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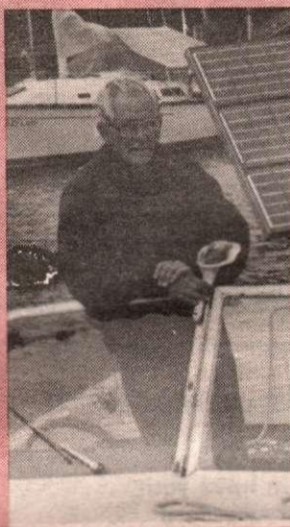
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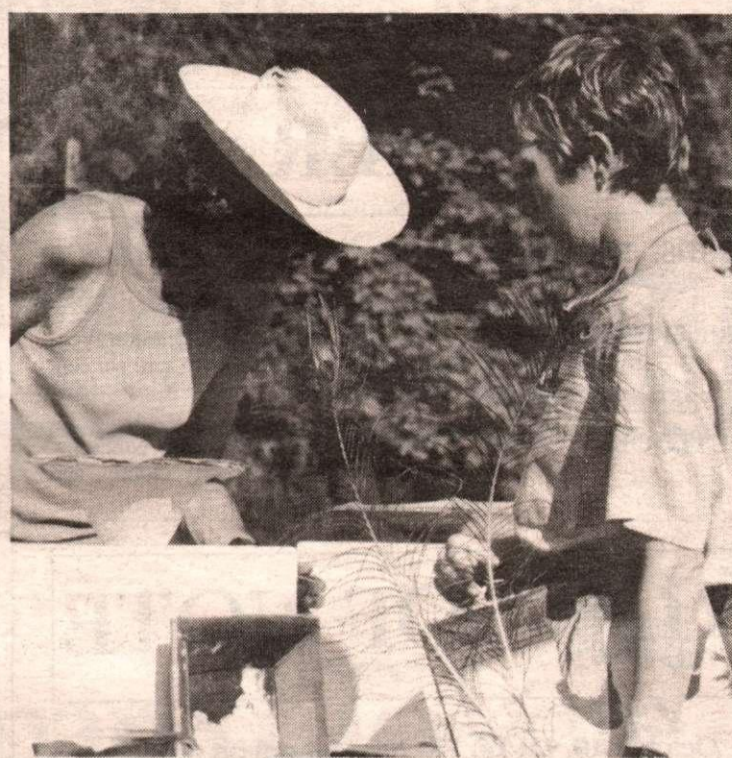


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ALL IN A DAY'S TRADING: Amber Seguin (left) munches a taco chip at Salt Spring's first Barter Faire as she waits for trade offers on expendable toys. Above, artist Denys James discusses his work with Heather Narod. Participation was not as high as anticipated, said one organizer, but many people and families enjoyed friendly trading Saturday at the Farmers' Institute grounds.

Driftwood photos by Gail Sjuberg

Education, environment focus of election meeting

Education and environmental issues headed a list of concerns expressed by Salt Spring residents at last Thursday's all-candidates meeting.

Sponsored by the Community Planning Association, the meeting was attended by all five Saanich North and the Islands candidates. They fielded questions from some of approximately 200 people in the Activity Centre.

LeRoy Jensen asked candidates to explain what they would do to limit pulp mill and forest industry pollution and what type of fines they would impose.

Holmes answered first, saying his

party's Environment 2001 policy contained "a goal to reach zero pollution by the year 2001. I don't believe you can immediately shut down industries. We have to find a balance and I do believe we are working in that direction."

Elsie McMurphy answered Jensen's concerns next, pointing to over 20 environmentally-centred private members bills introduced by NDP MLAs in the past year and her party's intentions to bring in a pulp pollution act and to establish an environmental protection fund.

"I think it is clear we are in favour of bringing in legislation and enforcing it," said McMurphy.

Liberal Party candidate Clive Tanner said it was necessary to do an inventory of the province's natural resources before major decisions were made. Small log operators and woodlot operators should be encouraged and violators of pollution control laws heavily penalized, he added.

Family Coalition Party of B.C. candidate Thomas Aussenegg said companies "should be compelled to conform to the right way to do this" while governments "have to be sensitive to the needs of people that work here."

ALL-CANDIDATES A13

Bowen votes on incorporation

Bowen residents will decide November 16 whether or not their island will become a municipality.

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff Writer

Implications of Bowen incorporation on that island and the Trust as a whole have not been fully explored. Trustees and Trust staff say while the Islands Trust Act allows for municipalities within the Trust area, the financial and hierarchical relationship between the two bodies and the provincial government is not clear.

Bowen trustees Dave Morgan and

dum for Trust Council when it met in Victoria last week. They were concerned about what they feel is undue pressure from municipal affairs and the Greater Vancouver Regional District for Bowen to incorporate.

Morgan and Dinsdale said a Bowen Island Restructure Committee has investigated government options for several years. Both are committee members as islands trustees.

Dinsdale said a Sussex Development financial study of options commissioned by the municipal affairs ministry "was biased in favour of municipal status" and "leads the community to believe that municipal status will be better for it."

government options including several involving the Greater Vancouver Regional District were initially put forth, most were discounted. Now the choices are between standard incorporation or the status quo.

He said the GVRD wanted "to disassociate itself from any unincorporated areas" and had placed a moratorium on providing new services to Bowen until its municipal status had been determined.

Concern about Trust island incorporation is primarily two-fold, explained Morgan and Dinsdale. The extent of the Trust's power to preserve and protect an island governed by a municipal council is not certain. Section 24 of the Islands

Driftwood second by half-point

It was as close as close could be. *Gulf Islands Driftwood* finished second in its class in the annual B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers better newspaper competition. Only a half-point separated *Driftwood* from the number one spot captured by *100 Mile Free Press*.

"It's a great feeling to achieve this," said publisher Joyce Carlson. "Our category for newspapers with circulations ranging from 3,000 to 10,000 is very competitive and there were many strong entries."

Earlier in the BCYCN annual convention, *Driftwood* cartoonist Joe Cocker received a third-place award.

"Advertising, editorial content, front page, photography, composition, layout and reproduction are the areas judged," Carlson explained. "I want to commend each employee for contributing to this success. We work diligently every week to put out the best possible newspaper."

She also expressed her appreciation to readers whose lively letters to the editor and helpful suggestions contribute to making *Driftwood* an award-

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NEWS BEAT



MEDIEVAL MAGIC SPELL: Accepting Gulf Islands Driftwood's second-place general excellence award from BCYCNA executive director Bob Grainger were Joyce Carlson, Damaris Rumsby and Susan Lundy. All three were present at the final night of the association's annual convention which featured a medieval theme complete with costumes, feast and decor.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

INCORPORATION

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Trust Act says municipal bylaws would need approval by the Trust executive committee. If approval is withheld, an appeal can be made to Trust Council and ultimately the municipal affairs minister. Dinsdale said "it is my belief that given the situation where the ministry of municipal affairs has to approve or not approve a new Community Plan for Bowen or has a decision that does not fit Trust policy, it is unlikely we would see that person stand up and say, *no, you have to stick to Islands Trust policies.*"

"The role of the Islands Trust would certainly be watered down," Morgan told *Driftwood*. "It is really unclear what the Trust will be."

Deputy minister of municipal affairs Ken MacLeod addressed Trust exercising of its powers in a September 11, 1991 letter to Trust chairman Carol Martin. He states "I sense the Trust would have preferred a higher degree of control, but others would have preferred greater municipal autonomy. We believe that the legislation (Islands Trust Act) achieves a balance between protecting the interests of the Trust and responding to the desire for a higher degree of local autonomy and control."

The second main concern about islands incorporating is financial. Morgan points out that Bowen gives the Trust about 14 percent of its revenue. Without Bowen and Salt Spring, the Trust's "very viability could be emasculated," he said.

MacLeod says: "When a municipality is incorporated in the Trust Area, it will assume the full responsibility for, and costs of, local community planning. As a consequence, the municipality should no longer pay the local planning levy of the Islands Trust since it will no longer be receiving the local planning service. This is consistent with how new municipalities outside the Trust Area are treated."

This might not cause a problem for Trust financing except that funds raised through local planning levies from more populated islands are disproportionately higher than those raised from less populated islands.

As Trust local planning manager Ian Wight explained in a memo dated

costs of the Trust for islands with smaller assessment bases or poorer fiscal capacities."

When asked at the meeting by Saturna trustee Harvey Janszen to explain how the GVRD and provincial governments would benefit by Bowen incorporation, Dinsdale said the GVRD saves on service costs to a growing island and the province saves money on road upgrading.

Morgan explained to *Driftwood* that roads are the contentious financial issue behind incorporation. Bowen roads are terrible, he said, and estimates for proper upgrading range from \$6 to \$25 million. The highways ministry is willing to pay 75 per cent if Bowen incorporates, but Morgan says a new municipality could not afford that remaining 25 per cent.

Morgan estimated Bowen's current population to be over 2,500 with current zoning allowing development of 600 to 700 more lots. The island faces immense development pressures as a bedroom community to Vancouver.

Salt Spring's Local Government Committee chairman David Borrowman said Monday Bowen "is much farther down the road than we are" and that the Salt Spring study would examine in detail the relationship between the Trust and other bodies.

Wight concluded in his memo that: "The Trust might be able to absorb the loss of Bowen with limited adverse consequences (and few positives), but I have less confidence in it being able to survive the incorporation of Salt Spring also, unless the province comes through with significant supportive initiatives" — such as increased provincial funding.

Trust chairman Carol Martin had written to the municipal affairs ministry on September 3, 1991 asking that initiation of municipal status for any Trust community be deferred until various issues were clarified.

Martin told Council last week the Trust was advised to deal with pending incorporation plans by strengthening the Islands Trust Act rather than trying to work within the

Municipal Act. Council then moved to have its legislative and executive committees

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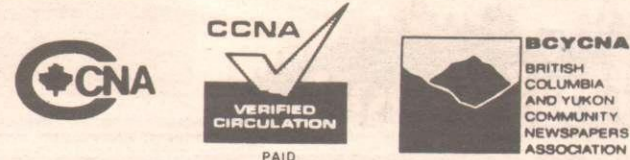
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Are we getting what we want or deserve?

Islanders have been chastised for their blaming, bickering and belly-aching.

We want to know when does diversity of opinion become the 3 Bs. Is it when someone disagrees with your own position? Or is it when you have heard enough about a topic and want it resolved some way, any way? Is when the "silent majority" is passed by a "vocal minority"?

Some islanders tend to be anything but silent, but how do we determine whether or not they are the majority or minority?

Hold a referendum; hold a community meeting; send out a survey; discuss it over coffee at one of the local gathering spots: any of the aforementioned could be selected.

At any given time, islanders are being subjected to one or more of those methods of determining consensus. Our elected officials are working constantly — between meetings, reviewing surveys and referendums, and talking to people — to ensure there is a consultative process taking place.

But after the referendums, surveys and meetings have gauged opinion, forces gather in opposition and when pressure is applied the results change. We are thinking here about all the hours which went into formation of a Community Plan. Then a resident decides to build a wharf that is allowed in the plan. Neighbours determine they do not want it and send letters and petitions to public officials who decide not to recommend approval to the next level of government.

In another case, voters decide via

referendum they want to have mid-week vending in Centennial Park. Subsequently the Parks and Recreation Commission decides not to allow it in the future.

Islanders said in survey results they wanted island produced goods in the Saturday market but vendors say they will not have that restriction imposed on them.

Then there is the swimming pool. On more than one occasion, a pool was voted down by a majority of resi-

dents. So a determined group of people went ahead and acquired a pool anyway.

We are not making a case here based on the merits of the examples mentioned here. We do wonder about the process.

Are we happy with progress being made in local government area? We insist we can do without interference from off-island — we want island solutions to island problems. Are we being realistic in our expectations of

three elected officials handling the wants and needs of 8,000 people with a multitude of opinions?

Are we getting what we want or what we deserve?

Blaming, bickering and belly-aching may be symptoms of something bigger or they may just be characteristics of islanders.

We want to hear from the silent islanders; we always hear from the vocal ones.



" I don't understand why anyone wants to blame, bicker or bellyache! "

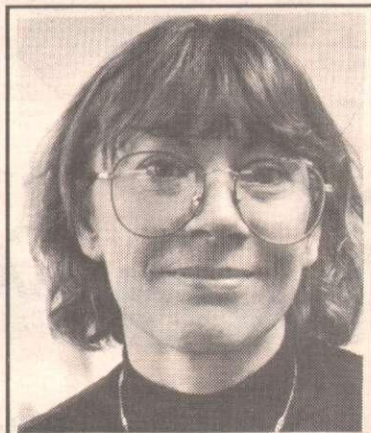
WE ASKED YOU: Do you think Salt Spring Island residents tend to blame, bicker and bellyache too much?

SALT SPRING SAYS:



Carole Martens

Yes. But I think they end up doing that because they are concerned about where they live.



Pauline Brazier

What they do is they complain too much and then they don't do anything about it.



Douglas James

Complaining is part of the democratic process and any reasonable complaint is a contribution to good govern-



Reg Ashwell

Yes. Things can be better solved with dialogue and reasoning and by not allowing them to be blown up into monumental issues



Justin Scott

It depends on what the issue is. Some do and some don't.

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LETTERS SECTION

Mastering destiny

To the Editor,
Julia Atkins says that Islanders have to stop blaming, bickering and bellyaching.

Down the column she says (and I quote), "Islanders must take more responsibility for decisions which affect Islanders. We have to grow up, stand on our own two feet and accept the challenge of mastering our own destiny."

On the garbage issue, that is exactly what Salt Spring Islanders have been trying to do.

Julia Atkins' first election platform was to the effect that "No garbage will leave Salt Spring Island."

Salt Spring has not forgotten that statement. I believe Julia Atkins has.
J. BENNETT,
Fulford Harbour

Confirm suspicion

To the Editor,
May I address this letter to those people who are busily destroying and stealing political posters?

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Thank you for reaffirming our belief in the NDP. It's almost worth the bother of erecting another sign. If you come after this one, you will be charged with trespassing, wilful damage and anything else we can dream up at the time.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
THOMAS (HARRY) WIL-
LIAMSON,
Ganges

Disappointed rider

To the Editor,
On behalf of many riding students, I am writing a letter concerning the sale of property on the corner of Beaver Point Road and Sewart Road. This property has been owned by School District 64 but has recently been sold by public tender. For the last five years Lynne Denton has rented this property and operated a riding ring.

I am disappointed because Lynne's very reasonable bid for the property was not accepted by the school board. The operation of the Stewart Road riding ring has brought many positive aspects into the community. All students learned self discipline, determination, and practiced physical education as well as learning horsemanship. We all had wonderful learning experiences on this site.

In short, the school board, for some time, was broadening its reach to extend education into the community. We all think that this should have continued on this riding facility. However, in the future, Lynne Denton will have another facility.

ELIZA POTTER,
Fulford Harbour

Where's silent majority?

To the Editor,
Last week the Islands Trust decided to recommend that our wharf application be denied. Their decision

Since last Wednesday, we have answered many phone calls and been stopped in the village and about the island by people (some who were strangers to us). Each conversation carried the same message: "How can a decision like this be made? Does a vocal minority affect decision-making?" And, from a number of long-time islanders: "What are people trying to do with our island?"

When I grew up on Salt Spring in the 1950s (population 1,500), people worked together. Neighbours tended to look after their own affairs but were always there to help and share if needed.

If there was a concern over shared property, access, building, etc., the concerns were discussed at the kitchen table, in an open and neighbourly fashion. If differences were non-negotiable, the parties dealt with it themselves.

We now live in the 1990s and 40 years later individuals have adopted a new method of solving concerns. My husband and I were not consulted concerning the anxieties over our wharf proposal. It came to our attention that a petition was being circulated opposing our application and that many false allegations were being made.

During our long house construction period we always tried to be sensitive to our neighbours and the Vesuvius community. Therefore, we were very anxious to dispel any concerns that our neighbours might have over our new wharf. We invited Phil Swift and Margie Korrison to gather all those with concerns at our home in order to discuss the issues and show them our site, plans and problems. They declined. They held a meeting at Ruth Heinekey's. My husband attended to answer questions and state our situation.

But, we were soon to realize that this group did not want to consider even a small, well-designed wharf. Our rights as private property owners who desired to access the sea from our land was not open for discussion.

We were advised by the Ministry of Lands to proceed along the channels provided by law and not to involve ourselves with the negative publicity. As time passed this became an almost impossible task. We decided, though, that it was not worth entering into this "wharf war" putting one neighbour against another and boring the life out of every reader of the *Driftwood*. Justice would prevail — we thought.

The Islands Trust has not heard from the silent majority on this island. There is another opinion regarding the right to access the sea from your property. It is a very large and strong opinion. It ranges from "Why in the hell would you spend money on low bank waterfront property and not apply for a

wharf?" to "Do you mean to say that you live on an island and people think you should not have a wharf?" to "I don't like the way some of our residents are trying to change and affect island life!"

Many islanders and neighbours have suggested that Margie Korrison and Phillip Swift should pay as much attention to their own back yard as they do others.

They will not be affected by the sight of a small, well-designed wharf as much as we are by their rundown, overgrown, unkept yard immediately outside our gate. If we conducted ourselves in the same manner as Korrison and Swift we would be organizing against trailers in Vesuvius Bay, against operating a business out of a rented house in a residential area and to make residents pay some attention to the condition of their own landscape.

For the most part the Vesuvius Bay neighbourhood goes about its daily affairs quietly and attends to its own business. This is the kind of island I remember and love.

It is very unpleasant dealing with this kind of situation. We have never intended that our wharf create a problem (either physical or visual) for our neighbourhood. We purchased a beautiful point of land beside a lovely bay that holds many fond memories for me. Our family will for many years enjoy this lovely island, the surrounding sea and sweet people.

It is, though, very disquieting to realize that we have an elected body such as the Islands Trust who make their decisions based on negative opinion only.

Perhaps it is time for the silent majority on Salt Spring Island to make their thoughts known and to insist on intelligent, informed decision-making.

JOSETTE WHIST,
Vesuvius Bay

Invite Fidel

To the Editor,
While I am following the ongoing saga of the proposed Whist dock in Vesuvius Bay, I am amazed how easy it is to change a well-established practice just by being persistent in your objection to it and circulating a petition in the neighbourhood.

I don't see any harm if waterfront property owners have their own boat dock.

The possibility with petitions like this could be endless. Why not eliminate property ownership altogether and put people into a big camp? It would do wonders to the environment.

We also should invite Fidel Castro here when he will be kicked out of Cuba. He would feel right at home.

KARL FUSS,
Ganges

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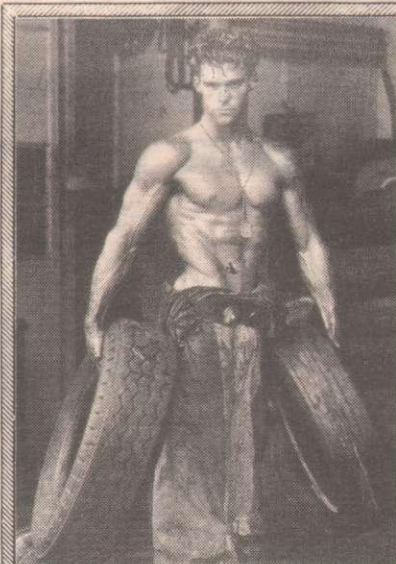
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Capital Comment
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VICTORIA— Even though a recent BCTV poll suggested that the Socreds were catching up to the NDP, Rita Johnston has got to do one hell of a lot better to pull this one out of the bag.

The poll in question showed the NDP leading with 39 per cent, trailed by Social Credit with 32 per cent and the Liberals with nine per cent. Other parties managed only a meagre two per cent. The uncommitted vote stood at a still rather high 17.5 per cent.

That just isn't good enough for the Socreds. After firing their best shots, their campaign is still lacklustre at best. What's worse, they continue to be plagued by disasters.

The same day Rita Johnston called the election, former Premier Bill Vander Zalm appeared in court on a charge of breach of trust. A few days before, the government launched civil action against former cabinet minister Bill Reid.

During the first week of the campaign, Socred candidate Jack Kempf was charged with breach of trust, and candidate John Ball had to resign after his links to Ernst Zundel, the Nazi propagandist who preaches that the holocaust was a hoax, were revealed.

Kempf now says he will take the Social Credit Party to court for suspending his membership and rescinding his nomination, and you can bet that Wolfman Jack will keep the issue alive for the duration of the campaign.

Poll results

Perhaps the best indication of how bad things are going for the Socreds are the poll results coming in from the central interior. Nearly half-way through the campaign, the NDP was leading in seven of the 10 ridings in that area.

The survey conducted by EDUCOMP for the Terrace Standard showed the Socreds leading in the two Peace River ridings and in Cariboo North. The NDP led in Cariboo South, Bulkley Valley-Stikine, North Coast, Skeena and the three Prince George ridings.

On Vancouver Island, meanwhile, there doesn't appear to be a safe Socred haven in any of the 13 ridings. The Socred baggage is so heavy that Stan Hagen, seeking re-election in Comox Valley is strictly running on his record, studiously avoiding any identification with the party.

Another indicator of plummeting Socred stock is the shortage of campaign volunteers. In some ridings, the Socreds have to pay telephone solicitors minimum wage to keep the election machine from sputtering to a complete halt.

Campaign bogs down

This time, apathy, resignation, and a sense that everything is lost anyway, bog down the Socred campaign. All the optimism and enthusiasm has shifted to the NDP which can almost smell victory.

One Socred strategist told the Vancouver Sun: "The Big Blue Machine is running B.C. politics again, but this time they're working for the NDP."

Not that Johnston isn't trying. She's doing the best she can under very difficult circumstances, and she's putting a good face on an extremely bad situation. She even joked recently that things were definitely looking up because "we haven't had a scandal in three days."

But that's not enough to win an election. Johnston faces the almost insurmountable task of having to convince voters that she represents a brand-new era in Social Credit history. Try that one on someone who remembers her role in the Vander Zalm government.

During my recent swing through the Cariboo, I asked people over and over again who they thought would win the election. In 1975, 1979, 1983, and 1986, Cariboo residents would have unanimously dismissed any notions of an NDP victory. Not so this time.

Over and over people told me that an NDP government was probably inevitable, although they expected popular Mike Pearce, former mayor of Quesnel, to win in Cariboo North.

Improvement unlikely

There are two things that could improve the Socreds' chances of beating the NDP — a better campaign with new issues or a scandal or two in the NDP ranks. Neither appears very likely.

The Socreds have all but exhausted their supply of campaign issues. The Ontario budget, featured heavily in Socred advertising during the first week of the campaign, failed to rouse the hoped-for interest among the voters.

And sporadic attempts at linking the NDP to the crumbling socialist empire in Eastern Europe have run into something the Socreds didn't consider — the intelligence of voters.

Now we're down to gems like making British Columbia safe for children. I heard a Socred radio spot promising legislation that would bar child abusers from ever again holding a teaching job. As if the NDP was promoting child abuse. Like I said,

Unwelcome

To the Editor,
Recently my parents came to visit the island to explore and experience this bit of paradise we're lucky enough to call home. They are a fun, adventurous and vibrant couple in their mid 80s who travel extensively. There are harsh terms to describe my wonderful mother - cripple, handicapped etc. I prefer to say "she can't walk." Her inability to "dart about" has never stopped her - until she got to Ganges.

What an eye opener! We, the nimble and quick, take so much for granted.

Taking handicapped access for granted, I booked a room with a view at a local hotel. The staff was apologetic and enormously helpful, but the two and one half flights of stairs to the rooms makes a return visit there utterly impossible.

We looked forward to dinner on the deck at a local pub to enjoy a late summer evening beside our gorgeous harbour — no handicapped parking, or entrance and a myriad of without bannisters stairs made entry to that establishment potentially suicidal, completely out of the question. The message delivered by that structure is clear - if you're not young and fit, you're not welcome.

How is it possible, in this age of concern for trees, oceans, wildlife and garbage, that architects and builders are allowed to continue to ignore people?

Too bad. As well as being terrific people, my parents are also big tipplers. By excluding them, the pub really missed out.

ARLETTA STEPHENS,
Ganges

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LETTERS

Deny rights

To the Editor,
Often during elections, members of the Canadian Armed Forces are outside their riding, involved in training or peacekeeping work. During federal elections allowances are made to allow these people to vote outside their riding even when they are over seas. I'm sad to say the Socreds have refused to make the same allowances in past provincial elections, in spite of suggestions by opposition parties to do so.

The Socreds have denied the most fundamental of democratic rights to the very people we have hired to defend those rights.

KARL JOHANSON,
Victoria

\$1,000 blow

To the Editor,
Two weeks ago the Arts Council sponsored a concert by a soprano and pianist from Toronto and Iowa respectively. The performance was wonderful, and we were very fortunate to be able to bring such accomplished artists to our island. However, concerts such as these require an enormous amount of time, all of it volunteered, to put on, and a lot of money to sponsor (artists fees, advertising, renting the hall, renting and tuning the piano etc.) So when only 18 people showed up to hear the concert, I wonder if such expenditures of time and money are justified.

After all, the Arts Council has limited resources, and to blow \$1,000 for the sake of 18 people seems excessive. So I shall recommend that the council not put on any more concerts so that the money can be put towards justifiable causes.

SIMON ROOK,
Ganges

Won't wash

To the Editor,
On Monday, September 30, I received a circular in the mail from Julia Atkins, Salt Spring Island's regional director, telling me that unless I returned it to her signifying my disapproval of her scheme to employ a consultant to examine the solid waste situation she would assume that I am in agreement.

Whether or not I agree is not the issue here. She should not assume that, because people don't tell her their objection to her proposition, they support it.

Many recipients of her self-styled "flier" won't even read it but dispose of it along with the other junk mail delivered by post on Monday.

Others will resent having to pay postage to signify their opposition when supporters pay nothing.

Julia Atkins must know that this stratagem to load the plebiscite in favour of her personal preference just won't wash. She should not be encouraged to attain her ends this way.

The proper way is to request that all replies signify whether the resident favours the plan or not.

ROY VALE,
Ganges

Winter warmth

To the Editor,
During the summer, my wife, two children and I were fortunate enough to spend several weeks on your island. My sister let us have her house on Long Harbour Road while she stayed with her friend. It was, for us, an idyllic setting, with an outhouse down the hill and deer at the front door. When we first arrived we were in a London mode, shoulders stiff and bags under our eyes. The fresh air, beautiful scenery and friendship we discovered soon had us taking things easy, even laid back.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone we met, especially the Driftwood Derelicts, for everything they did for us. Living in a big city like we do has the effect

perienced on Salt Spring had the effect of restoring our faith in humanity. So much so that we are already planning a return trip.

Once again, thank you everyone for giving us a holiday that will keep us warm throughout the winter.

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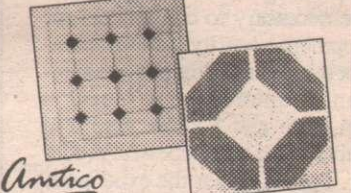
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Needs desk thumping

An open letter to Julia Atkins, Regional Director, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Dear Ms Atkins:

My wife and I are relatively new islanders (retired), who wake up every morning thankful that we decided to build our new home on Salt Spring. The easy lifestyle and friendliness of islanders has great appeal.

As a former administrator of a northern B.C. district municipality, I must comment on your director's report (*Driftwood*, September 11, 1991) concerning solid waste disposal. I cannot believe you are considering the expenditure of initially \$55,000 and a further \$58,000 in the first year to "find" a refuse landfill site. What further costs are you going to subject us to, i.e. engineering, site surveys, disposal and landfill design, additional monitoring costs in establishing a new landfill and devaluation of properties adjacent to and abutting a new site? What are the reclamation costs of the Blackburn site?

Without expending further tax dollars, you have an existing, expandable landfill ideally located that has operated for many, many years with (I understand) little or no effects to any watercourse. You have a site that has been in existence long enough that any effect on adjacent property values has long since been established. Also you have a mobile collection system with downtown collection container depots that is efficiently operated by Norman Twa. Let's use the old adage "If it works, don't play with it."

I know the Ministry of Environment can be difficult at times, after dealing with them for many years. In this particular situation more "desk thumping" is required — have them solve the permit problem. Forcing a further burden on taxpayers is definitely *not* the solution.

Also, I suggest you are going to end up going full circle in your exercise. After finally finding a new site and expending considerable funds, it will be necessary to call tenders for development, security system, operation for the site and a mobile, residential and commercial collection system. You and I know who will undoubtedly be the successful bidder — Mr. Twa, as he has the experience and equipment to effect such a service. Only this time around, it will cost considerably more, due to the involvement of the CRD and other provincial agencies.

So let's use a common sense approach and spend time (not funds) on finding a solution to the narrow-minded permit system set forth by the ministry. I know the Municipal Act and ministerial regulations are your bible — I used mine as a paperweight only, and was very successful in operating my municipality.

Residential property taxes have increased by approximately 95% since 1987. Let's not unnecessarily increase this percentage by wasting taxpayers' dollars on this ridiculous exercise. Place the onus squarely on the ministry's shoulders to find the mechanism by which our current Blackburn landfill can be legalized January 1, 1992. Operate without a permit if that is the action required.

JOHN P. PARNUM,
Ganges

Commends director

To the Editor,

I would like to compliment our CRD Director, Julia Atkins, for her sound new plan to deal with our garbage disposal problem.

I support the idea of a safe on-island garbage dump. Even though I recycle most of my own garbage, I

if we had to truck to Hartland Road. A new safe dump does not have to be expensive. The first step is a study of proposed sites. We should all help Ms. Atkins with this.

I definitely do not agree that the ground water under Mount Bruce is the potential water supply for future developments. Most of the ground water on the east side is already being used by the fish in Fulford Creek — which is fully licenced. Federal Fisheries would never permit this water to be used for development. Also Norm Twa's land on the west side of Mount Bruce does not contribute greatly to the ground water of that watershed. The swamps on the south side near the old Laundry farm are the main groundwater recharge areas for that drainage system.

Once the garbage problem is solved we should work together to build weirs on the St. Mary, Cusheon, Blackburn and Stowell Lakes. One stored foot on St. Mary Lake would provide enough water for 300 new homes and keep Duck Creek running all year. A weir would solve the water shortage problems on Cusheon Lake and improve water quality.

KATHY REIMER,
Ganges

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OPINION



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NAME THAT FISH: Teachers (left to right) Monika Mayr, Martin Thorn and Gail Bryn-Jones teamed up at a Cusheon Creek hatchery workshop last week to learn how to teach students about the secret lives of local fish. Startling discoveries were made with the help of hatchery staff and guests.

VIEW Point

I have just returned from the Walbran and would like to update people on the situation there. Campers have been harassed off the road and cars towed: they are using a one-kilometre blast zone to cordon off the area they are logging.

by **JIM WIGHT**
Fulford Harbour

People have taken to the woods and set up a number of camps throughout the valley. TRAC (Temperature Rainforest Action Coalition), recently formed in Tofino, is supplying a media trailer and radiophone. Another person is setting up the Walbran Hotel as a place for people to camp. It can be seen from the main road. Activity has been low in the valley as people are preparing for winter. A recent and minimal effort with a low-strung platform and "360" to stop the logging showed a dedicated and determined spirit and gave renewed energy to the protest. People moved into the valley over the weekend to help build winter camping spots and cut firewood.

Jim Hume, a writer for the Times-Colonist, tells us the Walbran is saved. Meanwhile the multinational forest giants are attacking the valley from five, soon seven, different directions. While we sit thinking about what a fine five-year plan we have, the most sensitive areas of the valley are about to be trashed.

Last Saturday I drove into the cut block where "360" was. The first thing the company has done in this area is to go to a small creek and fall trees into it. About 100 yards away the creek falls 100 feet into a canyon. According to Claude Richmond,

"we're logging better now," maybe the key word here is "we" meaning him and the forest companies.

When "360" escaped from his platform, reports from people in the valley said police cut part of his platform loose and had a net below to catch him. Someone else went up to where he was to make sure he jumped, or to cut him and his platform down. We don't know which, but either is dangerous as he missed the net, landed on the ground and escaped. The platform was 30 ft. above the ground.

It's time for these situations to be monitored before they kill someone.

A recent Supreme Court of B.C. decision on the injunction made it clear that the court is putting job security above the law. These are short-term jobs. Perhaps it is corporate profits and not jobs at all that is really being decided upon. Indeed! Is there a precedent being set here by the court that suggests that making the almighty dollar is above the law?

People have recently been arrested in mass protesting the road building of forest companies. A typical company response "They're breaking the law. Now we can go back to work" shows how little they care about public opinion.

What are the people to do if public opinion is irrelevant to the forest companies, the courts are prepared to look the other way, and the government refuses to respond to overwhelming public opinion while acting as public relations managers for the forest companies?

It seems like there are only two options left: Change the government and physically stop the multinationals from trashing the old growth. Yes, Martha, there really is a war going on.

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NEWSBEAT

Shortages hamper Trust Fund

New property acquisition has been slow

Staff and funding shortages have hampered operation of the Trust Fund Board, its chairman told Trust Council in Victoria last week.

Property acquisition has been slow, said Diane Cragg, with the Trust Fund "chronically" understaffed and underfunded. She told the quarterly meeting she would investigate additional funding sources to help the TFB attain its goals.

The Trust's 1991-92 budget allots \$154,573 for its landholding body established by the Islands Trust Act last year.

Cragg said "I am personally committed to making the Trust Fund work because I love doing it and it is the arm of the Trust that can be proactive."

"It could be our most effective tool but it isn't yet," she said.

Cragg extended an apology to people wanting the TFB to acquire lands in trust on their island. "We are sorry if we are slow in looking after your favourite piece of land," said Cragg. "It is not that we don't care."

After spending a lot of time on the aborted Mount Erskine property purchase on Salt Spring Island, Denman and Gabriola Island acquisitions were next on the board's agenda, she

said.

Thetis trustee John Dunfield offered an analysis of why the Martin Williams Mount Erskine property acquisition did not complete.

He said one factor was that "we were brought into it after the community had collected the money and made a deal," said Dunfield.

Roadblocks and conditions came up afterwards, he said, which may not

have happened if parameters and requirements were originally spelled out by the TFB.

Cragg said the Mt. Erskine experience was part of the learning process. On the more positive side of TFB activities, Gabriola trustee Jack Sickavish noted the Trust Fund Plan, which sets the fund's priorities and direction, had recently been completed.

Trustees curtail expenses

Islands trustees decided to curtail some expenses after analyzing first quarter spending in Trust Council's first self-prepared budget.

Spending in the legislative services category, legal costs and local planning travel expenses were areas deemed to need special attention when trustees met last week in Victoria.

A motion was put forth by Trust vice-chairman Graeme Dinsdale that council "manage" those expense areas. Budget and planning committee member and Thetis trustee John Dunfield instead urged use of the words "control or curtail."

"I do not wish to imply that a lack of control is staff or council's fault," said Dunfield, when addressing local planning expenses. "I feel local planning staff are absolutely necessary when you are trying to provide the services the public is looking for and demands."

The Trust budget is significantly underspent to date in "land use planning: special projects" and for Trust Fund consultants. A \$50,000 contingency reserve remains. A report from acting general manager Cynthia Hawksworth suggests those areas "are already being protected from new expenditure commitments, in the expectation that they will have to be used to help remedy some of the shortfall situation." Revenue from fees and sales was also higher than anticipated in the first quarter.

Hawksworth's report recommended "that efforts be continued as a matter of some urgency, to review and better manage the over-expenditure in the areas of legislative, legal and local planner travel expenses."

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NEWSBEAT

Trust hires new director

First of two executive positions to be filled

A new Islands Trust position was filled last week as Trust Council approved appointment of Gordon McIntosh as executive director.

Coming to the Trust with 15 years in municipal government and various private sector experience in management and financial administration, McIntosh was selected from more than 60 applicants for the top bureaucratic position.

Answering to McIntosh will be policy and research manager Cynthia Hawksworth, local planning manager Ian Wight, bylaw investigation officer Larry Olafssen, a new financial and administration officer and several clerical staff.

Trust chairman Carol Martin said McIntosh "will be responsible for directing overall planning and coordinating and controlling the administrative activities and financial affairs of the Trust, as well as for ensuring that Trust bylaws, policies and procedures are complied with. In addition, he will be expected to advise the executive committee and Trust Council on an ongoing basis, recommending goals, objectives, policies and programs, along with

budgetary implications, to the (Trust) council."

Martin said McIntosh "brings to the Trust academic, organizational, strategic planning, management, financial, networking and facilitating skills and experience which should be very useful to the Trust as it enters a further developmental and organizational growth period."

McIntosh met trustees and staff attending a Trust Council meeting in Victoria recently. He invited them to familiarize him with their islands and

contact him if they "see an ideal opportunity for me to meet people in a casual and informal way."

The "executive director" position was recommended in a review of the Trust's management structure recently completed by management consultants George B. Cuff & Associates Ltd. That report also advises creation of a financial and administration officer position and makes several recommendations on overall Trust operation.

Cut foot frightens youngster

After a frightening experience at Vesuvius Beach, a Salt Spring mother and her five-year-old son are asking people to not discard broken glass in public beach areas.

Juliette Laing and her children were at the beach after school recently when son Niko ran out of the water screaming. He had stepped on a pile of broken glass, receiving a badly cut foot and a traumatic experience. The injury required a hospital visit and five stitches.

"It is pretty upsetting for a five-year-old," said Laing.

She hopes if people know a young boy was hurt due to thoughtlessness it might deter others from dumping glass in swimming and play areas like Vesuvius Beach.

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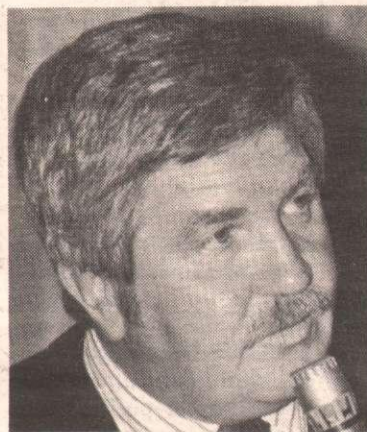
All-candidates meeting draws hecklers



Thomas Aussenegg



Elsie McMurphy



Richard Holmes



Don Hutchings



Clive Tanner

Some came to heckle; others just to listen when Saanich North and the Islands candidates were given five minutes to address an all-candidates meeting Thursday night at the Activity Centre.

by IAN NOBLE
Driftwood Staff Reporter

Candidates used the time to present their own party platforms, and criticize opponents and their platforms.

Audience reaction was generally muted, although one candidate did draw some heckling.

Government debt "confines us and limits our ability" to generate revenue through such things as gas sales, timber sales, mining and taxes, said Social Credit candidate Richard Holmes.

"Fiscally, our government has done an excellent job. I want to be sure this record of responsible fiscal management remains," he said.

"Expo land deal", responded an audience member.

Holmes said it was time to bring back honour and accountability to Victoria and that children should not have to pay in the future for debts piled up for political points today.

"Coquihalla Highway", shouted the heckler.

The NDP represents the unions, he said, and they have not explained how they would deliver better wages and smaller classrooms in education without increasing the tax burden.

Social Credit party members have been embarrassed by the misconduct of "a few individuals" but 49 out of the 75 Socred candidates in this election are new faces, he said.

"I have no more intention of defending bad politicians than I would expect Elsie and her unions to defend bad unions."

New Democrat candidate Elsie McMurphy said it was time for a change. B.C., she said, was now the "scandal capital of Canada" and it is time to change the province to the "caring capital of Canada."

An NDP government would bring in conflict of interest and access to information legislation to ensure honesty in government, she said. McMurphy touched on women's issues, and said she supports pay equity and freedom of choice.

McMurphy said the NDP would double the amount of park and wilderness areas in the province, support sewage and waste management systems, regulate oil tanker traffic, and preserve and strengthen the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The NDP would also "maintain and enhance" the Islands Trust. "The impact and importance of the Islands Trust in this constituency is one that is not missed by anyone who is a resident of these islands nor, in fact, by anyone who has ever visited these islands," she said.

McMurphy said the NDP would put a tax on high income earners, a business tax on large profitable corporations, and balance the budget over the business cycle.

Reform candidate Don Hutchings started his speech by criticizing his election opponents. "I want to thank all the rest of the candidates up here because if they could do the job that is really necessary in the province there would be no need for a person like me to be running for the Reform Party."

He said he does not think people trust politicians and is in favour of fixed election dates every four years, free votes in the house and citizens' initiative to vote on where money "should go."

"I'm here tonight because I represent a party that was founded on the principles of reform and they didn't just become handy election platforms at the last minute," he said.

Eighty percent of B.C. was against Meech Lake yet it still went through the Legislative Assembly, he said when talking of the need for referendums.

B.C. has not had responsible,

responsive government for the last five years and needs a third party in the House, said Liberal candidate Clive Tanner. "Until we get a third party in the Legislature you will not know what responsible government is," he told the audience.

Meech Lake, pay increases, and severance pay for MLAs could not have been "cooked up" in secret with a third party in the legislature, Tanner said.

The Liberal Party has new ideas, said Tanner, including an ex-chequer system, which would concentrate government spending into one authority instead of a number of departments.

Tanner supports a fixed-budget day, free votes in the legislature, an environmental review agency and assurance fund, and a rent-to-own housing policy. "We have something to offer besides a third party in the house," he said.

The Liberals have a leader who the other two parties are nervous to face in a leadership debate, he said.

Family Coalition candidate Thomas Aussenegg focused his speech on the abortion issue, saying no other party is particularly interested in defending human life.

He urged people to think about abortion and said abortion is destroying our civilization. "People who happen to be in our way can be put to death," he said. "Nobody has the right to choose what is wrong."



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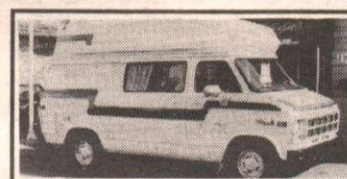
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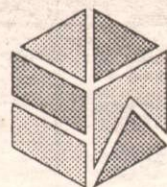
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Advance polls open today

Advance polls open today and if early voting was any indication, there could be a heavy turnout.

Saanich North and the Islands voters turned in large numbers for early voting Saturday, October 5.

A total of 93 people cast ballots, returning officer Joan Beattie said Monday.

After checking with other constituencies and the chief electoral officer, Beattie said the average turnout

in other ridings was 30 to 40 voters. All votes were cast at the returning office in each electoral district.

"There are a lot of retired people heading south," she said.

Advance polls will be open from Wednesday, October 9 and run until Saturday, October 12. On Salt Spring, advance polling will take place at Ganges United Church between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. each day.

Voters from other Gulf Islands

can also vote in Sidney at Sanscha Hall the same days and times.

Beattie also confirmed names of candidates filing nomination papers by the October 4 deadline. They were Richard Holmes of the Social Credit Party, Elsie McMurphy of the NDP, Clive Tanner of the Liberals, Thomas Aussenegg of the Family Coalition Party, and Don Hutchings of the Reform Party of B.C.

ALL CANDIDATES

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Don Hutchings of the Reform Party said consideration for jobs meant "we can't just shut down industry because they are creating pollution." However, he added, "there shouldn't be special deals for anybody."

Social Credit candidate Richard Holmes defended his party's record on education policies and funding when asked by Gulf Island Teachers' Association president Jack Braak if his party would repeal Bill 82.

Holmes said the government "should have introduced this sort of bill over time" or given a one year grace period before implementation but that "the bill is in itself a good bill and I would leave it in place."

Hutchings also commented on Bill 82, saying he felt it "was a necessary piece of legislation because we have to control public spending" and adding that "the way it was implemented was wrong." He later said he was in favour of province-wide testing because "I honestly feel (it) is the only way to see students are getting the same degree of education."

In response to other questions about education funding, Tanner said the Liberals "considered education funding to be one of our highest planks" and "we think the government has been entirely irresponsible in their attitude to funding in the last five years."

McMurphy said "one of the things any government has to do is deal with the real costs of education."

Regarding the government's decision to delay implementation of the Year 2000 program and establish an education reform committee, she said "I don't think we need another commission on education, we need to implement the Year 2000 program."

Tanner said he felt "a good commission's findings have been terribly misused."

When asked by school trustee David Eyles if they thought school boards should be treated differently based on special needs like those faced in the Gulf Islands, all candidates agreed they should.

Islander Doug McKenna said he felt Social Credit and Bill Vander Zalm had never been honest with the

public. "Are the rest of you going to be honest with the public?" he asked.

Aussenegg said "I have tried as much as I can to be honest with the public in this campaign and will try to continue to do that."

McMurphy said: "it comes to a basic understanding of what is right and wrong. The question becomes not that you don't do something because you might be caught, you don't do it because it is wrong to do it."

Tanner focused on Holmes in making his point about honesty. He said it was ridiculous for Holmes and other new candidates to distance themselves from the Social Credit Party.

"They have only one credo and that is to stop the socialist hordes," he said.

Holmes retorted that "my credo, Mr. Tanner is free enterprise and balanced budgets."

"His credo, Mr. chairman, is private enterprise. Mine is free enterprise," answered Tanner.

Holmes told McKenna in conclusion, "I am asking you to vote for Richard Holmes. I am not asking you to vote for Bill Vander Zalm."

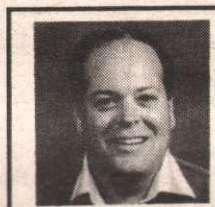
When asked about managing the public debt, candidate Hutchings told the audience: "I haven't made one promise that will cost you anything at all so you would elect me." Reform Party representation would work to change the system, he said. "The system is the reason we are in the position we are right now. It is the system that has put us in debt."

Aussenegg said "the only promise I am going to make is to put a stop to funding abortions and that will save you money."

Holmes said he would introduce a bill in the house "making sure we balance our budgets over three years and ultimately over a one-year period."

McMurphy said "what we are proposing is to balance the budget over the business cycle, over a five-year period." She said NDP proposals would cost about \$1.5 billion more than what is being spent now and would be financed by a tax on high income earners and large corporations and by a reduction of "the kind of waste we have seen in the past."

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NEWSBEAT

Minors in pub

Two girls, aged 17 and 18, were charged under the liquor act for being minors in a liquor establishment and fined \$100 each.

The two were arrested at the Harbour House pub September 22, one at 12:05 a.m. and the other at 12:50 a.m. One girl was from Ganges and the other from Victoria.

Assault

Four men assaulted a Harbour

House employee at the rear of the hotel October 5 at 2 a.m.

The employee, a 24-year-old Ganges man, received a swollen lip and broken teeth during the assault. No charges have been laid and the case is still under investigation.

GANGES RCMP File

Accident

A motor vehicle accident at Upper Ganges Road and Leisure Lane resulted in \$1,000 damage to one of the cars involved and a driver being charged with failing to yield after a

stop.

Ganges RCMP said they charged a 68-year-old Ganges man who had stopped at a stop sign. He then pulled out and struck a car driven by a 43-year-old Ganges woman as she was driving by. No damage to the man's

car was reported.

Impaired Driving

A charge of impaired driving was levelled at a 21-year-old Ganges man after he had been observed driving erratically at 12:28 a.m. October 5.

The man failed to pass roadside sobriety tests after being pulled over on Fulford-Ganges Road near Ganges. Two breathalyzer readings were taken and he was found to have a blood-alcohol content over the legal limit.

Fernwood residents funding water line expansion study

Fernwood Water Extension Society members voted recently to raise \$5,000 to help fund a feasibility study evaluating extending Fernwood water line.

Area residents learned from society chairman Gerry Holman that the Capital Regional District's engineering department estimated a \$15,000 price tag for the study. After

Holman made a presentation to the CRD environment committee earlier this year, it approved a \$5,000 CRD contribution towards total study cost and another \$5,000 will be coming from the island's grants-in-aid budget, he said.

The proposed expansion would increase the current service area farther along North Beach Road around

to Mariko Place off North End Road.

Society member Joyce Holman said one concern raised at the meeting included a need for adequate fire protection to area residents. As well there was worry a new development on North Beach hill could result in septic fields contaminating existing wells.

Gerry Holman told *Driftwood* that poor quality and quantity of water in Fernwood and North Beach Road area wells was a major concern that needed addressing through extension of the water line.

In voting to raise \$5,000 for the study themselves, residents decided to give \$100 or more per household and to hold a giant garage sale at the Last Resort on October 26 to bridge any shortfall.

Interested parties are asked to contact Ling Weston (537-5784) or Leon Aptekmann (537-5669) for information on how to contribute to the garage sale.

Weldwood wants study

A study of its properties on Trust islands has been commissioned by Weldwood Canada Ltd.

Trustees from Salt Spring, Gabriola and Denman met informally during Trust Council business last weekend to compare notes about their individual meetings with consultants.

A representative of Vancouver-based consultants Strong Western Advisors confirmed they have been retained to determine the highest and best use of Weldwood holdings.

"All we are doing is gathering information," Herb Auerbach told *Driftwood* Monday. "I don't want to create any unnecessary waves. All people who have property re-visit it from time to time."

Trustee Bob Andrew said Auerbach met with him and John Stepaniuk on August 19 to find out how the lands were zoned and designated in the Community Plan and what trustees saw as the best use of Weldwood lands.

Weldwood owns 800 acres in the Mount Sullivan-Mount Bruce area of Salt Spring.

Andrew said all of the land is zoned uplands and forest so managed forestry was therefore considered its intended use. An island attitude "directed towards a preserve and protect mandate" was also pointed out, he said.

Two thousand acres on Denman and 3,200 acres on Gabriola Island owned by Weldwood "in a variety of zones and with much more potential for development" are more a topic of Trust concern, he said.

The consultant told Salt Spring trustees they "did not have preconceived notions of what the highest and best use of those lands might be," said Andrew, and that it could range from recreational grounds to housing subdivisions with logging as an option.

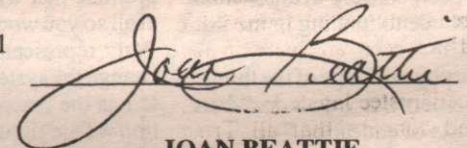
Andrew said they were told they would be kept informed of developments. "The Trust has decided to wait and find out what their intentions are."

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Notice is Hereby given to the citizens of the Saanich North and the Islands Electoral District that certain persons have been appointed, each to act as an Official Agent for the duly nominated Candidate appointing them, at the Provincial Election now pending. The names of the Candidates and their respective Official Agents are as follows:

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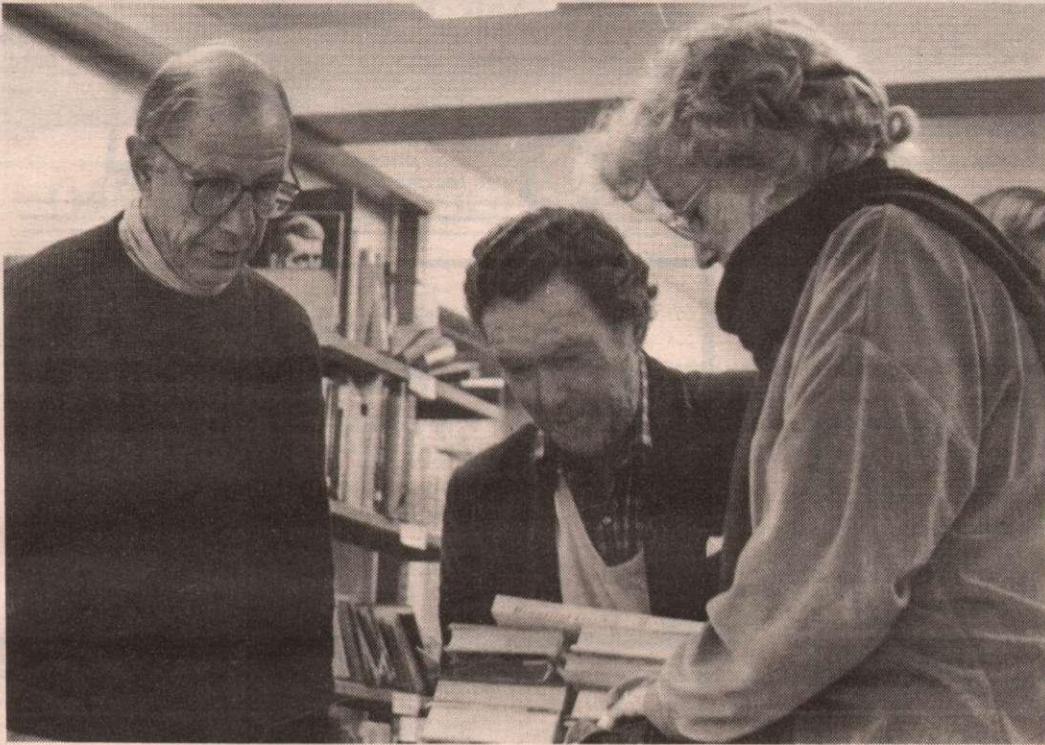
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NEWSBEAT



STOCKING UP FOR WINTER: Bibliophiles like Tim and Penny Boyne (centre and right) were in heaven at Mary Hawkins Library's Whale of a Sale held Saturday. Library volunteer James Barber supervised the tallying of purchase prices designed to empty library shelves and fill its coffers.

Trust in funding quandary

Determining if Trust funds should be spent on providing local government services or to fulfill its mandate was one aspect of a lengthy budget discussion held last week.

At the Trust Council meeting in Victoria, trustees were asked to give direction to council's budget and planning committee as it prepares to work on the 1992-93 budget.

Policy and procedure development and money were inseparable explained vice-chairman Diane Cragg, adding new Trust policies and procedures could not be approved if they had not been allocated in the budget.

Lasqueti trustee Janice McMillan expressed concern that all Trust funds would be spent to service the demands of developers rather than carrying out the Trust's preserve and protect mandate. She suggested putting a limit on funds used to facilitate land development "so we don't get caught up all the time with Joe Blow and his subdivision."

Saturna trustee John Money said council should remember that people expect the Trust to provide local government services. "The public is paying the taxes with the perceived notion they are getting a local government," he said.

John Dunfield from Thetis said "we are a form of local government as well being an environmental protection agency."

Trust vice-chairman Graeme Dinsdale stressed that without an increase in funding there would be no money for expansion of Trust activities.

"If we maintain the budget, we would have no money to do anything other than what we are doing now," he said. One reason for looking at next year's budget is "so we can better serve the entire Trust area by infusing funding into areas where we don't have it now."

A Trust staff report presented to trustees said major program elimination to save funds for new activities did not appear possible.

Trustees were also asked to consider the "special local levy" option allowed for by the Islands Trust Act but not used to date. Specific projects "of particular interest and importance to a local trust committee" could be financed by a one-time tax levy. Cragg added that the Trust Fund program needed significant extra funding to be effective. Dinsdale said a large budget for legal costs was



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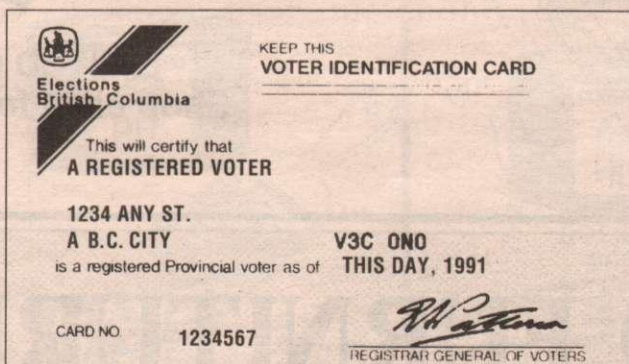
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Quiet hearing

At Trust Council in Victoria last weekend, Galiano trustee and Trust vice-chairman Diane Cragg reported on an idyllic public hearing held outside a barn on Paisley Island, near Gambier in Howe Sound.

Cragg said no objections to a conservation area designation were made by the 20 people, two babies and five dogs in attendance at the hearing. A majority of island residents were represented.

One spokesman instead simply thanked the Islands Trust and staff for their assistance.

Road standards

South Pender trustee John Henshaw reported that progress was being made in discussions with the transportation and highways ministry on how wide Trust island roads should be.

Henshaw said "we are actually getting down to a point of 22 feet" width for a main road leading to ferry terminals. A road study undertaken by Denman Island trustee Rolf Ludvigsen indicated the widest Trust island road is at 21 feet on Salt Spring.

Widths and standards of highways ministry roads in the rest of the province are generally wider and higher than those deemed necessary

by the Trust to maintain rural character on Trust islands.

Henshaw said he hoped the issue would be resolved by December.

Water quality

Trust Council commended the provincial environment ministry for initiating groundwater surveys while expressing disappointment tools for water resource protection were still a long way off.

Council also voted to have Trust staff meet with environment ministry officials to discuss water quality criteria and to ask the health department to enforce existing drinking water quality standards.



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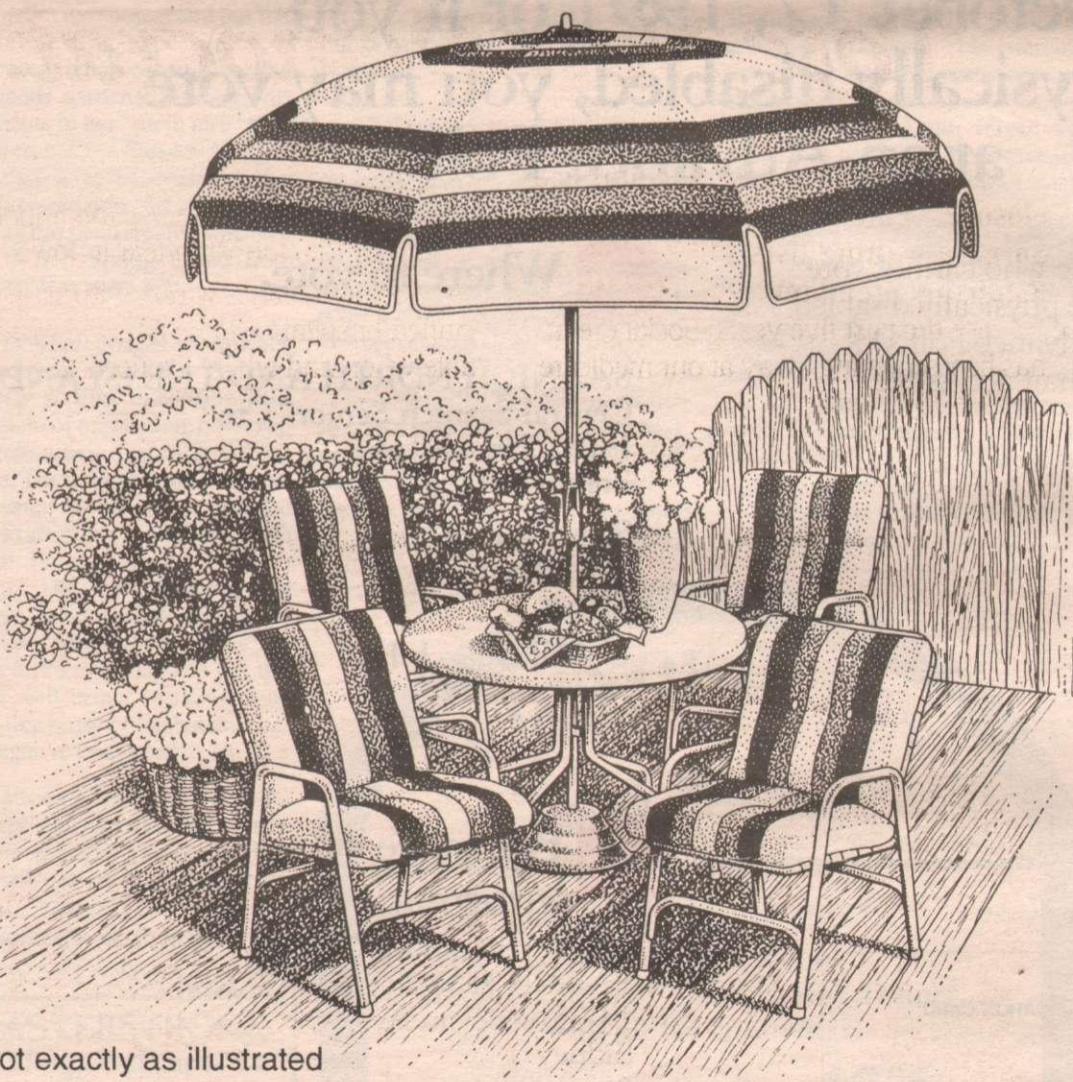
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SHOWING THE WAY: Hospital employee Terry Simard displays a United Way sign beside a pumpkin being used as part of the employee's bid to raise \$3,000 for the cause. Donors guess how many seeds are in the pumpkin and the person who guesses closest wins.

Pumpkin seed guess boosts United Way fund-raising totals

Salt Spring businesses and services are using unique methods to raise money for the 1991 United Way.

Lady Minto Hospital employees are using a two-pronged campaign in an effort to raise \$3,000 for the United Way over a two-week period.

"After the first day (October 3) we're pushing \$900," said Paul Sadler, co-chairman of the hospital's fundraising efforts. "I think we are going to make our goal."

Employees have the option of using a payroll deduction to donate or donating by cheque or cash.

All employees who donate have their name thrown into a pot and a chance at one of five prizes "from a day off with pay to a delicious cake made by one of our kitchen ladies."

Sadler said the payroll deduction is a painless way of donating. For example, if someone wishes to donate \$80 to the United Way that is only \$3.25 off each pay cheque. "It also gives you a tax deduction at the end of the year."

Hospital employees are also challenging Greenwoods Extended Care Facility employees to have the highest percentage of employees donate to the cause.

"We are thinking involvement is more important than the money in the end," he said, adding it is the first year of the challenge.

A pumpkin donated by the Ganges Village Market is another focal point for fundraising at the hospital. Employees put down a donation and then guess how many seeds the pumpkin holds.

At the end of the two-week fundraising period, residents of the

extended care unit count the seeds and the person who guesses closest wins a prize.

"The money raised will be shown on the community thermometer downtown. We're all pretty excited and feel the hospital is part of a greater community team," said Sadler.

Local realtors are also being canvassed and challenged from within. NRS Salt Spring Realty sales administrator Gail Beattie said she is going to island realty offices and talking to groups of realtors.

"We're challenging each and every realtor to make a contribution without setting a dollar goal," she said.

Realtors are often targeted for fundraising efforts. "People start feeling overcaused. There are so many campaigns but only so much money available," she said.

However, the response to her efforts has been good. "I'm very encouraged."

Beattie said she was asked to head the realtor's campaign by Salt Spring Island campaign chairman Brian Taylor. "He targeted me as someone he knew well in the realty community and I was pleased to accept the challenge," she said. "I believe in the United Way."

She is after "as much money as we can get. What I'm really trying to achieve is have every realtor contribute and there are over 60 on the island."

Some companies, such as B.C. Ferries Corporation, are using a straight payroll deduction to raise money for the campaign.

No comments on policy

Islands Trust Council members discussed policy at their recent meeting in Victoria.

Policy statement committee chairman Harvey Janszen reported the results of a March council retreat held to reach consensus on the Trust's mandate had been compiled by researcher Sharon Donnelly.

Janszen said since he had received no comments about the draft from trustees, "I assume everyone loves this."

Policy and research manager Cynthia Hawksworth noted development of the policy statement was "way behind schedule." She said more staff time could be spent on it after she was relieved of acting general manager duties when executive director Gordon McIntosh takes up his post November 1.

Joan Best, speaking on behalf of the Trust's tourism committee, also suggested that tourism-related advertising be encouraged "to make people aware of the special nature of Trust islands."

Trustees agreed to focus on tourism issues at the next council meeting in December.



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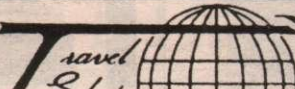
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Saturday market contract could eliminate bylaws

A proposed contract between the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) and the Saturday Market Vendors' Association could replace bylaw amendments.

The contract would give vendors autonomy and prevent the need to go through the complicated process of amending bylaws, PRC member Bill Curtin said last week.

He added the right-to-occupy agreement means the market can be managed on-island although the Capital Regional District has to enter into and approve the rules and regulations contained in the agreement.

With the agreement "we don't get Victoria and all the other people on the other islands passing judgement on us," he said. "We get to make our own rules and manage things internally."

If the bylaws were to be amended, the CRD would be involved, and there would have to be public hearings and advertising of the bylaws. "It's a very complicated, time-consuming, expensive process," said Curtin, who is also the chairman of the Centennial Park Farmers' Market Joint Committee.

"The anticipated changes to the bylaws will be incorporated into the contract."

Proposed amendments have resulted from discussions held by the

joint committee involving representation from the PRC, market vendors association and Ganges merchants on such topics as market operating hours, permits, and parking, Curtin explained.

An agreement would provide the market vendors with the ability to "self-police" the market, Curtin said. "It makes them feel as if they are more in control of their own destiny and ruling their own roost, and that's good."

Market Vendors' Association president Wendy Beatty told *Driftwood* the market vendors are not yet past the stage of entertaining the right-to-occupy agreement.

She said the association needs to ratify a constitution and become a society before entering into an agreement. "We could enter discussions before that but nothing will be finalized before we become a society."

The association is currently working on their constitution, she said.

As she understands the agreement the PRC will be the landlords and the market vendors will administer the market. She agreed it will be easier to administer with authority on-island.

"Who better to administer it than someone at home? The bylaws were

difficult to get in place and enforced. This will be a much more efficient way."

If the market vendors violate the agreement then it can be terminated, said Curtin.

He added the agreement would be similar to the ones entered into by the PRC with the Tom Shelby Pool Society and Arts Centre.

Chamber of Commerce manager Neville Atkinson, who also sits in on joint committee meetings, said he could not give an opinion on the contract idea because he has not seen the proposal.

"Until I see something there is not much I can say."

Crofton mill shuts down for eight days

Crofton Mill will be shut down for eight days beginning October 13.

Continuing hard times in the international newsprint market have forced Fletcher Challenge Canada to shut down its three newsprint machines, Crofton vice-president Bill Clarke said Friday.

Including the October downtime, Crofton's paper machines have been closed down eight times this year for a total of 54 operating days.

However the company's newsprint marketing group has been working to obtain additional orders to avoid more paper machine shut-downs later this fall.

The continuing high U.S. exchange value of the Canadian dollar and low U.S. sales have contributed to a critical market period, Clarke said.

He said demand for newsprint is still down, customers are reducing inventories, and the company has been unable to expand its newsprint markets to a level which would avoid the October down time.

"On the positive side, we are looking at specialized newsprint and considering other paper options in an effort to increase our sales, and we hope these marketing efforts will bear fruit. If we can pick up spot business we won't hesitate to modify our shutdown plans," Clarke said.



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NEWSBEAT

Staffing shortages result in recycling box removal

Fulford residents will have to live without their recycling drop box for awhile, recycling coordinator Rick Laing announced last week.

Removing that box until the new system runs more smoothly seemed like the most practical way to deal with the immense amount of work faced by three "supposedly part-time" recycling depot staff, he explained.

Recycled goods can still be brought directly to the Rainbow Road depot or to the drop box in the Ganges Village Market parking lot.

Much extra staff work could be eliminated if people were recycling properly, said Laing. If goods are not separated, staff must take time to put them into correct categories.

"Try to understand that if it is all in one box it has to be sorted and this takes time," he said.

One way to get a first hand look at the Ganges recycling operation is to come to the depot's open house this Saturday, October 12.

Laing hopes to give out CRD blue boxes, offer children a ride in the forklift and educate islanders on recycling.

If non-recyclable items like miscellaneous bits of plastic, dirty containers or tin can labels are brought in, they must be plucked from piles and bundled for a trip to the dump.

Laing said some people unfortunately take a lot of time saving items that will not be recycled. "I just end up taking it to the dump for them," he said.

Paper products seem most susceptible to "contamination," noted Laing. "People are mixing office paper and newspaper," he said, "and together it is garbage."

One reason for encouraging people to use the Rainbow Road depot is so they can see where everything ends up and ask questions if needed, he said.

Laing also reminded people to read instructional signs on the side of all drop boxes.

"People have to be far more careful. They have to read the signs."

When recycling rules are followed more closely by islanders and some expected new equipment arrives, the system should take less time, said Laing.

"We need a couple of months to

get the kinks out."

Laing acknowledged that while the previous CRD recycle contract holder, Laidlaw Waste Systems Ltd., was able to service the Fulford drop box, that company's contract was for transporting the boxes only. Laidlaw did not have to process the goods, and its contract was for the same amount

of money granted by the CRD to the Salt Spring Recycling Society which runs the new system, he said.

Volunteers with carpentry or handyman skills are needed by the depot. Anyone willing to assist or those with recycling questions should call Laing at 537-1200.



DUNK SHOT: Stewart Webb practices proper recycling by dropping a plastic jug in the right box at the Rainbow Road recycling depot. Others can get the hang of the new system and see the latest facilities at a depot open house this Saturday.

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"A house burning is the worst one. When a call of a house fully engulfed

comes in the adrenaline just flies. Pumping. There is fear in all aspects of firefighting but your adrenaline is usually so high."

However, when a firefighter gets to the fire scene he does whatever the officer tells him to do. "If you are one of the first there you get your mask on because you need it to go into the house."

The mask is always necessary during a house fire because "you never know if it is chemicals or plastic burning."

Forsyth, a Salt Spring Island plumber, has had two stints as a volunteer firefighter totalling three

years in service. He quit the first time after one year because work commitments prevented him from attending practices, which are essential to attend for his own safety and the safety of his fellow firefighters.

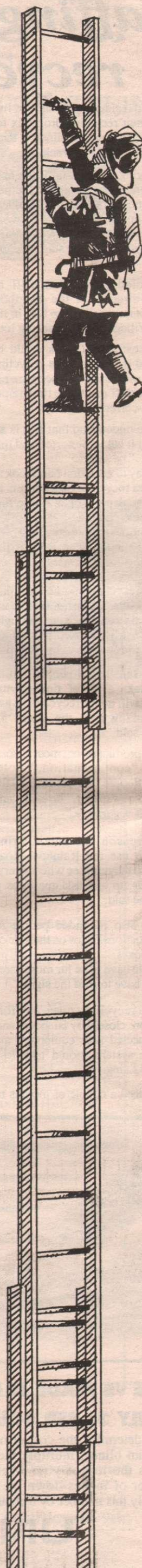
Volunteer firefighters have practices two hours a night once a week, explained fire chief Les Wagg. Training includes learning how to drive a fire truck, putting out practice fires, taking hoses off the truck, and the theory of fire fighting.

Forsyth returned to volunteer firefighting because work was no longer in the way. "It's a commitment 24 hours a day.

"Sometimes it goes crazy. A call every second day. Other times it is really slow which is kind of nice because nothing is burning," he said.

Forsyth enjoys firefighting and he also likes the community public relations part of the job. Wagg said the firefighters raise money for multiple sclerosis, Hallowe'en fireworks and help with traffic control on Remembrance Day.

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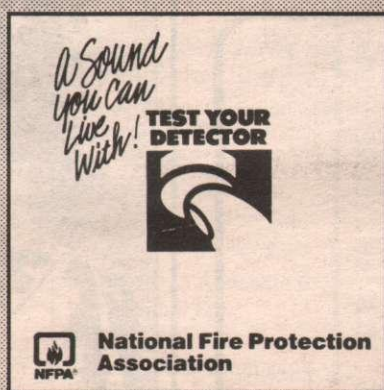
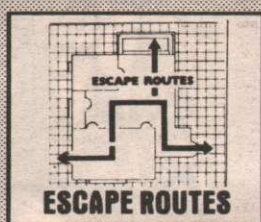
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