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Heavy snowfall topples trees

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Location. Location. Location.

That was the determining factor in how hard islanders were hit by a weekend storm which dumped between eight inches and an estimated two feet of snow on the Gulf Islands.

Weather observer Robert Aston reports 8.8 inches of snow fell outside his Ganges home between Friday night and Sunday afternoon.

But other areas on the island experienced much heavier snowfalls, especially up on the mountains. For example, at the top of Charlesworth Road, 18 inches of snow piled up. Vesuvius had more snow than Ganges.

More snow at higher elevations made it tough for fire, hydro and highways crews to cope.

"Saturday we figured we better start chaining up the trucks," fire chief Les Wagg said. Given the hills and the number of cars stuck on the road, it was a struggle just to reach the fire hall at Central, he noted.

During the weekend, firefighters stopped several times to check vehicles which had gone off the road, to ensure no one was trapped inside.

Firefighters turned into road

WEATHER 3

Group is passionate about unity

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

They came from all over Salt Spring and from all over the political map. They brought a broad range of experience and represented all ages.

But they shared a cause in common, a concern for the future of Canada, and they spoke passionately and proudly of their hopes for a united country.

The 40 people who gathered at Fulford Hall last Wednesday evening expressed their concerns and suggested the actions they felt might help resolve the ongoing crisis of Canadian unity. And all agreed that Canada should stay together.

On Friday, organizers of the "unity forum" faxed a summary of the actions and concerns expressed at the meeting to the House of Commons committee on Canadian unity. Copies went to provincial premiers and to The First Informer,

UNITY FORUM 2

Bader search ends peacefully



TACTICAL SQUAD: Members of an RCMP Emergency Response Team prepared to launch a massive search for Gary Bader, who fired a shot at police and then disappeared from his parent's Mt. Erskine home last weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Theories, speculation rampant on Salt Spring

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Theories on Gary Bader's whereabouts, plus an array of "facts" surrounding the police search for him, were falling as fast and thick as Saturday's snow.

Rumours, large and small, were blowing through the telephone wires, coffee shop speculation was profound and the guesswork immense.

On Sunday, more than a dozen armed men dressed in fatigues milled about the Ganges ambulance compound, preparing to launch a massive mountainside search for Bader. To some, the scene looked like a misplaced Hollywood movie set.

For others, the drama was very real. Islanders with scanners knew a major police event was under way late Friday afternoon when local police called a Code Four silence, prohibiting

others' use of their radio frequency.

Buzzing telephone wires placed the drama in the Mount Erskine vicinity, where three houses on Mount Erskine Road had been evacuated. The entire Ganges police force plus auxiliaries were involved.

Early speculation was amazingly accurate. By Friday night, numerous islanders had pinpointed the Bader house, and knew Gary Bader was inside, apparently armed.

The drama really took off for scanner listeners early Saturday morning when a commotion over the radio waves indicated a shot had been fired.

Listeners heard Constable Gerard Choquette call out that he was in a field without cover. The fear in Choquette's voice was immense.

About 3:15 a.m. Bruce Marshall,

BADER SEARCH 5

EXCLUSIVE: Tuesday night's press run was delayed for the following story.

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

A massive manhunt employing an RCMP tactical squad, dogs, and a helicopter came to a peaceful ending Tuesday evening, 96 hours after police began searching for an armed man who shot at a Mountie early Saturday morning.

Gary Douglas Bader, 42, was taken by an RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT) to Victoria where he would likely undergo treatment for hypothermia. Bader was expected to appear in Sidney court today (Wednesday), where he will face a number of weapons charges.

Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan said he was "absolutely elated" that the situation ended peacefully.

Police were called by Bader's family around 5 p.m. Tuesday. Emergency response personnel attended a Mount Erskine Road residence, where Bader had already received some medical treatment, according to police. He was unarmed at the time of his arrest, but Bunyan said weapons had been seized.

Bunyan also said it appeared Bader spent most of the past four days out in the elements.

The drama unfolded last Friday evening when local RCMP, including off-duty police and auxiliaries, surrounded Bader's parents' home after learning that a man with a gun was behaving irrationally inside.

Police evacuated neighbouring houses and began surveillance of the area.

Bunyan said that at close to 3 a.m. Saturday a shot "from a high-powered weapon" was fired. Const. Gerard Choquette was hit in the leg by debris from either a bullet or a rock.

The shot prompted the immediate arrival of ERT personnel via water taxi. ERT vans and equipment arrived later by ferry.

Extreme weather conditions — which sent two local officers to hospital with minor hypothermia — hampered an area search, but the ERT arrived with dogs, and nearby residents were warned to stay indoors early Saturday morning as police feared the man might have fled.

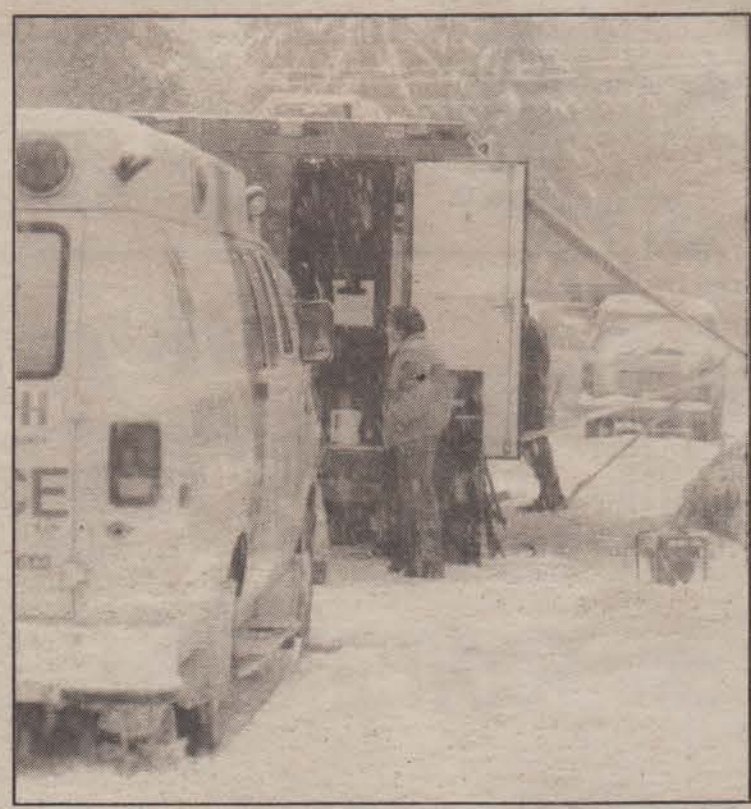
Early Sunday morning the ERT set off a stun grenade and entered the Bader home which they found empty.

A full-scale manhunt for Bader began Sunday morning, employing a helicopter, dogs and police from six different RCMP detachments.

At about 2 a.m. Monday police evacuated seven homes on Armand Way and surrounded a home where a "suspicious occurrence" had taken place.

"By the end of the night that issue was resolved," Bunyan said and Bader was still at large. Bunyan declined to elaborate on what led police to Armand Way.

Bader, a former island resident who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School, lives in Duncan where he operates an excavating business. He is reportedly distressed over business and marital problems.



SURVEILLANCE: An ambulance and the RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT) van were among vehicles manning the Mount Erskine area Saturday as ERT members and local police surrounded a house, supposedly holding an armed, irrational man.

Photo by Michael Murray

Harsh term used for man forced over the edge

Reporters and television news crews have been swarming over Salt Spring in recent days, grabbing interviews where they can and rushing back to the city to pen headlines about an armed gunman.

For me, the word "gunman" creates an image of a masked man holding a submachine gun and sniping at a crowd of innocent bystanders.

There is no justification for Saturday morning's gunshot, in which RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette narrowly escaped serious injury.

And I don't feel sorry for Gary Bader. But I do sympathize with someone forced to the edge of reasonable behaviour by life's often cruel circumstances.

Gary is not a gunman, but someone who has been pushed over a very thin line, a line, I suspect, that many more people than would care to admit have come close to crossing.

Without wishing to belabour the issue, lose

TONY RICHARDS



friends or fix firmly in the minds of readers that I am one of those dreadful neo-cons, I have to ask what the CBC has done for Canadian unity.

Would we be in a worse mess had it not been for the national broadcaster? That's hard to imagine. According to one of the people who voiced opinions on unity last week at Fulford Hall, the CBC has divided us very well by delivering two different views, one to Quebec and another to the rest of the country.

Eliminate the children's programs, the sitcoms and sports from CBC Television, and what do you have? A handful of interesting, Canadian shows that no doubt do a great deal for keeping English-speaking citizens informed

of each other's doings. As far as Quebec is concerned, the language barrier will forever ensure that we never really know each other well.

A look to one of the few truly united but multi-tribal countries in Africa provides convincing evidence of the value of a common language. Tanzania appears to have avoided the bickering and worse that is characteristic of Kenya and the outright barbarism that has plagued Rwanda and Burundi.

Tanzanians converse in Swahili, a factor which breaks down the language barrier we know so well in Canada. French instruction in our schools has been wonderful exercise for the minds of students who cannot help but benefit from such a workout. But it has been hopeless in terms of enabling most of us to carry on any kind of discourse with our fellow citizens in Quebec.

So what of the CBC? I cannot see how much of its programming contributes either to unity or culture, especially with declining audience

sizes. Its evening newscast from Vancouver, for example, has a fraction of the audience enjoyed by BCTV, and even less than that of UTV.

My solution? Preserve CBC Radio, revamp CBC Television and let's all start speaking Swahili.

Some of my colleagues on our editorial board would have this newspaper do something to defend itself against the frontal assault by correspondents on the letters pages.

Let me confess to being somewhat immovable when it comes to the carping of letter writers, especially when they dispense with the benefit of fact and the pleasure of civility. We should not forget, however, that the right to express an opinion is sacred and one I shall defend — though perhaps not to the death.

We shall write our opinions, the letter writers shall pen theirs and we shall all endeavour to live happily ever after.

UNITY FORUM: Priorities set

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a newspaper chosen by the meeting's organizers because it serves a group of French-speaking islands in Quebec, the Magdalen Islands.

The priorities identified by the meeting:

- That the constitutional issue be addressed by immediately enshrining distinct society status for Quebec in the constitution and by holding a constituent assembly of citizens — not politicians — to create a new constitution; and

- That it is time to tackle "the hard realities" by beginning negotiations with Quebec, looking at the province's demands for increased power, preparing for the possibility of separation, providing information about the benefits of being Canadian and the ramifications of separation, and settling Indian land claims.

A constitutional assembly, whose delegates would be citizens elected for the purpose, was a popular choice for many who attended last week's meeting. Hugh Greenwood said it was necessary to begin a process that avoided politicians as much as possible.

"I think their record has been absolutely abysmal."

Like a number of others, Greenwood supported fostering more exchanges of people within Canada as a means of introducing Canadians to each other.

But Bob Bateman disagreed. Charging that "a pack of butchers" wanted to dismember the country, he proposed giving Quebec a special status "as long as they stop the political blackmail." That Quebecers would be interested in exchanges was wishful thinking, Bateman said. "They're not inter-

ested."

He decried the "me-tooism" response from provincial leaders and suggested Quebec had to be dealt with "surgically."

"We've been diddling around with this for decades."

It is time, Bateman said, "to let the poker game start." He proposed looking at an arrangement similar to the European Community.

A few blamed foreign ownership, corporate control and right-wing governments in Alberta and Ontario for the country's woes; others found fault with politicians and the media.

You've got to foster patriotism ... it doesn't happen overnight.

At least one speaker faulted the version of Canadian history taught in Quebec schools. "They have been teaching how beastly the Anglos are since the conquest."

There was some agreement with the lament that only Quebec enjoys the benefit of strong political leadership in premier-to-be Lucien Bouchard.

Some disagreement was in evidence over decentralization. Some spoke strongly in favour of strong, central government, particularly to maintain national standards in health care and education. Said one speaker: "We're rapidly approaching the point where the country will become ungovernable."

Others felt that decentralization of federal powers was inevitable. Charles Kahn observed that former prime minister Pierre Trudeau had

"made a stab at stronger federalism and failed." He said many distinct societies exist within Canada and all should be recognized.

There were also two plugs for a stronger nationalism. "I'd like all our kids to know how to sing the national anthem," said Nancy Wigen.

Another speaker went farther, voicing the opinion that Canadians should sing their anthem in the same way the Americans sing theirs.

"You've got to foster patriotism," she said. "It doesn't just happen overnight."

In spite of the diversity of opinion on the topic of Canadian unity, there was a shared sense of pride among those present, each of whom spent a few minutes or more articulating their feelings.

One woman described herself as "an enthusiastic Canadian," building on the statement of the previous speaker, who made a clear distinction as to where his loyalties lay.

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Islander without hydro moves fridge into snow

One Salt Spring woman who was without hydro for 24 hours last weekend described her house as a fridge, while another woman chose to move her fridge outside.

Dukes Road resident T.T. Miles' family cheered and quickly turned on the heat Sunday afternoon when

hydro was finally restored after being off for 24 hours.

Miles and her partner Dave McRobb and their two children, Jenna, 6 months, and Dustin, 3, spent 24 hours eating sandwiches and chips, and donning more and more layers of clothes.

The family has been using electric space heaters to warm the house since a stone wall project behind the disconnected wood stove remains incomplete.

Miles said the house's inside temperature dropped about four hours after the power went out Saturday

afternoon. Her family spent the evening at a neighbour's house and then crawled into two waterbeds that had withheld some heat.

"I kept waking up all night feeling the waterbed get colder and colder," Miles recalled. "I was lying there saying 'please, please let it rain'."

The lack of hydro also shut down their water pump, leaving them without running water.

"All the lines are probably frozen now," Miles said, adding they would be walking down to a nearby stream for buckets of water until the water lines thaw.

Like many islanders, they will also be busy removing several trees which toppled on their property under the weight of Saturday's heavy snowfall.

Miles said she was not concerned about food perishing in her fridge because the "whole house was a fridge."

Louise Vivian on Sky Valley Road, however, was taking no chances. She spent Sunday afternoon moving food from her fridge and freezer out into the snow.

Sky Valley residents had been out

of power for more than 24 hours Sunday, and Hydro officials warned them they could be out for awhile yet. (The power came on sometime during the night Sunday.)

In the meantime, Vivian and her two children, Chelsea, 6, and Devon, 3, were eating lots of peanut butter sandwiches.

"It's really bad out here," Vivian told the Driftwood Sunday, noting that trees were down all over the neighbourhood and across the road. Her neighbours reported 15 trees down on their property, and she has one down across her kids' play fort. "It's really grim."

She and other Sky Valley residents were parking their cars at the bottom of steep Lord Mike's Road. Neither road had been plowed by Sunday afternoon.

"I have to pull the kids on a sleigh," she said. "The snow is too deep for them to walk in. We have a foot of snow up here!"

And without electric heat, lights or hot water, things were about to become even more interesting as she trooped outside to get a glass of milk.



Slip slidin' away

It's gotta be slippery when the snowplow goes off the road. This truck had to be pulled out of a Cusheon Lake Road ditch Saturday afternoon after the driver lost control of it, and crashed into a small tree. Photo by Susan Lundy

WEATHER: Snow dumps on island

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clearers to reach a chimney fire on Don Ore Road, which was reported at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. A fallen tree blocked the road and had to be removed. There was no damage to the home from the fire, Wagg said.

At 8 p.m. Friday, firefighters were called to another chimney fire, this time on Richard Flack Road.

Firefighters were also called numerous times about flashes and possible electrical fires as hydro lines were shorted out by falling trees. They attended only those incidents which were deemed hazardous.

Power outages started Saturday afternoon throughout the Gulf Islands as snow-laden trees and branches fell across power lines. Throughout the snowfall, temperatures hovered around freezing or just above, creating heavy, wet flakes.

At one point Saturday night there were approximately 4,500 people on the Gulf Islands without power, B.C. Hydro acting manager Jim Hatch said.

Three crews were on duty Saturday and extra crews were called out Sunday morning, bringing the total to 15 crews by Sunday afternoon. Trucks were equipped with chains to navigate the roads, many of which were blocked by fallen trees.

Stewart Road on Salt Spring was almost impassable, Hatch said. Two crews worked on the road for 32 hours, clearing line after line. "Trees were coming down around them," he said.

One 150-foot cedar tree crashed across the road near the crews, tearing out the hydro lines and breaking the crossarms. It also fell across a hydro truck, smashing the windshield.

By Tuesday morning, only four power outages remained. Three customers in Musgrave Landing had been without power for approximately 72 hours, Hatch noted, but he expected to restore

power to the area soon.

Highways maintenance foreman John Charlton had the island's five trucks and one grader working to keep the roads clear before and during the storm. Before the storm, major routes were salted.

Five extra men were added to the crew, trucks were equipped with blades to supplement the grader and all equipment was out for 24 hours during the storm. Only on Saturday afternoon did the snowfall get ahead of road-

clearing, Charlton said.

"I'm quite pleased with the guys' performance this year. We're really making an effort."

Road clearing was complicated by two other factors. The number of fallen trees and downed hydro lines delayed clearing of some roads, while the police emergency on Mount Erskine Drive meant extra work keeping the route to and from the site accessible for emergency vehicles. Some other roads were also temporarily closed by police.

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GITA letter requests replacement of board with appointed trustee

By **TONY RICHARDS**
Driftwood Staff

School trustees levelled strong criticism at local teachers last Wednesday in response to a letter in which Education Minister Art Charbonneau was asked to replace the entire board with an appointed trustee.

Signed by Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) president Larry Field, the letter pointed to the district's recent financial woes, class size violations of the collective agreement and other concerns to back its request.

"... the decision-making process is ambiguous, there is little sense of who is in charge of what and communications from the board remains poor or non-existent in many areas ... the day-to-day operation of the district has gotten worse, not better."

School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert expressed dismay that teachers felt someone from outside the area could do a better job than local elected trustees.

She went through the letter and disputed the allegations, and suggested the move was badly timed in light of the restructuring issue currently facing the district. (The minister of education has given the province's 75 school districts until April 15 to come up with restructuring plans that will save \$30 million annually in education spending.)

While Lambert was irate with GITA for its action, Galiano's Bonnie Robson was angry.

"I frankly resent this letter." For the last two years, she said, trustees had put "blood, sweat and tears" into their jobs.

"We don't just meet once a month," she said, referring to the ongoing committee meetings and other duties that occupy a great deal of trustees' time.

"Other than sleep with you guys, what more do you want us to do?"

Charles Hingston suggested there were elected representatives at the provincial and federal levels who deserved to be replaced

before school trustees. He also warned that should the local district amalgamate with three others in the Capital Region — the education minister's default plan — islanders might end up with only one trustee to represent their interests.

Trustees supported a motion by Hingston that school district staff be provided with a package of information, including district financial data, contractual obligations and the board's actions in trying to meet them, the field services report conducted by ministry representatives last year, a restructuring update and details on the curriculum change process.

One of the teachers' concerns was that new curriculum implementation at the intermediate and secondary levels "has lacked any coherent plan to date and the leadership necessary to develop one appears to be lacking."

Lambert said she expected the teachers themselves to take such a leadership role, as it was not the board's responsibility to do so.

Administrators attend restructuring meetings

By **TONY RICHARDS**
Driftwood Staff

The Gulf Islands School District is "on overload."

Those were the words used last Wednesday by school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert to describe the situation in the district with respect to restructuring.

Since early December, Lambert and the district's two senior administrators have attended more than a dozen meetings to explore restructuring of school districts. Their efforts are being duplicated province-wide as a result of Education Minister Art Charbonneau's November announcement on amalgamation, an initiative designed to save the province at least \$30 million a year.

The next meeting will take place Wednesday, when more than 50 district staff are expected to gather at the high school in an effort to generate ideas on the issue. Public consultation will take place in February.

For superintendent Mike Marshall, the process is a critical one for the future of education. "We have to look at fundamental changes to the way we've done business," he told the board. The process must involve everyone in the educational community, he said, and they must decide how they wish to see the system work.

Marshall's chief concern, however, is that he sees "very little sensitivity on the part of the government for students."

The district is currently working with Saanich, Victoria and Sooke school districts to gather informa-

tion and examine the pros and cons of amalgamation. The minister's plan — described as a default position in case the province's 75 school districts don't come up with anything better — calls for amalgamation of the four districts in the Capital Region.

Whether the Gulf Islands district will propose to go along with amalgamation or continue as a separate district is a decision trustees have yet to make. Lambert said the decision would follow a February 28 deadline for gathering information.

The chairwoman ended the discussion on a positive note, after Hingston observed that discussions have revealed an opportunity for the sharing of business functions among school districts.

"At least something good is coming out of it," Lambert said.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

"Our world has changed."

So said school district superintendent Mike Marshall at last Wednesday's school board meeting, when he displayed a teacher contract from the early 1980s.

It was less than a dozen pages. Then he picked up the current version and held it up for trustees to see. It was at least an inch thick.

"The world we operate in has become visibly more complex," Marshall observed.

In other school board news: • Marshall paid tribute to former teacher Dave Stacey, who died December 30. Since 1980, Stacey had made "a significant contribution" to the school district through his "tireless efforts" on behalf of students.

"He touched the lives of kids in special ways," Marshall said.

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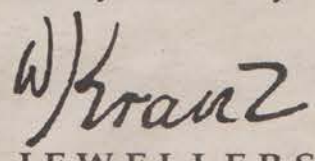
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Gary Bader known to islanders as a quiet, laid back fisherman

Gary Bader is described as a "quiet, nice sort of guy," who would probably rather be fishing.

"We all know Gary as a good person," said Ron Spencer, a longtime friend of the Bader family. "It's all been quite a shock."

Dave Moulton, who graduated with Bader from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1972, also expressed surprise at the current situation.

"For the most part, he was a nice

guy," Moulton said.

Bader was Moulton's boss on Salt Spring several years ago when he and his cousin Larry Bader operated G & L Excavating. Moulton said that company has since disbanded and Bader has been operating his own excavating business in Duncan.

He understands Bader has been experiencing business problems.

Moulton noted Bader is an avid sport fisherman who enjoys the outdoors, and spent a lot of time hunt-

ing up behind his Mount Erskine area home when he was a young man. "He knows that area well."

Sue Spencer, who also went to school with Bader, described him as "very approachable, quiet and fun."

"He was very laid back," she recalled, "not a macho kind of jock or anything — just one of the group. Everybody liked him."

Sue Spencer said the current situation is unfortunate. "With the pressures of today, it could be anybody."

BADER SEARCH: Rumour and speculation

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who lives about 200 metres from the Bader house and who eventually called his home "Spy Point" due to the number of local and off-island calls he received.

Marshall spent the rest of the night looking out the window, walking around his home in the dark and updating Murray on what he was hearing.

Marshall was "in the know" all day Saturday while an RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT) surrounded the Bader house.

He heard "some noises that sounded like shots," but soon realized that tree branches around his house were cracking from the weight of the snow.

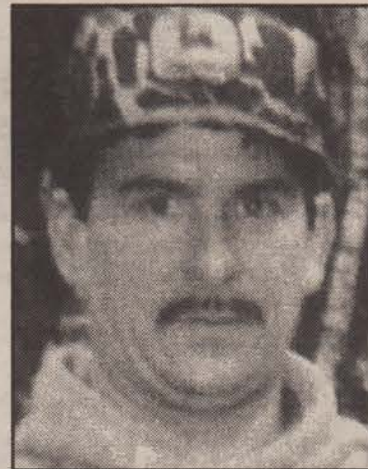
"At one point in the afternoon, though, a stun grenade or something was set off."

Early Sunday morning, Marshall approached ERT members and was told the situation should be resolved in about 20 minutes.

"I started to walk away, and then there was a big bang. As I walked up my driveway I could see smoke. A short bit later, all these men started walking out (of the area) with their guns down."

At this point, media outlets began using the word "eluded."

Off-island media personnel, frustrated by the inability to obtain official information, spawned several early rumours, including the possibility that



Gary Bader

hostages were being held in the house. A Saturday television report stated Choquette had been shot in the leg when, actually, he sustained an injury from bullet fragments.

Screaming headlines called Bader a "gunman" before police indicated whether or not he was believed armed.

Salt Spring Islanders have circulated their own brand of rumours, calling police with a new "tip" about every 15 minutes.

RCMP Sergeant Lorne Bunyan told the Driftwood he informed B.C. Ferries personnel Sunday of what turned out to be a bogus car theft, warning them Bader might try to catch a ferry in the vehicle. He was told they were already

watching for a grey pick-up truck with a red stripe, but he had not issued any such information.

When the RCMP detachment received a bomb threat around noon Monday (see related story), islanders envisioned Bader on a mountainside with a cellular telephone. Others claimed Bader had called them at home.

By mid-afternoon Monday, the Driftwood received numerous calls indicating Bader had been caught on Cranberry Ridge. "Negative," came the immediate official response.

Other rumours caused media people to drive up and down Armand Way, Dukes Road and Frazier Road on Monday, long after a "suspicious occurrence" in the area had been resolved.

In the meantime, coffee shop talk cannot decide whether Bader is sitting in Toronto watching the news (after slipping onto an early morning ferry or stealing a boat off the Erskine waterfront and paddling to Cowichan) or hiding out in a Mount Maxwell cave.

As the argument for the latter choice goes, Bader is an avid outdoors man who knows where to find logging roads and old cabins in the Salt Spring bush.

And finally, on an island where many people still don't lock their doors, the deadbolts have been clicking after dark.

Bomb threat clears RCMP detachment

Ganges RCMP evacuated their detachment and held up traffic on Fulford-Ganges Road for 20 minutes in response to a bomb threat Monday.

A caller told police a bomb was planted at the detachment and set to go off at 1 p.m.

"We cleared the area and did a cursory search," said Ganges

RCMP Sergeant Lorne Bunyan.

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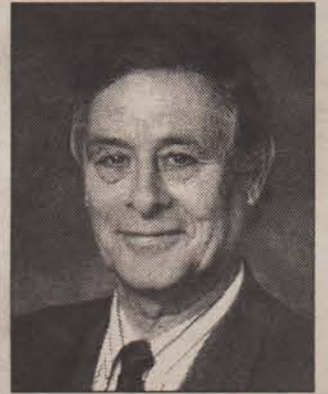
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Quake won't devastate school

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Fernwood Elementary School is prepared for disaster.

If an earthquake or storm devastates the area, children at Fernwood school would have food, water and warmth for at least 24 hours.

"The school is ready," says principal Bruce Stewart. "But we can only do our part — provide short-term comfort. Beyond 24 hours, the community plan has to kick in."

The school, backed by a strong parent committee, began gathering information on earthquake preparedness last spring. Today, it is working through a 10-step plan that will eventually enable it to provide emergency care for up to 72 hours.

Each classroom has a large, Rubbermaid garbage bucket on wheels which contains emergency first aid equipment and comfort kits for the students. These emergency buckets are wheeled through each classroom's exterior doors every day the school is in session.

The buckets include the basic necessities required to sustain and treat injuries of all students for up to 72 hours. Basic first aid techniques, student information, release forms, medical concerns, as well as flashlights, food and toilet paper are all accessible in the buckets. Funds to supply these containers and contents came from the Fernwood parent's group.

"As we planned what we wanted for each classroom at Fernwood school, we realized that the emergency buckets alone did little to look after any but the injured in the event of an earthquake," recalled Barbara Haydon, a parent who, along with parents Susan Garside and Monica Huser, has helped organize the emergency buckets.

"That's when we chose to purchase comfort kits. We knew the children would need psychological as well as physical comfort."

Part of the Schoolmate Comfort Kits program, the kits were purchased from a company in Surrey and cost each child \$13.

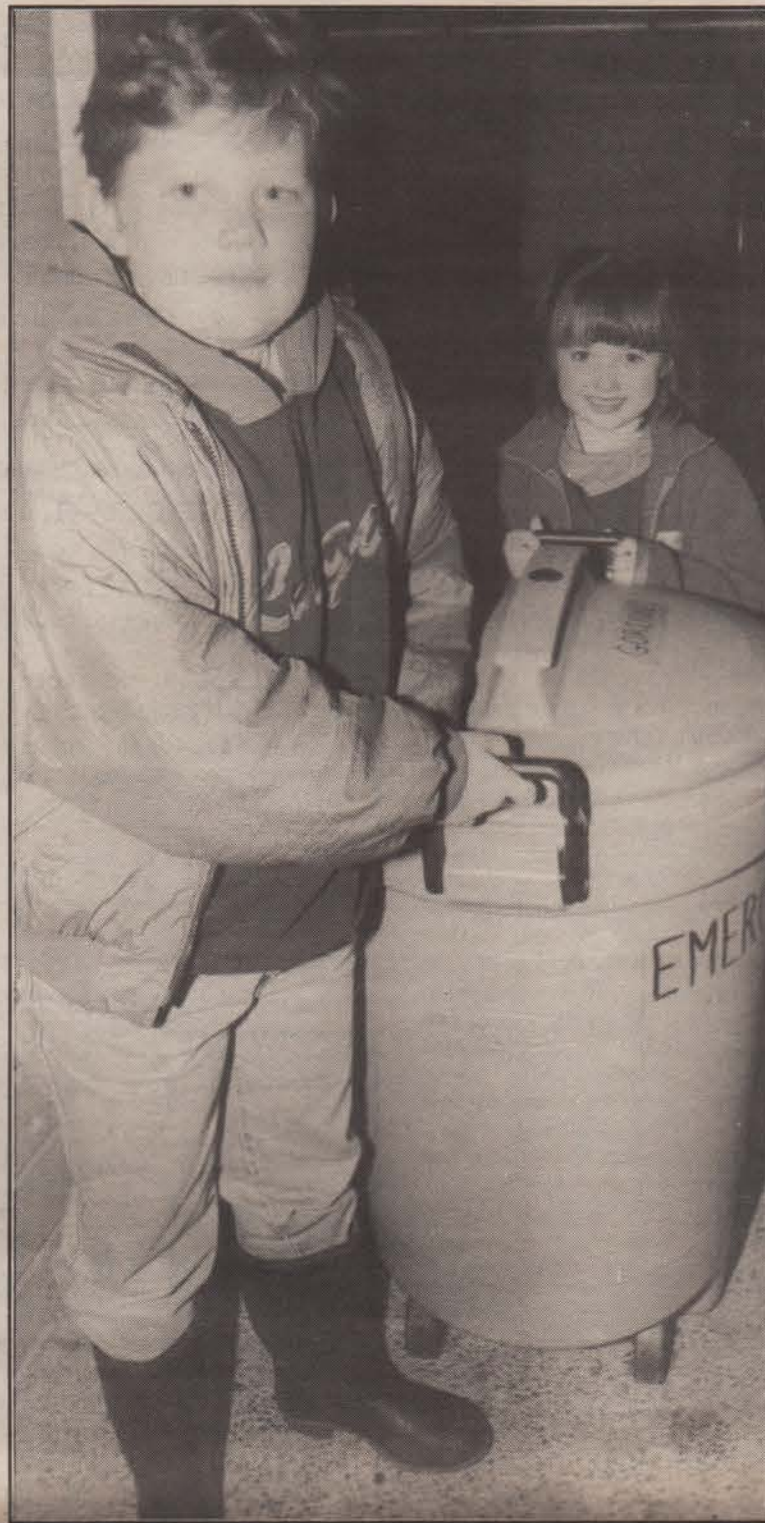
Contained in each plastic zip-lock kit is an emergency blanket, which folds down to the size of a cigarette package and reflects heat back to the body when worn. The kits contain a package of tissue, a garbage bag which can serve as rain gear, a shower cap (also for the rain), three travel towellettes, two safety pins, a dust mask and an I.D. tag. A safety light stick, which glows when it is broken, provides comfort in the dark as well as a distracting fascination.

The kits also hold two straws and two foil-packed containers of non-perishable water with a shelf life of about five years. Haydon said the long life of the water was one reason they chose to purchase the kits from this company. "This means we don't have to change it every few months."

The food in the kits — two granola bars, three fruit leather strips, a package of sesame snaps, and a roll of hard candy — will have to be replaced each September.

To round off the kits, parents were asked to send family photos to help calm the children, plus personal notes of reassurance placed in sealed envelopes. Parents were also asked to include a small comfort item.

"Some parents have sent a toy,



PREPARED: Matt Haydon and sister Katy wheel out one of Fernwood school's emergency buckets. Each classroom has a bucket which contains first aid equipment and comfort kits for students to be used in case of emergency such as a major earthquake.

Photo by Tony Richards

others a Bible, a book or a game," Haydon noted. "We've stressed to the children that they not tamper with the packs — they are there for an emergency."

Earthquake preparedness beyond collection of the emergency buckets has been ongoing at the school. Fire and earthquake drills are alternated each month; a 28-minute, "non-threatening" video called The Great Quake Hazard Hunt (starring Walt Disney's Chip and Dale) has been shown to each class, and a school assembly discussed the emergency plan with students.

To meet the first aid component of earthquake preparedness, the entire staff took basic first aid training, Stewart said. The school also hopes to see its more senior students learn first aid techniques.

The committee next plans to erect a small structure away from the main school building to house extra water, tarps, blankets and possibly some propane stoves.

Glass protection is another area the school has considered, Stewart said, noting that large classroom windows would likely shatter during an earthquake and cause injury.

Aside from placing screens on the windows, the school has the option to coat the glass with a film that would prevent shattering.

"But this is an expensive item," Stewart noted, and this step has not yet been taken.

Other areas of future consideration include establishing a "neighbourhood kiosk" — determining nearby homes willing to act as emergency shelters — and eventually the school's ability to care for students for 72 hours.



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Playing with fire

Ganges Petrocan manager Frank Worsley found a book of burned matches last week next to the gas cap on the vehicles of two dif-

ferent customers. He wondered if whoever did it was aware of the danger of igniting fumes and of the potential risk involved.

Photo by Tony Richards

CRD holds back budget increase

Regional directors started trimming a projected nine per cent increase in their 1996 budget at a committee of the whole meeting January 10.

They directed a review of all budgets for regional services by the appropriate committees. Regional services includes items financed by every member municipality and district of the Capital Regional District (CRD) such as waste management, the 911 emergency system, septage disposal and trunk sewer lines, building services and personnel departments.

Directors recommended all regional services budgets be cut to a maximum increase of three per cent. Overall, the directors want to hold the tax requisition increase to three per cent.

The provisional 1996 budget, presented at the December 13 meeting,

was \$146 million, an increase of \$12 million over the 1995 budget of \$134 million.

In other CRD news:

• Salt Spring resident Bob Rush wanted to talk to the regional board January 10 about the possible increase in the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation budget due to hiring a full-time administrator. He was prevented from doing so, however, by Salt Spring director Dietrich Luth, who voted against allowing Rush to speak. The vote needed unanimous approval.

• Compensation of \$1,297 was approved for three Salt Spring farmers who reported livestock killed by unknown dogs. The CRD compensates the farmers to 75 per cent of the livestock's market value.

Payment of \$412 was approved to Bill Vanderwekken for the loss of three ewes and one ram; \$405 to Malcolm Bond for the loss of three ewes and three lambs; and \$480 to Howard Byron for the loss of two ewes and three lambs.

• A \$1,500 grant-in-aid requested by Luth was approved for the Victoria Human Exchange Society, Salt Spring branch. Luth said the group takes in the homeless. Luth also obtained a \$200 grant for the Salt Spring Island Public Transportation Society.

Taxation experts at meeting

An information meeting will be held this Saturday at the Farmers' Institute for property owners whose land has lost its farm status.

The meeting will start at 3:30 p.m. and will include tax experts and representatives from the legal aid system.

Any appeals of the property tax assessments issued earlier this month must be made by January 31, said Salt Spring Farmers' Institute president Chris Schmah. "Everybody has to appeal by the 31st. They have no choice after the 31st of January," he said.

The Farmers' Institute is planning a mass appeal for properties which have lost their farm status. To date, Schmah said, 10 farmers have come forward and are willing to participate.

"Our small farms are getting declassified and a number of them are getting lost," he said, adding that the interpretation of regulations must be changed to resolve the problem.

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Islanders on radio show

Some Salt Spring Islanders will be featured on national radio Saturday.

Broadcaster Arthur Black, who lives part-time on the island, did several stories here last week for his weekly CBC Radio show, Basic Black.

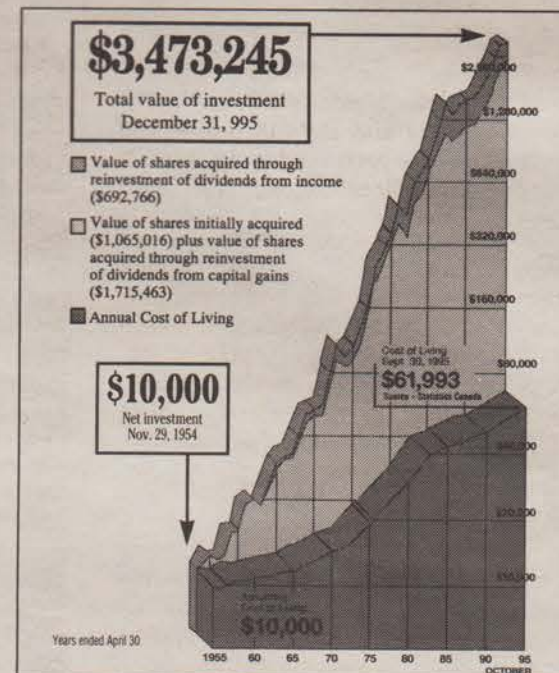
Executive producer Chris Straw told the Driftwood that about six of those stories will be heard Saturday.

The rest will be used at a later date.

Saturday's show will feature Louise Nye and Salt Spring Cinema, a ride on the school water taxi Graduate, animal control officer Howard Byron, artisan Palu Rainbow Song and barber Bevan Wrate.

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OPINION

Kindling the fires of nationalism

He would walk more proudly, said Peter Robinson, as a result of the unity forum held last week on Salt Spring Island. He was probably not the only one who would do so, given the level of reasoned and well-considered discussion that the forum engendered.

The two and a half-hour session heard from but a tiny fraction of the island's population, but they made up for their slim numbers by speaking out with fervour for a cause dear to their hearts.

Will their voices be heard?

It would be easy to come up with a cynical response to the question, but neither the people who spoke at the forum nor the subject itself deserve such belittlement. With the future of the country at stake, it behooves us all to consider what form we wish the country to take.

It is a matter for national discussion. Without it, the politicians who profess to know what needs to be done can proceed, unfettered by public opinion, with their own narrow agenda. That agenda has led us to the state in which we find ourselves today, on the brink of the constitutional abyss or, as one speaker at last week's meeting put it, set to dissolve in the global morass.

In other words, the more people who put their minds to the problem and advance theories on its resolution, the better the chances of finding a workable solution, and being heard by Ottawa in the process.

It is the process itself that has the potential of leading us closer to the solution. For it is the process that may serve to kindle the fires of Canadian nationalism, a fire that burns dimly in the hearts of too many of us. For too long it has been deliberately deprived of fuel as we have lived in fear of becoming too much like our southern neighbours, whose propensity for flag-waving we have long scorned.

Two people urged last week that the national anthem be given more emphasis among our children, a recommendation with which we heartily agree. No country can hope to remain intact when its citizens not only share little pride in their heritage, but fail to impart in their children a love for the land in which they live.

The results of the forum were stated late last week in a submission to the Commons unity committee: "The common view of all present, (that) Canada should stay together." What followed was a series of actions and concerns that had been expressed by forum participants, and later weighted in terms of their priority.

Not everyone who attended will agree with the recommendation that Quebec be constitutionally recognized as distinct. Nor will everyone support cancellation of the free trade agreement as a means to preserve Canada.

But the point to remember is that 40 people at least made an effort to put into words their feelings for their country, and their thoughts on its salvation. Whether Quebec separates, or British Columbia joins the United States, or all of the provinces embrace a statehood of their own, those people can be content in the knowledge that they made an effort to contribute to the national unity debate.

And maybe, as a result, the embers of Canadian nationalism will have been fanned enough to bestir the country into saving itself.

CPAC's future

Will CPAC survive the apathy of its membership? That's a question that organizer and Salt Spring lawyer Simon Knott must be asking himself this week, after having to cancel a meeting Thursday for lack of interest.

In a letter Tuesday to members of the Salt Spring Community Police Advisory Committee, Knott explained that the meeting has been rescheduled because no one submitted items for the agenda.

In the wake of criticism of the open format that the last meeting followed, it was agreed that an agenda would keep the group focused on relevant subjects. Unhappily for chairman Knott, the membership has shirked its duties in this respect and — like so many community organizations — left all the work in the hands of the head honcho.

The meeting has been postponed a full month — to February 28 — and the chairman awaits agenda input in the interim.

Given the rash of break-ins that have tormented home and business owners in recent months, it would seem likely that there is a place for CPAC on the island.

The volume of mail and fax activity at Simon Knott's office in the next month will provide the answer.



Others have erred as much if not more than regional director Luth

By ARNOLD BUDD

I would like to express my support for Sid Filkow's letter in the January 10 issue of the Driftwood and voice some of my own opinions on the issue.

Between Sid's letter and the results of the letter campaign launched against Dietrich Luth by the Concerned Citizens of Salt Spring (CCSS), I am ashamed at my own lack of action. I am not alone. I was one of many legal voters on Salt Spring who support the democratic principles of free elections, who also did nothing.

We sat back, some of us mumbling about how appalled we were at the "lynch mob" tactics of CCSS. We did absolutely nothing to counter this holier-than-thou, well-financed group. I'm equally disgusted with the CRD board of directors, all of them elected officials, for caving into the pressure tactics of the CCSS.

The rights of elected officials to perform their jobs without interference is not a priority with the spokesperson of the CCSS. This belief is further supported by Jeremy Moray saying he disagrees with elected officials selecting the members of a committee to study incorporation of Salt Spring (January 10 Driftwood). Is he afraid they might be self-serving because their political future may be at stake and they would load any group selected in their favour? How much more self-serving would they be than the organizers of the CCSS?

When Dietrich was elected he was elected by people who were qualified to be on the voters list at the time of the election. Luth did not claim to be able to walk on water, nor did he suddenly change his personality or his behaviour after he was elected.

I have only met Dietrich about half a dozen times; we were not always on the same wavelength, but I will say that I never came away feeling I had not been given a fair audience, even though I may not have agreed with his position. When I was asked to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission my acceptance was condi-



VIEW POINT

tional on some very specific points given to Dietrich in writing. He did not withdraw his request even though we do not agree on all items.

Voters knew what they were getting when they cast their ballot. They made their "X", they took their chances. I believe other elected officials on this island have made as many faux pas, if not more, than Dietrich.

These people presumably make their decisions based on their judgment of a situation at the time. So does Dietrich. I haven't seen any concerted efforts to dilute their authority. Maybe that's because the organizers of the CCSS are not affected by their decisions. Or maybe the CCSS sees its actions against the regional director as a warning to other elected officials. "Play by our rules, follow our directions or the same fate could befall you!"

Maybe the legal voters on this island, who believe in the free democratic process of representation by majority vote, should start their own letter-writing deluge protesting the actions of the PRC, CCSS and the decision of the CRD.

As Sid's letter suggests, the PRC appears to be the only trouble spot. My suggestion to the CRD for resolving the PRC fiasco, from now until election time,

would have been to scrap the current PRC and reduce it to seven members. Have the director appoint two members, the present chairwoman appoint two members and the CRD board select three members from applications received. At the next election, islanders could vote for four commission members and those four could appoint the other three commission members.

Islanders, get your noses out of your gardens and your heads out of the sand long enough to stand up against group pressure the likes of which we've just seen. In either of these positions all we do is expose our butts so they can be easily kicked any time anyone chooses.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident who took his nose out of the garden.

"Play by our rules, follow our directions or the same fate could befall you!"

SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: Does your property's assessed value for taxes reflect its market value?



Carolyn Campbell

I don't personally own property but everyone I know owns property. Just listening to my friends I think the market values are inflated on this island.



Albert Kaye

Mine would, if they'd let me sell it. I get taxed double on a piece of property because I have a business on it.



Mary Walker

I would imagine it does. They know their job.



Dennis Marshall

What they assess it at is, generally, lower than what real estate agents would assess it at. The selling price is a whole different matter again.



John Langston

I believe that the market value is still higher than the current assessment but I can't say that for all properties.

Letters to the Editor

Conspiracies

What is going on? All-island mailings. Inserts and full page ads in the Driftwood. A privately-commissioned Angus Reid poll on Salt Spring. A chartered bus to Victoria.

Who are these people and why are they spending so much money? For that matter, how much money have they spent? And where has it all come from?

I haven't found out from reading the Driftwood. The absence of responsible reporting tends to promote a profusion of irresponsible speculation and a proliferation of conspiracy theories, of which I am only too happy to contribute my share. So here goes.

I see that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is now "suggesting" that our regional director play a key role in "defining the process and timing" of establishing a local government restructuring committee.

It would be natural for any well-connected local mover and shaker with a pipeline to the ministry to know this was coming well in advance. Could this, rather than parks and recreation, be the committee the Concerned Citizens are really so concerned about? Are they attempting to discredit, if not remove, our regional director in order to more firmly grasp control of the incorporation process right from the beginning, and so extend and consolidate control over Salt Spring's future?

Isn't it odd that Jeremy Moray is a member of the so-called Group of Five and the Committee for Concerned

Citizens of Salt Spring? Of course, this is only one theory. I'm sure there must be plenty more out there.

MURRAY REISS,
Fulford Harbour

Protect culture

How strange that there are any Canadians who wouldn't want to protect their own very distinct culture from being submerged by their giant neighbour to the south.

Perhaps they are people who have already been brainwashed by the overpowering strength of American books, magazines, music, radio and, most of all, television.

The U.S. has 10 times as many people as Canada has, and trying to survive with the different society that we have without some form of protection is like sending a welterweight boxer into the ring with a heavyweight. We would be appalled if a 10-year-old runner was entered in a race against a 20 year old. Where did the concept of "handicapping" come from, if not to make a fairer contest?

Successful countries do protect their own economies and cultures. Germany, Japan, and, yes, the U.S. control imports and exports of any commodities or services that are in their own best interests. To do otherwise would be either naive or just plain foolish.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
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Plea for understanding

I would like to apologize to

those British Columbians who attended the national unity meeting last Wednesday.

I fear that my comments may have seemed to be coming from an arrogant, patronizing "easterner." Actually, I was trying to make a Central Canadian's plea for greater understanding of and empathy for the aspirations of francophone Quebecers.

I think Mathew Barret, CEO of the Bank of Montreal, may have only been exaggerating slightly when he said recently in Calgary that if Quebec separates, English-speaking Canada will lose \$200 billion (not million) in the period following.

We must seriously begin to consider some form of asymmetrical federalism and I would include considering the pros and cons of sovereignty-association. If we can come to an amicable accommodation, and we have a chance with the pragmatic Bouchard which we would not have had with the hard-line separatist Parizeau, we just might emerge with a vibrant, exciting, decent and democratic country in the 21st century.

Our three decades of constitutional wrangling and tens of millions of dollars of expenditure would come to an end. We could then turn our attention to the terrible level of unemployment and perhaps even wrest some modicum of control over our destiny from the multinational corporations whose only interest is in maximum profit.

Let's have more exchanges, increased French immersion and an attempt to out-manoeuvre the anti-French bigots who believe

that Quebec should not have a special status and who would be quite happy if Quebec left. They, unlike most patriotic Canadians, would have no regrets and indeed might be quite happy if we were sucked into the maw of the American empire.

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Three in the front for NDP leadership

VICTORIA — The race is on and one of six contenders for the NDP leadership will automatically emerge as the next premier of British Columbia.

The field can be divided into two categories: the serious ones and the fringe candidates. Let's first take a look at the serious ones.

The undisputed front runner is Employment Minister Glen Clark. Bright, brash and young, a mere 38, Clark was surrounded by 18 NDP MLAs, including five cabinet ministers, when he announced his candidacy before a packed Vancouver legion hall.

Clark is often accused of being arrogant. "Me, arrogant?" he said to me once with a disarming grin, adding that he likes to think of himself as self-confident instead. But the perception of arrogance is there.

Clark is undeniably one of the most aggressive in the NDP ranks. Fast on his feet, always adhering to the old adage that the best defence is a well-coordinated offence, Clark is a formidable debater in the legislature.

Equally undeniable is that Clark is the NDP's best chance to wrestle another mandate from the voters. The fact that so many cabinet ministers and backbenchers are supporting his bid for the leadership shows that I'm not alone in that opinion.

Clark's handicap is that he's synonymous with what some of the rank and file members refer to as the NDP elite. He is a pragmatist who has little time for the radical left in his party.

And that's where another serious contender comes in. Joan Smallwood, the former social services minister who was fired from cabinet by Premier Harcourt for publicly criticizing his handling of the Nanaimo bingo scandal, will be the candidate of choice for the party's left-wing activists who believe the government has traded NDP principles for political expediency.

Smallwood claims some caucus members, including cabinet ministers, encouraged her to run, but she won't name them.

Her announcement that she will seek the NDP leadership was in stark contrast to that of Clark. It was just her and her husband and, of course, a bunch of reporters when she kicked off her campaign in the kitchen of their home.

The third credible candidate is Corky Evans, MLA for Nelson-Creston. On the political spectrum, Evans is somewhere between Clark and Smallwood. Neither arrogant nor brash, Evans will only go so far to accommodate the swing vote with middle-of-the-road views.

Having worked in the forest most of his adult life, either as a logger or independent contractor, Evans is more familiar than his southern colleagues with the economic side of the parks-versus-forestry equation, which has put him at odds with the environmental movement, particularly its radical members.

Evans is definitely not part of the NDP elite, but he will bring a message to the race voting delegates would be well-advised to listen to.

Heading the list of fringe candidates is funeral planner and embalmer Jack McDonald from Port Alberni.

We've tried several times to have a chat, but his timing has been lousy. Whenever he has come to Victoria to "kick ministerial ass," as his campaign manager put it somewhat grandiosely, I was out.

Student and grocery clerk Donovan Kuehn, well-meaning and sincere, entered the race because he believes the NDP has lost touch with the party's grassroots. At the time of writing this, Kuehn had not yet taken out his nomination papers and may still decide to pull out.

Businessman Laery Braaten brings up the rear of the fringe group aspiring to the NDP party leader's and premier's job.

Of the lot, it is Clark whose campaign will be the most high-profile. Clearly seen as the front runner, Clark will get the lion's share of campaign contributions from party members.

But competition from Evans and Smallwood will make sure that the vote won't be a coronation.

There will be healthy debate during the leadership campaign. Convention delegates will put the candidates under a microscope. The contenders will have to present their platforms and explain what they would do if chosen for the job.

And on February 18, one of the candidates will be premier, at least until the ballots of the next election are counted.

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More letters

Apology overdue

I take exception to one aspect of the letter entitled "No racism" written by Diane Harris in the January 10 issue of the Driftwood.

The member of the ADP she referred to who, "during the great turban debate of 1994," was "both immediate and public in her condemnation of the Royal Canadian Legion's intransigence" was none other than Diane Harris herself. Readers may recall Diane's photo in the Driftwood as she gleefully cut up her membership card to the Salt Spring Legion Branch 92.

What Diane failed to do prior to her grandstand play was to investigate the local Legion's policy on this issue. Had she done her homework, she would have learned that approximately two years before the Calgary convention where the "turban issue" gave rise to a great deal of controversy nationally, the Salt Spring Legion's membership voted not to restrict access to any Legion member in good standing for failure to remove ceremonial or religious headgear.

Raising this issue again in her January 10 letter is just perpetuating the impression that the local Legion will refuse admittance to a member wearing a turban, which is simply not true.

Diane states in her letter that "a charge of racial discrimination is a serious one," and I couldn't agree with her more. However, did she not unjustly imply that the Salt Spring Legion was guilty of racism when she publicly cut up her Branch 92 card, while urging other Legion members to do the same?

To the best of my knowledge, Diane has never apologized to the Salt Spring Legion, either privately or publicly, and I personally think this is long overdue.

SUSAN MONAHAN,
Salt Spring Island

Nicer world

I have been watching to see if there has been any response to Frank Richards' column of December 27 about discipline or lack thereof in our society.

People are either not at all interested or too timid to speak out. I'm all right Jack, don't bother me.

Well, I stand with Frank. I was the recipient of a few smacks on the seat of my pants with the back of my mother's whale bone hair brush (the bristles were made from the baleen of some whales, the back a solid piece of hardwood). It might have bruised my backside but I don't think it bruised my ego or psyche. I'm still

quite a rational person in spite of it all.

Getting rid of the strap in school was another blunder. The mere fact that the strap was there was enough to keep the kids in line and out of mischief.

I was strapped myself a couple of times in school, once for going off the school grounds after the first bell. All the schools in Vancouver had a big bell (not a buzzer) which Mr. Williams (the janitor, not the custodian) rang at 15 minutes to the hour. I

only went on to the road by a few feet but got the strap anyhow. Them's the rules. Needless to say I didn't do it a second time.

I think if children were brought up in a Christian atmosphere, or the equivalent, in our multicultural society, and with a respect for their parents, we would be living in a much nicer world.

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MORE LETTERS

Electoral reform

The masterly Viewpoint article by Wally du Temple (January 10 Driftwood) introduces a topic which few political parties have the guts to tackle. This country has for years been governed by parties — and by individual politicians — who were elected by a mere minority of the electors involved.

Vote-splitting in a constituency almost always gets the wrong person elected. Multi-party elections similarly ensure that the majority of electors find they are ruled by a party they oppose.

As du Temple points out, Canada is in a distinct minority in staying with the system described as “first past the post.” Any form of popular representation is preferable to the method we have now — and the frightening thing is that no political party dares to give this project — electoral reform — the priority it needs — which is immediately behind balancing the budget. Some people may even claim it ranks ahead of balancing the budget.

Oddly enough, every political party when selecting a leader uses a system which, although slower, gives the same results as popular representation: by means of a series of ballots, the winner ends up with a clear majority of the votes cast. Even more odd, the Anglican church, when electing a bishop (who, after all, doesn't really have much influence in our national life) goes to the trouble of holding successive ballots until one candidate is elected by a clear majority of both lay and clerical delegates. Both of these processes use a slow (iterative) variant of the single transferable vote system.

Possibly during the lifetime of some kids now in daycare, this country may be dragged kicking into democracy's 20th century. If bishops are elected with such care, should we not devote just as much effort to picking the man who runs the country? This province could show leadership by adopting the single transferable vote in the next few years.

It is possible that the Green Party connection implies long hair and beards and pot-smoking. Perhaps progress in electoral reform would be faster if some form of liaison were set up with another party which has a somewhat more “straight” image in the public mind.

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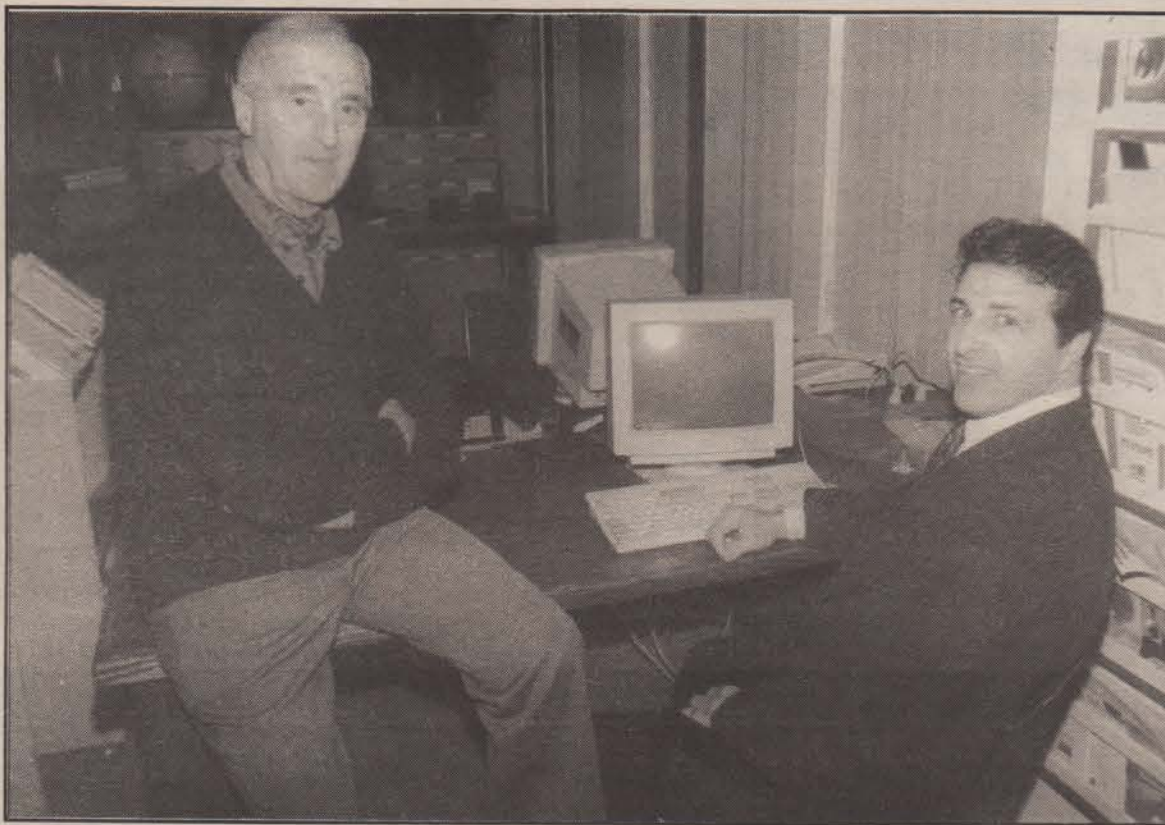


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COMPUTER DRIVE: Salt Spring library fundraiser Michael Wheaton, left, shows Island Savings Credit Union manager Errol Hussein one of the library's new computers. The credit union donated \$1,000 to the campaign last week.

Photo by Tony Richards

Library reaches fundraising target

Hold those donations. Enough money has been collected to pay for the computerization of the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library. Library board treasurer Michael Wheaton said there was \$27,520 in the bank as of Monday and over \$30,000 in donations pledged to the project, which is expected to cost \$31,000.

"We've reached the target we were looking for," he said.

Among the donations was a

recent \$1,000 from Island Savings Credit Union, and the Salt Spring Rotary Club has pledged \$1,500 in instalments of \$500 a year for three years.

Of 100 individuals and groups asked for donations, 77 agreed to give, Wheaton said. Of those, 61 donated \$100 or more and 16 donated \$1,000 or more.

Meanwhile, the volunteers at the library have almost finished entering the 30,000 books in

the collection and will now computerize membership records. The cards are on order, Wheaton said.

"After that, I understand we'll wave a magic wand and the books will move on their own," he quipped.

He said the volunteer-run library can always find a good use for donations. So even though no more donations are being collected for computerization, incoming dollars are always welcome.

Sewing volunteers needed

Teenage sewers need some volunteers for their club.

Sue McNair of Sooz Sewing says the teen sewing club needs volunteers to help out at classes held Mondays from 4-6 p.m. at Salt Spring Middle School.

The classes will begin in February. McNair can be reached at 537-4241.

Christy Robley named new 4-H Club president

The Salt Spring 4-H Club elected new officers on Friday at the club's first meeting of the year.

Christy Robley was elected president, Arla Hillis vice-president, Amanda Dodds secretary, Jennifer Doucette treasurer and Trinity Forbes club reporter.

In addition to electing officers, the meeting provided an

opportunity for people to join or rejoin 4-H. This year's projects will include sheep, poultry, swine, goats, rabbits, gardening, sewing, miniature horses and woodworking. Public speaking is also planned.

The next meeting will be held February 16 at the Farmers' Institute.

Library aims to meet last year's support

Book-loving Salt Spring Islanders have a record to match this year.

Last year islanders rallied to the support of the volunteer-run, Mary Hawkins Memorial Library. Despite provincial regulations requiring the library board to offer free library services, just over 88 per cent of members voluntarily chose to renew their membership.

In addition, 572 new adult members joined the library.

This year, the library board is hoping for a similar response as memberships begin coming due this month.

"Salt Spring Island is a very supportive place for the library," said Michael Wheaton, treasurer and chief librarian.

Wheaton said the library board budgeted for a 66 per cent membership renewal last year but, based on their experience, are now anticipating more than an 80 per cent renewal.

Last year their faith in Salt Spring residents prompted them to turn down a one-time, \$19,000 grant from the provincial government. In order to obtain the grant, the library board would have had to stop sell-

ing memberships.

In 1995, the library collected over \$20,000 in membership fees. Since the library is operated entirely by volunteers, over half of all income received goes directly into book acquisition, Wheaton said.

The library board has also applied for a \$15,000 matching grant offered by the provincial government to help smaller communities computerize their library.

The library board is also awaiting new census figures which should increase the per-capita grant above the current level of 7,000 Salt Spring Island residents. Wheaton noted the library has approximately 4,000 members.

The increase could offset the loss of the grant from the Capital Regional District (CRD) which has not been received since 1993. At the discretion of the regional director, the library board had received CRD grants of \$2,500 to \$5,000 each year.

The estimated 100 volunteers in the system take pride in their efforts, Wheaton said. "We are very proud that we do not take a single penny in direct property taxation."

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HEAVY READING: Fernwood school student Emma Moray holds a stack of last year's telephone books, donated to the school to help raise funds for its greenhouse project.

Photo by Tony Richards

Students collecting phone books

Emma Moray and her classmates at Fernwood school are looking for old phone books.

Emma's Grade 3 class is organizing the school's annual collection of telephone directories, a project that raises money for Fernwood's greenhouse project.

"We're looking for 1,000 (directories)," Emma told the Driftwood on Friday.

At 20 cents apiece from the recycle depot, that's \$200 for new equipment for the greenhouse, as well as a new fenced garden area. The money will also purchase seeds, which will produce plants for the school's annual plant sale.

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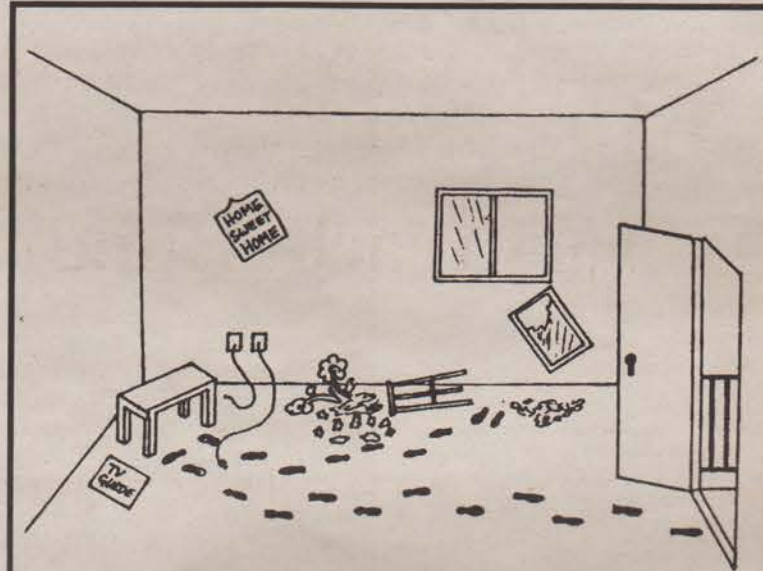


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Time well spent on chicken

By TERRA TEPPER
Driftwood Contributor

If, to anyone over a certain age, a chicken in every pot is synonymous with prosperity, then surely a potted chicken like this week's recipe must seem like inflation.

We all cook chicken in many ways — we roast it for Sunday dinner, broil it, bake it, deep fry it. But we have overlooked the classic French method of braising it — browning and then simmering the chicken in a very small amount of liquid so that the bird soaks up the savory steam and emerges juicy and succulent. This method does not lend itself to the 30-minute supper, but is time well spent on a weekend.

CHICKEN IN A POT

- 5-lb. roasting chicken, or the largest fryer you can find
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 tsp. salt
- 12 small potatoes, unpeeled
- 18 baby carrots, or 2-inch pieces of regular ones, scraped
- 18 small white onions, peeled
- 12 medium mushrooms, cut in half
- 1/2 tsp. rosemary
- 1/2 cup chopped celery leaves

WHAT'S COOKING

The final effect will be more attractive if you take the time to truss the bird neatly. It will also be a good deal easier to brown. Tie the legs together, then tie the wings under the bird. Melt the butter in a large skillet and brown the chicken slowly, taking about 30 minutes to brown properly on all sides. Transfer the chicken to a large casserole. Add wine, broth and salt to the skillet and bring to a boil, stirring to deglaze the pan and loosen all the good brown bits that have stuck to the bottom. Pour this over the chicken.

Add the vegetables in layers, potatoes on the bottom, then carrots, onions and mushrooms. Sprinkle with rosemary and celery leaves. Cover the casserole and bake at 350° until everything is tender. You will have to be the judge of this, as chickens vary so much in size. You can also simmer the dish on top of the stove but I find it easier to bake it. When you serve the chicken and vegetables, fill a sauceboat with the juices from the casserole and serve it separately, moistening each serving with a ladleful.

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

- JAN. 25: SS Weavers & Spinners Guild, Farmer's Inst., 10:30am.
 - JAN. 30: Community theatre meeting, Croftonbrook Hall, 7pm.
 - JAN. 31: Taoist Tai Chi, open house & free intro. class, United Church, lower hall, 7-9pm.
 - FEB. 1: SS Weavers & Spinners Guild, Library, 10:30am.
 - FEB. 8: SS Weavers & Spinners Guild, Farmer's Inst., 7pm.
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 - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
 - Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
 - Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am.-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
 - Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd. 7-8pm.
 - Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
 - Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
 - Macintosh User Group Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm (1st or 2nd Wed. ea. mo.)
 - O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
 - SS Painters Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downstairs, 10:30-1:30.

- EVERY FRIDAY**
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 - Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fulford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.
 - Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
 - Core Inn, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.
- EVERY MONDAY**
- "Bandemonium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.
 - Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
 - Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
 - Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
 - OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
 - Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
 - Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.
 - Story time, library, 9:30am.
 - Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.
 - French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
 - Ganges Residents Assoc., Mahon Hall, 7pm, (1st Monday of the mo.)
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Garry oak is unique feature

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

We all have memories of childhood, good and bad: some of my happiest moments were my early rambles through Uplands Park in Victoria 30 years ago. That park remains much the same as it did then, although development has nibbled at its edges.

Uplands Park is a good example of the dry, open Garry oak meadows of the rainshadow forest. In the spring, when the deep blue camas is in bloom, those meadows are the most idyllic sight imaginable.

If you've never been to Uplands Park, or aren't a hiker familiar with such views, you've probably at least seen the Garry oak meadow on the eastern side of Beacon Hill Park in Victoria. In about 10 weeks all these habitats will be blossoming and breathtaking.

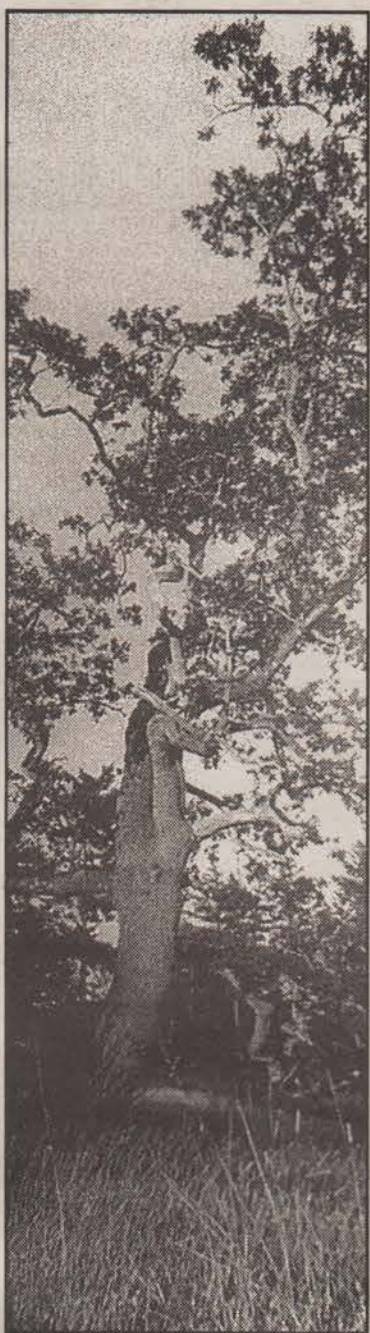
Quite a fuss has been made over these meadows and woodlands, and there is even a Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society to protect them. Why? Because much of this lovely habitat has been lost to development. These trees like to grow in open, grassy groves, exactly where humans like to plow their houses down.

When I grew up in Oak Bay (and yes, that's why they called it that) we just took the gorgeous, heavy-limbed oaks for granted. Of course I loved them for their beauty, but didn't realize how very special they were.

According to our experts at the Royal British Columbia Museum, B.C.'s Garry oak is only found on southeastern Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and Sumas Mountain. It also grows by the Fraser Canyon near Yale, but that group may have been planted.

In moist areas, the finest oaks grow over 25 metres (81 feet) and can be 500 years old. During heavy rain or fog, the mosses attached to the trees glow emerald green, giving them a storybook look.

In rocky areas, the oaks are tenacious, growing small and twisted, often dramatically draped in lichens. Along our islands' shorelines, the oaks grow smaller still, clinging to cliffsides.



UNIQUE: Garry oaks are a unique feature of our island habitat. Photo by Jonathan Grant

Garry oaks are a unique feature of our island habitat and must be protected. As in Oak Bay, unfortunately, some of these eco-sensitive areas have been, or are being, developed. For example, Channel Ridge has a fabulous collection of Garry oaks that are suffering at human hands.

If you are developing or purchasing these or similar lots, please consider landscaping with native plants. Garry oak, ocean spray, red-flowering currant and wildflowers can be purchased locally and were literally invented to flourish in these areas.

Try going natural! Forget chemicals, mowing, raking and watering. Instead, welcome deer and birds, and put those feet up. You'll be doing yourself, and our little world, a favour.

Students warned about mono

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

There have been a few cases of infectious mononucleosis among our students, and CRD public health nurse Chris Smart has asked me to draw your attention to the following details.

The virus that causes this disease is spread via saliva or articles contaminated with saliva. A word or two with your children about what and how they share with friends would be wise. The symptoms include an acute fever, sore throat, swollen glands and tiredness. The suggested treatment for mononucleosis is to control the fever, increase fluid intake, eat a nutritious diet, rest and do see your family doctor.

• Next Thursday, February 1, Ralph Causton from Qualicum Beach will be presenting the story of his son's death to all GISS students. Causton's son was killed in an alcohol-related vehicle accident on November 6, 1994. Students in Grades 9 and 10 will meet with Causton from 8:15 to 9 a.m. and the senior students will have the same presentation from 9 to 9:45 a.m. We welcome parents' presence.

• We have received information of a 1996 Canada Day Poster Challenge. This competition is open to all elementary and high school students. One student will be chosen from B.C. applicants to travel to Ottawa for Canada Day ceremonies. Liane Watson has

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more details in the counselling centre or call toll free 1-800-663-5812.

• New bursaries, each valued at \$1,000, are being offered by the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada. Money for these bursaries comes from the Hal Rogers Endowment Fund. Students who will attend any registered post-secondary institutions are eligible. We have copies of the application form for this bursary. Talk to Liane Watson. Application deadline is March 1, 1996.

• The University of Windsor will be holding auditions for students who want to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in acting and music. Auditions will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan on May 17 and 18. Phone 518-253-4232, extension 2804, and talk to professor Diana Kelly for more information about this.

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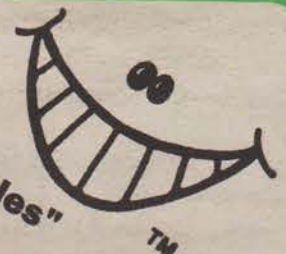
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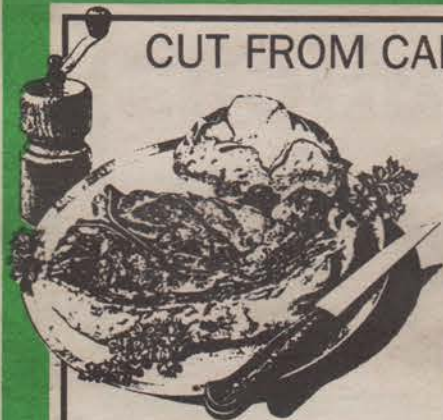
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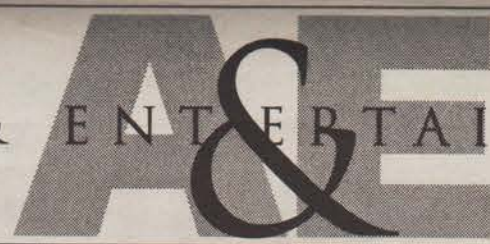
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Putting the Blues in Bluegrass

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

What makes a band? For Salt Lick the answer is "practice", combined with a flair for down-home rhythms.

Musicians Lisa and Charley Erck, Carol Wright and Henry Bade had often jammed together for fun. But, spurred by Wright who had played in several bluegrass bands in Edmonton and Vancouver, they decided to do more.

"We have known each other and played together for a number of years," Charley said. "When we got serious about practising specific songs, that's what makes a band."

Their sound is warm country — banjo, acoustic guitar, dobro and bass fiddle — with a blues undercurrent. Lyrics tell of everyday life: loves and losses, delight and despair, births and deaths.

"I like the mournful sound of it and the bluesy quality which separates bluegrass from a lot of other country music," Carol said.

Bluegrass is an offshoot of country music — the poor but honest cousin of the hills compared to the citified glitz of pop country.

"Bluegrass sort of stayed on the sidelines and those who loved it played it. It never really made a lot of money for people," Charley explained.

Money no; fun yes. The camaraderie of the group is evident whether they are strumming out a toe-tapping bit of up-country dance music or a rhythmic reminder of human frailties.

Henry is the comedian of the group. "We own four really nice instruments and we're trying to learn how to play them," he quipped.

Charley is the historian, with bluegrass notes at his fingertips. Bluegrass, he observed, is "mostly centered around old mountain fiddle tunes and songs and ballads."

Carol is identified by other band members as the musical mainstay of the group and an excellent banjo player.

Lisa is clearly the risk-taker. When the group needed someone to play the bass fiddle, she took on the challenge and played in her first performance two months after picking

up the instrument. She was an experienced guitar player but she found the bass fiddle — which looks a bit like an overgrown guitar — was a totally different instrument.

"You have to develop a whole different set of calluses," she said.

Fortunately, she learned quickly, or Salt Lick would have lost some of its bluegrass flavour.

"The bass fiddle is really vital because it's like the rhythm, the percussion for the band," Charley said. Bluegrass bands tend to range from four to six people, all playing stringed instruments like fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, dobro and bass fiddle.

It is most often the deep-toned bass fiddle that carries the music's strong rhythms. Lisa pointed out that a sense of rhythm and musical ability are essential parts of playing bluegrass.

"We do not play off written music at all. We play completely by ear," she said.

The musicians and their instruments are veterans. Charley has a guitar from 1926 and, until recently, used a dobro from the 1930s. Three of Salt Lick's instruments date from the 1950s.

Carol has been playing banjo for 25 years.

Both Lisa and Charley began studying music as children. Charley's father operated a Grand Old Opry style theatre in Texas, so Charley grew up with bluegrass embedded in his musical soul. He also worked as a country music DJ.

Lisa started singing in a church choir when she was five years old.

Henry describes himself as an "old folksy" who started playing guitar 40 years ago. In the sixties he travelled around the country with his guitar, playing folk songs in coffee houses.

"In those days you played all night for \$3," he recalled. He once performed at a party before the producer of Don Messer's Jubilee, who invited him to play on the show — an offer which Henry turned down.

Although his roots were in folk music, Henry slipped right into the country mould. After arriving on Salt

Spring in 1973, he said, he built an eight- by 12-foot cabin to live in. "If that don't make me a bluegrass hillbilly player, I don't know what does."

Charley and Lisa both arrived on the island in 1979, met each other here and married in 1985. They also earned their "hillbilly" credentials, living in a one-room cabin until their first child was born.

One reason for starting the band, Charley said, was so their children could grow up hearing the old-fashioned landers, starting with their first performance as part of a Tuned Air concert in 1994.

For the concert they performed three songs. "We practiced those three songs until they were coming out of our ears," Carol said. Then the audience surprised them by asking for an encore — and they had nothing prepared.

Before their second performance, they quickly added another song to their repertoire.

Now they can perform an estimated 40 songs, including bluegrass, western swing, gospel and "new grass", a modern variation on bluegrass.

The most unusual of their instruments is the dobro, a slide guitar with a resonator which is played horizontally like a Hawaiian steel guitar. In country terms, the instrument is often called "the old hound dog" because strumming the strings a certain way produces a sound like a barking hound.

Playing the barks — or the music — is just half the challenge for band members. They must also be able to sing the harmonies required for both bluegrass and gospel music.

In bluegrass, singers choose between bass, baritone, lead and tenor. Complicating the options are the low tenor, which switches places with the baritone, and the high baritone, which switches places with the tenor.

"It switches around every song



Salt Lick's dobro is played horizontally. At top, from left, band members Henry Bade, Charley Erk, Carol Wright and Lisa Erk.

we do," Lisa said. Generally, though, Henry handles the lowest notes, followed by Charley, Carol and Lisa.

Not all songs are four-part harmonies. Others are three-part harmonies, duets and solos.

All of this complexity will be showcased Saturday, February 3, when Salt Lick presents A Tribute to Bill Monroe at the Anglican Centre.

The local band will open the tribute to the "father" of bluegrass music and then turn the stage over to renowned mandolin player John Reichman, who has gathered a group of bluegrass musicians from Vancouver, Seattle and San Francisco for the show.

"This is going to be a bluegrass concert not to miss on Salt Spring," Carol predicted.

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TRIBUTE TO BURNS: It's a weekend for Celtic celebrations on Salt Spring as Triskele performs at the Legion's Robbie Burns Dinner Saturday and at the Vesuvius Inn Sunday after the Super Bowl game. From left, members are Joe Bengie, Carol Young, Michael Aronoff and Myranda O'Byrne.

Band plays Robbie Burns tribute

Tributes to Robbie Burns will be presented by Salt Spring's Triskele Celtic Band in two performances this weekend.

The group will perform at the Salt Spring Legion's Robbie Burns Dinner on Saturday in Meaden Hall and on Sunday at the Vesuvius Inn. The anniversary of Robbie Burns' birth is celebrated each January 25.

"We're doing a collection of Scottish tunes in honour of Scotland," band member Myranda O'Byrne said. Among the songs they will perform will be the classic Auld Lang Syne, which was written by Burns.

Renowned as a Scottish poet and songwriter, Burns wrote at a time when Scotland was in danger of losing its unique language and lore to English customs, O'Byrne noted. Starting with his first book,

Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect published in 1786, Burns helped preserve the Scottish country dialect.

As an example, O'Byrne quoted part of Auld Lang Syne, "And there's a hand, my trusty fere! And gie's a hand o' thine! And we'll tak a right gude willie waught, For auld lang syne."

Burns also wrote over 300 other songs including such favorites as Comin' Thro' the Rye, Scots Wha Hae and The Banks o' Doon.

On Saturday night, Triskele will perform for approximately half-an-hour at the legion. The Royal Canadian Legion pipe band and Scottish country dancers will also perform.

On Sunday, Triskele will dedicate their monthly performance at the Vesuvius Inn to Robbie Burns. The band will be on stage between 7 and 9 p.m.

Triskele band members are Carol Young, who has been playing Celtic music for 13 years; Joe Bengie, who has played Celtic music for 10 years; O'Byrne, who has played the lively tunes for a decade and Michael Aronoff, who started playing Celtic music 20 years ago.

Members of the group play a wide range of instruments, including guitar, bodhran, spoons, dulcimer, mando-cello, mandola, mandolin, autoharp, banjo, harmonica, recorder and penny whistle.

"The band's music varies from traditional songs and danceable jigs and reels to sentimental love ballads and sing-a-long favourites," O'Byrne noted. "Whether it's a spontaneous jig performance to Swallow Tail Jig, clapping in time to Scotland the Brave, or singing along to Will Ye Go, Lassie, Go?, Triskele touches the Celtic in everyone."

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CARRINGTON: This film is already picking up awards: Most popular film at the Vancouver International Film Festival; special jury prize for director Christopher Hampton and best actor award to Jonathan Pryce at Cannes. The film examines the relationship between biographer Lytton Strachey (Pryce) and painter Dora Carrington, played by Emma Thompson, in early 20th century rural England. Rated 14 years. Some nudity, suggestive scenes and very coarse language. Fri.-Sun. and Tuesday at 9 p.m.; Mon. at 7 p.m.; Tuesday matinee 4 p.m.

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| 3. The Net(3) | 8. Lord of Illusions(8) |
| 4. Secret of Roan Inish(4) | 9. Two Girls in Love(-) |
| 5. Showgirls(5) | 10. Priest(2) |

On Tap at the Pubs

- Moby's Pub:**Barley Bros. Friday Night Live, Jan. 26
Sunday Jazz with Barry Livingston Quintet (7 p.m.)
- Harbour House (Wheelhouse Pub):**Third Degree, Jan. 26-27
- Fulford Inn:**The Wingnuts, Jan. 26-27
Blues Night, Jan. 25
- Vesuvius Inn:**Comedy Night, Jan. 24
Super Bowl Sunday party, Triskele Celtic Band, Jan. 28

Community TV Schedule

- Thurs., Jan. 25, 5 p.m.**Canadian Unity Forum
7:15 p.m.Isle of Views
- Sun., Jan. 28, 3 p.m.**Isle of Views
5 p.m.December Islands Trust meeting
6 p.m.Canadian Unity Forum
- Tues., Jan. 30, 11 a.m.**Isle of Views
1 p.m.December incorporation meeting
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Victoria group here February 4
 The medal-winning City of Gardens Chorus will perform their barbershop-style song and dance at the Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose room February 4. The 50-member group has a broad repertoire ranging from Broadway hits to movie soundtracks. The performance, an ArtSpring benefit, will run from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at et cetera.

Wingnuts set to play Fulford Inn

Two Wingnuts shows and Blues Night on Thursday will keep the Fulford Inn hopping this week.

The Wingnuts are a popular alternative rock act whose 1994 CD *Strange Bird* received critical acclaim across Canada and did well on college radio in Eastern Canada. They also completed a successful European and Canadian tour in 1995. These days they have

two videos on Much Music TV. Much of *Strange Bird* was recorded with Paul Brosseau of Nomad Music at Peeter Prince's Tall Tree Studios on Salt Spring. The Wingnuts is one of Nomad Music's top recording acts.

Band members Bernie Radelfinger and James Junger are well-known as founders of Bob's Your Uncle, one of Vancouver's

top alternative acts during the 1980s. But they've described their Wingnuts guise as "where we can get our ya-yas out." They are now joined by drummer John Rule.

The band starts playing at the inn at 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There is no cover charge.

On Thursday night Dave Roland and friends will host the first open stage Blues Night at the Fulford Inn.

Bandemonium concert re-scheduled

Bandemonium's Celebration of the Band concert was one of many casualties of last weekend's snow-storm.

Scheduled for Saturday night, the event was cancelled for safety reasons.

"The middle school kids were

very disappointed, as were all the band members," said Bandemonium president Jan Macpherson. However, she added, it was definitely the best decision in light of treacherous road conditions.

Everyone who purchased tickets

should keep them, she stressed. Arrangements have been made to re-schedule the concert for March 9.

In the meantime, the community can tune up for Bandemonium's fundraising auction and dance on February 17. Watch future issues of the Driftwood for details.

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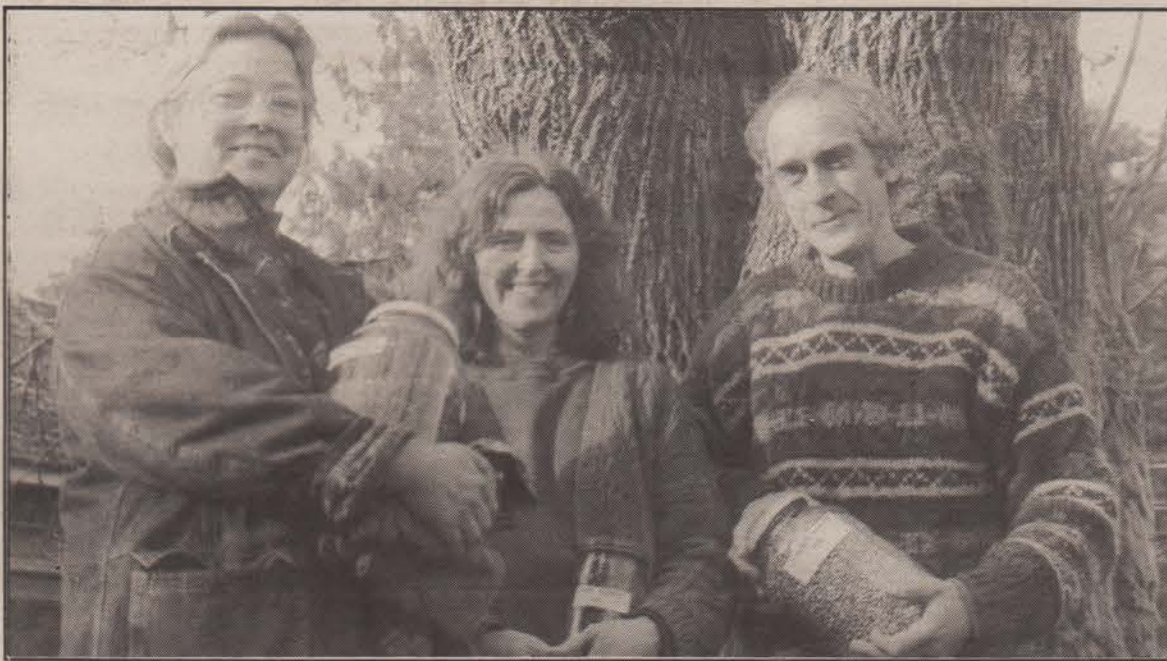
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SEED TRADERS: Julia Grace, left, Wendy Montana and Dan Jason are three of many people ready to trade or sell the seeds of open-pollinated varieties of vegetables and flowers grown on Salt Spring Island. Horticultural wheeling and dealing takes place this Saturday in the basement of Ganges United Church from 1 to 4 p.m. Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Gardeners sought for Seedy Saturday

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Seedy Saturday. For urban folks, it might sound like a low-life pub crawl in East Vancouver.

But Salt Spring's first Seedy Saturday is a gathering for people who like crawling around in their gardens and then sharing the results of that effort. It's a time for swapping seeds saved from open-pollinated vegetable and flower varieties, along with stories about how prolific the zucchini crop was last year.

While reminiscing about gardens past, this Saturday at Ganges United Church, from 1 to 4 p.m., will also be a jubilant kick-off to the 1996 growing season. It is being organized by Island Natural Growers (ING).

While ING member Dan Jason said he hopes people will "come out of the woodwork" with special seeds that may have been in their family for years, the event is for anyone interested in gardening with non-hybrid seeds or gardening, period.

Bulbs and perennial plant cuttings can be traded, and there will be some seeds for sale.

Jason will also do a slide show on seed saving, and a short video called *Out Standing in their Field*, about women farmers, will be shown.

Like any social event — and food and drink will be available — the focus is on enjoyment. But there's also a serious side to a seed exchange.

According to the Heritage Seed Program, a Canadian group dedicated to preserving the genetic diversity of food crops, the ever-increasing use of hybrid seeds

threatens that diversity. Seventy-four per cent of 4,000 common vegetable varieties left to us are in danger of becoming extinct. Many have already been lost.

Jason reported that people in parts of Europe cannot legally sell seed varieties not included on a "national list." The list came into being after lobbying by seed and chemical companies. Similar efforts could take place in North America, so it is important open-pollinated seeds be maintained at the grassroots level, if nowhere else.

"These seed saving things keep it in the public domain, which is really critical," said Jason.

Market gardener and ING member Julia Grace gave an example of a potential loss of the Umqua open-pollinated broccoli strain she prefers to grow. She was surprised to find it not listed in the catalogue of her usual supplier this year. Fortunately, she located someone on Salt Spring who saved Umqua seeds last year, but she plans to do her own saving this year.

What she learned is "If you want these seeds, you'll have to save them."

Wendy Montana propagates old strains of open-pollinated flowers and seeds through her company Florabunda Seeds. She confirmed "It's the same story with the vegetable seeds. There are so many hybrid flowers out there now."

She has tracked down the original "parents" of certain hybrids, grows them into bloom and sells the seeds by marketing their benefits. Seeds are cheaper, easier to grow and the flowers have a long blooming season.

But open-pollinated or older seed

varieties face tough marketing strategies from hybrid seed companies.

"People start to think (hybrids) are better when they're not," said Jason.

Hybrid vegetables might be able to withstand 3,000 miles of travel from the field to the supermarket because that is what they have been bred for, but many rely on use of chemicals to get those kind of results, which family growers don't need anyway.

While many old plant varieties have already been lost, Montana has observed a "rebirth" in open-pollinated seeds, with more companies offering them in response to consumer demand.

Grace, Jason and Montana hope the seed exchange will result in more people growing open-pollinated plants this year, not only to preserve but to strengthen those varieties. Spreading the seeds around results in stronger plants, naturally.

The January 27 seed exchange may be the first on Salt Spring, but Jason has attended such events in Vancouver for the past seven years, and for three years in Victoria.

"It has really caught on across the country," he said. "Almost every day I hear about a new one."

Grace said the exchange on Salt Spring will in part be a way of making ING more open to the general public. For more information about Seedy Saturday, contact Grace at 537-4987.

Jazz night will offer home-grown music

Jazz lovers can sit down to some island-grown jazz this Sunday when the Barry Livingston Quintet performs at Moby's from 7 to 10 p.m.

The band, which has been together for three years, is unusual in that band members only perform original works composed by Salt Spring resident Barry Livingston.

This Sunday's performance will include a new tune by Livingston.

"It was penned on Salt Spring last week," he said Monday.

Joining Livingston in the band are fellow island resident Ian VanWyck and Vancouver musicians Jeff Mahoney on trumpet, Rick Parsons on saxophone and Bruce Nielsen on drums. Livingston plays piano and VanWyck plays bass.

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In flight

Young Sammy Bird flies above the trampoline early last week before the snow covered all parts of the islands, including this trampoline. The youngster was enjoying mild weather.

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Slugs looking for younger legs

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

The Slugs' most recent hockey game was versus the Ladysmith Sharks, yet another team we haven't managed to beat this year.

Just prior to the game, the Slugs used one of their draft choices to pick a player for the future. In this case it was William Troy George, a strapping seven-pound, five-ounce centreman who should be joining his granddad Paddy Akerman on the forward line in about 20 years' time.

The Slugs settled down early in the game and tried to play a straightforward match with good forechecking and backchecking. This worked well for the Slugs in the first period as they held the Sharks at bay and had a number of good scoring chances. Even so, the first 20 minutes passed with neither team getting on the score sheet.

Into the second period the Slugs came out flying. This paid off handsomely when Todd McIntyre just managed to tuck the puck under a sprawling goaltender following a nice passing play by Pete Huser and Kevin Porteous.

But while the Slugs were busy patting themselves on the back over this achievement, the Sharks were planning their revenge. The Slugs, it appeared, were perfectly content to sit on a 1-0 lead and try to protect it for the next 39 minutes. The Sharks, however, had ideas of their own, and for the remaining 19 minutes of the second period the Sharks swarmed into the Slugs' end-zone time and again as the hapless Slugs appeared unable to do anything right.

The poor Slugs netminder, Bill White, was seeing more rubber than the Pat Bay Highway and, despite his best efforts, the goals

started going in. By the end of 40 minutes, the Sharks had managed to get five pucks past White and were in comfortable control of the game.

Still, the Slugs refused to quit, possibly because they aren't smart enough. Nevertheless, the boys came out hard in the third period and were more than holding their own, only to be stymied by a good netminder. But they continued pressing and it paid off with Johnny Procter popping one in after a fine effort by Andy Naumann and "Gramps" Akerman to set him up. While this goal did give the boys a bit of a lift, it wasn't enough to get us back in the game and, following yet another gaffe by Deadstop, the Sharks added one more to win the match 6-2.

So the Slugs remain winless in the new year, going 0-4, with 41 goals against and just 10 for the good guys. All this tells us that we are in need of some new young legs on the team.

What better time to introduce young William to the game? With Uncle Dan, the all-time assist leader on the team and his gramps one of the best forecheckers on the team, what better time to bring him into the fold?

Now all we have to do is find some Pampers with a detachable jock strap.

HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high scores in last week's bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation.

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Tuesday Afternoon Seniors: Conrad Flebbe 215, Reg Winstone 223, Gwen McClung 229.

Special Olympics: Gloria Dale 148, Brad Magnus 141, Mahjor Baines 177,

Jim Beck 147.

Wednesday Ladies: Sylvia Ryles 210, Deanna Marleau 271, Patti Stubbs 212.

Young Bowlers: Justine Watkins 106, Christie Jarman 140, Zander Ritson 105, Jesse Hume 117, Edward Ritson 93, Jordan Borth 128.

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Golf Ladies: Kay Booth 203.

Legion: Doug Sykes 229, 240/647, Doug Wellington 233, Gary Bywater 231, Gary Whitehead 210, Ron Stepaniuk 213, 217, Janet Severn 210.

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Sex, violence in 'family' games

The first bit: Sex and violence. My computer has become — briefly — a den of iniquity, thanks to the folks at Vivid and Atlantean Interactive Games.

It started in November when I paused for a second outside a booth at Comdex in Las Vegas, surprised to see a young woman standing in the middle of a computer trade show wearing a low-cut evening gown.

She was, she said, one of the stars of an interactive video game being displayed in the adjoining booth. Would I like to see some of their software?

I looked at one of the posters in the booth, which displayed digitized images of two scantily-clad women in mid-battle under the heading "Cat Fight."

"Maybe," I said dubiously. "But only if you have something suitable for family use."

The first "family" CD game arrived just before Christmas. Entitled Club 21, it invited the game player into a plush gambling den, staffed by young women who'd forgotten to finish dressing before they came to work.

I turned the game over to a male friend for evaluation. He reported play was restricted to a

single blackjack game but the graphics of the game were intriguing, especially the pictures on the wall which could be transformed into moving videos at the click of a mouse.

The videos, not surprisingly, featured young ladies with limited clothing allowances.

The second "family" CD arrived last week. Entitled Island Peril, it invites players to assume the character of Dick Danger, a world-weary district attorney, and blow away a bunch of villains with weapons instead of wits.

Sex and violence ... it makes you wonder about the family lives of software creators.

Danger, who has more bullets to his credit than brains, heads out single-handed to an island which the Evil Boss has stuffed with gun-toting henchmen. Danger's goal is to rescue a young woman known as "sweet cheeks" who has been kidnapped by the Evil Boss as bait to lure Danger into his death-dealing trap.

It's not an especially original plot.

Nor is the game particularly

original. It is similar to Doom — without the chilling intensity and powerful graphics of that hit game — in that the player must pass through a maze of connecting rooms and tunnels, shooting henchmen, dodging the henchmen's bullets and picking up the spare ammunition, weapons, money and armour carelessly scattered all over the island. The operating commands are the standard ones for 3-D shoot-'em-up games.

On the plus side, Island Peril has less gore than some action video games, and touches of humour. Sunglasses add one point of protection for the hero and a square meal gives the hero 100 health points.

Nice touches are a map of the island which can be viewed overall or in sections and a slowing of the hero's movements when he wades through water.

Henchmen appear at intervals in video clips, uttering guttural threats like contenders in a

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wrestling match. A blonde-in-a-bikini video clip appears on a kiosk which dispenses extra ammunition for Danger. The captured heroine — who appears in video clips to cheer on the hero — is also dressed for sunbathing.

At the trade show, the young lady was wearing an evening

gown but in the software formal wear for women is obviously a bikini.

This is not a politically correct game.

According to Jennifer Marier, public relations director for Atlantean and Vivid, the company produces two lines of games. Vivid is the name given to its adult titles — of which Club 21 is apparently at the "family" end of the scale since it only has an R rating — and Atlantean produces general interest games.

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Why build when this is already to move into. \$375,000 MAKE AN OFFER, HEY YOU NEVER KNOW!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SATURNA</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SEA VIEWS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">If you want something unique this may be it. This 4 or 5 bedroom home was built in 1914. It has been extensively resorted and is currently one of the most popular B&B's on the island. It sits in an old orchard sloping to the west with a lovely view over the water. The gate is just a few feet from a public beach access. Don't miss this at only \$229,000</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SOUTH FACING WATERFRONT</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">This lot has 214 feet on the water, a stone beach, well, hydro, septic approval, common dock and an old orchard. If you are looking for water and sun this may be your dream lot. \$240,000</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">HIGH BANK</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">With 175 feet of south facing waterfront, a spectacular view, level lot with fir, arbutus and oak, as well as a communal dock you won't mind if it is high bank. \$260,000 Before you buy elsewhere call DON PIPER 539-2121</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">PENDER</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">COMMERICAL</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Thriving, 1528 sq. ft. country store in a terrific location, specializing in organically grown produce...PLUS a spacious 4 bdrm home...all on 2.3 ac. Vendors will consider financing with \$100,000 down. ONLY \$399,500 CALL JOHN & SUE 629-6417</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LOTS!...FOR LESS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">...starting at JUST \$39,500...within walking distance to parks, tennis courts and the ocean. CALL JOHN & SUE 629-6417</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">OCEANFRONT!!</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">154' frontage, with great views and easy access to the ocean. NOW ONLY \$109,500 CALL JOHN & SUE 629-6417</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">PENDER</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">GOT A YEN FOR A YACHT? Moor it alongside the private dock in front of this spacious & gracious executive home!! Over 300 ft. 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Walk to ferries and marina. \$179,000 CALL ALEX FRASER 629-6494</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">GALIANO</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LAKEVIEW ACREAGE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Watch the bird life on Galiano's only private lake. Over two acres, driveway roughed in and a rustic cabin to stay in while you build your island getaway. Power & phone on road. \$129,900 CALL JANET 539-2002</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">DELIGHTFUL FOREST COTTAGE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">This is an excellent investment for someone looking for a peaceful retreat with plenty of sunshine, room for a garden and ocean beaches a walk away. A small but cute 11 x 11 studio can act as temporary shelter while you build. Currently the elected board of directors is looking into estimates for power and water distribution and installation for all members. Community meetings occur on the second Saturday of each month at the community house located at "Therah". \$66,500 MLS CALL JANET 539-2002</p>
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5 BIRTHS

WELCOME LINDA Ann Herbert to the home of John, Alicia and Carmen! Born at home January 16 at 5:47am. Thank you to Maggie and Jules for being a supportive team so quickly. Thank you Dr Heaton for prenatal care and thanks Jennifer for being so wonderful with Carmen and as a friend of our family. We feel fortunate to live in such a loving and supportive community.

IT'S A BOY! Arjuna and Cathy are pleased to announce the arrival of their son William Troy George, 7 lbs. 5 oz. born January 13, 1996 at 5:19 pm. Billy is the first grandchild of Patrick and Brenda Akerman and Ron and Penny George.

JIM AND KATHERINE Fraser of Port Moody are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby girl Jessica Leigh, 7 lbs., 10 oz., born January 16, 1996. Very happy grandparents are Mary and Ian Fraser.

6 DEATHS

HARGRAVE, HARRY EDWARD, passed away in a tragic accident on the family ranch in Walsh, Alberta, Saturday, January 13th, 1996 at the age of 43. Harry will be lovingly remembered by his wife Yolande, children Alicia and James, father Bert Hargrave and brother Colby Hargrave, all of Alberta; and sister Nairn Howe and her family of Salt Spring. Funeral services were held Fifth Avenue United Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make donations to the Harry Hargrave Scholarship Fund at Irvine School, Box 51, Irvine, Alberta T0J 1V0. The scholarship was sponsored by Harry to acknowledge international exchange education for rural young people.

AKRIGG: STANLEY Edward, passed away in Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, on January 18, 1996. Born London, England, October 3, 1899, Stan came to Canada with his parents shortly thereafter. He served with the 29th (Vancouver) Battalion "Tobin's Tigers" and won the Military Medal during the first World War. Survived by his wife, Phyllis, son, Keith, daughters, Shirley and Donna, sister Gladys and step-son and daughter, John and June Frazer. Memorial service at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, Monday, January 29 at 2:00pm. Flowers gratefully declined - should friends desire, donations to Salt Spring Island Seniors for Seniors would be appreciated.

CAMPBELL, MARGARET W., born in Airdrie Scotland on 13 October 1912, peacefully passed away with her family at her bedside on Saturday, 20 January 1996. Predeceased by her husband Bob in 1968. Survived by her sister Nessie Cowie in Scotland, son Bob and daughter-in-law Mary of Salt Spring Island, daughter Margaret of Ottawa, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Margaret moved to Salt Spring in 1985 and was very active with the OAP and Senior for Seniors until she took up residence in Greenwood in 1993. Her love of life was expressed through her Scottish songs and dances and she will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Flowers gratefully declined. If friends so desire, a donation to a charity of choice would be appreciated. A memorial service will be held at the Baptist Church, 506 Lower Ganges Road on Friday, 26 January 1996 at 2 p.m.

DEADLINE NOTICE

Regular Classified
Deadline:
MONDAY NOON
Too Late to Classify
Deadline:
TUESDAY NOON
Call 537-9933

6 DEATHS

SMITH, ALEXANDER died peacefully surrounded by family at Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges, January 19, 1996. Born in Tacoma, Washington, June 1, 1907, he married Helen in 1935, raised their four children in Vancouver and upon his retirement in 1970 moved to Galiano Island. He is survived by his wife and children, Anne (Marshall) of Salt Spring Island, Alex of Princeton, Randy of Vancouver and Doug of Galiano. He is also survived by two brothers, John and Duncan, who live in Victoria. He is predeceased by another brother, Tom. Dr Smith attended Normal School in Victoria and taught for two years on Salt Spring Island and at Mapes, BC for one year. He then pursued his interests in Science and Geology at Victoria College, The University of British Columbia and the California Institute of Technology where he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Petrology and Geochemistry in 1947. During his professional career as a Geologist he was a member of many professional societies and associations. In 1977, at a special ceremony on Salt Spring Island, he was presented with a life membership to the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia. Alex will be missed in many ways by many people. No flowers and no formal service by request. The family would like to thank Drs. Barry Lovell, Ken Heaton, and Rutherford as well as the nursing staffs of Lady Minto and Cowichan Regional Hospitals for all their kind efforts and many considerations.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THANKS EVER so much for all your caring support this last Christmas season. The food, gifts, prayers and love were all so very much appreciated. Thank you all. Tom & Glenna Berry.

THANK YOU to Karen, Paul, Lisa and to Ellen for joy beyond compare - the arrival of a grandson Kai born on S.S.I. on January 3, 1996 and a granddaughter born in Kelowna on January 16, 1996. From Tony & Eva Pedersen.

TO DINA & her mom. No mere words can express my gratitude. To Joanne who epitomizes the definition of "friend." To Dave for keeping the home fires burning. Thank you all. Pat Barnes

MANY THANKS to the dynamic duo - Maggie Ramsey and Jules Atkins - for their professional and friendly baby delivery service! Karen Pedersen and Paul Lisa and Kai Adams.

I WOULD LIKE to give my heartfelt thanks for the cards, casseroles, flowers and kind words from my friends, staff and patients. Each gesture has been so special in helping me during this time of loss. Sincerely, Bill Lea and family.

11 COMING EVENTS

COMING SOON! Occupational First Aid, Level I & Level III (formerly I.F.A.). For information and registration call David Davies, 537-4248.

JUDO: CO-ED classes for kids, teens, and adults are on-going. Middle school gym, Monday & Wednesday evenings. Grants are available through the instructor for kids registration fees. Judo is a powerful martial art and Olympic sport, teaching self-defence, fitness and well-being. Register now at Parks & Rec. 537-4448.

SALT LICK presents a Tribute To Bill Monroe, Saturday, February 3, 8 pm. All Saints by-the-Sea. For more information 537-4927.

FABRIC LOVERS! Clothing maker going out of business. Selling all stock including, vests, blouses and sleepwear by Gillian, Cotton fabrics including: flannellette, batiste, lawn, and denim, terry-toweling and gilt trim prints. Also patterns, books, laces and notions. Something for every sewer. February 27 & 28, 10 - 3. 1486 Beaver Point Road.

11 COMING EVENTS

COMPLIMENTARY WORKSHOP: Alchemical hypnotherapy. Explore the possibilities for healing and growth. February 3, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. North End Fitness. 537-5556.

THE CLIMBING WALL at Salt Spring Community Services will start an after-school program Jan. 30, 31. Programs run Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. for six weeks. Cost: \$25. Youth 10+ years. Call 537-9971.

FOR INFORMATION on February cooking classes with Michael. Please leave name, phone number, address, postal code, on machine. 537-1353. Thanks.

GULF ISLANDS Association for people with disabilities meeting January 28, 1 p.m. Harbour House Hotel. All welcome or call Rob 537-9884.

11 COMING EVENTS



Open House & Free Introductory Class

Wed. Jan. 31, 7 pm
Ganges United Church
New Classes every
Monday & Wed. 7-8 pm.
beginning Feb. 5.
Seniors Class: Mon. 10-11:30 a.m. Central Hall.
Call David or Tina
537-1871

011/04

EXCITING NEW THINGS HAPPENING AT NORTH END FITNESS

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Please call 537-0691

Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92

BURNS' NIGHT

with the
Royal Canadian Legion
Pipe Band
Saturday, January 27
at Meaden Hall
Doors open 6:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$18.00 each
At Legion bar or from
pipe band members.

4th Annual Salt Spring Island STUDIO TOUR MAP 1996 SEASON

For all arts & crafts persons who would like to be part of this
NOW FAMOUS TOUR a meeting will be held at the Sophisticated Cow on Hereford Avenue
Thurs., Jan 25
at 7:30 p.m.
For further information phone
537-5980 or 537-5654

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11 COMING EVENTS

TOLE HOUSE

Now offering classes at the beginner and intermediate levels
REGISTRATION: January 30 - 7 p.m.
CLASSES START: February 6
 *Notice to all students * Mark your calendars ... April is Christmas Month.
 Call Meron at 537-2993 for info



YOGA:

Mon., 9:00-10:30 am
 Tues., 7-8:30 pm
 Thurs., 4-5:30 pm
 Fri., 9:30 - 11:00 am

T'AI CHI:

Wed. 7-9 pm
 Thurs., 7-9 pm

For Info, call 537-2326 afternoons

What if someone blew it and scheduled Sea Capers on the Fall Fair weekend?

That can't happen now with the new **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** located at the Driftwood office.

If you're planning a public event, make sure it's on the calendar so conflicting dates are avoided!

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 BEGINNERS & ON-GOING at S.S. Elem. Music Room 7-8 pm. and Jan. 11th 9:30-10:30 am. Central Hall 1ST CLASS FREE
 For more info, call Tao at 537-4487

11 COMING EVENTS

SPCA VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you interested in helping our pet and wildlife population when they need help? Please join us at a **MEETING FOR S.P.C.A. VOLUNTEERS** on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31** at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room above the post office - entrance between Waterfront Gallery and Bank of Commerce.

Celebrate **ROBBIE BURNS** with **Triskele Celtic Band**
 Legion: Saturday
 Vesuvius: Sunday

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

SS TELECOM SOCIETY is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing communications infrastructure and education on the Gulf Islands. Contact: Cameron Smith 604-537-4312, e-mail: ccsmith@pinc.com; snail mail: Box 769, Ganges PO, SSI, B.C. V8K 2W3.

ACOA (ADULT Children of Alcoholics) meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., S.S. Community Centre; Thursday, 1 p.m., Fulford. Children of dysfunctional families very welcome.

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-604-975-7054.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meet Saturdays 7-8 pm, Community Centre; Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. Central Office across from Elementary School. For information, call 1-383-3553.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Dee Roberts, 653-4655.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.

THE CLIMBING Wall at Salt Spring Community Services will start an after school program, January 30 & 31. Programs run Tuesday and Wednesday 3:30 to 5:00pm for six weeks. Cost \$25. Youth 10 + years call 537-9971.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

Salt Spring 537-2317 or 537-2270
Galiano 539-2235 or 539-5770
Pender 629-3312

Women's only - Thursday nights 5:15 p.m. Please call 537-1249 or 537-2993. Babysitting provided.

Alanon/Alateen - A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 653-4288 or 653-2030.

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"

Donations of cash, property or life insurance now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. "In Memoriam" gifts will be acknowledged with a card. Include names and addresses of recipient, next of kin and donor for tax receipt. Scholarships, land for parks, and relief of hardship are but a few directions in which your foundation serves the community. Please mail donations and requests for information to The Salt Spring Island Foundation, #2 - 110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2S5 or call Bob Rush at 537-2501.

17 EDUCATION

SALT SPRING Speakers group February 1/96 meeting cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for March 7. This informal group meets to practise and improve communication skills. For more info, please contact Haida Kristiansen 537-0620.

17 EDUCATION

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23 IN MEMORIAM

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29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST: SOFA cushion last fall on Fulford-Ganges highway between Salt Spring Way & Isabella Point Road. White, Peach and tan, zig zag & diamond pattern. Deborah. 653-4244.

LOST: CHILD'S Pocohontas wrist watch near Mobile Market. 653-4901.

FOUND: HOOD for Gortex jacket on Fulford-Ganges road call 653-2018.

FOUND: CARPENTER'S square on Charlesworth Road. 537-9542.

FOUND LAST week, wool coat on North End Road. 537-9143.

FOUND: YOUNG adult female black & white cat in Fulford area. Call SPCA 537-2123.

LOST: ELECTRIC spellchecker, made by Seiko Instruments. 537-5746.

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

GOING TO Camosun inter-urban campus, will share expenses 1 day per week. 537-9616.

REPORT POACHERS! Private investigation/research group seeks information about poaching, baiting & illegal bear parts trade. Up to \$2000 offered for info leading to arrest/conviction. Confidentiality/anonymity assured. 1-800-889-1597.

BABY GIRL, Linda Alice, born January 10, 1955, Ganges, B.C., seeks birth family/information. Birth mother, born 1936, middle child from a family of 5 children - 2 older married sisters, 2 younger brothers in grade school - had previous baby girl in 1953 who was being raised by the family. Birth mother, 5 ft. 4.75" tall, brown hair, brown eyes, left school in grade 10 at age 16. Birth father, born 1934, tall, blond hair, blue eyes, was employed as a logger. Described as a heavy smoker, and had a younger brother. Maternal birth grandfather, born 1907, 6 ft. tall, dark hair, was a logger. Maternal birth grandmother, born 1905, was a homemaker, described as short, stout, brown hair, blue eyes, and suffering from diabetes. Birth mother worked as a telephone operator than as an office clerk after leaving school. Birth mother kept baby Linda Alice for 3 or 4 months after birth before giving up for adoption. Baby placed with adoptive family in Victoria, B.C. in April 1955. Any information/assistance is greatly appreciated. Please call 403-437-5837.

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

CAR POOL. I am inquiring if anyone is available to car pool weekly off island. I travel to Keating X Road, about 15 minutes south of Swartz Bay terminal. I would not be able to car pool every day because of work shifts. Please phone Peggy 537-4312. I am open to car pooling or just helping with gas/expenses.

\$1,000 REWARD

For the return of all the air and power tools taken from Dashwood Construction site trailer or information leading to an arrest. 537-5050

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

ANNUAL MEETING of the Salt Spring Harbour Authority will be held on January 25, 1996, 7:30 pm at the Harbour manager's office, 127 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island.

BOUZOUKI CAFE will be closed January 21 - February 4, 1996 for holidays. Looking forward to seeing you all again Monday, February 5.

\$25,000. BONNYVILLE BIRDHOUSE Building Bonanza/96. Numerous categories. Information: Bonnyville Wetlands Society, Box 5257, Bonnyville, AB, T9N 2G4. Phone: 1-403-826-3496. Entry deadline March 31, 1996.



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Kids Sewing for Kids — 4 Thursdays after school, with Donna Johnstone

I Felt it Was Time to Start Felting — Feb. 10-11, with Sylvia Alderson

Garden Gathering Basket — Sunday, Feb. 18, with Dorothy Patton

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35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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SALT LICK presents a Tribute To Bill Monroe, Saturday, February 3, 8 pm. All Saints by-the-Sea. For more information 537-4927.

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FALL FAIR '96. Yes, we're starting early!! Anyone interested in helping with Fall Fair "please" come to a meeting at the Farmers Institute Building Fall Fair grounds, Sunday, January 28, 1996. 2:00 pm.

FOR SALE. 1986 Midnight Blue Pontiac Firebird. 537-5404.

ATTENTION GYMNASTS: Register now for classes in Recreational Gymnastics. Tuesdays, 5:30 - 8:00 pm beginning in February. Skilled, certified coaches from Duncan will be running these classes. Register at Portlock Park, call 537-4448 for information.

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BLACKBIRD HOME & Garden, January Sale continues 1 more week, January 26, 27, 28 & 29. Lots of great deals. New hours, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday 10am-5pm. Regular hours resume in March, just in time for gardening season. 653-9113 Fulford Village.

CAR POOL. I am inquiring if anyone is available to car pool weekly off island. I travel to Keating X Road, about 15 minutes south of Swartz Bay terminal. I would not be able to car pool every day because of work shifts. Please phone Peggy 537-4312. I am open to car pooling or just helping with gas/expenses.

486DX-50 computer, 8 MB RAM, hard disk, monitor. \$950. 537-1950.

DON'T FORGET the big clearance sale at G.I. Picture Framing, Sat., Feb. 3, noon 'til 3 p.m. Huge selection! Huge savings! 112 Hereford Avenue. 537-2369.

LONG TERM, large, 1 bedroom suite with separate entrance, on pastoral north end property. Suits mature, quiet person. Heat and electricity included, \$425/mo. 537-2082.

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GARAGE SALE: 2 family, lots of good stuff, toys, books, ping pong table, clothes, chair set. Rain or shine (not snow) absolutely no early birds! 127 Mariko Place.

A REMINDER: Different treatment options about to be chosen for the Ganges Sewer expansion will be evaluated at our local sewer committee meeting next Tuesday, January 30, at 1:00 pm in conference room upstairs, Grace Point Square. (Use Islands Trust stairway). Come and learn the advantages/disadvantages of technologies proposed to treat the future 165,000 gpd of sewage that will be discharged into Ganges Harbour. Questions: 537-5311. Harbour Protection Association.

PURRING PETS need someone to love. Everyone is full of snuggles. White, calico, tortoiseshell, marmalade, tuxedo, and black young adult cats. SPCA 537-2123.

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LOCAL PROFESSIONAL Mason. Brick, tile, stone, fireplaces 20 years experience references, please call toll free pager #1-604-975-8876.

FEBRUARY MEETING of Salt Spring Speakers group cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Next meeting, March 7. Watch for info.

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BACK IN step with Damaris! Regular Mon-Wed-Fri, 5:30-6:30 pm. Classes begin again Wednesday, Feb. 7 at All Saints by-the-Sea, mark your calendar now! Or call 653-4877 to register.

Ometepe teachers see snow for the first time

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Snow may have stranded islanders over the weekend but it fell at just the right time to delight two visitors from Ometepe in Nicaragua.

English teachers Chepita Diaz and Dora Gutierrez count snow as one of the new experiences they discovered during their five-day visit to Salt Spring this week.

"This is the first time that we come here," Diaz said of their trip, which was financed in part by the Bainbridge Foundation on Bainbridge Island in Washington state. That island and the Gulf Islands are twinned with Ometepe Island in Nicaragua.

The trip also marked their first trip on an airplane and the first time away from their families.

"The first time we see snow," Diaz reported. "It's beautiful. We like it a lot, but it's cold for us."

Since leaving Ometepe December 10, the two have spent a month on the U.S. island, improving their skills in the English language. Both teach English to high school students, Diaz to students at Altigracia and Gutierrez to students in Balgue.

They discovered dramatic differences between education in a developing country like Nicaragua and education in a well-to-do western classroom.

The students, they noted, have everything they need to learn: computers, lots of books, a gymnasium and music classes.

In Ometepe, they explained, the teachers work only with a blackboard and chalk. "The students don't have books. We don't have a computer," Diaz said. "Here all children have a lot of clothes and toys and all things."

Many students in Ometepe come to school without shoes, Diaz observed.

Their classrooms are also more formal than the classes they saw on Bainbridge Island. In an Ometepe class, the students stand when a teacher or another adult enters the room. They sit quietly at their desks

and wouldn't dream of eating in class.

U.S. classrooms may be more informal but Diaz thought the students were equally interested in learning as their counterparts in Nicaragua. But western students are more likely to go to high school and university.

"In my country the students want to learn but they can't continue studying," Diaz said. Not only can few parents afford university, but even high school costs the equivalent of \$1.25 Canadian a month, which many parents cannot afford.

In the high school where Diaz teaches, there are 450 students and 13 teachers. An average of 45 students per class is common.

Of the 30 students who graduated from the high school in Balgue last year, Gutierrez said one went to university. A few students have been able to attend university through the sponsorship of the group in Bainbridge, which has covered the fees.

The group in Bainbridge also arranges regular cultural exchanges of students with Ometepe, something which Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association (OGIFA) volunteer Andy Gibson would like to see on Salt Spring.

Initiatives like the water project co-sponsored by OGIFA have helped some smaller towns to obtain a water supply. The group in Bainbridge has helped provide students with books, pencils, pens and paper.

Electricity and the related labour-saving conveniences that a Canadian family takes for granted are unknown to most residents of Ometepe. Diaz described Canadian and American homes as having "all things."

"They don't do the things with their hands," she explained, choosing laundry as an example. "We wash our clothes with our hands."

Some of the events planned during the teachers' visit to Salt Spring were cancelled due to the weekend snowfall, including a planned forum at the United Church Saturday evening.

"Everything was cancelled," OGI-



IT'S COLD! Islander Andy Gibson, left, shows Chepita Diaz and Dora Gutierrez how to create snowballs. The white stuff was one of the new experiences for the teachers who visited Salt Spring from Nicaragua this week.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

FA volunteer Marg Simons said. So on Saturday night there was a "spontaneous neighbourhood party" in honour of the visitors in Fulford, within walking distance of participants.

On Monday, the two teachers toured Gulf Islands Secondary School and spoke to a joint gathering of Voice of Women and OGIFA members in the United Church.

On Tuesday, weather permitting, they were to tour the Outer Gulf Islands, including a visit to a school and two health units. Today (Wednesday) they are to meet teachers from Salt Spring Middle School and speak to two classes.

far away as Newfoundland.

The four short-listed candidates are likely to be interviewed Monday by a committee consisting of regional director Dietrich Luth, PRC chairwoman Kellie Booth, Juan de Fuca recreation commission administrator Brian Storrier, Holman and CRD executive director Bill Jordan, who will be chairman.

Holman said the committee will try to make a hiring decision on a

consensus basis. If it cannot reach a consensus, a majority vote will decide.

Hume confirmed Monday that he is scheduled for an interview next week, indicating he is on the short list. The regional board decided in November not to renew Hume's contract and to change the administrator position to full-time. The job will pay between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year.

Hume on park administrator short list

Four candidates — including Tony Hume — are to be interviewed next week for the administrator's job at the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC).

The Capital Regional District's (CRD) acting personnel administrator told the Driftwood that 130 applications had been received for the position. Dennis Holman said they came from all over Canada, and as

More letters

It's over

I wish C.W. Percy would stop writing personal letters to me via the Driftwood.

I have told him time and time again our relationship is at an end and I no longer wish to go out with him.

SID FILKOW,
Salt Spring Island

Research offered

Regarding incorporation of Salt Spring Island, let us — this time — carefully weigh the pros and cons before we act.

Let's do our homework. No more leisure pools, boardwalks or ArtSpring until we know what the impact will be on us all.

In addition to all the obvious steps, let's be sure to benefit from the experience of others who, in the recent past, have already take this most serious step. Let's learn from View Royal, Colwood and others.

Research can do this. By interviewing a representative sample of private homes, small and large businesses, banks and retailers in these communities, we will be able to gain valuable input about incorporation: what is good, what is bad and to what degree of each.

My marketing and advertising career included several years as director of consumer and market research in a large company. My clients included, among many others, Carnation, Proctor and Gamble, Pillsbury Co. and Texaco. At times

I worked closely with the Gallup organization in Princeton, New Jersey. I only mention this to indicate that I have the expertise to plan and undertake a study of this nature.

Cost? Very little. I offer my time free. There would be out-of-pocket expenses — travel, questionnaires, telephone, etc. A thorough survey could be completed in a matter of weeks.

I would direct the recapping and report and guarantee it would be objective and unbiased.

What better way is there to learn of the advisability of incorporation other than by the experience of those who already have done it?

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Six named to housing study task force

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

People serving on the Galiano Island Trust Committee's new seniors housing and affordable housing task force were notified of acceptance this week.

The call for volunteers interested in serving on this, and a second task force (home occupations and commercial retreats) was advertised here last November.

Most who volunteered chose to serve on the housing study, with little interest being shown in the occupations area at this time. Trust committee members intend to look at the issues around home occupations again in the near future and deal with it later.

Meanwhile, authors of a housing study undertaken last spring are now ready to begin their deliberations on affordable housing as laid out last November. "The Trust committee will consider the recommendations of the task force in its refinement of the Galiano Island Official Community Plan (OCP). Some task force recommendations may result in amendments to both the Galiano Island OCP and land use bylaws."

Named to the task force are Robert Bender, Bill Callaway, Martin Frost, Ann Harrison, Jane Rule and Laurine Stefanyk.

Island parking

The Trust committee has scheduled a meeting in Victoria for February 9 to discuss parking problems on two of our island's commonly-used "jumping off places" for a last sea trip (usually in a small boat) to another island nearby.

Salt Spring, Thetis and Galiano islands are involved. As well as Trust members from each island, there will be a highways ministry representative and Stephanie Hewlett of B.C. Ferries, who is point-transportation representative for the satellite islands, plus chosen representatives from Salt Spring and Galiano.

Galiano's problem areas are Montague Harbour, where those heading to Wise Island, Parker Island and Phillimore Point (a portion of Galiano not accessible by road) usually park, and near the Spanish Hills Store in North Galiano, where cars belonging to cottagers heading for Read Island, the Secretaries and the southeastern part of Valdes are frequently parked during the summer months.

Invited to attend the meeting from

GALIANO NOTES

Galiano are Nancy Davidson of North Galiano Community Association, Muriel Hamilton of Shaw's Landing, and Sheila Anderson, head of the Trust's road planning committee for the island.

Off to Saturna

Historians from Mayne and Galiano enjoyed a lovely sunny day for their trip to Saturna last week.

The occasion offered a delightful look into life on the island at the end of World War II, as experienced by Jim and Lorraine Campbell. The meeting took place in the old Payne house, which has quite a history itself, dating from about 1890. For many years a family home, in the early 70s it became the centre for a "free school" and is now a popular bed and breakfast. Bill Sheffield and Bakshish Gill gave a tour of the house and recounted its century of ups and downs.

Gulf Islands Historical Federation treasurer Florence Dodwell had a stock of hasty note cards with her on the Tachek on the way to Saturna. The cards feature designs from the group's patchwork quilt (now a museum piece) and were for sale. She also had copies of Ten Moments in Canadian History to sell. The author of this book was the late Marian Ogden Sketch of Pender Island.

Ratepayers meeting

The annual meeting of the Galiano Ratepayers Association is set for 1 p.m. January 28 at the Lions Park building on Burrill Road. Guest speakers will be area assessor Holly Beaumont, whose assessment duties include this island.

Gal a'doon coming

The Galiano Players are at it again. This time it's a musical, Gal a'doon, a rather free adaptation of the post-war Broadway musical Brig o' Doon.

The performance will be in two acts and features a cast of 16 — all local people. Director David Clothier describes the entertainment as "a gentle look at island life in the year 1940. Lots of laughs, lovely

music and not too much sentimentalism."

Performances are scheduled for Friday, February 2 and 9, and Saturday, February 3 and 10. Tickets are available for \$10 (\$8 for students and seniors). Matinee per-

formances are promised for 2:30 p.m. on each of the Saturdays as long as the demand is there — tickets are \$8 at matinees for everyone. Tickets will go on sale soon, from cast members and the usual south Galiano outlets.

Mayne health fair planned

Mayne Islanders will have an opportunity to explore health matters next week at the island's first annual health fair.

Residents can talk to health service providers, discuss health issues with community health council and health board members and look over the island's ambulance.

Plans for the expanded health centre will be available for viewing, and refreshments will be served.

Nurse coordinator Diane Jeffries says the event is for everyone: children, teenagers, and young, old and older adults. It will take place Saturday, February 3 at the agricultural hall from 1-4 p.m.

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Thirty-five years ago

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Thirty years ago

A Richmond man was fined \$25 for supplying liquor to minors aboard a government ferry. The man was charged with giving gin to high school students December 10 on the ferry. He pleaded guilty.

Twenty-five years ago

Heavy snowstorms which dropped 36 inches of snow on the island didn't slow down volunteers at the Salt Spring library. The library maintained its regular operating hours, although some island businesses closed down during the worst day of the storm.

Salt Spring resident Ida Irene Kelly was honoured with a centennial medallion to mark 1971, the 100th anniversary since both she and the province of B.C. were born. Her daughter, R.C. Laing, accepted the medallion on her behalf. Kelly had been born in Quebec but had moved to B.C. as a young woman, where she married her husband James Kelly in 1892. They raised a family of three girls and five boys.

Twenty years ago

An apparently empty car slid off the slopes of Baynes Peak at Mt. Maxwell during the late afternoon of January 1. Police received the report and were able to locate the remains of the vehicle by helicopter.

A Ganges contractor discovered a small cache of dynamite on a north island building site. The RCMP were called and a military unit from Victoria came to the island to remove and burn approximately 60 sticks of dynamite.

Fifteen years ago

Remains of a former Royal Canadian Air Force light bomber were sold to the North American Interplanetary Society, which hoped to establish a space and aircraft museum on the Saanich Peninsula. The society purchased the 39-year-old Bristol Bolingbroke Mark IV from Edward Lacy. He had towed the

DOWN THE YEARS

former twin-engine bomber to the island from Patricia Bay after the Second World War.

A new law required many Salt Spring residents to purchase a business licence for the first time. The government agent's office expected the law would require approximately 200 people to purchase the licence.

Ten years ago

Local merchants were confused by a combination of high unemployment on Salt Spring and few applicants for available jobs. One businessman had only four responses to an advertisement for part-time work while an ad for a waitress drew only one response. The unemployment rate on the island was estimated at more than 16 per cent.

A record-setting rainfall was reported by weather observer Robert Aston. He noted the area received 3.81 inches of rain in one 24-hour period. The previous record was 3.67 inches, set in January 1966. With the rain came a storm, which toppled trees

throughout the Gulf Islands and caused a number of power outages. Some outer island homes were without power for up to 18 hours.

Five years ago

Smokers in the CRD were no longer allowed to smoke in public areas or in the workplace, except in designated smoking areas, under a new bylaw which took effect January 1.

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