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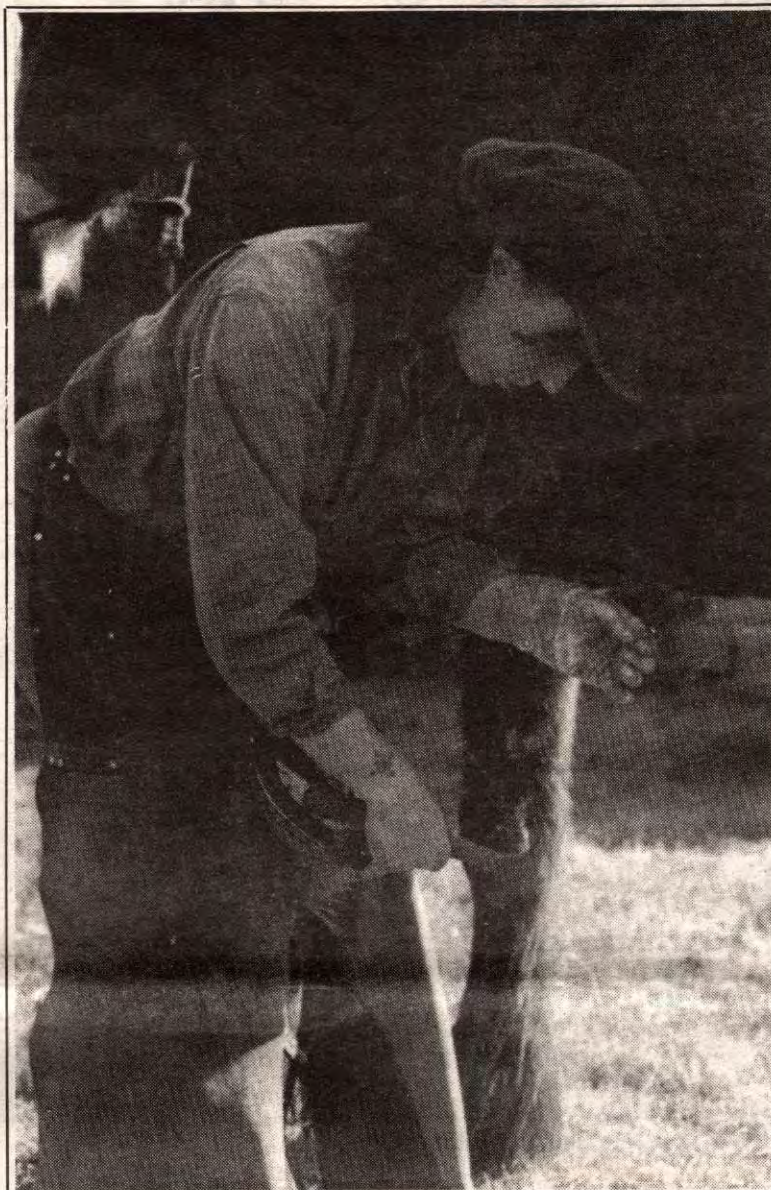
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battery, to an alternating current at the same voltage as utility power.

The PROwatt 600 inverter appeals mainly to a recreational market, Wall said, such as boating.

"Other products are really industrial looking," Wall said of his design.

"I'm not an inventor," he said, though "I often work with inventors. A large part of my work is ingenuity."

Every project Wall starts is entirely new and he enjoys that diversity. Sometimes clients know exactly what they want their product to look like or do; sometimes they are completely unaware of the possibilities that industrial design opens up.

In the past, Wall has worked on projects such as the platform lighting for the Vancouver Skytrain. The company he worked for there

has since obtained a contract to work on a lighting system for rapid transit in Los Angeles.

He has worked in marine electronics, on projects such as auto pilots for boats and security systems. He has worked on golf and windsurfing simulators for leisure companies.

One of his current projects is for a medical equipment company designing equipment to help perform surgery from inside a body.

"I was able to suggest a very different approach with some success," Wall said.

"The award project finished three years ago," he said. "A large part of the award is judged on its being very successful financially because of the design."

The PROwatt 600 Inverter is exported all around the world -- even to Japan.

Heart campaign leader honoured

Local Heart and Stroke Foundation campaign coordinator Scotty Wild was honoured recently with other volunteers at a Vancouver conference.

The foundation's annual conference saw more than 200 delegates from the B.C. and Yukon Territory meet to receive a special salute, share success stories and gain new ideas for the 1993 fundraising and awareness campaign. They also met several people working in the heart and stroke research field.

While the campaign does not "officially" begin until Heart and Stroke month in February, volunteers are gathering in all communities for preliminary organizational meetings. The first Salt Spring meeting took place last Friday under Wild's chairmanship.

About 10 or 12 people run the campaign on Salt Spring. Fun and recreation-oriented money raising events are used on the island, rather than door-to-door fundraising which takes place in urban areas. An estimated 30,000 volunteers participate in door-to-door campaigning in the B.C. and Yukon.

More than \$7,900 was raised on Salt Spring in 1992 from events such as a golf-a-thon, bowl-a-thon, skip-a-thon, trivial pursuit challenge and through pubs donating some proceeds from sale of healthy foods and beverages.

A few more people are needed to join the local Heart and Stroke Foundation committee. Readers wanting a rewarding volunteer experience while helping with the fight against Canada's number one killer should contact Wild at 537-4672.



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EVERY MONDAY Overeaters Anonymous 7pm, Community Centre.
EVERY TUESDAY Co-dependents Anonymous, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
EVERY WEDNESDAY Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg, 11am.
EVERY THURSDAY 40 years plus, bike ride & lunch, Spoke Folk, high noon.
EVERY THURSDAY Seniors for Seniors luncheon, seating 11:30 and 12:30.
FRIDAYS Free Kids Klub, Community Gospel Church, 120 Drake Road, 3:15-5pm.
EVERY SUNDAY Line dancing, Fulford Hall, 7-9pm.
NOV. 25: AGM Artspring, mezzanine above Mobile Market, 7:30pm.
NOV. 25: Seniors for Seniors program, 2pm, Drop in Centre.
NOV. 26: Weavers & Spinner Guild, finishing techniques, Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
NOV. 27: Legion Ladies Auxiliary, smorg. dinner, Meaden Hall, 6pm.
NOV. 27: French conversation group, Library meeting room, 11am.
NOV. 27 & 28: S.S. Society Christmas Craft Faire, United Church, 5:30-9:30 Fri., 9-4 Sat.
NOV. 28: Amazing Anglican Auction, St. George's Hall, 2pm.
NOV. 28: Christmas pot luck and clay event, Ganges United Church, 4:30-8:30pm.
DEC. 3: Lions turkey bingo, Legion Hall, 7pm.
DEC. 4: Legion Ladies Auxiliary, turkey dinner, Meaden Hall, 6pm.
DEC. 4, 5 & 6: Craft Fair, Beaver Point Hall, Fri.: 5-9pm Sat.: 10-6pm Sun.: 11-3pm.
DEC. 4, 5 & 6: Christmas Craft Fair, Fulford Hall, Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun 11-4.
DEC. 11: Global Peace Celebration, a benefit, Beaver Pt. Hall, 8pm.
DEC. 12: Ballroom & Latin dance lessons, St. George's Hall, evening time TBA.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): After pricing some of the toys the kiddies want for Christmas this year, it's time to tell the Christmas-is-not-supposed-to-be-a-consumer-blitz story at bed-time, emphasizing aspects of Christmas-time in Bosnia, Somalia and Victoria. Wearing your painting clothes for the next week might be a good idea.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): This week is a bad medical week, as the moon of Pluto comes between Earth and Pharmastar. Sniffles and sneezes abound. Pink grapefruit juice mixed with Russian vodka does not cure it, but it sure tastes good. Invite the doctor over to share one. Spouses, children and even pets may get sick, so buy an extra large barrel of cod liver oil just in case.

★ horoscope ★

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Your heart is light — Venus enters Gemini only rarely so take advantage of the situation. If your spouse is away this week and you think you are left out — think again! Long distance calls to loved ones, dozens of Hershey's kisses and pages of scratch-n-sniffs of roses are possibilities this week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Sounds will be significant this week. You may notice the letter carrier singing an aria from *Othello* as you get your junk mail, the RCMP officer humming an AC/DC song as he gives you a speeding warning and your dog reciting Hamlet's soliloquy before eating its new, improved *Din-Dins*. Have your hearing checked.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Urge to sleep hits at the strangest times — like within minutes of dragging yourself from bed. Resist urge. How can you possibly snooze away the last 29 shopping days before the big consumer drain on December 25? Of course, thoughts of Christmas dinner with the family will only send you back to the sack. It's true, some nightmares actually take place during the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Boredom is key word of the week. You are too bored to even nag male household members to put the toilet seat down. Usual cures for boredom — watching a gory sci-fi flick or clipping your nose hairs — just don't cut it.

No advice is offered this week — you are too bored to read your horoscope, anyway.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Time to face the truth. It may be obvious to everyone but yourself — we know you didn't buy that Christmas toy for the youngster in your life. Toy-holism is a serious state of being — especially this time of year. Check your drawers and closets for gifts purchased "for someone else." Cost of Christmas gift list will take on astronomical numbers if you can't stop buying yourself toys.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): As bah humbug season approaches, you might consider alternative activities this year. Try inviting family for a tofu — rather than turkey — dinner, setting the Christmas tree on fire or instituting a new Christmas rule — no gifts over \$3. Energy level peaks with off-island trip Wednesday. Check vehicle starter before venturing onto the *Bowen Queen*.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Winds of change will roar this week. You could suddenly find yourself with new furniture, a different car, an unshaven face or armpit hairs for the first time in your life. Go with the tumbling flow. Ferries may again strand the unprepared this week. Don't be one of them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Watching too many foreign films will soon start to affect your speech and perspective on life. You may find yourself walking with a limp and your eyes bugging out as you gesticulate in conversation with strangers. Magenta is a lucky colour this week. Enjoy hiding games with family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Take your mind off inconsiderate and demanding persons by standing in line for three hours to get child's picture taken with Santa. Trying to operate in premises without central heating could send you off deep end. Start agitating for 20th century conditions at home and office.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Try not to feel guilty after realizing you've spent oodles at craft fairs in the past two weeks on items suitable for no one but yourself. Marvel at your good taste. Buy the gaudiest Christmas wrap available.

Make egg carton tree decorations for everyone else on gift-giving list.

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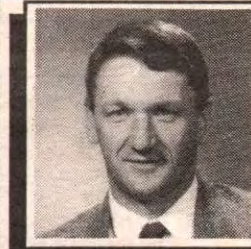
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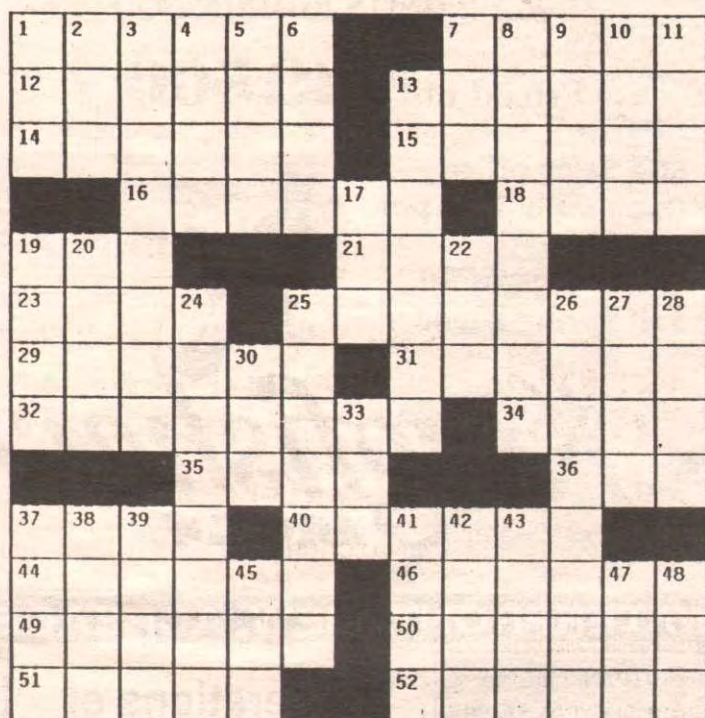


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ACROSS

1. Passenger trains
7. Become aware of
12. Amphibian order
13. Raises trivial objections
14. Orator's platforms
15. Winged figure
16. Samovar
18. Alaskan Cape
19. Zodiac sign
21. Comedienne Martha
23. Eleemosynary aid
25. Place of honor
29. Spurious
31. Chilean coin
32. Newspaper item
34. Black
35. Actor Gregory
36. Compass point
37. Relieve from burdens
40. Falconer
44. Mustang
46. Utter musically
49. Trees of the bombax family
50. Chartered
51. Quip at
52. X out

DOWN

1. Tutelary deity
2. Yoko —
3. Patron
4. Commedia dell' —
5. Dr. Zhivago character
6. Take photographically
7. Pouch
8. Dissipate like vapor
9. Actor Robert De
10. Squalid neighborhood
11. Existence: Latin
13. Stronghold
17. Native mineral
19. Scandinavian
20. Different
22. Allright
24. Anxious
25. Cloaks used

as raincoats

26. Funnel-shaped flower
27. Bustles
28. Without companion-ship
30. Female deer
33. Letters before an alias
37. Falls back
38. Irish island group
39. Bottom surface
41. "Walk on the — Side" (Reed song)
42. Bending joint
43. And others: abbr.
45. Hardtop
47. Hockey goal
48. Nigerian city

Crossword answers are found
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Order of Eastern Star gathers for meeting

Star Points honoured

A recent meeting of Trincomali Chapter No.93 Order of the Eastern Star was held in Ganges honouring the Star Points.

Worthy matron Trudy Sloan had the honour to present the following distinguished guests: Mrs. Ida McManus, general grand chapter committee member on cancer and the past grand patron of B.C. and Yukon, John Branson, and Pennie Davis, grand Ruth.

Others presented were Dorothy McLaughlin, grand representative of New York; Isabelle Greenhalgh, grand representative of Maine; Doreen Branson, grand representative of Louisiana and Elizabeth Morgan, grand representative of Nebraska.

Worthy matrons present were Sally Surette of Victoria Chapter No.17, Anne Wood, Oak Bay Chapter No. 42, Margaret Bonser, Ruth Chapter No.22 and Dorene Benny, Arbutus Chapter No.68.

Worthy patrons present were Paul Surette, Victoria Chapter No.17 and George Wood, Oak Bay Chapter No.42.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization for men and women in the world, with approximately 9,500 members in B.C. and Yukon. The order supports many charities, the main one being cancer.

Donations are made to both cancer research and cancer dressings. Cancer dressings are supplied free of charge to any cancer patient who is in need of them.

At the present time, Trincomali Chapter is holding its annual Gingerbread House Christmas draw, and monies from this will be directed to support the various projects.

The meeting concluded with a most interesting addendum, followed by a quartet. A delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all present.

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