

Food bank provides emergency service

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Manson Toynbee starts most mornings bagging food — something that takes him back to a childhood job at Mouat's Store.

In seven years' working 12 to 13 hours a week at the Salt Spring Island food bank, he has become something of an expert at stacking tins. He can guesstimate a pound's worth of just about any substance you care to name.

And while some people might think the island could not possibly need a food bank, it does.

"It's an emergency service," Toynbee said, with some emphasis. "We're not there to substitute for social security."

But he adds the food bank is a service anybody might need and he hopes nobody will need for long. It exists wholly through the generosity of islanders. Up to one or two years ago, an annual fundraising auction by local artists and artisans helped build up seed

money for the food bank.

The number of people who use the food bank changes greatly from month to month, Toynbee said. The two busiest months are January and September. Social security cheques comes out early in December for Christmas and by the end of January people are hard-pressed. School starts in September.

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On a daily basis, the food bank is completely unpredictable, he said. There were 26 people November 2; he was swamped.

The week before Monday and Tuesday saw about 20 each day while the rest of the week was relatively quiet.

In terms of dollars, the food bank spends between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per month on food. That is in addition to the food that is donated.

Food comes from a wide range of sources, though cash donations are the mainstay of the food bank — and the donation the food bank prefers. Toynbee does all the buying.

"I watch the flyers," he said. "I speak to store owners about specials. I keep my ear to the ground and get a lot more for our dollar."

Store owners give Toynbee good prices on food and often give him damaged packages where the food is unspoiled. One store recently had a supply of cold cuts sent to them by mistake, he said. The supplier did not want to take them back, so the store asked the food bank if it wanted them. Of course, it did.

He buys case lots and bulk amounts. For instance, he will buy a 50-pound bag of flour or rice or sugar and measure out 50 one-pound bags for the food bank.

Churches collect donations of money and food, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Local stores and bakeries are very generous to the food bank.

Originally the food bank depended almost entirely on donated goods, Toynbee said. They tended to get a diverse and sometimes expensive range of items, such as the tin of caviar that appeared in the box one Christmas.

"Somebody probably got it at Christmas and didn't like it so they gave it to the food bank," he said. "We would get best quality salmon — sockeye — donated. Ordinarily we buy pink. It has the same food value but lower cost."

Just as the food comes from a wide range of sources, so do the clients who make use of the emergency food service.

"You can't pinpoint and say that kind of person or that kind of person uses the food bank," volunteer co-ordinator Nel Meyer said. "It's a cross-section of people: single people, married people. It's not just people who are unemployed or on social assistance."

Toynbee said many people who come to the food bank are single men, no older than their early 20s, and single mothers.

"A lot of them come once and we never see them again," he said. "There are not many seniors and not a great number of families, though it has increased in the last few years."

"People come for a number of reasons," Meyer said. Their social security or unemployment cheques are late — this happens several times a year. People may have just moved and run out of money, she continued, a special expense may have come up like car insurance or they are just low on money.

"They are very, very good understandable reasons," she said.

When people come into the community centre and ask for the food bank, the volunteer asks if they have been before. If they have not, a registration card is filled out,



Nel Meyer

with information such as name, address, phone, date and size of family, including a breakdown of adults, children and teenagers.

"Most people are one-time users," Meyer said in her seven-year experience. "Some come several times in a year. A few come

more often.

"We never say no. The client comes in and asks and we give them food. They are always grateful. Most people are shy to come in and ask for food.

"Some people come with tears in their eyes."

Everybody gets a bag of food — enough to last three or four days until they get on their feet again. Where possible, people are given choices: chicken or hamburger, tinned peas or carrots or corn, tea or coffee, brown or white bread.

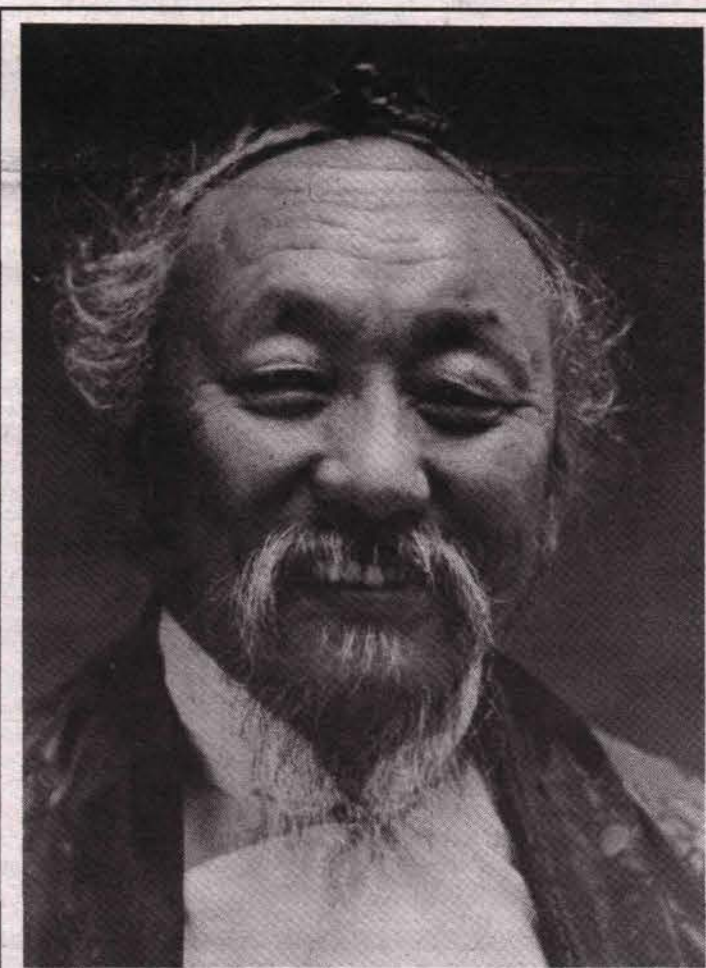
And people show their gratitude when they can. Toynbee said one day not too long ago a man came up to him in a local shop and said he had used the food bank when he was unemployed. He was going to make a donation then because he was working.

• Islanders wishing to make cash donations to the food bank can make cheques payable to the community society, but specify the food bank on the cheque.



PREPARING THE FOOD: Salt Spring food bank's Manson Toynbee prepares foodstuffs at the Salt Spring Community Centre.

Photo by Graeme Thompson



Chagdud Tulku Rinpoche

Buddhist here for teachings next week

A lama of the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism will travel to Salt Spring Island next week for teachings at the Salt Spring Centre.

Chagdud (pronounced chadud) Tulku Rinpoche, a meditator and spiritual master, is described by local Buddhists as a renowned scholar, artist, poet and physician.

He will give an introductory talk on Vajrayana Buddhism and the function of "deity practice" next Tuesday at 7 p.m. On Wednesday at 2 p.m. Chagdud Rinpoche will give the Red Tara

Empowerment, part of the process for passing on the means for enlightenment between teacher and student. Teachings and practice will follow on Wednesday evening for those who receive the empowerment.

According to spokeswoman Rory Kyle, a weekly Red Tara practice group will be formed locally, based on the teachings given next week. All sessions are at the Salt Spring Centre, and donations may be offered at the door. Call 537-1914 or 537-1497 for further information.



SAILING SAGA: Boatbuilder-sailor Dr. Robert Ruddell, right, talked Sunday about his experiences during a Salt Spring Power and Sail Squadron meeting. Among those present at the event were training officer Aubrey Crocker, left, and commander Don Watt.

South Pacific saga topic of squadron talk Sunday

By FRANK LEIGH-SPENCER
Driftwood Contributor

A six-month boat restoration program which turned into a three and half-year South Pacific saga was described in fascinating detail to the "Meet the Students" reception staged by the Salt Spring Island Power and Sail Squadron at Central Hall Sunday.

In an illustrated presentation Dr.

Dr. Ruddell and his wife saw and fell in love with a near-derelict, 42-foot schooner that had spent three years lying on a Hawaiian beach.

Robert Ruddell, his wife Debbie and son Gavin told of their adventures on the island of Kuai in Hawaii in restoring a near-derelict, 42-foot wooden-hulled schooner.

With a life-long interest but very little experience in sailing Dr. Ruddell and his wife, on a visit to their daughter in Hawaii, saw and fell in love with the boat which had been sitting on a cradle on the beach for the past three years.

They figured it would take at least six months to restore it, although they had no previous experience in boatbuilding.

They found the massive teak planking of the hull was in good condition although the fastenings all needed replacing. But the interior was a different story with many of the main timbers requiring replacing, as well as the decking, the keel and much of the superstructure.

The masts were sound but needed refinishing, a task undertaken by Debbie.

A multitude of staggering problems, including having to build a massive trailer under the vessel in order to move it to a new location to make way for a road construction project, were all overcome, but the six months stretched into three and half years.

One of the final tasks undertaken by Debbie was refinishing the vessel's nameplate on the stern, and she still bears the same name "Elixir."

During the construction program the Ruddells took U.S. Coast Guard courses in steamship and celestial navigation. When they finally launched the vessel, with two friends as crew members they set out on what turned out to be a 25-day voyage to the west coast of Canada.

Commenting on the navigation during the voyage Dr. Ruddell said it was quite simple.

"We just followed the north star to a certain point and turned right." Ironically enough, Dr. Ruddell was seasick for most of the trip.

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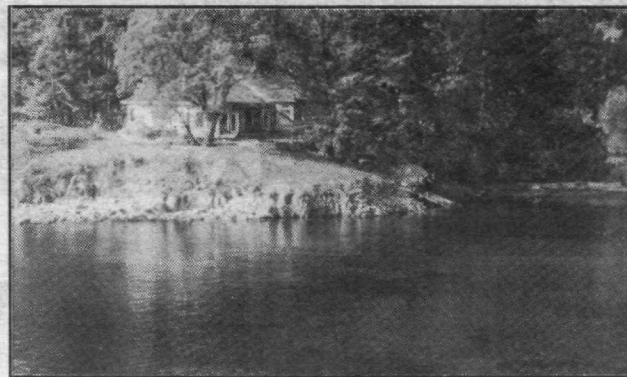
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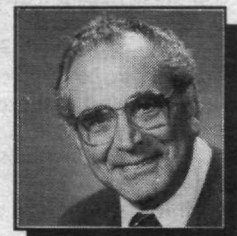
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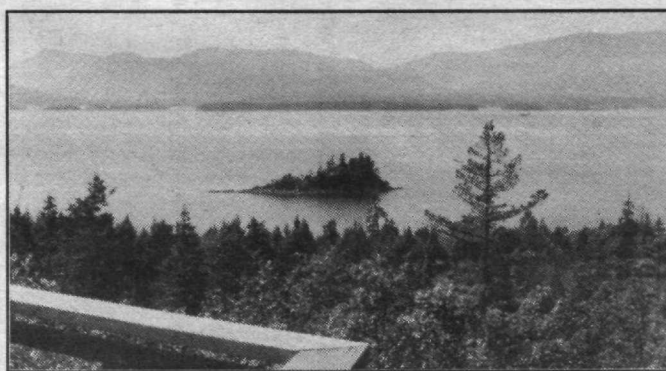
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Slugs' critical error was leaving Deadstop on ice

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Following last week's humiliating loss at the hand of the Lake Cowichan Senators, the Salt Spring Slugs were ready to take out their frustrations on the Sidney Blues in a mid-week match in Sidney.

For the first time this season the slugs had a full contingent of players turn out, with the exception of Darren O'Neil, who remained at home resting up the ankle he sprained while trying to leap over tall cabbages at work.

Keeping this in mind, the Slugs came out fast with quick line changes and aggressive forechecking. Both clubs seemed to be quite evenly matched, with two exceptions, goaltending and Deadstop. The goaltending leaned in our favour, while Deadstop did not. Despite this the Slugs were first to strike, thanks in part to Deadstop who was out of the way — serving a two-minute holding penalty.

With him in the penalty box, the rest of the team knew they didn't constantly have to look over their shoulder to see who was patrolling (or in Deadstop's case, wandering aimlessly), the blueline.

The goal came on a beautiful passing play from Rodney Challborn, who had rushed in from the point to pick off a clearing pass, and set up Pete Schure, who went upstairs with the puck, over the goaltender's shoulder. Our next marker came only minutes later when Bernie Reynolds, just back from the crusades, potted one from his familiar position in the slot.

By the mid-way point of the first period it was fairly obvious that the Slugs had taken complete control of the game and could score, seemingly at will. By the time the buzzer had gone after 20 minutes, the Slugs held a commanding 5-0 lead and all seemed well with the world. That, however, was when the proverbial wheels fell off. If we hadn't recognized the opposition's faces in their uniforms at the start of the second period, we could not have been blamed for thinking a different team had come out for the second frame. These guys were over us like a blanket.

If we could have only gotten the puck over centre ice a few times during the period, we might have been able to pad the score a little more in our favour. If not for some outstanding goaltending by Hughes, we would have been completely out of the game by the end of the second, rather than holding a slim 5-4 lead.

At the start of the third period, the Slugs came back determined to make a game of it. If the Blues were going to take this one away from us, they would have to work even harder than they had in the second. The Slugs came out and played a more disciplined style, shorter shifts, and more focus on team play rather than individual effort.

The Blues' goaltender had settled down after a shaky first period and was now playing a much better game. But once again the Slugs made the mistake of letting Deadstop on the ice and on the very next play a Blues winger blasted around him like he was anchored to the ice surface, and skated in all alone on the Slug net-minder, who had no chance on the play.

This brought the score up to a 5-5 tie, which is where it remained until the final buzzer. Other goalscorers for the Slugs were Todd McIntyre, Paul Sinclair and Dan Akerman with one each.

While that game was disappointing, the Sunday night match



versus the Mill Bay Jets was downright heartbreaking. This was a team that we had defeated 7-1 the last time we met (all right, so they showed up without a goalie that time - details). Despite that, we had still outplayed them by a wide margin and were looking forward to getting back into the winning column. This game started out like the last one, with Rodney Challborn reading the play and jumping in from the point.

Only this time it was Pete Huser setting up Challborn, who one-timed the shot past the bewildered goalie. But the Jets stormed right back, scoring two goals in just over a minute to take the lead. Then it

Deadstop stood in front of the net, admiring his reflection in the back-board glass.

was the Slugs' turn once again, as we replied three times, with goals from Bernie Reynolds, Dan Akerman and Johnny Procter. After the first period we held a comfortable 4-2 lead, but were not about to take this team too lightly.

The Slugs played quite well for the most part, particularly when

short-handed, but as the game wore on some of the Slugs began to wear down, and as a result the hometown boys were holding a 5-4 lead following 40 minutes of play. Our lone marker came off the stick of Paddy Akerman.

Into the third period the play see-sawed back and forth, with both teams holding the advantage at different times. In net for the Slugs was backup Glen Mollon, who came out on short notice and made some superb saves at critical times throughout the game to keep us in the match. But try as we might, we couldn't hold the Jets off the scoreboard, and with a little more than two minutes to go, they tied the game 6-6, following another goal for our side by John Procter, a Christmas gift to him from the Mill Bay goaltender.

The Slugs could have come away from this one with a tie, but they made one critical error. With less than one minute left on the clock they let Deadstop out for one last shift and this proved to be the difference.

While he stood in front of the net, admiring his reflection in the back-board glass, and opposing winger did a wraparound on net-minder Glen Mollon, who made the initial stop only to have the puck poked free. The puck then slid the length of the goal line before tapping the far goalpost and trickling across the goal line with just 20 seconds left in the game.



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Old Boys trying Lions' strategy

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Salt Spring Old Boys vs. Soccer West

Due to our recent run of games, the Old Boys have taken a page from the B.C. Lions football team, by not discussing our last game with the press or revealing the score.

We are hoping this strategy will help the lads regroup and enable us, like the Lions did against the Calgary Stampeders last weekend, to come out with a renewed effort for our next matches.

In order to fill this week's column this writer has to avoid any references to our losing last week's game (please do not get excited — because I am not inferring that we won, er, or even lost).

This writer has been instructed by the lads to have no discussions about only having 10 players for the game (nine at kick-off as we lost one between Swartz Bay and the field. At the time of writing there are rumours that Tim Stirrup is still travelling from field to field trying to find us).

This writer has also been instructed not to discuss that "Codger" Pearson had to play in goal due to Henry "No Longer a Legend" Braak having a date with the tooth fairy and not being at the field, not to mention the fact that "the Codger" looked sharp even though he let six goals in.

What can be discussed is our position in the league to date, but rather than list wins and losses, because we don't want to discuss losses, we will say we are in the lower half of the teams — well actually the lower half of the lower half might be more realistic (with a 16-team league this writer will let you figure it out).

Our scoring leaders can be discussed, although one might debate

whether we have scored enough goals to have a race. Darryl Lister leads with one goal and six assists followed by Drew "Rookie" Lindsay and Doug "Codger" Pearson both with two goals and one assist. With the Old Boys' present scoring pace Darryl might have the scoring race already locked up.

Hopefully next week, after our strategy works, the lads will have lots to tell the press, especially as this weekend's opponent, Castaways A, is also from the lower half of the lower half of the league.

With a little luck and lots of substitutes this writer will be detailing a win rather than writing about another loss like last weekend's (whoops! It slipped out!)

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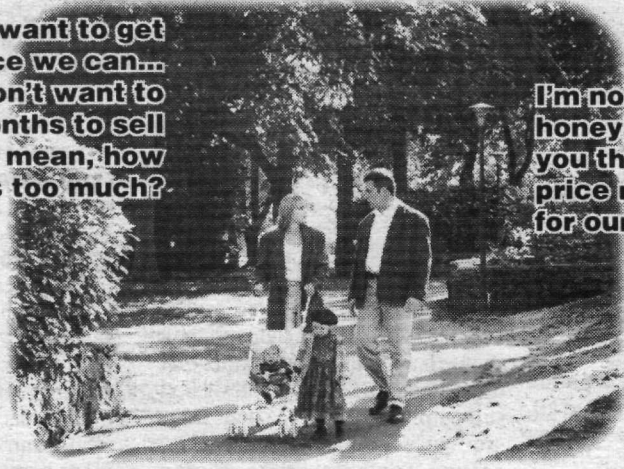
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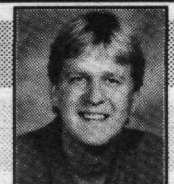
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Under 14:
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Under 15:
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Under 16:
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Under 19:
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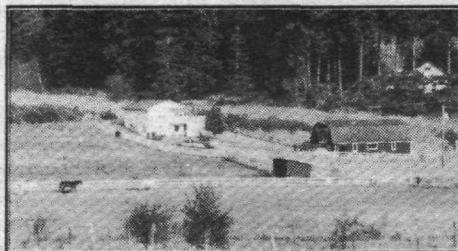
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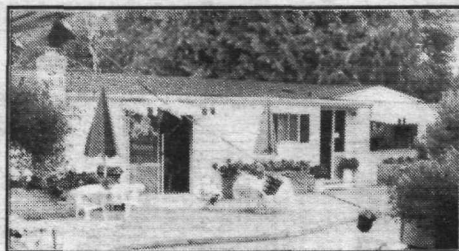


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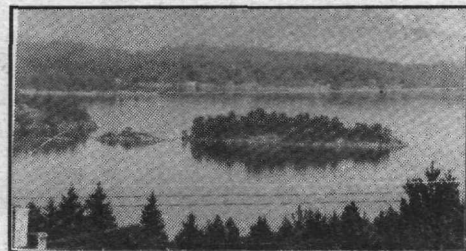
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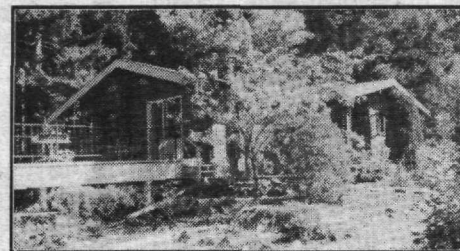
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National luge champion Sonia Dobson of Salt Spring Island lunched with the premier Monday in an event that kicked off the luge season.

As North American and Canadian junior women's cham-

Luge champ begins season

pion, she represented the sport at the premier's awards banquet, which is attended by the top athletes in each B.C. sport.

Dobson will also have her picture displayed in the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame during the coming year.

Dobson is now off to Calgary, trading the warmth of friends and climate on Salt Spring for the icy temperatures of the Olympic train-

ing park.

She will be participating this year in provincial and Canada-wide events and the world cup, world championship and junior world championship in Italy in January.

Runners second in relay

Salt Spring Track and Field Club runners braved the cold winds of Victoria Sunday to secure second place in the annual Jack Hutchinson relay.

The under-15 team of Adrian Hingston, Daniel Bennett, Kurtis Buyze, Cara Herman, Chantelle Huth, Jennifer James and Julia James ran neck and neck with the Victoria track and field club. Both were well ahead of others in the race, a Salt Spring club spokesman reported Monday.

The local team's final time of two hours, 16 minutes and four seconds beat last year's time by four minutes. Each participant in the 21-mile event runs a number of one-mile loops according to age and sex.

Other islanders ran as recreational runners, including Colin James, Richard Bennett, Stan Peters, Charles Hingston, Linda Herman, Catherine Bennett, Rae-Anne Huth, Sandy Morgan, Lianna Hingston and Zoe Bennett. They finished in two hours, 28 minutes, 17 seconds for fifth place in their category.

Club racing takes a break until February but practices will continue during December and January, 10 a.m. Sundays and 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Portlock Park. Call 537-4441 or 537-2803 for more information.

Girls in provincial finals

Gulf Islands Secondary School's (GISS) senior girls cross-country team has qualified for the B.C. provincial championships for the third year in a row.

In an exact repeat of last year's results, the finalists were Claremont in first place, G.P. Vanier in second and GISS in third.

Chantelle Huth led the way, coming in third place for the local team. Zoe Bennett was 11th, Cara Herman 19th, Lianna Hingston 30th and Rita Phillips 32nd. Another Salt Spring runner, Jennifer James, helped her Chemainus school clinch second place overall.

The team travels to Abbotsford this weekend for the provincial championships.

bridge tricks

Winners at Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club November 8 were:

Joan Conlan and Conhor Hunt, Jean Herring and Bill Buckler, Fred Struve and Peter Jacquest, Ian Chisholm and Bryan Dawson.

On November 9 the winners were:

North/South: Donna Taylor and Dawny Scarfe, Peter Jacquest and Fred Struve, Helen Shandro and Isabelle Richardson.

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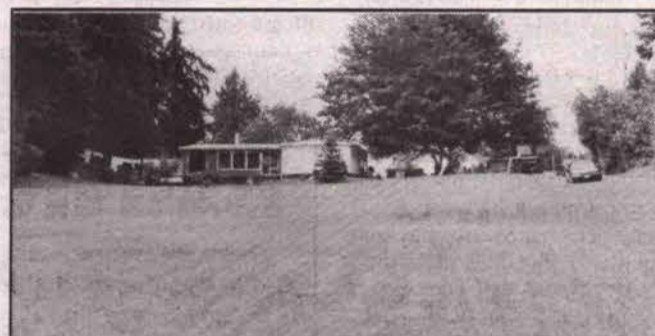
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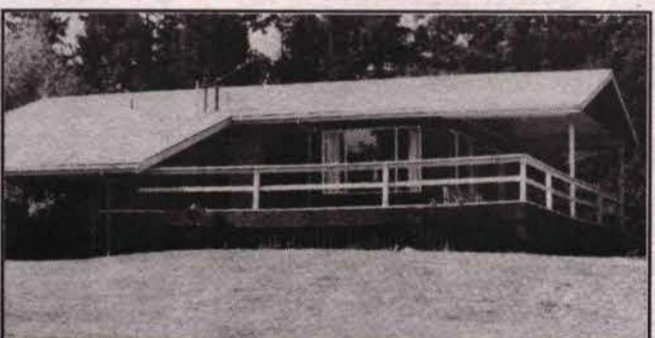
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Three candidates in North Pender Trust race

Bob Allison

Getting people out to vote in the upcoming local election is one of North Pender trustee Bob Allison's main concerns.

"There has been some talk of only voting for one trustee," he said. "I would like to see a good turnout of voters and voters to vote for two trustees. I expect people to use that very valuable gift they have — that vote."

Allison, 70, has owned land on North Pender since 1951 and moved permanently to the island in 1973. He is a member of the local Legion and the Farmers' Institute and was elected trustee in 1990. He firmly believes a trustee's job is different from an ordinary politician's.

"This is the only land trust — there may be one other in the Niagara Peninsula," he said. "The rules are different here. If people don't want to go by these different rules, why are they here?"

He said trustees were people interested in preserving the islands and needed a higher degree of trustworthiness and honour and a higher sense of duty than an ordinary politician.

Residents are still asking him about the progress of the Islands Trust policy statement and he said the process was "imminently fair and assiduously carried through." Trustees listened, compromised and learned through that process, he said.

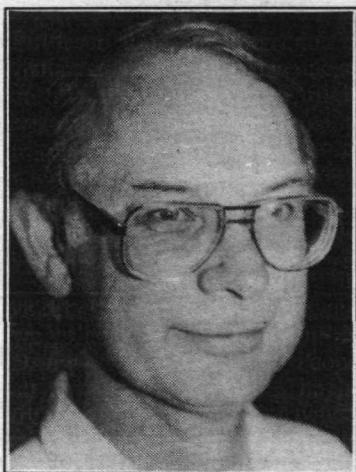
"Even after the last round of submissions there were amend-

ments," he said. "There has been a huge public input and recognition of public input. Hundreds of people were involved in it."

The Trust has worked for Pender Island by supporting a water study of the island through the provincial ministry of the environment. A recent agreement with the ministry of highways about smaller, winding island-sized roads was also to the benefit of islanders.

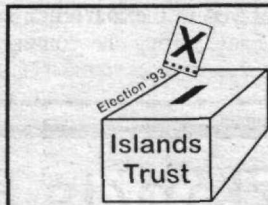
But the most time-consuming aspect of the last three years in terms of land-use on North Pender has been the focus on completing the community plan review. It is nearly done.

Allison wants to see it completed early in the next term.



Phil Clark

Pender's draft community plan has taken most of three years to prepare, and North Pender Island



Two incumbents are joined in the race by one challenger for the two seats on the Pender Trust committee. Bob Allison, Phil Clark and Joy Ridley are profiled.

trustee Phil Clark wants to be able to see the plan to completion in another term as trustee.

He called the plan "more liberal and a little creative" and said it contains many policies on housing, subdivision and public input which were not in the old plan.

"We haven't been playing around," he said. "We want to

finish the job."

Clark, 53, is a retired lawyer. He bought property on Pender eight years ago and moved to the island full-time in 1989. He is a past advisor to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and other island organizations, chair of the steering committee for the new community hall and operates a

blacksmith shop. He has been a trustee since 1990 and most recently chaired the finance committee of the Trust.

There are seven bylaws at the APC waiting for the community plan to finish, he said, including one which reforms zoning for home-based business and another which allows private property owners on smaller lots more construction flexibility. Another would require public hearings for any community-centred initiatives such as those concerning parks or community halls.

"The rural lifestyle has not

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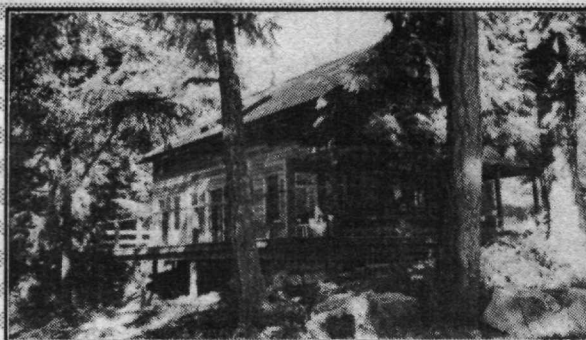
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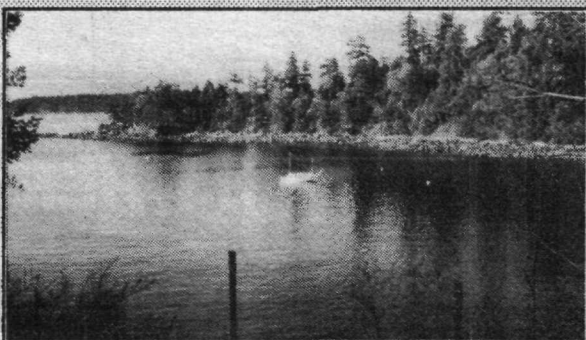
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Trust incumbents challenged at Saturna

Graeme Bregani


Graeme Bregani is a relative newcomer to Saturna Island, but the beauty and the vitality of the island have led him to run for a position on the Islands Trust.

"I do feel a person who is not particularly skilled in government but hopefully skilled in listening to people is beneficial to the Islands Trust," he said, and added, "If you vote for me that's just the start, not the end of your involvement."

He and his family bought property on Saturna in 1980 and moved there permanently in 1991. Bregani has never run for political office before but has been involved in running two co-operative housing developments, one in Vancouver and one on Saturna. He is also a volunteer fireman.

Development concerns are

Saturna Island Trust incumbents Harvey Janszen and John Money are being challenged by Graeme Bregani and Len Horne. Their profiles appear here.

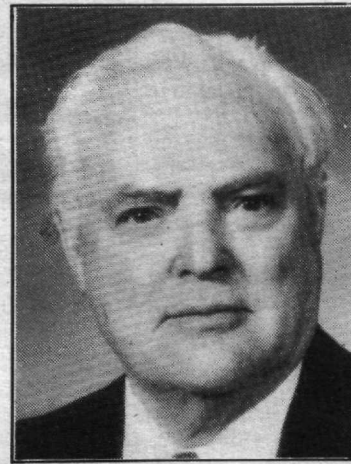


foremost in the minds of most Saturna residents, Bregani said. There is a fine line between rate of development and the environment which trustees must be wary of, he said. He would like to see Saturna avoid the Magic Lakes experience of Pender Island and the Mac-

Millan Bloedel experience of Galiano.

Everybody comes to the islands because of what they found here, he said, and change from that vision is not usually desired. One can look at the environment as a whole and judge a new bit of development, a new proposal, in the light of that, he said. The onus is on the developer to show what benefits can be given to the community as a whole.

Trustees are the intermediary, he explained. They try to achieve the possible, even if it seems like the impossible. But not without the input of local residents. He said islanders have to tell trustees what they think. Time is a major drawback to being a trustee — but Bregani said he now has the time to get involved in a more substantial way than before.



Len Horne

It's time for a change. That's why retired general contractor Len Horne is running for trustee on Saturna Island.

"The last (election) was by ac-

clamation," he said. "It's not healthy. People got after me and asked me to run."

"Putting in some opposition may stimulate some excitement," he added.

Horne fell in love with Saturna more than 10 years ago, bought property in 1988 and moved there permanently in 1990. At 73, he has had a full career building roads, bridges and structures across Canada. He said there is not a bridge or highway west of Dryden, Ont., that he has not been associated with during his long career.

Though he has not run for any office on Saturna before, he has been president of the B.C. Friends of Schizophrenics Society and director of the National

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PENDER: Three contest two Trust seats

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traditionally been a regulated lifestyle," Clark said.

Neighbourliness regulated what occurred on properties, and Clark is pleased that the new plan reflects this philosophy more than the old.

"These ideas are not necessarily new to the planning world, but they are new to Pender," he said. "We'll be the leaders in the Islands Trust."

"The essential role of a trustee is to bring the community together," Clark said, "establishing the community plan and regulations with a view to protecting the rural character of the island and the lifestyle of the islands."

"All the successes of the Islands Trust and its mandate are produced

at the local level."

He will be putting his view of the Islands Trust out before the November 20 elections, and then again at the new council, where he will run for a position on the executive committee.

Joy Ridley

Proper direction is what Pender Island Trust candidate Joy Ridley wants to bring to the Islands Trust.

A permanent islander since 1978, she wants to make sure the views of the silent majority who do not take part in public discussion are heard.

Private property rights, controlled spending and as few bylaws as

possible are some of the concerns she will bring forward as trustee.

She said there are too many bylaws on Pender Island, and suggested 10 as a maximum number. More than that and they become unenforceable.

The first bylaw should be something along the lines of "don't offend your neighbour."

Ridley has been running a low profile on the island. She has never been a trustee before but did serve on the school board for seven years between 1983 and 1990.

She has also been active in the recreation and hall committee and the ferry committee.

"You have to listen to what

people have to say," she said about the role of trustee.

"A lot of listening was done coming up with the community plan, but sometimes there's that extra little step of talking to the people that don't get involved — the silent majority."

One of the concerns she has heard people talk about is the community plan, which has just finished a first draft. Ridley said there might be things in the plan that people do not understand fully and these need to be looked at more closely.

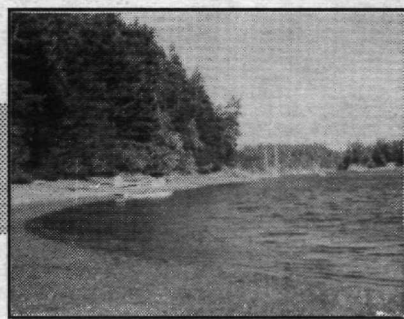
She supports the concept of preserve and protect, but said some applications of that in the recently

drafted community plan were at variance with one another.

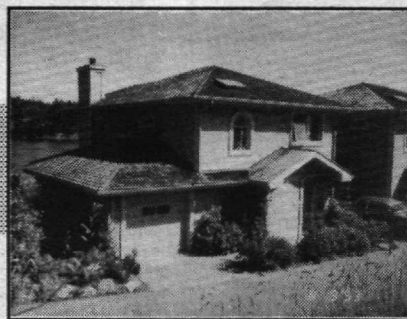
One part of the plan wanted to give direction to the kind of house people built on Pender Island — structures which fitted into the natural landscape. But the plan also called for less cutting of trees. Ridley said you could not have a natural-looking house without cutting down trees.

Another ill-thought-out idea was a community walkway plan, she said. An island map identified possible pathways that could link up different parts of the island. But the path cut across many parcels of private property, Ridley said, and that was wrong.

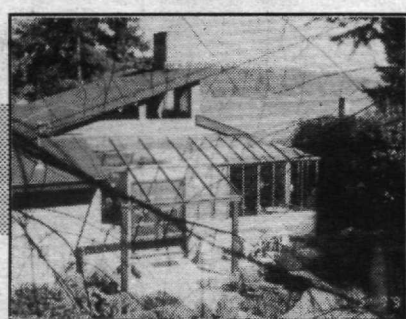
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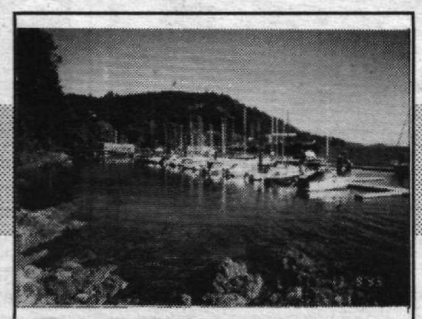
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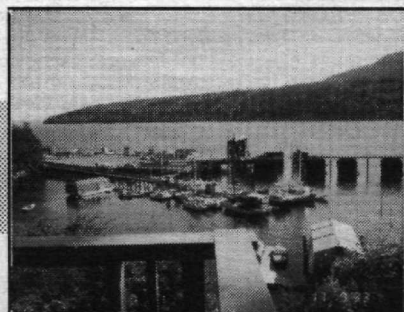
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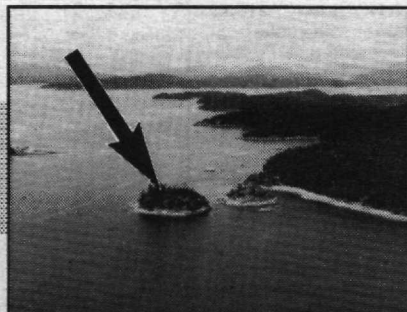
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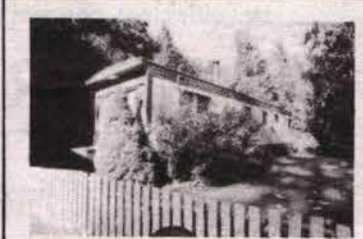
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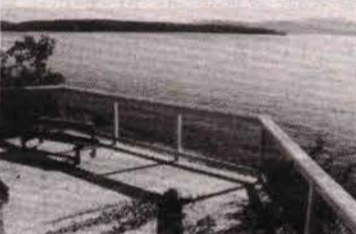
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SATURNA: Four seek Trust seats

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Schizophrenics Society. He has also been a trustee of Riverview Hospital, where he served on the quality assurance committee.

He takes his candidacy seriously and insists that ordinary people can "make a difference" in local government.

"We need more communication between the bureaucracy and more input from the public — the people who really have carried the load," he said of the Islands Trust. "You have to stimulate an interest. I wish someone had stimulated me."

He is adamant about involving residents in local government and advocates a quarterly meeting to air concerns and exchange information.

"The role of a trustee is to exercise the mandate and to try to work with that mandate to keep everyone informed," he said, "and to initiate actions on concerns people bring up."

"You're not going to please everyone, but if there are legitimate concerns that can be addressed they should be."

He also said the autonomy of each island needs to be strengthened. People really should have the final say in island issues, and in development plans. He said he has no vested interests in property whatsoever and could look objectively at whatever applications come before the Trust.



Harvey Janszen

The position of trustee is a dual role, Saturna incumbent Harvey Janszen says, between a locally elected official and a member of a regional body. There is a constant balancing act between the two.

"There are two positions to take: represent the island and the constituents to Trust council or represent Trust council to the island and constituents," he said. "I believe the first. Other people go the other way."

Janszen, 47, has lived on the island with his family for the past 24 years as a farmer and a businessman. He has been a member of the Community Club, a warden of the ecological reserve and a trustee since 1988.

Current issues islanders are facing include applications for a 32-lot subdivision and a 24-unit convention centre.

He noted that accommodation is hard to find. There is only one bed and breakfast establishment and no public camping facility.

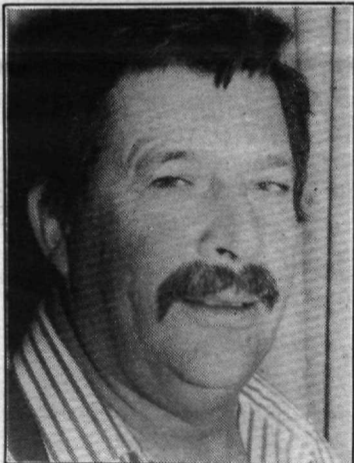
He said in the 20 years since the first community plan identified four sites for zoning for holiday accommodation, there has never been a single application to consider.

Since the only industry on the island is the building industry, some people have been supportive of the project. But the convention centre would be too big a contract for islanders to fill, so the tide seems to be turning against the application right now.

He said Saturna's success in the past 20 years has been based on "slow and sedate" growth and development, encouraged by the original community plan with an upper limit on population. That density figure is unlikely to change in the upcoming community plan review next year.

"The smaller islands are the more stable," he said, "and they are also the ones with trustees who have lived longest on the islands."

Janszen has been advocating changes in the organization of planning staff within the Islands Trust. Consistent planners and planning assistants will make the processing of rezoning and subdivision applications much more efficient, he said. That re-organization should take place early in the new year.



John Money

Saturna Island comes first. That is what incumbent John Money has believed as trustee in the past and that is what he will continue to believe if elected November 20.

"The secret of the Islands Trust is the 13 community plans," Money said. "That's the strength of the Islands Trust and the backbone: the 13 community plans and the 13 communities."

"My platform has been: the island first. I've had the strength to stick up for the island first in council."

Money, 49, grew up on Saturna Island. He went to high school on Salt Spring Island and lived off-island for a time before returning with his family in the late 1970s. As well as being a trustee, Money has been a member of the Saturna Fire Department and the Community Club.

He said one of the big issues Saturna Islanders will continue to deal with is the island's growth rate.

"What we work at very hard here is to keep the growth rate slow, so the community can absorb the growth as it grows," he said.

He said Saturna grappled with the question of the growth rate when it completed its first community plan more than 15 years ago. After realizing that water and sewage restrictions were not adequate containers of growth — technology can address these problems — the community settled on density as the means to control it.

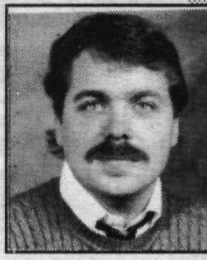
The community agreed on a maximum density of 1,500 people and have formulated their bylaws and development accordingly since then. The upcoming community plan review — scheduled to begin in 1994 — is one reason Money is running for another term as trustee.

"I want to be there when the plan is reviewed," he said. "I can still remember a lot of the original intents. When dealing with the community plan it really helps to know what was meant to begin with."

Money said he has spent a lot of time at Trust council arguing with his colleagues. While supporting the Trust mandate to preserve and protect, he said many people want to preserve the environment ahead of the community.


He said the two cannot be separated and both have equal value in terms of the Islands Trust mandate. Having said that, he added more people are realizing the Islands Trust is the Gulf Islands' form of local government, which was good for the organization.

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NOV. 20: Anglican Parish of SS annual bazaar, Masonic hall, 10am-3pm.
NOV. 22: Lady Minto Gulf Island Hospital Aux. general meeting, United Church Hall, 2pm.
NOV. 22: French movie "Nelligan", library windfall room, 10am - noon.
NOV. 23: Chagdud Tulku Rinpoche, Salt Spring Centre, 7:30pm.
NOV. 24: How to talk to your Doctor, SS Seniors for Seniors, 2pm.
NOV. 25: SSI Weavers & Spinners, spinning linen - Hazel Murray, Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
NOV. 27: Rob & Gun Game Dinner & Dance, Rob & Gun Club, 7pm.
DEC. 3: Festival of lights children's parade, Ganges, 5:30pm.
DEC. 3, 4, 5: Christmas Craft Fair, Fulford Hall, Fri 5-9; Sat. 10-6; Sun. 11-5.
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- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
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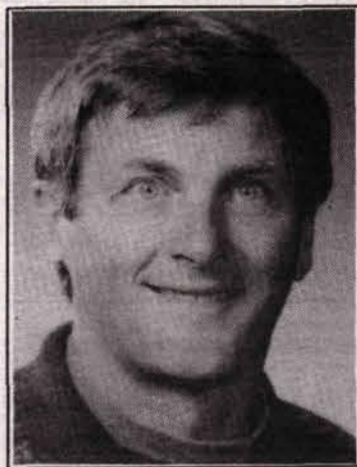
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Five in Galiano Trust election



Jeff Bickerstaff

Preservation and protection of Galiano Island is the main concern of trustee candidate Jeff Bickerstaff. Increasing pressures to develop and increasing tensions within the community have led him to put his name forward as a mediating voice in the upcoming local elections.

"I'm not out to change the world. I'm out to preserve what we've got out there," he told the *Driftwood* last weekend. "People all have the same goal. They're trying to get to it in different ways."

That goal revolves around the natural and relatively unspoiled beauty of the Gulf Islands themselves.

"Why did they come in the first place? Because it's beautiful," he said of most island residents. He is against clearcut logging and small-lot developments — the kind which precipitated the creation of the Islands Trust.

A recent Galiano property owner — he bought the north half of Little Parker off Montague Harbour earlier this year — the 46-year-old Bickerstaff said his main residency in Vancouver will not hamper his ability to be an effective trustee at all. He owns a helicopter leasing business and can fly from Vancouver to Galiano in no time to meet with residents or attend meetings.

His time is his own and he wants to give it to the Islands Trust. He is member of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and has been sailing in and out of the Gulf Islands for nearly 25 years. His commitment to the community has been as a trustee of the Vancouver Maritime Museum and as a supporter of the Carmanah Valley some years ago.

"I'm a straight-shooter," he said. "I say what's on my mind. I know I can do a good job. I have the energy. I have the time."

He said the biggest problem on the island is that there are people on both sides of every issue. He proposes more listening and more talking issues out.

He supports the Islands Trust as an organization, as long as it stays in the area it was meant to be — preserving and protecting. Local

Two seats on the Galiano Trust committee are being contested by five candidates. In the running are Jeff Bickerstaff, Elizabeth Boshier, incumbent Diane Cragg, Frank Hillier and Glenna Mattin.



decisions should be made locally, but the overall structure is needed to give Galiano some power when dealing with larger organizations like the Capital Regional District or B.C. Ferry Corporation.

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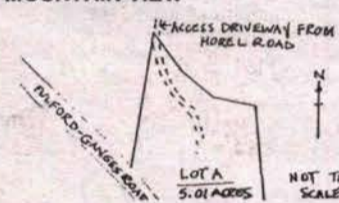
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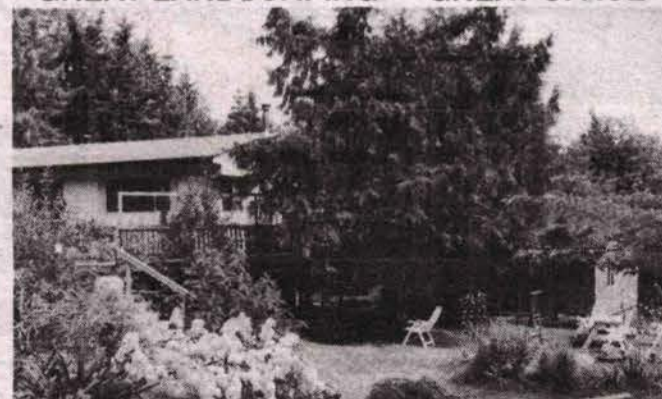
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GALIANO: Five vie for Islands Trust seats

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Elizabeth Boshier

Resolving island conflicts and building a sense of community are what Elizabeth Boshier would like to further as a trustee. She is a candidate in the Islands Trust elections on Galiano Island.

"I've thought about it for a long, long time," she said. "I'm really concerned about the kind of feelings on the island. That and the attacks on the Trust which I don't think were always based on the facts."

"I am open to discussion of all kinds of issues and being non-confrontational about them. That's the kind of approach I would like to bring to local island issues as well."

Boshier, 60, came to Galiano Island in 1975 and started teaching at Galiano School shortly thereafter. She retired as principal in 1991. The biggest challenge for the Islands Trust, she said, was in responding to the increasing pressures on land use from outside. The population will grow, and islanders cannot prevent it.

It's important to recognize it's coming and to prepare for it, she said. That means people have to talk to one another.

"Stay informed and make yourself heard" is her advice for islanders and trustees alike. The Trust has been criticized in the past because people did not know what was happening, she said.

"There is a lot of responsibility on individuals, residents and property owners to make sure they are informed," she said of Trust critics. For her part, she will make herself available as much as possible to islanders.

Boshier recognizes some of the conflicts within the community are caused by people who come to the island for a wide variety of reasons and she invites all islanders to see Galiano Island as a whole community and not just a piece of property.

She supports the mandate of the Islands Trust and said it provides a framework and a forum for people to resolve their concerns for the future of the islands.

The recently released community plan draft is especially important in setting a direction for the island and Boshier encourages everybody to make their views known about the document.



Diane Cragg

Trustee Diane Cragg, who is running for a fourth term, strongly supports the Islands Trust mandate and structure.

She said it is important to preserve and protect the Gulf Islands, and the structure of the Islands Trust gives islanders a degree of local control while providing collective clout with government or other organizations when needed.

A full-time islander since 1980, but a frequent visitor since the 1970s, the 39-year-old Cragg has been co-ordinator for continuing education on Galiano Island and a member of the ambulance crew.

But it is as trustee from 1984 to 1986 and from 1988 to the present that she is best known to islanders. She has been vice-chairwoman of the Islands Trust since 1990.

Her experience in and knowledge of the Trust are assets, Cragg said, because it can take a while to learn how a governmental organization works. The two most pressing issues facing islanders at this time, she said, are the community plan review and the MacMillan Bloedel appeal.

A steering committee has just completed a first draft of a new community plan and it will soon go out to islanders for review and comment. Cragg said the process has been an "open, collaborative" one and that she would like to see that continue as the review continues through the next year.

The other issue which will continue through next year is the appeal of the July Supreme Court ruling in favour of MacMillan Bloedel and against four Galiano bylaws.

"The issue of forest zoning on Galiano does not belong in the courts and will be dealt with in the community plan," Cragg said. "Absolutely it's a matter for the community. My intent is to make sure the issue is resolved through community input."

She said the court ruling has im-

plications not only for Galiano Island and other Gulf islands but for local government across the province. A Union of British Columbia Municipalities decision earlier this month to support the Islands Trust appeal recognizes those implications.



Frank Hillier

Frank Hillier intends to be a watchdog if elected as trustee for Galiano Island in the November 20 elections.

"The Trust seemed to be running OK up to now," he said. "Only recently it has been encroaching on private property and private people."

"There's a job that needs to be done (and) there needs to be reason

and balance.

"I would like to see things go back to the tranquil times of the past," he said. "I'm not only the watchdog over the environment and the unique amenities but I'm also interested in the protection of the people who live here."

Hillier has owned property on Galiano for 24 years and has lived permanently on the island since 1976. He has been president of the Galiano Ratepayers Association for the past two years and ran for

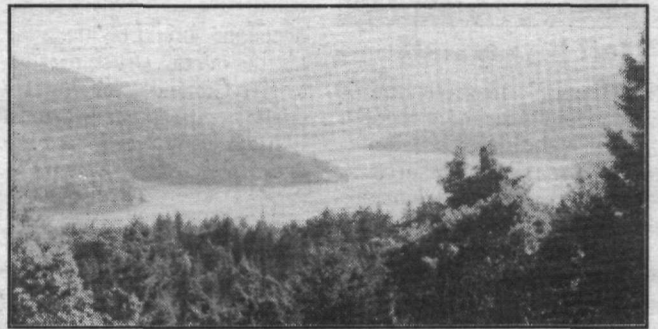
trustee in 1990.

He has travelled widely in his job as an engineering consultant and was chairman of the environmental appeals board of B.C. from 1981 to 1990, during which time, he said, he saw most of the difficult environmental issues of the decade.

The issues he sees before the Trust today include the role of stewardship, keeping costs down

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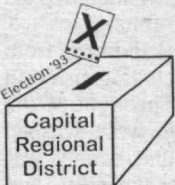
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Two are after CRD seat

Jacques Campbell

Active participation in community affairs runs in Saturna Island's Campbell family. Jacques Campbell, whose mother Lorraine is running for school board and father Jim has held positions on the school board, Islands Trust and Capital Regional Board, is seeking re-election as Outer Islands regional director November 21.

The 39-year-old farmer, who grew up on Saturna Island, cites the Gulf Islands recycling coalition and the health council as two initiatives which she is proud to have assisted. The coalition is able to meet four times a year with finan-



Incumbent Capital Regional Board director Jacques Campbell of Saturna Island is being challenged by Norbert Duerichen of Galiano.

islands also meet on a regular basis, again with CRD support, Campbell said in an interview.

She said she also initiated toll-free telephone calling from the Outer Islands to the CRD office in Victoria, to the building inspection office and the health unit in Sidney.

Whether she is re-elected or not, Campbell says she intends to ask the ministry of municipal affairs to sponsor a workshop to examine the five per cent parkland dedication. The dedication is required when property is subdivided.

"I've discovered that each island is treating the rules different-

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cial help from the Capital Regional District (CRD), and share information on grants and recycling issues. Health groups from each of the

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within the Islands Trust and dealing with the contentious forest land zoning.

Stewardship must come from private property owners, he said, and not be imposed by the Islands Trust. Furthermore, islanders cannot withstand tax increases like there were last year. The Trust has to be careful about how it spends its money.

He said forest-zoned land is being addressed in the current community plan process, and that acceptance of homes and cluster development on such land is a step in the right direction. But the minimum parcel size must be lower than the proposed 50 acres in the current draft of the plan.

Lastly, he said the island needs to return to its previous congenial atmosphere.

"Everybody's tired of fighting," he said. "We've had five years of it. I came here to enjoy the unique amenities and haven't stopped fighting.

"We can have it all if we manage with reason, fairness and balance."

Glenna Mattin would bring to the Islands Trust. Some thorny issues which have to be resolved on the island will need that voice of moderation, she told the *Driftwood* in an interview.

"There seems to be an us-versus-them scenario here," she said. "I think the people here could really work together. They could reach agreements they could all live with."

That's what a trustee is there to do, she said.

Mattin, 44, while a frequent visitor since 1979, made the full-time move to the island in March. She has been active in community organizations in the past, most recently in the Galiano Official Community Plan steering committee, which has just finished the first draft for public review.

In Duncan, where she worked for the provincial ministry of forests, she was an active executive member of the Mill Bay Curling Club, director of Duncan junior baseball and co-ordinator of the B.C. girls softball program. She was also a member of the Parent Teacher Association while her children were in school.

"Public process is really important," she said. "I believe in public process and open participation.

"You have to involve the public, not just at public meetings. People have to write and state their views.

"More of the governing process should be given to the community. That's what people want."

There are still issues relating to forest-zoned land on Galiano and

issuance of development permits. There are several questions surrounding guest cottages which need to be addressed. The community plan review will need public comment soon.

One of the big issues facing Galiano Island is the rate of growth and development, she said.

"Overall density is a concern," Mattin said. "Nobody I've ever talked to on Galiano Island wants to see massive small-lot subdivision on the island."

There were 907 people at the last census, she said, and it is up to islanders to debate what to do about growth during the upcoming community plan review.

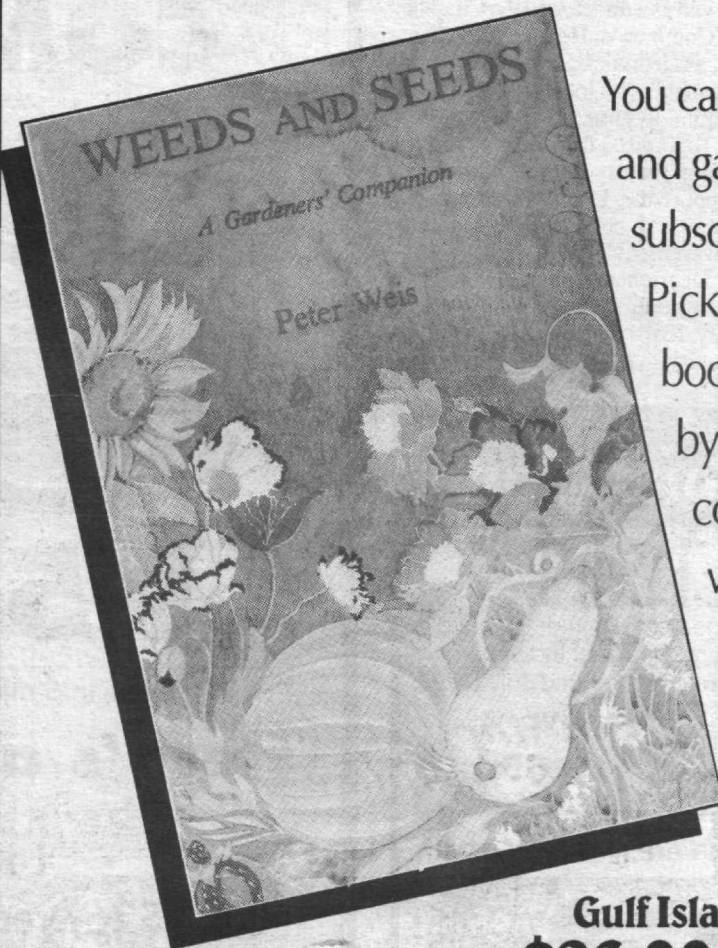


Glenna Mattin

A middle-of-the-road perspective is what Galiano Island resident

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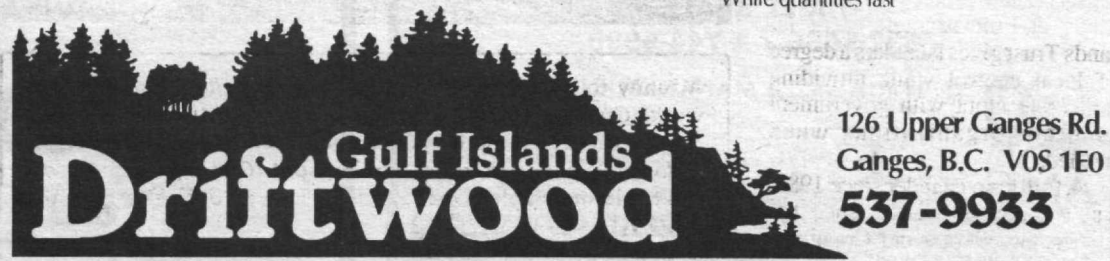
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Fire department barbecue 'huge family party'

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

The Fire Department Pig Barbecue was a grand success Saturday night. The hall was packed in anticipation of a feast on succulent roast pig with Saturna spanish rice.

The pig has been turning on a spit all day over an open fire outside the hall and the aroma whetted appetites as onlookers gathered around to enjoy the firelight.

Most of the intermediate stu-

notes from saturna

dents and a selection of primaries from Saturna school were on hand to help serve up the rice, coleslaw, butter and buns. Servers sliced the roast pig right onto the plates as diners lined up to be served. Those

in the know asked for a slice of the cracklings.

After dinner the tables were cleared away and dance music filled the hall. The youngest guests were the first on the dance floor. Soon, though, every age group was represented. The hall had the atmosphere of a huge family house party.

Conversation and dancing lasted late into the evening until parents began to drift home with their exhausted but happy offspring. It was a wonderful evening just for itself. How nice to think that all the work was done by volunteers in order to raise funds for the fire department.

Sunday morning Saturna set it-

self apart as a leader in community spirit. It was clean-up day at the hall. Several clubs and organizations shared the load and gave the hall a thorough scrubbing.

The kitchen was scrubbed from floor to ceiling, including inside all the cupboards. Throughout the building windows were washed and every nook and cranny was vacuumed. When the crew was finished the building sparkled from top to bottom.

Responsibility for cleaning the hall is designated to the clubs which use it. After each event the users must return the hall to order. There is a monthly cleaning roster when each club sets aside one day during the year to do a more thorough cleaning.

Although the monthly cleaning sometimes is forgotten; when the need becomes apparent the volunteers are there to do a first-rate job.

During the clean-up Don Close removed the old refrigerator and

John Gaines delivered a brand new one purchased on behalf of the Community Club. The new model is all refrigerator space. There is no freezer. This will make more room for caterers to use while serving meals.

Don't forget to vote next Saturday for your Capital Regional District representative, school trustee, and Islands Trust representatives. The polling station is at the hall. Be sure to notice how nicely the hall has been cleaned.

Be sure to mark December 10 on your calendar, the night of the school Christmas concert. This is an event you won't want to miss. The children are planning another musical concert this year. Of course, Santa has it on his list already.

Madelinne Abbott has the craft fair plan well under way for November 27. If you are hoping to have a table call her right away. Space is going quickly.

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ly," Campbell said, "and that concerns me." She wants to get the CRD, the Islands Trust and parks and recreation groups together from all the islands to discuss the matter.

If she is successful in her reelection bid, Campbell promises to stay on top of health matters, which will see the decentralization of provincial authority over health care delivery.

She also intends to "do a better job of communication." Campbell pointed out that it is difficult getting into the different island communities and letting people know what's going on. She would also like to improve relations with the Trust, but notes that meetings are difficult to arrange when "there are 10 of them and only one of me."

After graduating from Gulf Islands Secondary School, Campbell studied general agriculture at Northern Lights College. Before returning to Saturna, where she raises cattle and sheep on the family farm, she worked for Canada Customs and as a customs broker.

Campbell has been on the executive of the Saturna Community Club, and served a term as president.

Norbert Duerichen

The Capital Regional District (CRD) should be more service-oriented and less authoritative, says a candidate for Outer Islands director.

Norbert Duerichen, a resident of Galiano Island for the past seven years, feels that solutions to local problems can be found among local residents, often at less cost. When services are not imposed from outside, he says, "you pay a lot less money."

The CRD has the expertise to provide the services, Duerichen

says, but autonomy must remain within the island communities.

Born in Austria, Duerichen came to Canada as a child, settling with his family in Smithers. After three years at university, he began building log houses and later became involved in manufacturing wood heaters with his brother, who started RSF Energy.

Duerichen continues to work in the construction industry, and has been involved in a movement on Galiano to make changes to building inspection services.

"The main issue is that a service should not be imposed if the community doesn't want it."

He said his candidacy came about as a result of his involvement with the building inspection issue, but that is not the reason he is running.

Duerichen had some criticism of the incumbent director, Jacques Campbell. "The incumbent hasn't really represented the islands," he said. "She has fallen in step with what the CRD was traditionally up to."

He was also critical of the CRD and its relationship with the Islands Trust. "The CRD has not accepted that there is an Islands Trust."

Duerichen's community involvement has included work on one of Galiano's community plan review task forces, and he has served as a director on the Chamber of Commerce. He cited the chamber as an organization that is "more in touch" with local affairs than the Capital Region.

He praised the Islands Trust for being locally representative. "I support the Islands Trust simply because I believe in community government."

Duerichen also said the Trust "can control things best because they live right here in the community."



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Candidates state positions at second meeting

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The second of two all-candidates' meetings was held in the Activity Centre on Saturday. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, as was the first one, the candidates this time were running for a position as Capital Regional District representative or as representatives of the Islands Trust. This Saturday is election day.

Chaired by chamber president Geoff Gaylor, the meeting got off to a good start with statements from retiring school board representative Jim MacDonald (three years in that position), and Margaret Griffith, now completing her term as a Trust representative. Both received genuine thanks from all at the meeting.

A short statement from Bonnie Robson, the island's new school trustee (she was unopposed in her bid for that position), sketched her story and island connections. Daughter of the retiring member, she taught at the island's school in 1969 — when it consisted of only two rooms. She also spoke of her experience with the community school concept as it was practised at Bayview and Caernarvon schools in Vancouver.

Educationalist Mike Hoebel took over from chairman Gaylor at this point, and for the remainder of the evening the seven candidates running for CRD and Islands Trust were allowed five minutes each to speak to outline their credentials for office and their policy ideas. First off were the two CRD hopefuls, Jacques Campbell (the incumbent from Saturna) and Norbert Duerichen, a Galiano resident.

Campbell outlined some of the anomalies of CRD affairs — building inspection problems some islanders feel need resolving, and also the increasing health care burden the CRD is about to receive as a result of the massive changes to the health care system the provincial government is planning. She indicated as well a possible jurisdictional difficulty with the Trust over the park land which must now be set aside in newly subdivided areas.

Duerichen, a builder and a wood heat specialist, favours more local control for building inspection. Local government, he feels, can deal better and more cheaply with community initiatives.

The five candidates for Galiano's two Islands Trust positions were next to be heard. They were Jeff Bickerstaff, Elizabeth Bosher, Diane Cragg, Frank Hillier and Glenna Mattin.

Bickerstaff, 46, owns property on Little Parker Island and feels he knows Galiano well, having sailed here since 1970. He has the time and energy to do the job and will be available to all islanders, he stated.

Bosher, the popular and now retired principal of Galiano School, terms herself a "practical idealist". A taxpayer here since 1975. Elizabeth brought up her family on

the island and through her work at the school was a positive influence on many young people now grown to maturity.

Cragg, first elected as a trustee in 1984, congratulated herself as a kind of soothsayer, noting she had predicted in 1990 — or earlier — many of the problems islanders now face, such as the pressure from off-island to control the island's future development. She is in favour of economic development as it affects the community, and feels "the Islands Trust mandate a privilege — a vehicle for the community to bring vision to fruition."

Frank Hillier, a Galianoite for 24 years, 18 of them as a permanent resident, has participated in a number of South Galiano organizations over the years. Before retirement he developed a creditable record of achievements as a consulting engineer. Hillier acted as chairman of the shoreline section of the recently completed Official Community Plan.

A question on the appeal showed very effectively where each candidate stands.

Glenna Mattin first came to Galiano with her logger husband in 1979. In 1991 they settled on the island permanently, and since then Glenna began to participate in Island organizations. The "working man's candidate." Glenna took seriously her responsibilities as a member of the task force which worked hard to produce the recently published revision of Galiano's official plan. Glenna considers herself "a middle-of-the-road candidate."

After a break for refreshments, the meeting resumed and questions to the candidates were encouraged. Where the candidates have positioned themselves on the above mentioned "road" now became clear. One candidate may not have been quite sure what road he was on, let alone what part of the road he occupied, two were definitely to the left of the centre line, one was in the middle and one somewhat to the right.

It was to this candidate and incumbent Cragg that most of the questions were directed. A definite attempt to discredit Mr. Hillier (former Ratepayers president) emerged during the questioning. Hillier has been very critical of Trust initiatives, and particularly with the Trust's handling of the forestry issues with MacMillan Bloedel, the consequent court case, and now the Trust's recently announced plan to appeal the court decision.

A question asked of all the candidates as to whether they thought the appeal should go ahead or be dropped, showed very effectively

where each candidate stands, and if there are alliances, with whom these alliances have been made. Questions asked of the sitting member were answered effectively, if guardedly, at all times. An astute political being, her years in politics have taught her how much to say and what to leave out.

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tions appealed to his listeners as did his showy arrangements of sometimes familiar tunes.

Miss Papajohn's selections on the Celtic harp were by contrast, quieter, more delicate and often haunting. On several occasions she got up from her instrument and varied the program with some flute

playing — lovely by itself or when combined with the concert and Paraguayan harps.

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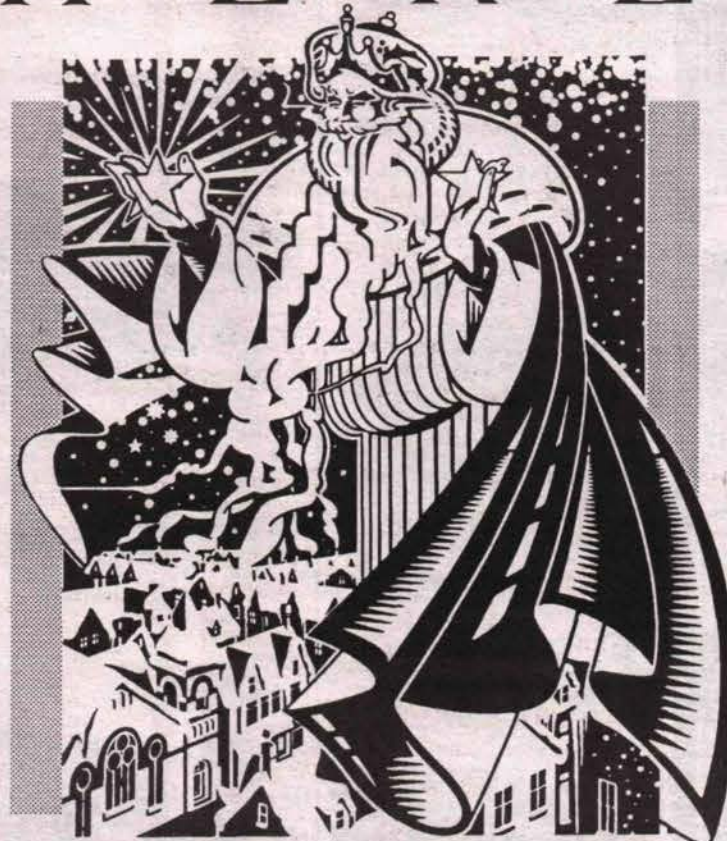
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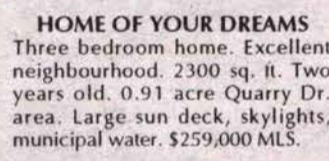
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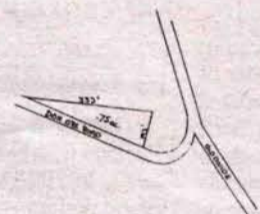
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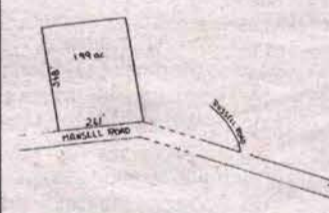
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