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A life-long love for creatures great and small

Chris Wooldridge steps down after 15 years at SPCA

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Despite her retirement last month after 15 years as an SPCA inspector on Salt Spring Island, Chris Wooldridge will continue to indulge her life-long love for animals. And the SPCA will continue to benefit from her ongoing involvement.

"My life has always revolved around animals, at home and at work," said Wooldridge in an interview at her Wright Road home last week. The evidence of that was all around her. A cat purred contentedly at her side, a Golden Labrador lay quietly at her feet and a Jack Rus-

More than once a bathroom has been turned into a temporary shelter for a wounded bird.

sell terrier tried hard to make her presence known. By barking defiantly at deer as they grazed in the field below the house, she succeeded.

Wooldridge grew up on a farm in Surrey, England, an upbringing that influenced her concern for the Earth's creatures. She bred Norwegian elkhounds for 25 years, and did the same with Labradors for a while. She and her husband David still have four elkhounds, a pair of Labs and the terrier.

But there have been occasions when the Wooldridges have shared their home with more than just their pets. More than once David has returned home from work to be

warned against using one of the bathrooms, it having been turned into a temporary shelter for a wounded bird.

Among the more significant of Chris Wooldridge's memories of the past 15 years relate to the assistance provided to bald eagles. She estimates that there have been about 35 in total, only three of which had to be put down because they were so severely injured. The worst time for eagles is in June and July, when the young are within two to three weeks of being able to fly. Strong winds will blow them from the nest, leaving them stranded on the ground, sometimes with broken bones.

But injured bald eagles have an advantage. "They're so tough," Wooldridge says. "They don't become as stressed as other animals." That's important when you consider it sometimes takes up to six months before the bird is ready to be released.

But some are destined to remain in captivity, such as the one which had to have its wing amputated. It ended up in the Hamburg, Germany, zoo.

Another had lost an eye and was captured before it could raise further havoc among farmyard chickens on Pender Island. It was subsequently ringed (with an identification band) by Prince Phillip a few years ago at the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria, and then went off to join a breeding program in Gloucestershire, England.

But eagles represent a small part of the work undertaken by SPCA inspectors on Salt Spring. Stray cats are among the most

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Photo by Tony Richards

ONE OF THE FAMILY: Retired SPCA inspector Chris Wooldridge and Gemma, a Jack Russell terrier. Gemma is one of several dogs that call the Wooldridges' property home.

SPCA inspectors' work load keeps pace with island population growth

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A third inspector may be necessary if the work load of the SPCA continues to increase on Salt Spring Island.

Lynda Wilcox says population growth is creating more work for the local SPCA branch. She cited the number of deer being struck by vehicles on island roads.

Animal control officer Howard Byron, she said, had reports of six deer being struck in one recent week on Beddis Road. The SPCA takes responsibility for destroying animals that are still alive, and highways crews dispose of them, Wilcox explained.

"It's a service that's escalating because of the increase in population."

Wilcox has been an inspector for three

months but she brings 20 years of experience as an animal health technician, and for a time was an animal control officer in Toronto.

She and fellow inspector Theresa Jones each work 15 days a month, and are on call 24 hours a day.

So what exactly does an SPCA inspector have to deal with on a given day?

Just the other day there were some wild kittens, whose mother had already been taken in by the SPCA. Homes were sought for the young cats. Then a red-wing hawk flew into someone's cabin and it couldn't get out.

In came the inspector with a large fish net and some heavy gloves. With a net dropped over its head, a gloved hand beneath was the only secure place for the bird. "It glommed on to my hand and I took it out (of the cabin),"

Wilcox said.

Then there was an owl with a broken wing. It was sent to a wildlife rehabilitation centre in Errington, north of Nanaimo. In a case like that, Wilcox said, local veterinarians Claus Andress or Derrick Milton first assess the damage and recommend a course of action.

A beaver was the subject of another call, when it was reported to be showing signs of unusual behaviour. Beavers don't normally stand at the side of the road so it too was sent to the rehabilitation centre, which boasts the services of a beaver expert.

But the worst problem, according to Wilcox, is wild cats.

"There's a terrific wild cat problem on this

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Competitions keep track club on road during busy July

Salt Spring Track and Field Club members have had a busy July so far with competitions in Port McNeil, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Coquitlam and Abbotsford. Athletes under 15 years of age

ended their season with the B.C. junior development championships in Port Alberni. The results were as follows:

Boys: Aidan Anderson, 11-year-olds, sixth in 80m hurdles,

200m hurdles, with five personal bests in 400m, 800m, 80m hurdles, 200m hurdles and discus.

Forest Huth, 12-year-olds, personal best in discus.

Kurtis Buyze, 13-year-olds, eighth in discus, personal best in shot put.

Daniel Bennett, 14-year-olds, fourth in javelin.

David Fiander, 15-year-olds, fifth in long jump and javelin, eighth in triple jump, personal best in javelin.

Jeff Brownsword, seventh in long jump, personal best in javelin.

Girls: Rachelle Herman, 10-year-olds, fourth in high jump and shot put with personal bests in both.

Julia James, 11-year-olds, fourth in 1,500m, sixth in 800m and discus, personal bests in triple jump and discus.

Joelle Morrison, 11-year-olds, first in 1,500m, third in 800m, seventh in triple jump, eighth in discus, personal bests in 1,500m, shot put and long jump.

Leah Martin, 11-year-olds, fourth in discus, fifth in 400m, seventh in 200m, personal bests in 400m, 80m hurdles, long jump and discus.

Stephanie Collette, 12-year-olds, sixth in triple jump, eighth in 200m hurdles, personal best in triple jump.

Sheila Stacey, 12-year-olds, fifth in discus, personal best in discus and triple jump.

Jenny James, 14-year-olds, first in 3,000m, first in 1,500m, fourth in 400m and javelin, fifth in discus, personal bests in javelin and 1,500m.

Chantelle Huth, 14-year-olds, second in 1,500m, third in discus, personal best in 1,500m.

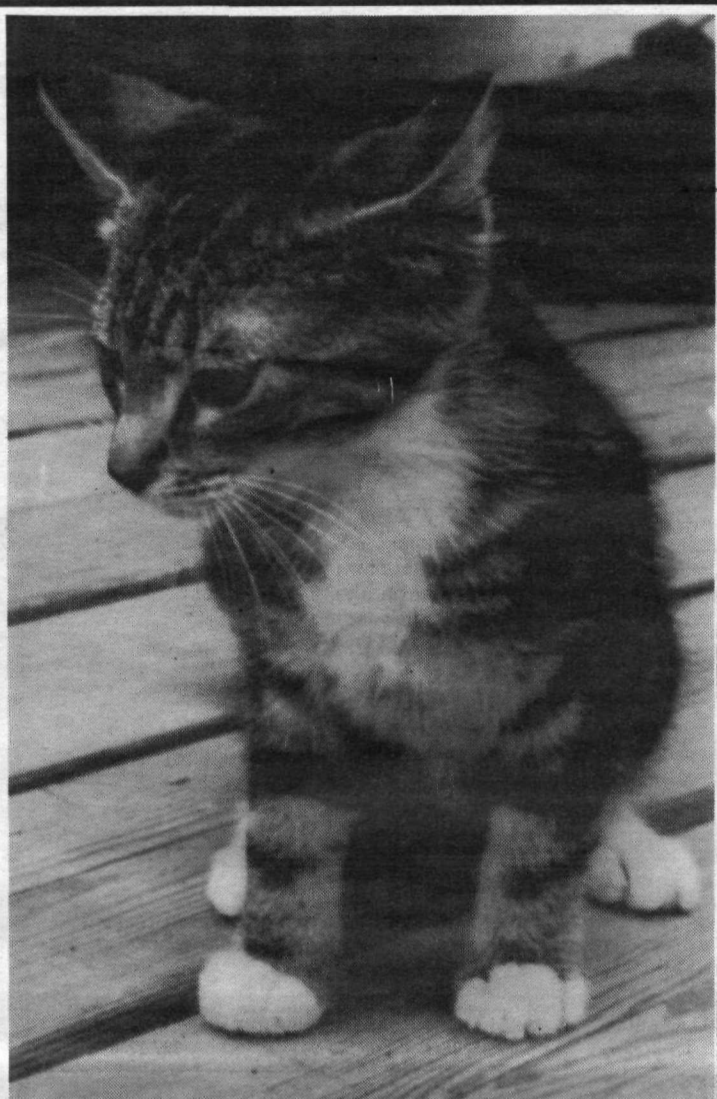
Cara Herman, 15-year-olds, fourth in long jump, sixth in 100m, seventh in 200m.

Athletes Malcolm Fiander and Zoe Bennett attended the B.C. championships in Abbotsford with the following results:

Bennett, fourth in 3,000m, sixth in 1,500m, and seventh in 800m.

Fiander, fourth in hammer with three of six throws close to personal bests.

Club members Jenny James, Cara Herman, Chantelle Huth and David Fiander will compete at the B.C. Summer Games this weekend in Chilliwack.



PET OF THE WEEK: This nine-week-old kitten was found abandoned and is one of two available for adoption from the Salt Spring SPCA. Homes are also sought for a white, neutered male cat and a gentle, ginger and white, spayed female. Call the SPCA at 537-5942. Photo by Tony Richards

Introductory programs for new students

New students to the University of Victoria this fall have the opportunity to learn about the school with two programs before they arrive.

Week of Welcome is a chance for students to become comfortable with the university with activities such as a pool party, barbecues, casino night, Commonwealth Games sports day, campus tours, information sessions, and study workshops, to name a few.

Students registered in the program will be provided with a free movie pass, information package

and eligibility for special prize draws. The cost is \$25.

Explore '93 is a "head start" orientation program to help students learn more about the university, study skills, and university life. The program is open to all new students transferring from high school or college, or mature students. The two-day sessions take place August 13 and 14, 19 and 20 or September 1 and 2. The fee of \$85 includes all meals and accommodations.

Call 721-8602 to register.

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EVERY MONDAY Story Time, Mary Hawkins Library, 9:30am.
EVERY TUESDAY 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
EVERY TUESDAY Archery Lessons, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 4:00-5:30pm.
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EVERY THURSDAY SSI Camera Club, photography classes, 172 Reid Rd. 7-9:30pm.
EVERY THURSDAY Children's Reading Programme, Mary Hawkins Library, 11-12.
JULY 21: Cancer Support Group Meeting, Croftonbrook meeting rm. 10am.
JULY 21: SS Painters Guild, sketching session Drummond Park, 10am.
JULY 22-24 Clarence Darrow, a play by David W. Rintels, Waterside Bistro, 9:45 p.m.
JULY 22-25: The Wonderful Naked Man, SS Festival of the Arts, High School drama rm. 8:30pm.
JULY 23: Els Trobadors, SS Festival of the Arts, Activity Centre, 8:30pm.
JULY 24: Abbeyfield Cream Tea, 391 Roland Rd, 2:30pm-4:30pm
JULY 24 Rory McLeod, SS Festival of the Arts, Activity Centre, 8:30 pm.
JULY 25 Michelle Mares, SS Festival of the Arts, Activity Centre, 8:30 pm.
JULY 26-29 Clarence Darrow, a play by David W. Rintels, Waterside Bistro, 9:45 p.m.
JULY 28: SS Painters Guild, sketching session, Linear Park behind library, 10am.
JULY 29 Local Jazz Showcase, SS Festival of the Arts, Activity Centre, 8:30 pm.
JULY 30 Ensemble Vocal Musica Viva, SS Festival of the Arts, Activity Centre, 8:30 pm.
JULY 31 Aché Brasil, SS Festival of the Arts, Activity Centre, 8:30 pm.
AUG. 4: SS Painters Guild, sketching session, beach at Fulford Inn, 10am.
AUG. 11: SS Painter Guild, sketching session, Beddis Rd. barns, 10am.
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Hanna's Air Salt Spring offered the flights July 1, with proceeds from fares — after fuel costs — going to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. The donation to the foundation totalled \$702. The airline's

employees also contributed by donating the day's pay. The foundation also raises money through its monthly Loonie Lottery. Recent winners were Phyllis Newman, \$35; Laurie Roland, \$58.50; Diana Hayes, \$110; and Carol Ann Brown, \$79.

Hospital visitors can play the lottery in the waiting area at the front entrance at Lady Minto.

Island golf team advances to provincial finals in September

From the Salt Spring Golf Club
After qualifying individually at their own club, the Salt Spring Island team of Pat Lavender, Jackie Vibe, Gordon Thorne, Keith Lavender and club pro Gordon Ferguson went on to play in the district one/zone six centennial tournament at Royal Colwood.

Playing a Texas scramble, the new team emerged victorious, finishing with a gross 63 and beating out all the other teams in the district/zone. The team will go on to play in the provincial finals in September.

Fifty-two ladies played for the Marg Johnston cup in the 18-hole division. The winner, with a net 67, was Marjorie Russell while Pam Ellacott, with a net 68, was runner-



up. Ellacott also won the putt pot with 27 puts.

For the first half of the season the birdie winners were Jean Cunningham, Connie Hardy, Grace Murchie and Irene Hawksworth, each with two birdies. The chip-in winner was Peggy Thorne with five chip-ins.

The Shipley Coronation Cup was played on July 10 with 68 members participating.

After 18 holes it was a tie between the teams of Marie Hopkins and Jack Kean and Libby Noble

and Bob MacKay.

A three-hole playoff resulted in Hopkins and Kean winning the cup.

The third-place winners were Ann and Gundy McLeod, Connie and Fred Broadbent, and Peggy Thorne and Gardy Webster, all finishing with a net 69. Closest to the hole on two were Mona Coulter and Jack Kean.

In men's play on July 8 there was a qualifying round for the Parson's Cup — the low qualifier was G. McLeod with a net 64. In a two-ball best ball competition last Thursday, P. Brodie and J. Mitchell were the winners with a net 55. Runners-up were B. Kirwin and G. Hewitson. Closest to the pin was Bob Marshall.

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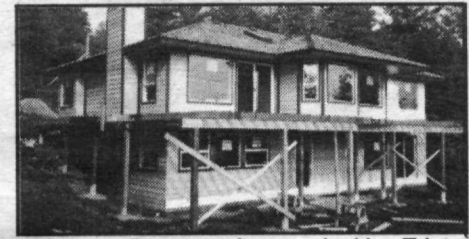


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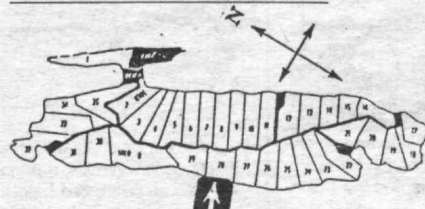
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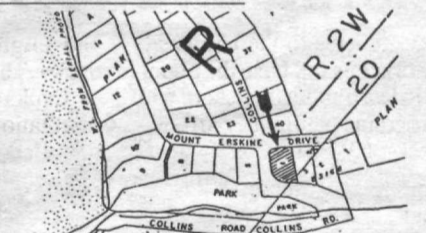
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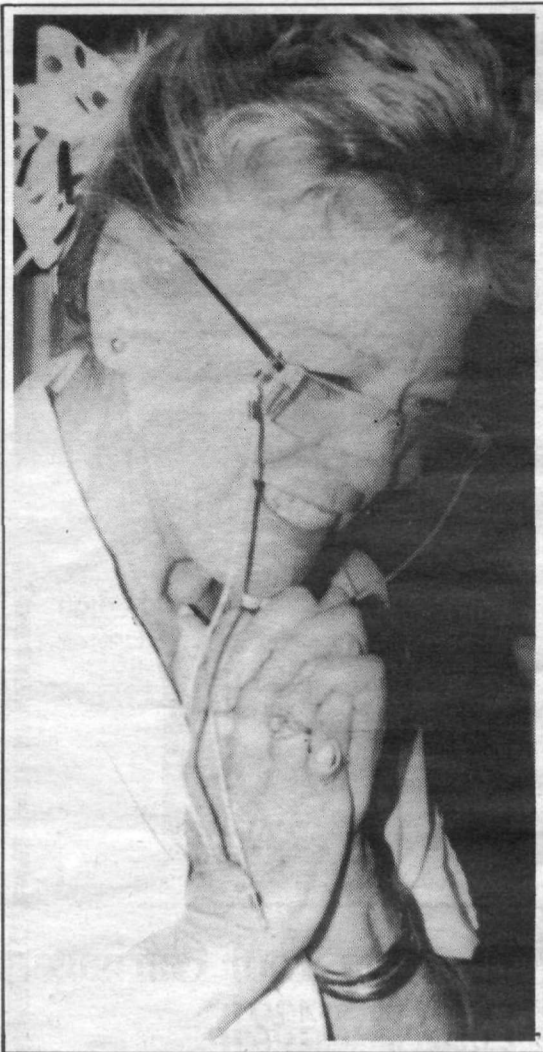
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Photos by Tony Richards

Girls' team to playdowns

An island softball team will travel to Vancouver this weekend to play in the provincial playdowns.

Coach Gyle Keating said the 11 and 12-year-old girls' all-star team will play at least four games at the tournament, which runs from Saturday until Tuesday.

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Tourney raises \$6,200

Golfers raised \$6,200 Friday in the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation's annual tournament.

Foundation spokesman Ron McQuiggan reports that about 140 players participated in the second annual Tash Hewitson charity golf tournament.

While that number was about 30 less than last year, when the event raised \$6,000, McQuiggan said "a number of people came along and gave us cash donations and made up the difference." The funds will help pay for renovations to Lady Minto Hospital's outpatient department.

Prizes were awarded to golfers following a barbecue at the golf club. Among the 18-hole players, the winners were Dale Klimek, men's low gross with 75; Connie Hardy, ladies' low gross with 86; Lois Johnson, ladies' low net with 66; Jeremy Goodwin, men's low net with 62.

Among the nine-hole players: M. Cade, ladies' low gross with 49; Mike Hardy, men's low gross with 40; Bill Elford, men's low net with 35; and Marina Scott, ladies' low net with 34.

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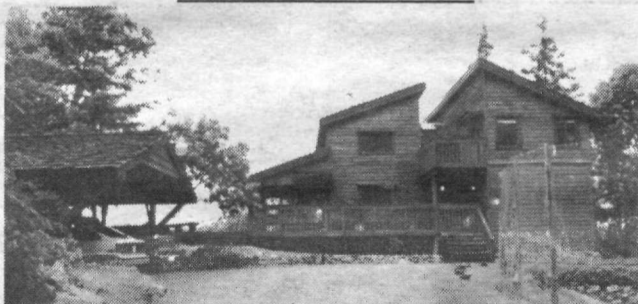
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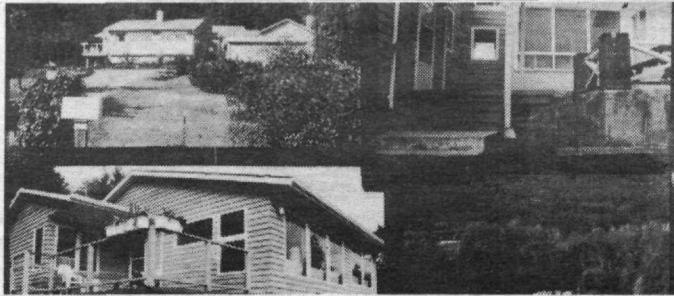
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13 youngsters attend five-day gymnastics camp at Fernwood

Fernwood elementary school's gymnasium was taken over by budding gymnasts last week during a gymnastics camp.

Gail Hamamoto, a level three gymnastics coach, came to Salt Spring from Vancouver's Club Adagio to introduce 13 young athletes to the sport.

The children ranged in age from five to 11, with the majority being five to seven years old.

During the five-day camp, the students learned a dance-based routine using hoops, in addition to other moves.

Camp organizer Kishori Hutchings told the *Driftwood* she has had good feedback on how the kids enjoyed the camp. She said some were stiff and sore from working so hard but they had a good time.

"I think the kids just had a ball; they really enjoyed themselves."

In addition to learning their own routine and performing it, the students were given a performance by local rhythmic gymnasts Naomi Jason and Mallika Hutchings.

Naomi and Mallika spent the week learning new apparatus skills and perfecting their moves under

the guidance of Hamamoto.

Hutchings said she hopes to have a recreational gymnastics program started on Salt Spring this fall

if there is enough interest, but "right now, any competitive kids would still have to go to Vancouver."



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THROUGH THE HOOPS: Young Salt Spring gymnasts Brooke Shergold, above, and Kathleen Sinclair, left, were among 13 who took five-day seminar at Fernwood School last week.

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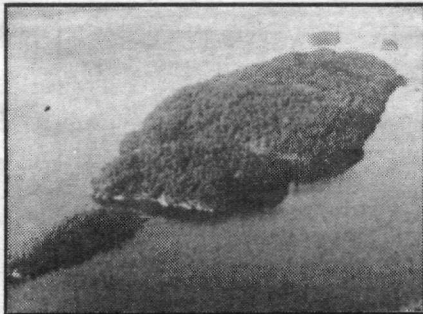


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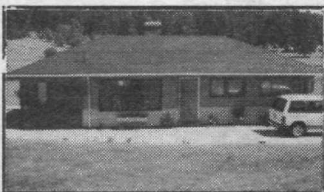
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CONTROL, BALANCE: Those are the qualities you can read in these two island mountain bike racers' faces. Quincy Wheeler-Hendren, above, and Tim Lyons-Howard, right, take on the cross-country course at the Hornby Island trials.

Photos by Nio Futter

Good showing by local cyclists

Three Salt Spring Islanders came home from the fifth annual Hornby Island bike trials with some bruises but some good finishes too. Expert Jeff Grant and cadets Quincy Wheeler-Hendren and Tim Lyons-Howard went to the event, at which more than 230 bicyclists competed in trials, downhill slalom and cross-country races.

"I would have gotten first, but I screwed up on the easy one," Grant said of his third-place trials competition finish. "I was in a real hurry to catch the ferry to come back to Salt Spring."

Wheeler-Hendren and Lyons-Howard fared better in their cadet class. Lyons-Howard came second in the cross-country race behind Wheeler-Hendren, who also came first in the downhill slalom. These finishes on Hornby make Wheeler-Hendren the provincial leader in his class.

There were one or two sore backs as a result of the mountain bike events — spills go along with thrills in this sport — but no injuries. Salt Spring mountain bike association takes part in as many of the races that time and finances allow, member Nic Futter said. Each entry can cost as much as \$25 to \$30.


The next meet will be on Mount Washington at the end of the month, while the B.C. championships will be held at Bamberton at the end of August.




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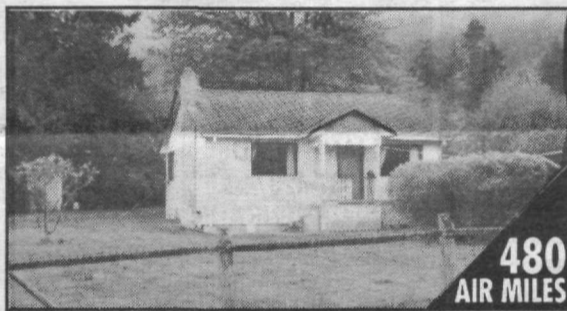
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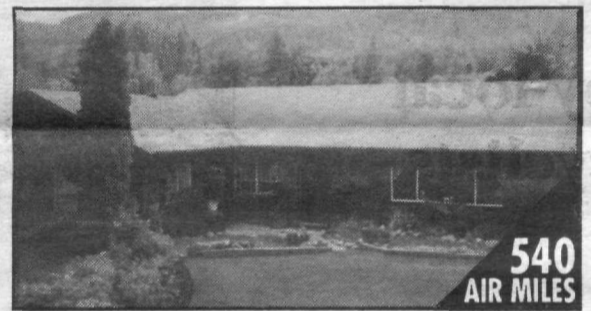
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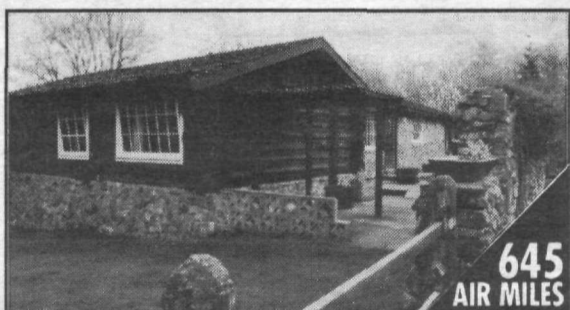
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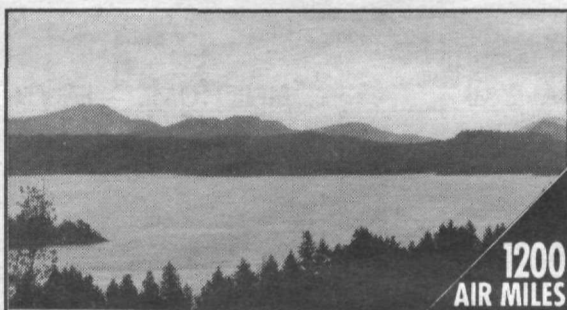
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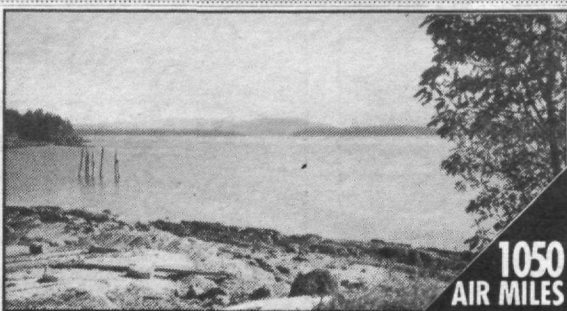
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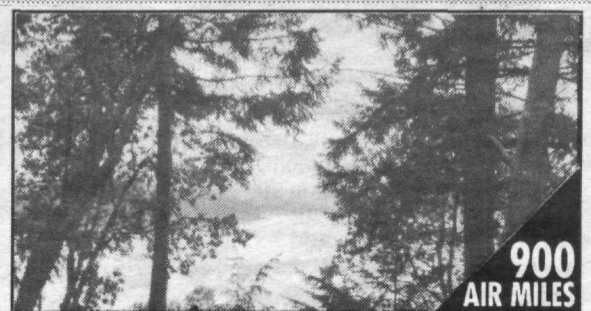
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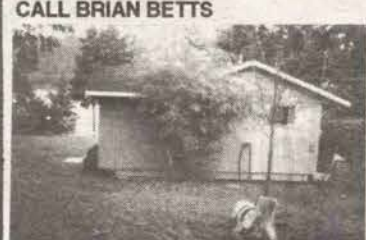
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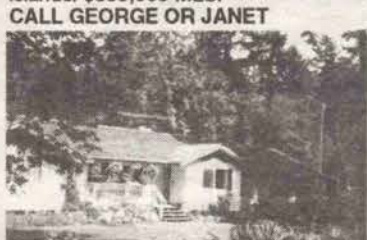
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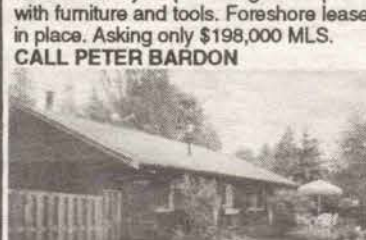
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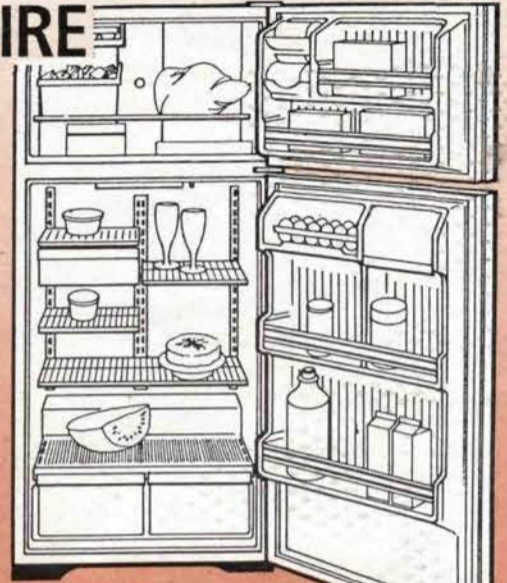
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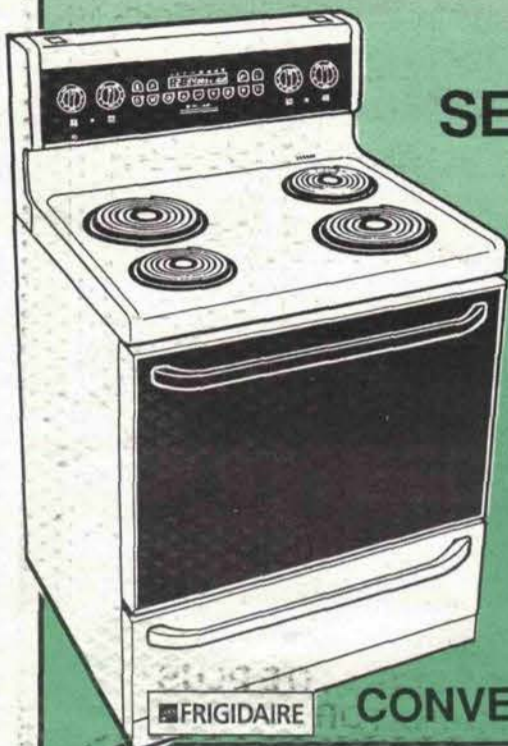


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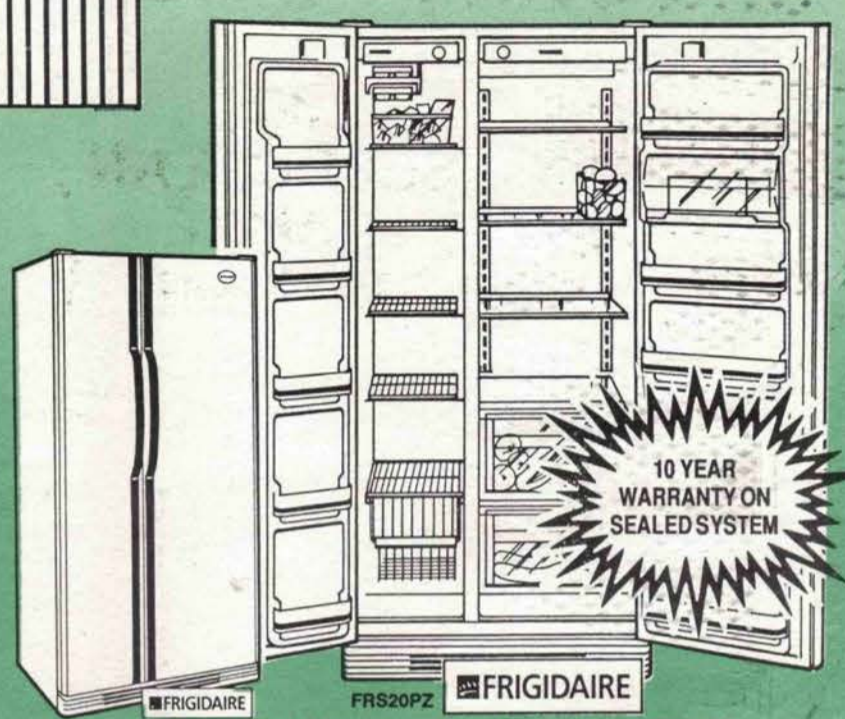


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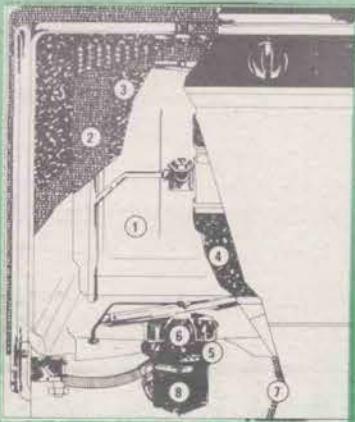
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God's name is touchstone of faith

By REV. MURRAY SINCLAIR
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The very name of God, which was proclaimed to Moses by God Himself over 3,000 years ago, has become one of the touchstones of faith for people around the world. When Moses was at a low point in his leadership of the nation of Israel, he asked God to show him His glory.

As part of His response, God came down and "proclaimed the name of the Lord" to Moses. This is what He said: The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and fourth generation."

Moses' response to this was to quickly bow himself to the earth, and worship.

This pronouncement, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious . . ." became a sort of catechism for the nation of Israel by which they remembered the char-

cross currents

acter of the God of heaven. In a curious twist, this was the aspect of God's nature that motivated Jonah to run away from the job God had assigned him. When God told Jonah to go and preach to the city of Nineveh, at first he refused.

Nineveh was the capital city of the 'evil empire' of its day.

We aren't told why he refused until later in the book, after Jonah's encounter with the great fish convinced him to go and preach as he had been told. After he had preached for three days, the entire city demonstrated their repentance. And when the people of Nineveh responded by repenting of their sin, God spared them and their city.

This did not sit very well with

Jonah, and he complained to God about it: "Was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish: for I know that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, One who relents from doing harm." (Jonah 4:2).

Here Jonah lets us into his thinking. He hadn't wanted to preach to Nineveh in the first place because he was afraid God would be merciful to them! He was concerned about God's love, and with good cause. Nineveh was the capital city of the "evil empire" of its day, and no one much liked it. God, however, demonstrated His love for the people in it by sending Jonah to warn them of impending judgment. He then showed His love again by not destroying the city when they repented.

God demonstrated His love in a similar but greater way when He sent His Son Jesus to earth, to preach repentance, and to die for our sins. God spared the city of Nineveh, but He did not spare His own Son. He judged His own Son so that He might not judge those people who will turn to Him.

To believers this is a proof of God's ongoing love and care for us.

Hard work, determination help victim finish book

By MARGARET NICHOLLS
Driftwood Contributor

Anyone who has ever tried to write a book knows what hard work and grim determination is needed to get from page one to "The End." You need even more perseverance and an extraordinarily sanguine nature to then publish, publicize and distribute the book yourself.

Victoria-based Corinne Tench has all these qualities as well as a strong stubborn streak and has accomplished the relatively rare feat of seeing her self-published book appear on the bookshelves.

Through Burnout to Balance and Beyond tells the story of Tench's journey from complete paralysis and misery to a state of contentment few would have thought possible when disaster first struck. Tench was 41, a busy wife, mother and nurse, when she had a severe stroke which took away her speech and left her completely helpless. The medical team looking after her thought she was unconscious until she managed to wink an eyelid.

She had lost all control over her body and her life and was under the authority of sometimes less than sensitive people. Even when she recovered enough to express some of her wishes she had to cope with the awful blight that afflicts most stroke survivors, tears. Crying for no obvious reason makes most listeners question your grasp on reality and seriously limits your ability to argue about anything.

Tench has survived the tears and many other road blocks along the way and now lives alone, a virtually independent and busy woman. She

makes it clear that the book is about her journey from despair to happiness and not a self-help book.

But there are many practical ideas for the handicapped along

A severe stroke took away her speech and left her helpless.

the way and wisdom to share with those who have not faced such an awful check to their lives. "Surely people don't have to have a stroke or some other devastating experience to slow down."

Reading between the lines shows Tench's pleasure and involvement with so-called "alternative" medicine. The holistic clinic

suggested she try to get in touch with her feelings, not always an easy process. Her progress in that direction helped her to experience "wellness" — a literally foreign concept to many traditional Western doctors.

When writing *Through Burnout to Balance and Beyond* Tench worried about talking about "spirituality without being maudlin." She has succeeded in writing a non-maudlin, straightforward account of her difficult journey. A truly inspirational book which reminds us all, stoke survivors or not, that life is beautiful and we should all stop and smell the roses more often.

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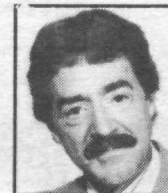
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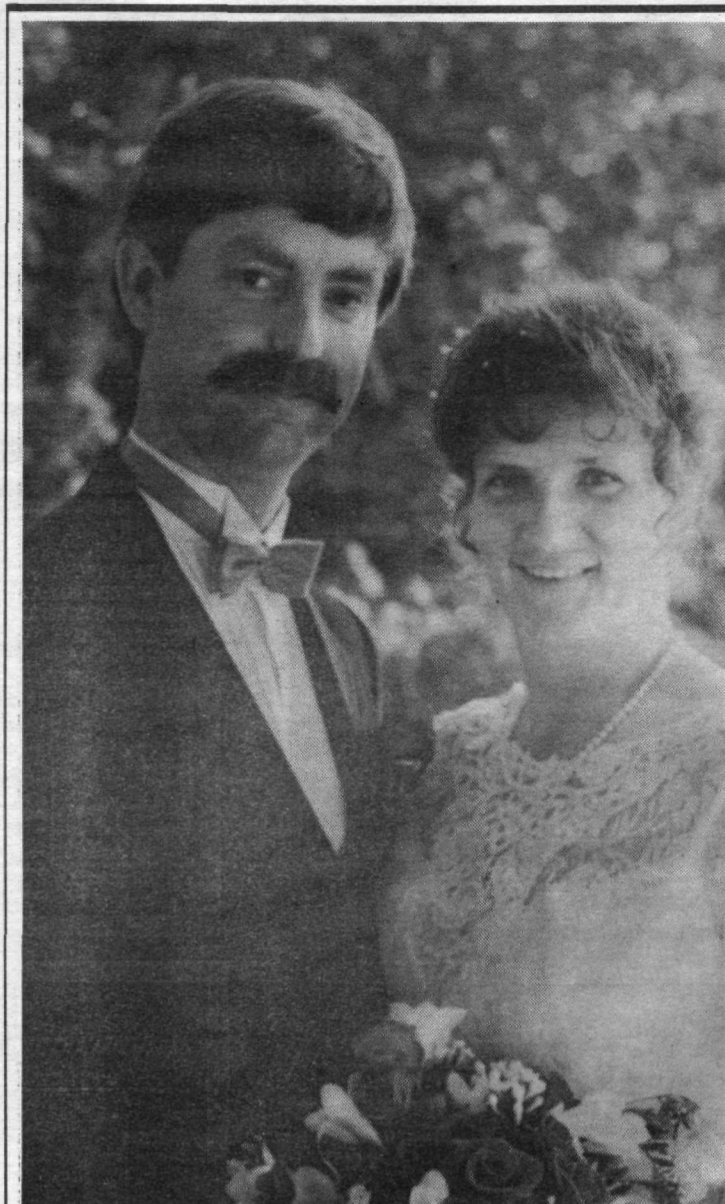
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Witnesses attend Victoria seminar

About 80 members of the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses were among 5,000 who participated in a four-day seminar in Victoria earlier this month.

Salt Spring spokesman Christian Presber described the gathering, held in the Memorial Arena and the adjacent curling rink, "a complete success."

"Jehovah's Witnesses hold district conventions each year to provide spiritual upbuilding for themselves as well as others who love God. The program consisted of talks, discussions, demonstrations and experiences of how some have met the challenge of Christian living."

Two stage presentations that examined youth and the pressures they face in modern society were offered as well.

One of the seminar's speakers quoted writers who have observed that Jehovah's Witnesses seem to find it easier than most to cope with the pressure of today's problems. He attributed their success to following Bible teachings that "can lead to a wiser, happier life."

Presber said those who attended from the Gulf Islands "received the program with enthusiasm and seemed to be genuinely concerned with applying what they learned."

Cowichan car picnic planned

Islands residents with vehicles they like to show off are invited to the eighth annual Cowichan Valley car picnic August 8.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Long walks and meaningful talks will clear up problems that have been outstanding between Arians and people close to them.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Television will consume time and energy if you let it. Bulls will feel they have done no work by Friday and will regret it. Compensate by reading old novels late into the night and getting up late. Chocolate eclairs figure prominently and there is renewed interest in an exercise program.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Geminis will bask in the glory of others this week — you can either enjoy it or 'fess up and let someone else take credit. Coloured cereals appeal to you, and purple vegetables. Now is the time to impress a Greek friend or relative with your moussaka recipe.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Bathing and picnicking are in store for Cancerians — perhaps in foreign countries. This is the season for crab festivals — your favourite — so indulge.

But if you are planning any romantic picnics on remote islands, take lifejackets. You'll be glad you did.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Beer figures prominently, and wheatgrass, but not necessarily together. The company of a special

person on a walk through country lanes promises a magic evening. A long-lost item will be found somewhere outside and a family member will confess a previously untold episode from a summer get-together long ago that will become a legend in the family annals. Take a photo for posterity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): Health is important to Virgos this week. Consider popping pills more regularly than you do. A trip you will soon take will bring you close to a catchy virus.

Rather than sneezing later, pump up that immune system now. Ice cream is about the only constant in your life this week and the only real choices are flavours. Lucky you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Rumours about a loved one circulate past you at the office. Drink herbal tea and eat chocolate kisses to ease the anger.

Garlic works wonders this week in just about every meal from spaghetti to corn chowder — stock up Friday at the grocery store.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): A relative's recent win at the lottery game prompts Scorpions to stock up on tickets this week. A chain letter in the mail raises some serious questions and tests one's bravery.

A surprise visit from two men on bikes may land Scorpions in legal trouble if they're not careful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Success in sports is high-

lighted this weekend, but a little rain will dampen the events. Remember the umbrella if you are a spectator, and players should remember warm underwear. A grandparent drops in for a visit Sunday, bringing freshly baked treats.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): A night at the movies is in store for Capricorns after a friend shows up with two free passes. Tofu pizza with basil and sun-dried tomatoes is on the menu at a special dinner with friends Friday.

An accident in a parking lot leaves a big dent in your car Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18): Children and goldfish figure prominently this week.

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PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): A nice relaxing weekend is in store for Pisces this week.

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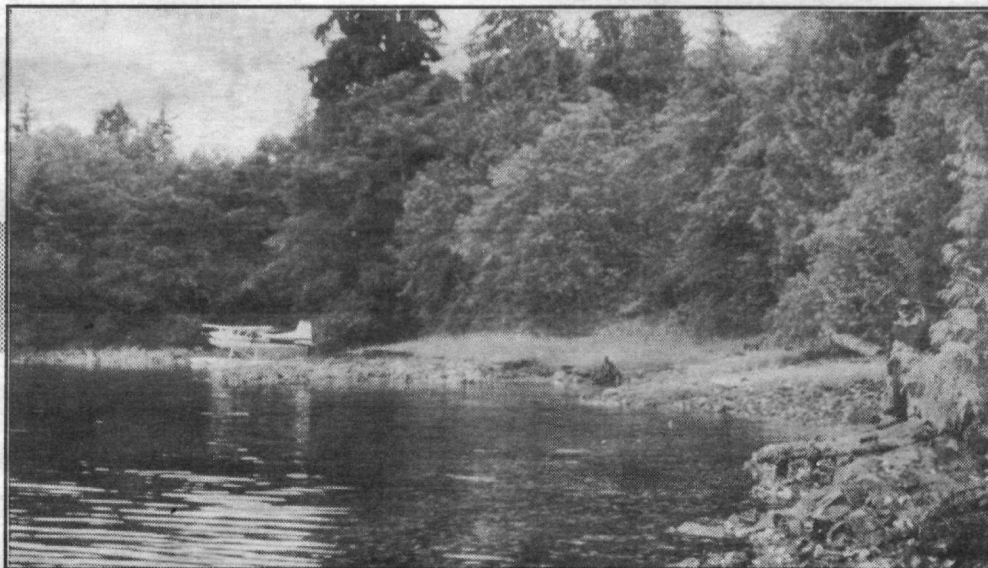


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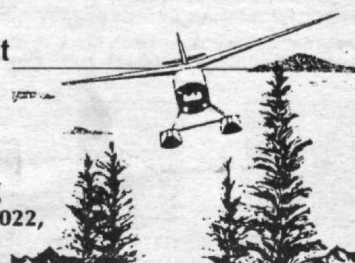
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CHRIS WOOLDRIDGE

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troublesome problems, at about 300 a year, Wooldridge estimates.

What the inspector does with a stray cat depends on the animal: is it in good condition and has it been someone's pet? If the answer is yes, an attempt will be made to locate the owner. If the owner cannot be found the SPCA will try to find it a home either here or in Victoria. Failing that, it is put to sleep.

For an SPCA inspector, sleep must often be interrupted as the job entails being on call 24 hours. Wooldridge says she has received as many as five to six calls a month in the middle of the night, usually to attend to an animal that's been hit on the road.

One of the more costly functions run by the SPCA here is the spay/neuter program. Low-income pet owners pay one-third of the cost, the SPCA slightly more than a third and the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic picks up the rest.

Given its full name — the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — one might expect cruelty to require a great deal of attention from an SPCA inspector. But that is not the case on Salt Spring.

"It's usually problems of neglect that get reported," says Wooldridge, particularly with larger animals such as horses and sheep. "But most are not justified."

And, she observed, it's rarely wilful. She recalls seizing horses on two occasions. Such action is only taken after the owner has been

warned and if conditions have not been improved. The animal is then kept for 14 days and advertised for sale. The owner may buy the animal back for the cost of its upkeep while it was held.

"One interesting thing about cruelty," Wooldridge believes, "is that it's not usually an isolated incident in a person's life." Cruelty to others, such as children, often goes

man took it."

Man and dog kept each other company until both died at just about the same time.

In appreciation for the SPCA's help, the man named the organization in his will, leaving it \$140,000. But there was one condition: the money had to be used on Salt Spring.

To satisfy the condition, the local group had to form its own branch.

The branch's operation has been supported since with interest revenue from the bequest. But interest rates have dropped and an international recession has hurt income from other sources.

Coupled with those factors is the rapid growth that has been seen on the island in recent years, meaning more work for the SPCA.

"It's a very interesting community," Wooldridge said of Salt Spring, "with so many new people coming into it and expecting the services they've had in the city."

The SPCA will continue to provide the service it can, and it will continue to get the indirect support of Chris Wooldridge. She sits on the board of the B.C. Humane Education Society, a sister organization to the SPCA, and on the provincial SPCA's farm animal welfare committee.

There may be no more calls in the night, but Wooldridge's waking hours promise to be full, as her concern for animals remains undiminished.

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Like other charities, the SPCA must constantly face the challenge of fundraising. It receives no government funding, depending entirely on supporters for its operation.

One such supporter changed the status of the Salt Spring SPCA group from an auxiliary of the Victoria branch. "We became our own branch three or four years ago when we were given a fairly large bequest," Wooldridge recalled. "We had found a stray dog and an elderly

INSPECTORS' WORK LOAD

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island. It stems from people dropping (unwanted) cats off in the bush.

"And they're coming out of the bush every day."

Wilcox says it's much kinder to take unwanted kittens to the SPCA to deal with.

They will do their best to find a home for them, either here or in Victoria.

Another activity the SPCA dislikes seeing is the giving away of kittens at the Saturday market. It's common for children to take the kittens and surprise their parents with them when they return home. In many cases, the parents don't want them.

Wilcox points out that cats are not a natural part of the local ecol-



Lynda Wilcox

ogy, and that they kill "a tremendous number of birds."

She also warns that baby seals, like young deer, should be left alone even if they appear abandoned.

Baby seals are often left alone on a beach in what the mother believes to be a safe place.

The best course of action is to observe the young seal and not interfere. The mother will likely reappear.

Like former inspector Chris Wooldridge (see separate story), Wilcox believes in the importance of educational programs regarding animals.

The SPCA is pursuing public education programs with that in mind.

"It's hopeless putting band-aids (on the situation) all the time."

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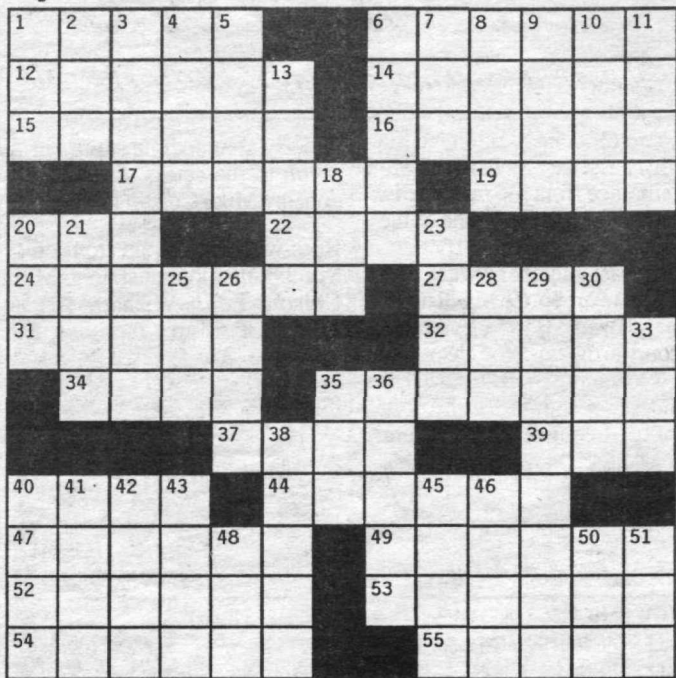
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Security device appears on newly designed bill

New \$20 bank notes have been showing up in the islands recently, recognizable by the optical security device located in the upper left-hand corner on the face of the bill.

The small square of ultra-thin reflective film is designed to ensure the bill is genuine. When tilted under light, the film should change colour from gold to green.

The device already appears on \$50, \$100 and \$1,000 bills. The

anti-counterfeiting technology was pioneered in Canada.

Other changes to the bill include a more recent portrait of the queen and a slight change in colour.

The Bank of Canada says the \$20 bill is the most commonly used bill in Canada. There are about 350 million in circulation, valued at about \$7 billion. A \$20 bill has an average life expectancy of about two years.

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By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Beth Jones has returned home from hospital after a freak accident last week. She was leaning over her balcony rail and lost her balance, plunging almost four meters to the ground below.

The 911 emergency crew was called out and subsequently a helicopter was brought in to rush Beth to the hospital. Back injuries were suspected. Fortunately, Beth had no broken bones. She did, however, sustain a great deal of bruising. Her family and friends are very happy to have her back home.

Margaret Fry is again canvassing for the Red Cross. She has done this service for the community for many years now. Your contributions would be most welcome for this worthy cause. Margaret may be reached at 539-2063. She would be happy to arrange to pick up your donation.

The first meeting of the RCMP community liaison committee has been scheduled for Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Community Hall. Volunteers have been notified but anyone is welcome to attend and join the committee.

This committee is being established to create an avenues for communication and cooperation between community members and the RCMP.

The formation of a committee was suggested by RCMP Constable Len Van Nieuwenhuizen at a Community Club meeting which he attended to address concerns related to a series of break-ins last winter. At that time he suggested that an auxiliary police officer could possibly be appointed to Saturna.

All community members are encouraged to come out and be a part of making our community a safe place to live.

If you picked up your mail last week you may have had a chance to see the beginnings of the pattern on the top strake of the *Saturnina*. Flo House, the postmistress, has volunteered to carve the design. She let us in for a treat by displaying her work across the front deck of the store.

The *Saturnina* is the bicentennial re-enactment vessel being finished on Saturna. It is a reproduction of the Spanish launch which was used to chart the Gulf Islands and the Strait of Georgia under pilot Jose Maria Narvaez in 1871.

The original was built in the Spanish settlement of Nootka Sound and was used to explore our area, creating maps using sextants, chronometers and sounding bells.



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Bus loses brakes, destroys store at Montague

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

There was a near tragedy at Montague Harbour July 10 when the Pub Bus lost its brakes and crashed through the roof of the Montague Harbour Marina store.

It was closing time at the store and marina owner Shirley Coulter and her employees were inside. Only moments before they had moved to the other end of the small building, and it was lucky they had done so. "There was a loud bang and the walls folded and the roof fell in — the bus came through the roof," Coulter said.

In the bus were driver and pub manager Berg Schultz and 12 others, people from the Montague Harbour Marine Park and yachters from the marina and the nearby government wharf. Driver Schultz and his passengers were shaken up but not hurt.

The bus had made its stop at the park and then proceeded to the marina to drop off passengers and pick others up. Schultz runs the bus on summer evenings to give campers and yachtsmen the opportunity to treat themselves to dinner at the Hummingbird Inn. The bus service has been in operation for a number of years.

Just prior to the accident the driver felt the breaks fail. He planned to stop, then turn the vehicle. Unable to stop, it was reported that he turned into the marina driveway, reasoning that the rise in the ground at that point might be enough to stop the vehicle. It was not enough, however, and the hand brake did not stop the vehicle either.

The runaway bus then proceeded down the store's service road towards the store and the marina. Ahead of it were the freezer rooms, an ice machine and a parked car. To avoid hitting these the driver apparently turned his vehicle to the right, still hoping to stop it.

However, even the rear concrete wall of the store was not enough to stop the vehicle now, and it ended its journey hung up on the wall, its front end free and hanging down into the now-demolished building.

Things could have been much worse for Schultz and his passengers if the concrete wall had not stopped the vehicle. It could have smashed through both the store and the wharf on which it rests, ending up on the beach or in the water.

The bus was successfully removed from its aerial position on Sunday afternoon by Stevens Construction.

Task force forum

"It has all been very successful; an incredible amount of work by many people, some of whom we have not heard from before. They

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have come up with many new and inventive ideas — ideas we've never heard expressed before." These were the thoughts of Diane Cragg, one of Galiano's two Island's Trust representatives. Cragg made the comment privately just before the final session of the three-day task force fair, organized by the steering committee for the review of the Official Community Plan.

All 13 task forces had their reports and minutes available and on display at the fair, along with whatever maps, photos or other material thought appropriate. At the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions task force members from each of the 13 areas of study were on hand to meet the public, answer questions and receive comments.

On Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday, public meetings were held at which each of the 13 reports was read in turn. Comments and recommendations were then received and recorded for possible inclusion in the final version of the revised plan. The final version will be prepared by the steering committee over the next few weeks. Trust members Diane Cragg and Margaret Griffiths expect to have the completed study in their hands by September.

Three die at murder mystery supper

Killed by gunshot, Fred Capone (Ken Rouble) was the first to die at the Murder Mystery Dinner in the North Hall on the evening of July 10. Capone was shot at close range during a melee when Lou Costello, Grandma Higgins' no-good grandson, attempted to wrest Constable Fred Langford's revolver from him. Louis Briere played the grandson, Brian Cowperthwaite

the constable.

Arrested the previous evening by Langford and his superior, Detective Alistair McCallister of Scotland Yard — the latter is in British Columbia on the trail of an international drug ring — Costello is no longer handcuffed but now under the care of his island lawyer, Doreen Mason, a has-been with another problem — addiction.

Mason's island acquaintance and "business" agent is Lou's aunt, Suzy Q, a former hooker. Now an island resident, she stays at Grandma's place to "help" the old dear. The B&B, she finds, is a convenient dropping off place for illicit substances mid-way between the mainland and Vancouver Island.

There were two other deaths during the evening, and both occurred after the main course of supper had been served. Suzy Q (Marion Sutherland) died splendidly after a mix-up with a poisoned drink, and Grandma Higgins (Ella Johnson) passed away in the wash-room entrance from too many pills, to be discovered there by one of the diners on the way to the biffy.

Other cast members were "Island Tribune" reporter Ms. Rogers (Vivienne Brook-Harte), Eve Jackson, court artist, and the detective from Scotland Yard, your correspondent — chosen for the part, no doubt, because of his mut-tonchops rather than his talent as an actor! The local participants

received much encouragement from their professional mentors — husband and wife team Ken Rouble and Carol March, and from idea man Louis Briere — all members of the Surrey Little Theatre.

Fifty attended the supper in addition to the actors. Catering was done by Mike Colson and Dorothy

Ross with much help from others. Special mention must go to Mollie Colson, Edith Wishart, Art and Jackie Grist, and Jack and Ester Gillespie. Aini Haksi arranged the flowers on the tables. The evening was arranged as a fundraising event for the Bodega Ridge purchase fund, and an excellent profit was realized.

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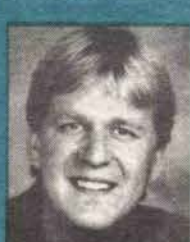
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