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this week

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Remember that the RCMP are conducting roadblocks on Salt Spring this holiday season. Make sure you buckle up and don't drink and drive.

-weather-

HIGHS: 8 C (normal 6) LOWS: 3 C (normal 1)

PRECIPITATION: Chance of precipitation Monday 80%, Tuesday 90%, and Wednesday 90%.

OUTLOOK: Periods of rain for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

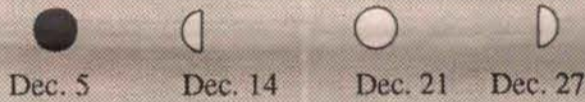


-of note-

DEC. 23: Only 2 shopping days left till Christmas!

DEC. 25: Christmas Day

LUNAR CYCLE: for December 1991



-lottery numbers-

Unfortunately, *Driftwood* had to go to press before this week's lottery numbers were available. Next week we'll print this week's numbers. And in the New Year we will return to giving you the latest up-to-date bad news in this space every week.

NEWSBEAT

Residents question Booth proposal

Island citizens presented their concerns to Eric Booth regarding his transfer station proposal last Tuesday morning. And Tuesday afternoon Salt Spring Island Trust Committee (SSITC) issued a temporary use permit to Booth for the station.

Residents asked Booth about many aspects of the operation, including everything from leachate to the transfer station's feasibility if recycling catches on.

In a standing-room-only Grace Point Square conference room, resident George Puharich said there is always runoff from container boxes and he wanted to know where transfer station drains would lead.

Booth said water from hosing down the warehouse floors and garbage will be contained in the warehouse, go into bins and may be trucked to Hartland Landfill.

"Our intention is to make a closed system. It is not in our plans to let runoff go through the solid waste."

Financing for the project was questioned, but Islands Trust planner Tony Quin, who was moderator at the meeting, said Booth did not have to divulge that information.

However, Booth said the station
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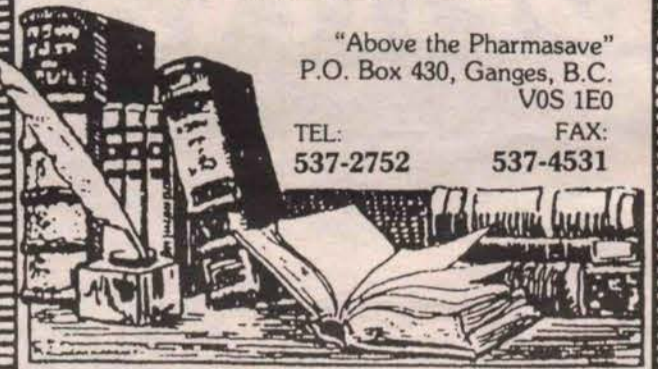
For the RECORD

Santa's ship *Discovery* was escorted by members of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club December 14 and not the "Royal Ganges Yacht Club" as *Driftwood* noted last week.

The yacht club information was incorrectly given to *Driftwood* in a Bellingham Jaycees' news release.

SSI Sailing Club representative Richard Larson said the club plans to organize "the best" aquatic parade in local seas for next year's Christmas Ship visit.

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GREAT DAY FOR MUSIC: Bright sunshine greeted these and several other members of the Salt Spring Elementary and Gulf Islands Secondary School bands Thursday morning as both musical groups staged a Christmas concert outside the Mobile Market. *Driftwood photo by Ian Noble*

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TRANSFER STATION

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However, Booth said the station would be privately funded, run on user fees, and if his company receives "near half of the solid waste generated on the island our estimates are it is feasible to do it."

The temporary use permit requires an irrevocable letter of credit be provided to the Trust from the operator before each project phase in case the project fails or rezoning is not "in place within a specified period of time," said Quin.

"It's added insurance that if this project fails and he fails to clean it up we will be able to go in there and clean it up," he told *Driftwood*. "It is a form of security."

The letter of credit will also allow the Trust to remove anything not consistent with present zoning, he said.

Salmon enhancement official Kathy Reimer said there are health risks associated with sorting garbage, which will be done as part of the transfer station's resource recovery program.

"The stuff in people's garbage bins is repulsive, disease-ridden stuff. You can't give (recycling coordinator) Rick Laing those tins out of the garbage. You will have to wash that stuff off. You'll be separating them from filthy Pampers."

She said she would be doing water tests in a Ganges creek to determine if runoff from the transfer station is occurring.

Booth was asked about noise that would emanate from the plant. He said the plant would probably operate 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week. "I

don't see much in the way of operational noise more than eight hours a day."

Increased traffic because of the plant's operation would adversely affect nearby schools and children playing, said some. Booth said that when there is an alternate route to Ganges "in all likelihood this will become one of the busiest intersections (Rainbow and Atkins roads) on the island. If the alternate route goes through here there will be a minimum amount of impact."

He said there would be "no more impact than what would happen on this property under current zoning over the next 15, 20 years."

Residents questioned the feasibility of running a transfer and resource recovery station when the Capital Regional District is trying to reduce the waste stream by 50 per cent by 1995.

"The more recycled materials going to the (recycling) depot the less you have to pay at the transfer station. It's a big incentive to recycle. You either recycle or you pay," said Rain-

bow Road resident Jeff Outerbridge.

As much as people like to say they are recycling, about 10 tonnes of solid waste a day is created on Salt Spring, said Booth. "Everywhere you go waste is on the increase."

He said the transfer station would try to work with the recycling depot which "may reduce work in getting recyclables to market."

Some were concerned that the transfer station would be a monopoly. Booth said other residents could apply to have their property rezoned to have a transfer station facility. However, the question to ask is "is it an acceptable use for the site in question?" he said.

One audience member said the operation would emit smells "no matter what."

Booth told *Driftwood* that his investigations have shown that smell at transfer stations is not a major problem. "Places are functioning that do not have smell problems. The last thing we want to be is a smelly neighbour."

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Seasonal gifts: love, peace, strength to endure

Whew! Where did that year go? It seems such a short time ago we were preparing the annual Christmas issue of *Driftwood* and here we are again.

Christmas has been a time of anticipation and happiness, of gift giving and family gatherings, of greetings and good wishes.

It's taking more effort than usual to make this Christmas a merry one.

We have a year of paying GST behind us and we are feeling the difference in our disposal income, the same income we need to buy gifts and the makings of holiday festivities.

The economic shake up (or is that shake down?) created by increasing world competitiveness has arrived in Canada, accompanied by the free trade agreement. Employees of General Motors Canada face a difficult Christmas with the prospect of plant closings in the New Year.

Food banks are trying to help more and more people who are unable to survive on low incomes. A B.C. radio station collected a trailer full of \$100,000 worth of food for a lower mainland food bank and that will only last a very short while.

It's easy to find doom and gloom this Christmas but is it worse than any other? Just last December we were facing the prospect of war which turned out to be less than World War III as was predicted. It caused more than enough devastation and heartbreak on both sides in spite of its short duration.

We have to look for the cheery upbeat signs of the season.

One bright spot on Salt Spring has been the success of the United Way in achieving its goal for the first time in three years. It shows the continuing generosity of this community.

Another is the happy faces of youngsters during Light-up as they sat

on Santa's knee to tell him what they would like for Christmas. Very few had a long list; it seems they are happy to receive just one or two favourite items. And then there is the usual request for a baby brother or sister, much to a nearby mother's dismay.

Many of those same children were seen waiting patiently two weeks later for the arrival of the Santa ship. Although it took a long time, the children were soon happily seated on Santa's knee repeating their wishes.

Looking around the community, it is heartening to see so many residents and businesses decorated for Christmas. It makes for a cheery walk around the village or neighbourhood.

Churches have been filled with the special music of Christmas hymns, bringing smiles to the faces of parishioners who know all the words to the familiar songs. And local choirs and musicians take those same favourites songs into the streets and concert halls.

Holding a little baby who will have

her first Christmas this year gives a feeling of hope. For it's true that the magic of Christmas has an instant appeal to children but every one of us still has some child within.

Our Christmas gift to our readers would be that they find within themselves love and peace, and the strength to endure difficulties that may come along. And most importantly that they nourish hope for without it there can be no peace.

Merry Christmas everyone!



WE ASKED YOU: What kind of Christmas tree do you have - live, fake, or cut - and where did you get it from?

SALT SPRING SAYS:



Louise Wolfe-Milner

It's a cut one. I got it from the Scouts and Cubs and it is an ordinary Douglas Fir.



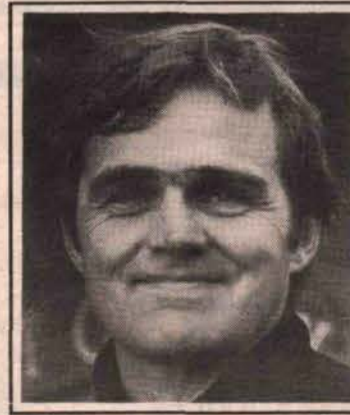
Bob Hutton

We don't have one. We put a few decorations up, but no Christmas tree. We're going over to the lower mainland. We usually have an artificial one.



Daisy Welsh

We don't have a Christmas tree. I don't celebrate Christmas.



Charles Wilton

Don't have one. I'm waiting till Christmas Eve. I'm going to get the one that is left over that nobody wants - the Charlie Brown one.



Karen Wolfe-Milner

It's a cut one but it is a real tree. It is a balsam. We bought it from the boy scouts at GVM.



Driftwood

LETTERS SECTION

Similar standard?

To the Editor,
I must say I don't really care whether the ministry of transportation and highways decrees a mowed road margin of 20 feet. It will be grown in at one end of the island before they finish at the other. However, I am intrigued by their desire to set and maintain standards and wonder if there is any similar standard for the maintenance of road surfaces.

In the last six months I've walked over most of the roads in south and central Salt Spring and have been struck by the general effort to keep most roads useable. I would, therefore, suspect that some sort of maintenance standard exists were it not for the deplorable state of my neighbourhood road — Hillcrest Drive.

Hillcrest was "steelcoated" five years ago and has remained untouched since. As a result its surface has deteriorated in many places to an arrangement of potholes resembling a giant nutmeg grater. Drivers coming uphill painfully steer from solid strip to solid strip and downhill drivers do the same. Inevitably, they must one day meet.

In fairness I must say it isn't quite accurate to say that Hillcrest has been untouched for five years. Actually, last summer someone did come by and liberally spray various parts with white marker lines. These did not really help and are now worn or washed away.

Well, perhaps next year. In the interval a good snowfall will at least fill the holes.

GORDON WRIGHT,
Fulford

Lip service

To the Editor,
I'm afraid islanders who pay more than lip service to "rural character" will wind up being very saddened in the future.

With the Blackburn golf course on the rise and John Stepaniuk giving

a passive okay to the Lee's hill possibility, it took provincial government action stemming in part from the protests of city folk, to save us from ourselves.

So much for blind faith in the Islands Trust.

TERRY GRAHAM,
Ganges

Pet obligations

To the Editor,
As Christmas approaches, your Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Branch reminds all of its members and friends of the obligations we all incur when we adopt, accept a pet or buy a pet.

For the lifetime of that pet, we must protect that animal's welfare, provide it with food and shelter, arrange for inoculations to prevent disease and be responsible enough to seek timely veterinary care.

In these difficult economic times, more people are finding it almost beyond them to provide care for their beloved pets and your local branch endeavours to help those of limited means with both advice and financial assistance.

The result of the recent appeal to the island has been very encouraging, and we are very grateful for those donors who have responded so willingly. For those of you who have not yet contributed please do seriously consider a donation to your local branch so that we can expand our educational program in the schools and help those in need.

A very happy Christmas to all your family,

DAVID B. WOOLDRIDGE,
President, S.S.I. Branch
B.C.S.P.C.A.

Enhance yews

An open letter to John R. Cuthbert, B.C. Chief Forester, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Dear Mr. Cuthbert,
Present forestry practices in coastal British Columbia could be easily adapted to preserve and enhance

populations of western yew trees (*Taxus brevifolia*), a potentially highly valuable resource for pharmaceutical and specialty wood uses.

Although very little is known about the ecology of western yew in British Columbia, an excellent description of the species is given by Bolsinger and Jaramillo in *Silvics of North America*, Volume 1 (1991). Of particular interest is the observation that western yew has the potential for growth release after overstorey removal.

Thus, rather than leaving yew trees to rot in clear cuts, a better alternative would be to leave them standing. This inexpensive practice could be a wise monetary and ecological investment. For example, small yew trees would have the opportunity to increase their growth rates substantially while large yew trees would serve as centres for seed and vegetative propagation, and could be harvested for their wood and taxol reserves as required. Furthermore, large yew trees in old-growth forests we are studying are between 300 and 400 years old, well beyond the limits of an 80 year forest rotation cycle.

Ideally, scientific investigations on the population dynamics and distribution of western yew in British Columbia should be initiated soon. However, we believe by leaving yew trees and saplings standing after harvesting old-growth forests we will be keeping our options open for the management of this important species.

ANDRE ARSENAULT,
GARY BRADFIELD,
Botany Department,
University of British Columbia

Ill-advised act

To the Editor,
The recent decision by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to grant a temporary use permit to Eric Booth to develop a garbage transfer station on Rainbow Road seemed to be a hasty, ill-advised and thoughtless act.

As near neighbours to the property we felt our concerns were completely ignored by the Trust committee. Although there was a public meeting before the vote, the outcome seemed predetermined.

Not only is the site too close to the village, there are several families living within a couple of hundred yards. In spite of Mr. Booth's assurances, this operation is bound to

produce stray litter and attract vermin, not to mention producing foul odours.

In light of Mr. Twa's proposals as stated in the December 18 issue of *Driftwood* one wonders what the rush was to create a garbage dump practically within Ganges.

SHIRLEY AND DONALD
BAKER,
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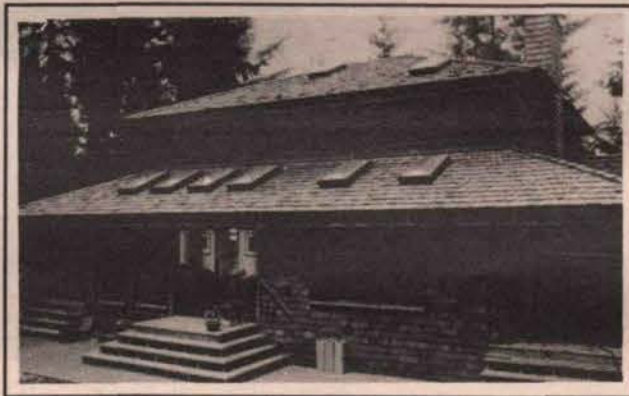
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Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — Dear Santa: I know you're pretty busy this time of year, but I wonder if you could give some consideration to my wish list.

Don't be put off by the large number of requests; none of them are really for myself. I've got everything I want, but it's come to my attention that a lot of people aren't that lucky. So, take a look at the list and see what you can do.

The other day, a man stopped me on the street and asked if I could spare some change. He looked like he didn't have much to look forward to this Christmas. Said he was from Nova Scotia, didn't have a job and was hungry.

I gave him a few dollars, but he needs more than that. Sorry, I don't know his name, but I'm sure you do. Perhaps you can do something for him I know you got influential friends in high places.

I'd also like to talk to you about soup kitchens. I really don't understand, Santa, why anyone in this rather affluent society should have to rely on soup kitchens to get a warm meal. Maybe you could think of a better way.

A better way

And speaking of a better way, how about taking a shot at confining the term food bank to the dictionary? When folks have to rely on the generosity of their fellow citizens to feed their kids or themselves, there's something wrong, isn't there, Santa?

I also would like you to make a special effort for a little Victoria boy who's been missing for too long. Michael Dunahee's parents keep hoping that their boy will come back to them, but dammit, they need help. How about it, Santa? I know you can do it.

The other day, a good friend of mine told me about a young woman who could no longer put up with the physical abuse she suffered at the hands of her husband. She took her child and left him, and a good thing too.

She's got a place to stay, but not one piece of furniture. I'll see what I can do, but again, that woman, and a lot of others like her, needs the kind of help that one person alone cannot give her.

I also understand that there are a lot of kids who come to school hungry and often have no lunch. Now, I don't know whether that is because their parents haven't got the money to feed them properly or spend it on other things.

Help the hungry kids

The fact remains that there are a lot of hungry kids out there. I know that's hard to believe, but it's true. Surely, you can find it in your heart to help these kids or at least twig the conscience of those who can help them. C'm on Santa, your reputation is at stake here.

Now, here's a really important one, Santa. You know that folks like to celebrate this time of year. There are the office parties, the Christmas visits to friends and relatives, the New Year bashes, and quite often, folks have a few drinks.

Nothing wrong with that, at least not if it's done in moderation, but the problem is that some folks insist on driving after they've had a few drinks. And that's bad. I know, I used to do it occasionally, but fortunately, I was caught before I did something I would have had to regret for the rest of my life.

You remember, Santa, how embarrassing it was for me to have my name splashed all over the local newspaper, don't you? I sure do. "Victoria journalist convicted of drunk driving"

Well, you also know that was the last time I ever did such a stupid and dangerous thing, and I wish you would somehow impress on folks to take a cab, or the bus, or have some designated non-drinking person drive them around. We could save lives doing that, Santa.

Mean streak developing

I've saved the biggest wish for last, though. I'm really worried about a mean streak folks have been developing over the past few years. You only have to scan the newspaper headlines or listen to the news to see what I mean.

It seems to me, Santa, that discrimination and bigotry are on the rise. Folks blame new immigrants for the unemployment rate, more and more Anglophones talk disparagingly about Francophones, and lack of understanding what our Native brothers and sisters want is poisoning a lot of our minds.

Now, I know you can't solve that problem in time for Christmas, but couldn't you at least try to get started on it?

It wouldn't really take all that much, would it? Folks are basically good, and if someone of your stature were to talk to them and explain that discrimination, bigotry and hatred aren't reconcilable with the spirit of Christmas, why, you might just work a miracle.

I said at the beginning that I am not asking anything for myself. Well, there's one little thing I would like you to do for me, Santa. If you feel it's necessary to get references on how I behaved this past year, would you consider not calling any politicians? I'd really appreciate that. Thanks, Santa for every-

Help available

To the Editor,
I am writing with reference to your article, "Maisy can get help," on page A22 of the November 27, 1991 edition of *Driftwood*.

Although "Maisy" is fictitious, her story is not an unusual one. It is sad that both women and men in Maisy's position (seniors experiencing grief, loneliness, isolation and despair) are not always aware of resources in their community. Had Maisy contacted the Salt Spring Island Community Society in her distress, one of the referrals they could have given her would be the NEED Crisis and Information Line. With assistance for the Community Association, NEED is able to offer its 24-hour crisis and information line free to residents of Salt Spring Island through a Zenith line. At any time of the day or night Maisy could have called the operator, asked for Zenith 2262, and received emotional support from a caring volunteer, as well as referrals to organizations in her own community.

TERRI EVANS, Office Manager, NEED Crisis and Information Line, Victoria

Common sense

To the Editor,
A look at the times we live in reveals the result of what has been called progress. We are being driven by growth. More is inevitable, jobs are a must. Aren't we all having a better time than when our parents and

grandparents (poor have-not souls) dedicated their lives so that their children would not have to suffer the apparent lack of goods and services. Have we finally got the smarts to acknowledge that all is not well with this picture?

Dale Turner, in a recent column in *The Seattle Times* under the heading "Disaffiliation" says this:

"Norman Cousins... asserted that one of the dominant moods of our society is the mood of disconnection.

"Men and women, harried, hurried, feeling the mounting pressures of life, frustrated by problems for which they have neither the time nor answers, seek relief by severing their connections with the larger world around them. They drop out and try to live in isolation (Salt Spring?) from other individuals, groups or institutions.

"In the lives of many, young or older, disaffiliation is the order of the day..."

"All who live busy lives can understand why some get fed up with too much organization. It's meetings, meetings everywhere and not an hour to think... We remember hearing of the grave marker.

Here lies Gregarious, the joiner, He clubbed himself to death.

"However, disconnected is not the answer. We are not meant to be alone. Individuals never find their highest fulfilment apart from relationships."

It is interesting to note the compulsion to be alone is reflected all around us. This urge manifests personally and it is also evident at a national and international level. At the moment we see Quebec pulling away from central government, republics of the Soviet Union pulling

away from central governments. However, one suspects they will be compelled by force of circumstance to acknowledge very shortly the need to work together. Their very survival will depend on it.

We are built and designed to work together. All our mechanisms break down when one chooses isolation, hence the dilemma called Canada, hurting, frustrated, pulling itself apart at each region, disaffiliation from the larger world.

Direction is needed to present to the emerging family of nations a defined emerging family of nations, a defined united Canada. This direction is in the hands of all those who reside within its borders. Let us heed the call to simplify, slow it down so that each of us may see the common sense that is available in any circumstance, in any moment.

GARY LUNDY, Ganges

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NEWSBEAT



EDIBLE SHOWHOME: Pemberton Holmes office manager Roland Campbell (left) and agent Carol Fowles give a tour of the delicious showhome won by Pat Jacques in last week's "match the baby picture to the realtor" prize draw.

Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

LETTERS

One-year delay

To the Editor,
Recently our CRD director announced a \$55,000 study into locating a new landfill site on Salt Spring Island. In her flyer she noted Blackburn Road landfill could be one of the area's being considered.

The present Blackburn site is scheduled to close at the end of this month.

It would seem reasonable for our CRD director through the CRD to ask B.C. Environment for a one-year extension to the Blackburn Road closing so the study could be complete, and if necessary an orderly approach and development of transfer facilities be in place.

Blackburn landfill has been used for 25 five years with no environmental damage. Surely a one-year closing delay will not compromise the environment.

An extension would avoid putting islanders through the costly exercise of short-term transfer to Hartland Road should an island landfill site be approved.

JOHN ELLACOTT,
Fulford Harbour

Decadent system

To the Editor,
My subscription to *Driftwood* ends at the end of 1991. I shall not be renewing. We left Salt Spring in '79 and since then our memory of the island has been kept alive by *Driftwood*. In that time the characters have changed but the quarrel continues. It is however the G.S.T. that has made my decision for me. I just can't afford to support a decadent political system. Thank you for years of reading.

HENRY ELDER,
Victoria

Awareness growing

To the Editor,
During the month of November, Tremco Tar came six or seven times to work on the roof of GISS. Sure the smell was bad and it made a lot of people sick but it was no big deal, right? After I started researching to find out about roofing tar I found how big a deal it actually is.

Roofing tar contains the highly toxic and dangerous chemicals xylene, toluene, and benzene. All of these are carcinogenic (cancer-caus-

ing) and are linked to often causing cumulative and irreversible nervous system damage. These chemicals pass easily into the bloodstream when inhaled and once they are in the body, they pass easily into the brain. Pretty scary, eh?

I talked to a lot of people after each exposure and nearly everyone complained of central nervous system dysfunctions such as fatigue, confusion, incoordination, memory dysfunction, depression as well as irritation of the nose, throat, and eyes, headaches, dizziness, nausea, and feelings of intoxication. As for myself, symptoms included a wildly irregular heartbeat, difficulty breathing, disorientation, and I became white as a sheet as well as experiencing many of the symptoms listed above.

Since the tarring, there have been many people including maintenance personnel, who complained of feel-

ing "fluey but not quite the flu." And still yet, a Workers' Compensation Board representative told me that all the symptoms people were having were "all in their heads."

All in their heads? Well, nothing could be further from the truth than that. I happen to know many people whose lives have been torn from them as a result of over-exposure to such toxic substances - including roofing tar itself. Why have people put up with being exposed to all the dangerous chemicals and substances all these years? Well, information about toxic substances is hard to get. I believe that this is because the corporations who control use of these substances feel that money is more important than people's lives.

As education and awareness is starting to grow, I hope people will take a stand for a healthier future.

CANDICE WALDE,
Grade 12 student, GISS

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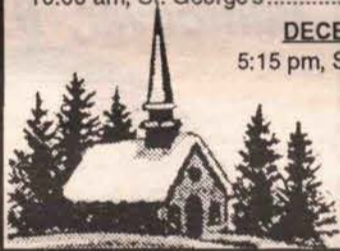
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NEWSBEAT

"Grave concerns" expressed over station approval

Despite having "grave concerns" about the process surrounding the Booth temporary use permit application, Islands Trustee John Stepaniuk voted with Bob Andrew last week to grant approval to the Rainbow Road transfer station.

"I am not going to be the one who is stopping it in here," said Stepaniuk at last Tuesday's Salt Spring Trust committee meeting "but I have grave concerns."

He said the Trust should not be doing land use planning using temporary use permits.

Stepaniuk later told *Driftwood* he did not like issuing a temporary use permit without a full public hearing of concerns.

He also wished technical and environmental impact studies could have been done before political approval was granted.

"I would be very concerned because there was no impact study done on a number of items."

However, he said he voted in favour of granting the permit because "I just wouldn't leave our community in the lurch. I certainly wouldn't want

to see garbage dumped at the side of the road."

Andrew gave several reasons for his approval of the temporary use permit at the meeting.

He acknowledged area residents' concerns about effects of run-off and safety factors but said few people he discussed the plan with were opposed to it.

Advisory Planning Commission members were heavily in favour of accepting the proposal, he said.

He also noted that facilitating "provision of public and private services which are essential to the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors" is a stated community plan goal.

He said he knew using the temporary use permit in this case was a concern for Stepaniuk. However, he said, "this is a perfect opportunity to observe the uses and derive policies around this."

Speaking before the vote was taken, Stepaniuk read aloud an excerpt from a memo written by Capital Regional District director Julia Atkins which was presented at a joint meeting of herself and the SSITC December 16.

That excerpt offered CRD assistance and information to the Trust to help it make land use planning and zoning decisions on waste management issues.

"As the Trust has not been involved in the discussions about the technical aspects of waste management, it is likely not familiar with the background or the complexities of any given issue. This may impede its ability or willingness to act quickly. The CRD will gladly assist in providing whatever information might assist the Trust in its deliberation of these issues."

Stepaniuk blasted the CRD,

saying that offer came too late, "after the horse has left the barn."

"I feel the CRD failed to provide direction, information and intelligent data that supports the kind of decisions that have to be made on the environment and all the impacts that affect our community."

Regarding the use of temporary permits, Stepaniuk asked, "Who are we bailing out? The CRD, who should have been doing this work in the first place?"

Salt Spring regional director Julia Atkins said Friday she could not comment on Stepaniuk's statements

because the Blackburn landfill issue is currently before the courts.

Andrew said he thought Stepaniuk misunderstood the intent of Atkins' memo.

He felt Stepaniuk had taken general comments regarding cooperation and assistance out of their original context — as presented at a meeting held the previous day — and applied them to the transfer station issue.

"I believe Stepaniuk was out of line and out of context with his rebuke," said Andrew, "which carries with it the long term consequences of threatening good relations and proper functioning of both agencies."

He added that Stepaniuk should "lighten up on his rebukes and attacks on specific issues."

Blackburn dump will close says environment ministry

Salt Spring resident Norman Twa's application to extend the January 1 cancellation date for the Blackburn landfill permit will be refused, provincial environment ministry official John Finney said Friday.

"The permit will be cancelled, period, as of January 1."

A court date to petition for the extension was postponed from December 23 to January 9, he said.

Finney said disposal of garbage at Blackburn landfill after January 1 will be illegal.

"There is a certain responsibility for the people of Salt Spring Island to do the proper thing with their gar-

bage," he said. Islanders should take their garbage to Hartland landfill by private means or by commercial hauler.

He also recommended islanders use the recycling depot and compost at home.

Capital Regional District (CRD) director Julia Atkins said islanders should be arranging with their hauler to have garbage taken to Hartland.

"I have every confidence the business community here will rise to the challenge and provide a service."

If islanders are having problems getting rid of their garbage non-local companies will come over and take the garbage, she said.

"The ministry did research just to make sure the capability is in the system and it is in the system."

She reminds islanders burning plastics are extremely toxic. Most plastics can be taken to the recycling depot.

Issue needs resolving

Salt Spring's new solid waste referendum task force chairman Colin Lawler said he wants to see the solid waste controversy resolved.

"It's been going on too long and it takes up too much space in the *Driftwood*."

The task force's purpose is to investigate the possibility of establishing a solid waste landfill on the island.

He said the task force will make recommendations on a site, costs to establish the landfill if possible, and how to run it before putting it to referendum.

One of the primary jobs of the task force is to find viable landfill sites on the island. He cannot divulge where those sites might be while the site selection process is on-going, he said.

To provide that information may affect the land values of sites being looked at and because a site may have

to be purchased "we wouldn't want the land value to go up."

Currently, the task force is in its initial stages, he said.

Other members of the task force are residents Ellen Bennett, Ken Tara, Judith Kozier, Kathy Reimer, Tom Hall, Allen McConnell, Don Harrison, and Liz Wood.

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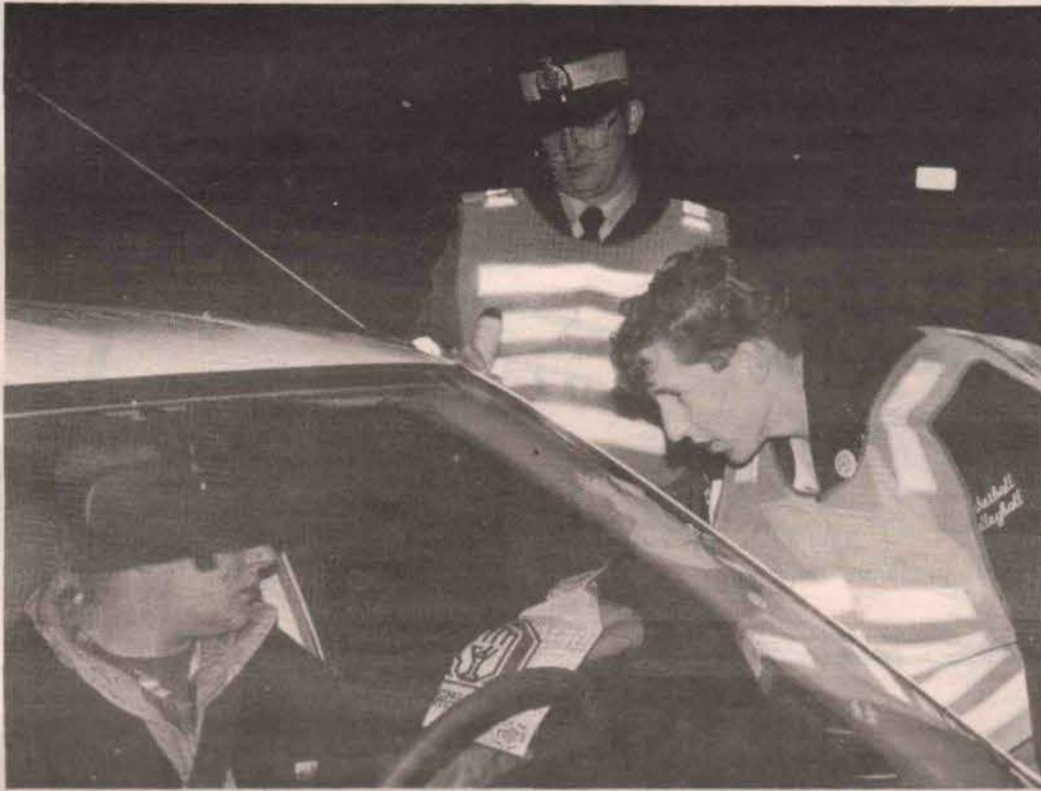
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Nine young teens admit to break-ins

Nine island boys have helped RCMP clear up 14 break and enter offences which occurred between September and December of 1991.

Unfortunately, those same boys — eight 13-year-olds and one 14-year-old — were responsible for the break-ins.

RCMP constable Chris Bomford said a school teacher noticed bicycle parts in one boy's locker, and the boy admitted breaking into a bicycle shop with another boy.

Those boys were interviewed by police and questioned about some house thefts. They admitted to some of them "and they told on someone and they told on someone," said Bomford.

"It sort of snowballed."

He said all the boys broke into at least two homes: Homes were located between Fulford Harbour and Central, and some were broken into more than once.

Jewellery, liquor, money, ice cream, a pellet gun, binoculars, and adult movies were items stolen.

The boys have not been charged yet and may not be charged but their parents were notified.

RCMP File

Missing person

An 83-year-old patient at Lady Minto Hospital went missing December 18 at 3 p.m. Search and Rescue was called and he was found the same night.

The missing man was a former resident at Brinkworthy mobile home park and was walking in that direction when he fell and could not get up. He was last seen by hospital employees at 3 p.m. and RCMP were summoned at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. Salt Spring Search and Rescue was called in to search for the man. He was found at 9:15, somewhat cold and disoriented but otherwise alright. He had been wearing a sweater, shirt, grey pants and runners.

Accident

A North End Road motor vehicle accident resulted in \$4,000 damage to the car and minor bruises to the 31-year-old driver.

The Ganges woman skidded off to the right on the icy roads December 16 at 11:12 a.m. Her car slid into a ditch.

Theft

O'Hara's Fresh Fish market near the Coast Guard dock was discovered broken into December 19 at 9 a.m.

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NEWSBEAT

Red light for Keppel subdivision proposal

Concern about increased traffic through the Cape Keppel Ecological Reserve last week caused Islands Trust members to turn down a subdivision proposed for that area of Salt Spring Island.

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff Writer

A development variance permit relaxing highway frontage requirements of island subdivision bylaws was required from the local Trust committee before the highways ministry would give approval to the developers' proposal. Trustees decided to not grant that permit.

Four owners of the 50 acre parcel of land proposed a water-access-only 10 lot subdivision. However, a 20-metre right of way called Mountain Road passing through the adjacent Cape Keppel Ecological Reserve was cited by trustees and some islanders as the more realistic access route for future subdivision residents.

Saanich resident Gary Cunningham presented his application on behalf of himself and three other partners. Answering questions from the public at an information meeting held before the SSITC meeting on December 17, he acknowledged peoples' concern about Mountain Road being used by future property owners.

"I am not going to come here and say the road is never going to be used. There is a road into the property and it will be used. However, Crown lands, parks, highways, Islands Trust and ecological reserve people all agree the impact to the area would be far greater if we pursued it to become a public road," said Cunningham.

He said he had agreed to register

existing hiking trails on the parcel, provide a tree covenant if required and a covenant to not upgrade Mountain Road for 20 years.

"We know this property is in a sensitive location and requires close contact with the Islands Trust and lands ministry as far as opening up of this area," he said.

Trustee John Stepaniuk suggested a decision on the matter be deferred until affected neighbours could meet with the developer and Trust representatives to discuss the access issue. "We might discover traffic is not going to be increased in any way," he said.

There are only a handful of major property owners in that area, he said, "and in my opinion if those people were able to get together and come up with some sort of comprehensive plan for that particular area on what is allowable, it would alleviate all of those fears that are before us."

"We are missing the boat," Stephaniuk continued. "We could come up with a good sensible plan for that area that would minimize the density and address the needs of the community and offer protection to both the ecological preserve and sensitivity of that shore."

Trustee Bob Andrew did not see how a delay would help the situation.

"The point of this application is to be able to subdivide the property so you would have 10 more properties which would more than double the number of property owners that are there. We cannot project what future property owners would like to do with their property, even if all of the present owners are agreed now."

SSITC chairman Diane Cragg agreed with Andrew and said "we zone land, we don't zone people."

Opposition to the application based on the road access issue was raised by several people at the morning information meeting. Adding to the alarm was the fact Mountain Road had recently been upgraded by property owners living beyond the ecological reserve, said Dennis O'Hara.

"There has been a definite upgrade," said O'Hara. "It is certainly going to entice more and more people out there."

Basil Franey lives on the same coastline as the Cunningham parcel. He said he once intended to build a dock off his property but discovered it was not feasible.

"It is totally impractical to consider water access for this project as a means of access," he said. "The regular means of access will be by Mountain Road. That's a fact."

The failed Cunningham proposal was the third attempt to subdivide the property since 1987.

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Islands Trust approves three dock applications

Salt Spring trustees gave their blessing last week to three dock applications referred to the Islands Trust by the lands and parks ministry.

Trust planner Tony Quin told John Stepaniuk, Bob Andrew and Diane Cragg at a December 17 meeting they could consider the applications using present zoning guidelines or those proposed in a draft shoreline study.

Present zoning on all three properties off Scott and Old Scott roads allows private wharves. Quin pointed out that future zoning could limit wharves to communal docking facilities when new shoreline zones are created.

Trustees voted to recommend approval of the three applications as private docks, one of which simply legalizes an existing facility.

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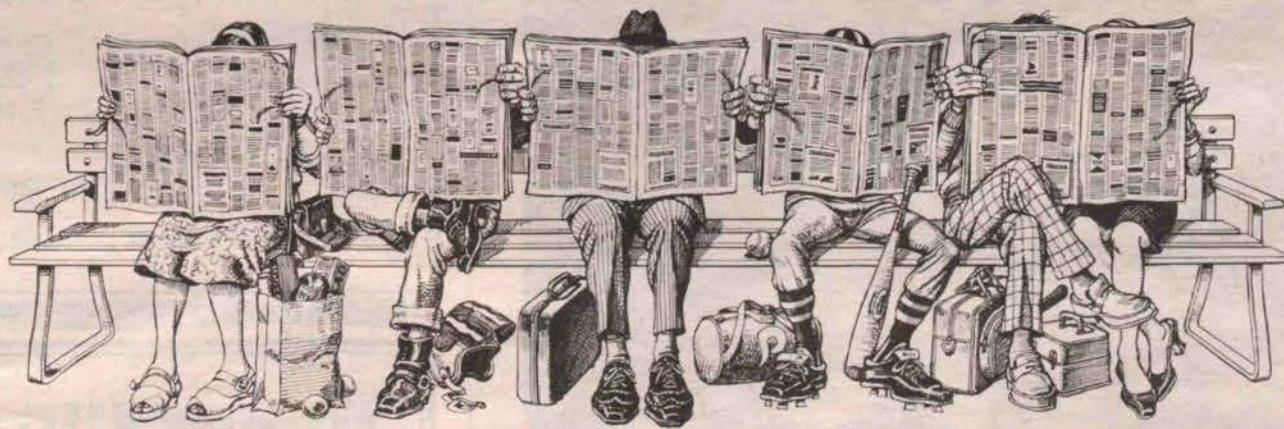
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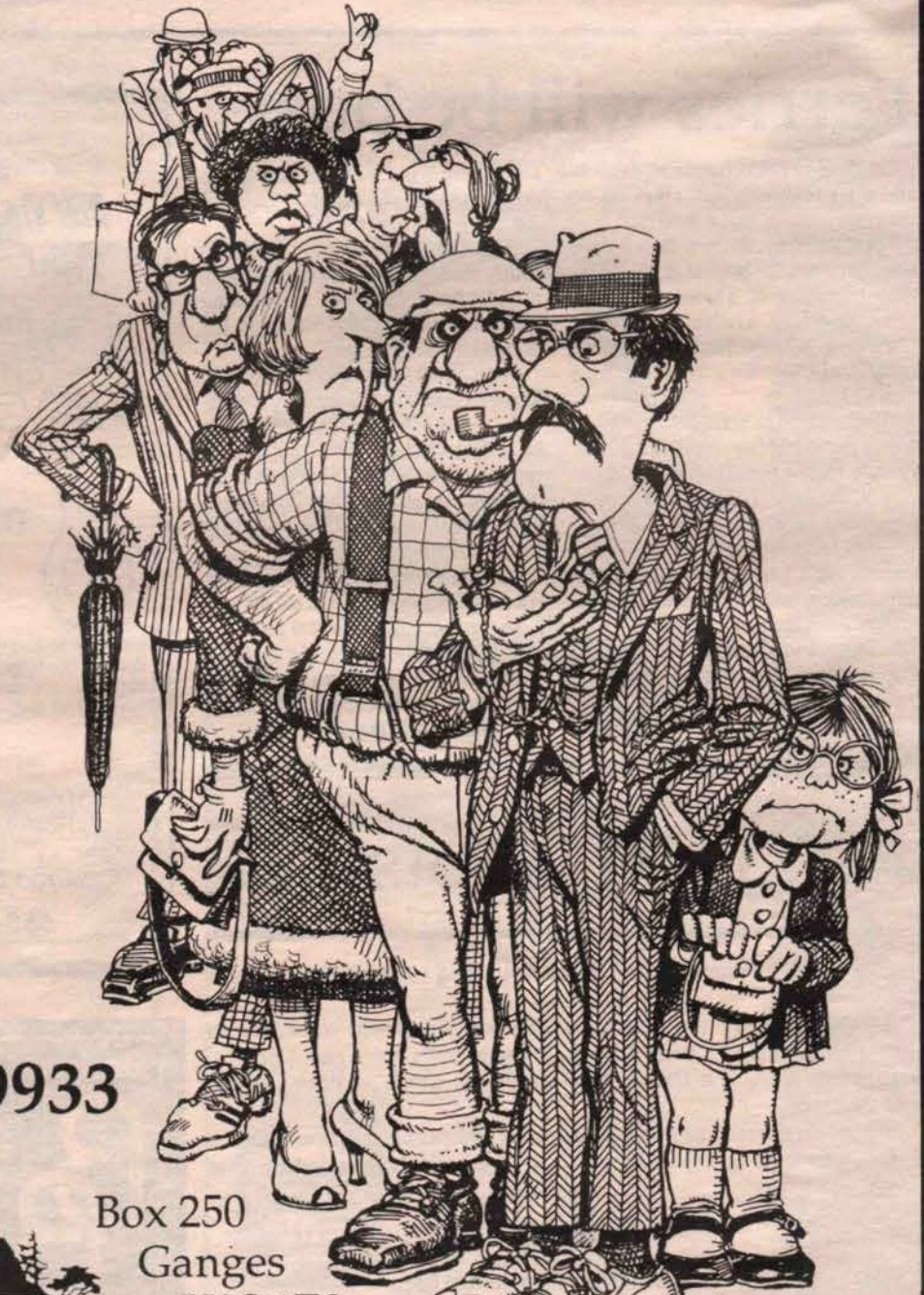
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NEWSBEAT

Wintry barbecue raises funds and sets stage for future events

A December 14 Youth Centre barbecue not only raised funds for the project but was a test run for future youth activities.

Making the centre a reality through fundraising gatherings like a wintry barbecue is already one facet of what the Youth Centre is, explained coordinator Kathleen Towne.

"People keep saying *when are you*

going to be open? and I say *we are.*"

Finishing the building, raising more funds and formulating program ideas is all part of its evolution, which will be ongoing for some time, she said.

The centre's official open house is set for February 14, 1992.

Last Saturday's barbecue event included a draw for prizes, a bonfire,

tree decorating with natural materials, drumming, a treasure hunt and attempts to cross a rope "Burma bridge." A group of volunteers who are also interested in forming an outdoors club on Salt Spring built the bridge.

Food was provided by Ross McLeod of Mansell Farms and Knoth's sausages.

The barbecue not only gave everyone a good feeling about the Youth Centre project, said Towne, but "raised the centre's visibility quite a bit."

About \$800 was raised, including a \$500 individual donation.

Response to a campaign to pay for a full page *Driftwood* advertisement was also "overwhelmingly positive," said Towne. Community support generally has been "incredible," including volunteered time, funds, goods and ideas.

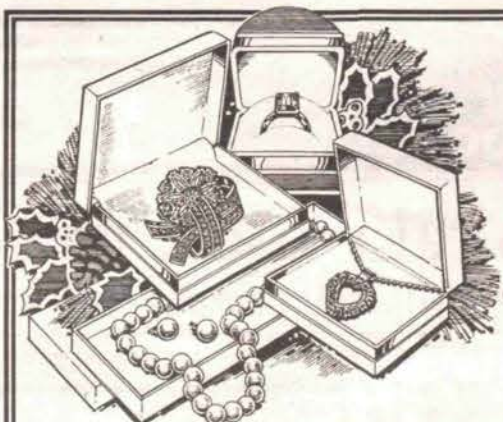
"I am collecting ideas that people have who would like to see it evolve into a planning hub — where people can come and say *can we go for a hike or can we use this space tomorrow night?*"

"It should be a central place where people could go with ideas or issues or plans for youth, about youth or with youth."

The centre will have access to a 15-passenger Community Society van, making off-island ventures easier.

Towne said her research into and discussions with other communities with youth centres indicate it does take time to get them established.

But she said they would rather use lots of formative time and have the centre be effectively "grounded."



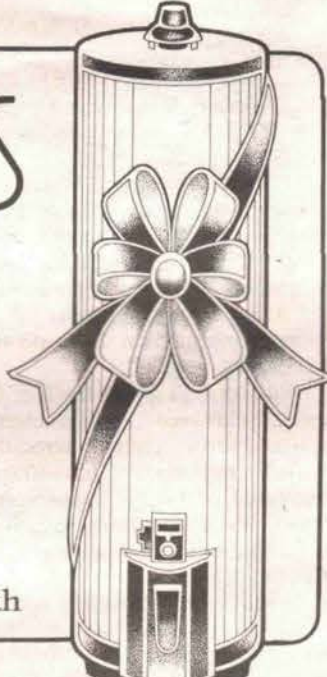
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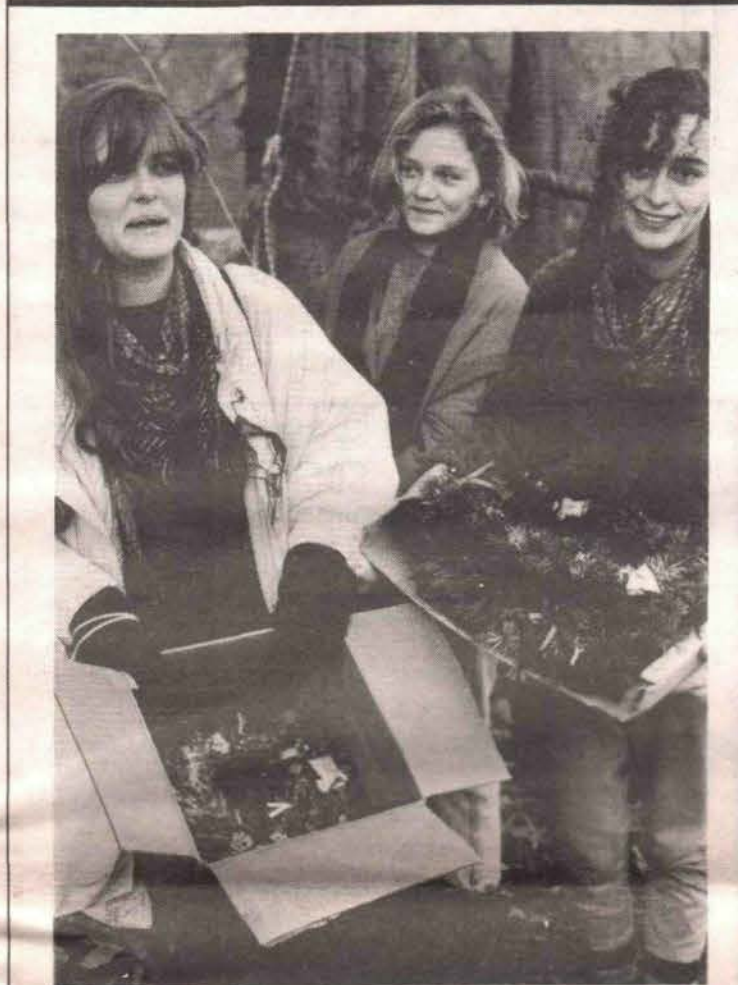
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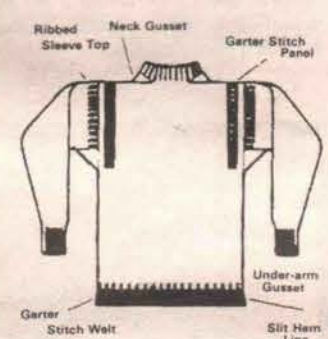
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Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy

YOUTH CENTRE VISITORS: A winter barbecue at the island's new youth centre (located behind the Community Centre) brought numerous islanders to view the area last week. Here Titi, Ola and Melody show off their handmade wreaths.

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Top student awarded by Governor-General

A young Salt Spring man currently living in Denmark recently received a Governor-General's Award for scholastic merit.

Nick Hock was given the award as top GISS student in the 1990-91 school year, based on his grade point average, type of courses taken and leadership qualities.

Hock is spending the year in Denmark as a Rotary exchange student.

His mother Kathryn Steele told *Driftwood* "it has been just wonderful for Nick. He has done so many things."

Based in the town of Kolding, Denmark, Hock has already travelled to Germany and Holland and his school is planning a trip to Russia, she said.

The Rotary Club sponsors young adults to experience life abroad in a number of countries.

Traffic court staged for island offenders

Nineteen islanders took advantage of an unusual opportunity to dispute traffic tickets in Ganges November 27, but more traffic court dates for Ganges have not been set.

Sidney court recorder Yvonne Bamford said 19 people were scheduled to dispute parking tickets, speeding tickets and other traffic infractions, but not all of them necessarily went ahead.

Traffic court days are scheduled for Salt Spring when a back-up of traffic cases occurs.

"I assume that is what happens," she said.

On Friday, she said there are no plans to have another traffic court day in Ganges. Usually Salt Spring's minimal number of traffic offenses are incorporated into regular court days.

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Beliefs take local to El Salvador

Tom Mitchell practices his "responsibility"

Believing Christians have a responsibility to help the less fortunate people of the world has taken Salt Spring's Tom Mitchell to Central America this week.

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff Writer

Mitchell leaves for El Salvador December 24 to participate in a three-day conference of the Base Christian Churches of El Salvador and be part of a delegation pursuing social justice aims for that country.

"I believe we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers," said Mitchell last Monday. "I feel we can't really enjoy our placid and high standard of living here and ignore the rest of the world."

"It is our responsibility to be aware of injustices in the world and do our bit to help it."

War torn El Salvador has for several years seen the government's military forces commit atrocities against individuals and villages suspected of being "subversive." Thousands of Salvadorans have lived in refugee camps in Guatemala and Mexico.

Through United Nations and international pressure, those refugees have recently been allowed to return to their destroyed villages to try rebuilding their lives.

Christian workers in El Salvador say harassment of these same people continues, though, and North American assistance is still needed.

Mitchell and his group will visit several of these "resettled communities" and their residents.

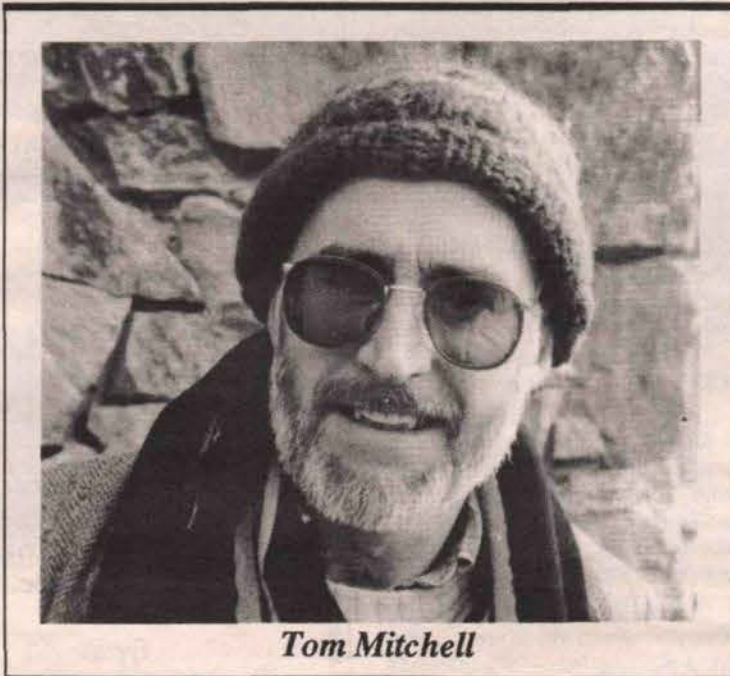
One aim of Mitchell's trip is to explore the possibility of forming sister congregations and communities with North American counterparts.

Forging formal connections with El Salvadoran groups offers them a North American presence and measure of protection against human rights violations on any scale.

Military dictatorships despise negative media attention, said Mitchell, and communications are improved when a village or group is connected in some way to a democratic one outside their country.

Will the actions of North American social justice workers make any real difference to the lives of Central Americans? Mitchell feels any positive effect is worth the effort and commitment.

"If we prevent one kid from being killed or one girl from being raped (by the military), it would be worth



Tom Mitchell

it." He adds that even if he is unable to make a monumental impact on the situation in Central America, he might plant a seed with someone who will. Mitchell is a member of the United Church and local coordinator of the annual Tools for Peace campaign assisting Nicaraguans. He is also involved in the Christian Task Force, Ometepe Friendship Society and the Central American Support Committee.

His first exposure to Central American life came as part of a 1985 delegation to Nicaragua. That personal contact with victims of military oppression fuelled his conviction to do as much as possible for them.

"It makes it personal and real when you actually talk to the people, have person to person dialogue and conversation. It is not an abstract thing. They touch you more than it would if it were a statistic in a newspaper."

For Mitchell, his commitment to social justice is directly tied to his Christian beliefs.

"Christians today are being called to do an active role, to actively try to make the vision unfold," he said.

"Before, we could live in our own towns and villages and be a Christian and it was just fine. And it is hard to learn about the horrible injustices within other countries and feel we have to do something about it."

Liberation theology has made Christian churches a catalyst for change in many developing countries

where human rights and democracy have been trammelled.

Previous interpretations of God's will led people to believe the quality of their earthly existence was not important, Mitchell explained. However, liberation theories say "God did not mean people to be poor, starving and suffering on this earth," but are entitled to dignity, health and education.

Mitchell described workers in the El Salvadoran Base Christian Churches as living the parables of Jesus and lives of challenge and crisis.

"They are putting their lives on the line," he said. "Lots of them get death threats but they just keep going on."

"Basically they are empowering the poor to change their own reality, because their government isn't doing it for them."

Salt Spring residents could become part of that process if a twinning relationship can be organized as a result of Mitchell's trip.

"Anything that forms a network of solidarity and communication is always a plus," he said.

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SALT SPRING COMMUNITY SOCIETY NEWS

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THE COMMUNITY CENTRE is closed from December 21, 1991 to January 5, 1992. The 24-hour crisis line number is Zenith 2262. For emergency service on Salt Spring, contact the Gulf Islands Lady Minto Hospital or the RCMP.

* **FOOD BANK:** Emergency food during Centre hours (except noon).

* **COUNSELLING SERVICES:** Crisis & short-term counselling available as a direct service operating out of the Community Centre building.

* **ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM:** Prevention & treatment service is free and confidential. Call for more information.

* **ANTI-DRINKING & DRIVING T-SHIRTS** available for \$12.00.

* **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** needed for relief - leave message for Miri at 537-9971.

* **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to staff Youth Centre. Training provided. Contact Susan Krug or Wendy Fields.

* **ALCOHOL & DRUG ADVISORY COMMITTEE** meets regularly and welcomes public input in addressing substance abuse issues in our community. For information call Patti Locke-Lewkowich or Susan Krug, 537-9971.

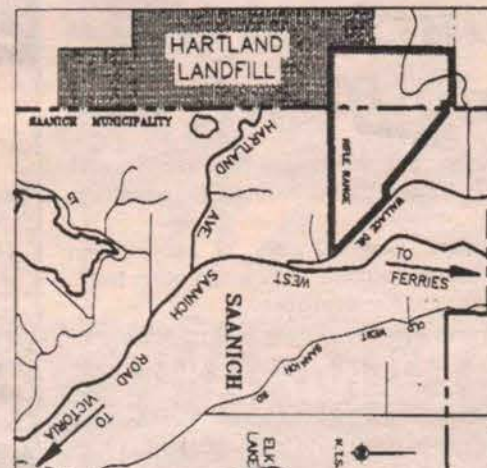
* **TALK TO LISTEN:** Parents and Teens dialogue on alcohol and other drug concerns. Jan. 18, 1992 at S.S. Elem. School Library.

* **PLANT YOUR LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE RECYCLE DEPOT** JAN. 5, 1-3 PM.



NOTICE TO SALT SPRING ISLANDERS RE: BLACKBURN ROAD LANDFILL

As of December 31st, 1991, the Blackburn Road Landfill will be closed. Garbage must now be taken directly to the Regional Landfill at Hartland Avenue on the Saanich Peninsula (see map). Please make arrangements with your local contractor or take your garbage directly to Hartland Landfill. For further information about Hartland Landfill call 727-3331.



TAKE NOTE of these dates:

JAN. 5: Live Christmas Tree Plant-In, Recycle Depot on Rainbow Road, 1-3 pm.

JAN. 10: Legion Ladies Friday Night Beef Dinner, 6:00 pm, Meaden Hall.

JAN. 14: SSI Historical Society Meeting, Central Hall, 2:30 pm.

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Little Man Tate, the first movie directed by Oscar-winning actress Jodie Foster (*The Accused*), has received dynamite reviews. Foster plays a working class single mother trying to cope with a 7-year-old genius son. It's a lonely life for a little boy with a big brain. Dianne Wiest (*Hannah and Her Sisters*, *Edward Scissorhands*) plays a sympathetic child psychologist. Friday and Saturday 9 pm, Sunday and Monday 7 pm. Mature.

There's no movie New Year's Eve. Happy New Year!

ISLAND VIDEO HITS

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| 1. | Terminator II | (1) |
| 2. | FX2 | (3) |
| 3. | City Slickers | (2) |
| 4. | Naked Gun 2-1/2 | |
| 5. | What About Bob? | (8) |
| 6. | Only the Lonely | |
| 7. | Silence of the Lambs | (6) |
| 8. | Doc Hollywood | |
| 9. | Toy Soldiers | |
| 10. | Soapdish | (10) |

On tap at ISLAND WATERING HOLES

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OUT and ABOUT

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Musical veteran to play Moby's

Rockin' rhythm and blues sounds of Willie and The Walkers will fill Moby's Marine Pub on New Year's Eve.

Willie MacCalder is a heavyweight performer with consummate credentials to back him up.

He is a veteran of both the national and international music scene, having performed at the North Sea Jazz Festival in Den Haag, Netherlands and the Montreaux Jazz Festival in France as well as numerous tours of Canada and the United States.

After spending 10 years and five albums with the highly acclaimed Powder Blues Band, MacCalder left the band to work with other artists and to put together Willie and The Walkers.

Along the way MacCalder performed with some of the greatest bluesmen of this time: John Hammond, Taj Mahal, Albert Collins, Otis Rush, James Cotton, Lowell Fulson and Long John Baldry. At the same time he was nominated as keyboardist of the year for six years running for the CARA Awards.

There is no cover charge and the music kicks off at 9 p.m. and goes till closing time. After midnight free snacks will be offered by the pub.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Help available for locals in an alcoholic situation

Seasonal entertainment often involves excessive drinking

The noise, the demands, the din that a family creates . . . all those things are there, but the happiness and money sure aren't anymore. And, thinks Marge, I sure notice it around Christmas.

Submitted By "ALTERNATIVES"
Salt Spring group

This year there are lots of parties and Marge is glad of the chance to get away from the kids.

She's just as glad lately to have a drink or four at home to get some relief from the pressures. Her husband Frank is too — he's always liked a drink. Sometimes he snaps at the kids when he drinks but Marge never does — she gives them their dinner early and tells them to amuse themselves.

Now and then though, they do look into the living-room. Last week one of them, Frankie, opened the door and saw Marge fall down as she twisted away from the bar to see who was there. "Frankie, don't scare me like that!" she exclaimed. And Frankie had quickly retreated and closed the door.

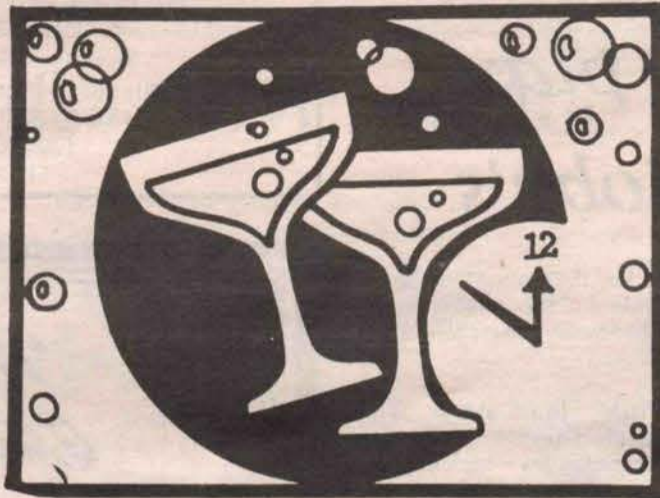
Last Christmas she and Frank had a Christmas Eve party — man! That had been a great time. She and Frank did get blitzed that night, but after all, they were at home, not driving. And the kids had said they were glad of that.

Lately she knew, Randy the oldest, was sometimes pinching liquor from them. Frank did confront him but only half-heartedly.

"Randy's 17," said Frank. "He's old enough to drink."

This year Marge is really looking forward to all the parties and a break from the routine. It's getting harder to keep this household together on less money. Marge often feels like she's no good as a wife and mother. Her friends *always* seem to have neater, cleaner, prettier homes and perfect children. Not that her kids are all bad, mind you. She's seen worse.

It's just that it's so hard to stay home all the time. Marge is lonely.



Frank is certainly poor company these days. It's so hard to keep up appearances. To keep from feeling empty and purposeless.

But the dinners and parties are at least something to look forward to . . .

There are many sources of help for this family on Salt Spring Island.

Children affected by growing up in an alcoholic family can talk to the youth worker at the Salt Spring Community Centre (537-9971), to one of the peer counsellors at the high school, or to one of the school counsellors.

Marge and Frank can get free and confidential counselling from Patti Locke-Lewkowich, the professional drug and alcohol counsellor at the Community Centre.

The self-help groups Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon have a long history of providing effective

help for people involved with alcohol abuse. There are several groups on the island, and information about meetings can be found in the classified section of the *Driftwood* under community services.

Residential treatment is often the most effective form of help for people who want to look at the roots of their life difficulties and make lasting changes. Residential treatment facilities closest to Salt Spring are the Victoria Life Enrichment Society, and Maya House, a residential program for women in Nanaimo. Information and referral to these programs is available through Patti at the Community Centre.

For any of these family members who may need just a friendly ear from time to time, the NEED crisis line in Victoria can be called for free from Salt Spring by dialing "0" and asking for Zenith 2262.

Offer a substitute

The holiday season can be an especially difficult time for those who are saying yes to sobriety, say Salt Spring members of Alternatives.

They advise islanders who know someone who is trying to stay sober, to be a good friend and support his or her recovery by having non-alcoholic beverages on hand to serve guests over the holiday season.

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COMMUNITY



SHARING THE WEALTH: Rotary Club president Tony McEwen and United Church minister Barry Cooke got into the spirit of giving as the Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to both the Christmas Hamper program and the Food Bank. Funds were raised from Thursday bingo nights at the Legion.

Smoking banned in workplace

Workplaces in the Capital Regional District, including the Gulf Islands, will become completely smoke free January 1 as a smoking ban by-law comes into effect.

New restrictions are written into the existing by-law but do not come into effect until January, 1992, according to CRD health department spokesman Stephen Eng.

Currently, workplace smokers are allowed to puff away in designated smoking areas that have ventilation to the outside but "in January this can't continue," he said.

"Designated smoking areas will be prohibited in the workplace."

The workplace smoking ban does not apply to public premises such as restaurants, licensed premises, retail stores, shopping malls, or private residences.

Eng said studies have shown that banning smoking in worksites can help smokers who want to quit smoking.

Clean air by-law number 1851 states that "effective January 1, 1992, no person shall carry or have in his possession a burning cigarette or pipe containing burning tobacco, or burn tobacco in any other manner in a workplace, nor shall designated smoking areas be permitted in a workplace."

Designated smoking areas are to be banned because often there is no separate ventilation for such rooms and smoke can escape when people

are entering and exiting smoking area doors, Eng said.

A CRD Health department press release dated December 16 said one of the benefits of clean air at work is a reduction in business costs and improved productivity of both smokers and non-smokers.

"It is estimated that smokers cost their company about \$2,300 a year.

These costs are a result of lost time due to illness, lower productivity, lowered cognitive and exercise capacity, increased fire insurance rates, lost time due to illness caused to nonsmoking associates and lowered employee morale due to second-hand smoke in the workplace."

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