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Environmentalists meet to discuss Carmanah

Representatives from close to 20 environmental groups who met on Salt Spring over the weekend called for a stop to any further logging in the Carmanah Valley and demanded that information currently being considered by the minister of forests about the valley should immediately be made public.

A press release issued by the group Monday noted, "One of the

few relatively intact watershed remaining on Vancouver Island, Carmanah plays a small but vital role in B.C.'s remaining wilderness — and forms a critical part of our rapidly diminishing global rainforest ecology."

Lynda Laushway, a representative with the Green Islands environmental group here, said her group decided to organize the rally two weeks ago when members ex-

pressed concern about the decision the Minister of Forests is expected to make on logging in the Carmanah in the next few weeks.

At this point, she said, environmentalists in the province have only heard "rumours" from the minister's office. A more organized approach by environmental groups, they felt, might produce more information.

The environmentalists who gathered on Salt Spring this weekend

represented more than 100,000 people. The group agreed there should be no more logging in Carmanah.

At this point, MacMillan Bloedel, which owns the 6,700 hectare site, is proposing to log all of the valley except for 538 hectares (or seven per cent) which would be set aside as a reserve for the Sitka spruce. The Carmanah is one of the few areas in the province where Sitka as old and as

tall as those in the valley can still be found.

When MB originally proposed to log the Carmanah in 1988, its forest management plan called for the setting aside of two smaller 80 and nine hectare reserve sites for the giant Sitka. A second study done in the late part of the year said the size of the reserve should be increased to 538

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A facelift marks our anniversary

The *Gulf Islands Driftwood* looks different this week. Months of planning, designing and preparing were completed in time for this Valentines Day issue.

The *Driftwood* will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year and part of the celebration is a complete facelift. Company president Frank Richards said this is only the third major redesign in the history of the newspaper. The last front page banner change came shortly after he took over the paper in 1966.

A printer at the *Sidney Review* named "Little Joe" knew Richards was buying the Gulf Island paper and presented him with the previous Old English banner as a farewell gift. Most newspapers at the time featured that lettering or Times Roman.

Over the years there have been minor changes, none of which match the current undertaking.

Consultation with resident island artist John Bader who took the idea and created our new front page banner and graphic designer Liz Wood who provided the inside touches resulted in our new look for the 1990s. Assistance from computer consultant Roland Shanks and hours of work by editor Susan Dicker and the composing room staff of Anne Lyon, Cathy Mack and Jill Fowles completed the massive job.

Residents seek help for hazardous roads

Residents of the Mt. Belcher area hope the highways department will help improve safety conditions on Charlesworth and Cudmore Heights roads.

By SUSAN DICKER
The Driftwood

After witnessing several hazardous situations on the two roads, which connect the Mt. Belcher area with Fulford-Ganges Road, residents

First grants are released

The first of the Windfall grants have been allocated on Salt Spring.

Salt Spring's director to the Capital Regional District (CRD) Julia Atkins released \$30,000 to the Library Association and \$10,000 to the Island Stream Enhancement Society.

The library will use the money to finish rooms in the basement to allow for expansion of useable space in the McPhillips Avenue facility.

The Stream Enhancement Society plans to improve Ganges Creek from the water front upstream past the site of the proposed arts centre. Preliminary work has been done on the linear park.

are calling a meeting for next Monday (February 19) night.

Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert and an official from the highways department are scheduled to attend the meeting which will take place in the high school bandroom, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Wilkie Way resident Rick Laing — one organizer of the meeting — said the steepness and narrowness of Charlesworth makes it an illegal road.

He and other organizers hope the meeting will result in installation of a guard rail at the edge of Cudmore Heights and possibly an alternate route down the mountain.

Laing said last Tuesday a layer of snow and ice on the crest of the hill caused him to lose control of his vehicle and slide off the edge of the road. His vehicle came to rest with one wheel hanging over the cliff.

"It could have been a really bad situation," Laing said.

Stefan Jacobs and his family, who left their Mt. Belcher Heights home and attempted the hill moments later, were not as lucky.

At the crest of Cudmore Heights, they saw two vehicles abandoned on the side of the road. Driving a four-wheel drive Subaru, they managed to pass the cars without too much dif-

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George Hunt Junior works on a drum rattle in front of his carved Komoka mask. Hunt and his work will be featured at the Pegasus Gallery Big House, this Saturday, February 17.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

At the pulse of native culture

First of Two Parts

The drum has played a vital part in the culture of the Indians of the Americas since time immemorial.

By REG ASHWELL
Driftwood Contributor

The throb of tribal drums relayed messages of war and peace and foretold of coming events and celebrations. Down through the ages, the rhythmic

beat of the drum has continued to represent the very pulse of the native social structure.

The drum has maintained a spiritual significance, undimmed by the passage of time and the inevitable changes brought about by the coming of non-Indians to western shores.

With the revival of the Potlatches, (those great "giving away" ceremonies that remain the very cornerstone of northwest coast native cultures), and the marvellous renaissance of Indian art, the significance of the drum in Indian society has become more pronounced than ever.

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THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week beginning Monday, February 12

Sunny Monday and Tuesday with increasing clouds and rain mixed with snow, beginning Wednesday. Snow flurries expected Thursday,

clouds for the weekend.

HIGHS: 6 degrees C.

LOWS: -1 degrees C.

Chance of precipitation 70 per cent Wednesday and Thursday.

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Delegates meet on Salt Spring

Group is concerned over announcement

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hectares. The remainder of the Carmanah would be logged over the next 80 years.

A new study was done early last year by the government's forest management branch which included on-site investigations and information gathered at public hearings in Victoria, Vancouver, Port Alberni and Nanaimo. The results of that study along with a range of logging alternatives were turned over to the minister late last March.



Lynda Laushway

Forest Minister Claude Richmond is expected to announce details of the new management plan, sometime within the next two weeks.

Laushway said local environmentalists as well as those from other parts of the province were becoming "nervous" about the impending announcement and decided two weeks ago to organize a meeting that would focus on the Carmanah issue.

She said the group agreed the minister should make proposed plan public.

"We kept hearing rumour after rumour that a decision would be made on the Carmanah soon . . . and

we were getting no information other than stalling."

She added that her group asked for a meeting with the minister when he returns to Victoria this week.

"The question is can the minister ignore a request from that many people?"

"The Carmanah has become a symbol for the people of the province — a symbol for the how the province will handle the preservation of the forests and where it is planning to go.

"The people (here) will no longer accept the multi-nationals controlling the province."

Paul Pashnik, district manager in Port Alberni, who headed the study that was turned over to the minister said that although he could not release any details of the plan, the mandate of the study was to save the Sitka spruce.

He added that while he understands environmentalists' concern that any logging in the Carmanah will damage the watershed, he noted that a 20-year study on logging in an area 30 miles northeast of Carmanah showed that after 40 per cent of the trees were removed, there was no appreciable difference in the peak flows.

"If they log the Sitka spruce, the Carmanah wouldn't be the same. But our mandate was to reserve those spruce and make sure they stay in tact. We tried to use the best people to find out what the options are."

Laushway, in the meantime, says that the bottom line for the environmentalists is that there should be no more logging of old-growth forests in the province at all until an overall assessment is made on what is left in B.C.

Said Laushway: "I want him to say that Carmanah will not be logged anymore."

Opposition to pit expressed

A Fulford man hopes that a permit to build a new sewage pit near Burgoyne Bay will not be approved by the province's waste management branch.

Jim Thomas says a proposal by Gulf Islands Septic Ltd. to dig a new sewage pit at the foot of Mt. Maxwell, will move the pit further from his home, but may still affect his well.

Effluent from the Ganges treatment plant and a variety of other business and domestic septic tanks is currently dumped into a pit at the foot of Mt. Bruce. A new pit has been proposed for a site approximately 1,000 feet north of the existing one and closer to Burgoyne Bay.

Thomas, who lives on Furness Road, says that although the proposed sewage site is further from his home, drainage from the pit could end up in ground water running into his and others' wells.

He is especially concerned some of that ground water could eventually end up in Burgoyne Bay.

Lucille Marcotte, with Gulf Islands Septic Ltd., says the new sewage pit site was chosen because it appears to be a safe distance away from homes and water sources in the area.

She added that a "percolation" test, which tests the permeability of the underlying soil, indicated drainage at the site is adequate and seepage would likely only affect the surrounding area.

Like the existing one, the new pit would be on land owned by Victoria based Texada Logging Ltd., which owns approximately 100 acres near Mt. Maxwell and Mt. Bruce.

Chris Jenkins, with the waste management branch in Nanaimo, says a new site is needed because the existing pit is running out of room. He says that before the new pit goes in, the waste management branch must check to ensure it has an adequate amount of soil — approximately one metre — between it and the maximum ground water level below (the maximum water level is the highest point the ground water reaches during peak run off times). It must also ensure that soil consistency of the soil act to further filter the drainage.

Jenkins says the waste manage-

Father Bergin succumbs to illness

Father Gus Bergin succumbed to illness Monday, February 12, 1990.

Funeral services will be held at St. Augustine Church in Vancouver at 10:30 am on Friday, 16 February.

The Salt Spring Reverend had been ill for several months. In August of last year, doctors removed a kidney and although he rallied from that setback, he was taken to hospital in Vancouver on February 2.

Father Gus began his service to Salt Spring in July, 1975 for Our Lady Of Grace in Ganges and St. Paul's in Fulford.

Father Patrick Augustine Bergin: August 14, 1911 to February 12, 1990.

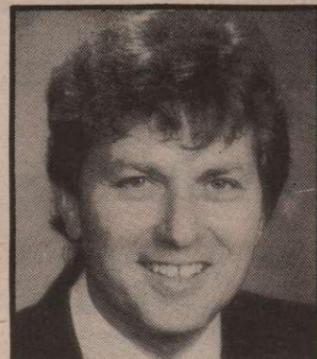
ment branch must also check the proximity of the pit to other wells and surface waters including Burgoyne Bay.

Thomas, however, argues there is no guarantee that run-off won't eventually end up in the ground water and in Burgoyne Bay. He says there is no way an adequate amount of soil between the pit and the ground water exists.

He believes there is something wrong when raw sludge is still being dumped into open pits.

"Eventually they will have to have a proper facility that works, that doesn't drain into anyone's aquifer so that the liquid part will evaporate and everything else stays in the field.

"You pay \$100 to have your septic tank pumped, and then it ends up in a pit."



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Committee recommends thorough traffic study

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee is recommending a thorough and comprehensive traffic study be undertaken on Salt Spring Island.

In a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, the local committee has made seven recommendations in an attempt to cope with an "inadequate and outdated" traffic system.

In the letter to the transportation ministry, the local committee notes that traffic problems are not confined to Ganges: "the tiny hamlet of Ful-

ford is subjected 365 days a year to the chaos caused by ferry traffic."

The problem of road systems and traffic control must be addressed, the letter states, if the island is to preserve the ideal of a "healthy, safe and caring community."

Compounding the problems, says the committee, is the present "outmoded, dangerous and in many cases illegal parking system in Ganges." The letter cites parking in front of Lulu's on Hereford Road and Breadwinners on Fulford-Ganges Road as

prime examples of potentially hazardous situations.

"Another serious problem in the core area is the lack of sidewalks, particularly in locations experiencing heavy pedestrian traffic." This, the letter indicates, causes pedestrians to walk on the road, where they pose a threat to moving traffic as well as themselves.

The increased traffic coupled with "ineffective and outdated" parking and traffic systems has resulted in an "alarming" increase in island accident statistics. As the letter indicates,

the number of motor vehicle accidents on Salt Spring increased by 75 per cent (from 123 to 215) over the two-year period between 1987 and 1989.

The letter says the Ganges RCMP detachment blames the increase in vehicular accidents on narrow, outdated roads, driving without due care and attention and speeding.

To combat these problems, the Transportation Committee has made the following recommendations:

- that a thorough and comprehensive traffic study be commissioned and carried out by an independent firm of consulting engineers;

- that construction work begin as soon as possible on the proposed

Ganges bypass;

- that the local road contractors be directed to proceed immediately to remove visual obstructions at various blind intersections and turnouts;

- that the proposed traffic study include the need for traffic and directional signs;

- that a local educational safety program be carried out, alerting drivers and pedestrians to potential dangers;

- that special attention be paid to the neglect of some drivers to turn on their headlights during poor weather conditions;

- that any future highways construction or reconstruction include provision for bicycle paths on both sides of the road.



Stefan Jacobs' Subaru following Cudmore Heights accident

Roads are steep and narrow

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faculty. However, as they attempted to negotiate around Laing's car — resting perpendicular to the roadside — they went into a skid and started spinning down the hill.

They went off the embankment about 100 metres past Laing's vehicle and overturned, landing some 10 metres below.

"If it wasn't so steep, we probably could have gained control (of the car)," Jacobs said.

Miraculously, no one was seriously injured.

Both Jacobs and Laing had children in their vehicles — attempting to get them to school in car-pools.

Laing and Jacobs say the problem is not limited to snowy weather conditions. They say the hill is the site of "repeated accidents." Laing says truck drivers have difficulty with one particularly steep corner on Charlesworth Road, snow or no snow.

Most important, Laing says, "you can't get a fire tanker truck up the hill."

While Ganges RCMP Constable Chris Bomford said he has not yet attended an accident in the area, he agreed there has been "repeated incidents" of vehicles going off the road.

"The whole road is sub-standard," said Bomford, a resident of the Mt. Belcher area. "Eventually there is going to be a big accident on it. It's very narrow — more like a logging road."

From the Islands Trust's point of view, Gilbert said a subdivision which incorporated roads such as Cudmore Heights and the top section of Charlesworth would not be approved by today's standards.

"We've tried for years to resolve the problem," he said. "And the best way seems to be to break through Don Ore Road."

A linkage to Don Ore Road, which is currently accessed off Cranberry Road, would offer Mt. Belcher Heights residents a safer route down the mountain during slippery weather conditions. While Don Ore Road also has a steep grade, proponents of the idea note that at least it is a straight grade.

Gilbert said the Islands Trust received an application to provide

higher density zoning in a Don Ore Road subdivision proposal. He said the Trust might consider allowing the higher density in exchange for a road allowance.

At this point, the developer has not agreed to the exchange, Gilbert said.

Gilbert also noted the issue is somewhat contentious with Don Ore residents who are concerned about the potential increase in traffic such a step would bring to their rural-type road.

"What (Laing and Jacobs) have demonstrated by almost losing their lives," Gilbert said, "is the need to sit down with neighbours on either side of the fence and work together to try and find a solution."

In the meantime, Gilbert has spoken to Highways Regional Director Neville Hope regarding installation of guard rails on Cudmore Heights. He said Hope seemed receptive to the idea, but noted such a step only presents a "short term solution."

Goodbye, au revoir and kwa heri.

We thought that saying goodbye in English, French and Kiswahili would be appropriate considering that we're moving to Ottawa (where the standard form of greeting is "Hello, bonjour"), and that we'll be spending some time in Africa.

The move to central Canada was a quick one and didn't allow much time to say goodbye to a lot of island friends. We shall miss you, we shall miss Salt Spring and we shall miss the newspaper business. It was time for a change, however, and we're looking forward to experiencing more of Canada, and seeing some more of the world.

We don't know where our travels will lead us, but we know for certain that they will take us back to Salt Spring from time to time.

We wish you all good health and happiness now and in the future.

Tony & Alice Richards & family
(and Scoop, the ex-office cat!)

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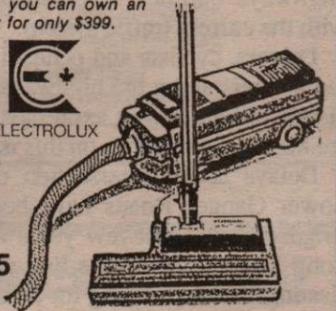
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Traffic problems on the increase

Gulf Islanders cherish their rural and laid-back lifestyles, often feeling smug about their counterparts in other communities facing the daily grind of rush-hour traffic on the way to and from activities.

On Salt Spring especially, and to some extent on other islands, the amount of vehicular traffic is creating dangerous situations.

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee has requested a comprehensive traffic study be undertaken. A letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways outlines seven recommendations to cope with the current traffic system.

Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike face increasing dangers along the highways and byways. A recent visitor to Salt Spring expressed amazement that there are 80 kilometre zones on this island.

Delays at the intersection of Upper Ganges and Lower Ganges Roads have become more and more lengthy in the past few years as visitors arrive from Long Harbour. Vehicles line up past the entrance to Hastings House waiting for an opportunity to turn left into the business centre of Ganges.

Development has brought a large increase in the number of commercial vehicles to most of the Gulf Islands. Cement trucks, lumber trucks, freight trucks and you-name-it trucks join the cars and trucks driven by residents and visitors.

We commend the transportation committee for its initiative and agree a hard look must be taken at the traffic situation here. The Salt Spring road system must become more efficient and safer for us all.

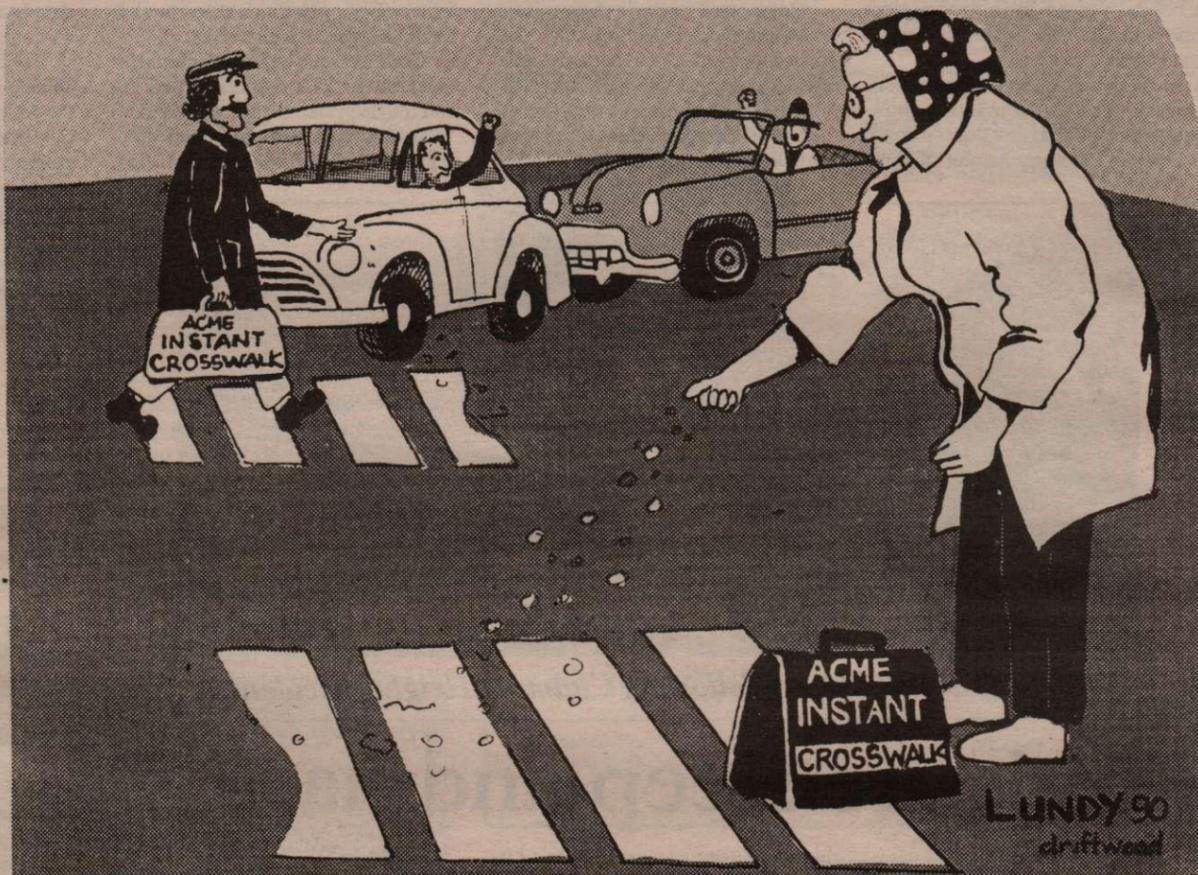
Effort commended

Last weekend, representatives from 20 environmental groups gathered on Salt Spring to discuss the fate of the Carmanah Valley. It was a hastily called meeting, organized only two weeks ago by the local Green Islands group — but one of the many things it showed was the number of people in this province who are concerned about the fate of that valley, and logging practices in this province generally.

Linda Laushway, a spokesperson with Green Islands, said the meeting was organized due to concern over a pending ministerial decision which will affect the valley's future.

She estimated those who attended the workshop represented more than 100,000 people.

There is no doubt Green Islands had its hands full organizing last weekend's activities and its workload will not diminish in the next two weeks. However, if the government is to know that ordinary people truly care about the fate of logging in this province, Green Islands is to be congratulated and encouraged for its important effort.



Ganges pedestrians take the law into their own hands.

Letters

Support

The following is an open letter to the chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, filed with this newspaper for publication.

On behalf of the doctors at Lady Minto Hospital I wish to express support for your proposal to install condom vending machines in Centennial Park washrooms. Apparently AIDS is the reason that public condom vending machines are finally being considered for this island. However, other sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies are already common on Salt Spring.

Spread of all sexually transmitted diseases can be reduced by the use of condoms. Among these diseases is Chlamydia, which often has no symptoms but can cause severe damage to both women and men with the possibility of permanent infertility.

About 10 per cent of sexually active teenagers who do not use condoms are estimated to be infected with Chlamydia. (Chlamydia can be

diagnosed and successfully treated if the patient is tested soon after she becomes infected).

Gonorrhoea is less common on Salt Spring than Chlamydia, but also can be treated once diagnosed. Like Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea may not cause any symptoms. Herpes can cause a lifetime of painful sores that come and go. Herpes cannot be cured, but spread via intercourse can often be prevented by using condoms.

Another disease that can be transmitted sexually is Hepatitis B. Sometimes Hepatitis B is fatal. Genital warts are also sexually transmitted. Although the warts can usually be removed, women who have been infected with the genital wart virus are more likely than others to develop cancer of the cervix.

A survey done in B.C. in 1989 found that 26 per cent of Grade Nine students and 47 per cent of Grade 11 students had participated in sexual intercourse at least once. Of the sexually active Grade 11 students, 60 per cent had two or more sexual

partners.

The majority of teenagers use no method of contraception for their first experience of intercourse, and most do not start using any method of contraception until they have been sexually active for over six months. Sixteen per cent of pregnant teens got pregnant the very first time they "made love!" (Comparable statistics for other age groups are not available.)

When used properly, latex condoms are a very effective method of birth control. Condoms are also the best protection against available against the aforementioned (and other) sexually transmitted diseases for couples who have chosen to be sexually active. Condoms work best if used along with spermicide.

Not everyone considers abstinence or lifetime monogamy to be an acceptable choice for herself or himself. So let's make condoms more accessible on Salt Spring!

JAN MACPHAIL, MD,
President, Lady Minto Hospital
Medical Staff.

Planning our strategy with an an eye to 1994

United they stand, divided they fall. Or so they say.

My friend G and I have given new meaning to this quotation since we took on a weekly evening of badminton, offered through Continuing Education.

It has been an education. We took on the sport with great anticipation: a little exercise, a little toning. And, of course, the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

So far, our aspirations to greatness have met with one crucial barrier: some of the more . . . polished . . . players are reluctant to challenge us to a game.

United we seem to fall.

(Although, it must be noted, we improved our last game by 100 per cent over the previous week's play, losing; 15 to one, rather than 15 to zip.)

Now badminton looks pretty

Off the Record

SUSAN DICKER



easy. Racket, birdie, net. Unfortunately, getting them all swinging together becomes more complicated. But it does provide a wonderful opportunity for twists, jumps, contortions and a bit of swearing.

G and I left our first badminton session feeling extraordinarily invigorated. We had started the evening by politely bopping the birdie back and forth across the net.

"Oh sorry," I'd apologize if I sent

a particularly tricky return to her side of the court.

"Oops, a little too hard," she'd say, as I did a double spin-leap and missed.

We'd murmur condolences as one would wind up that arm, bend those knees in preparation for a great leap into the air, swing with all her might and then, well, miss.

(Eventually, we directed our efforts into sinking the birdie into a nearby basketball hoop, something, I

must say, we proved rather good at.)

Then two badminton veterans took pity on us, placed us on opposite sides of the net and let us hit a few speedy returns. This gave us the opportunity to build up our neck muscles as we frequently stood like tennis spectators, watching the birdie perform great feats across the net, without any assistance at all from us.

A few mighty smacks at that birdie and we became certain badminton was our game. We discussed strategy. We considered implementing an outdoor net for practice sessions. I promised to watch the Commonwealth Games' badminton finals and report back. We both agreed new running shoes were in order.

Unfortunately, the morning after arrived. And the three mornings after that. Getting into an upright position was the most difficult part. From

there, walking could be tolerated, but holding a fork in the right hand proved challenging.

They say most people never use an enormous percentage of their muscles. Well for three days I felt many of those previously unused muscles just about every time I breathed.

G had similar complaints and our drive to session two was slightly more subdued.

Since then, we have taken the entire adventure into stride. Between games we sit on the sidelines, nonchalantly taking mental notes, planning our strategy and preparing for the day we emerge more polished.

We keep an eye out for beginners. Sometimes we practice little bops in the hallway. Sometimes we go for a beer. But we did get new running shoes. And we haven't forgotten 1994.

Successful policy

To The Editor
The article on head lice in the January 24 issue of the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* requires clarification on the role of the Community Health Nurse.

A lice infestation is a recognized frustration and entails long hours of tedious work for the family. The hair must be treated with a pediculocide shampoo or conditioner initially on diagnosis and repeated in about seven days.

To ensure totally effective treatment, all nits need to be removed. All clothing, bedding, and any objects which come into contact with the child's head must be washed. Hot soapy water, a hot dryer, dry cleaning, bagging in plastic for 30 days are some methods to be used.

Occasionally nits do survive shampooing or conditioning and thus we recommend that children should be nit free before returning to school. This can often be the day after the nits are noticed and treatment given.

The role of the Community Health Nurse in relation to lice infestations in the Capital Regional District continues to be as follows:

- The nurse will teach parent volunteers about lice, assessment of a child's head, and lice control.
- The nurse, by special arrangement with the school, will confirm any questionable cases identified by the parent volunteers.
- The nurse is available, by appointment, at the health office to check heads of children who have been treated for lice, to ensure they are nit free. A "clearance slip" is provided for the school.
- The nurse is available, on request, to provide general information about lice and its management.

Written information has been provided to all schools and is available at the Health Office during office hours.

This policy is in place because it is generally successful.

As this has been proven successful and as lice infestations are not a health problem, such as communicable diseases are, the nurse must devote her time to areas of health concern, such as health promotion, immunization and coordination of community resources.

We recognize and appreciate the long hours of hard work provided by volunteers in the school parent patrols. We also recognize and appreciate the energy and effort by involved school staff and involved parents.

It is only through continued cooperative effort between these people and the Health Office staff that the lice problem will continue to be controlled.

PAM MacKENZIE
Community Health Nurse
and **LONA COOK**
Nursing Supervisor

Take time

To the Editor,
Dear People, for several years, I have lived on Blackburn Road, and have observed the increase in traffic not only on the island, but certainly down this road, either on their way to or from the dump, or the motorbike circuit, which continually fails to abide by the noise-by-law and ruling.

I have whilst strolling along Blackburn Road, been run off the road by log trucks, gravel trucks, pick up trucks and regular autos, only to save my own life not to mention those of others with me — today I was walking with two children under the age of five, and was bombarded with a number of vehicles who were not only disobeying the school zone sign which does by the way read 30 km only, but most of the 25 or 30 vehicles that did pass us didn't even have the courtesy to slow down as they approached or drove by, but continued in their speed to get wherever they were headed.

Have we not come to this beautiful island partially due to its unique style of life where one feels safe and less than living in the fast lane?

Do we have such little respect for

ourselves and others that we cannot even grant one another the peace of mind to know when one sets out for a walk they will also return unharmed?

I was appalled and disgusted at my fellow islanders for not considering that although I may have been able to cope with the speed, that small people, especially 3- and 4-year-olds have little, if any understanding that this massive piece of metal travelling towards them at such an incredible speed, is in such control that there is no danger! I, personally, don't agree with this, and cannot tolerate it.

Are we in such a hurry to the dump for fear it will be closed down before we get there? Another issue — another time! We as humans have a right to feel safe in our own backyards, and if that cannot be accepted then a school zone sign should at least help! I wonder how many people even see these signs?

RAJANI
Salt Spring

Step backwards?

To the Editor,
Regarding Mrs. Hillier's guest column in your paper in which she endorses clear-cut logging on Galiano and exhorts MacMillan Bloedel to "stand up to" some members of the community with whom I understand they have hitherto negotiated in good faith, I offer these words.

For a little over a year on Galiano the members of the Forest and Land Use Council, composed of government, industry and community, and on which the Islands Trust has a representative, has negotiated with dignity and mutual respect under the able chairmanship of Doctor Andrew Thompson. MB's representatives at the Council have stated at the Table that they can follow the spirit of the Islands Trust Policy regarding forestry. Trust Policy advocates (in the Mandate area) encouragement of forestry practices which are compatible with the values of conservation, avoiding large areas of clear-cut logging and using instead such alternatives as select logging.

For the past several years MB has clear-cut logged on a considerable scale its Galiano holdings, with protection of roadside trees, watersheds, and sensitive areas negotiated by CCA (Clear-Cut Alternatives).

This year, simultaneously with its development suggestions, MB has, at the Forest and Land Use Council table, endorsed both sustainable forestry for Galiano and the first select logging in MB's history. For that flexibility in forest practice on a small Trust island the company has been heartily congratulated.

I cannot believe that Mrs. Hillier wants to put the clock back, recommending clear-cutting and abandonment of negotiation in favour of confrontation. There must be some misunderstanding somewhere.

MARGARET GRIFFITHS,
Galiano

Doomed

To the Editor,
I'm a 9-months-old fawn and already doomed to die. I have a big tumour about 20 centimetres long and about 12 centimetres diameter on my lower chestbone and smaller ones on my legs. I cannot lie down normal, but have to lie on my side, which is frightening at night.

Another doe, with twins, had big tumours on her legs and body and her mouth was covered with tumours. She is not around anymore.

I live in the Fulford Harbour hills and am an orphan, one of a triplet. My mother was killed by a car. My sister was also hit by a car. The car went very fast, in a hurry to go to the ferry. Many cars go over 90 kilometres per hour while there is a sign that says 30 kilometres per hour. She was hit but the driver did not take the time to tend to her. It took the whole day for her to die.

A third deer was killed at the same spot. There is no sign that says: "Caution, deer crossing". If one human child is killed, there will be a sign: "Caution Children at Play".

We deer are called "a nuisance." They shoot us for our meat or just kill "the pests" that eat their plants, sometimes. My brother was shot, I heard the bangs!

What about us, we want to drink clear, pure water and eat leaves and twigs, but they take that away from us.

Now I'm dying. I wanted to be like my mother, running and playing in the sunshine and the forest.

Now it is all over. Who is next?

WANDA-LEE KOOPMAN,
Fulford Harbour

Overstuffed

To the Editor,
Having a particular weakness for Spandex, leather chaps and glistening bodies, the entertainment Thursday night at the Harbour House proved to be as enjoyable as expected.

I did not, however, like being reduced to a crowd of screaming women by an M.C. with an overstuffed ego. In my opinion, that type of evening would be better emceed

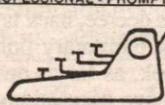
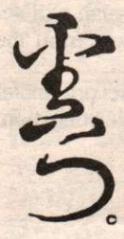
by a woman with a sense of humour and intelligent wit. A stand up comedienne with a great monologue would've filled the gaps between performances more suitably. I found it refreshing to spend the evening amongst my own gender, many of whom are good friends, but resented the way this host tried to ruin the atmosphere by forcing competition.

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Ganges.

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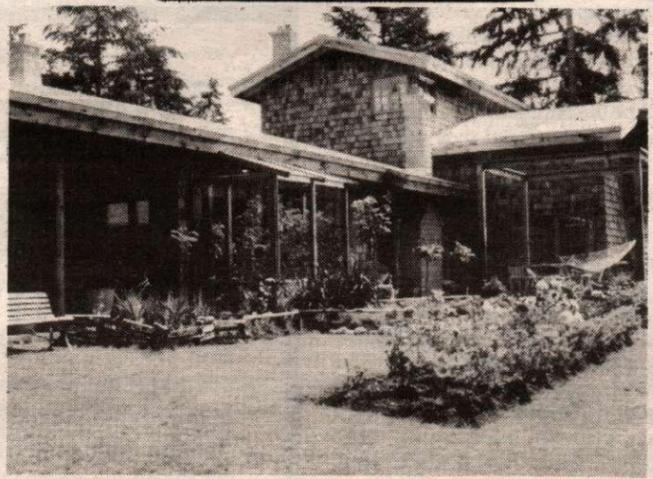
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Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — Fleeing to Hawaii immediately after announcing that school tax referendums would be resurrected for the third time in 20 years, was one smart move by Education Minister Tony Brummet.

Sticking around might have ruined his whole day. Let's face it, basking in the sun and letting the warm sand run through his toes must have beat listening to the chorus of scorched cats that greeted his decree, back here at home.

Seeking temporary political asylum in Hawaii also got him off the hook, as far as questions by the media are concerned. I certainly have a question or two. For example, I would like to know where the minister found the courage to refer to the referendum scheme as tax relief.

From where I sit, it looks as if all the minister's plan will accomplish is a shift in the burden of collecting taxes from the provincial government to school boards.

According to the new school funding plan, the provincial government is to take over the cost of students' basic education, estimated at 5,259 per student per year in 1990-91.

Not a new strategy

If, however, school trustees want to provide services to students not covered by the basic funding package, they will have to go to referendum.

The strategy is by no means a new one. In 1969, W.A.C. Bennett had a similar brainstorm. Of 38 referendums held between 1969 and 1972, only six passed. When the socialist hordes stormed the gates in 1972, they quickly killed the education-by-referendum method.

In the early 1980s, Bill Bennett's Socreds came up with a similar idea. Again, they offered to pay the basic cost of education and force school boards to raise money locally if they wanted more. After a while, the scheme was scrapped again, until now, when Vander Zalm's Socreds decided to have yet another go at it.

Then as now, the reaction has been extremely negative. Except for the government, nobody wants any part of it. Initially, teachers across the province even threatened job action, and although they have now softened their stand a bit, they still maintain that trying to finance education by referendum will be disastrous.

School trustees like the idea even less

Parents, too, are angry. The B.C. Home and School Federation plans an anti-referendum campaign. Federation president Maxine Wilson says her group plans to warn parents that the referendum plan will hurt the education system.

School trustees like the idea even less. Some have said they may resign from their positions. Others have warned that nobody will want to run for school trustee any more if the government implements the plan.

You may well ask whether the government was asleep at the switch. Shouldn't they have expected this reaction? They did, they did. In fact, so far, everything is going as planned, including the strike threats by teachers. The only problem may be that the teachers will come to their senses and refuse to take the bait dangled so temptingly in front of them.

You didn't really believe that the government introduced the referendum scheme to "avert a tax revolt," as Brummet claimed. The idea was to create a bit of a confrontation which, with a little luck, might even be blown up into a full-grown election issue.

But even if the government was serious about wanting to curb spiralling taxes, tying something as serious as education to the whim of the voting public is not to be commended.

Governing by referendum is not part of our system. One of the few exceptions are municipal capital expenditure budgets. By law, municipalities cannot spend more than they collect in any given year.

Allowed to die merciful death

Plans for capital projects that cannot be funded out of the current budget must be approved by the ratepayers who aren't always inclined to agree with the need for the projects. Voters in the city of Victoria last year turned down a \$55 million referendum, killing, among other things, plans for a new police station and a new sports arena.

Some people were, of course, disappointed, but there is always a possibility to refloat the referendum some time in the future. The police would be just as happy about getting their new quarters five years from now.

An education referendum, on the other hand, can't be just put on hold until the voters are in a better mood. Some of the kids would be grandparents by the time the voters might feel inclined to pass a referendum.

In a nutshell, the referendum idea is just as unacceptable and unworkable now as it was in the late 60s and early 80s, and the fact that people are fed up with rising taxes has nothing to do with it. Now as then, the idea should be allowed to die a merciful death.

Boredom

To the Editor,
There's been a lot of talk lately about boredom amongst island teenagers — and that we must do something for them. I know, I had been subscribing to that myself. But I would suggest we do some clear thinking as to what is, or what could be, at issue.

• Firstly, if "we" (adults) do things for "them" (teens) there is an immediate barrier separation and more isolation. We (and I mean all of us) do not need that. We need integration. Making them "them" puts them into a special category and out of the community in general.

• Secondly, "they do not need us" to do things for them...there's enough initiative within their group. Oh, I hear you saying "But they'll be more bored and rip off more hanging baskets". Yes, I know. But we each create our own reality.

Any individual can choose whether or not to have that beer, to visit the old widow, to write a play, to break and enter, to go to church, to dig the yard. No one is forced to do anything — not even to be bored. Ah, but I do know there is peer-pressure for all of us — especially kids who are at that critical stage where they are not sure if they are pretty, handsome, likeable, loveable. (It's a hard time to live through. We've done it, too, and they should have our sympathies).

But choice is still there. Choice to be bored, part of the crowd; or choice to be individual and creative.

• Thirdly, there is the trap that we fall into — having people do things for us — particularly entertainment. We switch on the T.V. and switch off the family. We watch a video but not with the kids. Of course, that may be the reality you want to create, but I would offer that we take more initiative... parents, play with your kids (and I don't mean Nintendo games), show them alternatives, help them be creative, inventive, and to do things for themselves.

The average North American father spends ten minutes per day with his kids — I guess that leaves them learning from him rather than with him. No, help them to create good things. The idea behind S.A.L.T. is good, but one day when my daughter comes home and says "It was boring, there was no band" then it will have failed... because its idea will only be to entertain, to do it for them. "But you didn't do it for me".

• Fourthly — look at expectations. Do not expect that if we do something for them that they will use it. Don't build a swimming pool, or rec centre for them, for if they do not use it there will be the antithesis "we did it especially for you," and they will retort "we never asked you to." It would be tantamount to building a retirement centre and expecting all seniors to live there. Though not a senior, I'd resent that expectation.

• (As an aside, any developer better than a quick-buck artiste could find something worthwhile in building say, a swimming pool. The returns would not be immediate, but a pool dedicated as — and I pick a name without implying — "The Murray Cypress Pool & Rec Centre" wouldn't hurt anybody).

• Finally, no amount of "us" doing for "them" will help if they don't want to be helped. If you looked at all the facilities in big cities you would say there should be no bored kids in the malls, on the street corners, etc. The key to all of this, I see it, is choice, initiate and encouragement. Throw in heaps of alternatives, love and tolerance.

PETER BLACKMORE,
Ganges.

Unhappy

To the Editor,
Now, let's see if I have this straight. The Harmac operations of MacBlo are unhappy and concerned about the smell and noise generated by... a herd of sea lions?

J.E. COCKING,
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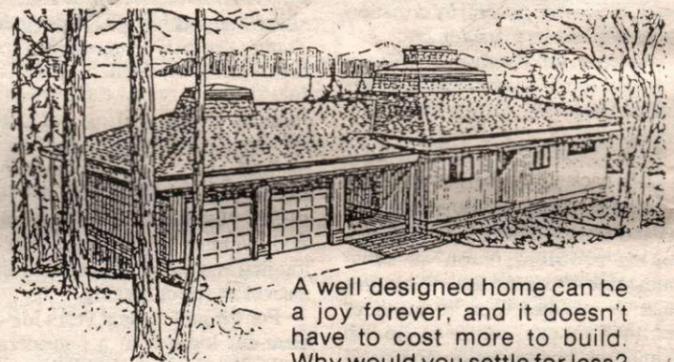
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New program concepts at Greenwood's

The Board and Staff of Greenwood's Intermediate Care Facility are looking forward with anticipation to the new program concepts which will result from acquisition of the adjoining house and property at 381 Lower Ganges Road. Immediate plans for a covered walkway to connect the two buildings, installation of wheelchair ramps, minor repairs and redecorating are underway, thanks to donations from the community specified for this purpose.

Upon completion, some daytime activity programs will be transferred to the new location, and some new activities are contemplated which were previously not possible due to space restrictions, and we look forward to achieving a much needed separation between individuals of various functioning levels.

Once these programs are operational, we will be pleased to offer an increased opportunity for members of the community to join our residents, staff and volunteers at the new location for weaving, painting, clay work, music, conversation and fun.

MARGARET MCKAY
Administrator.



Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy

Eddy Carson (left) bowls his heart out for the Heart Foundation while (right) Jennifer Doucette shows younger sister Jaimie some bowling stances. A number of people attended Sunday's Bowl-a-Thon, held at Leisure Lane in Ganges.

HeartFund collects \$1,200

The Salt Spring Island HeartFund raised over \$1,200 last weekend.

Donations made at the firehall heart display and throughout Saturday's Tag Day, set the pace for a successful Bowl-a-Thon at Leisure Lanes on Sunday.

Bowling organizer John Page said he was par-

ticularly pleased with the number of young people and families who turned out to the event.

Because use of facilities were donated to the HeartFund, all money collected goes directly into the fund.

Prizes for all categories will be distributed after pledge sheets are returned at the end of February.

Hospital employees resume bargaining

It's back to the bargaining table for the Hospital Employees Union (HEU) and the management association of intermediate care facilities such as Greenwoods on Salt Spring.

Contract talks have been carried out since April of last year. In October, when the two sides could not agree on a contract to replace the one which expired at the end of March, 1989, mediator Dalton Larson was called in.

He hammered out a settlement which met with approval of negotiating teams for both the union and management. Union members later voted 93 per cent in favour of accepting the offer which would have given them a 17.7 per cent wage increase over the three year life of the contract.

But the Continuing Care Employee Relations Association (CCERA) rejected the deal over two stipulations. Under the terms of Larson's report, both sides must now return to the bargaining table. No date has been set for resumption of talks.

Among his recommendations, Larson added an article dealing with the handling of cadavers. He recommended that employees having to handle cadavers should receive a service fee of \$15 each time. The amount was to have risen to \$17 on April 1, 1990.

Greenwoods administrator Marg

McKay said CCERA objected to the inclusion of that article because workers in intermediate care facilities seldom have to handle cadavers. Handling dead bodies is more common in hospital long term care units, she said.

CCERA also objected to the inclusion of work load conditions in the duties of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

Larson recommended the committee "have as part of its mandate the jurisdiction to receive complaints or concerns regarding workload problems which are safety related."

McKay said CCERA rejected that addition because it does not want to "clutter the contract with irrelevant issues. It makes it that much more difficult to administer."

The committee would have had to investigate such complaints, define any problem which existed and made recommendations for a solution.

The wage package included provisions for a 5.5 per cent raise effective April 1, 1989 with approximately 5.8 per cent added to the deal to bring wages in line with hospital workers. Another five per cent would have been added to wages on April 1, this year with 1.35 per cent added on August 1 as well. The contract would have expired at the end of March, 1991.

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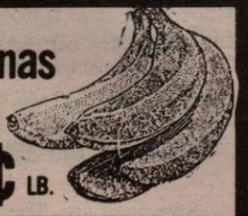
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I've done a little hop-scotching around the country this past couple of weeks. My travels have fetched me up in locales as various as Windsor, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Montreal, Brandon and Lethbridge.

Now I'm not pretending that's anything close to a comprehensive cross-country survey but it's a pretty fair ramble across the glorious chunk of terra firma we call Canada, and there is a common connecting thread. All the communities I spent time in are, as so many Canadian cities are, snuggled up pretty close to the southern boundary of this country. Which is to say, no more than a short drive from the Canada/U.S. border — a.k.a. the World's Longest Checkout Counter.

Folks I talked to in all those communities had a lot of things on their mind. They spoke out forthrightly about Meech Lake, the possibility of arranging urine tests for Bill Vander Zalm, the Liberal leadership race, George Bush's bush-league switchblade-rattling exercises in Central America, the Gretzky/Lemieux duel for on-ice divinity . . .

Shopping is number one interest

The Canadians I met in all of the aforementioned communities talked about all those subjects — eventually. But what they talked about first and foremost was Buying Things.

In a word: shopping.

They talked about buying lumber, beer, gas, and stamps. And once again there was a common thread.

All the shopping was paid for in Canadian money. And all the things they purchased were bought in the States.

Folks in all the communities I visited routinely nipped south of the border, if only to fill their gas tanks and pick up a few groceries. Or to mail a few letters. Did you know it costs you 16 cents less to send a first-class letter to a U.S. address if you mail it from the States? A lot of small Canadian businessmen have figured that out. So has Tourism New Brunswick. Officials there claim they saved \$70,000 last year by trucking their foreign mail across the Maine border and posting it stateside.

Costs half as much

ITEM: I have a pal in Windsor, Ontario who drinks beer. Quite a bit of it. Every couple of weeks he braves the Windsor Tunnel to hit a Detroit booze outlet and load up on a case or two of his favourite brew. Reason: he can pick up his brand in Detroit for less than half the price he pays in Windsor.

Name of his favourite brew? Molson Canadian.

ITEM: My pal Bill in Thunder Bay is planning to drive down to Minnesota and buy a couple of \$1,000 worth of tongue and groove siding. Reason: simple. Even after paying customs duty it'll cost him half as much as it would in Thunder Bay.

Now, it's one thing to find out that a bottle of Jack Daniels Sour Mash whisky or a C.F. Martin acoustic guitar costs more in Moose Jaw than it does in Poughkeepsie, New York — those things are, after all, made down there.

But Molson Canadian? Tongue and groove pine siding? Aren't those in our department?

One helluva garage sale

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Salt Spring Island Foundation

Recently distributed grants benefit art society, students

A foundation established two years ago to administer charitable funds for the benefit of local residents has recently made a number of disbursements.

The secretary-treasurer of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, John Crofton, says in 1989, the Foundation contributed \$1,000 from Open Funds to the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts Society to assist in the purchase of a Steinway Concert Grand Piano.

Purchase of this instrument was to

assure a quality instrument for local concerts.

In January of this year, the Foundation contributed another \$2,000 from Open Funds to the Society to assist in completing payment.

The Foundation also recently contributed \$1,000 to the Parents for Playgrounds project to purchase playground equipment for the Community Centre. This money came from a fund donated by Mrs. Gay Alkoff.

The Nels Vodden — Salt Spring

Island Foundation Scholarships for graduates of the local secondary school going on to higher education — were also paid out in January.

Two graduates (Kirsten Luker, attending the University of British Columbia and Tony Marshall, attending the University of Victoria) were each sent \$500.

Anyone wishing to contribute minor or major funds to assist the aims of the Foundation may obtain information from Crofton or any of the local solicitors.

1990 Autoplan Changes

PREMIUMS

Auto insurance premiums for 1990 have been increased by no more than six per cent for two-thirds of B.C.'s claim-free motorists as a result of changes to Autoplan for 1990. In dollar terms, this means variations ranging from premium decreases of about \$15 to increases of around \$60 for these motorists.

Changes include major adjustments to rating territories, increased "No-Fault" Accident Benefits and the annual "aging" of some vehicles. The impact of 1990 claims cost increases is also a factor.

These changes and increased claims costs mean that ICBC will need an estimated 4.8 per cent more money in 1990 than in 1989.

Other claim-free motorists, such as those who have their vehicles rated for pleasure use only or who live in some of the newly defined rating territories, will see their premiums rise seven to thirteen per cent.

Premiums for Compulsory and Extended Third Party Legal Liability coverages combined have been increased by six per cent for new and renewal policies as of January 1, 1990. Underinsured Motorist Protection and Comprehensive coverage also rise by six per cent. Premiums for Collision and Specified Perils coverages remain unchanged.

WHAT'S NEW?

☐ Territorial changes mean increases over and above the general increase in some communities and contribute to either decreases in premiums or less of an increase in other areas.

☐ "No-Fault" Accident Benefits have been increased for auto-related claims, occurring on or after January 1, 1990, resulting in injury or death.

☐ For those who qualify, disability benefits for an employed person have been increased to \$200 per week from \$145.

☐ The limit of liability for medical and rehabilitation benefits has been increased by 50 per cent to a maximum of \$150,000.

☐ The maximum amount for funeral expenses has been doubled from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

☐ To reduce fraud, proof of identity is now required for most Autoplan transactions.

FINES & DRIVER POINTS

☐ Motorists caught violating traffic rules are now required to pay fines in addition to being assigned penalty points and charged Driver Point Premiums.

☐ Drivers with five points or more are billed for points recorded in a twelve month review period. Up to December 31, 1989, the twelve month review period starts fourteen months prior to the driver's birthday (coming forward twelve months) but as of January 1, 1990, the review period will start 17 months prior to the driver's birthday to allow for recording and processing time.

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Good and bad news for district

The Capital Regional District (CRD) recently extended some good news and some bad news for residents linked to the Fernwood Water District system.

to have the CRD take over the system included a clause that extensive repairs would be carried out. He said the approximately 70 water users on the system would have found that cost beyond their means.

The trustees, he said, were considering an application to have the licence increased to accommodate those residents wishing to join in.

The CRD, under authority of the Municipal Act, will borrow the \$176,000 needed for renovations of the water system. Repayment of the loan will cover 20 years and the costs will be covered by property owners within the boundaries of the water system.

The good news is that the 25-year-old system will undergo extensive renovations this year. The bad news will come with the tax bill as the CRD borrowed \$176,000 to pay for repairs.

Other residents of the Fernwood area near the water system have made requests to join the system, Marker said. But the board of trustees is currently limited by the licence to draw water from St. Mary Lake.

Aubrey Marker, chairman of the Fernwood water district board of trustees told the *Driftwood* that in addition to rebuilding the system, work will be started to build a new pump house. The new pump house will house a filter system. Other general maintenance work will also

be carried out. He explained that the agreement



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Continuous rain last week kept highway crews manning the pumps as traffic cautiously moved by.

Salt Spring Transportation Committee

Input sought on ferry schedule

The head of the transportation committee on Salt Spring Island hopes to hear more from the public on what runs should be provided on the Vesuvius Bay/Crofton run before extra sailings go into affect in April.

The Ferry Corporation recently announced it plans to provide a double shift on the Vesuvius

Bay/Crofton run, however, hours of operation have not been worked out.

The first sailing out of Vesuvius currently leaves at 7 a.m.

Dan Evanishen, chairman of the Salt Spring transportation committee, says he was generally pleased to hear about the double shift. He is frustrated, however, that his committee was not consulted before B.C.

Ferries made the decision to offer the extra shift.

The local transportation committee has been agitating for more sailings for over three years, but news of the extended service came as a complete surprise. Evanishen said the ferry corporation should have spent more time talking to the transportation committee and others on the island to find out what they want before deciding to go ahead with the extra runs.

At this point, Evanishen said, he has had two phone calls about the new service — one wanting the sailings to start earlier, the other requesting they run later — but is hoping for more input before he meets with representatives from B.C. Ferries on February 28.

Evanishen said his group welcomes the extra sailings because, for one reason, they will take some of the pressure off the Fulford Harbour. He added, however, they could also mean more traffic in Vesuvius area and more people on the island.

"What makes this whole thing frustrating is they tell us we are the voice of the island as far as transportation is concerned. But no one tells us anything."

Anyone wanting to comment on the new sailings is invited to call Evanishen at 653-4577.

Block funding system

Second in a series

The proposed changes for funding of education in B.C. has occurred following two years of talks prompted by the recommended changes to the education system.

By BILL WEBSTER
The Driftwood

B.C. Minister of Education Tony Brummet recently announced that funding will be by a block formula, distributed to various school districts through a fiscal framework.

The fiscal framework, held over from the era of restraint in the early to mid 1980s, has been used to set levels of funding considered appropriate to cover costs of education. Various factors, such as size and relative isolation of school districts coupled with the school-age population, were used to set the level of provincial government funding.

If school boards set budgets for more than that allotted in the fiscal framework, the amount was raised by residential taxation.

Some costs were covered through the provincial allotment while other costs had to be raised locally. Operating expenses for programs not covered by provincial money as well as local capital spending had not been part of the ministry of education grants to school districts.

The proposed block would consist of shareable operating expenses, additional operating expenses, capital allowances, local capital requirements, teacher pensions and personal care attendants.

The government has set the basic funding at \$2.42 billion based on education expenses incurred in 1989/90. The amount works out to an average per student cost of \$4,954.

The system is to be put in place for the 1990/91 school year. Adjustments for increases involve adding \$305 per student to the average cost. That would lift the total education spending to \$2.62 billion and allow a per student cost of \$5,259.

Brummet indicated that details of the fiscal framework through which money will be allocated to various school districts would be available before the end of February.

The ministry of education maintains that the funding sharing for education has been 75 per cent provincial with the remaining 25 per cent coming through local taxation. In reality, the average local share has been closer to 30 per cent or more.

The minister of education insists that block funding should cover all costs of education. If a school board decides more money is needed for additional matters, the issue must be presented to voters in the form of a referendum for approval. The ministry will announce the date for referendums, probably in April of each year.

Voters are to be informed of the amount needed by the school board, a description of the program for which the extra is needed as well as how much the extra money would cost the taxpayer in additional taxes.

The school board is prevented from hoarding or hiding extra funds by the decree that each year extra funds are to be used, the school board must gain voter approval. The extra money must be raised in the year that it is to be spent.

In addition to changes in funding methods, the ministry, along with the finance ministry, is working of methods for tax reform as well as relief for homeowners. Details of the changes are to be announced when the minister of finance brings down his budget.

Next week's school funding proposal from the B.C. School Trustees

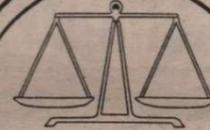
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REVISION OF CLEAN AIR BY-LAWS

The Capital Regional District currently has two Smoking Control By-laws. By-law No. 1464 is a by-law to control the public places where people may smoke; and By-law No. 1440 is a by-law to control smoking in the workplace.

In order to assist in achieving one of the goals of the Capital Regional District's Healthy 2000 Initiative, the Task Force for the Reduction of Tobacco Use in the Capital Regional District has recommended the updating of these two by-laws to reflect the public demand for more smoke free environments and to assist in the goals of a "Tobacco Free Capital Regional District by the Year 2000".

Community groups or individuals are invited to write to Doctor Shaun H.S. Peck, Regional Medical Health Officer, Capital Regional District Community Health Service, P.O. Box 1000, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 (FAX line: 381-7454) with suggestions for revisions they would like considered by the updated by-law. Suggestions should be received by February 14, 1990.

Doctor Shaun H.S. Peck

Regional Medical Health Officer

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Entertainment

Native carver George Hunt Junior adds "new dimension" to art of drum painting

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During the dancing ceremonies, when the Indians act out their songs and stories around the great fire in the long house, the drummers are seated in a strategic area, with a bird's eye view of the dancers, whom they accompany with carefully timed, harmonious beating of the drums, sometimes building to loud crescendos and fading away to gentle rhythms, but always closely following the dancers in their interpretation of the spirit of the dance.

Nakapenkum — meaning ten times a Chief

The following is a true story which graphically illustrates the spiritual and emotional affinity Indians may feel for their drums, which forever stand out as symbolic of native unity.

When the great Kwa-gulth Indian carver, the legendary Mungo Martin, was a tiny baby, his mother Nagayki, (which means "mountains of wealth"), dreamed of a great future for her son as an artist.

Painting the drum

Such was the great love of art and decoration among the Indians, especially of coastal B.C. and Alaska, that artists are frequently commissioned to paint the surface of a drum with the owner's clan crest, such as Thunderbird, Bear, Whale, or Raven. Rarely is the drum left without some sort of traditional decoration.

Master Carver Richard Hunt once painted a drum with a profile of himself as a tamed Hamatsa dancer, wearing a helmet in the style of a Thunderbird. (The Hamatsa is a Secret Society dance of the Kwa-gulth Indians.) This beautiful little drum, only about 12 inches in diameter, is painted in four colours, red, black, green, and yellow, and the classic design closely follows the Kwa-gulth tradition.

But it is George Hunt Junior who has brought the art of drum painting to exciting new dimensions by contrasting traditional Kwa-gulth designs with dramatically painted backgrounds that give his drums a

Utilizing an oil based paint, designed to emulate the soft tones achieved before the advent of commercial paints, (when Indian artists mixed their colours from natural dyes and ochres), George has captured the spiritual essence of his subject, with the salmon painted in strong and traditional Kwa-gulth design.

Hunt has a fondness for portraying water birds, like Cranes, Herons, and Cormorants on his drums. These large, gracefully majestic birds are usually featured on the really big drums, perhaps 18 inches or more in diameter.

On one particularly beautiful drum, a Crane is painted with raised and outstretched wings, standing in a typical attitude with one leg raised, and surrounded by grass and rushes. The bird is shown in profile, with an open beak, and the head held high in a listening attitude. Despite the deceptive fragility of the painting, with such delicate balance of line and form, the Crane emerges as a dynamic and powerful work of art. A charming air of realism is added by the alertly flashing eye of the crane, an eye which actually is an old trade bead, set by the artist with careful precision into the painted eye form.

Lately George has been experimenting with what is called a Drum Rattle.

The hoop is entirely encased, back and front, in two enclosures of deerskin, strongly stitched to hold them together. Inside are tiny pebbles; which roll rhythmically when the drum is gently shaken. George says seriously that this is a good way to lull a baby to sleep. When vigorously shaken, however, the Rattle really comes to life, and can be used to great effect in dancing ceremonies.

So far, only a few of these complex Rattles have been made and all have Raven or Eagle as the design. A complete head of the bird is carved and then pegged on to the rim of the drum at the top, directly in line with the handle. The Drum is then painted to represent the rest of the bird, from the neck down and with wings outspread. Such are the creative powers of the artist, that a unity and oneness are achieved, thus giving the impression of no separation between the head of the bird and the drum.

In one particularly powerful and appealing Drum Rattle, the artist has featured a Raven and Moon, based on the legend of how the Supernatural Raven brought light to what had formerly been a world of darkness. The Raven's head is inlaid with copper, and the usual trade bead serves as a lively eye. The Raven's head is set in profile, with an open beak.

The Raven's wing shapes merge gracefully within the circle of the drum, and in his talons he holds a moon which has been painted with a

humanized, spirit face. The Drum Rattle is further adorned with trade beads, and four feathers of the Red-tailed Hawk, and a wild mane of reddish brown hair hangs from the head of the Raven. The entire concept is brilliantly designed in softly muted colours of red and black. George has imparted an old world, Shamanistic quality to this outstanding work of art that to the receptive mind, must surely whisper of the rituals practised by the Kwa-gulth people in days long gone.

George will be on Salt Spring this Saturday, February 16, as Pegasus Gallery officially opens its new extension, featuring Northwest Indian Art. George will attend the opening and demonstrate use of his creations.



This Komokwa mask, carved by Tony Hunt Jr., is one of the displays featured at the new Pegasus Gallery "Big House."

One day, at a special ceremonial gathering, Nagayki placed the baby inside a drum which was then lightly beaten to the tempo of a chant, until the rhythm was absorbed by, and vibrated through, the child's whole body. The drum is said to have been a cedar box, about three and a half feet square, and that Mungo's father, Yanukwalas, (which means "Nobody leaves this house without a gift"), was the drummer; gently tapping the sides with sticks, and softly crooning family songs handed down from one generation to another.

Mungo Martin, whose Kwagulth name was Nakapenkum, (meaning "Ten times a Chief"), went on to become a world renowned artist and carver and an important spokesman for the rights and aspirations of his people.

Northwest Coast Indian Drums

The fashioning of a drum is an art in itself and the drum is often circular, although it may be hexagonal or even octagonal in shape. The more elaborate Indian drums are made with a wooden hoop, over which is stretched a dressed deerskin or moose hide. A criss-cross network of hide thongs, looped at suitable intervals through holes pierced in the skin and then knotted at the centre, holds the hide firmly to the hoop and also serves as a handy grip on the reverse side of the drum, which is held in one hand, leaving the drummer free to beat the drum with the other.

The stick may be plain or elaborately carved, especially around the handle, with the other end wrapped in cotton or some suitable

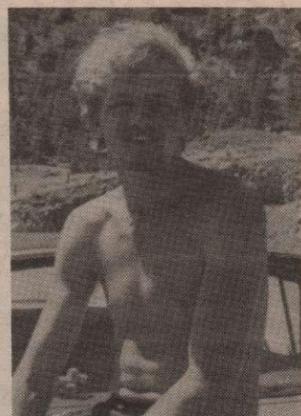
mystique and a haunting beauty rarely equalled in northwest coast Indian art.

A very fine example of what George has achieved in this medium is a diving Kingfisher, which the artist has depicted on one of his smaller drums. The bird is surrounded with life and colour, Hunt having painted the entire surface of the drum. We see a sun in a round glow of orange fire, shining from a blue sky over a series of mountain ranges and fringes of evergreen trees encircling a lonely beach, with a wide expanse of blue sea, disturbed only where the beak of the diving bird has touched the water.

The Kingfisher is intricately designed, and the bird's length from its tailfeathers to its beak, encompasses the entire diameter of the drum, thus balancing and dominating the painting. This wonderfully imaginative work of art has no less than eleven colours, which is unusual in itself, even among the Kwa-gulth, who revel in strong colour. Traditionally, Kwa-gulth artists have only rarely strayed from the basic colours of red, green, blue, yellow, white and black. Among northern tribes, such as the Haida and Tlingit, painted surfaces are more austere, with scant colouring, utilizing only red, black, and sometimes a little green or blue.

A favourite theme of George's depicts a returning salmon. The salmon has come to the end of his cycle and is fighting his way valiantly back to the stream where he was hatched. One very small drum, only about ten inches in diameter, depicts a dripping

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School District 64 and Emily Carr College of Art and Design (ECCAD) Outreach Program will present a special art marketing workshop March 10 to 11, instructed by noted art director and teacher Alice Rich of Vancouver.

Rich will teach both beginners and those with an established interest in art marketing.

Registration and location arrangements are being handled by Maggie Warbey of Salt Spring's Continuing

Education program, who may be reached at 537-9820 for information. Up to 20 participants can be accommodated, provided a minimum enrolment of 12 people is taken by February 28, 1990.

"This art marketing workshop was arranged in co-operation with School District 64 as part of our ongoing effort to provide the same calibre of visual arts instruction in Ganges as we offer at our Vancouver campus," said Judith O'Keefe, ECCAD Outreach Program Director.

Rich received her Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts from the University of British Columbia in 1975, fol-

lowed by post graduate curatorial studies at ECCAD and business management at Simon Fraser University.

She has also studied abroad at the University of Dijon and the University of Copenhagen. Since 1982 she has owned and operated a company that creates, manufactures and markets greeting cards in Canada.

ECCAD arranges some 70 visual workshops around B.C. each year, at the request of local sponsors like School District 64. Any community group or individual may apply to host a workshop, taught by one of some 90 professional artist-teachers available through the college.

Artist offers many skills

The owner of the Gulf Jewels Gallery says Michael Robb is one of those wonderfully creative individuals who can do anything artistic, given the tools and the chance to experiment.

"This is not a rare characteristic here on Salt Spring, this talent is shared by many islanders," Bruce Pearson says. "Michael ranks high amongst the best."

Robb's work will be featured at the Gulf Jewels Gallery until March 10.

While many are familiar with Robb's "interesting and trend-setting," off-hand glasswork, this showing will feature his paintings.

Since 1960, Robb has worked as a sculptor, graphic artist, jeweller, cabinet maker, architectural designer, off-hand glass-blower and painter.

Academically, Robb has an M.A. in History. He has no formal art training, but has taught art and craft courses in university. He has also conducted workshops at several community colleges.

Robb has participated in numerous group shows, and has a number of one-man shows in both Canada and the United States.

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Gulf Islanders can experience the "royally restored" Empress Hotel in Victoria at a substantially reduced rate until mid-April.

To celebrate the hotel's 82 birthday, management is offering a discount price to residents of Victoria and the Capital Regional District (CRD).

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Individuals should be prepared to provide proof of residence, upon arrival at the hotel.

Regular room rates offered at The Empress at this time of year run between \$100 and \$295.

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■ Now isolated or housebound elderly residents on Salt Spring Island are connected to a comprehensive network of services. Salt Spring's "Seniors For Seniors" program is staffed and managed almost exclusively by volunteers over the age of 65.

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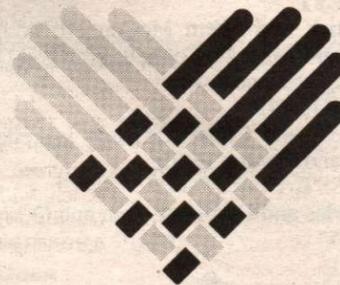
The success of our neighbourhood Wellness Centres, adult day care services, community mental health options, and other efforts is generating growing national

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The Victoria Health Project is the joint effort of three parent organizations: the Greater Victoria Hospital Society, the Capital Regional District and the Ministry of Health. The project is funded by the Province of British Columbia.

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The Victoria Health Project funds neighbourhood Wellness Centres in James Bay, Esquimalt and Oak Bay; the Quick Response Team; the Elderly Outreach Service; the Greater Victoria Network of Caregiver Support Groups; Mt. Newton Adult Day Care Centre; Hospice Victoria's Palliative Response Team; Juan de Fuca Hospitals' Palliative Support Team; Special training courses for home support workers, developed jointly by Camosun College and the Home Support Association of British Columbia; and the Salt Spring "Seniors For Seniors" Society.

News

Victoria's Bishop De Roo will wrap up debt series

"Resolving the Third World Debt" will be the topic of a discussion led by Bishop Remi De Roo at Mahon Hall Thursday night.

Bishop De Roo's presentation will be the fourth and last in a series on Third World debt, sponsored by Ten Days for World Development and the Salt Spring branch of Continuing Education.

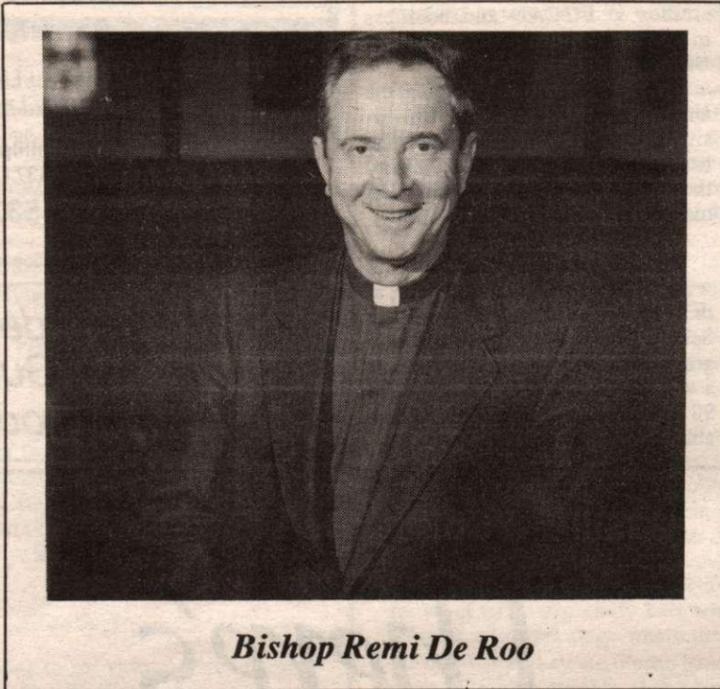
The lecture will take place February 15, beginning at 7:30.

Bishop De Roo came to Vancouver Island from Manitoba in 1962 when he was ordained as Catholic Bishop of Victoria.

He is widely known as an advocate for social justice — at home and abroad.

Bishop De Roo has participated in the World Conference of Religions for Peace and the Canadian Catholic Bishops' Social Affairs Commission. He also chaired the B.C. Human Rights Commission from 1974 to 1977.

The lecture is offered free of charge, but donations will be accepted to help cover costs.



Bishop Remi De Roo

Seminar planned

Mike Grenby, the award winning business writer and financial planner, will be in Salt Spring to present a Personal Financial Planning Seminar on Wednesday, April 25.

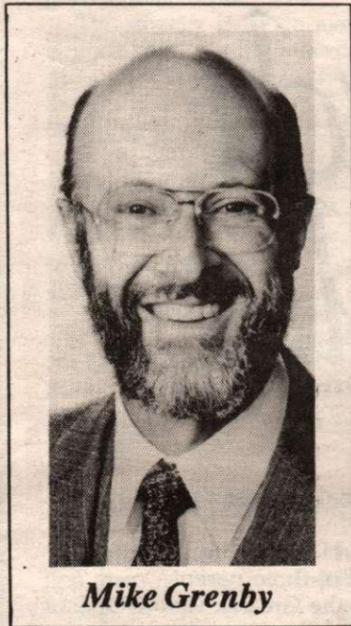
Grenby's visit is being sponsored by the Driftwood and Island Savings Credit Union.

Grenby is the author of a money column which appears in more than 50 newspapers across Canada and has written three books on the subject including *Mike Grenby's Money Book*, *Mike Grenby's Tax Tips* and his most recent *The Best of Mike Grenby A Year-Round Guide to Managing Your Money*. He has also appeared on a variety of local and national radio and television programs.

Grenby graduated from the University of British Columbia with a B.A. and from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism with an M.Sc. He is qualified as both a registered financial planner and chartered financial planner.

Grenby has been providing personal financial planning services for more than 25 years and has acted as a consultant to all levels of government.

The April 25 seminar which will be held in Salt Spring will be held at Mahon Hall beginning at 7 p.m.



Mike Grenby

Community Planning Assoc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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BRIDGE REPORT

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 5 were as follows:

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EAST-WEST

Peter Bastick and Norm McConnell; Althea and Rob Morrisette; Jean Herring and Anne McConnell; Fran and Dick Tipple.

Tuesday night winners were:

NORTH-SOUTH

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News

Scouting activities

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of Ganges prepare a week-long tribute to founder Lord Baden Powell. The events take place February 18 to 25.

The first item on their agenda will be a church parade on Sunday, February 18. Chris Cormack of the Community Gospel Chapel will minister to the boys.

On Wednesday, February 21, the annual parent/son banquet will be held in Meaden Hall of the Salt Spring Legion. Centre piece of the table has been created by the Cubs. Each section will take part in the opening ceremonies.

After dinner, Jay Stevenson, Kiram Black and Adrian Kaiser move from Cubs to Scouts. Songs and skits with a camp fire sing-along form the entertainment with the usual prayer ending the evening.

To celebrate scouting "down through the years 1908 to 1990," the boys will have a display in the window at Mouat's. Organizers Barry Urquhart and Ross McLeod are looking for scouting memorabilia or information with the emphasis on Salt Spring Material.

A big "thank you" goes out from the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to islanders who help make the Christmas Tree sale successful again.

There are 19 boys in Beavers, 26 Cubs and 10 Scouts. An invitation is issued to anyone interested in helping out or becoming a leader.

Four-H elects officers

At the second 4-H Club meeting of the year, the Salt Spring Speakers Club attended to talk about "How to Give a Speech."

By GWEN HAEVENS
Driftwood Correspondent

Later in the February 2 meeting, elections were held to choose a new committee for the upcoming year.

Four members of the Salt Spring Speakers Club attended the meeting and gave a talk on *Making and Giving a Speech*. Those in attendance appreciated the talk because the 4-H Club is hosting its Public Speaking Contest at the next meeting.

The contest will be carried on from the local Club to the district contest and then to the provincial contest.

New members are still welcome to join the 4-H Club. All parents are also welcome.

The 4-H committee for the upcoming year is as follows: president, Rita Phillips; vice-president, Jelina Huth; secretary, Boni Braems; reporter, Gwen Haevens; treasurer, Amber Huth.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 16 at 7 p.m., in the Farmers' Institute building on Rainbow Road.

Artsen

LYNDA LAUSHWAY



Creating art that speaks to people through the ages is an inspiring task for an artist. New Salt Spring residents, Deon Venter and Kathy Venter embody this timeless quality in their artwork in a profound way.

Natives of South Africa, Deon and Kathy immigrated to Canada a year ago, bringing with them a wealth of artistic skill and talent. Deon Venter works in sculpture and painting. He uses mixed media in his sculpture, mainly wood carving and epoxy resin. His oil paintings have a rich, tactile surface, and in Deon's own words: "I paint like a sculptor and sculpt like a painter."

Imagery and content are the most important qualities of Deon's artwork. He feels that "the role of art is to use the language of imagery, a visual language that must be learned. Very few abstract artists who have totally done away with imagery will stand the test of time."

Deon's philosophy, that an artist brings his whole life experience to his work is certainly evident in his images.

Agricultural cycles, seasons, and nature, along with the background of South Africa are symbolically combined in his art. Death and re-birth of both humans and nature are recurrent themes.

Combines ancient technique and presence

Last fall Deon and Kathy Venter showed their work at the Diane Ferris Gallery in Vancouver. In this exhibit Deon's work evolved around life and death passages on both a personal and a universal level, depicting the work we all must undergo to reach a peaceful and enlightened world.

Kathy Venter makes terra cotta sculpture of life size, or larger than life size, human figures. She mainly creates female figures, figures that embody a powerful, spiritual presence.

These figures are beautifully crafted, combining both an ancient technique as well as an ancient presence, that timeless contained majesty of Greek and Egyptian sculpture.

"I use the female figure because she is not associated with commonly held views of heroism. She is not usually considered to be the icon, with power in our society. She is usually the one who has been abused and not received recognition. I am trying to define our own humanness in the sense that it's not the visually powerful who is the victor, the spiritual being that lives inside of every one of us is she real victor," explains Kathy.

Kathy feels "our future as artists is to look back to the Renaissance and look once again at nature for our source of inspiration. I draw directly from nature in my work, using live models. I see something far beyond the physical form in my presence, I see the power inherent in everyone."

Kathy Venter will show her work, "Portrait of the Bride" at the Diane Ferris Gallery, in May.



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Entertainment



Pianist Bruce Vogt will play on Salt Spring this Sunday

Pianist plans benefit concert

When pianist Bruce Vogt played in Salt Spring for the first time last December, organizers asked if he would consider contributing part of the money from the performance to a new centre for the performing arts.

By NANCY VAIL
The Driftwood

Vogt said *no* because most of the money was needed to cover the travel expenses of flautist Elissa Poole, who flew in from Toronto especially to play on Salt Spring.

He did say, however, he would perform here again if an agreeable time could be found. Vogt will be playing here next Sunday afternoon at the United Church. All of the money raised in that event will be turned over to the Society for the Performing Arts.

Vogt's upcoming solo performance is squeezed between his busy teaching schedule at the University of Victoria and the "mini" tour he heads out on the next day.

That tour will take him to Toronto, London (Ontario), Thunder Bay, and Edmonton and 12 days later — on March 24 — he heads out on another tour through the interior of B.C.

While some might hope for a period of breathing time after these performances, Vogt is crossing his fingers, hoping that in the early part of April, he can travel to England for another tour.

So when does he find time to practice?

With a laugh, Vogt says he will only have time to rehearse for three hours on this Friday afternoon — for an hour after he returns home from the university (about 4:40) and then for another hour or two after he and his wife come back from a supper celebrating their son's birthday.

The next day he will rehearse for three or four hours in the morning and spend another five hours at his music the following day. Sunday afternoons are his time off.

Since graduating with his masters degree from the University of Toronto in 1980, Vogt estimates he has spent between five and six hours a day sharpening his skills. He believes anything more would be overkill.

"Some people go for six to eight hours a day, but from my point of view, there is only so much you can do . . . if you get carried away, you can anaesthetize yourself.

"If you go past a certain level of performance, you go to a level of diminishing what you do."

Vogt began his music career in the early 1970s while a student at the University of Western Ontario. The

considers himself lucky the field he was encouraged to pursue turned out to be the right field for him.

"Some people get into a career and discover in mid-life that that isn't where they would like to be . . . that they made that choice because they were pushed in that direction by their parents or some other group. But I've been very fortunate that I ended up in a field I love not to just fill other people's expectations."

Vogt's initial training at the University of Western Ontario was supplemented by other training in England, New Zealand and Italy over the course of the next two years. That done, he returned to Canada where he completed a master's degree in 1980 under the well-known pianist Anton Kuerti.

He joined the faculty of music at

If you go past a certain level of performance, you go to a level of diminishing what you do.

the University of Victoria as an assistant professor 10 years ago and since then has divided his time between teaching and performing.

Vogt says he loves, especially one a one-to-one basis. He estimates he spends about 20 hours a week in class, although this varies with individual needs.

There are currently 170 undergraduates enrolled in the music department at the University of Victoria. Between 50 and 60 are pianists. Vogt says a study undertaken a few years ago found that 80 per cent of those who studied music were gainfully employed in the music industry.

This, he says, means pursuing an education in the fine arts is not a "wasted pursuit" in economic terms: following your instincts and doing what you enjoy can — and does — lead into other enjoyable careers.

While Vogt gleans satisfaction from teaching groups of students, he enjoys working with individuals most. Here, he believes, he can have the greatest impact. In a group situation, it is easy to see individuals as merely part of a whole. Working with individuals, Vogt says, gives him the chance to exert more influence and make a difference in how they play.

"Even though it is late in their lives, it is still possible to make a difference."

Vogt estimates he has worked

with personal satisfaction on one level and, as important, economic stability, his passion lies with performing.

He estimates he has played close to 400 concerts in the last 20 years, either solo, in chamber groups, and with symphonies throughout Canada and Europe. He has played in radio broadcasts with the CBC at least 30 times. On March 12, he will be playing at the University of Victoria, a performance which will be aired on CBC's Arts National program.

Managing his schedule is Vogt's largest challenge. And it is crucial to the success of his career as a performer.

"I tell people, if I ever lost my (scheduling) book, I might as well shoot myself because that book manages my life."

Vogt will be playing at the United Church in Ganges next Sunday beginning at 3 p.m.



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News

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BILL WEBSTER



Contrary to popular belief, humility and the trypewriter indulge more than just passing acquaintance.

When one accepts the occupation of informing and teaching the world about life and other sundry things, humble pie seldom makes the menu. But he can fake it with the best of them, when needed.

Just the other day, Arnold — the mural painter — tried flatery to get the trypewriter to agree to dayglo mauve with fluorescent sparkles for the kitchen wall. The trypewriter, of course, agreed, humbly, with Arnold's description of his tryping. He disagreed, again with humility, with Arnold's choice of paint.

The trick to master when exuding humble involves appearing to be sufficiently contrite. When it works, people add further praise of that apparent humility. The proper care and feeding of humble also necessitates knowing how far to push apparent before it becomes transparent.

GST: Government Stupid Tax?

For example, Canajuns, eh? cry out for guidance over the proposal by the federal government to impose a GST on the country. GST either means Government Stupid Tax or General Sales Tax.

Basically, what the feds want is for the ordinary citizen to take up the tax slack caused by big business hiding the loot. Does it matter that the business community thrives and rakes in more profit this year than last?

Not a bit of it.

So, instead of tightening the loopholes through which business moves with grace and ease, the feds will stick it to us. Complaints won't be tolerated. As good citizens, we should pay, and pay, and pay and . . . The ideal solution, put forward with humility and contriteness, involves citizens of Canader becoming businesses. All of us. Register now. Fill out the forms by which you incorporate yourself and be instantly eligible to tax loopholes through which a Mac truck can be easily driven.

As a business, citizen claims tax breaks

To convince the feds that each citizen is indeed an incorporated business, they, the citizens, would then register themselves in the Bahamas. The beauty of the scheme bursts forth when, as a business, the citizen can claim all kinds of tax rights-offs.

If the federal tax gatherers get pushing, the citizen can then claim to be a foreign-based company. As an individual, the citizen would be resident of Canader for the purposes of voting against the Tories come election time. As a foreign-based incorporated company: no taxes! Beauty, eh?

The trypewriter, humbly, offers that fool-proof solution to the GST.

Now we move on to bigger and more fascinating things. Citizens of Lotus Land bewail the alleged leadership of P.D. "Tulip breath" Vander Zalm.

Ignore him. We know he ain't going away, so we just pay no heed to his rants and fantasies. At election time, we all vote according to our consciences: except the voters of whatever riding he manages to stand in. Those good burghers sock it to him.

Solution to vexing Salt Spring problem

The simple solution results in the government not losing any good representatives but Zalm won't have a seat in the Legislature. Each time he convinces a knee-jerk Socred to resign to allow him to run in a byelection, the voters refuse to follow. Could be a long process for Mike Harcourt to become premier, but think of the fun we'll have. Beauty, eh?

For the trypewriter's last humble act of the week, what follows is the solution to a vexing problem here on Salt Sprung Rock.

Astute observers will notice, when passing the harbour in Ganges, that a glaring gap exists in the boardwalk. Lest the cries of outrage echo off Mount Belch, the trypewriter offers a humble solution to that problem as well. What is to be done is for rope to be stretch from when the boardwalk abruptly stops and where it tentatively begins again. Wire walkers will be hired to amuse local denizens and tourists alike.

A trusted entrepreneur will be given some to the government grant loot and sent to Venice to purchase several second-hand gondolas. The sleek boats will ply the water between the two points in question, ferrying tourists and other strollers across the gap. Beauty, eh?

These solutions, and others are presented, humbly, by the trypewriter to correct inadequacies in our society. He does it with abject humility, but then he has a lot to be humble about.

Region names Heritage Week

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has named another special week.

The week of February 19 to 25 has been declared *Heritage Week* to ensure "citizen interest (is) fostered."

The concept of *Heritage Week* allows various communities of the CRD "to make a commitment to conserve and develop their local heritage resources."

To mark the event the CRD is promoting walking tours of East Sooke and Witty's Lagoon Regional Parks that week. Those two parks contain 16 of the 28 known archaeological sites in the region.

The commitment to conserving heritage "can only be truly made with the active interest and involvement of local citizens," states the proclamation signed by CRD chairman Murray Coell.

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- ★ **KATHY TOWNE** - please contact Susan or Barbara.
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- ★ **WANTED:** people interested in puppetry and children's shows. Phone Louise at 537-9971.

Please accept our invitation ...

Salt Spring Elementary School Gym on Tuesday, February 20 at 7 p.m.

The Victoria Health Project is demonstrating that the health of residents of the Capital Regional District can be measurably improved through "innovative integration, coordination and delivery of effective, efficient and appropriate health services."

For the past two years, our efforts have been directed towards maintaining and improving the health and self-reliance of the frail elderly and chronically ill residents of our communities.

Our success in providing "the right care, in the right place, at the right time" has led us to consider ways of increasing coordination of services for all age groups.

To do this, the Victoria Health Project invites you to share your thoughts and recommendations for an organizational framework which will carry forward the objectives of the Project to the year 2000 and beyond. For instance, in your opinion:

- ♥ What are the major challenges in improving the health of CRD residents?
- ♥ What are the opportunities for efficient coordination of health services?
- ♥ What are community expectations of the health system?
- ♥ What would you consider to be the requirements for effective and efficient health service delivery in the Capital Region?

We're hosting half-a-dozen public meetings throughout the Capital Regional District in February and March to listen to your ideas.

We look forward to hearing from you then.



The Victoria Health Project is the joint effort of three parent organizations: the Greater Victoria Hospital Society, the Capital Regional District and the Ministry of Health. The project is funded by the Province of British Columbia. The Salt Spring "Seniors For Seniors" Society is a Victoria Health Project initiative.

Kickers, knickers, pickers, tickers or wickers

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Letters

Permission needed?

To the Editor,
Pardon me, but would someone please tell me what's going on on this island? I thought that you had to have permission from the Queen and God before you could move as much as a rock on the ocean waterfront, and yet within a short time and with previous little or no public notice, suddenly we have a boardwalk partly around Ganges Harbour with rock wall fill-in. I don't recall anyone asking whether we wanted a boardwalk, let alone whether we need one. And by the way, who's paying for it?

Please explain to me another peculiar thing that is happening on this island: my home is frequently jolted by huge explosions coming from the north that rattle the windows, shake the ground, and frighten the animals that live with me (they run and hide under the bed and don't come out for hours).

It seems that someone doesn't like the mountains of a certain Sunset Drive development and is constantly drilling and blasting and sending the blasted rock down to Ganges for the new salmon stream. This is all very nice, although the new stream reminds me of Butchart Gardens (when will the guided tour begin?). Please tell me who paid for all of this drilling, blasting, trucking, rock-moving, and who is going to pay for the damaged roads from all the heavy-duty trucking, moving all of this rock from the mountain to town? Again, I thought you had to have permission from the Queen or God before you could blast a mountain away — or does anybody out there care?

This is, or was, such a pretty island. Why does it have to be changed to suit whoever is in power at the moment, or whoever has the most financial influence? Any developer who wants to can come here, buy property at a very reasonable price, subdivide, build places that remind me more and more of Coney Island structures, make his pile of money, and then move away.

We have to live with this, folks, and I'm quite sure that we're paying for it also, maybe in the form of a government grant. But tell me: who pays for government grants? Perhaps the Queen, or God?

Please tell me why!
P. MAY,
Vesuvius

Draw the line

To the Editor,
Regarding the January 31 issue of your newspaper, I liked Frank Richards' brand of whimsical humour and enjoyed Arthur Black's Russian jokes. Speaking personally, I am in favour of clean and sex jokes but I draw the line at "Lavatory" humour as portrayed by your cartoonist.

When your paper comes up for further awards I doubt if such crude and distasteful humour will earn any credits or respect.

In these days of permissive freedom I like to think I am as broad-minded as anyone but a line must be drawn in favour of decency, cleanliness, and good taste. I am very surprised that such a scurrilous cartoon was approved for publication. Over to you, *Driftwood*.

BRIAN SMITH,
Ganges

Narrow-minded

To the Editor,
Our Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, has criticized Sault Saint Marie, Ontario, for making English the official language in their city, which he states is contrary to the spirit of a bilingual Canada.

On the other hand, little criticism has ever been directed at the Province of Quebec where it is unlawful to put up an English business sign and where the language of the workforce is French only. Criticism of narrow-mindedness is laudable but it should

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