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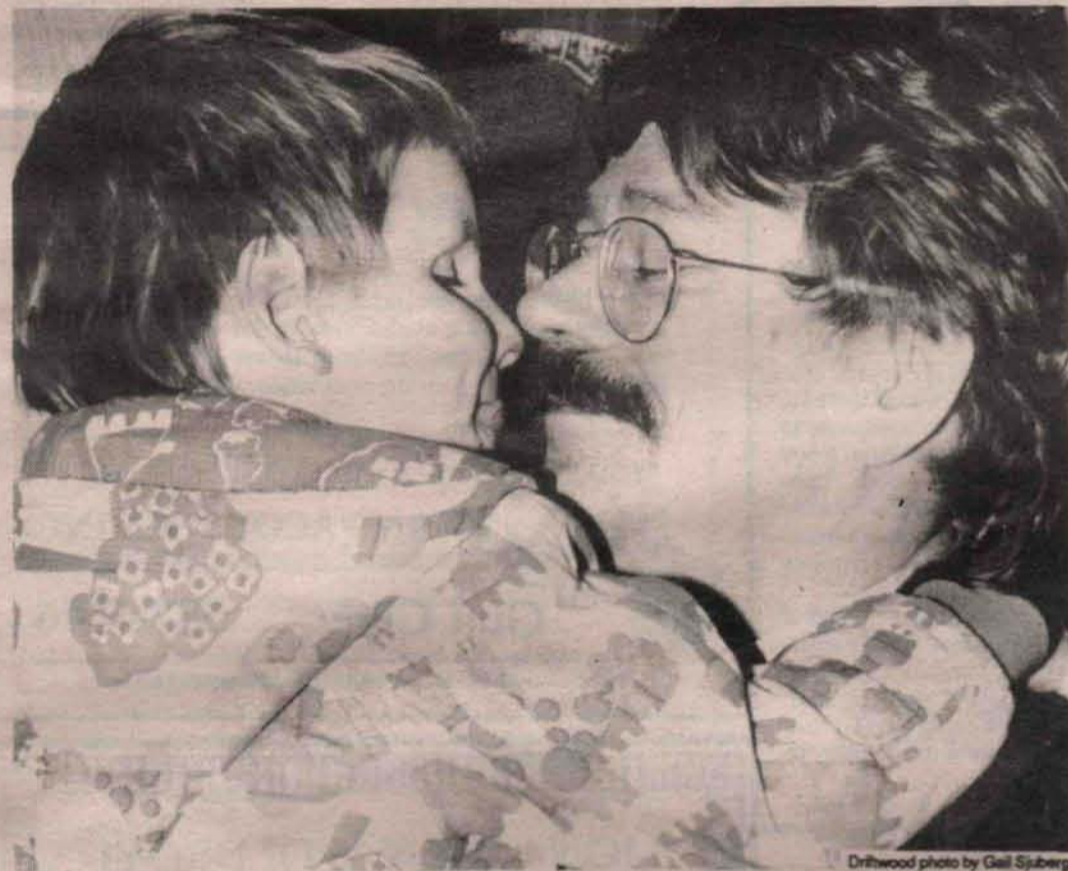
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Driftwood photo by Gail Sjoberg

**HUGS FOR DAD:** James Norris spares no effort embracing his father Doug. Five-year-old James has been blind since birth but his life is enriched through people and services on Salt Spring. February 3-9 is the CNIB's White Cane Week, which aims to raise awareness of visual impairments.

## Island child relies on sight of others

Living in a world he has never seen, five-year-old James Norris relies on the love and energy of others to help bring that world to him.

The Salt Spring youngster has been blind since birth.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

February 3 to 9 is White Cane Week, when the Canadian National Institute for the Blind focuses attention on the needs of the visually impaired.

As the many people involved in five-year-old James Norris' life are aware, those needs can be substantial but they are being met.

James was born with a condition called "retinopathy of prematurity," caused by receiving too much oxygen in an incubator when he was born prematurely with his twin brother John in Mexico.

James has lived on Salt Spring with his brother, six-year-old sister Veronica and father Doug Norris since September and attends kindergarten at Fernwood Elementary

School. He also goes to Sue Spencer's Busyland Daycare for an afternoon program, is aided by an itinerant worker for the visually impaired, and receives services from the CNIB.

At Fernwood James is assisted one-on-one by aide Anne Bauche, who says James has made "phenomenal progress" since starting school in September. When he first came to Fernwood, she says, he often showed signs of living in an "inward world" but "he now shows more outside interaction than inside."

She has observed great strides made in areas of self-motivation, language acquisition and expression of wants. As a result of being better able to express himself, and consequently less frustrated, "temper tantrums" have also decreased.

Norris says something he has really learned as James' father is that "all of our language is geared to sight."

WHITE CANE WEEK A12

## District and teachers sign new contract

Gulf Islands teachers have agreed to a new contract that calls for a 13.6 per cent salary increase over two years.

Other contract components call for reduced class size, a 190-day teaching year as well as consultation centred on course changes as ordered by the Ministry of Education.

A previous contract between School District 64 and the teachers expired last July and this new agreement is retro-active to that date.

Salary increases of 3.75 per cent

will take effect as of July 1, 1990 with a second increment of 3.25 per cent payable from September 1, 1990. When July 1, 1991 arrives, teachers will see their pay cheques increase by five per cent and another 1.6 per cent will be added January 1, 1992. The contract expires on July 1, 1992.

"One could say that the increase fits within the band of settlements provincially," said Mike Marshall, district superintendent of schools. "We're perhaps a touch lower than

some but compounding the increases helps to make up for that."

Jim Lightfoot, chairman of Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) said the teachers were satisfied, over-all. He termed the contract a reasonable agreement.

"It addresses all the issues we were concerned about," he said. "We have a good working relationship with our board. Both sides concentrated on the issues which are important to education in this district." The two sides spent 27 meeting

days since May 10, 1990 discussing issues to reach agreement, Marshall said.

He was not sure if the salary agreement met the threatened public sector restraints promised by Premier Vander Zalm because he did not know exactly what those restraints entailed or even if restraint would be imposed. If they are, "we'll have to make it (the contract) fit restraint guidelines," he commented.

With the new contract class sizes  
CONTRACT A10

## Wartime memories resurface

By URI COGAN  
Guest Columnist

*Weapons are instruments of fear; they are not a wise man's tools . . . .*

*This means that war is conducted like a funeral.*

*When many people are being killed,*

*They should be mourned in heartfelt sorrow.*

*That is why victory must be observed like a funeral.*

— Lao Tsu, *Tao Te Ching*  
(Sixth century B.C.)

I am writing this on Sunday night. Israel was again under attack yesterday, much concern about poison gas attacks there. What will tomorrow bring? I was born and grew up in Israel, my relatives and many friends live there. War, again.

## Island health council agrees to support regional program

Despite objections from Lady Minto Hospital representatives, the Salt Spring Community Health Council voted to support a regional health program.

Hospital board chairman Gordon English told a January 31 council meeting he holds reservations about the island council becoming involved in the regional health effort.



With the conclusion of the Victoria Health Project (VHP), the Capital Regional District is establishing a Capital Health Council.

English and the LMH board are concerned that the health needs of Salt Spring will get lost in the structure.

"I don't think trying to integrate this group (SS Health Council) with the Capital Region health model is the best way for us to go," he told the meeting.

Susan Iles, executive co-ordinator of the VHP, attended the health council meeting to explain the proposed region-wide health council.

At the community level, she explained, there would be a coalition of care groups representing various health agencies with involvement in specific health issues.

Each group would nominate one representative to be part of a coordinating committee. That committee would take concerns of the care group coalition and present recommendations for action to the health council board of directors.

The board would bear responsibility of approving various programs for community health. Funding for the council would come through CRD health grants from the ministry of health.

Iles suggested the Gulf Islands would fit into the

## SPOTLIGHT



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## FEATURE



The musical Newman family prepares for a new

**Driftwood**

# Ministry approves funding for island's health council

Making the community healthy will be the focus of the Salt Spring Community Health Council now that funding has been approved by the Ministry of Health.

With a grant of \$28,574 from the ministry's Healthy Communities Initiative Fund, the council will be in a position to hire two individuals to coordinate the efforts.

A questionnaire will be prepared and distributed to 1,000 island homes at random and a further 200 will be used for personal interviews. The council seeks to have 75 per cent of

the questionnaires returned.

At a recent meeting of the health council, Greenwood's care home administrator Marg McKay explained the need to determine the community's concerns in the area of local health.

"A group such as ourselves (the health council) doesn't sit around and tell 7,000 people what should be done," she said. "They should have some input, too."

Salt Spring director to the Capital Regional District Julia Atkins said the fund would be used to "help the

community understand the definition of health is broader than just medicine."

Community health also covers such areas as employment, housing, education and the general well-being of residents, she explained.

When it was noted that Lady Minto Hospital had produced a community survey of health needs in the Gallagher Report, McKay indicated the report focused primarily on the hospital. The council must determine areas which have not been covered in depth by such surveys, she said.

Community Society director Barbara Jordan-Knox noted that determining a healthy community occurs by looking at the needs of the whole community and not just at parts of it.

Members of the council agreed to form a representative committee to administer the initiatives fund. A representative of Greenwood's, Lady Minto Hospital, the Community Society and Seniors for Seniors would be part of the committee which will also include a doctor.

Dr. Ken Heaton, Chief of Staff at Lady Minto Hospital, told the meeting he would discuss the situation with the hospital's medical staff. Members are already involved in many committees at the facility, he pointed out.

"If we know what the time involvement was, we'd get a volunteer," he said.

In addition to the survey, the effort will also involve a health fair at which residents can learn about health related services currently in operation on the island.

A public forum will be conducted to discuss the results of the information gathering. The efforts will result in structuring the health council to meet community health needs.

# Trustees consider more involvement

Islands Trustees will investigate how to increase Trust involvement in the approval of island subdivision plans.

The investigation will be undertaken as a result of a resolution passed at its last council meeting.

General council members unanimously supported a motion requesting the Trust executive committee seek transfer of subdivision approval functions from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to Islands Trust jurisdiction.

Subdivision applications are currently put together by local Trust committees and Trust staff but require preliminary and final approval from a ministry approving officer.

As Saturna trustee John Money pointed out at the meeting, "we nurture and develop plans and then we don't approve them."

Trust general manager Jim Windsor acknowledged that "lots of problems have been created" by the Trust not controlling all phases of subdivision development and approval. He gave the highways ministry's arbitrary removal of restrictive covenants on certain lands as an example of action taken in the past without Trust consent.

Policy and research department manager Cynthia Hawksworth noted the transfer of authority would likely require a staff expansion of at least one technician and a secretarial position to assist a new Trust approving officer.

Saturna trustee Harvey Janszen spoke in favour of the motion saying "the psychological benefits will be very great" if the Trust "has the feeling of being masters in our own house."

# REGIONAL HEALTH

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"I'm afraid Salt Spring's voice will get lost in the wilderness," English told the meeting.

However, Salt Spring director to the CRD Julia Atkins said, "Salt Spring's voice will never get lost in the wilderness" and Iles suggested "the way to solve those problems is to get involved."

Iles said the Salt Spring health council is better organized than other such entities in the CRD and it had an "opportunity to take the leadership in rural health."

Atkins agreed: "We're a lot further down the road than many other communities who haven't yet seen the need for a council like this."

English suggested the local council look at other projects around the province to determine what would be best for this island. The best way for Salt Spring, he commented, might not necessarily be the Capital Health Council.

"Salt Spring has opted out of CRD projects before," he said.

Atkins said the island had opted out of CRD programs mainly because of the money involved, not because of the relative quality of the programs.

Pat Desbottes, representing the hospice program

on the island, said, "We've got to recognize we're still working with the rest of the CRD."

English presented a motion urging the council to study other methods of administering health care on the island as well as studying other community-based models around the province.

A question arose that if the CRD was funding health care programs represented on the island health council, where would the funding come from if the council opted out. English suggested the council could function on a contractual basis with the CRD.

When the motion was put to a vote, it was defeated.

Desbottes then presented a motion that the health council "support in principle the VHP model for the district as proposed."

Only English and LHM representative Sid Smith voted against the motion.

Atkins was charged with responsibility of naming a committee to determine the terms of reference for the Salt Spring Health Council. The committee would present its report at a meeting to be held February 28.

# NSF cheque writer faces charges of false pretence

A Salt Spring woman faces charges of 18 counts of false pretence, after allegedly writing over \$1,500 in bad cheques.

Police are not releasing the name of the 31-year-old until charges have been laid.

Ganges RCMP began investigat-

Funds) cheques from the woman.

A total of nine bad cheques, ranging from \$50 to \$170 and totalling \$655, were investigated at that time.

Police received complaints of nine additional NSF cheques written by the woman in January. Cheques ranged from \$33 to \$264 and

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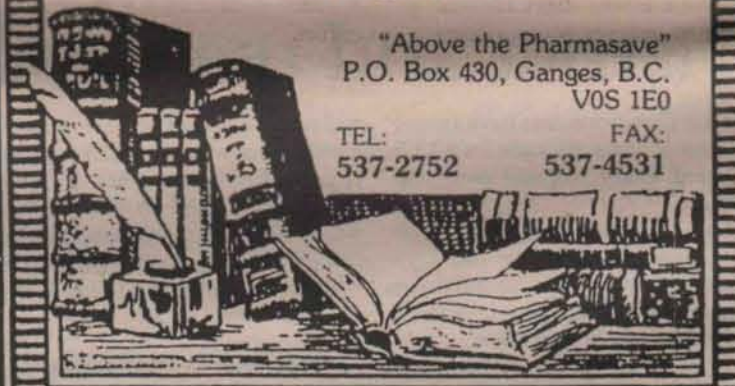
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**NEWSBEAT**



**RAP IT UP:** Students attending a regional conference for peer counselling students held at Gulf Islands Secondary School did "rap" skits to wrap-up the weekend's events. Over 150 students and facilitators came to Salt Spring to network and learn about conflict resolution.

## Peer counselling at GISS

Gulf Islands Secondary School's students hosted an annual regional Lower Mainland peer counselling conference last weekend.

Organizer Ann Marshall said it was "quite an honour for our kids" to host workshop leaders and students from 13 schools. The conference theme was "conflict resolution" and included a Friday night address by renowned speaker Stacy Holloway and the offering of seven workshops on Saturday.

Gordon Sloan led an orientation session including a "staged fight" and held a workshop in peer mediation. Other local facilitators included Ralph Miller conducting a session on anger, David Eyles with a workshop on conflict styles and new island counsellor Stewart Eiseman leading a discussion on "grappling with your gremlins" — or dealing with internal conflict.

Langley's Paul Costello taught students about group conflict, an

assertiveness workshop was led by Mark Huber from the Justice Institute, and Sara La Godine talked to students about "gaining perspective."

Marshall said the conference "was a really good experience for all concerned." It was an excellent vehicle "for learning new skills and getting new ideas and networking with other students doing the same things," she said.

## A mistaken SSIF connection causes Foundation concern

A question of group titles caused concern for the Salt Spring Island Foundation when it was quoted by Islands Trust members as participating in discussions concerning the Mt. Erskine property and the Trust Fund Board.

The SSIF expressed concern following publication of these quotes in the January 30 issue of the *Driftwood*.

At the Islands Trust council meeting in Victoria on January 25, Trust Fund Board chairman John Dunfield and Trust manager of its policy and research department Cynthia Hawksworth explained to trustees that discussions with "SSIF members" considered the option of putting the land into the name of the Nature Trust of B.C. and leasing it back to the Trust Fund Board.

SSIF trustees Ron McQuiggan and John Crofton told the *Driftwood* last week that the Foundation has been a "fund raising vehicle" only and is not involved in any discussions about the property transfer.

The SSIF is a charitable foundation which accepts bequests of property and funds to hold in trust and distributes the fund's interest to approved applicants.

In the case of Martin Williams' Mt. Erskine property, Crofton said the group agreed to donate \$3,000 if needed to complete the purchase, receive donations and issue receipts for income tax purposes.

Because the Trust Fund Board has met with Glen Moores, who spearheaded the property fundraising and is also an SSIF advisor, Hawksworth

Former Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert, who has also been involved in organizing the community purchase of Williams' property, said the connection could easily be made because Moores was a fundraiser and a SSIF advisor.

Gilbert said he has been acting as an "intermediary" between the ad hoc coalition of groups and individuals and the Trust Fund Board. "Perhaps we perceived him (Moores) as more of a (SSIF) representative than he was," said Gilbert.

Moores said, "I am talking to the Trust from the people who put the money together."

The Salt Spring Island Foundation term has perhaps been used, he said, "for a lack of nothing else to call it (the group)."

With time constraints in getting community funding secured last fall, Moores said there was no time for the coalition to get its own registered charity number.

When purchase of the property first became a possibility, Moores was considered the coalition's Chamber of Commerce representative.

Gilbert also explained that the Nature Trust title option is commonly used and just "one of the options we pursued."

He said "it was considered because we were looking for a legal document that will convey the community's wishes."

"There aren't any real clear legal pathways for this," he added, although a lease arrangement does pro-

vide fund holding title to the property.

A management plan being prepared by Linda Adams is close to completion, he said, and "it will address community concerns."

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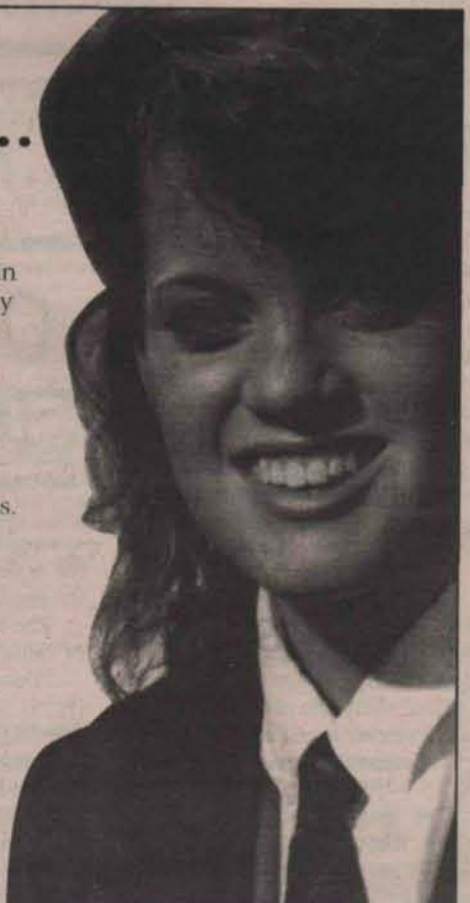
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## B.C. doesn't need an Oscar – just a leader

A television address is not an appropriate forum for provincial politics and following Premier Bill Vander Zalm's performance on television last week, we believe British Columbia politics should be moved back into the legislature where proper debate can ensue. We need less "Hollywood" and more Victoria-based government.

We found the premier's speech and his 12-point Taxpayer Protection Plan lacking in new ideas. Indeed it contained items which we expect from our provincial government – financial accountability, assistance for areas hit by high job losses (not necessarily bailouts), a

reforestation program, training programs, capital construction projects and critically-important environmental clean-up programs. This is what we elected the government to do, and this is what it should have been doing for the past four years.

We believe that elected members of the opposition – not the media – should be challenging the premier on what resembled a Throne Speech. The legislative assembly – not the television – is the proper forum for debate on this type of speech.

We are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on elected officials

of both parties, and for that investment we expect more than we are currently getting in return. Are we making the best use of elected MLAs when the legislature seldom sits and we seem to be governed through the electronic and print media?

Voters in this province are getting tired of a "continual state of election campaign" style of government. If the government is going to campaign, it should make it official. If it is going to govern with the mandate it has been given, it should do so. Enough of the current situation.

Although polls taken after the January 29 media event indicate Vander Zalm's

speech did little to boost his popularity, the arena did provide him an opportunity to cash in on one of his strengths. One of Vander Zalm's strongest characteristics is his ability to perform in this type of televised event.

He is comfortable with it and he enjoys it and he is good at it. So good perhaps he should consider getting out of politics and into show business for real.

By allowing him to use this medium, we are promoting politics that focus on personality rather than policy. That's not what this province needs – not an Oscar just a leader.

### LETTERS

#### Assurance

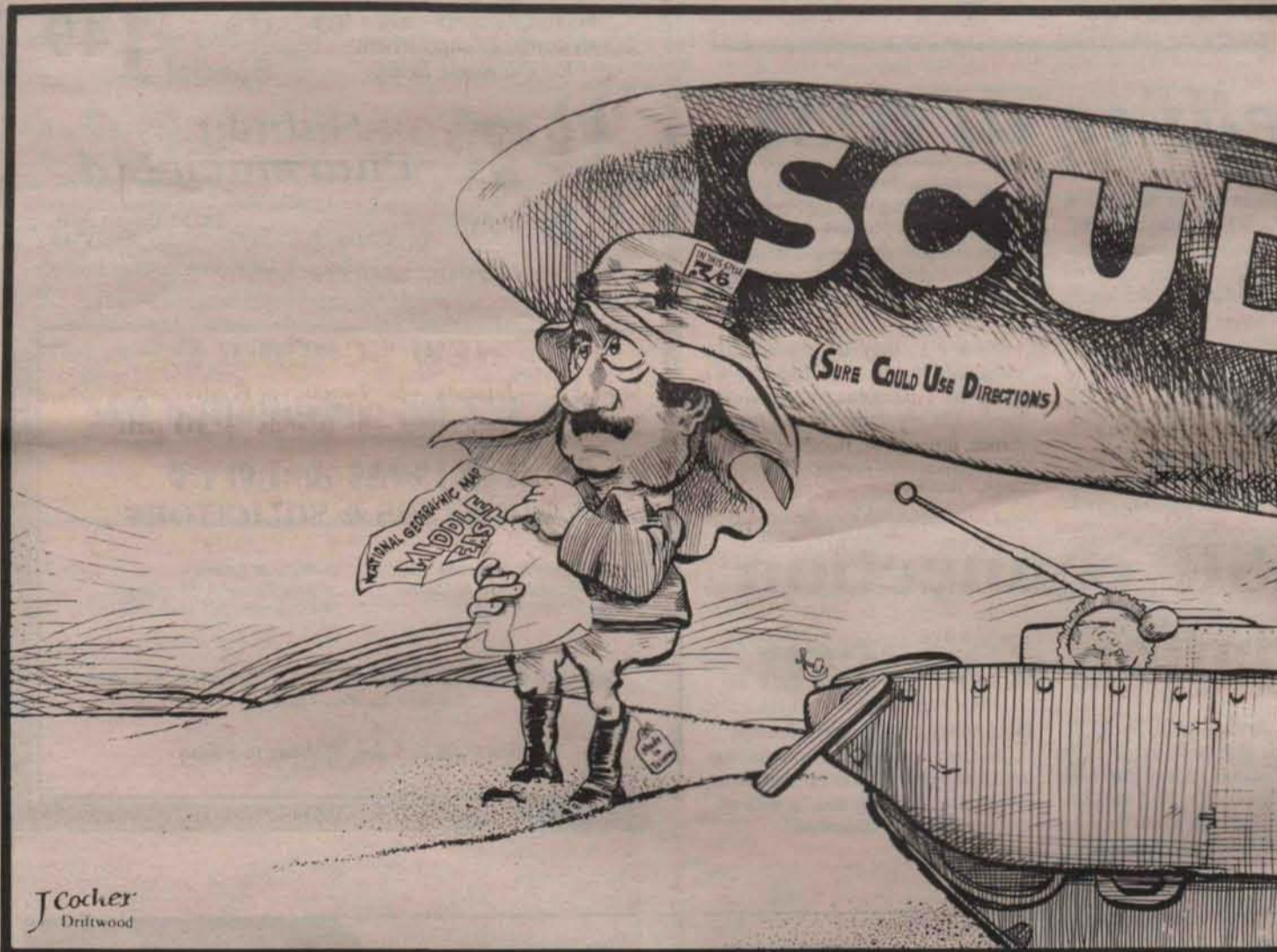
To the Editor,  
This letter is in response to the front page article entitled *Trust Fund Operations Scrutinized* in the January 30 *Driftwood* which dealt with a recent Islands Trust Council discussion of the Islands Trust Fund Board's involvement in the purchase of 60 acres of land on Mount Erskine using funds donated by Salt Spring Island residents.

I am concerned that your readers may conclude from your article that there are major problems in the purchase of the property, when, in fact, work is proceeding well on this. As part of this work, the Trust Fund Board has been exploring various options to see how best to legally protect the land and manage it for the community. No decision has been made on this as yet.

The Trust Fund Board will always examine a range of options before proceeding with the purchase of any property.

I wish to assure the present owner of the Mt. Erskine property, and all those involved in the fund-raising or contributing funds that the money will be used for the purpose it was donated – that is, the purchase of the Mount Erskine property and its preservation for the public in an undeveloped state.

**JOHN DUNFIELD,**  
Trust Fund Board Chairperson,



## Dog saved from grip of garage sale attendee

"So you've decided to hold a garage sale," reads the handy-dandy how-to information sheet. "Perhaps you have too many stored goods and not enough space; or maybe you just need a little extra cash."

Or, maybe you've attended so many garage (yard, shed) sales, junk stores and used-goods shops, spent so much cash, filled the back of the pickup with so many pieces of beloved junk, that it's time to unload it.

We held a garage sale Saturday. After we carefully spread our collectibles (junk) on tables inside the in-law's garage, D. surveyed the resultant display.

"Definitely one of the best garage sales I've ever seen," he commented, eyeing some of the items appreciatively.

I've seen that look in his eye before. About 30 seconds before he lifts the item from the display area, barters for it, pays for it and proudly

### Off the Record SUSAN D. LUNDY



storing "just for a few days" with all the other garage sale collectibles in the shed.

The how-to sheet offers a myriad of valuable garage sale information.

"Deciding what to sell can be difficult and confusing" if not downright traumatic I discovered, rummaging through my longtime collection of books. Like parting with offspring.

I said goodbye to James Joyce and Thomas Hardy and Mavis Gallant. I did not say goodbye to Lawrence, Mumu, Thomas, Follett or Le Carre.

seven shelves and probably 500 titles, I only managed to part with two small boxes of books.

(There will be other garage sales within the next couple of decades, I'm sure.)

"Remember," the trusty how-to advises, "don't underprice; everyone likes to bargain." It should read: "Beware of adept, well-trained, highly skilled garage sale attendees who can masterfully bargain you right out of a sale."

The price tag said \$10, she offered \$2. We said \$8, she offered \$4. She

The fact of the matter is: you get in this kind of uncontrolled frenzy that begins the minute you see that first piece of junk – that prized ruffraff which cluttered the shed for so long – heading down the driveway. You get this urge to see it all disappearing down that same path.

"What a nice dog," said one buyer, patting Dexter's head.

"Five bucks!" I shouted without even considering how desolate life would be without my dog waking me up in the middle of every night to be let out for a pee.

Luckily, she already had a dog and declined the generous offer. But really – WHAT IF?

This handy-dandy how-to sheet does not prepare the garage saler for all situations. No, it doesn't offer advice on settling mounting disputes between two customers who both laid eyes on the same highly-desirable piece of junk at the very same moment, and who both

shed and may be ready to initiate intra-garage warfare.

(Luckily, parenthood teaches necessary skills in dealing with such disputes: ignore them and hopefully they will go away.)

Nor does the information sheet offer instruction on passing the time when it's raining cats and dogs all over the place but not customers.

"Never leave the store unattended," is all very well unless an hour has passed and no one has sauntered up the driveway.

And what about all these good, I mean great, items left over. Advertise, it suggests. Well, I can just imagine: "FOR SALE: three plates, 25 cents each; one salt and pepper shaker set, 50 cents; one Sidney Sheldon novel, 25 cents . . ." It could be an onerous, if not expensive, task.

Nope. I guess you just pack it all up and reunite it with the shed. Put the books back in the collection (only the undesirables are left), and tell the

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## LETTERS SECTION

### Appreciation

To the Editor,  
Through the *Driftwood* we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department for its prompt and efficient handling of our garage fire the night before Christmas. It is good to know there is such a well trained group around to help out when such a catastrophe occurs.

Thanks also to our good neighbour, Ken Sampson, who put in the alarm when we did not know there was a fire, aroused us from our bed and drove the R.V. out of the yard so it did not burn up also.

Thanks to our friends from the Legion and others who lent a hand with the rebuilding of the garage. We will remember their kindness always.

MARGARET and STAN SMITH,  
Ganges

### Sad step

To the Editor,  
I am furious with the Canadian government's decision to go to war in the Persian Gulf. The Conservative Party and Mr. Brian Mulroney have taken a very sad step for Canada. I am deeply grieved to see the Canadian government legitimize the use of military force in the Gulf.

The Conservative Party has assured the Canadian people that its purpose is a worthy one — to set the Kuwaiti people free from the deplorable aggression of Iraq. How hypocritical we are to justifiably abhor Saddam Hussein's use of force in Kuwait, yet to view our own and the Americans' as a necessary means to establishing peace. Saddam Hussein is clearly wrong in his use of force. But so are we.

And how am I as an elementary school teacher and mother to expect my children and students to learn not to bully or use force to settle differences when the leaders of this country model fighting as a useful option to solve problems?

Canada has long had a reputation worldwide as a peacekeeping nation of which I have been very proud. It has been a tremendous privilege to be a Canadian knowing that I as an individual was respected internationally because of my country's consistent peacekeeping stand. I am shocked and saddened that my government would so hastily abandon such a reputable and worthy role. The choice to go to war that Mulroney has made is clearly a shameful one.

Peace will not be the end result of this war, be it short or long, as this government wishes us to believe. Already fear of terrorism is rippling throughout North America. Exaggerated? Perhaps. But even this fear is indication enough of the cost of this aggressive choice of ours. The irreplaceable casualty — our inner peace and freedom. Security workers at Canadian nuclear plants are for the first time carrying guns to protect against the threat of terrorism.

We may win the war in the Persian Gulf. But win or lose, at home in Canada we have been pillaged of international respect and inner peace — national treasures that can never be won back.

KAREN EHRENHOLZ-WARTNOW,  
Ganges

### Labelled as bigoted

To the Editor,  
I have read with interest several letters which appeared in your paper referring to the Bible and the Christian faith.

Of course, we Christians have always been labelled as bigoted, nar-

Jesus Christ told us in the Bible that this is the way His followers would be treated.

But He also promised His peace and the gift of a new life to all who desire it. How can anyone reject or scoff at such love? A love that was willing to die in our place that we might have life.

If we do not accept and believe the Bible it is easy to pick out a few verses here and there in order to refute its authenticity.

We may not understand all of the Bible, as it is no ordinary book, but when reading through the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament, I find it a thrilling and wonderful account of God's redeeming love.

We cannot have peace without the Prince of Peace, and we can never know peace in our world until we have it in our own individual lives. God's love, manifested through us, is the only answer to a world torn by war.

OLIVE DAVIES,  
Ganges

### A plea

To the Editor,  
*The following is an open letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

I think you should try to settle things without war. If I were you I'd talk to Saddam Hussein. Ask him why he wants the oil. War is not the way to settle things. People say this is a clean war but blood still flows.

Please stop the war.  
STEPHAN FISHER (Age 10)  
Fulford Harbour

### Safety

To the Editor,  
In response to your article of the January 30 issue concerning school boat safety, I feel the need to make the following information public.

After reading the article, I personally interviewed the Saturna Island school trustee, Mrs. Lorraine Campbell, concerning certain statements mentioned therein, and attributed to her. Mrs. Campbell assured me that, while the items mentioned were discussed at school board meetings, none of the statements were in fact made by herself.

I have known Mrs. Campbell for a number of years, and as a result, have a tendency to take her at her word.

I am the principal operator of the MV *Mistaya III* carrying students from Saturna and the Penders to Salt Spring, and also students from Saturna to Mayne. This school year is the sixth in which I have operated school boats in this district since the service was inaugurated. During all that time there has not been one incident of death, injury, stranding, grounding or collision involving a vessel of which I was in charge.

Keeping this in mind, I am naturally curious as to whether your article, and certain unnamed members of the school board, are really talking about safety, or something akin to behaviour and control?

Thank you for printing this letter.  
CAPT. ALFRED REYNOLDS,  
Saturna Island

### Well-meant

To the Editor,  
In the January 16 *Driftwood*, Bob Appleton, courtesy this paper, expressed his gratitude to the many volunteers whose pre-Christmas efforts made "Santa's Workshop" happen for some Salt Spring children, again, this past year.

Then, incredibly, in the January 30 *Driftwood* I learned that his well-meant thank you had proved "very disturbing" to one reader (whose own "letter of protest" proved just as disturbing to me!)

two following statements — "his comment concerning the pity he felt toward having to expend the effort of giving each year to the children of lower income families," and "as far as poorer people go, etc."

Inasmuch as I can find no mention in Appleton's letter about "the children of lower income families," nor the use of the word "poorer," perhaps this protest sprang from a misunderstanding, or, because the word "pity" was used by the first writer and somehow struck a nerve in the psyche of the second.

If this is so, some history may help.

About seven years ago, a young Salt Spring mother did a careful sort of her son's toy box. She noticed that many of the sturdy toys his interest had outgrown were not broken — just scuffed and soiled. With a bit of sprucing up, she thought, they could still provide some other child hours of entertainment.

She acted on her inspiration and Santa's Workshop was born. Carol Simpson, at first single-handedly, and gradually, with the help of friends and donations from others in the community, nurtured her workshop for over three years. It grew until, after the advent of a second child, Carol no longer had the available time to continue alone. She offered it to the Community Centre, who agreed to take it over.

There, a volunteer, Bob Appleton, agreed to co-ordinate it for the centre and has done so for four years.

Currently, the Santa's Workshop is handled along with the Food Bank, the Christmas Hampers, etc., at the centre, under the umbrella of The United Way program. Like most of the centre's programs, these resources are available to the community when and as they are requested by people. Many of these requests are born of emergency situations, hardships resulting from, for instance, home fires, flooding, sudden hospitalization, serious disability, deaths in the family, and so on.

Certainly, such requests could be interpreted to have been caused, in some way, by the usual unexpected financial difficulties that such events bring — whether short term, i.e. "until the bank opens on Monday" or of longer duration, i.e. the loss of someone's job, the loss of a caregiver, or the loss of a spouse.

Whatever the reason, someone in crisis has turned to their community and we care. Many of these people, in happier days, then come to see "what can we do to help now?"

Certainly, Mr. Appleton wrote, in his last paragraph: "It is a pity that this effort is necessary, but there is no doubt that the spirit of Christmas is alive and well on Salt Spring Island."

What he meant (I asked him) was, to paraphrase his words, "Isn't it too bad that any children should be unhappy at Christmastime, especially, but isn't it fine that many volunteers will put in time and effort to make it better for them?"

By the way, Ms. Joy, your vision of what Santa's Workshop should be is exactly what it is! Drop in to help pretty up the toys next Christmas, you'll like it and so will the kids who get them.

GRANNY BARB ARMSTRONG,  
Ganges

### Inappropriate picture

To the Editor,  
I would like to bring to your attention what I consider a most inappropriate picture for the *Driftwood*, as a responsible community newspaper, to be displaying — that of the young skateboarder on the front page of the January 30 issue.

Having gone through the trauma

simple bicycle accident (she was not wearing a helmet), I find it deplorable that skateboarding be portrayed as a carefree, strap on your cowboy boots, fly through the air with no helmet, sport.

I would think that the local hospital staff, doctors, ambulance drivers, policemen, firemen, and, last but not least, coroners, feel the same way. It would be wonderful to see effort spent, through the *Driftwood*, on educating parents and children alike

on the benefits of proper safety gear and its use.

I hope at least one parent who reads this will take the time to make sure their children have the proper respect for, and, more importantly, are equipped for, the cold reality of gravity and the immovable object called the ground, on which we all like to play.

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**OPINION**

*Capital Comment*

**HUBERT BEYER**



VICTORIA — As political speeches go, it was pretty good. There were few stops, if any, he didn't pull out. The Gulf war, the brave lads, the GST, but in the end, I don't think it will do Premier Vander Zalm a whole lot of good.

What about the three media types who kept asking the same boring questions we've heard for the better part of a year now? Yes, that might blow up in the media's collective face. Maybe the public is fed up with the Fantasy Garden issue.

I am fed up with it, too, although I should point out that the premier did put his foot in it by admitting he dealt directly with the real estate agent who looked after the sale of the theme park, when in the past, he always insisted that Lillian did all the dealing.

So let's leave the Fantasy Garden thing alone and concentrate on the premier's 12-point program that is to save British Columbians from financial ruin and him from political defeat.

On top of the list is a read-my-lips tax freeze, a good idea that may be hard to implement. We're in the midst of a minor recession, and revenues aren't coming in as expected. Like President Bush, Vander Zalm may have to go back on his no-tax-hike promise, if he gets re-elected, that is.

*Salary freeze is an admirable "gesture"*

Next is the freeze on salaries for MLAs and senior public officials, an admirable gesture, but a gesture nevertheless. The savings from this measure won't make the slightest difference in the next budget, particularly since a lot of government hacks, including Finance Minister Mel Couvelier's executive assistant, managed to get wage increases from 12 per cent to 20 per cent recently.

Then there's the "disciplined framework for fair wage settlements in the public sector." Under Bill Bennett it was the Compensation Stabilization Act. It saved Bennett's derriere at the time, and Vander Zalm obviously hopes it will do the same for him now.

The Job Protection Commissioner is a reincarnation of Bennett's Critical Industries Commissioner, and the creation of thousands of "enviro-jobs" is something that can be found among the promises of any politician these days.

Ah, but what about the five-year \$1.4 billion reforestation program, "the most intensive reforestation program in Canada's history?" Surely, that's new. Well, it's about as new and innovative as turkey salad sandwiches on Boxing Day. Fact is, the program has been hanging around in some form or other for more than a year.

*Not a big deal*

In the last throne speech, nearly a year ago, there was a promise of a \$1.7 billion silviculture program over the next 10 years. In the last budget, the government promised to spend about \$250 million a year for the next five years.

If you take the budget figure, you come to a total of \$1.25 billion over five years. That leaves only \$30 million a year of new funding. I'm not saying that's chicken feed, but it's not the big deal Vander Zalm tries to make of it.

I don't begrudge the premier his opportunity to shine on prime-time TV. Goodness knows, he needs a lift. Things haven't been going too well for him lately, like the last three and a half years, and frankly, I don't hold any hope for improvement.

What I saw on the tube was a politician trying to save his career by announcing what will undoubtedly be the Sacred election platform. It's not bad, as platforms go, but it's nothing to crow about either.

But most of all, I don't think it will silence the premier's critics. I'm talking about the critics in his own party, not the NDP supporters.

*Better get behind only leader they have*

Considering that Vander Zalm will probably call the election this spring, I suspect we won't hear too much about a leadership review anymore. It's too late for that. The Sacreds had better get behind the only party leader they have.

The only question that remains now is whether he will recall the legislature before he calls the election. If he wants part of his 12-point program implemented before the election, he'll have to have a session, because some of the proposals need legislative approval.

By calling the legislature, however, he will lay all sorts of land mines for himself, and I'm not sure whether he can afford to expose himself to the daily grind of a question period so close to an election.

For that reason, Vander Zalm may decide to call an election without enshrining his program in legislation. In that case, the Sacreds' entire election campaign will be built around the premier's 12-point program.

Which route he'll choose will depend on what the polls say in the next couple of weeks. If the numbers improve, he'll pull

**Sickened**

To the Editor,  
The electronic media have been at pains to ask us how we feel about the Gulf war. My answer to that question is stunned, sickened and angry!

It is likely that the first time 5,000 members of the human race assembled in one location, they did so to fight a war. Ten thousand years later, we are still waging war! Have we learned nothing?

The US-led coalition of forces is being sucked into a terrible trap which will lead to the slaughter of thousands of people, both from Iraq and from the allied armies. The United States is naive and inept and appears to have no understanding of diplomacy and the way in which other people think.

The US reveals an astonishing and big-headed assumption that the American way is the right way and indeed, the only way to carry out foreign affairs.

We all know that if the main economic activity in the Persian Gulf was the production of bananas, there would be no war. Overcoming threats to democracy, the suppression of evil dictators, freeing poor little Kuwait are all secondary issues.

What is at stake here is the threat to the American way of life through the danger to the cheap oil supplies present in the Middle East. To say otherwise is hogwash and pious hypocrisy.

Is anyone thinking about what is going to happen in the Middle East after the shooting ends? The Arabs are going to be sullen, angry, hurt and thirsting for revenge. We are likely to experience terrorism on a scale that heretofore is unimaginable.

Lastly, I think that the performance of the electronic media has been despicable. They report on the entire affair as if a sort of glorious military Superbowl were taking place. No one seems to be concerned for the torn and bleeding Iraqi women and children. The media with its panel of so-called analysts and experts remind me of nothing so much as a pack of dogs examining its own vomit.

How do I feel about the Gulf war? Sickened, saddened, angry and powerless.

DAVID R. AMIES,  
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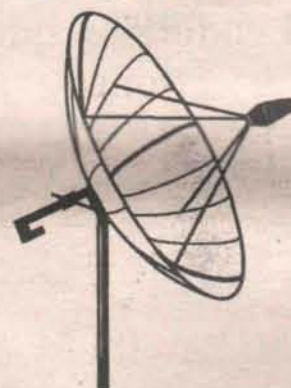
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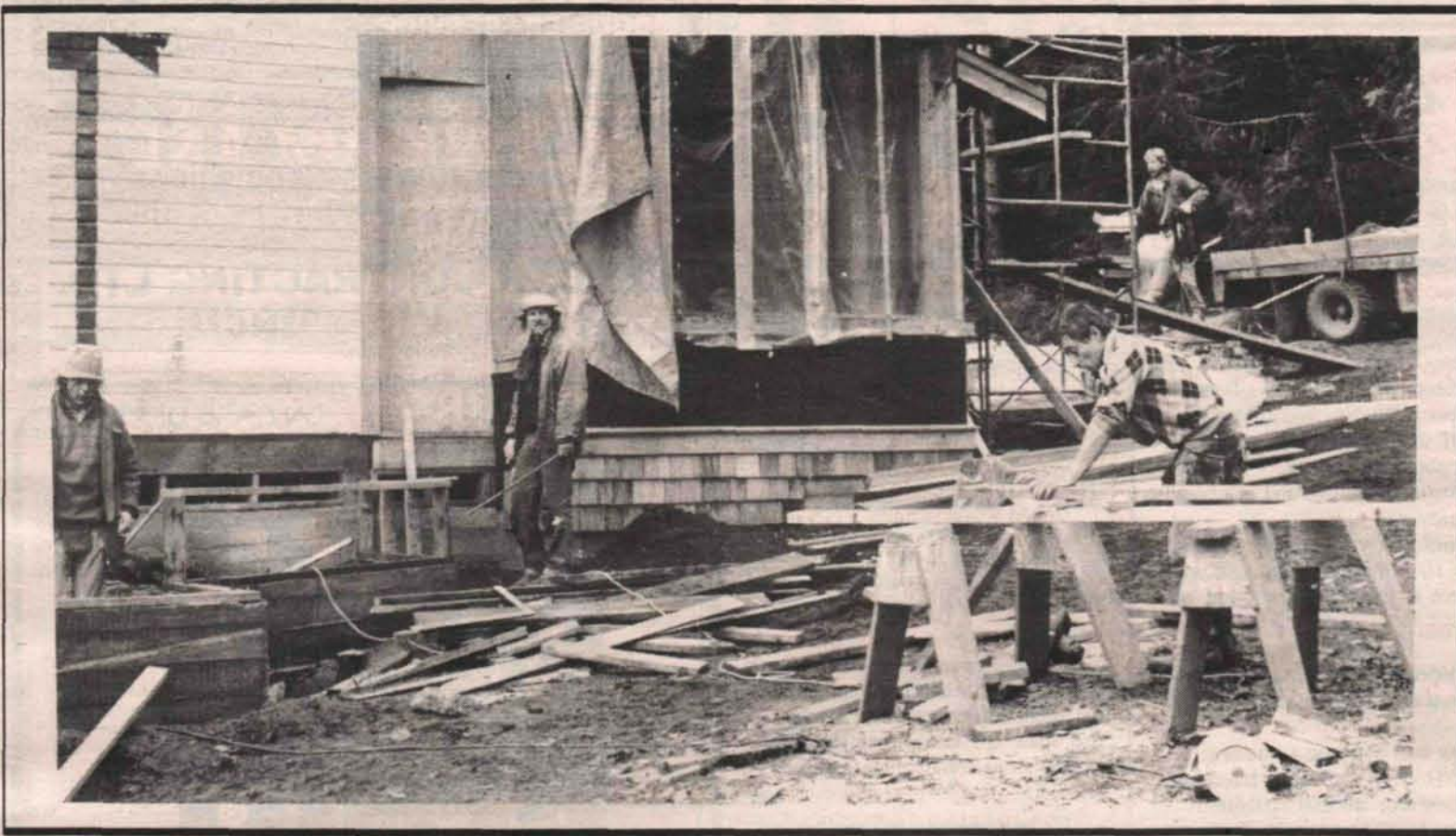
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LETTERS



**BUSY BEAVERS:** Work on an addition at Beaver Point Hall continues with a labour pool of skilled workers. Most labourers are donating their time to the project.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

**Humble**

To the Editor,  
I believe the Bible must be read with the realization that our little minds cannot always grasp right away some of its great and deeper meanings. So we must approach the reading of it very humbly, and know that what it tells us is the Truth, and not approach it with the idea that our very modern and seemingly clever minds can prove that it is wrong.

I have found the habit of reading a chapter of the New Testament every evening is most helpful with solving the problems of daily living, and I also have found with this frequent reading that the light from all the other chapters suddenly makes the meaning of a difficult chapter quite clear.

A letter writer was questioning the fact of Christ saying "when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies know the end is near." This person thought Christ was wrong because Jerusalem has been surrounded many times by armies and the end hasn't happened.

Now Christ knew Jerusalem would be surrounded by armies many times so the meaning must surely be that one of these times when Jerusalem is surrounded by armies it will be a sign to us that the end is near, and we must watch for this sign and many others as a warning.

The writer also thought Christ was wrong when he said "verily I say unto you that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done." And the person thought a hundred generations and 2,000 years have passed and we are still waiting. So Christ was wrong, he concluded.

But I would have thought, we have two biblical generations. The old generation before Christ's coming and the new generation after we had heard the teachings of Christ. And as for the 2,000 years, I'm sure it says in the Bible a 1,000 years is as a day in the sight of God.

LASSIE DODDS,  
Ganges

**"A crime"**

To the Editor,  
The savage Yankee assault on Iraq is a crime of historic proportions and demonstrates yet again that dictators are not the only evil tyrants — George Bush continues the tyrannous tradition of so many Yankee presidents.

There is simply no justification for any of the Bush administration's apparent war objectives: to control Arabian oil resources, to restore a corrupt Kuwaiti emirate on land which perhaps should be part of Iraq anyway, to eliminate Iraq as a

machismo.

The coalition leaders deserve severe punishment for abetting this heinous aggression and rejecting the moral option of negotiation. What a shame that George Bush, King Fahd, Brian Mulroney and the other warmongers cannot be substituted for the bombs dropping on Baghdad.

CHRIS LITTLER,  
Ganges

**Leadership questioned**

To the Editor,  
I suppose a lot of us watched the Bill Vander Zalm show last week. His main theme seemed to be that leadership — his leadership — was necessary for British Columbia.

Let's look at some of that leadership.

He wants to freeze taxes. This is the leader of the same government that has, over the past four years, hit the average B.C. household with an additional \$3,000 in taxes and fees while corporations have been given \$2 billion in tax breaks. We need fair taxes more than frozen taxes.

When it comes to leadership, the Sacred penchant for double standards is still evident. Wage restraints for some workers, yet within the last few months, Sacred political appointees are handed salary hikes between 12 and 19 per cent. And how will our hospital waiting lists be reduced by giving \$25 million to doctors' pensions while freezing nurses' wages? Leadership on pensions? Sure, if you've already got the extra income set aside. And a leadership step backwards from the promised white paper on homemakers' pensions.

We're desperate for leadership on environmental issues. Not the leadership that backs down on tough pollution controls. Not the leadership that creates "enviro-jobs" by recycling tired old promises.

In response to a question about justice, Mr. Vander Zalm just shrugged. Sort of explains all those Sacred scandals, doesn't it?

Yes, we're looking for leadership. It's time for Bill Vander Zalm to lead us into a provincial election. We need an opportunity to change to a new leadership — one that builds cooperation not confrontation, that recognizes the needs of ordinary women and men, is honest, open, and keeps its promises.

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**NEWSBEAT**

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Rock life exists exquisitely as no where else in this Great White North.

White? Of course. Beyond Hope, there's snow. Received correspondence from a flatland friend who bragged of snow covering everything to a depth of two feet. No word from Ontario but if memory serves, they'll still be digging pathways through the frosty stuff for another couple of months.

Yet here, on the rocks, crocus begin sprouting and glady-olye begin their annual display of beauty.

To be sure, life on the rocks unfolds with a metronomic regularity. Events occur when they should, as they should and don't worry that the events are mere replays of what went on before.

We have studies to prove it.

And have we got studies. Every aspect of life here-about has been studied at least once in the past decade and some things have borne scrutiny several times.

Think on it. How many times has money gone to determine the need or value of incorporation? How many bucks have led to discoveries of what islanders want in recreational facilities?

If every Loonie spent on every study of some part of island life were to be piled neatly, we'd have a solid foundation for a causeway to Tsawwassen.

Of course, B.C. Ferries and the local transportation committees would call for another study on where the causeway would go and how it would best serve the needs of residents, and the nature folk would call for a study to determine the impact of the causeway on marine birds. Those folk who hike the trails through nature would want to determine the value of a walkway adjoining the road and cyclists would demand another study to ensure safety of bicycles. This would lead in turn to a demand for an environmental impact study to find out if the metal of the Loonies would adversely affect the water quality; which would lead to another demand to study the metal content, if any, of Loonies.

On file with the typewriter, if a large pile of assorted papers can be termed a file, are reports on health of islanders: *Salt Spring and Outer Gulf Islands Hospital and Health Care Plan*, December 1987; *Background Study—The Future Role of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital*, June 1, 1990; *Islands Health Services Society Mission Statement*, September 12, 1988.

**Another incorporation study lurking**

All reach essentially the same conclusions which is that Lady Minto is a neat hospital but needs more room for seniors. The mission statement is all that's left of the attempt to amalgamate Lady Minto and Greenwoods.

Also on file is an *Emergency Program Plan*, 1985, which was never implemented.

*Islands Trust Submission, Southern Island Group* (1989) offers insight into the efforts of the Trust in transportation.

*ArtSpring: Salt Spring Centre For The Arts*, August, 1989, sets out in detail, which has since been revised, plans for an art centre.

Incorporation? In 1984, a study of placing the entire island into one municipality was made. It didn't fly. In 1986 another study was made to look into ways and means of having Ganges legally declared a village.

Now, lurking somewhere in the background, is yet another study of incorporating the island, to be funded, again, by the ministry of municipal affairs.

Ferry service, recreation and traffic in Ganges were, at one time, the champions in promoting the spending of money on studies, reports, analysis and wasted paper. But those subjects lost the title to garbage.

Beginning in 1985, the Capital Region funded one study after another. Other government agencies kicked in Loonies as well.

**Couldn't a solution be found?**

*Alternatives For Disposal of Refuse From SSI*, CRD, March, 1985; *Solid Waste Management in the Gulf Islands*, CRD, June, 1986; *Call for Proposals For Disposal of Wastes, Gulf Islands*, CRD, October, 1986; *Report of Islands Subcommittee*, CRD, December, 1986; *Report of Landfill Subcommittee*, CRD, December, 1986; *Report of Incineration and Materials Recovery Subcommittee*, December, 1986.

The garbage list goes on: a look at a transfer station, a cost study of a new dump, a revision of the cost study, a report on acceptable locations for a new dump, another report on acceptable locations which differ from the first report and yet another report saying there is no suitable location for a dump on Salt Spring.

Don't you think that after all that paper and all those words, a solution could be found?

Perusing studies does keep intrepid reporters from wandering into the traffic although several critic have suggested the intrepid reporter play in the middle of Fulford Ganges Road.

What is needed at this point is a study to study the results of all those studies to prove to money sources in the government that the money spent has been beneficial and the studies have been useful.

Such a study could take several years. Interim reports would be issued at regular intervals and the study expanded as new

**Trustees consider policy**

Islands trustees considered the huge task of drafting the Trust's official policy statement when they met as a general council in Victoria on January 25 and 26.

Drafting committee coordinator Harvey Janszen from Saturna Island said trustees will have to address a number of questions, including who and what the Trust preserves and protects, what activities it encourages or discourages and how Trust policy will apply to written legislation.

The structure and implementation of power within the Trust and defining relationships between the Trust and other agencies were also raised by Janszen as initial topics for discussion.

He asked trustees to consider and document their ideas on these subjects with the aim of creating policies reflecting a Trust consensus.

Lasqueti trustee Barry Kurland said while the questions posed by Janszen were valid, a retreat type of meeting using a facilitator skilled in consensus decision-making would help the 26 trustees articulate their feelings and ideas.

Using the consensus decision-making approach, he said, would also give participants an increased "sense of ownership" about the final document produced.

Joan Best from Gabriola Island agreed with the proposal to use a group facilitator.

She said, "I have seen people labour for days trying to pinpoint what they mean to say."

Bowen trustee Graeme Dinsdale saw further benefits in holding a focused retreat meeting. "I think this kind of experience would facilitate a lot of discussion at council meetings here," he said.

Trustees unanimously agreed to organize a retreat and retain a facilitator as a first step in drafting the policy statement.

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NEWSBEAT



## Hunter encourages seniors use her office for problems

Member of Parliament Lynn Hunter thinks she has one of the most politically challenging constituencies in Canada, due in part to the activities of Gulf Islands residents.

Hunter brought that message to a meeting sponsored by the Salt Spring Seniors for Seniors group last Wednesday when she came to the island to discuss seniors' services.

She said the riding's previous MP Jim Manly once told her that "people on the Gulf Islands are perhaps the most politically active group in the country." Experience has proven Manly's advice to be true, she said, and especially among the islands' older constituents who have time to devote to lobbying efforts.

*"You get caught up in these people's lives and you know you have made a difference. I know the work of my office made that woman's life better."*

— Lynn Hunter

"I think I am greatly privileged because although you are one of the most demanding constituencies, you are also one of the most challenging," she said.

Hunter urged seniors to continue to make their needs known to her and members of the federal government.

"It might seem arcane," she said, "but a letter to a politician has a lot of impact."

While she said "the universality of social programs is not something the (Tory) government sees as untouchable," she also felt "the current

government knows not to mess with seniors."

Hunter said the most rewarding aspect of her job as MP was constituency work and helping people on an individual basis. The results of that work are rarely known, she said, except by those directly affected.

As an example she described the plight of one disabled and elderly constituent who obviously qualified for a disability pension but could not jump through the tangle of bureaucratic hoops.

"It took us a good few months, and finally a staff person managed to get the head doctor on the phone. She got her pension and \$7,000 in back pension."

"You get caught up in these people's lives and you know you have made a difference," said Hunter, and "I know the work of my office made that woman's life better."

She urged seniors to use her constituency office to resolve problems they experience with any federal government department.

"If you see something you are unhappy with, please let us know," she said.

One woman attending the meeting had an immediate problem to discuss. She pointed out that January's old age pension cheques had not been received by island residents as of Wednesday. She said "lots of people live day-to-day at the end of the month," and not receiving that money on time causes undue hardship for them.

Hunter offered the services of her Saanich constituency office to investigate the matter.

Hunter was also asked by Bill Curtin to look into the Arts Centre Society's grant application to fund the new theatre's proposed hearing impaired sound system.

Seniors for Seniors member Margaret Johnston appealed to Hunter for

more funding for the local non-profit group.

"I have never seen an organization as great as Seniors for Seniors," said Johnston, "and I think it is very wrong that Seniors for Seniors should have to go hat in hand for funding."

Agreeing that some "dignity" should be infused in the grant process, Hunter said there was no way to predict the future of federal funding for seniors until the government's next throne speech.

**MP VISIT:** Saanich-and-the-Islands MP Lynn Hunter shares some humour with constituents at a Seniors for Seniors meeting held last Wednesday. Hunter gave advice on how to solve problems with the federal government and led discussions on several other issues.

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NEWSBEAT

# Peace correspondents form emergency response team

Salt Spring's "peace correspondents" in the Middle East have been in the thick of things during the last two weeks.

"Environmental journalist" and Salt Spring resident Randy Thomas and Vancouver artist Carl Chaplin have been updating Vancouver's Environmental News Service and Green Islands on their activities based in Amman, Jordan.

In a prepared release, Thomas said the oil spill in the Persian Gulf has been of great concern to King Hussein and the Jordanian people. He said Hussein's top science advisor Dr. Abdullah Toucan told him "that

a black cloud the size of the United States will circle the earth for months, borne on the subtropical jetstream high in the stratosphere, if additional Kuwaiti oil fields are fired."

Thomas said "besides threatening marine life in the Gulf, the growing oil slick off Kuwait threatens to clog desalination plants in Saudi Arabia on which millions of people depend for fresh water after two abnormally dry years."

Thomas and Chaplin have formed the Gulf Environmental Emergency Response Team in an effort to get monitoring and clean-up vessels and

crew into the contaminated area. They said the 200-foot San Diego-based *Sea Shepherd II* is expected to arrive within five weeks.

GEERT has also contacted a North Vancouver oil spill clean-up company, Greenpeace International and the Cousteau Society regarding the possible deployment of additional vessels.

Thomas said "what is urgently needed now is for the allies to postpone their planned amphibious assault on Kuwait City and for Iraq to assist in limiting the spread of this huge oil spill so that oil spill skimmers can get to work." He added that "this is a good opportunity for both sides to begin cooperating on overriding ecological concerns in the Gulf — concerns which will spread to the entire globe if oil is further used as a weapon here."

In addition to engaging in lobbying activities, Chaplin began painting a new work called *Black Rain* last Friday in the lobby of the Marriott Hotel in Amman. It depicts "oily rain falling from a black cloud rising over burning oil fields in the Middle East," said Thomas and has caused a number of people to discuss his work and their concerns with him.

Thomas said Chaplin plans to make a *Black Rain* poster in four languages "calling for an end to the Gulf War and its hideous environmental consequences."

Chaplin and Thomas originally intended a short stay in Jordan to bring a message of peace to the region, but as Chaplin said, "events have swept us up."

# War hits close to home

Events in the Persian Gulf hit close to home for the Betts family on Salt Spring.

Brian Betts' brother Ted and sister-in-law Karen have had their life in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, disrupted by the Persian Gulf war, along with thousands of other residents of that city.

Brian and Sharlene Betts gave the *Driftwood* a faxed letter sent by Karen on January 29.

In the letter, Karen explains "we decided to evacuate ourselves from Riyadh after a Scud missile landed less than a mile from our home and did considerable damage. Hearing the impact was one thing (the house shook like the bomb was outside the back door), but seeing the damage (mostly broken windows and blown out window frames and doors, with roof particles all over the road and debris everywhere) made us realize that to stay was crazy at that point.

"We are only a mile from the military airport and it would certainly be a target. Ted dodged missiles all night, that last night, at the airport and said it was an awful thing to see them being blown up at the end of the runway. He spent that last night with

a gas mask on, as they were on alert for the entire shift."

Karen says they were part of a mass evacuation to Jeddah, a 24-hour drive from Riyadh.

"As we left Riyadh that night, it was a continual stream of cars leaving the city for Jeddah, with tail lights as far as you could see. Most were Middle Easterners, with everything but the kitchen sink strapped to the roof. What a sight!"

Ted Betts works for Saudi Airlines which provided its employees and families with temporary housing in a compound in Jeddah.

Karen says "it houses up to 10,000 persons with a mini-community consisting of stores, recreational facilities, (12 pools!), medical centre, etc. It has its own power plant and desalination water plant, in addition to closed-circuit t.v., and many other great perks."

She was uncertain as to how long they would remain in Jeddah, but concluded her letter by asking the Betts to "pray for a quick solution to this whole mess and that people may get on with their lives in a semi-normal fashion. The ripple effect of all this is truly beyond comprehension."

# CONTRACT

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have been adjusted to meet ministerial proscribed programs, Marshall indicated. Primary grades, Kindergarten through Grade 3, will have classes of no more than 21 children. Under the old guidelines, kindergartens were limited to 20 children while Grades 1 to 4 were allowed 23 children.

Marshall said suggested class sizes were flexible to allow up to a 10 per cent difference due to late enrolments.

Elementary classes, Grades 5,6,7 are reduced to 25 pupils from 27 while secondary school classes can only be 27 students, down from 30.

Marshall stressed class sizes were only guidelines and the built-in flexibility allows each school to set up staffing to make best use of available teachers.

An issue new to the Gulf Islands revolves around consultation time. Each school is allowed to pool 15 minutes per teacher per week to bank time for parent-teacher interviews and other such non-class time calls on teacher time.

Teachers will be required to be available for a school year which covers 195 days from September 1 to June 30. They will be allowed five of those days for non-instruction activity such as professional development days.

role which each school must play when parents want their children educated at home.

Also included in the new contract is a clause on appeals. Under the new school legislation, children can appeal major decisions of teachers such as a decision to hold a child back for a year because of less than satisfactory grades. The child and parents can appeal such decision and the appeals clause offers some protection for the teacher in such a case.



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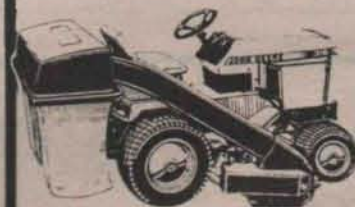
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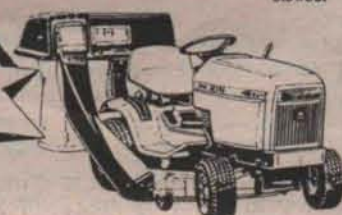


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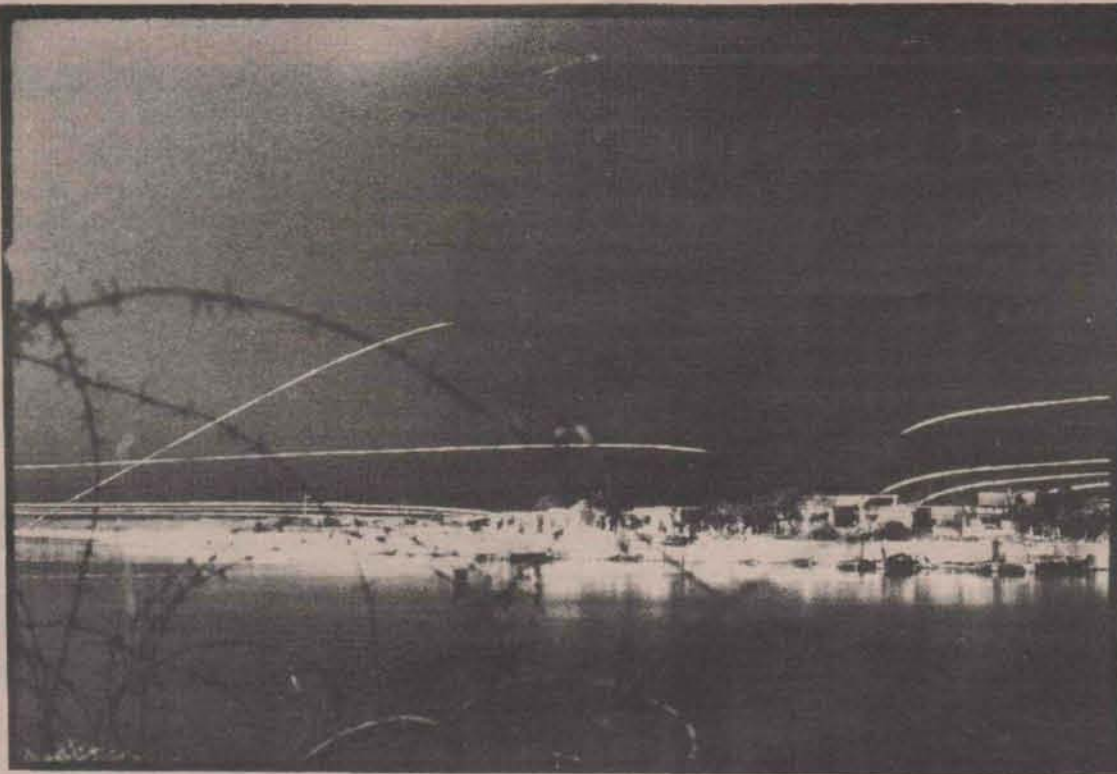
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THE HORROR ...

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Memories of war crowd my mind; Nazi bombardments — 7 years old and running to the bomb shelter while the night sky burned. 12 years old, dodging the bullets as my father got wounded inside our apartment. Squeezing the trigger of my rifle, heart pounding, age 16 and shooting at a man who wanted me dead — not because of something I did but because of who I was. All the other wars: naval gun battles in 1957, commando patrols in 1962, bombed by an Iraqi plane in 1967, boys dying in my arms in 1969 and 1970 and 1973. They scream the same, Jews and Arabs, Americans too, I am sure. The smell is the same; burning tires, the bitter smell of explosives and burning flesh, vomit, feces and rotting bodies. Shattered lives and poisoned culture — that ultimate obscenity called war.

I am sitting in my comfortable home on Salt Spring Island flipping the channels on the TV, I see sanitized images of fancy military hardware, I see crowds of robotized and brainwashed people jumping up and down in patriotic frenzy with Iraqi flags in their hands,

cheering their hero, Saddam Hussein. I see crowds of Americans doing the exact same thing with their flag and their leader and their intense patriotism. George Bush calls this a "just war." Today he declared, is a day of prayer, "God" is being enlisted. "Allah" is already at work in the "holy war." Channel 4; a retired U.S. general advocates the use of nuclear bombs against Iraq.

Flip the channel; wrestlers appear to choke each other, their mouths drool, the crowd roars. Flip; a B.C. Tel commercial warns me that the business world is full of vultures and that I need to get more vicious, more ruthless to survive. Flip again; an oil slick, dying birds. Is it the Gulf? Alaska? Georgia Strait? Cut to shots of devastated homes and wounded children. Tel Aviv or Baghdad? Analysts on TV sound like sports commentators describing an exciting game, they have cute maps and symbols for the "ordinance," great computer graphics. The stench of oil is overwhelming. The "incidental collateral" (U.S. newspeak for civilians) continues to get damaged.

A real horror show, there must be a lesson here somewhere. We are getting perilously close to World War 3, the Big One. We have been getting warnings about the proliferation of the arms trade, how the Soviet Union, the U.S. and its allies boosted their economies and added to their political clout (or so they thought) by arming Saddam Hussein to his teeth even as he was slaughtering the Kurds with poison gas.

Nobody can claim the high moral ground here, Hafez Assad for example; the Syrian leader is with the U.S. allies opposing Iraq; nobody of course mentions what he did to his own people in Hama, Syria and the methods by which he rules his country. The U.S. government has a sordid record of support for vicious tyrants and tinpot dictators when it suits their purpose.

The fog of war obscures other issues, the earth's life support system is at risk more than ever, species are becoming extinct, forests are being cut like there is no tomorrow, farmland keeps getting eroded on a massive scale while the oceans are turning into sewage dumps. Toxic gases still spew into the air we breath and toxic effluent still spews into the oceans and to the food chain in the name of progress, jobs and the holy bottom line while starvation threatens millions in that part of our home that we call the Third World.

Are those issues related? Yes they are and intimately so. The "conquest of nature" attitude is closely related to the "conquest of territory" mentality. "Resource extraction" without regard to consequences leads to actions that threaten all life on this planet.

This is a good time to have our noses rubbed in our cherished beliefs and unquestioned assumptions. Our awesome technological skills gave us the choice between self-destruction through war or ecological degradation, and a truly new world order — not the kind that George Bush is talking about — but one that includes respect for life in the economic and political equations.

We will have to examine our concepts of "patriotism" and "countries" and take a hard look at our real costs of doing business. Corporations and corporate states believe in the principle of "survival of the fittest" and the "fittest" usually means the most vicious and meanest. This may prove to be a false assumption. In nature the "fit-



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LOOKING UP: Recent storms demand overtime for the B.C. Hydro squad in the Gulf Islands. Mike Ferrier (left) and Robert Helfrich hoist tools to waiting crew member.

# Island tax assessments soar

Soaring assessments resulted in an increased Gulf Islands tax base of close to 38 per cent for 1991.

On Salt Spring, the tax base sits at \$62.3 million, a 38.9 per cent rise of \$17.5 million from \$44.9 million in 1990.

For the Outer Gulf Islands, the 1991 tax base works out to \$50.2 million, up \$13.9 million or 38.3 per cent above the tax base of \$36.2 million last year.

Taxable value figures come through the finance department of the Capital Regional District from B.C. Assessment Authority.

Property is slotted into various categories according to its highest value use. Assessment figures combine residential, utilities, unmanaged forests, managed forests, light industry, business, recreational and farm values for all land in the Gulf Islands.

For instance, when the assessments figures were finalized, there were 4,734 properties classified as residential on Salt Spring compared to 5,524 residential lots on the Outer Gulf Islands.

Last year, the assessment roles showed 4,621 residential properties on Salt Spring and 5,500 on the Outer Gulf Islands.

The total assessed value of residential properties for Salt Spring, including land and improvements stands at \$538 million compared to \$373 million in 1990, a rise of 44.2 per cent or a increased value of approximately \$165 million.

The picture for the Outer Islands is similar. Total residential value has been assessed at \$461 million, up approximately \$132 million or 40.3 per cent from last year.

The actual assessed value of

residential property is converted to produce the tax base which is 10 per cent of the total. Each component category carries its own conversion rate to arrive at the tax base for the islands which is used by the CRD, the Islands Trust and the school board to determine their budgets.

On Salt Spring, the land carries an assessed value of \$316 million and improvements are valued at \$256 million which adds to a total assessment value of the island of \$572,648,930. When the percentages are calculated for the various categories of land, the tax base of \$62.3 million results.

Land on the Outer Gulf Islands bears assessments of \$301 million with improvements of close to \$176 million bringing the total assessment to \$477,235,608 and a tax base of \$50.2 million.

The growth in value of residential land and improvements for Salt Spring shows a dramatic increase since 1984. In that year, the residential properties were assessed at approximately \$349.7 million.

At that time, residents objected strenuously to the high assessments. In 1985, based on the re-assessment carried out at the time, values dropped to \$274.2 million but rose steadily until the assessment carried out last year resulted in the large jump for values in 1991.

By this year, the assessed values had risen above the 1984 level by \$188.6 million for a 35 per cent increase over eight years.

When the total assessed values are divided by the number of residential taxation figures, an average assessed property can be found. The average residential assessment in 1984 stood at \$78,704 and increased 30.8 per cent to \$113,703 for 1991.

On the Outer Gulf Islands, the 1984 residential assessment stood at \$345.5 million and jumped 25 per cent, or \$115.8 million to \$461.3 million this year. Comparison of average assessments between the two years shows a similar rise. In 1984, the average property was assessed at \$65,540 and rose 21 per cent to \$83,510.

## FOR the RECORD

Salt Spring residents living within the Highland Water system do not really get a break on their water tax this year as charted in last week's issue of the *Driftwood*.

They could face a parcel tax bill of \$95,000 not \$25,310 as was noted

in the CRD's provisional tax table. John Richardson of the water system pointed out the mistake and told the *Driftwood* the water district board had finalized a budget for the year which would now go to the Capital Regional District board of directors for approval.

## WHITE CANE WEEK

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Bauche says this means "we have to use all of our senses and bring the world to James instead of him finding it himself."

Norris says James uses his senses extensively, often "mapping out" an area and using his feet and legs as much as his hands. "He is not long in any one place and he figures it out."

He is also "fearless" in climbing things, says Norris, and "motion is his biggest pleasure." Running, tumbling, bouncing on a trampoline and swimming in particular are James' favourite activities.

Bauche says James has "some positive, innate traits to help him" with his disability. "He is outgoing, curious and adventuresome."

When he runs into things, says his dad, "if it hurts he is annoyed, but only for a few seconds."

CNIB Child and Family Counselor Ragnmild Hildred says there is often "a gap in service between birth and school" for blind or visually impaired children. Without assistance from the CNIB or other support agencies, parents may not develop the skills required to provide their children with an optimal level of stimulus.

James is only one of 66 clients Salt Spring resident Hildred visits in her region from Shawnigan Lake to Port Hardy.

One part of her job is to provide emotional support to parents, especially soon after a child's birth, when, she says "they experience grief and loss of hopes and dreams when they realize their child is visually handicapped."

Hildred also ensures the children receive as much visual stimulation from their families as possible, guiding parents through therapeutic home exercises.

She also stresses the need for "the family to present whole concepts to

milk really is unless he grasped the entire concept. Taking the child to a dairy farm would be an ideal place to start, she explains, following through with the rest of milk's journey to the kitchen table.

Norris uses the whole concept approach with James, taking time with him in the supermarket to aid his understanding of where food comes from.

Hildred works with a number of children who are not completely without sight and provides "visual stimulation" exercises to help them see basic colours and shapes.

She emphasizes the need for "hand-over-hand" learning, where the adult guides a child's hand during activities. "So much has to be learned this way," she says.

Hildred also ensures recommendations of assessment workers are being adhered to and tests her clients' life skills. "If a child is unable to meet the level for his age, then I make a referral to a CNIB rehabilitation officer," she says.

The CNIB also provides tactile toys for visually impaired children, vision testing, family support and public information workshops.

Hildred says she has been rewarded by her new position after being in the social work field.

"There is usually an improvement and some change," she says, and "parents are receptive" to receiving her assistance.

"The dynamics of having a visually impaired child are really stressful and intense," says Hildred, "it takes a lot of work."

Norris says it is often difficult to balance the attention demanded by all three of his children, when James' needs are often greater.

Another complication is that "when James has problems it is sometimes hard to notice them," he

will be minimized by his father's awareness, resources now available to him and changing public attitudes towards the visually impaired.

"It is fortunate schools are as integrated as they are," she says, and "it is such a positive thing to see the understanding and all of the children interacting."

"The results (of integration) will be far-reaching," says Bauche, "and James will be able to grow up in the mainstream of society."

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**NEWSBEAT**

**Parks and Recreation Commission votes on vending permits**

**Three mid-week positions allowed**

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission members voted to allow three mid-week Centennial Park vending permits in 1991.

PRC members heard a presentation at the January 28 meeting from Tom Gillies, who for two years has operated the Nacho Wagon with his wife Kathryn Steele at the Saturday Farmers' Market and other events. Gillies inquired about the status of his 1990 application and said he would like a prompt decision on 1991 mid-week vending permits.

Later in the meeting, new PRC board member Allisen Lambert said

"I would have some concern about additional food vending in the village," and asked other members how local merchants feel about food being sold in the park.

Capital Regional District director Julia Atkins told her their feeling was generally "lukewarm."

When Lambert asked how mid-week vending came to be allowed in the park, she was told Salt Spring voters approved the practice by referendum.

Commission member Lawrie Neish suggested one way to determine permit distribution would be to

accept applications from the three highest bidders.

Atkins disagreed, saying "the commission ought to reserve the right to determine the type of vendor the community wants."

Commission member Matt Flanagan said, "if you open up the park to everybody, why should the merchants pay rent to stores?"

Last year Myles Wilson paid \$300 per month to set up his Fryin' Scotsman fish and chip truck in the corner of the park. Although the two other vendors receiving mid-week vending permits late in the year did

not use them, they would have been charged \$100 per month for using park space.

Chairman Kellie Booth reminded members that the Painters' Guild had requested its members be allowed to paint in Centennial Park during the week.

Lambert and Barry Urquhart expressed approval of the painting in the park idea.

Members voted 5-4 in favour of maintaining the practice of issuing three mid-week vending permits.

Interested community members will soon be invited to submit applications for this year.

**POLICE Report**

**Accidents**

A 17-year-old Salt Spring youth faces impaired driving charges after his involvement in a two-car collision at the corner of Lower Ganges and Booth Canal roads.

There were no injuries in the incident which occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m., January 29.

Some \$3,500 damage was sustained by the two vehicles involved.

Police are investigating a single car accident on Rainbow Road which occurred January 31 at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The incident occurred when a 31-year-old Salt Spring woman lost control of her vehicle and slammed into a ditch, striking a utility pole.

The driver escaped without injury; however, the vehicle sustained about \$2,000 damage.

A 62-year-old Ganges man also avoided injury in a single vehicle accident last week.

The driver lost control of his vehicle on Long Harbour Road, February 1 at approximately 11 p.m., and careened across the middle line, coming to a stop off the left hand side of the road.

A 78-year-old woman was charged with failing to yield following an accident on North End Road, February 3.

Police say there were no injuries in the incident which caused about \$1,500 in damages to the two vehicles involved.

**Speeding**

Ganges RCMP are reminding islanders to heed slower speed limits in school zones.

The warning comes after RCMP members issued more than 10 speeding tickets in three days in the Fernwood Elementary School area.

The Fernwood school zone, which is clearly marked by signs, begins on a portion of North End Road and extends along Fernwood Road.

**Break and enter**

The fire-gutted Mussick residence was broken into once again last weekend.

Culprits ripped off the plywood which boarded up the house sometime between 4 p.m., February 1 and 3 p.m., February 2 and entered the premises. Police do not know if anything was taken.

Owners of the home were killed in the blaze which ripped through the house December 31.

**Wilful damage**

Ganges RCMP are investigating several cases of wilful damage which occurred over the weekend.

Culprits broke lamps at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies and at the Masonic Hall sometime between midnight and 8 a.m., February 2.

An estimated \$300 damage was incurred.

Sometime during that same night, at least 15 individual and group mailboxes were overturned on Lower Ganges and North End roads.

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FEATURE

# 2,200 tonnes of waste dumped here annually

First in a series of articles

Years ago most residents of Salt Spring disposed of garbage in a pit on their own property and when the pit was full, the garbage was buried and forgotten.

Wally Rogers was the man who began to gather garbage from homes



Norman Twa

for disposal. About 1965, Wally Twa bought that business and began the garbage dump in a shale pit on his Blackburn Road property.

The shale pit existed because it had been the source of road-building material for many of the early roads on Salt Spring.

Twa used a truck to collect garbage from residents who paid him to haul the refuse away. He shovelled the garbage into a cement incinerator, burned it and then shovelled the ashes back onto the truck for dumping in the shale pit.

As time passed, Twa continued his method of getting rid of the island's garbage. Other residents, aware of the garbage dump on Blackburn Road, joined the endeavour by bringing their garbage to Twa for disposal.

Eventually, with new health permit requirements, burning garbage was not permitted.

About eight years ago, Wally Twa's son Norman took over the business.

"Years ago," Norman Twa said,

"it was the first dump on Salt Spring to have regulations applied to it."

He described the geology of the area as determined by a geologist. Sitting on about 1.2 hectares (three acres) of Twa property, the dump is located on a fairly wide seam of shale which runs east-west across the island at that point.

Bracketing the shale are seams of sandstone. Just below the dump site, a sand and gravel deposit extends to a depth of about 12.2 metres (40 feet), explained Twa.

Garbage pickup service serves approximately 1,000 customers and gathers close to 15 cubic metres (60 cubic yards) of bagged household garbage in five truck loads each day.

In addition, Twa said, the company has 15 bins which each hold three cubic metres (12 cubic yards) at various locations on the island to accumulate garbage from businesses. Bins are emptied on average about once each week and Twa's driver Mike Stacey usually brings two bins to the dump each day.

Stacey drives one of two vehicles

depending upon which garbage route he is travelling at the time. The primary vehicle is a garbage truck which hold 3 cubic metres (12 cubic yards) of refuse from the residential customers. Stacey uses a container truck to empty the business garbage bins.

Twa went on to explain that each year close to 2,200 tonnes of household garbage are dumped at the Blackburn Road site. In addition, approximately 1,800 tonnes of tree stumps, demolition debris and non-household garbage are added to the site each year. Stumps and debris are dumped in a location separate from the household garbage.

The total varies year to year, Twa said. In any given 12-month period, about 40 per cent of the garbage is brought to the site by individuals while Stacey picked up the other 60 per cent on his routes.

Garbage at the Blackburn dump, under a Ministry of the Environment permit for a "C" class dump, is buried under at least 15.2 centimetres (six

inches) of fill from the site each week.

When the last truck load of garbage for the day is dumped, the garbage is compacted with a large cat. Bottles and metal such as copper wire and pipe are salvaged. Plastic made up about 15 per cent of the garbage 15 years ago, Twa said, and remains at the same volume today. Newsprint and paper makes up 40 per cent of the garbage, he said.

Twa noted that sorting garbage at the site results in recyclable items which sell for close to \$5,000 each year.

He estimated 75 per cent of residents utilize the dump, either through pickup service or dumping garbage there themselves, while the remainder of residents, 25 per cent, use their own property to dispose of garbage.

Home disposal includes burning, composting and burying, Twa explained, as well as sorting garbage for recycling, much as it has for many years.

## Various disposal methods practised

Stories by Bill Webster

Salt Spring residents rid themselves of refuse in many ways including dumping at Blackburn site, burning in an incinerator, composting, burying and recycling.

Fire Chief Les Wagg told the *Driftwood* he issues close to 1,000 permits for incinerators each year. While burning garbage is not illegal, many people phone the fire department to complain about the practice, he said.

Composting, allowing kitchen refuse to rot down into soil suitable for gardens, is another popular way of getting rid of some household waste on the island. There is no way of estimating how many islanders utilize a compost system.

Recycling efforts, on the other hand, can be measured.

In addition to the amount recycled through garbage sorting at Blackburn Road dump, islanders contributed 340 tonnes (335 imperial tons) of recyclable material to the Salt Spring Recycle Depot at Ganges Village Market, said Rick Laing, co-ordinator of the recycling effort on the island.

Roz Mellander is in charge of recycling programs throughout the Capital Regional District. She listed the basic recycle material collected in the blue boxes and hauled to Regent Recycling by Laidlaw under contract from the CRD.

Last year, she said, islanders contributed 112 tonnes of newspaper, 133 tonnes of glass and 27 tonnes of tin cans to the regional total. The amount of glass generated on the island surprised her, she indicated, because the usual ratio is about three parts paper and two parts glass in other areas of the region.

Laing added to the list of recycled materials. He noted that 52 tonnes of



Regent Recycling in Victoria handles island recyclables

cardboard, 5.3 tonnes of office paper and three tonnes of telephone books left the island last year.

He said the depot tried recycling

rigid plastic for three months and gathered three tonnes in that time.

Laing also added five tonnes of food waste to the recycling list. Waste came from Sea Capers and the Fall Fair and is being composted.

Laidlaw Transportation, a Victoria trucking firm brings empty recycling bins to the island and takes full containers to Regent Recycling in the capital city.

Recurring speculation on Salt Spring centres on Laidlaw collecting bins from the island and conjecture they are dumped at Hartland Road landfill. That speculation is just that: speculation, officials at the CRD, at Hartland Road garbage dump and at Regent Recycling told the *Driftwood*.

In addition to costing Laidlaw the tipping fee for dumping the bins, the company would not be paid by the CRD under terms of the contract.

sale of recycle goods but they also are paid by the CRD to pick up the bins. Proof that goods are being sold for recycling must be presented in order for payment to occur.

Recycled goods from Salt Spring join the material being collected from other areas of the region and sorted at Regent. Company manager Darcy Hitwell explained the process to the *Driftwood*.

Each full container is weighed to determine the total weight. Its paper contents are dumped and the container is weighed again to find out the volume of paper. The process is repeated for each type of material, clear glass, coloured glass and tin cans.

When material has been sorted and readied for shipment to various locations for actual recycling, it is weighed again and the volume of each type of material is known.

is labour intensive. Several men are required to sort through the glass to ensure no coloured glass is crushed with clear glass for instance.

Similarly, cans are sorted to separate aluminum cans from the tin ones. Cans are then crushed and baled, ready for shipment.

When glass is crushed, it is shipped for resale to New Westminster. Metal material goes to either Vancouver or Seattle while newsprint is shipped to Oregon. Bundles of cardboard head south to Tacoma, Washington.

Recycling on Salt Spring grows yearly. In 1989, the depot handled 169 tonnes compared to the 340 tonnes last year. The recycled material represents close to eight per cent of the garbage generated on Salt Spring and the recycle folks hope to increase that portion to 50 per cent within five



Activity at Victoria-based Regent Recycling

## Youth inspired to reflect on many environmental issues

All over Canada, school children are showing concern about the state of the world's environment, and wanting to do something about it. Too young to have discovered world-weariness, and old enough to make a difference, they are seeking positive ways to express their ideals, and help the world become a better place.

By GUY DAUNCEY  
Special to the Driftwood

Among teachers, this upsurge of concern has led to a search for ways to feed this interest, so that it grows to become a strong force in the young person's emerging psyche, and not just a passing fashion.

In spite of the many things that were bad about school, people also

hopefully remember things that were good. The right mixture of dedication, sincerity, love and enthusiasm can light a fire of inspiration that will last a lifetime, and become a permanent source of inner treasure.

With the right kind of support, young people's concern about the environment could become this kind of permanent inspiration. Of all the things the planet needs, it probably needs this mixture of love and inspiration most of all. The pressures

and assaults on the environment increase daily, both at the global and the local level.

We urgently need a generation of young people who will enter adult life with a radically different set of values, and who will not be addicted to consumerism, and the belief that "more is better."

The challenge to teachers, parents, schools, trustees, and all who share a concern for our community and its environment is to find ways to

make it much more than just another classroom topic, sandwiched between math and woodwork.

To show what is possible, here are some of the ideas that are being pursued elsewhere in Canada, and around the world:

- writing and performing musicals and plays such as *Yanomami*, which tells the plight of a tribe in the Amazonian rainforest, or *The Ultimate Mess-Age*, featuring General

Fester Muckraker, Emperor Carcinogen VI and others;

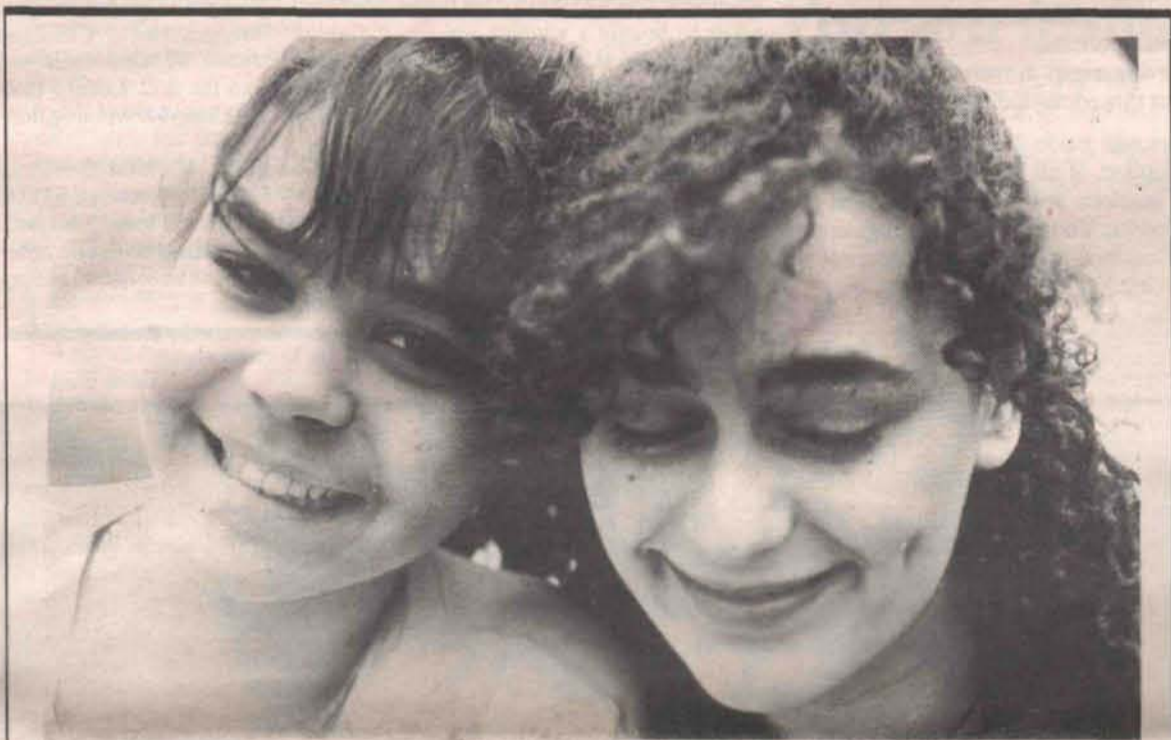
- running organic school gardens and keeping worm farms;
- establishing recycling projects;
- setting up field trips to places of special beauty, such as the Carmanah;

- taking part in letter-writing campaigns (it was a school in Ontario which eventually persuaded MacDonald's to give up styrofoam throughout North America);

- conducting an environmental audit within the school, and giving up bad habits such as pouring waste chemicals down the drain;

- providing outdoor "discovery days," in which young people are

YOUTH A16



**FRIENDSHIP:** Island youths Gina Hood and Melanie Verreault enjoy a weekend on Salt Spring, spending some time in Fulford Harbour. Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

## Business Bureau issues warning concerning unsolicited invoices

Do not pay that unsolicited invoice, warns the Better Business Bureau.

B.C. businesses have been paying a \$50 registration fee to Central Bank of Canadian Firms under the impression it is actually part of the federal department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

"This firm is not a government agency," warns the BBB. "Many companies are confusing this firm's invoice with their annual business registration fee from

Consumer and Corporate Affairs in Ottawa. The address of the firm and that of Consumer Affairs are very similar."

Central Bank of Canadian Firms asks business to complete a form and return it, with a cheque for \$50, to an address in Place du Portage in Hull, Quebec. The federal government's consumer and corporate affairs office also has offices at Place du Portage.

## WCB help available

A Victoria support group has valuable information for people dealing with the Workers Compensation Board.

The Friends of Injured and Disabled Workers is a registered society which offers some "very helpful literature in dealing with the WCB," according to one island resident.

Some of the support group's literature is available at the Community Centre in Ganges; however, those wanting additional help, information and support are encouraged to contact the society directly.

Address of the support group is 26 Parkcrest in Victoria. Membership costs \$1 and additional donations are accepted.

Those wanting the society to mail them literature, should enclose a stamp.

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- Macrobiotic Cooking ..... Feb. 25
- Disaster Preparedness Awareness Seminar Mar. 2



### SALT SPRING COMMUNITY SOCIETY NEWS

268 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 537-9971

- \* **CENTRE HOURS:** 9-4 Mon.-Fri. After Hours Crisis Line: Zenith 2262.
- \* **FOOD BANK** - emergency food during Centre hours (except noon).
- \* **INTERESTED IN FOSTERING?** Info & potluck Sat., Jan. 26, 10 am-4 pm, Community Centre.
- \* **PARENTING COURSES** to start soon. Phone for info.
- \* **COUNSELLING SERVICES:** Crisis and short-term counselling available as a direct service operating out of the Community Centre building. Long-term counselling is available through the Community Centre on a referral service basis to private practitioners. Assistance may be available in special cases.
- \* **ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM** - prevention and treatment service is free and confidential. Call for more information.
- \* **ANTI-DRINKING AND DRIVING T-SHIRTS** available for \$12.00.
- \* **FREEDOM FROM SMOKING COURSE:** 8 sessions begins Feb. 7. Phone Susan Krug to pre-register.
- \* **2 RECYCLE LOCATIONS:** Cardboard, office paper, paper, glass and cans at GVM; paper, glass and cans behind the Fulford Inn.
- \* **RECYCLE FACT:** A pilot program in Halifax, N.S. indicated that the average metropolitan home generates two litres of organic kitchen waste each day, roughly equal to three 45 gallon drums or 3/4 tonne of compostable waste per kitchen per year. (BioCycle - May 1990)

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COMMUNITY

# "Public education is vital"

*This is the way the world will end,  
This is the way the world will end,  
This is the way the world will end,  
Not with a bang but a whimper.*

The poet, T.S. Eliot, doesn't tell us the kind of whimper for which he thinks we are headed, but some of us are beginning to suspect that it might be the culmination of our long-drawn-out War on Nature. Sometimes it's called the "crisis of the environment."

By BOB WILD  
*Ten Days for World Development*

The Gulf War is only driving that feeling home. Huge oil dumps in the Persian Gulf and untold megatons of explosives tearing at Iranian soil take a terrible toll on what we used to affectionately call "Mother Earth" (not to mention the potential carnage in human lives).

There is, however, another way to think and another way to act. Voices all over the world declare that since we humans are the cause of this devastation, we humans can and must find the will and the way to heal the earth and its peoples.

In Brazil, for example, there are environmentally-aware groups working to protect the Amazon rain-forest from further cutting. In Africa, a very efficient wood-burning stove has been introduced to reduce depletion of scarce wood stocks.

These so-called Third World countries, along with

advanced industrial societies, are beginning to realize the earth's resources are finite and should be harvested wisely. But, they say, since our collective foreign debt exceeds \$US 1.3 trillion, carrying heavy interest charges, the pressure is on us to exploit our natural wealth in order to supply insatiable First World consumer appetite. That way we earn hard currency to meet payments on the debt.

The questions in all this are for us as well as for them. Canadians, with the many advantages of an open society with ample opportunity to learn and to debate and to act, can help as citizens of many other countries at present cannot.

One way to combat despair and cynicism is to join with others in concern, study and action. That is why 19 years ago five major national Canadian churches began "Ten Days For World Development": to foster Canadian understanding and to strengthen Canadian willingness for international resolution of central problems.

In our democracy, education is vital to create enlightened public opinion which can make demands for enlightened national policies.

On the island, living room learning groups are being formed to assist this educational process.

Trained facilitators will guide discussion; relevant resources will be supplied. It all begins the week of February 11 for six sessions at times and places arranged to suit participants. You are invited to register immediately at the Continuing Education Office, off the main Ganges parking lot.



Pearl Haynes



Kristian Plambeck

## Lottery "pays off" for two islanders

Two Salt Spring residents have struck it rich.

Seventeen-year-old Kristian Plambeck won \$20,000 for his future when he bought a winning scratch-and-win ticket at Mouat's last week. Plambeck earned the maximum prize possible when his one dollar ticket beheld three \$10,000 squares and the prize doubling square.

Pearl Haynes also became \$10,000 richer on January 17 when she purchased a winning "White Cliffs Breakopen" ticket at the Salt Spring Legion.

Haynes said "I opened all the windows on the back of my White Cliffs tickets and I started to yell! The whole Legion got excited. I was just flying!" Ganges Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 also collected \$10,000 from the B.C. Lottery Corporation for selling the winning ticket.

In addition, Victoria Britannia Branch 7 Legion will receive \$1,000 as the local Legion's "twin." All B.C. Legions are twinned with one other branch and share benefits of selling winning tickets.

## YOUTH

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encouraged to find a deeper appreciation of Nature through a range of games and exercises;


- bringing the environment into the teaching of subjects such as math, English and home economics;
- making solar energy and wind devices;
- adopting a local stream, beach or area of forest, and taking steps to restore it to its full glory;
- setting up a school wildlife park to encourage birds, butterflies, frogs, toads and slugs, and "minibeasts" such as beetles, woodlice, spiders, ants, caterpillars and centipedes;
- establishing a computer-network link with a school in Australia or Russia, and sharing information on local issues;
- conducting a household questionnaire to encourage people (for instance) to snip their six-packs, not to pour old oil down the storm-drain, and to cut the plastic off bottles before recycling them;
- adopting a threatened species such as the rhino, and running a campaign to educate people and raise funds.

There is no limit to this — there are so many different environmental issues, and each issue lends itself to a host of ideas. Books such as *50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save the Earth*, *The Young Green Consumers Guide* and my own *Earthcrisis* are full of practical ideas.

But for young people to keep their enthusiasm, the adult world must join in too, so that "saving the environment" is not just something young people do. An island such as Salt Spring lends itself to many possibilities, with its varied ecosystems, its many contentious issues, and its concerned populace.

The young people of today are worried, and they have every right to be — the adult generation is treating the planet as if it were a disposable asset.


Guy Dauncey will hold a workshop called "Kids and the Environment," February 9, between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Room 3, at



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# DOWN THE YEARS

## Thirty Years Ago

• Salt Spring's golf club added "country" to its name when it officially became the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club. Officials hoped to attract a larger supporting membership by providing social and recreational activities in addition to golf.

• According to the Ganges weather observer, the high temperature for January was 58 degrees F., and the low was 24 degrees. Total precipitation was 10.52 inches, including one inch of snow on January 28.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

• Locals using garbage bins at the Ganges boat basin were urged to stop dumping personal refuse there. An overflow of garbage on the boat ramp and dock was the result of the illegal practice.

• A single motor vehicle accident ended with the car being partially submerged in St. Mary Lake. One man was in serious condition after the accident, which was caused by the driver failing to make the sharp right turn near the north end of the lake while travelling in a northerly direction.

• A call for the names of all Gulf Islands residents born or resident in Canada before 1892 was made by the Canadian Confederation Centennial Committee of B.C. The group planned to distribute commemorative medallions to all Canadian "pioneers" designated by their long history in the country.

## Twenty Years Ago

• There was considerable discussion about the use of power boats on St. Mary Lake at a planning association meeting in Ganges. Use of power boats was criticized by some residents, while others were fearful of losing the privilege of boating on the lake.

• A cougar which had apparently swam to Salt Spring from Vancouver Island was shot by two men whose dog treed the predator. Bob Akerman and his son Ted found the animal on Mount Maxwell after it had been spotted there earlier that day.

## Fifteen Years Ago

• Capital Regional District board chairman Jim Campbell said the Islands Trust should be dissolved and its functions taken over entirely by regional districts. He said the islands are not fragile areas in need of protection and the Trust was spending a vast amount of money to accomplish what regional districts could do at a fraction of the cost.

• A member of the B.C. Commission of Inquiry on Property Assessment and Taxation had a novel idea for funding the Islands Trust. Prince George member Bruno Meyer suggested the levying of a fee to all Gulf Islands visitors.

• An emergency meeting was called by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to enquire into the withdrawal of taxi service on the island. Bill Simpkins announced at the meeting that his taxi service would resume when it was taken over by Chester Reynolds.

## Ten Years Ago

• Allegations of forged signatures on a petition in favour of the Ganges sewer were dropped after police found no evidence of false signatures. The petition was circulated in August of 1977.

• Municipal affairs minister Bill Vander Zalm rejected a Capital Regional District bylaw excluding the Gulf Islands from paying the transit levy. Islanders had lobbied for exclusion of the levy on their hydro bills, which was intended to help sub-

among local residents. Those who felt Fulford was a pleasant and attractive village as it was urged the B.C. Ferry Corporation to find an alternative means to accommodate traffic.

• The loan in respect of the Ganges sewer project was passed by the Capital Regional District board.

## Five Years Ago

• MacMillan-Bloedel Ltd. had reportedly given Salt Spring logging contractor Murray Cyprus an option to purchase 5,000 acres of its land on the island. Cyprus said the final decision to buy would be dependent on results of an economic feasibility study.

• Island Futures sought government funding to establish an employ-

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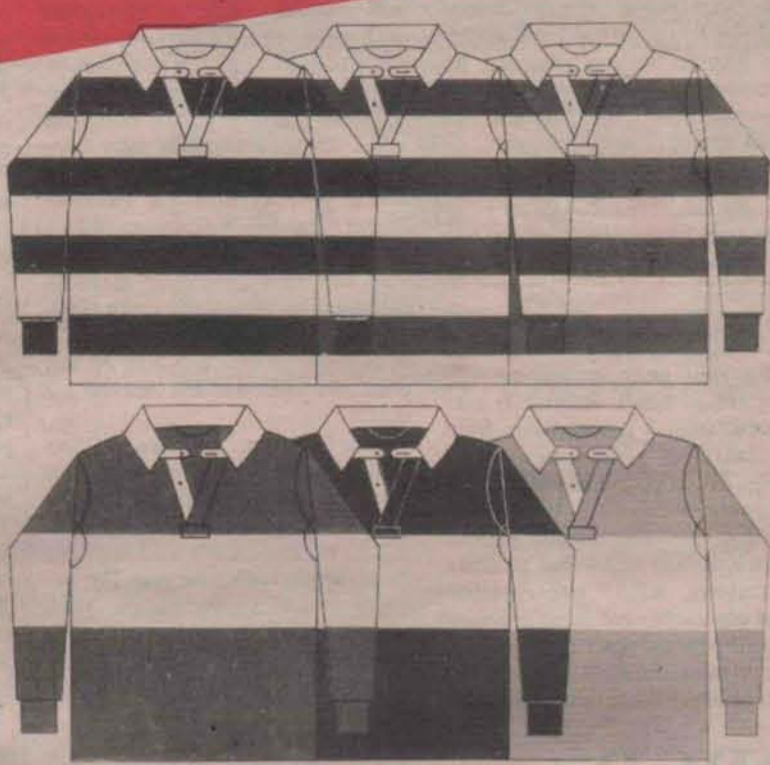
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FINANCIAL NEWS

# Building a nest egg for your retirement years

Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP) are a popular and sensible way to build a nest egg for retirement years. The more you know before you invest, the more you will benefit from this savings option.

By DAVE FERGUSON  
*Manager, Investment Services, Island Savings Credit Union*

An RRSP is a plan through which tax-deductible contributions made during your peak income-earning years are invested. Interest is tax-sheltered until it is withdrawn from the plan. This gives you sizeable savings over a period of years.

Anyone with salary, business or rental income is eligible to contribute within specified limits. For 1990 tax deductions, RRSP contribution limits are unchanged from previous years. If you are not a member of a pension plan, the RRSP limit is the lesser of 20 per cent of earned income

or \$7,500. Members of pension plans are limited to \$3,500 minus their own contributions to the pension plan.

New legislation governing contribution limits will take effect for 1991 deductions. You may contribute the lesser of \$11,500 or 18 per cent of your previous year's income, minus a Pension Adjustment (PA).

The PA is based on contributions you and your employer make to registered pension plans. From 1992-1995, the limit will increase by \$1,000 per year to \$15,500. At that point the limit will be indexed annually.

The timing and frequency of your contributions depend on your own financial situation. To gain a tax deduction in one particular year, contributions can be made until February 28 of the next calendar year. For example, contributions for the 1990 taxation year can be made until February 28, 1991.

Beginning January 1991, a new

provision in the legislation will allow you to carry-forward unused deduction allowances up to seven years. For instance, if you are eligible to contribute \$2,500 to your RRSP, but contribute only \$1,000, you can carry forward a contribution of \$1,500 for seven years. You can also accumulate your unused contributions for up to seven years.

This carry-forward contribution is in addition to contributions that you will normally be entitled to make. This way, you get future tax advantages, even if you don't have the extra money to contribute during one particular year.

You may contribute to an RRSP until December 31 of the year of your 71st birthday. At that time you must arrange to convert your RRSP into a Registered Retirement Income fund (RRIF) or an annuity to provide you with retirement income.

RRSPs are available at financial institutions, including credit unions

and trust companies, which offer a number of investment options: guaranteed funds, mutual funds, and self-directed plans. Within each of these options there are several plans to choose from, and their features will vary among issuers.

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## RRSP to income: it's a crucial step

People who are turning 71 must make an important decision about how to convert their Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) into a source of income. The choice they make is crucial because the result will likely be their primary source of income during retirement.

By BRUCE FOERSTER  
*England Securities*

Since 1986, the situation regarding retirement income options has improved dramatically with Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) emerging as one of the best vehicles to handle investors' retirement income needs.

A RRIF is a contract that provides periodic payments to the investor from the starting date until the investor reaches age 90. For many years, RRIFs were unpopular because their rules were inflexible. Then, after the federal government loosened the rules, many people began converting their RRSPs into RRIFs instead of annuities.

Under new rules, investors can own more than one RRIF. As well, there is no limit on the amount investors may receive from their RRIF each year. However, they must withdraw a minimum amount calculated by their current age subtracted from age 90 (see below). Another RRIF advantage is that investors can begin receiving payments from the RRIF immediately after purchasing it rather than being obliged to wait until the next calendar year. Also, a RRIF continues to allow investors to accumulate funds tax-free until they are withdrawn.

Here is how RRIF payments work. Each payment investors receive is a fraction of the value of the investor's capital at the start of the year. This fraction is equal to one divided by the difference between your age and 90. So, if you have a plan valued at \$300,000 and you are 70 years old, the payment you will receive is 1/20th of the fund or \$15,000. This is the minimum annual payment in that year. It can be higher if you wish, but withdrawing too much money too soon can deplete your funds and the excess is subject to a withholding tax.

As you get older, the fractional amounts increase so that when you are 71, you will receive 1/19th; when you are 72, 1/18th, when you are 73, 1/17th and so on. When you become 89, you will receive, 1/1, that is 100 per cent of the remainder.

While a disadvantage of a RRIF is that investors must exhaust all the funds' money by the time they turn 90, the advantages of a RRIF can make it far more attractive than an annuity.

Consider two of them. First, a RRIF offers a wide and varied range of investment choices. Unlike an annuity, which is based on fixed income returns, a RRIF can be invested in growth or balanced investments, such as mutual funds.

Second, a RRIF with growth producing investments will surpass annuities in generating income and compensating for inflation. Suppose at 60 you bought a \$100,000 annuity invested at 12 per cent over 30 years. You would receive \$12,414 each year until you reached 90 and your cumulative total would be \$372,000.

On the other hand, if you had bought a RRIF with the same principal investment of \$100,000, also invested at 12 per cent, you would receive \$3,333 in the first year. Since less money is withdrawn in the early years of the RRIF, more money is left to compound and grow tax-free in the following years. By the 10th year, you would receive \$9,610. By the 20th year, \$32,057 and by the 30th year, over \$135,000. Over 30 years, you would receive a total of \$963,000, 2.6 times as much as the annuity.

Now, let's assume that inflation remains at five per cent during the next 30 years. That means the final \$12,414 annual annuity payment would actually be worth only \$2,870 in 1989 dollars. By comparison, the RRIFs final payment of approximately \$135,000 would be worth \$31,200 in constant dollars.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

# New rules for RRSPs have finally been released

For several years now, Canadians have awaited the introduction of higher RRSP contribution limits under the federal government's new pension reform legislation.

Well, the new rules are finally here.

Commencing with the 1991 tax year, RRSP contribution limits will increase dramatically. And for many people, this will mean an opportunity for bigger tax deductions, as well as more tax-deferred retirement savings from their RRSPs.

By DODIE MARSHALL  
Ganges Branch Manager,  
Bank of Montreal

For example, let's say that you earned 65,000 in 1991 and are not a member of an employee pension plan. Under the current rules, you can contribute up to 20 per cent of your earned income (which works out to \$13,000), but only to a maximum of \$7,500.

For 1991, however, your limit will be calculated at 18 per cent of your 1990 earned income (\$11,700), to a maximum of \$11,500. So even though you'll be basing your contribution on a lower percentage of your earned income, you'll still be able to put an extra \$4,000 into RRSP.

What's that extra \$4,000 worth? If you are paying a top federal-provincial tax rate (including federal

surtax) of 46.3 per cent, an RRSP contribution of \$4,000 translates into an immediate tax deduction of \$1852. What's more, assuming a 10 per cent average annual rate of return on your RRSP, that \$4,000 will be worth \$43,340 after 25 years.

Traditionally, if you were a member of an employee pension plan, you had a comparatively limited opportunity to contribute to an RRSP. This year, for example, your contribution limit is 20 per cent of 1990 earned income to a maximum of \$3,500 — as opposed to \$7,500 for non-members — less any amounts you have contributed to your employee pension plan. The limit also applies if your employer has contributed to a Deferred Profit Sharing Plan (DPSP) in your name during 1990.

On the face of it, this makes sense. After all, pension plan members don't have to rely on their RRSPs as their sole means of providing retirement income, they don't need to contribute as much as non-members.

And now, starting with the 1991 tax year, RRSP contribution limits for pension plan members will be calculated on an individual basis.

Here's how it works. Everyone will start off with the same basic contribution limit of 18 per cent of 1990 earned income, to a maximum of \$11,500. However, if you are a member of an employee plan (or a DPSP), your limit will be reduced by an

amount which reflects the value of your plan. This amount — called the pension adjustment (PA) — will appear on your 1990 T-4 slip.

If you belong to a money-purchase pension plan or DPSP, your 1991 PA is simply the amount contributed to the plan by you or your employer.

If you belong to a defined-benefit plan, however, your 1991 PA can be calculated by multiplying your 1990 pensionable earnings by your plan's accrual rate, again by a factor of nine, then subtracting \$1,000. So if your accrual rate is 1.25 per cent (somewhat lower than average), and your 1990 earnings were \$65,000, your PA would be 1.25/100 X \$65,000 X 9 — \$1,000, or \$6,312.50. Subtracting this amount from your limit of \$11,500 gives you a maximum RRSP contribution of \$5,187.50 for 1991 — which is considerably better than your current limit of \$3,500.

A few more restrictions. While the new RRSP rules will benefit a significant number of people, they won't be good for everyone.

For example, people who receive a government or private pension, or who make withdrawals from RRSPs and DPSPs, can no longer include money from these sources as part of the "earned income" used to calculate maximum RRSP contributions. So their RRSP contributions may actually decline as a result of the new

rules.

Another change is that tax-free transfers from pension plans to RRSPs are no longer allowed, although you can transfer up to \$6,000

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Note that both of these changes have already come into effect, and apply to RRSP contributions for the 1990 tax year.



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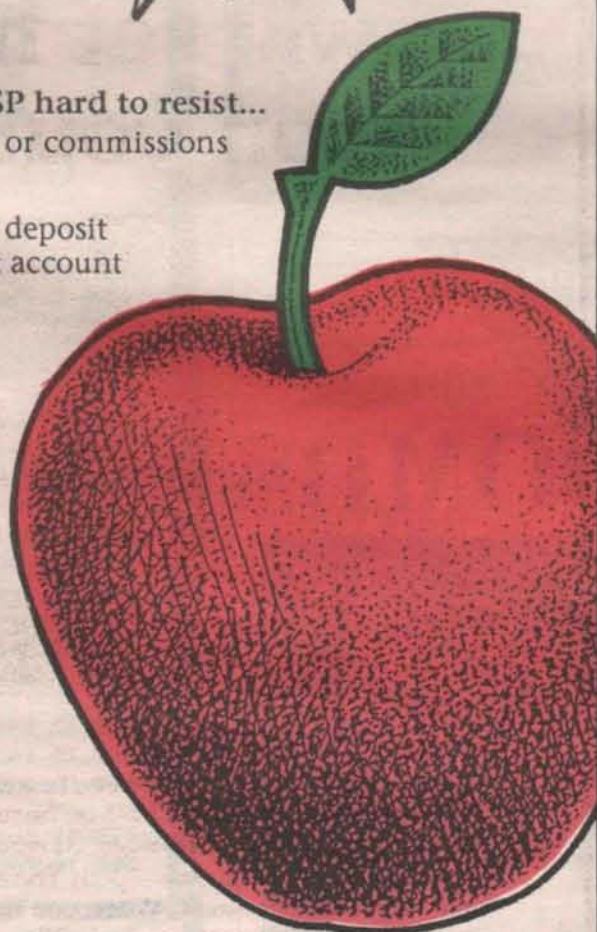
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### "Writer in Residence" program initiated again at high school

One of Canada's best known writers will take up residence this month for a stint at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Poetry and fiction writer Susan Musgrave will spend five hours each day at the school between February 18 and 22, doing group workshops and individual half-hour sessions for interested students.

Organizer of the "writer in residence" program is Bill Underwood. He says Musgrave will also offer an advanced workshop to include four spaces for writing members of the general public. These spots will be filled on a first come-first served basis only.

Interested people should contact Underwood at GISS at 537-9944 as

soon as possible to register for the free workshop.

Participants must submit a small portfolio of their work, although it will not be judged for entry into the program.

The rest of the advanced workshop will be made up of students from Musgrave's 1990 program.

Underwood says the school invited Musgrave to return because "the kids reported so positively last year." The effects of her presence in 1990 were widely felt. Several students, he says, continued to write and shared their work with other members of the writing workshop.

Student Nadine Shelly went on to write a highly-acclaimed book of poetry called *Barebacked with Rain*

and won a substantial grant for her efforts.

Musgrave now lives in Deep Cove near Sidney and is a faculty member of the creative writing department at the University of Victoria. She is active in promoting the writing craft by speaking and offering workshops and her essays and fiction appear regularly in several publications.

She has been honoured widely for her writing, which includes the dynamic collection of poetry — *A Man to Marry, a Man to Bury* — and a novel called *The Charcoal Burners*.

The writer in residence program is funded with a grant from the Salt Spring Community Arts Council and by GISS and School District.

### Continuing Education offers variety of new island classes

Continuing Education is offering a full program again this February, offering many new courses to the island.

Several special cooking classes are planned for this month, including "Vegan" and "Macrobiotic" foods and a lesson in "Gourmet Salmon" preparation.

The Speakers Bureau guests this month include a slide show and talk on "Mountaineering on Vancouver Island," Monday, February 11, 7 p.m. in Room 4 at GISS; and on Tuesday afternoon, 2:30 p.m. "The History of the Book" will be hosted at the Seniors for Seniors Facility. Admission for each of these events is a donation of \$3 at the door.

"The Timeless Way of Building" is being introduced again with a free introductory talk on February 12; also for builders and home owners, "Save a Bundle on Heating," a one morning seminar will be held on Saturday, February 23.

On February 14, Dr. Bristol Foster shares his knowledge and recent travels in a slide show presentation: "Environmental Changes in Latin America."

"Meadow Medicine," the popular lecture and workshop series on the uses of local herbs, starts on February 19.

Computer buffs have not been forgotten. Alongside the full range of regular computer classes on the Mac and IBM systems, "DataBase Management" on February 18, will teach everyone the skills of developing personalized computer filing systems, and in Fulford, the "MacPlus Pot Pourri" provides flexible, individualized instruction. Pre-registration is required.

Also starting on February 18, "Music and Society" promises to be an interesting series on the role of music as a reflection of the society in which it develops.

Kids and adults are welcome to find out more about "Bicycle Maintenance" starting on February 11. Other programs especially for youngsters include "Drawing for Kids" starting February 7, and "Sewing for Kids," starting February 16.

It may seem early, but artists must sign up now for two Emily Carr Col-

lege of Art and Design Outreach workshops being offered the first and last weekends in March. "The Painters' Workshop" on March 2 to 3 and "The Graphic Design Workshop" starting on March 30 to 31, require a minimum of 12 students each to run. The registration cut off date for "The Painters' Workshop" is February 21.

Ahead in March the popular and helpful "How to Talk so Kids Will Listen, How to Listen So Kids Will Talk" will be held at Fernwood

School on Wednesdays. Couple rates are available, so register early and read ahead in the book, available at local book stores.

And it's not too early to plan to attend the "Disaster Preparedness Awareness Seminar for the Community" on March 2.

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FEB. 7: Seniors for Seniors Thursday Luncheon, Upper Ganges Centre, 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

FEB. 9: Town Hall Meeting with Mel Couvelier, Minister of Finance, High School Band Room, 1:00-3:00 pm.

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FEB. 9: Standard First Aid, SSE Library, 9 am.

FEB. 9: Jive and Samba Workshop, Activity Centre, 7:30 pm.

FEB. 10: Persian Gulf Peace Vigil in Centennial Park, 12 noon.

FEB. 10: Persian Gulf Action/Planning Meeting, United church Lower Hall, 12:30 pm.

FEB. 11: RNABC Meeting, Greenwoods, 7:30 pm.

FEB. 11: Slide show and talk on Mountaineering on Vancouver Island, Room 4, GISS, 7 pm.

FEB. 11: Bicycle Maintenance, Island Spoke Folk Shop, 6 pm.

FEB. 12: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Luncheon, St. George's Church Hall, 11:30 am-1:30 pm.

FEB. 12: Talk: History of the Book, Seniors for Seniors, 2:30 pm

FEB. 12: Timeless Way of Building, GISS Room 1, 7 pm.

FEB. 13: SSI Swimming Pool Society, SSI Elem. School Library, 8 pm.

FEB. 13: Rod & Gun Annual Meeting, Clubhouse, 8 pm.

FEB. 14: Rotary Bingo, Canadian Legion Hall, 7 pm.

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## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### Newmans re-unite for new musical

Think of Salt Spring's musical history and the Newman family forms an oft heard chord in our minds.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Virginia and Ray Newman, their daughters Amy and Sue and their extended family — Sue's spouse Tom Bowler, their daughter Lauren and a number of friends connected through a common love of music — will re-unite this month for the production of *Comes Love — Love Songs Old and New*.

Starting appropriately on Valentine's Day, *Comes Love* is an original Active P.A.S.S. production to be staged for six evenings at Mahon Hall. *Comes Love* follows the huge success of last year's *Get Happy*, which revived a tradition of musicals on Salt Spring.

The first original island musical inspired by the Newmans, Lou Rumsby, Olive Clayton and Bea Hamilton, was called *Salt Spring Island Madness* and staged in the spring of 1971. From there *Christmas Madness* was created and became a near-annual affair.

Ray says the intent of their shows was "to do the whole shot" — including writing or adapting the music and script. "As an outgrowth of the first show came the Salt Spring Players," he says.

The Newmans left the island for almost three years, but "got right back into show biz" when they returned in 1976. Three more original musicals were performed through the Players from 1976 to 1978 and *Christmas Madness* was reincarnated in 1980.

"It was a hot bed of creative energy here for about three years," recalls Ray.

"The way we do things," explains Virginia, "is to just get all of the people involved and sit down here and brainstorm."

The most exciting part, she says, "is using your creative ideas and seeing them develop."

*Comes Love* was born in much the same way. Active P.A.S.S. wanted to perform another musical this year and Ray says "the idea was that if this was to be a cooperative venture, everyone should have input into this."

Participants were asked to make a list of their favourite songs, from which final show material was chosen.

"Adopted" family member and the show's producer/director Lynda Jensen says Ray gave her a hefty reference book of songs to help produce her list. It easily stretched to beyond 150 songs.

"The hardest part," says Ray, "was whittling the list down."

Some of the composers to be honoured in *Comes Love* include the Gershwins, Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer, Stephen Sondheim and Duke Ellington.

As Jensen says, "it is not easy to get this kind of music here." Jensen was immersed in it as a child and began her adult performing career as a night club singer in New York and New Jersey.

People will also hear a 1990s "rap" number from Tom and Lauren Bowler in addition to classics and rarely heard love songs.

The cast includes Ray, Virginia and Amy Newman, Sue, Tom and Lauren Bowler, Lynda Jensen, Jim McVicker, Stu Salmond and Bill Smith. Ray played with McVicker years ago in California and is thrilled to have him on stage as a guest singer. Salmond and Smith are well known

tapes for all cast members to work with individually and group rehearsals are taking place at the Newman home.

Acknowledging the extensive work involved, Ray says "to do a show, you have to really want to do a show."

Show performers will not be alone in making *Comes Love* come alive, with audience input being an active ingredient in the production.

Because *Get Happy* audiences expressed a desire to get on their feet, dancing will be included in the final act of *Comes Love*.

Once that was decided, Ray says "then I got a brainstorm of an idea — one of those that just falls from the heavens."

At the first intermission, the audience will be invited to write down their requests and put them in a hat. The performers will pick a few

at a time, make up medleys and invite anyone to join them on stage to sing.

*Comes Love* will start at 8 p.m. from Thursday, February 14 through Saturday, February 16 and on the following week from February 21 to 23. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and students and available in advance at et cetera. An "opening night special" will reduce ticket prices by one dollar for a Valentine's Day treat.



**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** Amy Newman (left), Lynda Jensen and Sue Bowler give it all they've got in a rehearsal for *Comes Love — Love Songs Old and New*, which hits the Mahon Hall stage starting February 14. Classic and boldly new love songs will be performed by an all-star cast.

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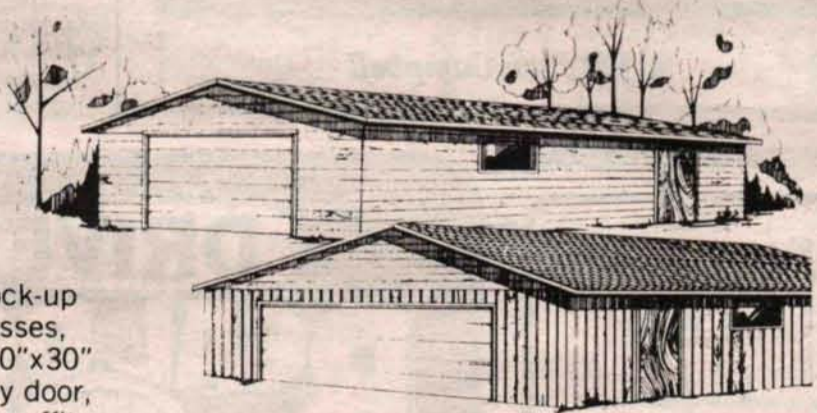
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# Salt Spring Players prepare for new play "Pack of Lies"

Real life drama often translates into dramatic theatre and such is the case with *Pack of Lies* by Hugh Whitmore to be presented by Salt Spring Players.

Staged in Mahon Hall February 28, March 1 and 2 as well as March 7, 8 and 9, *Pack of Lies* developed out of a spy scandal in England in the late 1960s. Whitmore used facts of the case for a play for television which he subsequently rewrote for theatre.

Dr. Hetty Clews is director of the play and she brings many years of experience in theatre to the Players fold. She wrote the following observations about the play and its relevance to the world situation today:

*I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above Entire and whole and perfect—the service of my*

*love. The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best—The love that never falters, the love that pays the price, The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.*

Set to well-loved music by Holst, these words were sung with fervour by countless British schoolchildren during World War II and revived for the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. It is a hymn that ventures to stir us again at the present time. No doubt British schoolchildren are singing it with fervour today — as would North American schoolchildren if it were part of their patriotic tradition.

In the play *Pack Of Lies*, Hugh Whitmore challenges such simplistic fervour. He shows the extent of

"the final sacrifice" in terms of one family's loss and pain, in one woman's ineffectual struggle to live and speak the truth.

And the play itself is the truth because this woman lived through what it shows and this family itself provided the account dramatized with no flights of fancy by Whitmore. Although the events took place more 30 years ago, the play is a play of and for our time.

When we ask the mass media today if it is ever acceptable to lie, the answer resounds in another cliché: in war the first casualty is truth.

One truth remains unviolated however: when governments and their agents lie, the resultant casualties are citizens like Bob and Barbara Jackson. Like ourselves.

# Renowned B.C. artist prepares a Salt Spring Island workshop



Artist Jack Campbell

Noted artist Jack Campbell of New Westminster will share his knowledge of art with islanders at a workshop on March 2 and 3 in Ganges.

The workshop is being presented by the Gulf Islands Continuing Education program with joint sponsorship from Camosun College and the Emily Carr College of Art.

Maggie Warbey of Continuing Education said there would be up to 20 spaces at the workshop for talent ranging from beginners to people with an established interest in painting.

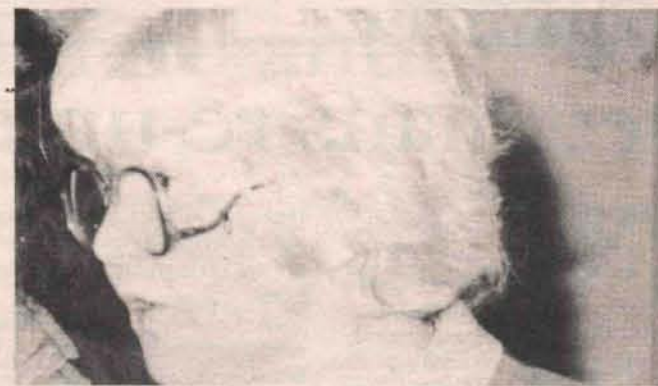
To ensure the event takes place, at least 12 participants must be registered by February 22. For information, call Warbey at 537-2822.

Campbell began his career in painting as an honours graduate of the Vancouver School of Art in 1952. He has had extensive teaching experience around the province and is currently part of the Outreach Program of Emily Carr.

He has had many solo exhibitions in B.C. and has been part of many more group shows in Western Canada and Washington.

Outreach program director Judith O'Keefe said, "We are delighted to be working with continuing education to bring Jack Campbell . . . for the benefit of anyone in Ganges who would like to further their interest in painting."

The outreach program can tap the talents of 90 professional artists. It offers 70 workshops per year such as the one planned for Ganges at the beginning of March.



Hetty Clews is director of *Pack of Lies*



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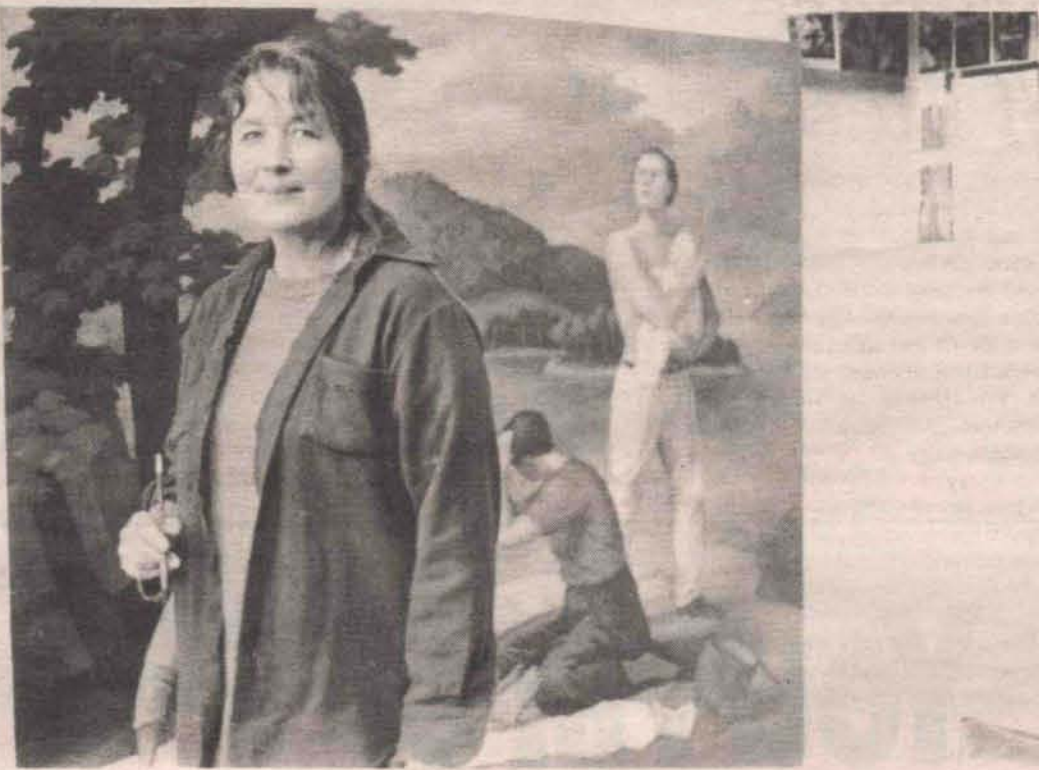
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Diana Dean at her Salt Spring studio

Driftwood photo by Lynda Laushway

# Salt Spring artist motivated by a new "deeper energy"

Salt Spring artist Diana Dean is almost ready for her exhibition at the Nancy Poole Studio in Toronto.

For the past decade Dean has spent each year working quietly and diligently in her studio to create the oil paintings and studies that comprise her near annual show. I recently visited Dean in her tranquil island studio space to see her new work and to discuss current trends in her art.

Seven large oil paintings and six studies are near completion and will soon be shipped off to Toronto.

As I entered the studio, I was impressed with a feeling of true beauty and a lightness of colour that I had not seen in Dean's previous work. Soft blues, pinks and white were used to create a gentle background for the human figures.

Dean's well-established knowledge of the human figure made a formidable impression. The images are of union and of family.

Dean's current artwork embodies a strong feeling of love and tenderness between people as well as a connection to the land that surrounds them. There is also a sense of tension and possible danger evident in some of the paintings.

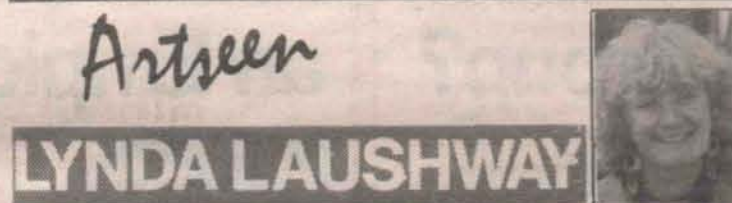
"The Coming Storm" suggests the tranquil images represented may soon be interrupted by other forces.

Dean recently painted over a piece she had been working on for four months because it did not embody the depth of inner emotion that she is striving to open up.

Entering the realm of human bonds is a courageous step for painter Diana Dean. Allowing the feelings of deepest intimacy — which of course involves examination of both love and pain — to be expressed through her visual medium, Dean has moved to a deeper level in her artwork.

For Dean "there's a change going on."

"It's as though after 30 years of painting I'm finally beginning to paint for myself. I am rekindling the



part of me that painted freely in my youth, a very deep part of myself is opening up again.

"I've never painted to make nice paintings because I'm not that sort of person, but through the process of education and the constraints of being a professional artist I had lost that vital connection. Finding it again is very exciting," says Dean.

Making great works of art, art that withstands the test of time, is something that all artists strive for — that ultimate marrying of inspiration, creation and communication.

Dean's recent shift in how she approaches her work is a maturation process, a process that can only be embarked upon by the well-established, and skilled creator.

Dean explains that the energy in her current work is "coming in a different way. It is a deeper energy, not forced, but very strong. There is a difference between working in a way where your head is in control and in a way where energy more basic to yourself is connected with and expressed."

An Italian psychiatrist recently published a book on the Stendahl Effect. The Stendahl Effect deals with the extreme emotional responses that some people exhibit while viewing great works of art. Some artists are theorizing that this effect may be connected with the power and energy that may physically reside in a truly great work of art. There may be a creative force, like a fifth force of nature, that is instilled in the object by the artist and its energy flows back to the viewer.

There is food for much creative

thought and stimulation here, as science appears to be catching up to something that has been accepted and understood on an intuitive level by artists for centuries. An artist, mature in years, skills and wisdom is a truly powerful force. Diana Dean is unquestionably on this path and will undoubtedly have much success at her Toronto opening.

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# Local teams battle weather – and each other

Battling inclement and miserable weather, local island soccer teams found a few clear days these past weekends and managed to field teams and play soccer games on both January 19 and January 26.

Nick Pawlowski's United team and Mike Byron's Lazars journeyed to Pender Island to play Dave Buyze Morgan's solid Pender Island team. United benefitted from strong team play with ball control, sharp passing and teamwork to out-hustle Pender 2-1. In the second game Pender displayed hard work and good team play to overcome the Lazars 5-1.

At home, Fury, coached by Jim Deas, was short of players but worked hard and well to win 5-1 against Sue Spencer's plucky Hawks.

Bill Wilkinson's Stingers bolstered by two goals from Jamie Wilkinson and great work from Jeremy Keating rolled to a 3-0 shutout against Lewis Cornwall's Hornets.

Jack Langdon's experienced and talented Rangers eventually wore down the never say die Arsenal side coached by Gord Herman and Jim Anderson. With three, second-half goals they won 5-2. Tom Langdon had an outstanding day, scoring four goals, and Sacha Medine gave his usual solid and spirited performance for the Rangers. Sniper Kyle Herman and Jesse Anderson replied with goals from Arsenal.

On January 26, Sue Spencer's Hawks received spectacular goal-

tending from Mandu Goebel and super defence from Jimmy Spencer and Shaun Carnichael, but Lewis Cornwall's Hornets, with inspired play and two goals from Zoltan Kodaly won the game 3-2. Paul Cagna played the game of his life for the Stingers in a game against the Rangers, but goals from Chris and Tom Langdon and Justin Smith carried the day, 3-1.

Brian Friesen's Dundee showed

good offence and teamwork with a goal by Jesse Hlady to tie Nick Pawlowski's United 1-1. Mike Byron's Lazars triumphed 7-1 against Jim Deas' Fury by playing good defence, outstanding play by Rene Baumann and 2 goals by Liam Donnelly, who is returning to early season form. Peter Sloan got the goal for Fury and the goalkeeping was sharp, with many quality shots stopped.

In the Junior League, Tony Hume's Eagles got a strong game on defence from Lee Johnson and stand-out goal-tending from Kevin Brogan to win 2-0 against John Millerd's Blackhawks.

Richard Hannah's Firebirds played well together to gain their second win in a row 4-0 against Graeme Tweddle's Wildcats. For the Wildcats, Carley Summerset played very well. Bob Hilton's Demons lost

3-2 against Don Brown's hard working Cougars. For the Demons, Kevin Cagna provided strong defence on the forward line, and Mason Scott and Cole Hilton chipped in with solid games.

Saturday, February 2, brought more rain and poor weather conditions causing cancellation once again, but the teams are due to play at Portlock Park beginning at 8 a.m. on February 9.

## Executive identified

Under the persistent and dedicated leadership of Hans Hazenboom, the S.S.I. Youth Soccer Society at a recent annual general meeting has elected a full slate of directors and coordinators to represent and lead the association into the years ahead.

The newly elected directors are as follows:

Tony Hume accepted the presidency for a two year term. Brian Little will stand as vice-president until 1992. Wanda Langdon carries on her yeoman duties as secretary. Mike Krayenhoff has assumed the post of treasurer, and Terry Stringer will continue his work as District Representative.

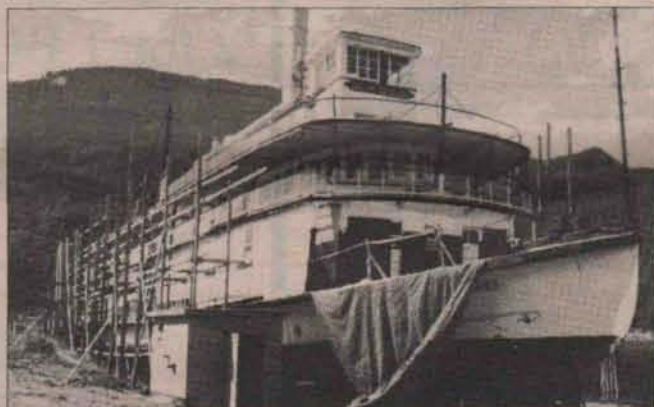
In addition, the S.S.I. Soccer Society will benefit from the assistance of other community members serving as coordinators at large. Marla Sloan will oversee the concession. Ellen Hazenboom will be in charge of special events. Jim Anderson will co-ordinate advertising and assist Wanda Langdon with registration. Bob Hilton has taken over the demanding job of sponsorship coordination.

Nick Pawlowski will ride herd over equipment. Bob Cecill and Graham Tweddle will oversee senior and junior intra-island affairs respectively, and in addition to being the district rep. Terry Stringer supervises off-island coaches and will work with Sue Spencer to coordinate scheduling and referees.

Hans Hazenboom will retire from the spotlight of leadership and will devote his time to the newly established position of growth and development coordinator for the Soccer Society. In this position he will serve as our liaison with other volunteer groups and community organizations such as the Parks and

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**SPORTS**

# Soccer news overshadows Salt Spring F.C. play



**Salt Spring F.C. soccer action**

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*Salt Spring F.C. 0/Cordova Bay 2*  
There was more news for Salt Spring F.C. off the field than on last week. News about the team's May Tournament and the formation of the F.C. Over-30s team overshadowed last weekend's game.

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor

In some respect the F.C. players might want to forget last weekend's game; however, a quick overview of their 2-0 loss to Cordova Bay is in order.

Salt Spring players once again had their game moved to Beacon Hill Park due to wet fields and rain. This field is not fit for a proper soccer game due to the hard packed surface.

The worst part is that F.C. players seem intimidated playing on the hard, fast surface — in five years of the team's existence it has never won a game at Beacon Hill.

Much of the problem stems from

F.C. trying to play a passing, ball control game which does not work on a field where the ball bounces all over the place.

But it is easy to blame the field and in reality the Salt Spring team had to take most of the blame as, other than the defence, the team did not come up with an inspired effort, unlike Cordova Bay which out-hustled Salt Spring all day.

The defence of Hengstler, Waide, Villadsen, Brown and Tweedle held F.C. in for three-quarters of the game until Cordova Bay notched two quick goals to give it a win.

This weekend the team returns to grass, as they play a Challenge Cup match against Vic. Athletics Over-30s at Carnarvan Park, and will have to come up with a super effort to gain a win against this power-house.

In other news, Salt Spring F.C. has started putting together its tournament for the May Day weekend (May 18, 19 and 20) which is played on the Ganges school grounds.

This year's tourney will be an eight-team event with the possibility of some interesting entries from around the province. Powell River should be back to defend its trophy along with the host, Salt Spring F.C. We hope this year to have the return of Andy Capp from Vancouver and several teams from Victoria.

Some newcomers this year could be Delta United, a team from Vernon and a mysterious team closer to home.

This is where the other news item comes in, as Salt Spring F.C. plans to run a team in the Victoria Over-30s league next season utilizing four players out of the third division squad as the nucleus. This new team is also pondering entering a team in the tourney to find if the interest is really there.

If anyone over 30 is interested in joining this team please feel free to contact this writer (537-5870) in the evening.

## Down the GUTTER

I'd like to thank those who pledged and those who bowled for the Variety Club Telethon. Tune your sets on February 8 to see if we're mentioned. The local bowler who got the most dollars in pledges was YBC Bantam Bowler Chrissy Letkeman (with joint efforts from her parents) who raised \$146!

By PAULA BEDFORD  
Driftwood Contributor

We're having another tournament February 16, so sign up at the board. The last one was great fun.

Top scores for the week:

**Tues. Golden-Agers am:** Edie Gear, 230; Audrey Illingworth, 225; Cliff Jory, 210; Jack Godwin, 208; Madeline Jory, 205,203.

**Ladies Afternoon Jan. 22:** Deanna Marleau, 264,214,212/690; Josie Bergsma, 278,214/665; Irene Mostad, 202.

**Jan. 29:** Josie Bergsma, 278,214/665; Sharon Sykes, 238,200/623; Deanna Marleau, 230.

**Tues. Golden-Agers pm:** Flo Kavanaugh, 226/608; June Webb, 213,218; Ed Allen, 204; Dorothy Sloan, 217.

**Circus:** Bill Crandall, 206; Paul Tanner, 225,251/627; Glenn Hewitson, 211; Gordon Parsons, 242,204/636; Richard Fraser, 234,231/634; Barb Kinnear, 228/610; Bernice Underwood, 207; Sam Cochrane, 202.

**Wednesday Night:** Dovene Steele, 224; Linda Schwagly, 227; Lucille Marcotte, 220; Jim Pasuta, 203; Deanna Marleau, 297,244/690; Val Hughes, 237; Diane Little, 216,221/635; Pat Beattie, 202.

**Golf Ladies:** Tash Hewitson, 209; Ruth Grant, 210; Lorraine Toller, 211; June Webb, 204; Jean Haines, 204.

**Legion:** Yes, Diane Harris did get a 225 game! Tom Pringle, 284/623, and Sheila Lucas, 206, also were missed in last week's issue. Dee Kinney, 238,202,241/681; Roger Chernenkoff, 200; Louise Besson, 214; Danny Bedford, 208,296,258/762; Julie Bedford, 245,294,245/784; Roy Smith, 202; Janet Severn, 238,215/620; Tom Pringle, 212; Denise Graham, 219; Ron (New Grandpa) Cunningham, 235,214; Bobsy, 209; Bobby Wood, 200; Al Hall, 226.

**Friday, Golden Agers am:** Goodie, 222,234/651; Jim Cook, 224,226; Nancy White, 223; Nadine Sims, 214; Margaret Baker, 210,200;

**Friday Golden Agers pm:** Jack Kean, 217; Ed Allen, 204.

**YBC Jan. 26 Bantams:** Jennie Walker, 141; Heather Worden, 129; Jennifer Keating, 114; Joshua Marshall, 169; Jeremy Keating, 148; Robert Bergsma, 113.

**Pee Wees:** Lesley Carson, 91; Jonathan Leier, 97; Jim Severn, 82;

Adam Milner, 72.

**Pee Wees Feb. 2:** Lesley Carson, 115; Ethan Becklake, 102; Jonathan Leier, 86; Adam Milner, 83.

**Bantams:** Chrissy Letkeman, 137; Erica Rico, 117; Jennifer Keating, 104; Jonah Marshall, 198; Jeremy Keating, 155; Derek Shelley, 136.

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Moby's A 16 HarbourHouse B 0

### STANDINGS

Legion	130
Moby's B	118
Moby's A	111
Harbour House A	87
Vesuvius Inn	77
HarbourHouse B	43

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 NEW REPAIRS  
 ● Free estimate  
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**DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS**

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**TV-VCR-STEREO REPAIR SERVICE**  
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 All makes  
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 A FULL SERVICE GLASS SHOP  
 Call for a Free Estimate 6-91

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SAVE \$4.95

Buy a classified for 2 weeks and get the third week free!  
Offer applies to Employment, Merchandise & Real Estate Classifications

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**SEMI-DISPLAY:** \$8.15 per column inch. Frequency discounts available on request. Boxed ads, add \$2.  
**BLANKET CLASSIFIED:** Run your ad in community newspapers across the country or in the province of your choice. Call us for details.  
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8 POINT TYPE  
12 POINT TYPE  
16 POINT TYPE

**SAMPLE LINER  
CHARGED BY THE WORD**

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On a new set of wheels...  
Change your career...  
Buy some used sporting gear!  
Remember one man's junk  
Is another man's treasure,  
So turn to the Classifieds

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**McQUEEN, John Wilfrid, S/L** (ret), Feb. 3, 1991 on Salt Spring Island.  
Born Vancouver 1919, served overseas and in Canada as RCAF pilot 1914-67; McQueen Sales/Pentax 1967-81. An avid sailor and photographer, Jack enjoyed life to the fullest. Survived by his loving wife Dorothy of Salt Spring; son Bob and his wife Colleen; daughters Robin and Paddy and their husbands Ian McDonald and Keith Wales; grand children Aaron, Michael, Kristy, Joanna, Katie; brother Allan and sister Helen Van Kleec; predeceased by brother Bill.  
Memorial service Thursday, Feb. 7, 1:30 pm, Ganges United Church, 111 Hereford Ave., Salt Spring Island.  
The family gives special thanks to Dr. Graham, the Lady Minto Hospital staff and Home Care Support Team, the Bessie Dane Hospice Society and many supportive friends.  
"When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there".  
6-91

**CANTRILL, Edith Martha**, passed away peacefully, January 29, 1991 at the age of 92. Edith was one of the first pioneers of Salt Spring Island, born there December 17th, 1898. Predeceased by her husband William, her brothers Edwin and William, sisters Mary, Irene, Caroline, and Laura, son Millard and daughters Winifred, Alice, Matilda, Cara and Elizabeth (Beth). Edith leaves her sister and brother in law Patricia and William, her children Caroline, Walter and Marilyn and their spouses, her twenty-one grandchildren, her four great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren, and her many nieces, nephews cousins and friends. For all of those who knew Edie and were touched by her warmth, love, kindness and infectious vitality, she will be sorely missed. The Cantrill family wishes to express their gratitude to the Greenwoods staff and Dr. Dixon for their loving care of Edith. The deceased had requested cremation and private family memorial service which was held February 6th at 11 am. St. Marks Church-Bishop Barry Valentine officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Greenwoods, P.O. Drawer 1140, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. Goodman-Jones Funeral Home in care of arrangements. 6-91

## BUSINESS SERVICES

Contract Rates available  
Call Jeff or Damaris  
537-9933

## CARDS OF THANKS 14

THE FAMILIES of the late Jack Keys send their heart felt thanks to everyone that took such good care of Jack in his final illness. Special thanks to Dr. Peter Rowell and the staff at the Lady Minto. Also to Dr. Dewar and staff at the General Hospital in Victoria, and the helicopter crew who flew him there. Thank you to Reverend Alistair Skinner, who conducted the memorial service in such a comforting manner, for all the kind messages, cards and flowers from near and far. Gladys Keys.  
6-91

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## PERSONALS 23

S.A.S.S.I. Paintball, Feb. 10. No snow. Ken's place, 10:30. Info or confirm, 537-9836. 6-91

100% PURE & natural essential oils. For further information.

## PERSONAL 23

  
**AT FLOWERS & WINE**  
WE HAVE GREAT GIFTS FOR YOUR VALENTINE  
If you care and need a bear We got'em!  
Chocolates, a great selection of gourmet goodies  
And ROSES, buy her one, or a dozen, or ONE A MONTH FOR A YEAR at our special price, \$36.00 plus tax  
Quality, Selection and our personal guarantee  
  
Flowers and Wine  
537-2231  
160 Fulford Ganges Road  
7-91

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**DRESSINGS ARE FREE** to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Carol Miller, 537-4023 or Health Services, 537-5541. tfn  
**ACOA MEETING**, held every Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the S.S. Community Centre. tfn  
**FAMILIES** of Schizophrenics meet informally in homes for mutual support and exchange of information. Phone 537-9237 or 537-5264. tfn  
**ALANON** — A PROGRAM for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, 537-2317 or 653-4288. tfn

**A.A. MEETINGS**, Salt Spring Island, phone 537-9337 or 537-2317, GALLIANO - 539-2235 or 539-5770, PENDER - 629-3312. tfn

## LOST & FOUND 29

**SILVER TUAREG CROSS** necklace. Finder please mail to Anna Hawthorne, Box 1514, Ganges. Thank you. 6-91  
**LOST:** a tape deck. Packed up and carried away from the United Church, probably by mistake. Has been in regular use. Badly missed. Reply 537-5812. 6-91

**FOUND:** near Lower Broadwell Rd. 58 mm Polaroid filter. Owner may claim at Driftwood. 6-91

## NOTICES 32

"IT WORKS BETTER THAN ANY PRODUCT I'VE EVER TRIED. THE RESULTS ARE INCREDIBLE!"  
Revolutionary Skin and Hair Care Products  
No animal testing  
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100% cotton, bright colours  
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SPRING/SUMMER LINE  
HERE NEXT WEEK  
Book a party and earn FREE clothing  
Call now!

Serving all the Gulf Islands  
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## NOTICES 32

  
**S.P.C.A.**  
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Memberships & Donations  
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**HIGHLAND DESIGNS**  
Specializing in  
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**PLANNING A NEW HOME?** Now is the time to plan for solar water heaters. Environmentally friendly and money saving. Isles West Hot Tubs.  
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**SEASIDE KITCHEN** is closed until Valentine's Day for staff holidays. 7-91

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Let me help you turn your ideas into blueprints: For a free consultation, call

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Fully appointed  
Conference Meeting Room  
available by half day, day,  
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Accommodates groups to 30  
For reservations, phone  
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**CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT...** through the Salt Spring Island Foundational Donations of cash, property and Life Insurance, now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of fellow Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. Scholarships, land for parks and the relief of hardship are but a few directions in which the foundation serves the community. To make a donation or receive our brochure please call Mr. John Crofton  
537-2433  
All donations are tax deductible  
5-92

**IS YOUR CHILD** having problems at school? Private tutorials by an experienced English tutor. Reading, writing, spelling, maths, science. All grades. Call 653-9573. 7-91  
**GANGES UNITED CHURCH** is in need of a tape deck. If some person or organization would

## NOTICES 32

**SUMMER JOY ART STUDIO**  
ARTIST: ADRIEN TOWN  
Paintings, oil or watercolour  
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120B HEREFORD ST.  
MON.-FRI. 11-4 pm  
537-5969 or 537-4044  
44-91

**BUILDING YOUR** new home, or that special addition? Looking for experienced, sound and honest advice, local expertise and the competent, technical skill of a journeyman builder? Give me a call. Jim Anderson. Solid construction, quality and integrity at reasonable rates. Free estimates. References. 537-9124. 6-91

**NOTICE:** Effective February 1st the rate for Too Late to Classify advertisements will be \$6.95 for 15 words, 30¢ for each additional. 6-91

**NOTICE:** Suntanning Special. 10 for \$39.95. Deluxe Bel O'Sol beds with face tanners. Great hours. Call Dawna at 653-2358 or 537-4727. 6-91

**CENTENNIAL PARK** Market Vendors. Please see ad in this issue for permit information for vending in the park this summer. 7-91

**ACTING CLASSES**, age 8-12, Saturday mornings in Ganges, commencing February 9. Call Yvonne Adallan, 537-5396-91

**KINDERHOUSE LICENSED** daycare has two openings for full or part time care. 537-2621. 6-91

**BE A PART** of our celebration! It's our 40th anniversary and we'd like to hear from you. Pictures, stories, memories, of Salt Spring from 1951-1991. Please contact Elaine or Nicola at Island Savings. 537-5587. 6-91

**SOUTH SALT SPRING** Residents Association meeting, Tues., Feb. 12, Elementary School, 7:30. Topic: Emergency Preparedness Info. session. Movie and guest speaker. New memberships welcome at meeting. 6-91

**THE GULF ISLANDS** Shrine Club will pick up donations any time, and store for Spring and Fall garage sales. Phone Jim Napper, 537-2925, Bob Morgan, 537-9843 21-91

**S.S.I. PARKS & Recreation** Commission invites applications for 3 mid week vending opportunities, May to Sept. 1991. Box 197 Ganges. By Feb. 28 please. 7-91

**VIDEO NIGHT!** Thurs. February 7th, St. George's Church. **GLOBAL DUMPING GROUND:** The International Traffic in Hazardous Waste. 7:00 pm. Discussion following. Sponsored by the Voice of Women. Admission \$2.00 or by donation. 6-91

## February "Early Bird" Savings

Spring Cleanup now and save 15% on our #1 or #2 bark mulch, or on our horse manure/shavings mix  
**RAINBOW LANDSCAPE SUPPLY**  
537-4346 8-91

**Business Services**  
Contract Rates Available  
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537-9933

**COACHES, MANAGERS** and team reps. of soft ball, baseball soccer and any other interested parties. meeting with Parks & Rec. to discuss fields and scheduling for 1991 at S.S. Elementary Classroom next to staff room. 7:30 pm. Mon. Feb. 18. 7-91

**S.S.I. PRESCHOOL**, a co-operative preschool,

**NOTICES 32**



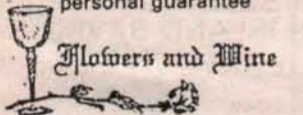
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**Eva's Travel Tip**

April 27th/ 16 day bus tour to enchanting New Orleans and the Deep South (via Yellowstone Park, Denver, Dallas, Alamo, etc., including Mississippi paddlewheeler trip).

Per person (sharing room) \$1299.00 plus return fare (min) \$300.

Please see Eva, Caroline or Julia to assist you with your booking and supply you with brochures.

**EVA TRAVEL**  
Located in Creekhous  
152 A Fulford Ganges Rd.  
Open Tue.-Fri., 9-4:30  
Sat. 10:00-2:00  
Closed Sun. & Mon.  
537-5523 6-91

**TRAVEL NEWS UPDATE**

COMMENCING FEB. 15th HANNA AIR SERVICES will provide direct, non stop services to Vanc. Harbour Vancouver Airport Services Mon./Wed./Fri.

Daily flights commence April Weekend services commence May 1st

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW for Vancouver Harbour, Charters, Frequent Flyer Discounts and on Island Ticketing  
**537-9FLY** 7-91

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)**

The Board of School Trustees will meet in the School Board Room, February 13, 1991.

Schedule: 9:30-11:30 am Committee of the Whole  
12:30-3:30 pm Regular Meeting

Public welcome to both sessions. 6-91

**Look what's at SOOZI**

- City prices in the country
- Expert advice
- Sewing & craft classes (pick up schedule today!)
- Serger & Sewing machine sales and service. (Service man in store Friday Feb. 8th)
- Complete garment alteration and repair service
- The latest fashion & craft fabrics
- Oceans of notions!



537-4241 Across from Petro Can. 6-91

**SEMINAR with ANN COOMBS Feb. 6 at 7 pm Activity Centre**

Tickets available at S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce

**NOTICES 32**

**It's our Birthday, and we're celebrating!**

ALL STOCK 20%-40% OFF

Great selection of looney tune, MC Hammer pants, Heavenly Body tights, etc.

New arrival of 0-24 month clothing all on sale at

**Cookie's Clothing for Kids**

Harbour Building 537-4000 Sale ends Sat., Feb. 9th, 91

**Say it with FLOWERS**

We now offer a Full Floral Service...

- \*Weddings
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- \*Birthdays
- \*Special occasions

**Rainbow's End FLOWERS & GIFTS**  
Gasoline Alley 537-5031 4-92

**GOOD LOCAL HAY Barn Stored \$3.50 delivered 653-4470** 8-91

**CHIMNEY SWEEPING**  
MICHAEL NICKELS  
653-9565 (eves.) 7-91

**COMING SOON Introducing WEIGHT WATCHERS COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

STARTING: Feb. 11/91  
TIME: 06:30 pm  
PLACE: Masonic Hall  
506 Lower Ganges Road  
INFORMATION: Sharlene Betts 537-5876  
COST: \$93.50 + \$6.55 GST = \$100.05 for 10 weeks (to be paid at first meeting)  
Golden Age or Students \$70.00 + \$4.90 GST = \$74.90 for 10 weeks (to be paid at first meeting) 6

**Catering at....**

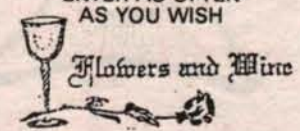


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FEATURING:  
Delicious Food  
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Entertainment available upon request  
Available for Private Buffet Dinners  
Seven Days a Week at the Restaurant or your own location 8-91

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS CHEERING UP? WHO'S FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER? Flowers and Wine

is giving away a flower arrangement each week. Drop by the shop and fill out a card. We'll draw one name per week. It's a new contest every week. ENTER AS OFTEN AS YOU WISH



160 Fulford Ganges Road 537-2231 15-91

YOGA CLASSES every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00. All levels welcome. Learn to relax through simple stretching and

**NOTICES 32**

Tom Volquardsen  
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Figureheads  
Architectural Carvings  
Handcarved Signs in Wood



Salt Spring's largest sporting goods store  
Dealing in new and used discount sports equipment

BUY-SELL-TRADE YOUR QUALITY USED EQUIPMENT  
PAUL HEGGELER  
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**CHIMNEY CLEANING**  
MICHAEL HOGAN  
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2-8x10 colour prints and sitting \$59.00  
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GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

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Over 20 years' experience  
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**HARLAN'S CHOCOLATE TREATS**  
(Next to Pharmasave)  
537-4434 8-91

**BLUE FLOWER STONWARE POTTERY**

GARY CHERNEFF is now taking orders for this limited production pattern, for APRIL delivery. To add to your dinner service or to begin one, phone Gary at

537-9252 6-91

**Salt Spring Centre YOGA CLASS**  
Mon., Feb. 4, 7-8 pm

Therapeutic Yoga emphasizing back pain relief with Dr. Peter Bennett

**NOTICES 32**

DEKKER CAMERA Repairs, 104 Mobrae, 537-9315. Cameras, binoculars, projectors. Please phone for appointment. 18-tn alt even

**COMING EVENTS 35**



**SALT SPRING FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

Annual General Meeting  
Thurs. Feb. 21 at 7:30  
S.S. Elementary School Library  
Everyone welcome!  
New members get a chance on a draw for a season's pass to this year's festival. 6-91

**Women's Aglow Luncheon**

Thurs. Feb. 14th  
11:30-2:30  
Harbour House Hotel  
Cost \$5.95 plus G.S.T.  
Reservations:  
Terry 653-9487  
Irene 537-2256  
All ladies welcome 6-91

**ROD AND GUN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING**  
Wed. Feb. 13/91

CLUB HOUSE- 8:00 pm  
IF YOU NEED THE CLUB, THE CLUB needs YOUR participation and ideas. THE CLUB'S survival depends on you, SO see you at the meeting? 7-91



**THIS WEEKEND**  
presents  
THE WEST COAST PREMIERE  
"Bed among the Lentils"  
and  
HER BIG CHANCE

a play by Alan Bennett  
Performed by Ruthie Tilston  
Directed by Judy Treloar

**Fri. & Sat. Feb. 8 & 9**  
8:00 PM MAHON HALL  
Advance Tix at et cetera \$8.00 adults, \$7.00 seniors  
Reservations 537-5211 5



**TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT**

**Global Debt? Canada's Role? Gulf War?**

Lets explore together at living room learning sessions, starting the week of Feb. 11th. Excellent resources, materials and facilitators.

Registration \$5.00  
Continuing Ed. Office  
For more information call 537-2744 or 653-4283 6-91

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**ISLAND WATCH SOCIETY**

TRANSPORTATION  
Ferries, Highways  
Parking, Buses

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13th  
7:30  
Basement, United Church  
Ganges

SPEAKERS:  
John Stepaniuk- Highways  
Bob Andrew- Alt. Transport  
Bob Currie- Parking  
Judy Kelly- Bus Service  
B.C. Ferries representative-  
Ferry Service Developments

Island Watch members expected!  
General Public

**COMING EVENTS 35**

**PERSIAN GULF PEACE VIGIL**

Sunday, Feb. 10, at 12 noon  
in Centennial Park  
ACTION/PLANNING MEETING  
Same day at 12:30 pm  
United Church Lower Hall  
For more information call  
S.S.I. Coalition for Peace  
in the Middle East  
653-4353 or 537-4500 6



**Monthly Meeting**

Speaker  
PAM MacKENZIE  
"The Role of the Community Health Nurse"  
Monday, Feb. 11, 7:30 pm at  
Greenwoods. All nurses  
welcome - newcomers,  
students and retired. 6-91



**S.S.I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Tuesday Feb. 12th  
Mary Davidson will  
speak on the heritage of  
Burgoyne Valley Church  
2 pm, Central Hall 6-91

**The WHISTLING GYPSY CENTRE for COMMUNITY MUSIC presents**

Kate & Anna McGarrigle  
in Concert  
Sat. Feb. 23, 8:00 pm  
Royal Theatre

Tickets \$17/\$15 students,  
seniors, unwaged. Available  
at Mezzow's Records,  
McPherson Box & usual  
outlets. Reserved Seating.  
8-91

**MEN'S GATHERING**  
Sun., Feb. 17, noon-6 pm  
Beaver Point Hall

Develop and strengthen our  
common bond and purpose as  
men through sharing dreams,  
feelings, movement, play and  
drumming. Facilitated by Stan  
Tomandl and Don Olsin, who  
both study process oriented  
psychology and lead and  
participate in men's groups and  
men's growth. Call Vigs at 653-  
4009. 6-91



**OPEN STAGE**

In support of International  
Peace & Freedom  
Sat., Feb. 16, from 7:30 pm.  
● No cover  
● Munchi menu til 10 pm  
● All beverages and baked  
goods available til close.

VALENTINE'S SPECIAL  
● "Tostadas for Two"  
incl. 1/2 carafe house wine  
\$14.95  
\* \* \* \*

653-9222 7-91

**ACTIVE P.A.S.S.**

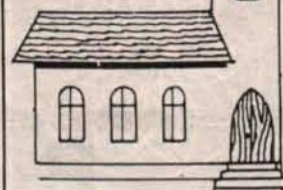


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**COMES LOVE**

"Love Songs Old & New"  
8 pm, Mahon Hall  
Feb. 14, 15, 16  
21, 22, 23  
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\$8.50 adults  
\$6.50 Sr. & Students  
GIVE YOUR LOVE  
A VALENTINE 6

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Sunday February 10th**



**Anglican Parish**  
Salt Spring Island

**St. Mark's, Tuesday:**  
Holy Eucharist - 10 am  
**St. George's, Thursday:**  
Holy Eucharist - 5:15 pm

**SUNDAY**  
**St. Mark's**  
Holy Eucharist 8 am  
**St. George's**  
Holy Eucharist 9:15 am  
**St. Mary's**  
Holy Eucharist 11:30 am

**Bishop Barry Valentine**  
Rector  
Parish Office: 537-2171

**Salt Spring Island Baptist Church**

Admiral Hall  
506 Lower Ganges Rd.  
**SUNDAY:**  
10:30 Family Worship  
with Sunday School  
6:30 pm  
Evening Fellowship  
**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**  
Evening home Bible  
Studies  
**Rev. Brian Joyce**  
537-2222

**Catholic Church Drake Road Ganges**

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am (Fulford)  
10:00 am &  
11:00 am (Family mass)  
**O.M.I. FATHERS**  
537-2150

**Community Gospel Chapel**  
Drake Rd., Ganges

**SUNDAY: 10:30 am**  
Morning Worship with  
Sunday School

**WEDNESDAY:**  
7:30 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer  
**Pastor: Chris Cormack**  
537-2622  
Affiliated with A.C.O.P.

**Salt Spring Pentecostal Assembly**  
Central Hall

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:30 am  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
10:30 am

Bible Study  
Home Meetings  
Wednesdays - Fulford  
7:30 pm  
Thursdays - Ganges  
7:30 pm  
For more info call  
537-4143

**Pastor: Jim Caruso**  
Affiliated with P.A.O.C.

**Ganges United Church**  
Hereford Ave., Ganges

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
10 am with Sunday  
School for Nursery  
to 15 years.  
**Minister**

**COMING EVENTS 35**

The Baha'i Community of Salt Spring Island invites you to...

Friday Night Discussions on PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION



Feb. 8th • 7:30pm  
Shawane Campbell  
"TOUCHING THE SPIRIT"  
Transforming Ourselves

BRAE HAVEN  
(opp. GVM at Greenwood's)  
call 537-9561, 9898, or 5188

**LEGALS 38**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND**

Take notice that MAUREEN LAURA GERBER of Vancouver B.C., occupation business woman, intends to make application to the Ministry of Crown Lands regional office in Victoria for a licence of occupancy of land generally situated Mayne Island, Dinner Bay, and more specifically described in (a) or (b) below: a. Lot 159, Section 6, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 23981; b. Commencing at a post planted 30 ft. S.E. of most S.W. pin; thence 128' S.W.; thence 50' S.E.; thence 128' N.E.; thence 50' N.W. The purpose for which the land is required is Permanent Private Moorage.

Altype Construction  
10713 McDonald Park Rd.  
Sidney, B.C., V8L 3X9  
656-7081

Dated December 28th, 1990 6-91

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 50**

**BUSINESS FOR SALE:** Small Service Business, 1 person operation. Low overhead. Enquiries, 537-4249. 8-91

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Contract Rates Available  
CALL DAMARIS OR JEFF  
537-9933

**HELP WANTED 55**

**S.S. HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

The S.S.I.H.A. requires a Harbour Manager to manage and maintain small craft harbour facilities in Ganges under the direction of the H.A. The successful applicant should have expertise and/or training in basic maintenance procedures. Marine and nautical knowledge essential. Position effective Mar. 15, 1991.

Send application and resumes to:  
D. Nostdal, Secretary  
S.S.I.H.A. RR2, C-10  
Cusheon Lk. Rd.  
Ganges, VOS 1E0

Closing date: 4:00 pm  
Friday Feb. 22, 1991. 9-91

**SHIPPER/RECEIVER position(s)** available in lumberyard. Must be hard working, honest, reliable and willing to work flexible hours. Send resume and covering letter to Dept. 1 c/o Gulf Island Driftwood, P.O. Box. 250, Ganges, VOS 1E0. 6

**BEAUTIFUL HOMEMAKER** for educated person  
NS, SD, 55  
468-9609, 4-8 pm. 7-91

**HARRY'S BOATWORKS** pub now accepting applications for bartenders, waitpeople & door control. Experience necessary, send resume to Geoff... No phone calls please. Harbour House Hotel, Box. 216, Ganges, B.C. VOS 1E0. 6-91

**HELP WANTED 55**

**BABYSITTER** wanted for 5 and 8 yr. boys. Shift work. Car required. Wages and gas to be discussed. 537-4435. 7-91

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY NURSE 2**  
for  
**SATURNA ISLAND**

Applications are invited for the position of Community Nurse 2 on Saturna Island to work in the Home Nursing Care program on an on-call basis (maximum 15 hours per month) to provide a variety of nursing services to patients enrolled in the Home Nursing Care program. The work will be Monday to Friday, wages to be negotiated.

Applicants must be eligible to practice nursing in the Province of B.C. and have a minimum of two years satisfactory and relevant nursing experience. Must have a valid B.C. Driver's Licence and use of own vehicle to be compensated at District rates.

Applications giving details of training and experience will be received by the Personnel Office, Capital Regional District, P.O. Box 1000, Victoria B.C., V8W 2S6.

**SALT SPRING Island Home Support Services** requires a .4 F.T.E. R.N. Supervisor. Duties include the training and supervision of home support workers and the assessment of clients' ongoing and changing needs by conducting regular home visits. Current registration with R.N.A.B.C. required. For further information, call 537-9955, or mail resume to Box 98, Ganges B.C., VOS 1E0. 6-91

**THE SALT SPRING Island Community Society** has an opening for a full time supervisor for a group home for 4 mentally handicapped adults. The position involves staff training and supervision, liaison with outside resources, daily operation of the group home, budget planning and working with the Ministry of Social Services and Housing. A degree in the Helping Sciences is preferred. Experience necessary. Please send resume to Box 1106 Ganges, B.C. VOS 1E0, attn: The Executive Director, Barbara Jordan-Knox. Closing Date: February 8th, 4 pm. 6-91

**FULL TIME office help.** Computer experience necessary. Mon.-Fri., some shift work. Wages commensurate with experience. Excellent benefit package. Apply before Feb. 8, 1991, P.O. Box 510, Ganges, B.C. VOS 1E0 6-91

**MUSICAL THERAPIST FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE HOME (GREENWOODS)**

We have a New Horizons grant We have money for instruments We have lots of enthusiasm

We are looking for someone with a sound musical background to guide and assist us in groups to make music.

The job offered is for six hours per week, for one year, at an annual salary of six thousand (\$6,000) dollars.

Anyone interested send resume and proposed program outline to the chairman, Mr Bill Archbold, of the Musical Therapy Committee, at Greenwood, Blain Rd., by 11th February 1991, from whom all pertinent information can be obtained. 6

**WORK WANTED 60**

**A MAN** for work around the house and property. Renovation, repair, cleanup. Any job, any size, any time. Andrew. 537-2294. 7-91

**J/M Carpenter** available for additions, renovations, sundecks, concrete work, framing and finishing, etc. Specializing in custom cedar work. 20 years exp. Quality and integrity. References. 537-9124. 7-91

**VAN WYCK Carpentry.** Complete construction services. Free estimates and references. Ian, 537-5473. 7

**CARPENTER AVAILABLE** for small renovations, sundecks, skylights. Quality work. Reasonable rates. Call Tom Mitchell, 653-4353. 8-91

**EXPERIENCED CARPENTER** available. Contract or by the hour. New buildings, renovations, decks, hardwood floors.

**WORK WANTED 60**

**FREE POOL** cleaning in exchange for swimming privileges. 537-4942 8-91

**CARPENTER, FULLY** qualified, available for renovations, new construction, small or large. Tom Vikander, 537-5558, message. 8-91

**DUMP RUNS, moving,** light hauling with stakeside 1 T truck. Also have box trailer. Phone 537-4487. 6-91

**CLEAN SWEEP** household help. Kaaren, 653-9227. Sandra, 537-2987. 8-91

**FLATDECK 4X4** truck and driver. For a moving experience call Drew at 537-2503 anytime. 10-91

**HANDYMAN SERVICES.** Renovations, alterations, roofing, sundecks, fencing and farmwork. No job too small. Truck for cleanup and moving. Phone John or Mark. 653-4254. 31-91

**HOME NURSING SUPPORT SERVICES**

For all types of home nursing requirements: Respite, palliative, acute care All enquiries confidential

Dept. J c/o Driftwood Box 250 Ganges B.C. or telephone 653-4575. 8-91

**WINTER PRUNING**

Fruit trees, ornamentals, dormant spray  
**FREE ESTIMATES**  
14 years commercial experience

**BOOK EARLY BOOK NOW**

RAJ KREISLER  
Salt Spring Island Nursery  
537-9421 8-91

**RELIABLE EXPERIENCED** carpenter available to April. Renovation, finishing, decks and siding. Reasonable rates, quality work, free estimate, references available. Call Ron, 537-9847. 7-91

**AUTOMOBILES 105**

**1976 VOLVO STATION** wagon 245 "deluxe". 4 gear standard transmission with overdrive. Lots of extras. No rust. 80,000 km. \$3,600 Call 537-5407 eves. 6-91

**1978 PLYMOUTH VOLARE** parts car. Good slant-six engine. \$200. 537-5407, eves. 6-91

**1977 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER** 4x4 1 ton pick-up. No rust, new tires. Strong rig. \$39,500, 537-4420, 653-2029. 8-91

**SELF CONTAINED** conv't school bus. \$5,800 or \$200/mo. 1-652-0774. 6

**RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION** in a sporty 1975 Ventura Hatchback. Good tires, FM/AM cassette. \$595.00, 537-2281. 6-91

**WANTED:** Small automatic car, please phone 537-5415. 8-91

**1969 Dodge Dart G.T.,** needs work, \$450 obo. 653-2334. 6-91

**1986 MERCURY TOPAZ, A-1** cond., PB, PS, Air, P locks, auto., no rust, silver grey, \$6000 obo. 537-4280. 111 Farm Ct. 6-91

**1988 GMC 8 passenger** Safari Van. Auto, P.S., P.B., airconditioning, clean, excellent condition. Roomy family vehicle. 537-5770. 7-91

**1969 CHEV 1/2 ton 292** six 4 spd. posi., 16 inch radials. 653-4671. 7-91

**1981 CADILLAC SEDAN** De Ville, low mileage, good condition, new brakes, \$5900 or best offer. Call 537-9532 eves. Trades? 7-91

**PROPANE POWERED 1982** Chrysler LeBaron, 4 door, runs well. Clean burning, economical. \$3,900 OBO 537-2713. 6

**1986 CHEV. NOVA, 4 dr.,** 42,000 miles, good cond. \$5200. 537-2029. 6-91

**ATLAS STEEL** bltd radial snow tires, W.W., #P225-75R, 14" rims, used 1 season. 537-9299. 6-91

**1982 MALIBU Supreme, 4** dr./HT, V8, \$4200; 1980 Malibu Station wagon, V6, \$1800, 537-9183. 6-91

**1978 450 cc John Deere** Loader/crawler 4 in 1 bucket, new engine, excellent working condition. 537-9760. 8-91

**1976 DATSUN WAGON.** Good running condition. New snow tires. Offer

**AUTOMOBILES 105**

**AUTOS:** 1980 Ford LTD, good condition, auto., PS/PB, cruise control, tilt steering, \$1500. 537-5588 or 537-9476. 6-91

**1982 DATSUN DIESEL P/U.** 133,000 K. Sun roof, 5 speed dual rear wheels. \$2,950. Call Rupesh, 537-4998. 8-91

**ANTIQUES 100**

**LOOKING FOR THAT HARD TO FIND PRINT?**

Call us, we will try to find whatever it is you're looking for. We have many prints in stock.

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Sacred Ground, Guardian Spirits, Hide & Seek, Doubled Back, Calling the Buffalo, Season of the Eagle.

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**BUILDING SUPPLIES 125**

**Windsor Plywood**  
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Select tight knot 4S4  
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We can also provide you with fir or cedar beams to your specs, and any other cedar products or special lumber.  
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heART works  
by  
**MELISSA SEARCY**  
at  
off the  
**WATERFRONT GALLERY**  
6-91

**THIS SPACE RESERVED**

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In our new location  
By the Post Office  
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6-91

**LIVESTOCK 140**

**HAY FOR SALE.** \$3.00 per bale. 537-2963 before 12 noon. 6-91

**16 HH T/B mare** (chestnut), 8 yrs old. Sound, good confirmation and disposition, English jumper. \$1,600. Moving, must sell. Phone 537-4143. 7-91

**PETS 145**

**WHO WOULD CARE** to give me a good home? 1 black Lab., neutered, 3 yrs. and 2 inseparable companions for retired couple neutered crosses. 574-0034. 8-91

**OLDI ME TOO.** I'm big, loveable, saint like you could say. I'm down to three legs and looking for an old friend to sit around with. If you need company, me too. 537-4420 or 653-2029. Susan Just. 7-91

**FOOD PRODUCTS 150**

**DEAR CUSTOMERS:** We are very sorry you are missing our bread but we are putting this time to good use. We hope you will be as pleased as we are with our new spael. Also we are happy to announce that Pascal will be making pastry. It shouldn't be too much longer to wait, (2-3 wks). Thank you for your patience. Barb's Buns. 6

**FOR SALE:** Fresh cut and wrapped pork by the side, \$1.35/lb. 537-2082. alt-even-17n

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Monday through Saturday  
**ON GANGES WATERFRONT**

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QUALITY FISH TO ISLANDERS FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS...  
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and  
endless  
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advice  
Mon.thru Sat.  
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**FURNITURE 155**

**BRAND NEW** used in show-room Bauhaus designer sofa and matching love seat, neutered dark tones, would suit Oriental decor, new, \$6,000, sell for \$2,900 firm. Serious inquiries

**GARAGE SALES 160**

**GARAGE SALE:** 09 Feb., 10:00 am?? 216 Woodland Dr. 537-4338. Moving from house to condo. off island. Chesterfield, chairs, kitchen set, tools, numerous odds and ends. 6-91

**DRIFTWOOD HAS** something for you! When you place your Garage Sale ad, for an extra \$1.00, pick up a poster kit to help you with your sale. 126 Upper Ganges Rd. 8:30-4:30, Mon. - Fri. 17n

**HUGE CONSIGNMENT** clothing sale, designer clothes, classics, casual and leisure wear. Salt Spring wear, all sizes, some new, some used, get more for your money. Feb. 8, 9, and 10th, Located at Blaahk Sheep Motors, Fulford Ganges Rd. 653-2358. 6

**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE 165**

**ISLAND SAVINGS Insurance Services Ltd.**



Our Life Insurance Representative, Mr. Harold Webber, would be pleased to evaluate your specific insurance requirements, with no obligation. Phone 537-4542 for an appointment

- LIFE INSURANCE**  
-Family  
-Mortgage Protection  
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**DISABILITY INCOME**  
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**ISLAND SAVINGS INSURANCE SERVICES LTD**  
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**1 FAWCETT OIL** fire kitchen stove, very good condition, \$250.00 OBO. Also 1 Dansk Northland wood stove. \$50.00 245-5835. 6-91

**CEDAR SHAKES, 18", 15** bundles, \$12/bundle. 653-4635. 8-91

**TWO RIMS** with snow tires and shop manual for Scout Travelall. Each \$20 firm. Also two tires, P195-75R14. Each \$10. 537-4032. 6-91

**CONTACT THOMAS COOK** Travel's Salt Spring Agent, Denise Heaton for all travel needs. 537-4550. 8-91

**SAVE BIG BUCKS!** Consignment clothing Sale. Feb. 8, 9, 10th. Sneak preview Feb. 8th, 6-9 pm, 9th and 10th, 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Don't miss out! Dawna. 653-2358. 6

**OLDER MODEL** Maytag washer and dryer, great shape, \$300.00. 537-4216 after 6 pm. 6-91

**THE "INDISPOSABLES"** Cotton Diapers and accessories. Marlene Maynard. 537-4844. 51-91

**1976 BRITANNY** mobile home. 12'x68', 2 bdrm, 5 appl. \$17,800. Phone 537-4679. 7

**USED MAYTAG** washer and dryer, both in working order, asking \$400 or best offer, for the set. Call Linda Hoover or Marianne Allan at 537-9944. 6-91

**FOR SALE:** 955K track loader (Caterpillar), 5 inl bucket rippers on back (5 shank) undercarriage, in very good condition. Rebuilt converter, some spare parts, good running machine. Call Darrell collect at 743-3528 after 6 pm. 6-91

**TAROT CARD READINGS** by donation. Your home or mine. 537-5787. 7-91

**GRAIN FED BEEF** by the side, \$1.40/lb. 653-4329.7

**CHESTERFIELD, CHAIR,** dining room table, 4 chairs, bridge table, 4 chairs, love seat, coffee tables. Record

**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE 165**

**PINBALL MACHINE; 1979** Poker Joker. Excellent working condition. Manual, some spare parts. \$475.00 537-9760. 8-91

**ENCYCLOPEDIA** home learning system and reference library. For no obligation preview and sample presentation, contact Chad Williams c/o Ed Davis, 537-9977, 9 am - 5 pm. tfn

**TAN BEFORE YOU TRAVEL.** Special 10 sessions, \$39<sup>95</sup>. Call Dawna at 653-2358 or 537-4727. 8-91

**1973 CHEV PICKUP** for parts; antique mantle mirror; kingsize waterbed, bookcase headboard, complete, \$250; 4'x8' utility trailer, 16" wheels. Offers on all considered. 537-9690. 8-91

**ISLAND FIREWOOD**, dry fir, small diameter round, \$75 or split \$85, any length. 653-4352. 8-91

**FRIDGE**, white McClary frost free, 2-dr., left-hinged, 14 cu. ft., \$150 obo; aluminum canopy for 6 ft. short box pickup, \$75. 537-5056. 8-91

**SCULPTURED NAILS**, manicures, overlays and related products. Call Dawna for appointment. 537-4727 or 653-2358. 8-91

**MOVING:** selling 2 easy chairs and foot stools, \$150 ea.; new 21" TV, remote, \$400; Entertainment centre, \$125; radio-Gramm-tape deck-speakers, \$150; king size mattress, \$150; rowing machine, \$75; garden umbrella, \$50. 537-4280 or 111 Farm Ct. 8-91

**Fabric Sale**

**ANNUAL CLEAN UP SALE**  
At the  
**RICH & FAMOUS**  
Kitchen Company's Studio

**Christmas fabrics**, cotton prints, polly cotton broadcloth, cotton flannel, pillow panels, decorator fabrics, quilt batting, pillow stuffing, scrap bags, freebies. Sat. Feb. 9th and Sun. Feb. 10th. 10 am to 4 pm

353 West Eagle Drive  
537-5654 6

**FISHER FIREPLACE** insert complete with screen, \$250. Phone 537-9459. 7-91

**KENMORE STOVE**, good condition, Harvest Gold, \$150. 537-9847. 7-91

**HIDE-A-BED**, woolrest sleeper, sewing machine, vision cookware, (never used), cubic Zirconium wedding rings, 2 sets. 537-4659. 8-91

**ONE POLAR BEAR** distillery. 10 gals per day, like new, \$200; 22" Sony colour TV with remote, \$300; 1 set radial chains, 15" wheel, brand new, \$30. 537-4156. 8-91

**MANUAL MEAT slicer**; slow cooker; older electric frypan; B&D 7 1/4 power saw; 9 drawer dresser; 3 drawer dresser; metal clothes closet, 30x68; Herms typewriter, manual; fully serviced bicycle. 537-9299. 8-91

**BATHROOM**, cast iron bath, 2 toilets, 2 sinks, 1 bidet. American Standard, chromium/glass taps, harvest gold, good condition. Call 537-9430. 8-91

**LARGE 3 cushion earth tone** chesterfield and rectangular coffee table. Both in excellent condition. Best offer. 537-4271. 8-91

**WYCO ELECTRIC** concrete vibrator, near new condition. \$380. Worm drive 7 1/4 skill saw, excellent condition \$175. 537-5482. 8-91

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**COMPUTERS.** IBM compatibles and accessories, Macintosh accessories, software, printers, displays, prompt local service in our fully equipped facility. Desktop publishing and laser printing from IBM and Mac disks, image scanning. Call for free consultation. Tribal Drum

**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE 165**

**4x12 SxS Dry Yellow Cedar**, 1350 MBF (\$5.40 per foot) 537-5564. 8-91

**18" #1 cedar shakes**, \$59.00 per square (5 bdl's per square) 537-5564. 8-91

**18" Red Label shingles**, \$59.00 per square (4 bdl's per square). 537-5564. 8-91

**BUILT IN Kenmore** dishwasher, Kenmore washer/dryer, high chair, walker, change table, baby swing coffee and end tables, Brentwood wicker rocker, solid wood double captain's bed, plus more. 537-9183. 8-91

**MISCELLANEOUS WANTED 170**

**CALLING ALL TELEPHONE** Books!! Drop them off at the recycling Depot. G.V.M. parking lot. 7-91

**ABOVE GROUND** swimming pool and accessories, 10-14' diam. Must be in good condition. 537-9860. 8-91

**SOFA BED** in good condition. 537-9350. 8-91

**WANTED TO BUY** standing timber or logs. Custom selective logging. Pat Akerman, 653-4352. tfn

**TURN YOUR UNWANTED** clothing int cash. Quality is a must. Get them in on the opening Sale, Feb. 8th, 9th, 10th. Dawna, 653-2358, or 537-4727. 8-91

**LOOKING FOR** used tricycles. All sizes. Please call 537-2621. 8-91

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 175**

**ORGAN**, Baldwin H200, 2 manuals plus bench, all features, \$1500. 537-9780. 8-91

**COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT 201**

**FOR RENT/LEASE** - Do you require commercial space in Ganges and have a relatively low traffic flow? Available above Pharmasave are 2000 sq. ft. of easily divided area. Rent part of it or all of it. Warm in winter, cool in summer. Great harbour/park view. Contact Santy Fuoco. 537-5577. tfn

**LANCER BUILDING**

Ground floor space available  
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**2nd FLOOR** prime downtown office. 600 sq. ft. Harbour View, \$750 per month. Includes bathroom, sundeck. Call Erick Booth, Pemberton Holmes. 537-5568. 31-91

**COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT 201**

**900' PRIME** Commercial ground floor location, Ganges, with living accomodation. 537-5743. 8-91

**FOR RENT:** 2nd floor office with Harbour view. \$400 per month, corner Rainbow Rd. and Fulford Ganges Rd. Call 537-2098 or leave message. 8-91

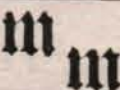
**HOUSES FOR RENT 210**

**NICE ROOM** or room and board in quiet house for student or working person. 537-2130. 7-91

**SINGLE MALE PARENT** and four year old daughter seek other single parent to share large mobile home and gardens in Fernwood area, near Teddy Bear Daycare. Reasonable rates. Ph. 537-2815. 8-91

**NON-SMOKER** will swap Westend Vancouver apartment for short periods with islander. 682-4319. 8-91

**CLEAN, FURNISHED** room in quiet house in Ganges, NS/ND preferred, \$250. 537-4627. 7-91



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**SUNNY 2 bedroom** house on private acre. Lovely ocean view. Ideal for single person or couple but regret no children. 537-9989. 8-91

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# Robust radishes reviewed

Scorpions, of course, are afraid of radishes. And that's not all. A physician called Apollodorus prescribes them for mistletoe poisoning. You can learn a lot from herbals but after awhile you start feeling sorry for the scorpions.

According to Culpeper, they "killeth worms, being drunk." No doubt this is a tremendous dangling modifier, but I still don't like radishes, drunk or not.

Radishes come from "radix" root. In this sense only they are radical. Political fanatics are called radicals because they like to uproot everything and make the past into tossed salad. After a couple of years they get supplanted by another crop.

Right now, Hunter S. Thompson and the San Francisco 49ers are radical, but, next year . . . who knows?

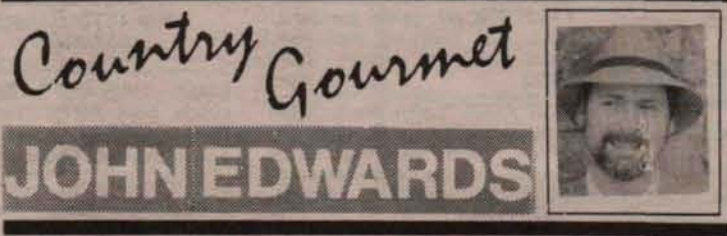
Van Gogh's pictures fetch radical prices at Christie's and get hung as trophies in Japanese banks, yet when he painted them the artist couldn't afford to buy radishes in the market and got only an earful from the gallery owners.

In 1988 Ben Johnson was a radical sprinter when he tore up the record books. He was 2/100 of a second away from being one again in his comeback race last week in Hamilton.

From all these examples it's clear that timing is indispensable if you want to be considered radical.

As for the radishes themselves, who has time for them? They are an indifferent vegetable — the object of no philosophies or passions or poetries. People have fought duels over truffles, staged mutinies over breadfruit, and spent expensive years in cooking schools trying to make omelettes perfect. No one does this kind of thing for radishes.

On the shelf I can see a jar of salsa jalapeno sauce. "At Rebel Fire our respect for peppers borders on worship" the label hotly shouts. No one



says this about radishes.

Radishes are cruciferous, and come in four colours and two sizes. They got carved onto a temple at Karnak, and they were eaten in a pepper-sauce by Hadrian. And they're great for the bites of serpents. They just aren't radical.

In a pinch you can substitute cooked radish leaves for spinach, but frankly I'd rather use nettles. The proper place for radishes is as hors-d'oeuvres and in salads where frustrated sculptors can carve them into those bizarre shapes that get stuck on your teeth and lead to embarrassing non sequiturs.

The Italians make insalata di finocchi e radicchie, fennel and radish salad, with a dressing of oil and lemon. Their ancestors ate "raphanos" like men, dipping the roots in a hot sauce of pepper and pickle. This recipe has a descendant: the custom of nibbling radishes with an anchovy-flavoured dip as an antipasto.

The French simmer the pink radishes in cream, or cook them in butter, sugar, and water until they are glazed. The black ones are cut in rounds and steeped in salt, then washed and served.

Peeled radishes can be boiled until tender in salted water and then served in a cream sauce with a sprinkle of salt and paprika.

The best you can say about radishes is that they make a change from turnips. Like the Vancouver Canucks on a power play, a rush of

radishes can be relied upon not to score. They are the Rosencrantz and Guildenstern of the kitchen garden. The original naked lunch.

If none of this sounds particularly stimulating, that's the way it is with radishes. Munching one makes every other food suddenly attractive. It's more fun, I think, drawing radishes than eating them.

You can always make something riveting instead, like spaghetti. Or toast. Or a glass of water.

If you MUST do radishes, however, for some masochistic or medical reason, this recipe is acceptable.

- A clutch of radishes, washed and sliced meanly
- A Romaine lettuce, ripped up
- An endive, ripped ditto
- A handful of mushrooms, sliced coarsely
- A sprig of parsley, chopped
- Oil and red-wine vinegar dressing
- A pinch of mustard

To get in the mood for the experience first read the opening chapter of Dickens' Bleak House. Then it will be easy to harden your heart towards all the hopeful tomatoes, boiled eggs, heads of celery, pine nuts, nasturtium leaves and other goodies that, alas, WON'T be going into this particular salad.

Season the oil-and-vinegar dressing with mustard. Now throw everything into a large bowl. Pour the dressing on top and toss. At least you'll be safe from scorpions.

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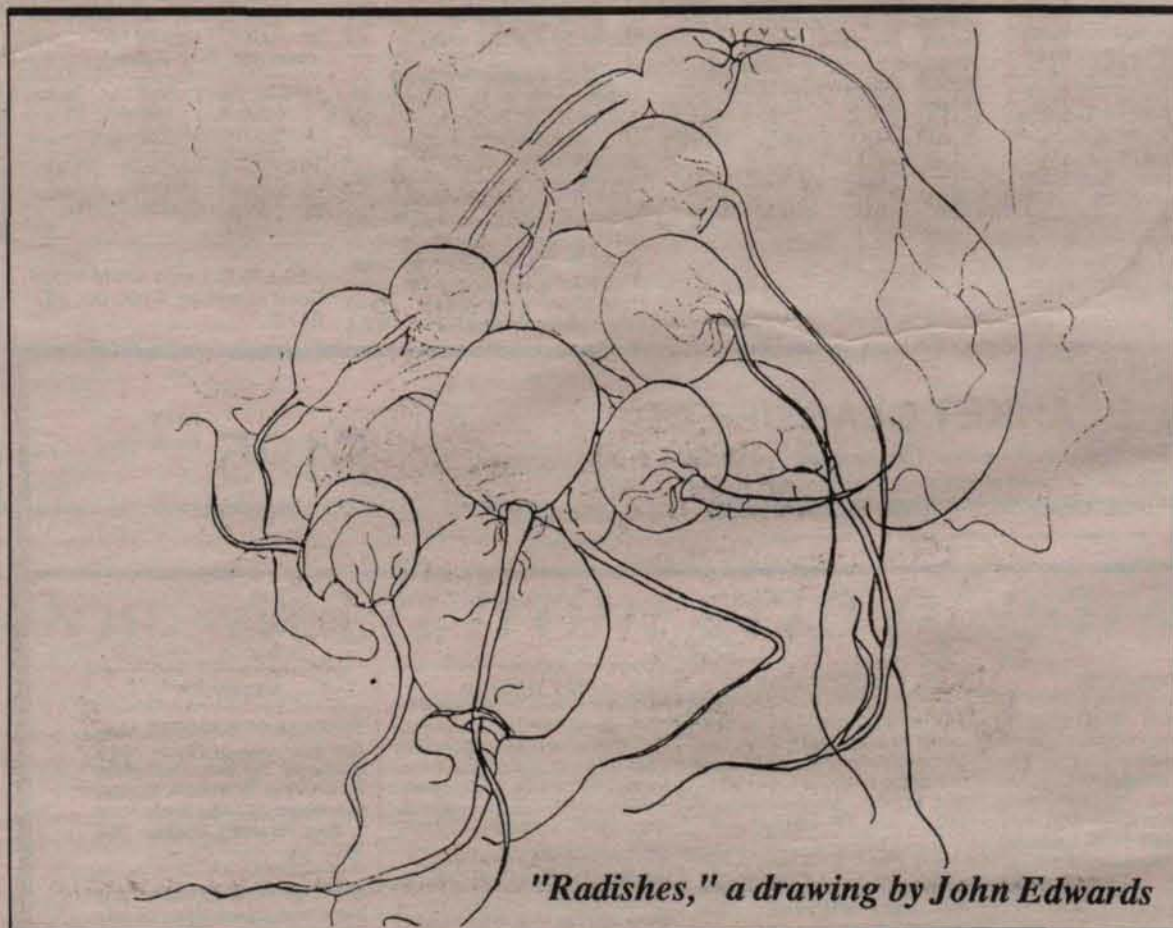


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Wit and Whimsy

ARTHUR BLACK



I have, down the centuries, tilted at my share of windmills in this space. I have looked on the bright side of Post Menstrual Syndrome. I've championed the Toronto Maple Leafs, *The Beachcombers*, the prose style of Richard Rohmer and I believe I even once said a kind word about Bill Vander Zalm, but I have not, by Thor, tried to use this column to defend the indefensible.

Until now.  
I am about to say a few kind words about February. I know, I know — it is the most unloved, intrinsically despicable month on the calendar. Citizens can find it in their hearts to forgive April for its showers and November for its gales, but February? It is the dead cold heart of the unforgiving winter wasteland. The middle of nowhere. In February, the festive Christmas season is just a mocking memory. Spring is a heart-tickling tease beyond the farthest horizon.

It's hard to feel good about February.

**Named after a junk of goathide**

Even its name is clumsy and unmelodic. It comes from "februa" — a Latin term for thongs of goatskin that were used during the festival of Lupercalia back in Roman times.

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So there you have it — a month named after a chunk of goat hide.

But enough gloom! I come to praise February, not to moan about it. Let's look on the bright side.

Well, there's Groundhog Day, for one thing. Each year on February 2, citizens from burgs as various and far-flung as Allison, Ontario and Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania crouch, shivering in the mud and snow around the entrances of groundhog holes to see (a) if the groundhog survived January and (b) whether he will come out, stand semi-erect and cast a shadow. If he does, it's supposed to mean that we're in for six more weeks of winter.

**Celebrations make February a fun month**

I think it's rather wonderful that come February 2, winter-bound humans still have the pluck to get up, get dressed and go outside to skulk around rodent dens waiting for the weather word from furry forecasters.

But Groundhog Day isn't the only celebration that makes February such a fun month. Oh, my no! Why, there's the Milwaukee Home Improvement Show opening on February 7; and Ferris Wheel Day on February 14. Did you know that George Washington Gale Ferris invented the Ferris Wheel? Well he did, and his birthday anniversary is February 14. I'll bring the candles if you'll bake the cake.

Canadians are downright hearty when it comes to enjoying February. There's the Winterlude Festival in Ottawa and Expo Nautique — the Montreal International Boat Show. On February 8, hordes of winter-whipped frostbacks converge on Kelowna, B.C. for the annual Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest.

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I know — I haven't even mentioned the February festival or carnival or fiesta or hootenany that your town holds each February — but that's my point. Canadians are so busy inventing different kinds of fun in February we don't have time to notice what a bummer of a month it is.

But you know the very best thing about February? It's something the Ancient Romans bequeathed more than 2,000 years ago. Looking at their calendar they realized that July had one more day than August. Since both months commemorated Caesars it was important to strike a diplomatic balance. So the Romans plucked the 29th day off the tail end of February and gave it to August. This made August the same length as July. It also gave the month of February its most attractive characteristic.

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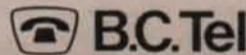
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