have returned to Ganges Creek.

In the spring of 1986, Deborah Nostdal coordinated a school project in which Salt Spring school pupils hatched chum fries. About 750 of the tiny fish were turned loose in Ganges Creek.

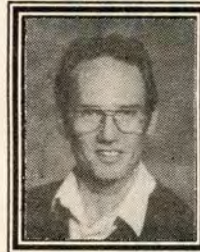
Returning to spawn, the chum were sighted in the creek last week by a number of island residents.

Nostdal said the return is usually

around 10 per cent which means there could be 75 salmon spawning in the creek.

"The fact we that we got any at all from such a small number, she said, "is really something."

She recalls youngsters spending time on the banks of the creek watching the fry prepare for their trip into the ocean. Those same children are excited now that the chum have returned.



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"I realize that general application of this argument to property assessments would result in higher tax rates to yield the necessary local tax revenue."

The reason for such rate increases should be made clear to local taxpayers, he urged, and not disguised by "unrealistic" property valuations.

Clifford and Patricia Lawson appealed their assessment on the same grounds, but they made a more colourful presentation. They attended the court of appeal in Harbour House Hotel, armed with a set of posters illustrating their concerns.

They bought their property in 1983 as an investment.

Then death moved in, said Mrs. Lawson.

"Wood chips in green slime. No more killer whales. Death moved in on shellfish."

She referred to poisonous gas clouds hanging overhead and dioxin dust.

She and her husband must move away, she told the court.

"But can we sell without revealing the pollution of air and water? Or pollution by noise?"

In neither case did the appellants convince the three-man court that their claims were valid. Pentz did not plan to appeal the decision, he told the court.

Mrs. Lawson, however, stated that she will take her appeal to the Board of Appeal, senior court in assessment challenges.

There were a number of others appealing on the same grounds who did not appear in court to enlarge on their presentation.

When Alfred Roman appealed the assessment of his Isabella Point property through his lawyer, James Pasuta, he also looked at a current environmental concern.

Recent clear-cut logging, said Pasuta, has resulted in extensive erosion to the property. Water is coming down the mountain in large volume since the trees have been removed from property above, particularly where culverts are directing the heavy flow to the Roman property, where it washes away the land in its path.

While complaints of run-off water

depreciating property values have been made many times in the past, this was the first time a Salt Spring island court has heard a plea for relief on the grounds of clear-cut logging at higher levels.

The island lawyer was not able to state whether his client might take his case to the Board of Appeal.

With recent increases in property assessment throughout the island, this year has brought an unusually large number of appeals. There are scheduled about twice the usual number of sessions.

Hearings will continue until the middle of the month. All appeals must be disposed of by December 15.

On Friday Bill Garrick will be chairman of the court, with two members, Jack Albhouse and Caroline Mout.

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To the Editor,
During the campaign for CRD Regional Director my goal was to effectively represent the people of Salt Spring. I ran as an independent, having no commitments to political party, business group or individual. There were no vested interests.

Regrettably, I have been accused of running a negative campaign. If that was the perception, it is unfortunate because that was not the intention. The aim was to present the facts so the people could choose. As amateurs, we obviously failed advertising because the points were not made and the people chose my opponent!

For those who were not close to campaign headquarters, please be aware that implied criticism has been levelled for advertisements and flyers into which we had no input and over which we had no control.

JOHN L. (JACK) FRASER
Ganges

Years of service

To the Editor,

Now that the election and all its attendant hoopla is over, the time has come for people of all political stripes to acknowledge the years of service Nick Gilbert has given our community. For my own part, I can only say, "Thank you, Nick," and add that, "you richly deserve a few years of peace and quiet on the Island you've worked so hard to preserve and protect."

BOB TWAITES,
Ganges

Beer ban

To the Editor,

Having been on the Sea Capers Society Committee for the past years, I wish to voice an opinion regarding the usage of Centennial Park and the beer garden ban which has been instigated by the Parks and Rec Commission without consultation to user groups.

Sea Capers is an event that all of Salt Spring enjoys. I have experienced Sea Capers through the eyes of a restaurant owner, ice cream shop owner/operator, the eyes of a participant in the tug o war, I've watched my son make little wooden sailboats in the Lark in the Park, partaken in the refreshment garden while listening to the concert in the park and watched hundreds of other fellow islanders doing the same.

How can Sea Capers be used as the scapegoat for the issue of alcohol use in the park?

When I was approached by the *Driftwood* for my comments on behalf of Sea Capers regarding this issue, I was told that the Parks and Rec had made this decision based on a desire to discourage the use of liquor in the park. At no time was I, on behalf of Sea Capers made aware of the fact that the decision was based on last Sea Caper's extravaganza or with any problem relating to the day.

In fact, this last year it appeared only the Sea Capers Committee was left frustrated in the fact that the three garbage cans were not left open as requested so that they could be cleaned on a regular basis.

All members of Sea Capers Committee were present at the park in the late afternoon and evening, and spent a great deal of time cleaning up. There was no disaster left by Sea Capers. When the clean up crew arrived the next morning to take off the wood chips left by the boat building contest, it was discovered that someone else had raked it on our behalf. A bill was submitted by Parks and Rec and was duly paid.

Unfortunately, the Parks and Rec Commission has taken what has proven to be a proverbial problem — the garbage in Centennial Park — whether it happens to be on the weekend of Sea Capers or any other weekend of the year and made it the responsibility of Sea Capers, attempting to share the repercussions of this blame with other non-profit societies by eliminating the beer garden.

The garbage will continue to be a problem whether or not there is a Sea Capers or a Lion's Salmon Barbecue beer garden.

Sea Capers has donated thousands of dollars toward Centennial Park. I suggest that Parks and Rec has acted hastily without considering fully what its actions meant to you or me.

The Lions and Sea Capers are not the only non-profit societies that have had a beer garden in Centennial Park and who are affected by this ban. A great many of the little extras we have now come to enjoy are financed by the beer gardens of these events.

I look forward to hearing the community response to this.

LYNNE RICHARDSON,
Past President, Sea Capers

Seasonal gift

To the Editor,

As Christmas time approaches, there is one gift in particular I would like to see Salt Spring give itself for the rest of the world: it is a living example of fair prosperity in the midst of gracefully modest affluence.

Just as the luminous accomplishments of Ancient Greece were made possible only at the cost of enormous suffering on the part of an oppressed majority, kept under-privileged by force of law and military power, just as the presence of luxury and surfeit abundance on Salt Spring Island is the result of the legal commandeering — but mostly illicit appropriation — of the common wealth shares of a large number of people, many of whom live right here.

There can be no peace in the world until there is justice, and no justice until every person on Earth is given his rightful share of Earth's resources.

With their individual allotment of planetary wealth, all human beings can well afford an adequate lifestyle of reasonable plenty and moderate

surplus.

At this critical time in our history, every person has an even more urgent need to be free from anxious living-making so as to devote most of their available time and energy to the intensive exploration of every conceivable avenue which may hold a key to our increasingly grave local problems and Earth-wide crises.

"All hands on deck!" are required now — immediately — to think and feel and intuit our way out of this collectively terminal impasse.

If for no other reason, the voluntary repatriation of our individual common wealth birth-rights is essential to the continuation of life on Earth.

There is at present on Salt Spring more than enough wealth, knowledge and talent to ensure that every person living here is guaranteed a satisfactory standard of living which is neither luxurious nor austere, yet respectful of both the ecology as well as of every human being's inalienable right to basic life-supporting necessities, regardless of one's ability or inability to provide these for oneself.

Both distribution and restitution of common wealth must occur somewhere before they occur everywhere.

For Salt Spring Islanders, that somewhere is here.

FRANCOIS JAUBERT,
Beaver Point

Needs improvement

To the Editor,

The decision to have an official re-count of the voting for Island Trustees and procedures followed, was a welcome one, not only because of the widespread rumours of irregularities and errors of judgement, but also because the voting process adopted for Salt Spring Island lends itself to abuse.

Apparently, complaints about the weaknesses of the process and possible irregularities are not new to electoral officials in Victoria. It may well be cathartic to have had a thorough examination of the ballots, the Voters' Lists and the Poll Books, this time around.

It would also be particularly interesting to examine a list of all those who were recorded as having voted. We have many property owners who may not have made it from the mainland, or elsewhere, to the polling stations, in person. I understand that voting by proxy is not allowed. Indeed, in some locales "voters" have, apparently, risen from their graves to lend a hand to their favourite candidate! Surely not on Salt Spring Island!

Regardless of the outcome of the official examination, it seems to me that the CRD or appropriate authorities should seriously consider developing improved voting procedures for Salt Spring Island, before the next elections take place. We have outgrown the present system.

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LETTERS

Not what it used to be

To the Editor,
When I came to Ganges nearly five years ago I used to really look forward to reading the *Driftwood*. I don't know when or how things changed but I realized more and more I just scanned most of it and although I renewed my subscription it is mainly for the notices and ads and letters to the editor. It just isn't the paper it used to be.

You have taken pictures of O.A.P. events and I'm sure many people would be interested in seeing themselves and friends in pictures and articles that they could send to off-island friends and relatives. These pictures never appeared in the paper — not even a word of print — I am sure of at least three instances. I was there.

You once showed a picture of an unidentified grass fire with a couple of also unidentified firemen standing around it — is that interesting? But when the SPCA opened its own branch here on Salt Spring no one from the *Driftwood* considered that news. I certainly did.

Please, can't you do something to make it the enjoyable paper it used to be?

MRS. C. WILSON,
Ganges

Editor's note: A story did appear on the opening of the Salt Spring SPCA last year. Regarding publication of photos: anyone who takes pictures knows they don't all "turn out." Some photographs do not appear in the paper because they are badly out of focus, extremely unflattering to the subjects or (occasionally) they have been ruined in the developing process.

Good to come home to

To the Editor,
Holidaying as you may well agree has a built-in reward system and that is returning home to Salt Spring.

Having done so recently I see the garbage issue still has odours of being unresolved. Media questions abound. "What do you want?" (But don't answer you would like to keep your garbage on island cause if you do you don't get a dime from us).

Seeing that it is approaching the Christmas period, it is not inappropriate to make a wish. I wish that we (islanders) could see the proposals that have been turned down. The "not acceptable" ones. I wish we (islanders) could focus on our recycling programme instead of our landfill site.

Does it make any sense to anyone to have a site that would take care of our pre-recycle evil ways just in case we inherit the 1950s consciousness again. This is an expensive insurance policy.

If we are to have a referendum on our garbage disposal, all proposals should be on the table, even the ones turned down by our experts. By the looks of our political horizon, today's expert could be out of a job (quite likely) in the next election.

What if the next batch of experts decide that small, lined landfill sites are a safer, easier project to monitor and manage, then all this fuss will look rather stupid. For now, our elected representatives, our solid waste committees need to put the pressure on either the Salt Spring garbage company for their proposals or the outgoing ministry of the environment for rejecting our on-island proposal.

So come on and let's get this issue behind us so as I can take another holiday and be glad to come home.

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges

"Less excusable"

To the Editor,
When will the so-called United Nations Security Council impose an embargo against Canada to force this country to withdraw from the Queen Charlotte Islands and some other Amerind lands?

Canada's colonization and suppression of many small Amerind nations is arguably less excusable than Iraq's annexation of Kuwait.

Certainly, those Amerind nations in British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Labrador which have never made treaties with Canada should be accorded the right to choose autonomy. Indeed, independence for some Amerind nations seems more appropriate than the reestablishment of an independent Kuwaiti emirate.

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POLICE News

Impaired driving

Ganges RCMP had the opportunity to practice for the Christmas CounterAttack program last week when they charged three people with impaired driving.

The first incident occurred Monday, November 26 at about 7:30 p.m. on Vesuvius Bay Road. A 41-year old Salt Spring woman was driving a large camper northbound when the side mirror of the vehicle struck a 14-year old girl on the head. The youth was sent tumbling along the gravel shoulder of the road.

The driver of the camper did not stop immediately but continued northbound for six-tenths of a kilometre before pulling to the side of the road.

Acting on a tip from a witness to the hit-and-run accident, police found the camper parked at Vesuvius Store. The driver was taken to the police detachment where a breath analysis reading was obtained. She was subsequently charged with impaired driving.

The youth was not seriously injured, suffering only bruises and cuts from the incident.

A second incident occurred when RCMP attended an accident at Rainbow and Atkins roads at 9 p.m. on November 30. The driver of a vehicle involved in the accident suffered lacerations to his head.

Police suspected he was impaired but he refused to comply with a demand for a breath analysis. He was charged with impaired driving and refusing the demand for a breath sample.

On December 2 at approximately 12:30 a.m., RCMP on routine patrol noticed a vehicle being driven in an erratic manner along Fulford-Ganges Road.

The driver, a 34-year old male from Sidney, showed signs of impairment and a breath analysis was taken.

He was charged with impaired driving as a result of the incident.

Thefts

Also in two separate incidents, RCMP arrived before would-be thieves left the scene of a crime.

Police were called to check on an apparent break-in at Captain's Cupboard in Fulford Marina on November 27. They arrested three island youths inside the store.

The youths had selected their loot but could not make a getaway. Nothing was reported missing.

On November 14, police encountered another set of incompetent thieves. They were called to check on a Salt Spring residence and found two youths from North Vancouver inside the house.

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Unexpected movement leaves a Quinita passenger hanging

An unexpected movement by the *Quinita* at Swartz Bay dock on Monday resulted in an uneasy incident for one vehicle driver.

Vehicles were being discharged from the vessel at 1 p.m. when the ship suddenly moved away from the dock, said B.C. Ferry Corporation spokesman Angie Lessick. As a result, a van was left suspended between the ramp and vessel, with its front wheels on the ramp and its back wheels still on the boat.

A B.C. Ferries truck with a crane quickly removed the vehicle from the ferry, said Lessick. There were no injuries reported in the incident.

The vehicle was subsequently checked for damage at a local dealer and a statement taken from its driver.

A 15-minute delay resulted in the *Quinita's* scheduled 1:10 p.m. return sailing to Fulford Harbour.

A full inquiry into the incident will be made by corporation officials and specifically to determine why the boat shifted away from the dock, said Lessick.

She added that an inquiry is standard procedure when something like this occurs at a B.C. Ferries' dock.

Regional district hands out funds

Various Gulf Islands groups are richer by \$64,500 through grants-in-aid from the Capital Regional District.

Vern Roddick of Pender Island ended many years of service as Outer Gulf Islands CRD director by granting \$43,500 to nine community groups.

He gave \$10,000 to Saturna Island Community Club.

In addition, he awarded grants of

\$2,500 to Pender Island Lions Club and the South Pender fire department. Razor Point Water Committee on Pender will have \$500 to cover expenses.

On Mayne Island, the Health Care Society received \$10,000 while the recycling Society obtained \$5,000 and the Agricultural Society was given \$1,500.

Galiano Community Club was granted \$11,500.

Meanwhile on Salt Spring, CRD director Julia Atkins provided \$10,000 to the Community Centre and an equal grant to the Beaver Point Hall Association. The Parents' Advisory Group from Salt Spring Elementary School received \$1,000.

Grants-in-aid are awarded to various community groups in electoral areas of the CRD with written approval from different directors.

Supplementary Winter Schedule

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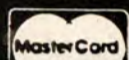
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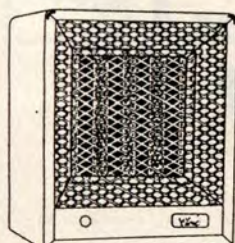
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Cragg and Dunfield elected as the Trust's vice-chairmen

Islands Trustees elected a new face to their executive committee.

Galiano trustee Diane Cragg was elected vice chairman along with incumbent John Dunfield to the Trust's executive committee in Victoria last weekend.

Cragg and Dunfield beat out Harvey Janszen of Saturna Island and Barry Kurland of Lasqueti for the positions. Both Dunfield and Janszen ran for the vice-chairman after being defeated by Carol Martin in the chairman's race.

Cragg told trustees she has the advantage of coming from an island

that "really supports the Trust." Entering her third term as a trustee, Cragg said the Trust works because "it is a vehicle that expresses our commonalities without sacrificing the right of each community to be different."

Cragg said she is interested in the creation of the new Trust policy document.

"I am committed to the creation of a policy document that helps us to protect the integrity of our communities, in all their variations, as well as protect the environment of the islands."

Dunfield has served on the Trust for four years and on the executive for two.

In his pre-election speech for the chair, Dunfield stressed the "unique amenities" of the Trust area plus the uniqueness of the new Trust legislation.

"Our task as a council is to preserve, and to look at and carry forward a unique piece of legislation. We have to preserve the environment and the social aspects of the islands."

Dunfield offered himself as a negotiator, able to support and build a strong participatory body.

As a member of the executive committee, Dunfield will continue to travel to Salt Spring Island, joining local trustees Bob Andrew and John Stepaniuk to create the local trust committee. Dunfield will also continue to sit on the Bowen and Hornby committees.

Martin will continue with her local trust committee position on Denman, Lasqueti, Gambier and Gabriola islands. Cragg will take over retiring chairman Nick Gilbert's seat on the North and South Pender, Mayne, Saturna, and Thetis island committees.



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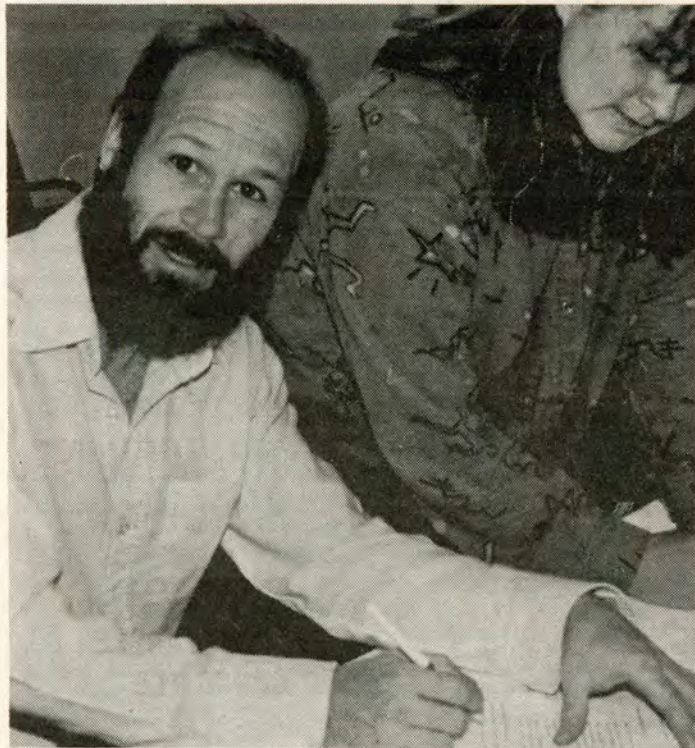
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"I SWEAR:" Islands Trustees from 13 Gulf Islands attended a "swearing in" ceremony at the three-day council meeting held last week. His Honour Associate Chief Judge Metzger administered the oaths. Participating in the ceremony are recently elected Salt Spring trustees John Stepaniuk (at top) and Bob Andrew.

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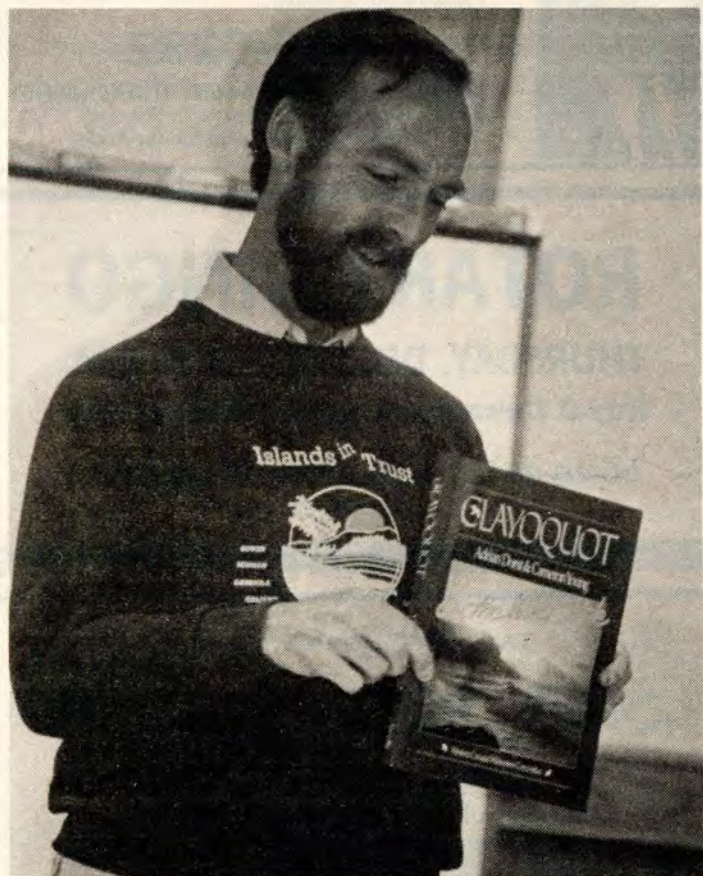
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COMMUNITY



FOR WORK RENDERED: Islands Trustees said goodbye to outgoing Trust chairman and Salt Spring trustee Nick Gilbert at last week's council meeting in Victoria. Newly elected chairman Carol Martin presented Gilbert with a book as a gift from all trustees.

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Islands Trust thanks Gilbert for his strength, persistence

By the conclusion of the Islands Trust Council meeting in Victoria last week, former Salt Spring trustee Nick Gilbert had moved from the chairman's seat to a back-row chair in the audience.

"You look about three years younger already," one trustee joked.

The 26 trustees, including nine newly elected members, gave Gilbert a warm send-off Saturday, thanking him for his hard work and dedication to Trust matters.

"When he joined the Trust eight years ago he came with the idea of preserving and protecting the Trust area," said Hornby Island trustee Carol Martin. "But he ended up preserving and protecting the Trust itself."

Gilbert, who has chaired the Islands Trust Council for the past four

years, did not stand for re-election in last month's Trust race.

Martin recalled Gilbert's "persistent, strong and diplomatic" efforts over the past eight years as he strove to achieve the "vision of which he spoke so eloquently."

"Strove to achieve the vision of which he spoke so eloquently" — Martin

She said "Nick has helped get this house in order and we're sorry he won't be with us to share the great opportunities."

Gilbert gave his farewell remarks

Friday, when he opened his final meeting as chairman. He offered congratulations to new trustees and expressed confidence in the new, "strong" council.

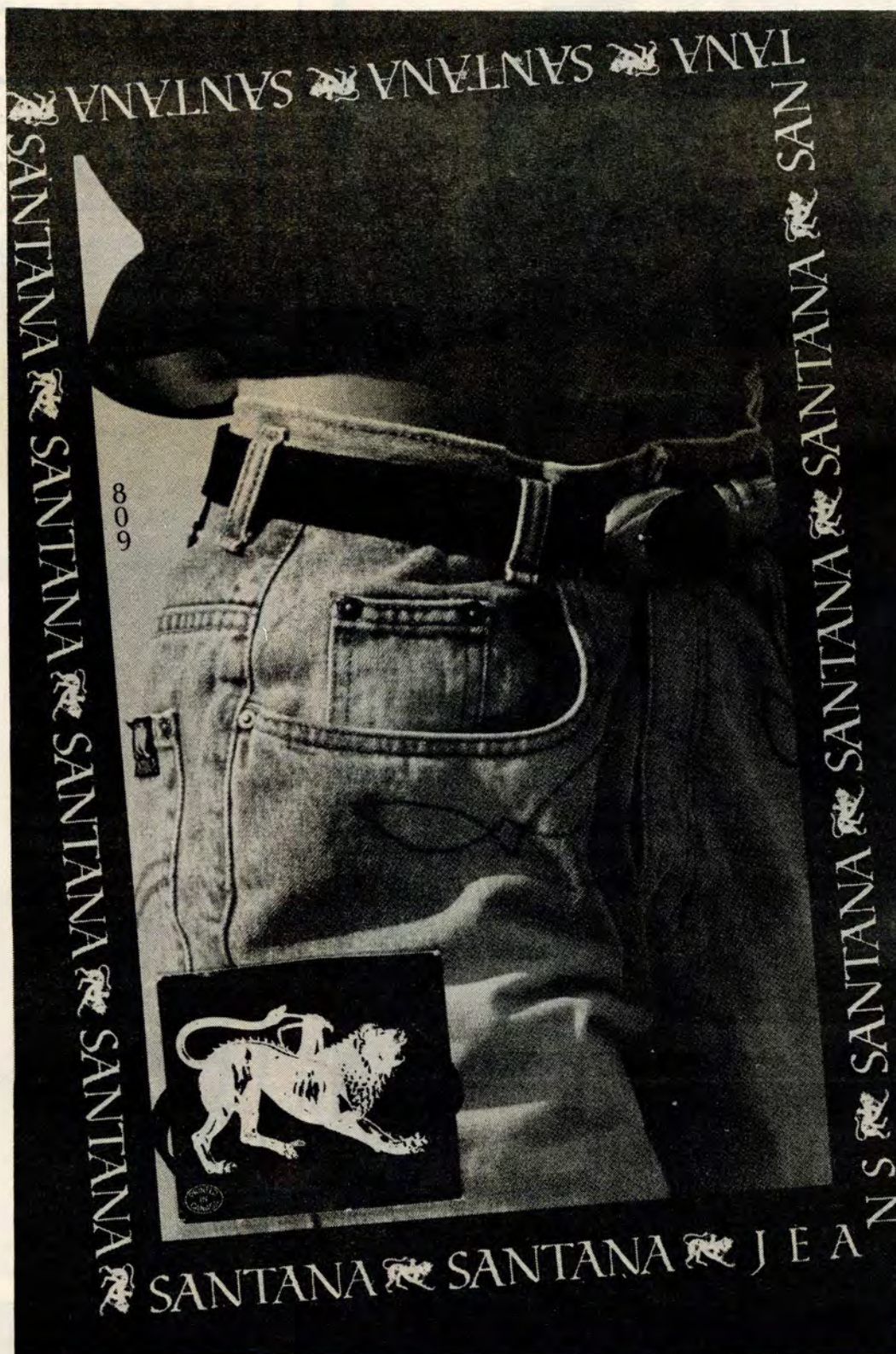
Gilbert referred to the Trust's "tremendous staff members" who are good friends to the trustees, and remarked on a "strong contingent" of helpers from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

"Alliances have been set and respect (for the Trust) won."

As he looked over the field of candidates hoping to fill his position as chairman plus the two vice-chairman positions, he said "You can't lose: the candidates are strong people, good people and committed people."

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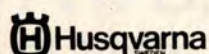
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Salt Spring's Community Health Council has taken the first step towards initiating a study on local health needs which is expected to take one year.

The group applied for a \$28,574 grant from the provincial ministry of health's Healthy Community Initiatives Fund.

In its application, the community health council outlined the process of determining what the Salt Spring community wants and expects in health care.

When the funds become available

Health needs study pending

in mid-December, a health fair will kick-off the quest for information. The fair will feature demonstrations of health and related services currently provided for residents.

At that time, the distribution of questionnaires will begin. The council intends to disburse 1,000 questionnaires and hold 200 personal interviews on a random selection basis. By the end of the effort, the

council hopes to have a 75 per cent return ensuring a wide range of opinion is gathered.

The information will be processed and presented at a public forum. The forum will also be used to gain ideas of how to effectively structure the health decision making process on Salt Spring.

A second benefit of the forum will be to set in place a process to allow

residents to identify issues and concerns to those who could best answer.

When all the information from the questionnaires and public forum have been evaluated, the council will be in a better position to set up a structure to involve both professional and consumers in the health council.

A break down of how the money would be spent designates \$25,276 for personnel and office space. A fur-

ther \$2,424 would be spent on printing and distribution of the questionnaire, with \$874 set aside for miscellaneous expenses.

The community health council, set up about a year ago at the request of Capital Regional Director Julia Atkins, is composed of many groups involved in health care.

Membership on the council covers the Community Society, Greenwood and Lady Minto Hospital, Seniors for Seniors and other groups.

LIGHT-UP

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while hot chocolate was served by the local Rangers Guiding group.

In spite of years of trying to make the sexes more equal, Christmas requests did follow certain lines. Boys most frequently asked for Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and girls most frequently requested Barbie dolls and accessories.

One mother shook her head when her sons asked Santa to bring them a baby brother. Another mother, over-hearing a request for a kitten, asked Santa to include the batteries. Some of the older visitors to Santa's knee asked for a Porsche or a trip to Hawaii.

Asked if she had been a good girl, one youngster replied honestly: "most of the time."

School bands and choirs performed while Ross McLeod of Mansell Farms guided his horses through the village to amuse youngsters with a hay ride. Last year inclement weather prevented the rides from occurring.

Salt Spring Colour King reportedly processed approximately 180 prints of children sitting on Santa's knee. The first copy of each was provided free of charge to parents. At various locations in the village, the Fernwood School bands played valiantly while the Raging Grammys entertained. Antone Prosk gave a jazz beat to Christmas favourites.

As dusk chased daylight, the participants in the parade gathered to follow parade marshall Keith McHattie through the village to the official light-up of the Centennial Park Christmas Tree.

In the chill, the choir from the Salt Spring Centre School sang more Christmas carols until everyone left for warmer locations.

In the early evening, activity moved to Central Hall for the annual Food Bank Auction.

Auctioneer Arvid Chalmers engaged assistants Gordon Sloan and Dave Phillips to help him sell the articles to the highest bidders. By the time the evening was over, and with more money to come from the silent auction, the Food Bank was \$5,200 richer.

For comparison, last year, the total sum raised by the auction stood at \$4,770.

Chalmers expressed his gratitude at the response, "It was the biggest and best food bank auction yet."

He added, "Unfortunately, in a country like ours, food banks are needed. But fortunately, on an island like ours, people support the auction with goods and wares year after year."

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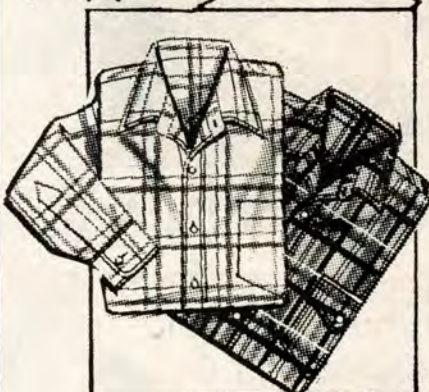
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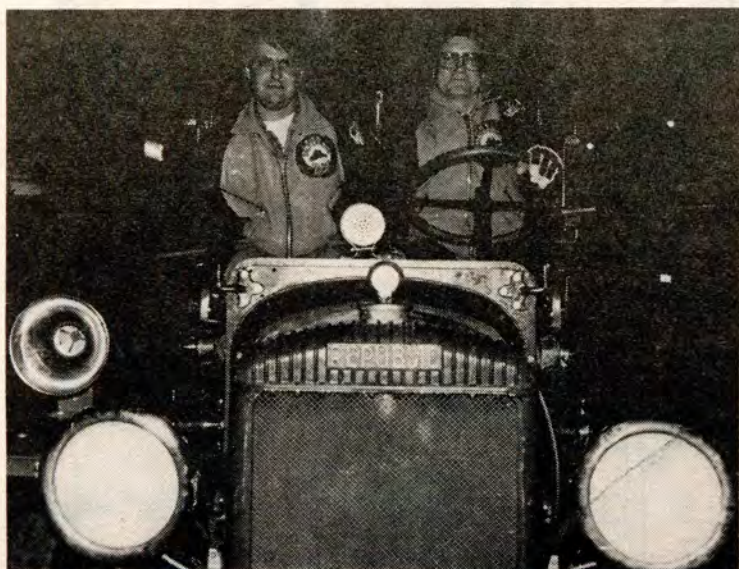
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Activities of the day set a seasonal tone to Ganges as many people of all ages took part in the fun and festivities.

Capping the day's events, the *Festival of Lights* parade wound through Ganges with children carrying lights to join in the lighting of the village tree.

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NEWSBEAT

TRUST News

LAND DEDICATIONS

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In a changing world the creation of a new order isn't guided so much by governments and councils as it is by poets and philosophers.

Thus we are incredibly fortunate to have an Islands Trust Council which, I believe, has more depth of poetry and philosophy than most other governing bodies.

By BOB ANDREW
Islands Trustee

Last week the new Islands Trust Council, made up of the two elected trustees from each of the 13 Gulf Islands, became more fully aware that it is embarking on a long task of creating a policy for the Trust region. This policy is akin to a Community Plan, but in this case, it is for the whole Trust area.

The purpose of a Trust policy is to guide development in the area. Thus, any developer, corporation, or government agency that wishes to do anything in the Trust area must refer to the policy and then refer to the presiding Trust government before proceeding. In other words, the Trust area, once this policy is developed and established in law, will have greater autonomy than it has had to date.

The province once had regional plans for all the regions. These were abolished some years ago. Funny thing this: all these regions and no plans. The fact that the provincial government is requesting the Trust create a policy for its area (region) shows that the Trust is fully recognized as the guiding government agency in the Gulf Islands.

We are coming of age. I should note here that it will take this council the better part of three years to work out the policy statement. During this time there will be much opportunity for broad public input — indeed it will be necessary to have public input.

On Saturday, November 30, we elected a new executive: chairperson, Carol Martin of Hornby; vice-chairpersons, John Dunfield of Thetis, and Diane Cragg of Galiano. These people are key to the council's growth and development itself.

There is an added importance of this body as far as Salt Spring is concerned. One of the executive members will become the third person who makes up the decision-making body for Salt Spring. This person has equal importance to the two local trustees in decision making for most local issues.

John Dunfield will continue to make up the Salt Spring Trust committee until (if and when) the situation is reviewed.

There are two further points of interest that came from the Council meeting.

The only piece of non-"housekeeping" business that came forward was a request, in the form of a motion by John Stepaniuk, seconded by myself, for financial support for a "digitalized" mapping of parking, drainage and roads, including the planned "real" alternate route around the Ganges area.

The request for this very necessary mapping was strongly supported by Council.

The other point (a rather minor one) was a question I put to the person in charge of our "travel expenses."

I enquired as to whether I could claim for bus fares, or indeed, for riding my bicycle, on Trust business. I can now claim 26 cents per kilometre for driving my car on Trust business, about — \$6 to go to Ganges and back. The answer to my question was yes. Well, at least the government will be subsidizing Judy's bus to some extent.

about the Murakami trail, Stepaniuk said Murakami's agent Ken Renaud should have informed the commission of its potential responsibility for the trail.

"He was specifically asked in our office by Tony (Quin) and myself to get all that pertinent information out," said Stepaniuk.

Renaud corrected Stepaniuk's statement by saying "I was told to deal with the Trail and Nature Club," and written approval of the trail was obtained from the club. He said the Parks and Recreation Commission was not on his list of groups to contact and is not even mentioned in the application.

Trust assistant manager Cynthia Hawksworth said the usual process in communicating information is for the application to be referred to all relevant government agencies for their comments. In this case, it was referred to the municipal services department of the Capital Regional District, which noted its "interest unaffected" by the application.

Jeff Pearse, of the CRD's municipal services department, told the *Driftwood* the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission is a "stand-alone commission" and should be on the Trust's referral list

separate from any other CRD department.

According to Renaud, because the commission was not specified in the application, there would be no reason for it to be notified.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Ian Fraser says the current confusion is a natural result of the island's growth and indicates the need for coordinated effort in dealing with recreational land.

He explained the CRD is responsible for parks in the region through local parks and recreation commissions.

"It is responsible for accepting lands and the acquisition and maintenance of any lands that come its way."

However, Fraser notes increasing concern about liability issues has made all regional districts and recreation commissions, including Salt Spring's, far more cautious about accepting responsibility for such lands.

"We need a better plan on the part of both Parks and Rec and the Trust and any other group" to acquire and develop valuable recreational lands, he said.

He said he does not blame over-worked Trust staff for the lack of notice, "but there has not been clear

communication with the commission over the appropriateness of land it (the Trust) accepts."

Renaud concurred with Fraser that responsibility and co-ordination questions need to be resolved before the community benefits from a trail network.

He said "one of the biggies this community wants is trails — that came out of the (Island Futures) study done about six years ago — so these are the things the community wants. So who is representing the community? So who is going to co-ordinate this effort?"

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Artist Lorraine Sullivan

Sullivan show opens Saturday at Pegasus

Artist Lorraine Sullivan is using graphite pencil with watercolour washes to actively pursue a fulltime art career and establish herself as an artist.

Her choice of medium helps her achieve photo-like realism in her highly detailed paintings.

Sullivan's premiere exhibition "Faces — A Study in Character — opens at Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art on December 8. The artist will be in attendance at the gallery between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sullivan trained in the field of graphic art at Capilano College. She says her several years of work as a graphic artist has provided her with a discipline necessary in her art career.

"The discipline creates in me a prolific attitude which is necessary if my goals for an art career are to be realized," she says.

The Pegasus Gallery exhibition marks her first return to fine art after an eight-year absence.

Showcase '90 was a stepping stone for Sullivan. Two of her works - "Friends" and "Keeping Watch" — won jurors' and public choice awards respectively.

Her drawing "Friends" went on to be displayed at the Festival of the Arts in Victoria in May of 1990.

Support for Sullivan's work has been enthusiastic over the past year, giving Sullivan confidence "which can only continue to enhance her ambition to succeed in the fine arts field."

Rocky back on screen

Rocky returns, again. Sylvester Stallone brings Rocky Balboa back to the silver screen in yet another episode of blood, sweat and jabs. *Rocky V* reveals the off-again, on-again boxing champ has permanent brain damage.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Wonderful and moving" art shown at Tsitika exhibition

The Tsitika Valley - Robson Bight art show "Wilderness Treasures of Land and Sea" opened on November 26 at the Crystal Gardens in Victoria. One hundred British Columbia artists have worked on this show and true to our tradition, Salt Spring has a strong showing among them.

The exhibition is stunning, with some wonderful and moving artwork displayed. After a field trip last September, sponsored by the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Victoria Branch, the artists went back to their studios to try and capture their impressions and visions through their creative medium.

"Someday the gross repair will be done. The ocean will be balanced, the rivers flow clean, the wetlands and the forests flourish"

— Piercy

Victoria potter Robin Hopper's "Killer" is a sculpture of an Orca whale formed from a chainsaw. Many other artists also chose to capture the essence of a tremendous struggle to try to save from logging what is left of the Tsitika Valley and protect the killer whale habitat at nearby Robson Bight.

Titles such as "Clearcut Orca" / "Too Much at Stake" / "Fight for the Bight" and "Defend Us" evoke a chilling reality.

Salt Spring artist Rick Beaver's "The Tsitika Sleeps" is a haunting gouache-on-paper image of the Orca whales set against a moody, sensuous hills. This is a beautiful piece of work skilfully created with Beaver's characteristic highly developed sense of design, shape and colour.

The whole exhibition makes a very strong impression and is well worth a visit. The next opportunities will be in Vancouver at Robson Media Centre, from December 6 to 9, Courtenay at the Wilsden Gallery, December 12 to 15, and Nanaimo at the Nanaimo Art Gallery January 2 to 6. The work is being sold by silent auction, with all works donated by the artists to support the preservation of the old growth temperate rainforest of the Lower Tsitika Valley.

A book called *Beyond the Gate, Artists' Journeys to Save the Tsitika Valley and Robson Bight* has been published by the Wilderness Committee in conjunction with the art exhibit. The book outlines the issues involved in the Tsitika-Robson Bight struggle as well as the artists' experiences in the valley and their thoughts on the issue. It is an attractive book, with beautiful visuals of the Orcas and the valley.

The forward in the book is by Philip Dearden, a member of the

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Tsitika Follow-up Committee, and is dedicated to the late Dr. Michael Bigg. Bigg, widely considered the father of killer whale research, died this fall. "Perhaps it was coincidence that logging began one day after one of the best friends Robson Bight and the Tsitika Valley ever had — Dr. Michael Bigg — died," says Dearden.

He goes on to state that in relation to the logging of the Tsitika, "where else in a democratic society would it be considered legitimate to act first and ask for public feedback afterwards?"

The artists' images of the Tsitika

Valley and Robson Bight may soon be all that's left of this magnificent area. If you want a glimpse, don't miss this art show.

The closing of the exhibition catalogue is a quote by author Marge Piercy that says "... someday the gross repair will be done. The oceans will be balanced, the rivers flow clean, the wetlands and forests flourish. There'll be no more enemies. No more them and us. We can quarrel joyously with each other about important matters like life and art."

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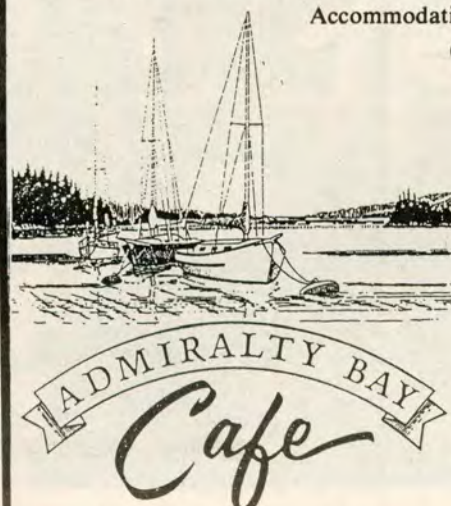
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Work of the school's art department and ideas and plans for the new high school will also be on display.

Music will range from Pachelbel's *Canon* played by the school band under Tone Prosk's direction, to a flute trio, small combinations of musicians and vocals accompanied by guitar.

The Grades Nine/Ten drama class will perform a play rewritten and workshopped by themselves, *Just in Case You Don't Succeed, Have a Taco Chip*.

Fifty-five dancers are performing a variety of dances ranging from the Can Can to funk jazz dancing. Many girls have choreographed and taught original dances complete with their own costume design.

Technical areas of stage management, make-up, lighting and sound are being run by the students. Parents will round out support for the show

by managing the house and serving refreshments.

Drama/dance teacher and show producer Sue Mackie says she is impressed with "the tremendous talents

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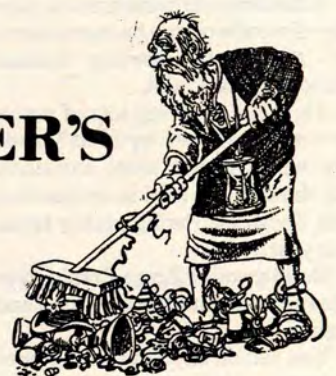
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre Alive plans to present "A Child's Christmas in Wales"

A Christmas tradition comes to Salt Spring next week with Theatre Alive's production of Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, his memorable story which has been called the 20th century *Christmas Carol*.

Under the direction of Yvonne Adalian, Salt Spring's Theatre Alive will present a full evening of Thomas at Mahon Hall from December 13 to 16.

The first half of the show is a multi-media rendition of the Christmas story with music, illustrations and a cast of 10. Gordon Wales plays the grandfather Thomas, with Max Quinn playing a young Dylan. Noah Pred plays Thomas' friend Jim and Balazs Bagi plays the Boy in present time.

The second part of the evening introduces a selection of Thomas' stories, also presented in multi-media format, with four characters narrating

a medley of comic capers that only Thomas himself could describe.

Production manager Diana Hayes says *A Child's Christmas in Wales* is a real Christmas tradition "that makes you feel like a kid again."

While in England and America, Dylan Thomas made his art and personality widely known through public readings, radio broadcasts and recordings. Many of his autobiographical sketches and essays were read by him on such occasions.

Before his tragic death at age 39, Thomas was already recognized as the greatest lyric poet of the younger generation. Two of his well-known poems, *In My Craft or Sullen Art* and *Fern Hill* frame the sequence of narratives read by cast members Gordon Wales, Arvid Chalmers, Dawn Luker and Alan Wyatt.

The set is fashioned by Jack Bishop, who came to Salt Spring from Hollywood where he designed

movie and television sets. Illustrations are done by island artist Adrien Town, who also plays Aunt Hamah. The show's multi-media effect comes in part from the projection of Town's illustrations and period photographs on a screen behind actors.

Aunts and uncles in the production are played by Alan Wyatt, Dawn Luker and Lynda Jensen. Arvid Chalmers and Ron Reznick are the firemen.

Technical crew include Annie Palovcik as stage manager, Carol Young and Ray Newman on sound, Liz Martin on lights and Haidee Virgo on projection and backstage. Susan Wyatt is handling props and Jocelyn Holmes is doing costumes.

Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children, students and seniors and available at et cetera. There will be a "two for one" sale for the December 13 show.

ECCAD offers new telecourse

Gulf Islands residents will benefit from a new visual arts telecourse offered locally in January by Emily Carr College of Art and Design and the Open University.

A Survey of Western Art I explores western visual tradition from Stonehenge through the early civilizations of the Ancient Near East, Egypt, Crete and Mycenae and the Classical World to the Romanesque and Gothic Art.

The course will interest those wishing to understand art, architecture and sculpture in the historic and cultural context of each period. Two units are based on the widely acclaimed television series *Art of the Western World* with four additional programs. Experts examine works in

detail, isolating important visual features explaining the works' significance.

A Survey of Western Art will be offered locally via the Knowledge Network on alternate Mondays beginning January 7, 1991. It will be repeated on Sundays at 3 p.m. beginning January 13.

Those enrolling in the course for academic credit — three credits from the Open University or four credits from ECCAD — will also receive a package of study guides. These are Helen Gardener's text *Art Through the Ages* and Sayre's *Writing About Art*.

Registration deadline for *A Survey of Western Art* is December 17, 1990. Anyone may enrol in the

course by contacting the Open University at Box 97000, Richmond, B.C., V6Y 2A2 or phoning 660-2200 or toll free 1-800-663-9711. Registration can also be done by contacting the Emily Carr College of Art and Design by phoning 687-2345.

Gulf Islands area residents will also be offered a repeat of two popular telecourses on the Knowledge Network this January. The drawing course *Mark and Image* begins Thursday, January 17 at 6 p.m. (repeating Tuesdays at 1 p.m. from January 22).

Colour: An Introduction begins Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. and repeats on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. commencing January 18.

Creative "two-by-fours" will be subject of show

A challenge to transform the plain jane of woodworking has been issued by the Salt Spring Island Woodworkers' Guild.

The guild is giving lots of notice for a show of "two-by-fours" made into whatever the artist envisions. The show will be held in conjunction with Showcase during spring break next year.

Guild member Bruce Comba says "the rules are unfortunately long and short."

You can do anything with a two-by-four — cut it, join it, carve it or paint it. Adding varnish or metal fastenings has also been allowed, but no other material can be added to the basic piece of wood.

Show entries are open to anyone who wants to exercise his or her imagination, says guild member Illyd Perkins.

"It is not a craftsmanship show, it's an ingenuity show," he says. "It is not restricted to a particular kind of woodworker and you don't have to be a fine woodworker."

While the show will not be juried like Showcase, a people's choice award of a \$100 gift certificate for Lee Valley Tools in Vancouver will be granted. A \$75 gift certificate to the same store will also be awarded by an off-island adjudicator.

Comba says early enthusiasm for the event has several woodworkers drying chosen studs for their unknown fate.

The idea for the show is a first for Salt Spring Island but has been done in several other places, including Victoria last year.

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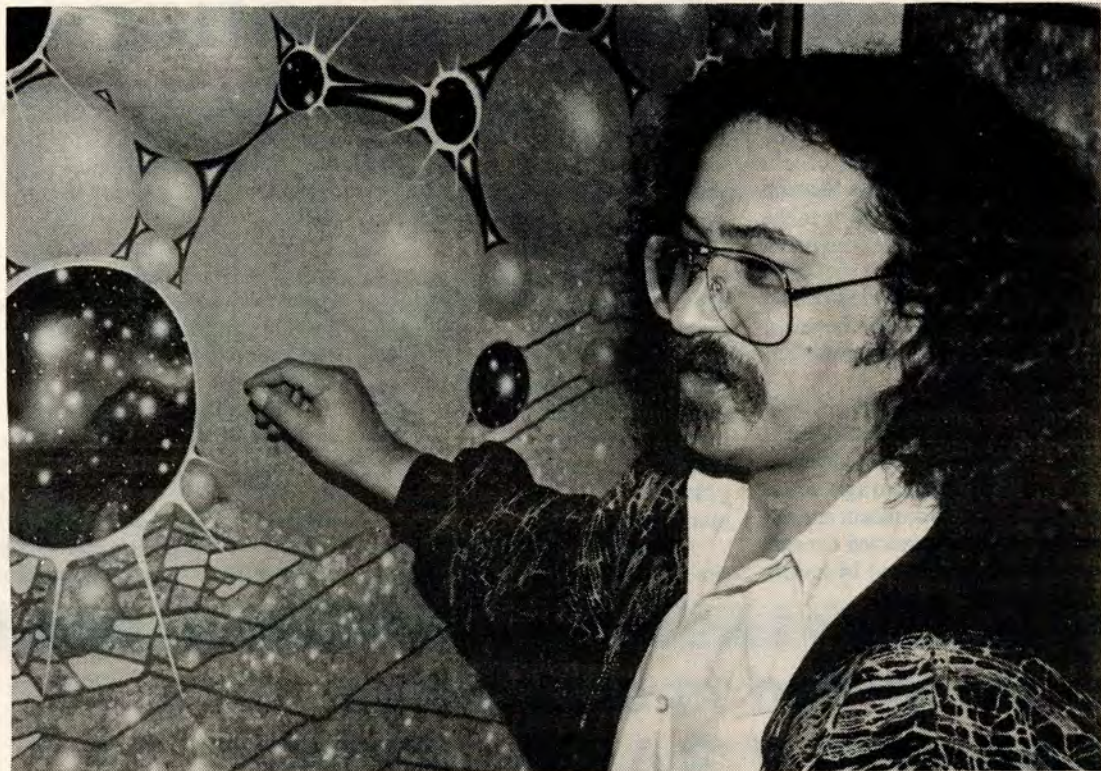
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Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy



AGM discusses art centre

Salt Spring Islanders gathered at Mahon Hall last Wednesday evening to renew memberships in the Island Arts Centre Society and to elect new members to its board of directors.

About 60 people braved the wind and rain to hear Vancouver architect Henry Hawthorne and local designer Bob Hassell review final plans for the new facility.

Extensive revisions to the original concept design reflect community-wide input received in recent months, board member Bill Curtin said in a prepared statement. Common areas, multi-purpose rooms, storage areas and workshop space will serve guild and ArtCraft needs well.

Curtin said the theatre component will have 250 permanent seats, and when the stage thrust and orchestra pit are not in use, a further 40 removable seats can be added.

Funding committee chairman Arvid Chalmers outlined the

project's financial status for society members at the meeting.

"We have nearly \$770,000 committed and need only \$462,000 more with almost \$200,000 of that expected from a federal grant. Our community and corporate sponsors only need to provide roughly \$275,000 and we have a go. The final dollar amounts will be tied down as soon as the working drawings and tenders go out."

Re-elected board members Bill Cowan and Rita Cumming, together

with new members Wendy Beatty, Norm Mouat, Lynda Jensen and John Kavelin join continuing members Lawrie Neish, Bill Curtin, Mary Koroscil, Simon Rook, Patricia Nobile and Arvid Chalmers to form the new spearhead group.

Retiring board members April Curtis, Geoff Swift and Stanley Laing were thanked for their contributions.

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NEWSBEAT

Island left with two garbage disposal options

Choices for disposal of island waste have narrowed to two options, according to Salt Spring Solid Waste Committee.

This week residents should receive an information flyer setting out those options. Included in the flyer is a question for residents to answer as a means of gauging support for the two choices — on-island landfill or direct haul to Hartland Road landfill.

In addition, the solid waste committee will be holding a public meeting, Monday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m., in the Salt Spring Elementary School activity centre. Various individuals who will discuss the issue of garbage disposal include Grant Anderson, an engineering specialist in landfill costs and risks from Gartner-Lee Ltd. in Toronto; Earl Warnock, regional director of regulations for the B.C. Ministry of the Environment and Mike Williams, chief engineer for policy, plans and Hartland from the Capital Regional District.

The committee expects questionnaires to be answered and returned by December 15. When returns have been checked, the CRD will be informed of the results.

Islanders will be asked to state a preference between an on-island dump or direct haul to Hartland Road dump. The committee has set a price tag of \$1,253,600 as the operating and capital costs of a new island dump. The figure represents money amortized over a 15-year period.

Delivering a 14-pound bag of garbage to the new dump would cost \$2.25 while a collection service would bear a price tag of between \$4 and \$5 per bag, according to information contained in the flyer. The committee estimates a cost through taxes of \$170 per \$100,000 of property value.

On the other hand, direct haul to Hartland Road dump would not cost any tax money, the committee claims. Dropping that same bag of garbage at Hartland would cost 50 cents per bag with a \$5 per vehicle minimum fee.

If a garbage collection service was started on Salt Spring to take refuse to Hartland, the estimated cost would be between \$3 and \$4 per bag.

Salt Spring CRD director Julia Atkins told the *Driftwood* figures contained in the flyer are the solid waste committee's "best estimate."

She pointed out if islanders decided to have a dump here, a site would have to be chosen and checked out, a process which could take two to three years. The Blackburn dump has been ordered closed on December 31, 1991.

What that means, Atkins said, is Salt Spring garbage will be going to Hartland until the new dump is operational.

A hidden cost in opening a dump site on the island could come from litigation, she added. In other jurisdictions, someone has taken plans for a dump site to court and she expects the same thing to happen here.

While a new dump site carries an estimate cost of close to \$1.3 million over 15 years, she said her hope is costs do not affect the decision of islanders. Ministry of environment officials have stated that any landfill on Salt Spring would have to be at least Class "A" and that the CRD would be responsible. CRD officials in turn have said Salt Spring would be responsible for all financial liabilities.

Atkins pointed to the 50 cents per bag delivered to Hartland against the estimated cost of \$3 per bag picked up at curbside. The difference is not in tipping fees, she said, but in haulage fees because ferry and gasoline cost add to the cost of delivering garbage to Hartland from Salt Spring.

Islanders taking advantage of garbage pick-up now pay \$1.75 per bag, Atkins said.

Hauling garbage to Hartland

would have certain advantages, she said. There would be no taxes involved as costs of operating Hartland dump have been covered by tipping fees for several years.

The CRD has announced it will be raising the tipping fee to \$65 per tonne in the summer of 1991 from the current fee of \$30. The rate goes to \$40 per tonne in January. The committee estimates are based on a tipping fee of \$65. The CRD will increase tipping fees each year with the 1992 fee to be \$90; 1993 fee: \$120; 1994 fee: \$135 and 1995 fee to be set at \$145.

By 1995, the CRD expects its recycling initiatives to have reduced the amount of waste to be disposed

by up to 52 per cent.

In addition, if Salt Spring residents opt for the Hartland haul, the island recycle project could benefit from the tipping fees at the Saanich dump as other recycle projects in the CRD do now. Solid waste committee members have been told the CRD would provide grants-in-lieu of services it now provides. Other benefits, they say, are opportunities for increased employment.

Recycle coordinator Rick Laing has applied for federal and provincial funding for construction of a central depot with larger storage area. Negotiations for a permanent site are underway and it is expected the service would be introduced by spring

of 1991.

If the option to keep garbage on island is preferred, most costs involved would have to be covered by residents, Atkins said. The first order of business would be to reclaim the Blackburn dump site.

Costs of reclamation would be shared by operator Norman Twa and the CRD with the regional share being paid for by taxes from Salt Spring. However, the provincial government has available grant money to reclaim garbage sites. The CRD would have to apply for the grant as it only goes to municipalities.

Atkins said the search for a new site on Salt Spring could return to

"square one" with the Blackburn site being the best available. It has been in operation for at least 25 years with no indication of pollution affecting Blackburn or Cusheon Lake or well water on adjacent properties.

However, if the Blackburn site was determined to be the best, tax payers would have to cover costs of installing a piped water system for residents below the dump site, she added.

The garbage situation is complex, Atkins said, and there appears to be no easy answers. Through the questionnaire and public meeting, she hopes a successful conclusion to the search for Salt Spring's current waste disposal problem can be ascertained.

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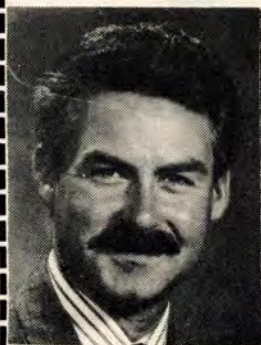
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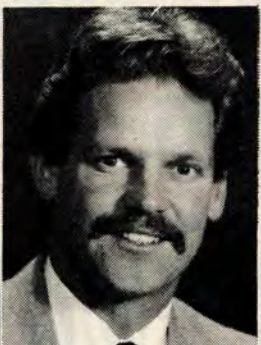
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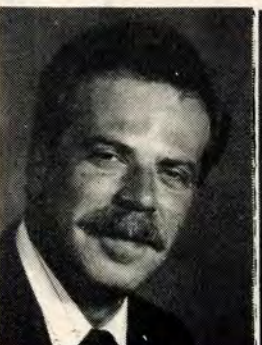
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LOTIONS AND POTIONS: Fulford Hall dressed for the season last weekend, opening its doors to gift seekers. An overview shot of one of the many tables, provides a glimpse of gifts available.
Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy

Committees need strength, Stepaniuk tells Trust group

Islands Trust committees must have a firm mandate and the autonomy to function effectively, Salt Spring trustee John Stepaniuk told a Trust Council meeting last Saturday.

Stepaniuk was speaking in support of a recommendation put forward by vice-chairman John Dunfield of Thetis Island.

"Council must establish terms of reference and authority for committees," Dunfield said. "The committees have to function autonomously and take a load off the executive committee."

Trustees agreed each standing committee (forest and land-use; transportation and highways; coastal resources; public relations; Trust Fund Advisory; budget; tourism)

would present draft terms of reference at the January council meeting.

Part of the recommendations would include a potential splitting of committees such as the forests and land use committee into two separate groups.

Trustees also agreed to defer the matter of establishing a personnel committee until the January meeting.

Several trustees objected strongly to creation of a personnel committee: Dunfield said the executive committee (chairman and two vice-chairmen) should deal with personnel matters.

John Money of Saturna Island agreed, noting that staff has the option to appeal personnel decisions through the council as a whole.

Denman Island trustee Alan

Fraser pointed to school board members as examples of trustees who deal with personnel matters.

"I'm not referring to any indication of a problem," he said. "I think there is some value in having additional input into matters like leaves-of-absence and funding."

The discussion will continue at the next council meeting.

Commission hands out \$4,000 of grant money

Parks and Recreation Commission members referred to their mandate when they considered allocation of grants at their board meeting last Monday.

The commission received requests for \$6,000 in grants from six island groups but had only \$4,000 of its budget left to distribute. In denying funding requests to cover supply costs for two established choir groups, treasurer Jim Deas reminded the board financial assistance is supposed to be given only to new recreational groups or for innovative projects.

Salt Spring Sailing Club was given \$1,000 to purchase a new laser sailing boat for a junior training program, on the condition the two other boats required be purchased with the club's own resources.

Minor baseball received \$500 for the purchase of a batting cage. This grant completed the \$1,000 amount requested by the association earlier this year.

The island's fledgling rowing club being organized by Doug Pearson was allotted \$2,500 of the \$3,500 it requested to cover start-up costs.

Seniors for Seniors also applied for \$450 to eliminate its deficit from running the 55 Alive driving course. Capital Regional District director Julia Atkins offered to handle the application as it should have been directed to the CRD, she said.


Our metric conversions were just a few miles off

Metric conversions made by the *Driftwood* in a Tom Wright article in last week's issue were a few miles off.

Wright says his supposition that the ocean floor moved 30 kilometres in a million years should have been converted to 20 miles, instead of 11.58 miles. Similarly, the 2,400 kilometre estimate of ocean floor movement in the last 80 million years should have been read as 1,500 miles rather than 926.

A portion of Wright's article describing the Richter Scale was omitted from the story, but is reproduced below for the further information of readers:


"It is important to realize here that the Richter Scale is not linear, but logarithmic. This means that a force 8 earthquake is not just twice as severe as a force 4 earthquake. For each succeeding number on the Richter Scale, the amplitude of the seismic wave increase 10 times, and the energy released increases 32 times. This means that a force 8 earthquake is 32 X 32 X 32 X 32 times as powerful as a force 4 earthquake — in other words over a million times as powerful."



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NEWSBEAT

Water Preservation Society explains leachate concern

As a member of the Board of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society I have been asked a number of times why we are concerned about leachate in the Cusheon Lake watershed . . . and what is this leachate anyway?

Here is our side of the story.

By TOM WRIGHT
Guest Columnist

At one time most garbage was natural, and disposed of at home by the householder. In the last century or so, the tremendous proliferation of packaging (cans, bottles, boxes and plastic wrapping) and the massive increase in production of artificial substances, toxic chemicals, and non-degradable materials made the old disposal methods impractical, and we had to change our habits. A new industry was born.

For over a hundred years many of us have had our garbage collected and hauled away for "disposal." In the true spirit of "out of sight, out of mind" most of this garbage was simply hauled away and buried somewhere out in the country. The amount of garbage kept increasing, both because of our more wasteful habits and because of the steadily increasing population.

"In the true spirit of out of sight, out of mind, most of this garbage was simply hauled away and buried somewhere out in the country." -- Wright

A few decades ago, the landfills (i.e. garbage dumps) around big cities were becoming so mountainous that other disposal methods were needed. "Out of sight, out of mind" led to dumping in the ocean! Trouble is, quite a bit of garbage floats and eventually washed ashore.

Many parts of the ocean are already showing stress because of dumping, as fish populations are decimated and shellfish polluted.

In addition to the increase in quantity, each year sees an increase in the toxicity of our garbage. There are now more than 50,000 products containing more than 600 potentially dangerous chemicals. The Environmental Protection Agency in the U.S. estimates that 700 pounds of toxic waste are generated per capita each year in North America.

Only ten per cent of this is dis-

posed of in the "right" place (i.e. a registered disposal facility) while 90 per cent is dumped in the "wrong" place (i.e. a sewer, a river, or a landfill.)

To top it all off we now find that virtually every landfill has over the years been producing leachate. Rain-water percolating downward through the garbage dissolves chemicals from the buried mixture. Depending on the nature of the garbage the liquid may become alkaline or acidic, and thus capable of dissolving an increasing number of other buried materials.

Garbage often contains petroleum products, industrial solvents, pesticides, herbicides, paints, chemical cleaners, glues, medicines, batteries, heavy metals and even toxins like PCBs, so leachate is not very nice stuff.

Where dumps have been around for a long time neighbours are increasingly finding nearby wells contaminated with leachate. Several communities have had to abandon their water supplies and pipe in water from neighbouring districts. It is almost impossible to clean up an underground water supply once it has become contaminated.

The diagram shows a typical ground water system.

The underground water supply is contained in fractures or pores in the rock. Water-charged rock is referred to as an *aquifer*. The aquifer is recharged by rainfall. When rain falls on the *water disposal site* it percolates through the buried garbage and forms *leachate*. The upper limit of the ground water is referred to as the *water table*, and is a flattened-out version of the surface topography. As a result gravity acts on the ground water to move it gradually downward toward the ocean.

Where the water table reaches the surface we find a spring, and where it lies above the surface we have a *lake*. A well which penetrates the water table produces water at a rate determined by the nature of the pores or fractures in the rock. Underground water may travel very slowly.

On Salt Spring Island the rocks are dense, and all ground water moves along cracks and fractures, so well-drilling results are highly variable, and water movements are difficult to predict.

The diagram also shows how leachate contamination spreads slowly "downhill" in a plume from beneath the buried garbage, invisible and undetected until either someone drills to find it or someone's well becomes contaminated. If the leachate plume ever reaches and discharges into a lake the whole thing can be polluted rapidly because of water movements due to temperature

changes and winds.

It is true that no leachate plume has been detected at the Blackburn Road dump, but it is also true that no one has yet gone drilling to find it. It won't be detected until someone's well becomes contaminated, or Cusheon Lake goes foul.

Our position is, however, that it is foolish to continue dumping more garbage into an old-style landfill in the Cusheon Lake watershed. The CRD and the Ministry of the Environment agree, and plan to close the Blackburn landfill in December, 1991.

CRD engineers have already encountered very serious leachate problems at the regional landfill at Hartland Road in Saanich, and have been forced to take action to monitor and control the leachate. Their preference is to shut down all local dumps and haul waste to Hartland

"It is foolish to continue dumping more garbage into an old-style landfill in the Cusheon Lake watershed." -- Wright

Road where the leachate can be properly supervised and controlled, and where the buried garbage itself can eventually be mined for the recovery of useful minerals and materials.

Some Salt Spring Islanders support this idea of centralized garbage disposal, in conjunction with a stepped up recycling program.

Other islanders see the same recycling program backed up with an on-island garbage disposal system.

This choice will have to be made very soon, but whichever choice is made it is our position that no further landfilling should occur without effective liners to prevent leachate contamination of underground water supplies. Underground water will be a priceless resource in the future.

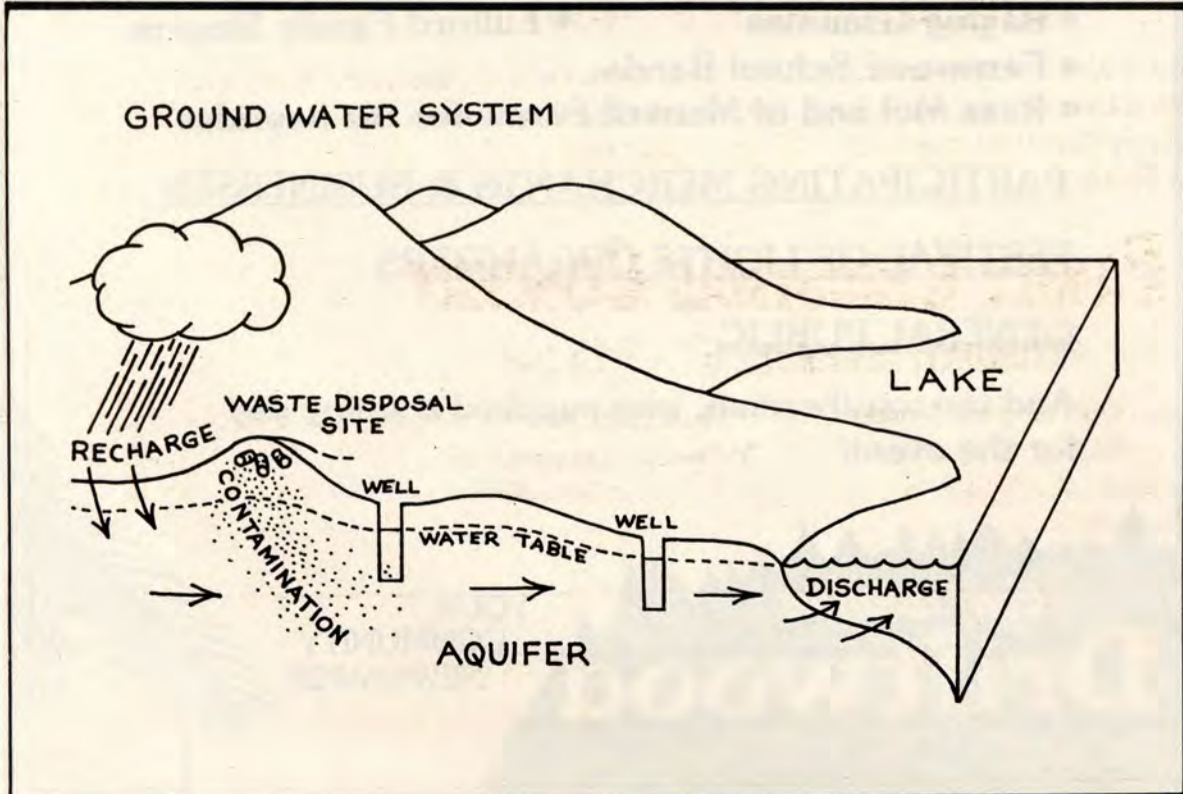
It may be that improved recovery and incineration methods now being used in Japan will eventually make it unnecessary to "waste" garbage by burying it, or to "waste" sewage by flushing it into the sea. Technology is now making the mining of old waste dumps a real commercial possibility, and full scale recycling is just coming into its own, so perhaps our generation will finally see garbage as a valuable resource not to be thrown away, and particularly not to be thrown away in a manner which is harmful to all of us.

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Burgoyne Bay is added to list of closed areas

Commercial crab fishing remains closed in Stuart Channel near the Crofton pulp mill as well as Cowichan Bay. Burgoyne Bay on Salt Spring has been added to the list of closed areas. However the ban at Booth Bay has been lifted.

Federal fisheries has revealed the results of tests for the presence of dioxins in various species in the water around the pulp mills. While dioxin levels have gone down slightly, the chemical can still be found in crabs and shell fish.

In addition, traces of dioxin have been found in water fowl in the area.

Vice-president in charge of the Crofton mill for Fletcher Challenge Bill Clarke commented on the continued ban on commercial crab fishing, saying the low dioxin findings was a reflection of the efforts the company has put into upgrading the mill.

"The company has been spending, and continues to spend, hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade this mill," he said, "and we're beginning to see results."

He expressed confidence future tests in the area would show improved results and noted the continued closure was based on information 10 months old. He called the lifting of the crab ban in Booth

Bay a sign of optimism and hoped the entire area will be opened soon.

B.C. minister of the environment John Reynolds, on the other hand, noted the information used by Fisheries Canada was six months out of date.

Mak Ito, an official with Environment Canada commented, "We're talking about recovery in years, not months."

While the area is closed to commercial crab fishermen, recreational and native fishing is allowed. But, notes Health and Welfare Canada,

care should be taken on the amount eaten in any particular week.

The consumption advisory suggests a limit of 25 grams (one ounce) per week from Stuart Channel crab, 50 grams (two ounces) per week of crab from Burgoyne Bay and 160 g (six oz.) from Cowichan Bay.

The closed area lies within a line running from Bare Point, north of the mill at Crofton, out to North Reef light and on to Parminter Point on Salt Spring, then follows the high tide mark around to Erskine Point, across the head of Sansum Narrows to

Grave Point on Vancouver Island and along the high tide mark to the start.

Harvesting oysters in that area, commercial, recreational or native, is also banned. The exception is Booth Bay inside a line from the government wharf at Vesuvius across to Erskine Point.

While the taking of oysters in the area is permitted, other bivalves remain banned because of sewage pollution.

Tests on various species showed only traces of dioxins at a level low enough not to pose a health hazard.

Health and Welfare Canada noted that fillets of English sole and Arrowtooth flounder, Sidestripe shrimp, Native littleneck, manila and softshell clams as well as mussels were safe to eat.

While both the federal and provincial governments have promised stricter rules governing pulp mill effluent, neither level of government has yet enacted legislation.

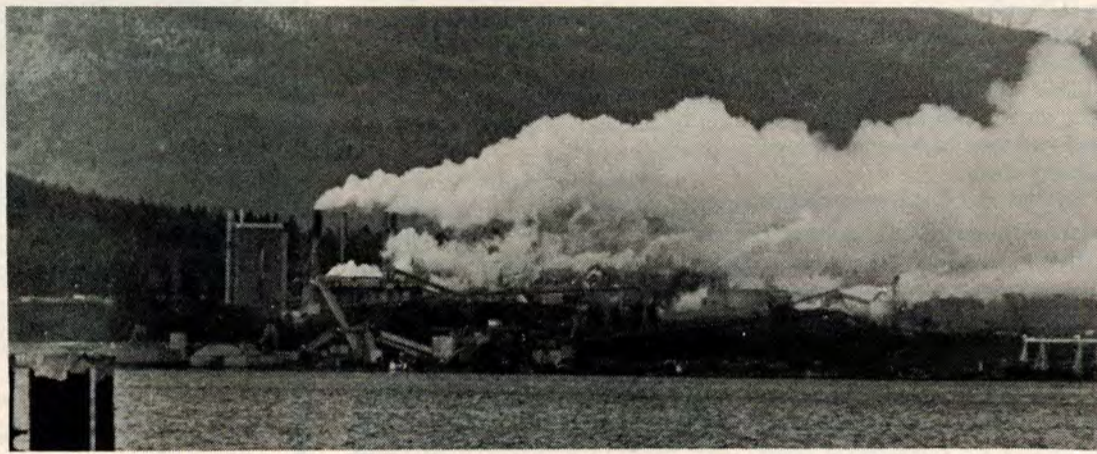
Reynolds said provincial regulations should be in place by summer. The proposed regulations sets a limit on discharge of chlorinated organic compounds at 1.5 kilograms per tonne by the end of 1994.

Clarke noted the provincial plan calls for a limit of 2.5 kg per tonne by January, 1992.

Chlorine used in processing pulp to ensure white paper produces dioxins and furans.

Ian Wamsley of the Crofton mill told the Driftwood chlorine is still used in the mill but its use has been "reduced significantly." The mill mainly uses chlorine dioxides and oxygenation in its bleaching process, he said.

The federal report noted only three mills in B.C. use chlorine in quantity: Port Alberni, Powell River and Nanaimo — all owned by Mac-Millan Bloedel.



The Crofton mill seen across the bay from Vesuvius

Closer look at dioxins

The following information was obtained from Health and Welfare Canada publications.

Dioxins and furans exist almost anywhere in the environment and are accused of being particularly harmful to health.

They are byproducts of the production of chlorophenols used as wood preservatives and can reach the environment through incomplete combustion of waste or through discharge of effluent.

Dioxins come from a family of 75 closely related substances known as polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins. A member of that family, 2,3,7,8 tetrachloro-dibenzo-p-dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD) is considered, although not proven, to be the most toxic chemical known to man.

Furans, 135 different compounds, come from a family known as polychlorinated dibenzofurans and are often found in conjunction with dioxins.

Exposure can result from eating food, breathing air, drinking water or contact with contaminated soil or dust. With advances in detection, dioxins and furans can be measure in parts per trillion (roughly equivalent to a grain of sand in an Olympic size swimming pool).

The compounds accumulate in tissues of living organisms, including humans and while 2,3,7,8-TCDD has produced adverse effects in laboratory animals, no conclusive link between dioxins or furans and such effects as cancer has yet been found.

Part of the problem stems from the different reactions to different levels of dioxin in different species. For instance, while guinea pigs are very susceptible to low levels of dioxins or furans, hamsters require 5,000 times the dose before effects show.

To date, the only traceable human health effect attributable to dioxins and furans is a skin condition known as chloracne. Chloracne is caused by exposure to various chlorinated chemical compounds and while caused by, it is not exclusive to dioxins and furans.

While much remains to be learned about dioxins and furans, governments are in the process of acting to limit the amounts of the compounds which make it into the environment.

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DOWN THE YEARS

Thirty Years Ago

• Harbour House Hotel hosted the annual Rod and Gun Club dinner. It featured a game dinner for the 50 people attending. Government fish biologist Dave Hurn was guest speaker.

• A CBC radio program called *Tranquil Islands* revealed varying opinions about development on the Gulf Islands. The presentation covered the full spectrum of local ideas, from people wanting a return to "the good old days" to those wanting bridges and a 250,000 population.

• Grade 12 students took control of the high school assembly, in which male students modelled the latest feminine attire from Paris. Marcia Sober was commentator of the event, introducing the models and describing their lovely gowns.

• The ferry company reported no change in the ferry schedule would occur within the next 10 days.

• Fulford's Women's Institute needed only 179 more Nabob coupons to get its much-needed coffee urn.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

• Rapid development of Salt Spring Island was evidenced by the cablevision system being installed here. It was expected to be complete and in service shortly after the new year.

• Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibling celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 20 with children, grandchildren, friends and neighbours.

• The Sproules of Cusheon Lake reported seeing a swan on the lake and the Walker Hook snow geese were still in the area. To prove they were ready to winter here, Mrs. Ryan gave Driftwood a whiff of freshly picked violets.

Twenty Years Ago

• Three school trustees were elected by acclamation to the Gulf Islands School District. Declared elected by Returning Officer Audrey Brigden were Sheila Fraser and Robert Marshall for Ganges and Bertha Matthews for Pender.

• New hospital facilities for the islands were approved. Health Minister Ralph Loffmark gave the go-ahead to preparation of drawings for the 15-bed extended care section of Lady Minto Hospital.

• Mrs. Ian MacDonald reported seeing a hummingbird on the weekend. The confused bird was humming around her frozen fuchsia.

• A fire protection bylaw at Galiano would ask ratepayers to support legislation whereby the fire department would be financed out of taxes instead of depending on voluntary donations and other sources. The Penders faced a similar bylaw dealing with the setting up a fire department.

Nica Noel benefit raises 350 dollars

Islanders supporting the people of Nicaragua were generous as they were entertained at the sixth annual Nica Noel variety benefit held November 25.

The Tools for Peace committee-sponsored event raised \$350 and featured the talents of many individuals and groups, including Sue Bowler's tap dancing class, the Fulford Family Choir, the Raging Grannies, Lois Phillips, Keith MacHattie and Reid Collins.

Gulf Islands Secondary Students Jaya Polden, Tia Stevenson and Andrea Satzinger formed a flute trio. Virginia and Ray Newman joined with Lynda Jensen and Sue Bowler to re-create a scene from *Get Happy*, and the Salt Spring Hysterical Society resurfaced as well.

Shilo Zylbergold was master of ceremonies and Liz Martin was the show's lighting technician.

Latin American food was provided by Bob and Ingrid Castro and Dietrich Luth gave the audience an update on the Ometepe project.

• Top prize in the Rotary Grey Cup Breakfast went to Chemainus resident Romeo Chick. He edged out Fulford's Ray Simard when the last chips went down, and walked off with a cheque for \$1,500.

Fifteen Years Ago

• A December 11 provincial election would decide the fate of British Columbia's first New Democratic Party government. Saanich and the Islands candidates were incumbent Hugh Curtis (Social Credit); Carol Pickup (NDP); Irene Block (Progressive Conservative) and Edgar Rhomburg (Liberal).

• Galiano resident Owen Phillips reported trouble with dogs on the island. He was tending sheep for a farmer on Galiano and, during that period, had seen the remains of three attacks by dogs.

• A seven-inch fall of snow caught the islands by surprise. Minor traffic mishaps resulted but there were no serious accidents or reports of injury.

• Trustees of the Gulf Islands School District agreed to go along with the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission in looking for alternative sites for a swimming pool. Last month the commission heard proposals for constructing a swimming pool on school property instead of the Lions Recreation Complex site at Central.

• The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council suggested a curtain be purchased to improve acoustics in the Activity Centre. At a recent meeting of the council in the centre, the noise factor and large room convinced members of its shortcomings.

Ten Years Ago

• The Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee petitioned the Supreme Court of British Columbia, under the Judicial Review Procedures Act, to set aside the Pollution Control Branch order requiring a sanitary sewer system in Ganges. The Writ was served on the Capital Regional Board several weeks prior.

• An outbreak of a whooping cough-like disease hit the Gulf Islands harder than any other part of the Capital Regional District. Regional Health Officer Dr. Allan Arneil told *Driftwood* the disease "was not to be trifled with."

• Irene Hawksworth was campaigning against an 80-foot highway on Salt Spring. She was sponsoring her own campaign to bring an end to potential destruction of the landscape and collected 563 names on a petition to present to the highways minister.

• The effects of fluorescent lighting on health were under discussion on Salt Spring Island again, this time by the Fernwood School Parents' Advisory Committee. A meeting of the committee decided to press the school board to consider replacing the lights at Fernwood School with full-spectrum lighting.

Five Years Ago

• Record November snowfall of 45.6 centimetres was followed by lowest-ever temperatures from November 21 to December 2. On November 28, the thermometer plunged to -12.7 degrees Celsius (9 degrees Fahrenheit). School remained open throughout the period of snow and cold weather, except for a full closure on November 27.

• A rezoning application for Grace Point property was to be considered by the Islands Trust. Owned by Mountain Park Farms Ltd., the application outlined the construction of 23 condominium units and a commercial complex. One of Mountain Park's officers, Norm Mouat, said the proposal was in keeping with the Community Plan.

• A recount of ballots in one Salt Spring referendum yielded the same result as the original count. Approval for mid-week vending in Centennial Park passed by 30 votes — 1173 to 1143. The recount was requested by elector Ira Tepper.

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