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GROUNDHOG DAY

The superstition surrounding this event applies only to climatic regions east of the Rocky Mountains!



SASKATCHEWAN SMILE: With a smile as wide as the prairie, Annie Palovcik last week revealed that her roots are in Canada's wheat-belt. The Waterside Bistro waitress was one of many ex-Saskatchewan

residents at Saturday's Saskatchewan Smorgasbord, a dining event started by Rita Dods. Memories of Saskatchewan — including Annie's first kiss — can be found on Page B1.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

Casino fundraising continues despite parents' objections

A bid to block fundraising through an off-island gambling casino turned out to be a long shot January 20, when members of the Pender School Parent Advisory Committee voted in favour of the fundraising effort.

Committee vice-president Lynda McCaughran said members voted 38 to 12 in favour of fundraising through the casino. Volunteers from the association work at the Red Lion Inn casino in Victoria to earn money for the group.

The group raised \$7,000 during a previous fundraising effort, McCaughran said. However, several people objected to the plan, arguing that the group should not participate in gambling and that the Ministry of Education should fund all the school's needs.

"People are against it because some people are addicted to gambling," McCaughran noted. However, she felt the casino offered the parent group an excellent

opportunity to raise money for additional school facilities.

"It's a great way to raise money," she said. The last casino-based fundraising venture earned money for science equipment. With only 100 students in kindergarten to Grade 8 inclusive, all the resources of a larger school cannot be provided.

"We wanted things for our students now," McCaughran said. She pointed out that on-island fundraising tends to draw heavily on the same people over and over again.

"At bake sales you bake and donate — and who buys it back? The parents." The casino allows the parents' group to raise money from off-islanders, McCaughran noted.

One major expense facing the parents' group is upgrading the adventure playground, McCaughran said. Fundraising at the casino can help bring in the larger amounts of money required.

Fares going up but no details yet

Ferry fares are going up again this year, but no further details are available yet.

B.C. Ferries communications manager Ed McKenzie said the corporation conducts an annual review of fares and the general manager has already indicated there will be some fare increases.

McKenzie said the B.C. Ferry Corporation is squeezed between increasing costs and decreases in government funding. "We're becoming more challenged all the time because we're getting less of a subsidy from the government."

Only mainland-Vancouver Island routes are self-supporting. The remaining routes are subsidized at rates ranging from 29 to 69 per cent. The corporation says the Gulf Islands subsidy is \$20 million a year.

A pamphlet outlining the subsidies and inviting comment has generated few responses, McKenzie said. The responses

will be reviewed later this month. Comments should be sent to B.C. Ferries, Attention: Glen Brown, 1112 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 4V2.

Overall, the ferry corporation has reported a record year for traffic in 1993, with over 21 million passengers carried during the year.

Biggest increase in the islands was on the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry, where passenger traffic was up 9.7 per cent and vehicle traffic 8.8 per cent. On the Fulford-Swartz Bay route passenger traffic was up 3.5 per cent and vehicle traffic 3.7.

However, inter-island traffic was down on routes between the Gulf Islands. Traffic totals on the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands ferry were down between 3.8 and 10 per cent although three to six per cent increases were recorded on the Swartz Bay-Gulf Islands run.

The last fare increase by B.C. Ferries was in April last year.

Market in Park is 'illegal, inhuman'

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

"There is some question of its legality. There is no question of its inhumanity."

That pronouncement about the Market in the Park came at the tail end of a long monthly meeting of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Monday, when prospective member Yantra Walker raised the spectre of a new market for Ganges.

As a former vendor in the park who could no longer sell there, she told the meeting she had a special interest in the market. She proposed the two markets — the one in Centennial Park and the one at Harbour House — be merged into a wider Saturday market concept for downtown Ganges. It would be a "market in the peninsula" which would include vendors along the boardwalk, along sidewalks and in parking lots.

During her presentation, commission members sat in stony silence. When she finished, Walker was told the commission had no

mandate to get involved in such a concept.

She felt, however, that it did since it ran the Market in the Park last summer and was proposing to do so again in 1994.

"Our mandate is to manage the park, not the market," Ian Fraser said. "If the market falls in the park it is in our mandate. If the market is not in the park it is not in our mandate."

Meanwhile, Walker was surprised that the market was projected to generate \$11,000 for the commission in 1994. She said when the Market Vendors' Association (MVA) ran the Centennial Park market it made closer to \$30,000.

The revenues generated by vending in the park were never revealed to the public by the MVA, a sore point during the mediation process of 1992. By the same token, the PRC has not yet revealed any detailed financial statements of the money it made in the park in 1993, beyond indicating a \$3,500 surplus.

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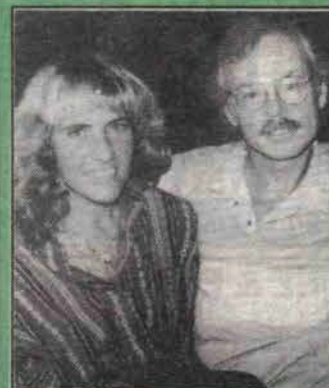
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Weekend conference may be for you.

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Islanders offer an antidote for the strain of the daily grind.

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this week

A little winter is in the air as frosty mornings mark the start of the second month of 1994. But never mind the cool weather, you have only 11 months left to achieve your goals for this year.

\$ fair change

Island Savings was buying U.S. cash on Tuesday at the rate of: 1.3041

weather

HIGHS: 09C (normal 7) LOWS: -02C (normal 1)
PRECIPITATION: No showers Wed., 40% chance of rain on Saturday.
OUTLOOK: Morning low cloud Wednesday, otherwise mainly sunny. Cloudy with sunny periods Thursday and Friday. Saturday, mostly cloudy with 40% chance of showers. Projected lows are near zero; highs are 08C.

of note

- Feb. 4/5.....Quest for Excellence conference.
- Feb. 8Island's Farmers' Institute AGM.
- Feb. 9Gulf Islands School Board meeting.

LUNAR CYCLE: for February 1994



lottery numbers

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	Jan. 29, 1994	05-08-37-42-47-48 B49
	Jan. 26, 1994	13-14-27-31-38-40 B12
B.C./49	Jan. 29, 1994	05-08-32-37-41-48 B04
	Jan. 26, 1994	19-25-31-34-36-49 B01
Extra	Jan. 29, 1994	29-62-82-84
	Jan. 26, 1994	33-41-56-67

tide tables

TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

FEB	0210	6.6	06	0345	10.4
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	2310	8.7		2000	2.1
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				2045	2.0
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Linda Cannon

New columnist

After 15 years of writing about museum exhibits, Linda Cannon has turned her talents to producing a newspaper column.

The Salt Spring Island writer joins the *Driftwood* as a columnist this week. *Our Better Nature* will appear twice a month and examine a wide range of natural history topics.

Before moving to Salt Spring five years ago, Cannon spent 15 years at the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria. She was hired as an artist but was chief of exhibits by the time she left.

Her work entailed a great deal of study of plants, animals and insects, and museum projects ranged from the open ocean "to collectibles from grandma's attic."

Working from her home, Cannon now does exhibit development and storyline and text writing for museums. In the past five years, topics have included trout, grizzly bears and coal mines.

Cannon talks with enthusiasm about her years at the museum, but is happy in her island home. "... there's no politics, little stress and my office is in the middle of five acres where all sorts of animals, birds, plants and insects live. Perfect!"

This week, *Our Better Nature* discusses bird-watching and offers some advice for islanders interested in that pastime.

for the record

Information published last week about the Salt Spring fire department's new fire trucks was incorrect. One truck — a mini-pumper — carries approximately 200 gallons of water. The other is a full-sized tanker truck and carries 1,500 gallons.

Hanna Aik Salt Spring

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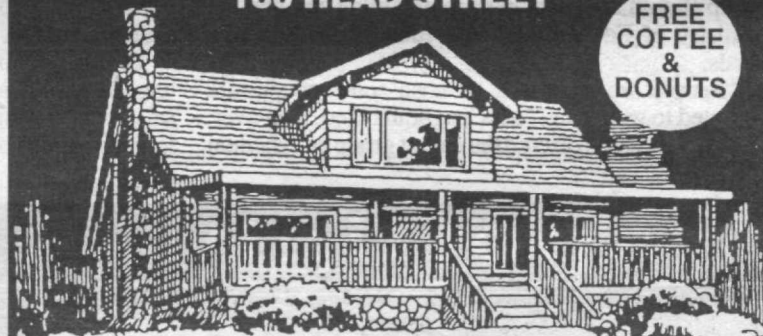
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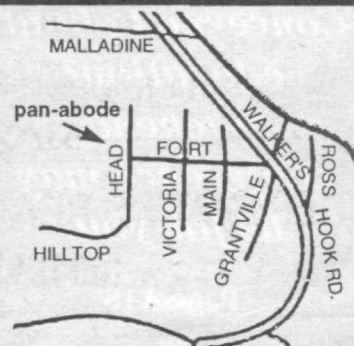


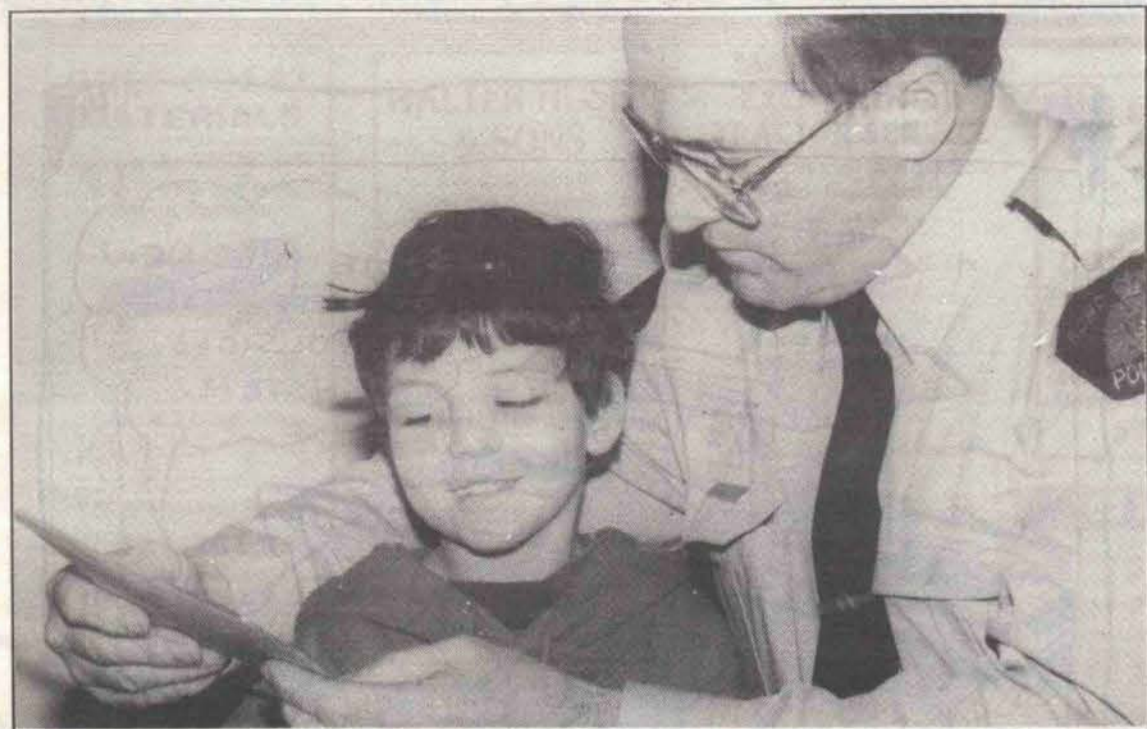
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PASSPORT PRINTS: Four-year-old Christopher Byron examines his fingerprints after they were taken by Const. Don Simmons of Ganges RCMP. Christopher's prints will go into a Child's Passport, an identification program being offered on Salt Spring.

Photo by Tony Richards

Passport program set to go

Secret passwords are not necessarily the stuff of spy stories.

When two men attempted to kidnap an eight-year-old Kelowna girl last month, they were foiled when they couldn't come up with a password.

The girl's mother had used code words with her children for years to protect them from incidents such as that with her daughter in early January. They are not to trust anyone who doesn't know the password.

The same technique is being encouraged on Salt Spring Island this month with the launching of a child identification program known as the Child's Passport. Former Ganges RCMP Sgt. Don Smith proposed the idea for a Child's Passport at the Community Police Advisory Committee, and the idea was taken up by Century 21 Islands Realty, which is helping sponsor it.

The passport consists of a booklet containing information about a child that would be useful to police should the child disappear. Space is provided for a photograph and descriptive information about the child, as well as fingerprints.

The passport offers preventative advice to parents, such as teaching children to know their full

name and telephone number, and encouraging them to travel with a group and avoid isolated places.

Several pages are provided to allow details about the child to be updated, including a new photo and changes in appearance.

Program coordinator Brian Betts said last week the passport has no age limitations. "It's not just for children," he said, pointing out that it is no less important for teens to have such information recorded.

Betts and acting RCMP detachment chief Dave Simmons also said no records are kept of the fingerprints taken for the passport.

"The prints will not be used to link (the passport holder) with any crime on Salt Spring Island," Simmons said. Prints will be applied directly to the passport itself, and no copies will be made.

Another feature of the booklet is space for listing names, addresses and telephone numbers of the child's friends. Simmons said it was surprising how many parents were unaware of the names of their children's friends.

Having them listed, he said, "makes our job a lot easier. It gives parents a place to start without police involvement," in the case of a missing child.

Century 21 has scheduled passport photo and fingerprinting sessions to be held at their Ganges office next week. From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 12 and 13, children of all ages will be invited to obtain their passports. A special time will be available for teenagers from 5 p.m. onward February 11.

Ganges RCMP staff will take the fingerprints and Century 21 staff will take the passport photos.

A charge of \$2 per passport is being levied to help offset costs. Appointments for the sessions can be made by calling Century 21 at 537-9981. Islanders wishing to help with the procedure on the scheduled days are invited to contact Pat Jacquest at Century 21. A large number of volunteers are needed to process passports.

Thieves still targeting unlocked vehicles

Ganges RCMP are warning residents to lock their vehicles following a series of thefts from island cars over the past week.

Three vehicles were broken into last week, bringing the total to 12 vehicle break-ins since January 23. Cash and ferry tickets were stolen.

Police suggest those buying ferry tickets write down the ticket numbers and pass them on to police or to B.C. Ferries if they are stolen. B.C. Ferries staff will watch for the serial numbers of stolen tickets and nab the culprits if anyone tries to use them.

RCMP report

In other news, police are investigating wilful damage at Centennial Park, which occurred some time Friday night.

A vehicle was driven into the park and the driver circled several times, chewing up the grass. Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call the RCMP at 537-5555.

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Sexual abuse is the modern equivalent to a witchcraft charge in the 16th century. No other allegation is so quickly believed and requires such little supporting evidence before the public panics, careers are jeopardized and rocks begin flying through windshields.

More and more often, the power of such accusations is being abused. Most of these false accusations occur between warring spouses but, increasingly, such charges are being used as a weapon in other disputes.

In this week's *Driftwood* is a story detailing how a landlord-tenant dispute evolved into unfounded allegations that a school district employee sexually abused a child. Although the employee was completely cleared last month, the accuser produced panic in the community last week simply by repeating his unsubstantiated claims.

Years ago, false accusations of sexual abuse were rare. Now, true allegations are rare. The Gulf Islands school district investigates all allegations against school district staff and finds most are unfounded.

Our current laws do not reflect this change as they hand tremendous power to the accuser. In B.C., cases of suspected child abuse are usually investigated by staff from the Ministry of Social Services and Housing. Under the Family and Child Services Act, the ministry cannot release the result of an investigation — or even admit an investigation has occurred.

Even if someone is investigated and exonerated after being wrongfully accused of sexually abusing a child, he or she can not obtain proof of innocence from the investigating agency.

The result of the investigation is reported back only to the accuser. Only from the accuser — or through an extensive court appeal under the Freedom of Information Act — can someone who is wrongfully accused also receive a copy of the investigation report.

Although we recognize these regulations are designed to protect innocent children and their families, the current Family and Child Services Act plays into the hands of those who use false allegations as a weapon against innocent adults — and their families.

Equal justice for all is a cornerstone of our society. To ensure that justice is done, the Family and Child Services Act should be changed so those who are investigated under its provisions also receive a report on the outcome.

Otherwise, we are all at the mercy of those who would twist the truth — who are able to brand us guilty even after we have been proved innocent.

Not *The Enquirer* despite the evidence

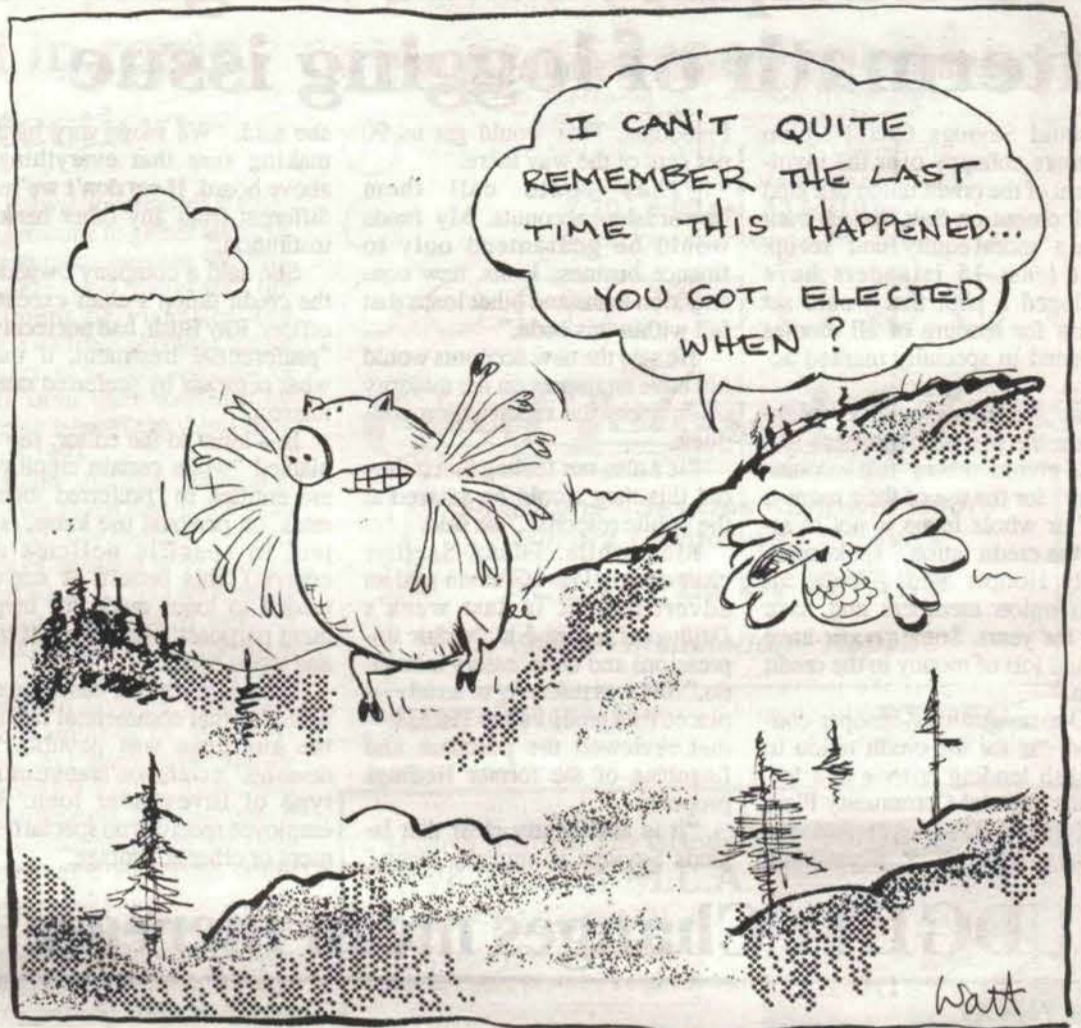
The *National Enquirer* has not assumed control of this newspaper despite charges — and some evidence — to the contrary.

Last week, a decision was made to publish a letter to the editor which alleged abuse of a child by an employee of the Gulf Islands school district. At the same time, it was decided that a news story would do that which a letter does not: present the full story.

Unfortunately, the letter appeared but the news story did not.

The explanation will be of little consolation to the family that fell victim to the unsubstantiated claims made by the letter. But neither excuse nor explanation can justify publication of such serious charges when the other side of the story remains untold.

We regret the error and apologize for it.



No alternative to protest

By ANDREW GIBSON

The subject of the *Driftwood* editorial of January 15 was a protest on December 31 by some 50 people unhappy about the clearcutting of 40 acres of old-growth coastal Douglas fir.

The difficulty in responding to the editorial is in knowing where to start. There are no parallels with the Clayoquot blockade? Some parallels that come to mind are the ecological morality of clearcutting; its effects on other people and other life forms; the preservation of the last remnants of old growth; the inadequacy of forest laws to protect what is unique and irreplaceable, whether in the province or on this island.

It is easy to protest? On the contrary, it is one of the most difficult things anybody can do. The Clayoquot protests are ineffective? Come on — do you really think that the B.C. government would be scrambling to clean up forestry practices, and its own image, without the blockades and the continuing sorry spectacle of the jailing of peacefully protesting citizens?

The settling of Canada was founded on the sacred principle of private property? But first the continent had to be settled on the sacred principle of stealing it from the owners of the day. Public opinion favours the government's Clayoquot decision? Sure it does, just as the pollsters used their elastic yardsticks to prove that most people in the U.S. were against civil rights marches and Vietnam protests.

But we mustn't get too far afield — the editorial is correct at least in saying that the issue is the rights of ownership. For the sake of the heritage of our children, the sooner these are defined the better.

The words *property rights* have too often been used as a slogan to mask self-interest, just as *freedom of speech* has been used to legitimize everything from addiction advertising to kiddy porn. But let's spell out something apparent to our ancestors, but now buried in slogans — in a civilized society when what we do impinges on others our rights are inseparable from our responsibilities.

Our modern Mammon-worshippers find the latter oppressive, and would like to be relieved of them, but it was obvious to our medieval forebears that land could not be owned in the same way as

view point

furniture. It could only be held.

We still speak of the various degrees of land tenure (from the Latin *tenere*, to hold). Of course, the owner of the fee had rights. Even the king, backed by his soldiers, was unable to enter a

peasant's cottage without permission. But those rights then, and now, are not absolute. These days we pay the service in taxes, but we put up, without protest, with an incredible number of restraints, some ludicrous, on our freedom to do what we want with our land.

We can't put in a cottage or even a basement suite for our aging parents, because by lowering property values it might impinge on the rights of our neighbours. They all have nice gardens, so we may be fined if we have too many weeds.

Her Majesty, in the right of the province, can, according to the B.C. Highways Act, lay waste to our land if gravel for road use is found on it — no mention of compensation for it, or for the percentage of land that can be taken for road allowance. And, of course, we can't subdivide, or use our land for unhal- lowed purposes, without

permission.

In brief, we're not supposed to do harm, monetary or otherwise, to our neighbours. Unfortunately, this principle's application to larger enterprises is far from complete, and that's when we get the spectacle on our islands of some simple barefoot corporation lawyers, developers and bankers putting on smallholders' gumbots and raising the spectre of Big Brother when their actions are questioned, not for their legality, but for their morality.

The threats to B.C. from the macro industries, such as logging and mining, are slowly being recognized and dealt with. There remains a great gap in the ability of B.C. communities to protect themselves from profit-motivated harm on a smaller but cumulatively devastating scale. That is particularly so on our islands, with their fragile and thirsty eco-systems. Until that gap is closed citizens have no alternative but to stand out in the rain with their signs.

Andrew Gibson is a Salt Spring Island writer, and editor of the quarterly *Gulf Islands Guardian*.

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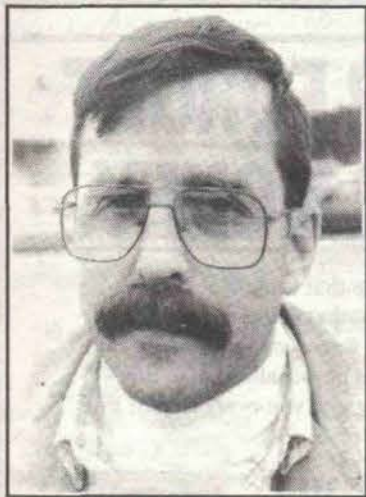
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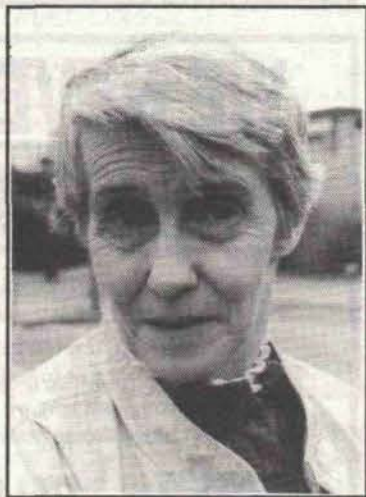


We asked: Are rapidly rising real estate prices good for Salt Spring? salt spring says...



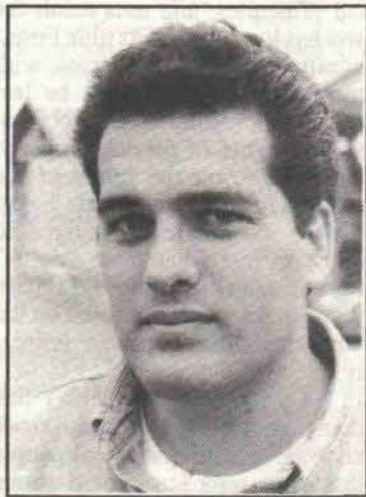
Carl Bergenstein

Yes, because I have property here. My investment in my house will make more money. The down side is we have to pay more in property taxes.



Ethel Spencer

No, I don't think rapidly raising prices are good for anything. You can't raise prices on one thing without it being an impact on other things, so everyone is affected.



Shamir Sikundar

No. It takes away from the kind of person who is living here now. You get all those people from off-island, the rich ones.



Gary Galligan

They're good for the real estate agents but not for us.



Alana Melville

I think so-to keep the off-island people away somewhat. If the prices are raised they do keep away, although they know it's a good buy over here.

Polar bear responds

To the Editor,

I was dismayed to read the front page article January 5 describing the annual polar bear swim as "mindless masochism." As a hydrotherapist and polar bear, I would like to give a more positive view to what is, at the least, a refreshing experience.

Cold water is an excellent and simple means to help keep the body tuned. The important thing is to be warm first and to get warmed up after. When the body is exposed to cold, all vital functions of the body are instantly stimulated as the body is put in a false sense of danger. Circulation increases, initially internally and then to the skin, thus relieving deep congested areas, and improving the quality of the blood and dermal nutrition. Initial shivering helps improve skin tone. The gasping and deepened breathing brings more oxygen into the body, thus improving cellular metabolism and waste exchange.

The immune system is stimulated and there is an increase in the movement of white blood cells, again improving waste removal. The body increases the internal temperature due to the cold application thus increasing cellular metabolism throughout the body.

Letters

What better way to deal with the excesses of the holiday, than by tuning up your internal engine and stimulating the body's natural defenses. This is not recommended for those with severe circulatory, respiratory or heart conditions.

For those that come down and stay dressed, think what you are missing to help your body help itself. And yet we are grateful that you are there to cheer us on and quickly hand us towels and warm clothing.

Try using short cold treatments daily. At least finish your warm shower with a cool or cold rinse. Maybe in a while you'll notice you don't catch a cold quite as easily, or you are not as chilled when sitting around the house reading the *Driftwood*.

LYZ SNIDAL,
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Had it with cheap letters

To the Editor,
This is my first letter to the

Driftwood. I've had it with reading cheap sensational letters you print about marital disputes, vendettas against individuals and fanatical religious arguments. One of last week's letters was just plain irresponsible journalism. Printing an accusation of a school board employee of some very serious crimes against a child was unfair. Print your stories after someone has been convicted, not before. This is a small community and I'm sure all school board employees are less than impressed with your decision to print such an accusation.

Equally disgusting are the accusations against the RCMP without fully discussing it with them. Discussing it with them after last week's letter was printed and not before was a bad decision.

There are many people in organizations working with the police to make our community a safer and better place to live. Letters accusing them of misconduct or ignoring crimes without the accusations being investigated are irresponsible. Most people will question the validity of outrageous claims, but many believe every-

thing they read. Yes, we have the right to express our views. Yes, we should be aware of any improprieties that are based on facts.

At the very least I feel the *Driftwood* owes an apology to the RCMP, the school board and its employees.

Turning a good community

newspaper into a *National Enquirer* tabloid is unacceptable. What's next — a headline reading "Salt Spring Island baby born with sheep's head?"

BRIAN BETTS,
Chairman, Community Police
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opinion

Changed meaning

To the Editor,
I read with interest your editorial, "The rights of owner-

ship," and in particular the comment, "The settling of Canada by Europeans was founded upon the principle of private property." This seems to be an accurate account of what those settlers believed. But surely the question is whether or

not we are able today to accept that principle in the same way they did. Prairie farmers assumed they had the right to farm as they chose — it was 'their land.' They opened up flatland and parkland without an adequate understanding of ecological principles, and as a result the soil has lost much of its tilth. Forest companies harvested trees with methods often thought to be less than responsible. They, too, assumed rights of private property, and as a result the future of the world's forests is in serious doubt.

Are we not today obliged to question just what these "rights" should mean in the future? Perhaps you could write an editorial on the "responsibilities of private property."

As a footnote, let me say that many people of European stock now agree with aboriginal people that your sentence quoted above should read, "The settling of Canada by Europeans was founded upon the principle of the right to steal communal lands." We have a very long history of cavalier attitudes toward what we assume to be "ours."

ROBERT WILD,
Ganges

capital COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — Parliamentary democracies have always struggled with the problem of achieving fair representation. Under an ideal system, an election would give every voter an equal part in the choice of government. Alas, the ideal system has yet to be worked out.

In New Zealand, voters approved a referendum last October that will result in a dramatic electoral reform. Unfortunately, the election to which the referendum was attached was so close that another election is expected within a year.

Since the implementation of the new voting system will take 18 months of preparation, the next election will probably be held under the old system.

The problems that prompted the drive for reform in New Zealand were much the same as here in Canada. Justice John Wallace, the chairman of the New Zealand Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, put it in a nutshell when he said that since 1954 no government in New Zealand had the support of the majority of voters.

Put another way, for 40 years — the past 13 elections — New Zealand governments have taken up office despite being rejected by a majority of those who voted," he said in an article in the *New Zealand Herald*.

Sounds all too familiar. Here in British Columbia it isn't uncommon for a party to form a government with less than 40 per cent of the popular vote. Even in the 1986 Vander Zalm sweep, the Socreds got only 49.32 per cent of the popular vote.

Another problem with our system, and with the New Zealand one, is that even in a close vote, representation can get distorted. To use the 1986 election as an example again, the NDP got 42.6 per cent of the vote, compared with 49.32 for the Socreds. Yet despite the relatively close results, the Socreds captured 47 seats whereas the NDP got only 22.

There clearly has to be a better way, and there is. Take the New Zealand example, referred to as "Mixed Member Proportional" or MMP representation, as compared with the "First Past the Post" or FPP system.

Under the new MMP system, parties field candidates in the various constituencies to be elected directly by voters. They also produce so-called party lists from which Members of Parliament are added later, in accordance with the popular vote.

Here's how it works in practice: Voters will have two ballots. One contains the names of the candidates for the various parties, the other list the parties only. On the first ballot voters vote for the local candidate of their choice. On the second, they simply vote for the party of their choice.

The result is one candidate elected by direct vote in each constituency. Now comes the second part. Each party will have its slate of elected people topped up from the list, in accordance with the popular vote. That means a party which gets 40 per cent of the popular vote will also get 40 per cent of the seats. Result: no more distortion in the distribution of seats.

Had that system been applied in the 1986 election, the Socreds would have ended up with maybe 37 seats and the NDP with 31, resembling the popular vote.

There's one further twist to the New Zealand system. To prevent splinter parties from destabilizing the parliamentary system, a party must receive at least five per cent of the popular vote to be able to draw on its list for further members.

That five per cent "threshold" is considered adequate in most cases, although Poland had some difficulty with it in its first free elections. Despite the five per cent clause, so many small parties managed to get a candidate or two elected that the threshold had to be raised to seven per cent for the next election.

To be sure, there was considerable opposition in New Zealand to the new system. The referendum passed only by a narrow margin. Some opponents to change claimed that the new system would have an adverse effect on the economy, but Justice Wallace dismantled that argument in his article.

"Differences in economic performance cannot be explained by differences in electoral systems. There are numerous countries using proportional systems with an appropriate threshold which have sound economies and a record of stable and effective government," he said, citing Switzerland, Norway, Finland, Austria and Germany as examples.

Justice Wallace also pointed out that the new system would render coalition governments more likely although not inevitable. That's one more point which I find compelling about the New Zealand model. I like coalition governments. They tend to be less authoritarian and more open to negotiation and compromise.

And finally, the New Zealand model gives parties an opportunity to get its best people into Parliament, if not by direct election, then via the list.

All around, I find the system very compelling. As long as parties can form governments with less than 50 per cent of the popular vote, and the election outcome can be greatly distorted, we could do worse than taking a close look at the New Zealand experiment.

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Landowners' duty

To the Editor,
I read with interest your editorial "The rights of ownership" (*Driftwood*, January 12) but I question the premises on which it is based. You sanctify the ownership of private property, claiming that "the settling of Canada by Europeans was founded upon the principle of private property." It seems strange that anyone today would use the term "settling" about a land that existed and was peopled many thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans.

How, one might legitimately ask, did the kings of France and England acquire the right to these lands in the 1600s and where did they derive the authority to then assign this already "settled" land to private companies, thus establishing the sanctity of our modern land-owning system?

The very tenuous nature of this land-owning system reinforces the artificiality of the systems we use to organize society. These systems were established by those in power (such as the king of England) to serve their interests or the interests of their backers (such as the Hudson's Bay Company). When the systems no longer work or when they fail to serve the society they control, they are subject to change.

Something is wrong when our systems protect the dismemberment of the environment in the name of private property and individual profit.

Which brings us back to the topic of your editorial. I don't believe that it should be necessary for environmentalists to purchase all the land they wish to protect, as you suggest. Nor do I believe that the control of land is a God-given right based on ownership.

I believe that private landowners have a duty to use their land wisely and responsibly for the benefit not only of themselves but of society as a whole. I also believe that when citizens feel that is not happening, they have the right to do what they can, legally and non-violently, to redress the situation.

CHARLES KAHN,
Ganges

Unneeded lecture

To the Editor,
Your editorial in last week's edition, coupled with the full-page ad taken out by the group calling themselves Towards a Responsible Ethical Environmental Stewardship (TREES), prompt the following observations:

1. The concept of stewardship continues to elude the *Driftwood*. Clearly and visibly, the last thing this community needs is a lecture on the rights of private property owners, and most particularly speculators. What we could use, however, is some discussion on the responsibilities of owners and their agents to the community which supports them every day of their lives in every way imaginable.

2. It is worse than pathetic that private citizens have to spend nearly \$1,000 doing the research, preparing the ad, and buying the space to present a story that the *Driftwood*, had it been doing its job, should have presented to the community as part of its journalistic responsibility. Shame.

3. If the *Driftwood* chooses to support the advertisers which buy space in its paper to the exclusion of the community which buys the paper, the *Driftwood* should simply sell its editorial page to the real estate advertisers, since it has nothing of value to tell us in any case.

SAM LIGHTMAN,
Fulford Harbour

Lot shortage

To the Editor,
In the January 12 issue of the *Driftwood*, Mel Topping of Islands Heritage Realty is quoted as saying "the greatest price increases (of land) were recorded in sales of sea view lots" and that "there is quite a shortage of sea view lots."

With the recent information that has been brought forth by T.R.E.E.S. (Towards a Responsible Ethical Environmental Stewardship) regarding Mel Topping and his activities in conjunction with Trincomalli Developments Inc. of San Diego, it becomes clear that Mel Topping has found his own unique way of creating vast quantities of sea view lots which he can then sell and resell two or three times per year at ever-increasing prices (and profits).

I am proposing the formation of a new group of island residents. We could borrow millions of dollars from the Credit Union, buy up all the land, cut down all the trees and make a vast fortune on the sale of logs. Just about every home would then have a sea view. We could name this group S.M.E.L.L. (Seaviews Made Easy Log the Land). Anyone interested?

DONNA JOHNSTONE,
Ganges

Ferries' subsidies

To the Editor,
B.C. Ferries is launching a campaign to justify both cuts in service and fare increases for the Gulf Island routes. The release requesting help from the public reports a subsidy of \$20 million for the southern Gulf Islands.

We in the Gulf Islands are getting a bum rap when it is suggested that the heavy losses are all a subsidy to the Gulf Islands service. To what extent island routes are subsidized depends on what is properly charged to the service we receive and what should be charged to other functions and political objectives.

For example, have the vessels, facilities, supplies and work force been all provided at a reasonably competitive price in the world market? The ferry representatives and the politicians may say that the B.C. economy requires that these things all come in at an inflated B.C. price. Many might agree with that.

If this is so then how much of the \$20 million should be called a subsidy to the Gulf Island routes? How much to the shipbuilding industry for ships that could be built off-shore for a fraction of the cost? How much to the tourist industry for equipment which is idle or under-used much of the year? How much to support weekend travel for those resident elsewhere who can afford a second home in these islands? How much for the highest paid bus boys and girls in the province's food service industry?

This OAP Gulf Island farmer has always been willing to pay what it should cost to live here and does not need a free ride. Some of us appreciate that the sometimes excessive service and low fares have inflated property values and taxes and created land development booms to the detriment of agriculture, forestry and a quiet lifestyle. To be held up to view now as the beneficiaries or cause of a \$20,000,000 loss resulting from a political agenda outside our control adds insult to injury.

JIM CAMPBELL,
Saturna Island

Discrimination

To the Editor,
If you're going to write my story, write my story!

1. Immigration did promise "immediate" landed status. There

are three other people the officer spoke to regarding this promise.

2. Immigration sent me out of the country to get all my belongings. When I returned my papers had not been processed. They almost refused my re-entry!

Re Medical:

1. A Salt Spring doctor sent me to Vancouver hospital.

2. Grace hospital doctor would not continue care unless I was within hospital perimeter.

3. Both doctors knew I had no medical and told me "Not to worry!"

My issue with B.C. Medical is: Why is the mother 100 per cent responsible for the bill while the father (who is and was covered) is not. I feel this is discrimination. The bill should be 50-50.

To top it off: We do not qualify for the Child Tax Benefit because I have no Social Insurance Number. Father's number not accepted as long as the parents co-habit.

Brigitte is seven months old, healthy, happy, a true blessing and unless there's a lawyer who wants to jump on a bandwagon let's let this issue rest.

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Thanks for the picture

To the Editor,
When I received the *Driftwood* in Victoria last week (January 12) I rushed straight down to the law library. Why? On Page A11 you published a picture of my father and other locals, contemplating the Capital Regional District's decision that the public access to Grace Point was no longer going to be a park, as promised in the original development permit application, but would now be a "right-of-way." You quoted my father wondering out loud whether the public "has the right to use the right-of-way as a park." So I found myself in the library researching the obscure question of whether there is any difference between a right-of-way and a park, lest my Dad was expounding a distinction without a difference.

Like all children who are surprised to find out that their parents were correct after all, I was interested to learn from the dusty old books that a right-of-way and a park are two very different things.

I discovered that it is trespass to be on a right-of-way for the wrong "purpose." For example, if the purpose of the right-of-way is to get foot traffic to the end of Grace Point, then you shouldn't be there for some other purpose, such as leaning on the rail to admire boats in the marina. If you go to a "park," on the other hand, you don't need to justify your presence with a "purpose" at all.

I also discovered that it is trespass to hang around or loiter on a right-of-way; unlike a park, where the name of the game, legally speaking, is hanging around and loitering.

And of course the biggest difference is that a park belongs to the

people, where a right-of-way is still a form of private land. This raises lots of questions: Can the parks board plant flowers or shrubs to beautify a right-of-way? And if they do, can the private owner simply pick the flowers or dig up the shrubs? Maybe a park bench would be illegal on a right-of-way?

I came out of the library feeling a bit glum, because it looks like the public lost out to the developers once again. But thanks for printing a picture of my Dad.

JACK WOODWARD,
Victoria

All is one

To the Editor,
Your January 12 editorial, "The rights of ownership," embodies the mindset of those who see the world and all it contains as one great commodity, subject to unrestricted manipulation and barter of any kind sanctioned by the "rights" conveyed through private property ownership. Scores of humans spend their short lives exercising their "owner's rights" disregarding the cumulative impact of their actions on the continued livability of the earth, in the process starkly ignoring the well-being of their neighbours, communities and countries.

Others, who perceive the crying need for maintaining what is left of an already seriously impaired natural environment and its capacity to support life, and act upon this perception, you conveniently dismiss as "preservationists."

Clayoquot, Salt Spring, the Hollings property, MacMillan Bloedel, Mel Topping, Heritage Realty, Island Savings, government and "preservationists" et al, are backdrops and players in a drama constantly re-enacted

globally. Wherever it is played, in a backyard, community or country, the drama touches all of humanity, all life on earth. Its theme revolves around the question where one person's "rights" end, and another's "rights" begin. The quality of these "rights" and how they are exercised determines whether the players' children and children's children will have a future.

Why do you not hotly invoke the "rights" of private ownership when society prescribes that you require a licence to drive your automobile? Why do you meekly obey laws that pertain to your other possessions and regulate their use?

Ownership imposes, or should impose, a responsibility with social implications; a morally inspired covenant with present and future generations. Contrary to the denial in your editorial, the current land-use scandal on this island is a matter of ethics and (lack of) social responsibility. It affects every one of us. Twenty-five hundred years ago the Greek philosopher Heraclitus said "all is one." Nothing happens in isolation. In these perilous times and at this very late hour it would behoove you and all of us to ponder those words.

JOHN LAMMERS,
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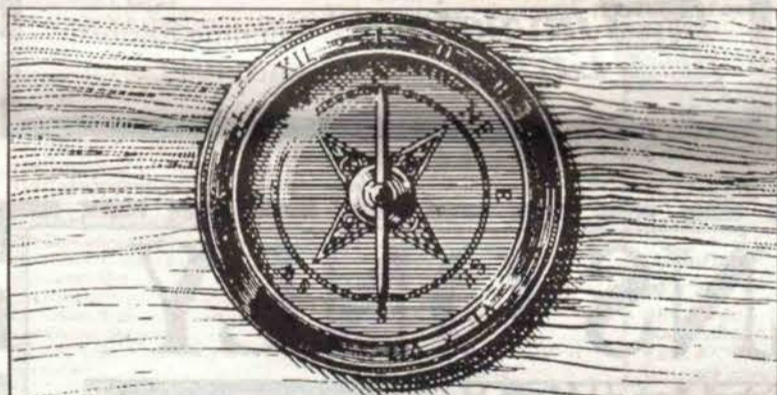
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District examined claims—Marshall

School district superintendent Mike Marshall confirms police have spent hours investigating claims by Larry Bresson, and that the school district has also devoted time to its own investigation.

The district was approached by Bresson to prevent one employee — Bresson's former landlord — from having any possible contact with Bresson's son.

Meanwhile, staff at Fernwood

School had noticed the child hiding from the employee. A school counsellor wrote Bresson to suggest a meeting to discuss the problem. The letter was written in fuchsia ink on blue paper — a common practice for the counsellor who often writes to children — but the choice of colours upset Bresson, who complained to the principal.

After several meetings, Bresson thought he had assurances from the

school that his former landlord would be nowhere near his son. Then, on November 16, that particular employee filled in as a last-minute bus driver. Bresson's son was on that bus — so his father withdrew him from the school.

"...I won't be dealing with the school any more because they're very hostile," he said Friday.

Marshall said he met with Bresson November 18 and told him

there was no evidence that his son was being harmed by any school district employee. If there was any suggestion of wrongdoing, Marshall said, the employee would be removed from his or her post until the allegations were resolved.

In this case, there was no evidence of danger to a child — and the employee's innocence was established by the Ministry of Social Services investigation.

Charges go back to custody dispute

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

"There is more going on than meets the eye," says Larry Bresson, summarizing his problems with the RCMP, his former landlord, the school district and the entire Canadian judicial system.

For Bresson, it seems, there is always more going on than meets the eye. The 41-year-old Salt Spring man sees a world of secret connections and hidden alliances. As if these facts have significance, he points out that a lawyer who once opposed him in a child custody case is now a judge and that a woman's ex-husband knows his former girlfriend.

A letter from a counsellor at his son's school is serious, he says, because it was written in red ink. "They felt it was important enough they wrote it in red ink," he observes, adding that

"average people avoid using red ink." For Bresson, the coloured ink evokes memories of long-ago report cards, when he says bad news was jotted down in red ink.

"This is not the first time situations dealing with children have happened," he said Friday, complaining that police took no action five years ago when his son's mother briefly seized custody of the child.

Many of his allegations trace back to a custody battle — the loss of his two children to their grandparents after his wife died of cancer. "They took my home, they took my children and everything," he said Friday.

It happened over a decade ago but Bresson believes hidden wheels are still turning in that custody dispute.

Bresson says he fought the loss of his first

two children through every possible level of government, including the B.C. ombudsman. "I've gone through every government office at least four or five times. Everybody in the government knows me."

Last fall he was being investigated by the Ministry of Social Services after a complaint was received about how he cared for his son — a complaint Bresson suspects was made by his former landlord.

Even during that investigation — and before he received a letter clearing him of the allegations — Bresson seized the chance to ask about regaining custody of his lost children.

He believes his ongoing campaign to regain his children has made him a target. "The RCMP have been trying for a long time to make me look like some kind of lunatic," he says.

ABUSE: Ministry found no evidence

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July, he did not report the incident to police until the end of November.

Investigators now believe the story is a complete fabrication.

The shotgun blasts cited by Bresson were actually a single shotgun blast which occurred last August. On Friday he claimed he looked out his cabin window and saw his landlord with a gun, yet he gave different evidence in a written report given to police August 7. That statement only notes "a rifle was fired outside my home."

In a December 14 interview with police, Bresson said he didn't know the source of the shot. But on January 7 he changed his story to say he saw the landlord "with what might have been a gun."

On Friday, Bresson also redefined his January 7 allegation that his son's assailant was "crashing through our door." The landlord, he said, had turned the knob and flung open the cabin door during an argument August 5.

Bresson could not recall any damage to the door.

For Ganges RCMP, Bresson's changing stories and charges against police have sparked countless hours of work. A thick file now records the progress of their investigations into Bresson's allegations. They have kept detailed notes throughout — a practice ordered by Sgt. Don Smith to keep tabs on Bresson's changing claims. (See related story).

On Friday, Bresson reiterated his dissatisfaction with police and with the Ministry of Social Services, which he now claims arranged the investigation to ensure no one would be found guilty. He also plans to cut all contact with Fernwood School. The school is "hostile," he says, pointing out that on Thursday staff sent a notice to parents refuting the claims in Bresson's letter.

Since the police have not agreed to his demands for a "criminal peace bond" against his former

landlord, Bresson now wants an investigation of the police force. "This investigation of the RCMP — I'm entitled to that," he says. "They treated me like the villain and they treated him like the victim."

To many people familiar with the complete story, the landlord is the victim. The man has been interviewed by police and had his career with the school district jeopardized by Bresson's allegations.

Yet, police report, the man was initially one of Bresson's friends, who tried to help the single father by offering temporary use of a cabin on his property when Bresson and his son needed accommodation. The landlord's family, police report, acted as surrogate parents to the lonely little boy living nearby.

Police report Bresson only cut off contact between his child and the landlord's family at the end of July — after Bresson was asked to move as the family needed the

cabin by September 1.

By then, police report, Bresson had out-stayed his welcome. The 12 by 20-foot cabin was originally offered to Bresson as temporary accommodation — but Bresson refused to move for nearly four years despite requests from the owners.

The situation erupted in an argument between Bresson and the landlord August 5 — which Bresson reported to police as an assault. A short time later, Bresson moved out.

He blames discrimination — noting that he has long hair and is on welfare — for police refusal to lay charges against his former landlord.

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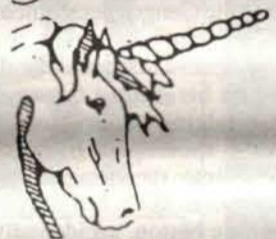
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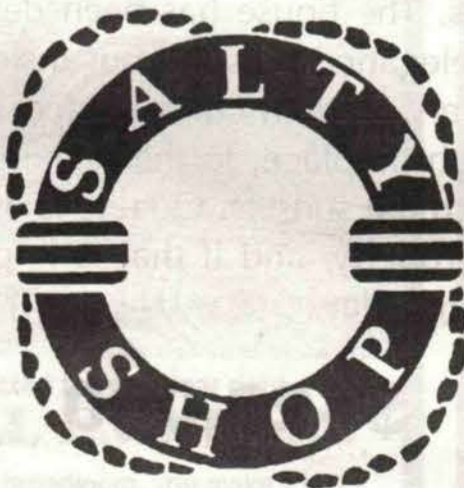
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The Bresson file: A chronological review

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

It could be subtitled *The Case of the Chameleon Complainant*. At Larry Bresson's request, Ganges RCMP have investigated alleged incidents of child sexual abuse, assault, firing a shotgun near a home, verbal abuse and theft — all directed against Bresson's former landlord.

To date, no evidence has been found to justify a charge or lay a peace bond against the landlord. But police have learned to document everything Bresson says — because the claims change.

Here, in chronological order, is a police history of the investigation:

- August 6, 1993: Larry Bresson attends the Ganges RCMP office to complain that he is being harassed by his landlord. Const. Dave Simmons talks to Bresson and, after assessing the situation, decides there is no danger of physical harm to anyone.

He invites Bresson to write a statement (which is turned in August 7) and contacts the Ministry of Social Services and Housing to help Bresson find another place to live.

Bresson grudgingly says he is satisfied with the police action.

- November 18, 1993: Bresson phones the Ganges detachment and says he wants to lay an assault charge against his former landlord, based on his August 6 complaint. While talking to Bresson, Simmons is interrupted by someone coming into the detachment. He tries to put Bresson on hold but hits the wrong button, accidentally terminating the call.

Bresson calls back and demands police sign an assault charge against the landlord and claims the landlord stole part of a month's rent and some tools. Simmons refuses

to sign a charge but offers to have the charge prepared if Bresson will sign it. He suggests Bresson come in to the office on November 22 or 23.

- November 19, 1993: Bresson goes to the detachment office and asks to have Simmons taken off the case. He also wants to lay a formal complaint against Simmons for "hanging up" on Bresson the previous day.

He asked police how he could lay a complaint against Ganges RCMP and is given the phone number for the Victoria subdivision office.

- November 19, 3 p.m.: Bresson returns to the RCMP office to ask why nothing was done about the shotgun shot he reported in August.

- November 19, 5:15 p.m.: Bresson calls the Colwood detachment and complains about his landlord chasing his son with a gun.

He says he won't deal with Ganges RCMP. A meeting is arranged with Const. Rod Holland of the Ganges detachment for November 20 at 11 a.m., but Bresson does not show up.

- November 25: Police meet with a social worker who is investigating two allegations linked to Bresson: one report that he is neglecting his six-year-old son and another report, by Bresson, that his son has been sexually assaulted.

- November 29: Bresson meets with Sgt. Don Smith to discuss his complaints, both against the landlord and against the police. Of the six complaints outlined by Bresson, four are either new or have changed substantially.

- December 6: Bresson calls police to ask why nothing has been done about his complaints. Const. Rod Holland takes over the investigation from Const. Simmons and begins interviewing school staff, people in the community and social service workers.

- December 14: The child is interviewed by a social worker and Holland about the sexual assault allegations.

No evidence is found. Asked

why he ran away from the landlord when he saw the man on the school grounds (see related story), the child says he is following his father's instructions. Bresson is not allowed to attend the interview but he has a representative present. After the interview, he is told there is no evidence of sexual assault — he agrees with Const. Holland that the issue can be dropped.

- January 6: Bresson calls the detachment to ask why nothing has been done about the sexual assault on his son.

- January 7: Const. Rod Holland, accompanied by auxiliary constable Chuck Hamilton, tapes a two-and-a-half hour interview with Bresson in front of three other witnesses of Bresson's choice. Those tapes are now being transcribed and, along with other evidence collected by police, will be reviewed by crown counsel. To date, police have found no reason to lay a charge.

"His cards are on the table and we're doing what we can to substantiate his various stories," Const. Rod Holland said.



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Impaired driver sobered by near-tragic October accident

A near-tragic accident in Ganges October 30 sobered an impaired driver, who readily admitted his drinking to police and then pleaded guilty to impaired driving in Ganges provincial court last week.

Crown counsel Martha McNeely said Kelly Keith Spiry, 29, was northbound on Lower Ganges Road when he wandered over the centre line into the path of an oncoming car in which a family was riding, McNeely said.

A head-on collision was narrowly averted by the driver of the oncoming car, who swerved sharply to avoid Spiry's vehicle, McNeely said. Spiry's car still struck the driver side door of the family's vehicle.

Spiry lost control of his vehicle, which spun 480 degrees before coming to rest on the right-hand shoulder of the road. When police arrived, Spiry admitted he had drunk six draft beer, McNeely said. Spiry's breathalyzer readings were 0.18 and 0.17.

Although Spiry had a previous record, McNeely said, the crown was not seeking a jail sentence.

Spiry apologized to the court for his actions. Judge Keith Bracken fined Spiry \$600 and prohibited him from driving for a year.

In other court news:

• A quick guilty plea, a sentence and leaving the province were the game plan of a 26-year-old Ontario man charged with impaired driving and refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

Dwayne Mohan plead guilty to both counts in provincial court January 11, less than 24 hours after he was arrested by police.

Crown counsel Martha McNeely said Mohan was found slumped in the driver's seat of a Ford van at about 11 p.m. January 10. The van's motor was running and the radio was on. When roused by police, Mohan slid off the seat to the driveway, McNeely added.

He admitted to police that he

court docket

was drunk but said he had not been driving the van. He had only been in the van to keep warm since his brother had locked him out of the house.

Taken to the police station, he twice refused to take a breathalyzer test.

He was held in custody until his court appearance the following day. McNeely noted Mohan's criminal record indicated a drug abuse problem.

James Pasuta, acting as duty lawyer, said Mohan was from Ontario and had come to join his brother on Salt Spring, hoping for a "new start on life."

Pasuta said there had been some conflict between the brothers. When Mohan returned to his brother's home January 11 after an evening of drinking, he found the door locked.

He then got in the van, which was parked in the yard, and turned both the engine and radio on before falling asleep.

Pasuta said Mohan refused to take the breathalyzer test because he had not driven the van and had no plans to drive the van. "He felt he shouldn't have been arrested. He wasn't driving."

However, Pasuta said Mohan now understands that anyone who is in care and control of a motor vehicle — sitting in the driver's seat with the motor running — can be charged with impaired driving.

Due to the rift with his brother and a desire to return to Ontario, Pasuta said Mohan has decided to deal quickly with the charges by pleading guilty. "He plans to leave B.C. as fast as he can."

Judge Keith Bracken fined Mohan \$400 for impaired driving and an additional \$350 for refusing to take the breathalyzer test. He

also suspended Mohan's driver's licence for a year.

• A 19-year-old Salt Spring man told the court he has improved his driving after getting rid of his sporty car.

Defending himself against a charge of driving without consideration for the safety of others, Matthew Kerrigan admitted he might have slid a bit while rounding a corner from Lower Ganges Road on to Rainbow Road last May 3. However, he said, claims by a witness that students had to jump out of the way to avoid his car were not true.

"Well, I did it but I think it's exaggerated a little," he said.

Asked about his lengthy record of previous driving infractions, dating back to 1989, Kerrigan said he had cleaned up his act over the past six months. "I got rid of my car."

Judge Keith Bracken fined Kerrigan \$150 and suspended his driver's licence for three months.

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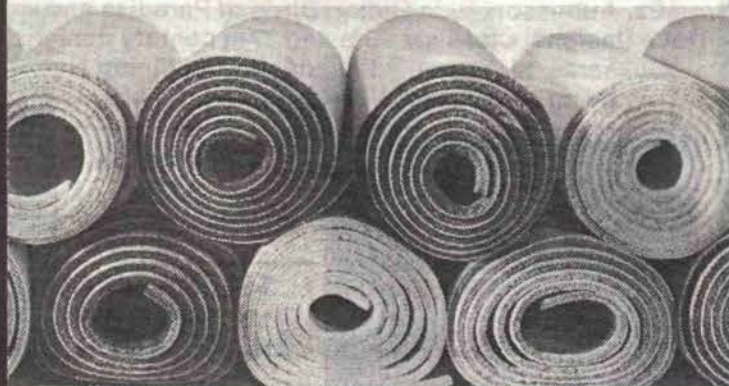
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Caught by store owner, vandal fined \$500

Bad timing brought reckoning for a Vancouver vandal, who smashed a store window in Fulford Harbour last June just as the property owner drove past.

James Cumisky unsuccessfully defended himself against the charge of mischief before Judge Keith Bracken in provincial court last Wednesday.

Li'l Patts owner Bruce Patterson testified that he was driving past the store at about 8 p.m. June 12 when he heard the sound of smashing glass and spotted Cumisky standing about a foot from a broken window. He stopped Cumisky and forced the man to wait for police.

Patterson said Cumisky at-

tempted to leave and board the last ferry from Fulford Harbour but after Patterson explained the situation, the ferry crew refused to let Cumisky on board.

After Cumisky and his friends were asked to leave the waiting room, Patterson said, "I suggested we should go back up to Li'l Patts, he made a couple of threats . . . he

turned around and had this half-filled plate of food and fired it at me — covered me nicely with bits of burrito."

Patterson said repairs to the window cost \$94.

Although Cumisky tried to argue that Patterson could not have identified him from 25 feet away, Judge Keith Bracken found the 24-

year-old Vancouver man guilty of mischief.

The judge also cited Cumisky's lengthy record and described the man's behaviour as "senseless, mindless and then arrogant."

He fined Cumisky \$500 and ordered him to pay \$94 in restitution to Patterson for damage to the window.

Buds, leaf the same to judge

Grass in a bag or grass in a bud — it was all the same to provincial court Judge Keith Bracken who found 53-year old Sooke resident James McMaster guilty of possession of marijuana.

McMaster defended himself against the charge in Ganges provincial court January 11. Although Ganges RCMP Const. Rod Holland testified that he looked in the window of McMaster's car and saw the man with a bag of marijuana on his lap, McMaster denied all knowledge of the drug.

Holland said he was patrolling the parking lot outside Beaver Point Hall at about 12:30 a.m. February 7 of last year. When Hol-

land shone a flashlight into McMaster's car, he saw the defendant seated in the passenger seat, rolling a cigarette on his lap using "plant-like material" from a plastic bag on his lap. Upon noticing the officer, McMaster shoved the bag out of sight and tried to brush off his leg before opening the car door.

Holland said he seized the bag from the car and had a sample of the contents analyzed, which identified the material as marijuana. However, McMaster said he didn't know about the bag of "leaf" in his car. He said he had picked up two hitchhikers coming off the Fulford Harbour ferry and they had left the bag in the vehicle.

McMaster agreed he had been trying to make a cigarette, but said he had been cutting up a marijuana "bud" which he had received from someone at the dance.

"I did knowingly have enough to make a cigarette in my possession," he told the court.

Judge Keith Bracken found McMaster guilty of possession of marijuana, and ordered a conditional discharge upon the completion of 20 hours of community service work and three months' probation.

He suggested McMaster ask the probation officer to arrange some type of community service work that could lead to a future job.

Wine theft, mischief earn 45 days

A criminal record containing 30 convictions helped put a 29-year-old Salt Spring man behind bars for 45 days after a theft from a local wine and beer store October 10.

Adam Croft pleaded guilty to theft under \$1,000 and mischief after an attempt to shoplift a bottle of wine from the Harbour House Cold Beer and Wine Store.

Crown counsel Martha McNeely said an employee of the store saw Croft hide an \$8.75 bottle of wine under his shirt before coming to the counter to pay for a can of beer. The employee pulled the bottle of wine from under Croft's shirt and locked the door so he could not leave.

Croft seized the wine and beer can and broke through the door to escape, McNeely said. Damage to the door totalled \$358.

McNeely noted Croft had a lengthy criminal record and was on probation — for theft over \$1,000 and mischief — at the time of the most recent offence. She

said Croft's probation officer recommended a short jail sentence and treatment for alcoholism.

Acting as duty lawyer, James Pasuta said Croft is a chronic alcoholic who moved to Salt Spring from Quebec with his wife and child last May. Croft was laid off from a restaurant job in October, at which time he began drinking again. Pasuta argued the offence is minor and that Croft needs rehabilitation and support.

"Having your window kicked out and property stolen is perhaps not as minor to the owner of the property," Judge Keith Bracken remarked. He added that Croft's record included convictions for robbery, theft, assault, possession of a narcotic and breach of probation.

Bracken sentenced Croft to 45 days in jail and placed him on probation for a year, directing him to attend counselling for alcohol abuse and to pay \$358 in restitution to the store.

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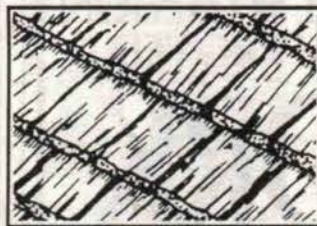
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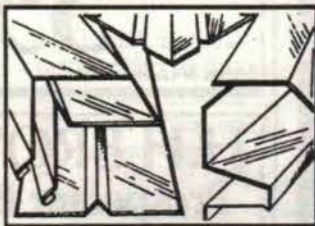
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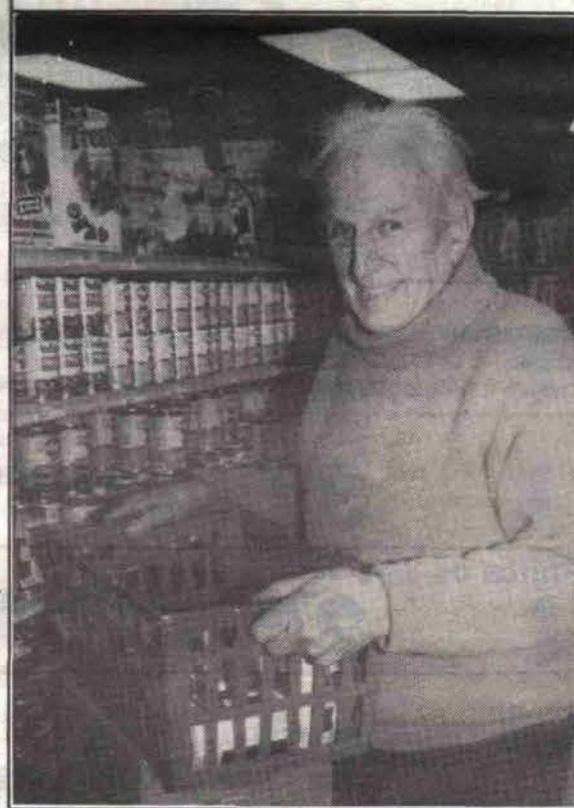
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Visiting administrator shares knowledge with arts centre society board members

A presentation Saturday on the operation of an arts centre meant a change in roles for ArtSpring board member Hetty Clews.

Arts administrator Denis Nokony, a former student of Clews', is now working at the Burnaby Arts Centre at Deer Lake. At Clews' suggestion, Nokony spent Saturday afternoon touring the ArtSpring building, and later offered his administrative expertise to board members.

"Now after 30 years, I'm ready to learn from my pupil," Clews commented in her introduction.

As arts development officer for the \$15 million facility, Nokony is currently overseeing fundraising efforts for the first \$7 million phase

of an expansion project. He also contributes policy guidelines to the centre which will be one of the largest in Canada.

Saturday evening, Nokony addressed a group of 40 Art Spring supporters at the United Church hall. "Decision-makers are recognizing that the contribution of the arts to the quality of life in a community is just as important as maintaining economic development in generating a tax base," he said. In fact, he added, artistic involvement stimulates economic activity.

"Cultivating and encouraging the arts in a community actually creates jobs, produces spin-offs for local business, and is a form of sustainable development that is

human-based, non-polluting and results in economic well-being," Nokony said.

Asked which role has priority in the initial operational stages of an arts complex, the artistic director or the administrator, Nokony replied, "The administrator. His or her primary responsibility is to make sure that the practical aspects of theatre and gallery management are taken care of."

Once the theatre space is opera-

tional, Nokony recommended "a system of tiered fees be implemented so that big-name attractions subsidize fledgling productions and local artistic efforts."

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Feud brings youth to provincial court

An ongoing feud among several young men on Salt Spring brought a youth to Ganges provincial court twice in two days last week.

The 17-year-old youth pleaded guilty last Tuesday to one count of mischief and on Wednesday was found guilty of a second.

The first incident, leading to Wednesday's trial, occurred on December 18, 1992. Witness John Quesnel said he and his brother

wall. "I guess I was guilty for wrecking the (phone) jack but I was the least guilty person there that night," he told the court.

He said the group had gone to the Quesnel's home after one of their friends had been assaulted by the brothers earlier in the day.

Judge Keith Bracken found the youth guilty of mischief for damaging the phone jack but said there was no clear evidence on who was responsible for damage to the rest of the phone. He suspended sentence and placed the youth on probation for six months.

Many of the same people were involved in a second mischief charge, laid after an incident which occurred September 6. The youth pleaded guilty on January 11 to that offence.

Crown counsel Martha McNeeley said the youth walked up to a car parked in Gasoline Alley and began taunting the occupants, finishing by punching out the passenger window. The youth said he had walked past and the people in the car had been taunting him.

Judge Bracken fined the youth \$150 and ordered him to pay \$110 in compensation to the owner of the car.

Bracken said both incidents demonstrated an ongoing problem between two groups of people. He suggested both groups avoid contact with each other and not try to instigate attacks. He also advised the youth to contact police about any problems instead of trying to retaliate.

Bracken suggested both groups avoid contact with each other.

Mike were at home when a group of people broke into their house.

Quesnel testified that his brother attempted to call police, at which time the accused kicked the phone cord from the wall and then broke the phone. Quesnel and his brother testified that at least two scuffles occurred before Mike Quesnel was able to escape from the home and summon police.

The youth, conducting his own defence, told the court that he had pulled the phone cord from the wall with his hand but had not otherwise damaged the phone. He thought the telephone had been damaged in the melee which followed the group's arrival.

He admitted he had probably damaged the phone plug as he had not properly removed it from the

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Music transcends all boundaries

Philosophical differences no bar to good music

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island's newest quartet is proving that philosophical harmony isn't needed to create rich, harmonious and rhythm-drenched jazz.

Two members of the Ray Newman Quartet even found themselves published at opposite poles of a multi-faceted religious debate in last year's August 25 issue of the *Driftwood*. The coincidence prompted a few laughs for Ray Newman and drummer Bill Shaw, who have much in common beyond the philosophical realm.

They now play mainstream jazz together every Sunday night at Moby's Pub with bass player Ian Van Wyck and guitarist Lloyd English.

Shaw and Newman are both lifetime musicians who have played big band, swing, jazz and celebrated show tunes; their wives are also accomplished musicians. But Shaw is a committed Christian and Newman is not.

A retired schoolteacher (who taught briefly on Salt Spring about 30 years ago), Shaw now supplements his musical "retirement career" with writing for Christian periodicals.

Newman and wife Virginia are active in the peace, justice and environment movements, and have injected professionalism and energy into Salt Spring's entertainment scene for about 25 years.

Ray's *Driftwood* letter questioned the worldwide harm and suffering resulting from religious intransigence. Shaw's letter defended the historical authenticity of the Bible.

In certain relationships such a difference of opinion might be a problem.

Shaw acknowledges he and Newman "are as far apart in our thinking about the topic (of religion) as you can get."

Newman says he is not a feisty verbal debater, preferring quiet discussion or writing of his thoughts, and except for joking about their published letters the subject "hasn't come up."

"I'm not going to shy away from it," he says. "Bill is more vocal on it, obviously, and the position I come from is almost from birth — I was never in a religious atmos-



MUSIC THE CEMENT THAT UNITES: Ray Newman Quartet doesn't let philosophical or religious differences get in the way of good music. From left are Lloyd English, Ian Van Wyck, Bill Shaw and Ray Newman, ready to play Sunday at Moby's. Photos by Tony Richards

phere. I never had to get rid of the religious baggage."

While Shaw says he is always willing to talk about the Bible and his beliefs, musical expression dominates the quartet.

"Music is the cement that really unites us. We're all experienced musicians and we like each other through our music. And Ray is such a nice guy. So we don't want it to get in the way."

Shaw has played drums in a multitude of venues, including big bands in Calgary and Edmonton in the 1950s and 60s. He sold most of his equipment about 10 years ago but since moving to Salt Spring in 1992 he has found his skills much in demand.

Newman said he felt a terrible loss when back problems last year ended long-time island drummer Bill Smith's tenure, but Shaw has been a natural in filling that void.

Music is not a forum for personal ideas—English

Quartet member Lloyd English agrees that music transcends an individual's philosophical positions.

"I think it's really important to have opinions, but music is not a forum for personal ideas. It's far more emotional and in that sense it's a language unto itself that doesn't have a lot of the negative connotations of our spoken word."

He explains that musicians typically converse about the limitless subject of music, and will immediately connect on that level.

"So much goes into learning how to play well that you have so much in common right away."

English has played guitar professionally since he was 16 years old, does studio work and explored a gamut of musical genres primarily in Vancouver, Victoria and Toronto. He now teaches music and directs the Salt Spring Singers and the Pender Island choir.

He is pleased to be playing jazz with such accomplished musicians.

"Salt Spring has a very small musical community but despite that we have the components to make this group," he says. "When I was living in Toronto I don't think I played in anything better than this."

Ian Van Wyck is the group's much-acclaimed bass player. Shaw says Van Wyck could be the best of hundreds he has known.



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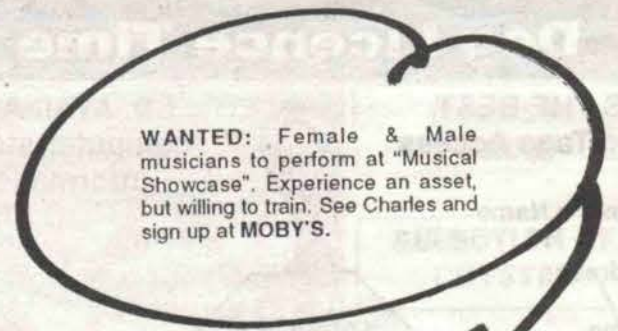
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Painters' work will adorn hall windows

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Central Hall is getting its windows dressed.

At a time of year when the last of Christmas decorations are being taken down, the heritage hall on Salt Spring Island is having its seven large windows adorned with island-made painted panels.

Nine members of the Salt Spring Painters' Guild agreed to donate their time and talent to create seven scenes for the large plain shutters at the side of each of the hall's windows. The guild is getting \$1,000 for the works, to donate to a charity of its choice.

"It has been in the works for two or three years," said John Volc, past-president of the Central Community Hall Society. "We thought it would enhance the hall and give local artists some exposure."

Fitting island images to the strange and restrictive shape of the hall's window shutters was the biggest hurdle for guild members.

"We were framed before we began to paint," member Judith Borbas said, which is not usually the case with painters. "We usually see a scene and paint the right size. We had to wait until we found a scene that would fit that shape."

"It's a little intimidating for someone who hasn't done a lot of painting," fellow artist Margaret Threlfall added. "They're quite big."

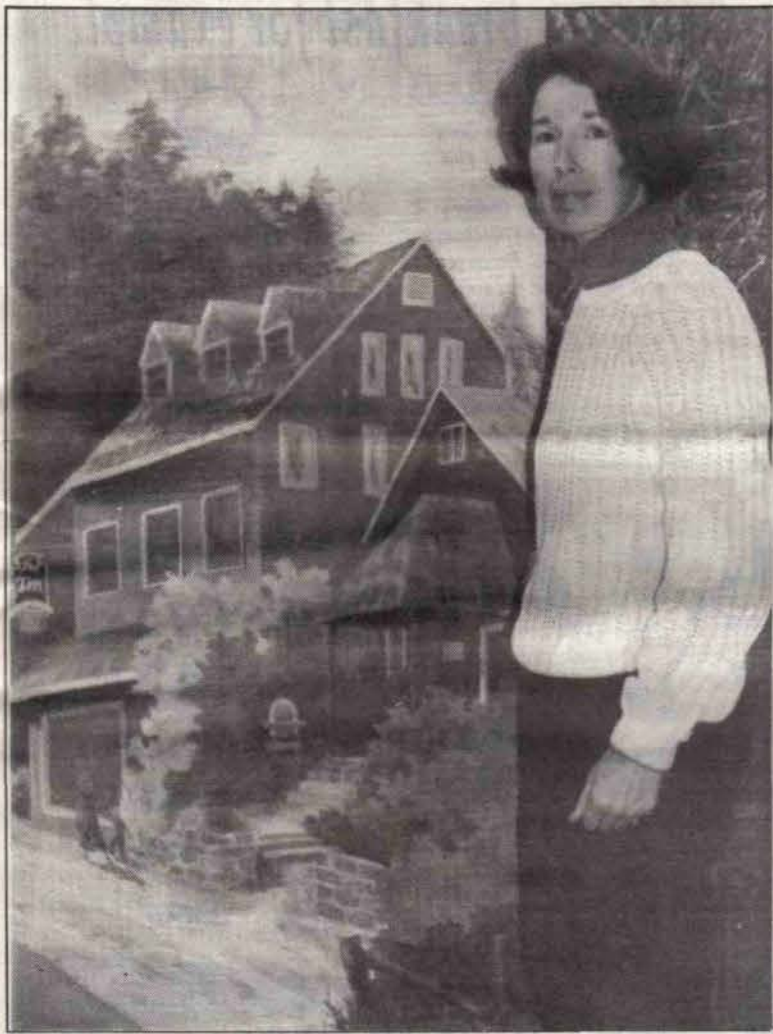
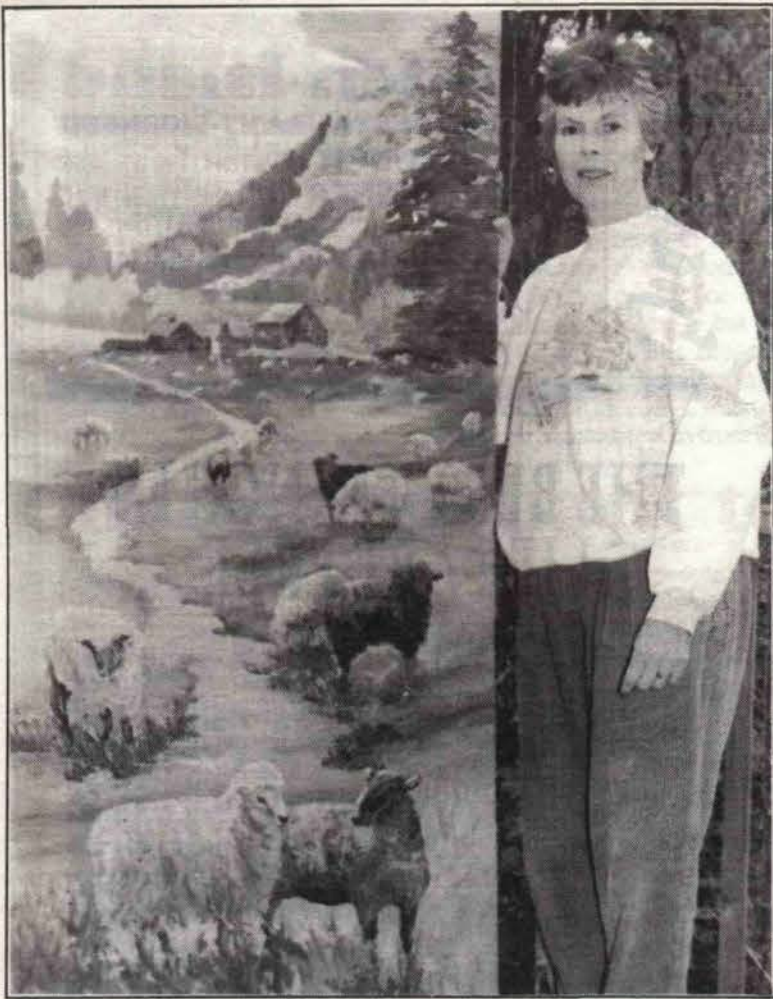
Six foot one by 31 and a half inches to be exact.

"It was eight days' solid work after the design idea," Threlfall said of her panel. "The design idea took two years."

Usually, Borbas said, artists have an idea they want to execute on canvas and they choose the size to suit the idea. But the window panels did not work that way.

COUNTRY LIFE: Fulford Valley and Mount Maxwell, painted with "some artistic licence," was the scene chosen by painter Margaret Threlfall, top, for her Central Hall panel. Left, Ganges village is captured in oils by painter Judith Borbas. The panels are among seven made by members of the Salt Spring Painters' Guild for windows in Central Hall.

Photos by Graeme Thompson



The seven pieces include rural and village scenes, animals and people, farms, mountains and the sea; in fact, every aspect of island life today.

Doreen Giles has painted a Ganges market scene; Olive Clayton conceived a scene of stylized island animals; Helen Wiebe has done a scene with an eagle amid Douglas firs; Daisy Welsh has captured Fulford Harbour in her work.

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Joy Eastman, Bonnie Madsen and Joan Wrigley painted a scene of Booth Canal, looking out towards Vancouver Island.

Threlfall painted a historic scene of Fulford valley looking west and up toward Mount Maxwell. A farm huddles below the distinctive and craggy peak and sheep dot the valley, which has a stream running through it.

"I needed something to lead the eye back," she says of the stream, which is part artistic licence.

Borbas, who likes to paint street scenes and buildings, finally settled on a downtown Ganges scene showing the historic Luigi's building and the Helios clinic.

"I tried to do Central Hall but it didn't work," she said. "It was a real problem to fit a street scene in that kind of size."

The bit of a hill looking west up McPhillips Avenue and the three-storey Garner building gave the scene the height Borbas was looking for.

"It was a very pleasant experience," Borbas said. "It was a great challenge and great fun to do."

The works will be unveiled at a special ceremony in Central Hall today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

Burns Night Sunday

There are few births celebrated around the world as religiously as that of Robbie Burns.

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Born in 1759 in a poor crofter's cottage, he was a hard-working life. But he produced poetry that captured the language, thoughts and emotions of the people he knew so well in an unaffected manner.

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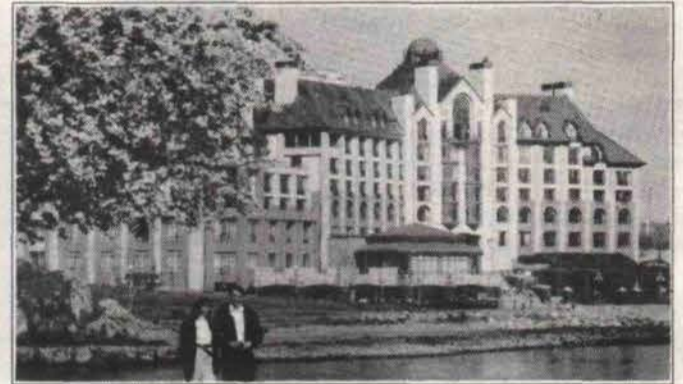
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For the past 10 years Bertrand has been using artistry to research meridians, which she defines as the energy pathways in the body. She invented "The Meridian Figure" project, a computerized, electronic body suit covered with hundreds of tiny lights.

Each of the lights represents an acupuncture point associated with the major meridians of the body. Wearing the suit and dancing to an original musical score on a darkened stage, Bertrand creates a three-dimensional moving illustration of meridian activity.

Anyone interested in registering for the course is urged to do so by next Tuesday. For registration information, contact the Parks and Recreation Commission at 537-4448, or drop by the office in Portlock Park between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. or 2:30 and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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Tough to quit smoking, agrees doctor, 69

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

It's tough to beat the weed. Just ask Dr. Stephen Thorson, who certainly knows all of the reasons for quitting but still can't lick his two-pack-a-day habit.

Now 69 and retired, Thorson says he has tried to stop smoking several times since evidence began accumulating in the mid-1950s about the dangers of smoking.

Now, he says, he is resigned to his addiction. "I've never been motivated strongly enough to quit." For the last decade, he has decided smoking is a calculated risk he will take with his health.

Otherwise, he says, he maintains a healthy lifestyle: he has moderate eating habits, gets plenty of exercise and is a modest drinker. Thorson is one of the smokers whom Scott McDonald, executive director of the B.C. Lung Association, would describe as "hard-core" — those who have tried to quit and been unsuccessful.

There are a lot of would-be quitters among smokers. A study by the lung association showed only 25 per cent of those who participate in stop-smoking campaigns are successful. On average, it takes two to four attempts to quit before the smoker succeeds.

"The main thrust of society against smoking has occurred in the last 10 years," Thorson said. "Smokers are now something of social pariahs."

Thorson not only remembers when smoking was socially acceptable, he recalls it being encouraged when he started puffing in mid-adolescence.

"Everybody smoked in those days. Wherever one went, smoking was not only tolerated, it was also encouraged."

Even while serving in the air force during the second world war, Thorson found cigarettes were readily available. After the war, he resumed his education and became a doctor in 1952.

"Even then, the evidence was accumulating as to the causation of lung cancer," he says, although initially many people were sceptical about the evidence.

A decade later, the evidence was conclusive and campaigns to encourage people to stop smoking were under way. In recent years, the ills caused by cigarettes have been expanded to include chronic bronchitis, emphysema and vascular/heart disease.

Thorson finished his career as a professor of medicine at the University of B.C., where he said



there was a small, hard-core group of smokers within the medical faculty.

"My respiratory friends were appalled to see me light up."

Even though he knows the dangers, Thorson says he can't quit a habit of over 40 years. "It's very addictive."

People in the health care field know how addictive cigarettes can be — so are especially concerned when experimenting teenagers take up the habit. Women, especially adolescent girls, are among the fastest growing group of smokers in the country, according to Vancouver General Hospital's Suzan Ross, who coordinates the hospital's anti-smoking program.

In 1994, approximately five per cent of young women under the age of 11 will start smoking. Less than

five per cent of women who now smoke will quit — perhaps because they fear they will gain weight if they stop smoking.

Pregnant women who smoke are not only jeopardizing their own health but also run the risk of low birth weight babies who may also suffer from asthma, respiratory problems, hyperactivity, and behaviour problems. Babies of smokers are also at increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome.

For those who do not smoke, the best advice is not to start. Statistics show that if people do not start smoking as teenagers, they are un-

likely to pick up the habit. For those who smoke, there is help available to quit. A free booklet, *Quit Tips*, is available from the lung association by calling 1-800-731-5864. For teens, there is a special Quit for Life program, available by calling 1-800-363-3537.

And on Salt Spring, public health nurses Chris Smart and Pam MacKenzie welcome calls from would-be non-smokers at 537-5541.

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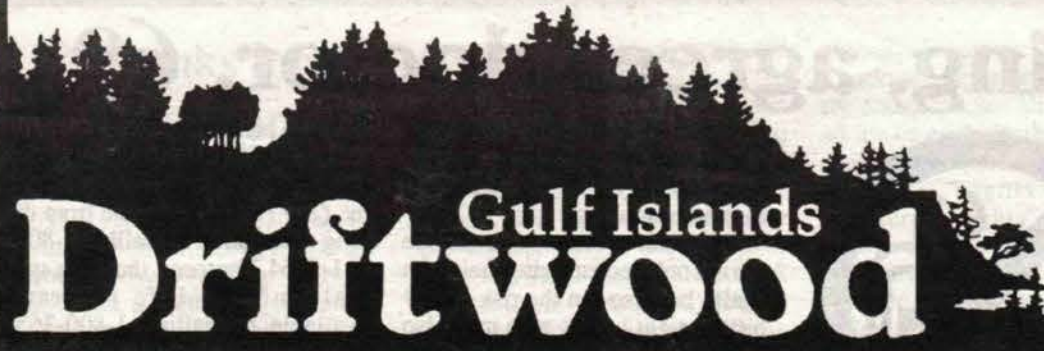
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06 DEATHS

SANDERS - Elsie Sarah, passed away on January 13, 1994. Born in Victoria on July 22, 1894. She was predeceased by her husband, Ewart, in 1966 and is survived by her three daughters, Pat Turner, of Victoria, Gloria Walker, of Welland, Ontario and Catherine Anne (Bruce) McFadyen, of Salt Spring Island; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and a sister, May Parker, of Qualicum Beach. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 29, in the chapel at James Bay Lodge. Flowers are gratefully declined, and if so desired, donations may be made to James Bay Lodge Residents Council, 336 Simcoe Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1L2. McCall's of Victoria, 385-4465. 3

GIRARD, Mary Johnstone, nee Byer, peacefully at Cowichan District Hospital, January 15, 1994, with her family in attendance. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 22, 1925. Predeceased by her husband, Jack, 1986. Survived by her children: Janice (Morris) Akerman of Saskatoon, Paulette (Gary) Langdon of Nanaimo, David (Sharon) Girard of Ganges, Carolyn (Richard) Tak of Vancouver, Jocelyn (Marcel) D'Eon of Saskatoon, 18 grandchildren and one great-grandson, three sisters, Sarah Byers, Isabelle Redhead and Jean Hiebert. Special thanks to the staff at Greenwood, Lady Minto Hospital and Cowichan District Hospital. Funeral liturgy at Our Lady of Grace Church, Drake Road, Ganges, B.C. Rev. D.D. MacDonald, OMI officiating. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1 pm. Flowers are gratefully declined. Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. 3

WESTCOTT, Helen Kathleen, passed away January 16, 1994. Funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 at 11 am. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Drake Rd. She is survived by her daughter, Trisha Marie Hoffman and her son Edward Walter Westcott of Ganges as well as her 3 sisters: Pat Friesen of Cowley, Alberta; Bunny Fisher of Salt Spring Island and Natalie Horel of Salt Spring Island. 3

WOOD - Rev. John (Jack) M. peacefully passed away at home after a lengthy battle with cancer. Predeceased by his younger siblings, Elva and Emie Wood, Jack is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Eileen (Hibbert), their children Marley (Bill) Illerbrun, Jane Eldridge and Allan (Sandy) Wood; grandchildren Marion, Marley, Kurt, Andrew and Shannon; devoted sister-in-law Audrey Muir; and beloved nieces and nephews Leslie (Neal) Muir-Pollock, Leigh (Sharon) Muir and Beth (Mike) Cook. Jack was a member of Metropolitan United Church and actively involved with the sanctuary choir, as well as the Victoria Kiwanis Club. Born April 10, 1916, in Edmonton, Alberta, Jack spent his teen years in the Crow's Nest Pass; a flying instructor in the RCAF during World War II; a graduate of UBC and Union College, entering the United Church Ministry in 1962. He served the pastoral communities of Maidstone, Saskatchewan and Brentwood Bay/Shady Creek. Jack and Eileen were long-time members of Highlands United Church in Edmonton, the congregation which supported him along his road to ordination. Memorial Service will be held at Metropolitan United Church on Thursday, January 20 at 2:00 pm. with the Reverend Russell Crossley officiating. Flowers are gratefully declined and those wishing to make a donation to Metropolitan United Church, 907 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V8V 3P4 would be appreciated. McCall's of Victoria, 385-4465. 3

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February 14

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08 CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD like to extend my sincere thanks to all the people involved in my life since a very sudden illness made it necessary to spend 5 days in the Saanich Peninsula Hospital - a big thank you to our ever caring Dr. Barry Lovell, our number one Galiano ambulance crew, the paramedics and skipper of the Ganges water taxi, the ambulance crew from Sidney, to Dr. Robb, Dr. Waite, and the dedicated nursing staff at the hospital, all my dear friends who came to visit, sent cards and flowers, (talk about Spring in December!). And last but not least, my dear husband Ralph, whose untiring daily visits meant so much, to our most wonderful children, Bill, Lea, Fred and Isobel, your concern, encouraging words and love will never be forgotten - and to my extended family, the Barner family who came to visit every day. I love you all very much, thank you a million times over. Also to Doreen and Frank, thank you, (you make a mean cake). My love to all. Clara Stevens. 3

THE BESSIE Dane Foundation and Hospice wishes to thank Pemberton Holmes (Gulf Islands) Ltd. Community Fund, O.A.P.O., Golden Hands Arts & Crafts, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, Piecemakers Quilt Group and numerous individuals for their financial assistance during 1993. Hospice depends entirely on donations to meet its financial needs for service to the terminally ill and their families and friends. 3

Salt Spring Island
COMMUNITY SOCIETY



Again this year, the Christmas Hamper Program was a great success. Our thanks go out to generous donors of food, toys and money; to volunteers who bagged food and drivers who delivered it. A special thank you to Nel Meyer, Mary Fraser and Manson Toynbee for their expert coordination of the food hampers and to Bob Appleton and his assistants who devoted their time and skills to Santa's Workshop. We are most grateful to the United Church who, each year, kindly allow us the free use of their hall for the preparation of hampers. To all other volunteers, not mentioned above, who so generously gave their time to this much needed project, a sincere thank you.

10 CELEBRATIONS

TO THE Ex-Chef. Lordy, Lordy. Now Steve's 40. Happy Birthday, Steve. 3

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11 COMING EVENTS

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20 ENGAGEMENTS

BOB & MARJE Walde are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Candice, to David, son of Peter and Pat Jaquest. 3

23 IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS WILLIAM SHELBY

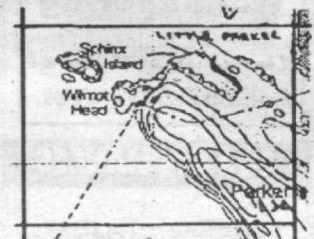
April 15, 1962 - Jan. 20, 1989
Remembering you is easy.
We do it every day.
Missing you is the heartache,
That never goes away.
- From his loving family

26 LEGALS

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION Firehall #3, Salt Spring Island, B.C. This is to indicate that the above project is substantially completed as of 17 Dec. 1993, for purposes of Lein legislation. Any parties with outstanding interests in the project are asked to contact Mr. Les Wagg, Fire Chief, S.S.I. F.P.D., P.O. Box 121, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0, within the lein period. 537-2531, Mon.-Fri., 8 - 5. 4

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND

Take notice that Jeffrey Paul Bickerstaff, Elyn M. R. Underhill, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation: businessman/lawyer, intend to make application to the B.C.Lands regional office in Victoria for a licence of occupation of land generally situated in Saanich/Capital Assessment Area - Little Parker Island, and more specifically described below: Parcel Identifier 008-538-361, Lot 1, District 9, Little Parker Island, Cowichan District, Plan 45606, commencing at a post planted running parallel to south shore as indicated on attached drawing, 10 m. from shore, below the low tide mark. The purpose for which the land is required is underwater power line. Comments concerning this application may be made to the Ministry of Environment, Lands, & Parks, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X5, 387-5011. File # 1407976. Signed J. Bickerstaff, E. Underhill.



29 LOST & FOUND

LOST: GOLD Tiki Maori carving, (little man, approx. 3/4"), pendant style. Lost, Fri. a.m., Jan. 14 in woman's change room at North End Fitness. Please call Heather at 537-9717. \$100.00 reward offered. 5

FOUND: CHANGE Purse left on the counter at K.I.S. Owner please describe at 537 4243. 3

FOUND: PAIR of glasses, Jan 13 on Fulford Ganges Road. Owner may claim at Driftwood. 3

FOUND NEAR Wallace Island: Grumman canoe; beyond repair, Serial # 1830-GM-5-17. Call 756 6259. 3

MISSING: ORANGE tabby cat, 5 yr. old male, medium length hair. Mt. Maxwell/Cranberry Rd. 537-9602 or 653-4050. 3

29 LOST & FOUND

FOUND SOMETHING? Driftwood would like to match up what you have found with the person who owns it. Call in your found ads at no charge. Free "Found" ads, a community service of Gulf Islands Driftwood, Mon. - Fri., 8:30 - 4:30, 537-9933. tfn

LOST, BROWN furry bear with green overalls. Probably around Ganges. Since Dec. 15. 537-9616. 3

STILL LOST and wandering: "Chazz", black male cat (part Burmese). Possibly wearing a red collar, maybe he's sleeping in your barn or shed. Would you please call his name and if you see him, phone 537-9923. There is a reward for his return. Thank you. 3

FOUND: BOX of vitamins near Camp Namia. Call to describe and explain: 653-4566. 3

32 MEETINGS

THE SALT Spring Island Harbour Authority is holding their annual meeting at the Grace Point Conference Room, #1203, on January 20, 1994 at 7 pm. 3



LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, January 24,
1994 - 2:00 pm.
United Church Hall
Visitors Welcome

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

OPENINGS NOW for 3 yr. and 4 yr. olds at S.S.I. Pre-School (Parent-owned and operated co-operative). Participate with your child while they "Learn Through Play". Guided by an enthusiastic early childhood educator. Info, Gail, 537-9149. Also enquire: Sept. 94. 4

IS THERE a chess club in Ganges. If not, is anyone interested in forming one? Either way, phone 653-4451. 3

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LOU M. STACEY
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35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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Valentine's Day February 14

Don't be late! We have set aside a special Valentine section just for your message!

Call 537-9933 before February 7 for Valentine's Day display advertising. 4/94

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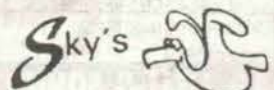
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540 WANTED/RENTALS

WANTED TO RENT House on Ocean Waterfront for 2-4 weeks in August No Kids/No Pets Call Bob collect 274-3393

06 DEATHS

KIRKEDAH, Jules. Long term resident and Salt Spring Islander, passed away Dec. 22, 1993, leaving 1 son, Peter, and wife Debbie, 2 granddaughters, Lori and Tracy. Memorial service will be held at a later date. 3

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BACHELOR SUITE, south end, close to beach, suitable for N/S, N/D woman. Long term, \$325 + hydro. 653-4395.

20 CUBIC FOOT chest freezer, \$120. Eves. phone 537-2691.

WANTED: ROOM-MATE for downtown Ganges. Prefer female. W/d incl. for Feb. 1. \$375. 537-4998.

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MISSING: ORANGE tabby cat, 5 yr. old male, medium length hair, Mt. Maxwell/Cranberry Rd. 537-9602 or 653-4050.

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SALE AT Crossroads on Jan. 22. 20% off all reg. stock. Up to 50% on clothing. One day only.

DAYCARE: THERE are still a few more openings at the Toy Box Family Daycare. Call Tanja Konig at 653-4605. 3

FOR SALE: Large stainless steel restaurant type fridge. 537-5334.

LOST: Gold 'Aveda' perfume bottle, pendant off chain. Jan. 14. Call 537-2668.

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TWO PIECE bare drysuit. Size large. Four Toyota aluminum rims off pickup. Leave message 537-4591.

LOST: CANON Sure Shot Megazoom 76 camera. Reward. Please call Patrick, 537-9977 or 653-4352.

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Murder suspect awaits deportation hearing

Fugitive Gerald Gervasoni, arrested on Salt Spring October 21 after a story on a Florida murder was broadcast on *Unsolved Mysteries*, is due to appear at an immigration hearing next Monday.

Canada Immigration is applying to have Gervasoni deported from Canada to face a murder charge in Florida. Gervasoni is a suspect in the 1986 slaying of Paula Pasciak, reputedly Gervasoni's girlfriend at the time.

Gervasoni had lived on Salt Spring since May 1993 under the name of Gordon Neil MacIntyre.

In other police news:

• An alarm may have scared away a thief or thieves who broke into Salt Spring Gem and Arts just before 5 a.m. last Wednesday, but

RCMP report

only seized a few small items before fleeing.

A single display case inside the store was smashed and three red Swiss army knives, some silver coins and some watches were taken. Ganges RCMP are still investigating the theft.

• High-quality brew was stolen in a daytime break-in at a home on Frazier Road Wednesday. Stolen was a bottle of Greek wine, made in 1903 and bottled in 1927, with an estimated value of \$600. Also taken was a bottle of 1964 Dom

Perignon, valued at \$100, two bottles of black label Johnny Walker, 42 bottles of homemade blackberry wine, labelled BB 93, and a knapsack.

Entry was gained through a front door window. The theft occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

• A feud between two groups of people erupted on Hereford Avenue at about 9 p.m. Thursday, when a group of young people began throwing eggs at an apartment building. Two of the youths were later confronted by a building occupant, at which time one of the youths returned to Hereford Avenue and kicked the accuser's car, causing an estimated \$200 in damage. • A break-in which oc-

curred between January 8 and 15 was reported to police when a friend checked the home Saturday. The owners are away and a friend, who was keeping an eye on things, noticed a broken window on one side of the house. An investigation revealed the inside of the home had been ransacked and some food and drink in the house had been consumed.

• Several drivers lost the right to their wheels after being stopped by police last week. A 30-year-old

man received a 24-hour suspension after he hit the ditch while turning into his driveway at about 11:50 p.m. Friday. At 12:45 p.m. Saturday a 26-year-old man was charged with driving while prohibited, after he was stopped by police on Hereford Avenue. At 5:49 p.m. that same day, a 34-year-old Sidney man was also charged with driving while prohibited and handed a 24-hour suspension after he was stopped on Fulford-Ganges Road near Fulford Harbour.

Simmons named acting NCO

Twenty-year RCMP veteran Const. David Simmons will be acting NCO of the Ganges detachment until the new detachment sergeant arrives later this year.

Simmons has served on Salt Spring for the past 13 months. Lorne Bunyan of Vernon has been chosen as the replacement for Sgt. Don Smith, who left last Thursday for a position in Merritt.

BACTERIA

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goyne Bay, but there are fish in Burgoyne Bay and the stream also runs through Camp Narnia.

"We have to make sure these things are operated safely," she said, adding, "I don't want them

leaking elsewhere either."

Neither liquid waste committee chairman John Richardson nor regional waste manager Ted Oldham were available for comment before presstime.

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