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## Put on a happy face!

Christine Carey (left) applies paint to the face of Kathryn Fowells at Friday's Salt Spring

Elementary school carnival. Students and parents had a wide variety of activities to choose from

at the carnival, an annual fundraiser for the school. More photos, Page 13.

## Sascha Williams selected

### Island youth part of torch relay

A Salt Spring Island youth has been selected as a participant in next year's Olympic Torch Relay.

Sascha Williams, 14, received a registered letter last week indicating he has been chosen to carry the Olympic flame for a kilometre along the Trans-Canada Highway somewhere near Duncan on Jan. 22.

Williams, a Grade 9 student at Parkland Secondary School, is one of 6,956 Canadians chosen to carry the 1.5-kilogram torch on its 18,000-kilometre journey across Canada to the Calgary Olympics. He earned the privilege by applying to Petro-Canada, the official sponsor and organizer of the torch relay.

When it was announced earlier this year that all Canadians were eligible to be torch-bearers, Williams collected approximately 70

application forms from Greater Victoria area Petro-Can service stations.

Williams said last week he never expected to be chosen. "I was really surprised," he stated.

The Salt Spring Island youth is confident he will complete his one-kilometre torch run without any major problems. He must now send torch relay organizers his measurements so they can send him an official track suit for the event — which he will be permitted to keep as a souvenir.

Torch-bearers for the upcoming relay were chosen through a random selection process. It is not known if Williams is the only Salt Spring resident chosen to participate in the Olympic Torch Relay.

Rick Rockliffe, owner of Ganges Gas — a Petro-Can affiliate — said last week he has not yet been informed of the draw results.



Sascha Williams

## Walkout affects islands

Activity throughout the Gulf Islands ground to a halt Monday as hundreds of unionized workers walked off the job to protest B.C.'s Industrial Relations and Teaching Profession Acts.

B.C. Ferry Corporation vessels serving the islands were idle as members of the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union left their posts in the general strike. Ferry workers were ready to work in case of an emergency, however.

Final statistics on the number of BCFMWU members participating in the 24-hour walkout were not available by press time.

District 64 schools remained open Monday, with all admini-

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## Boater pulls man from sea

Vesuvius Bay residents witnessed a daring marine rescue operation last week.

At approximately 4 pm Thursday, the 30-foot wooden pleasure craft *Rooster* caught fire in Sansum Narrows. Its owner, Duncan resident John Sheppard, was unable to douse the flames and abandoned his burning vessel.

Coast Guard officials were informed of the accident at 4:14 pm by a Salt Spring resident and responded quickly with the rescue boat *Skua*. However, they credit another boater with making the actual rescue.

Crofton resident Barney Baines, seeing a fellow boater in trouble, arrived on the scene in his 18-foot boat and pulled Sheppard from the frigid waters. The B.C. Ferry vessel *Salt Spring Queen* arrived on the scene and provided Sheppard with blankets.

Baines took the Duncan man — suffering from shock at the time — to Crofton, where a waiting ambulance transferred him to hospital. Sheppard was treated for shock and later released.

The *Rooster*, meanwhile, burned to the waterline and then sank.

Cpt. David Broadbent of the Coast Guard's Rescue Co-ordination Centre said Friday that Baines' quick reaction probably saved Sheppard's life.

"It sure seems that way," Broadbent noted. "Sheppard was in shock and didn't even realize who rescued him. When he got out of the hospital, he had to ask who it was that pulled him out."

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## For alleged bylaw infraction

# Trust to take legal action against island trucking firm

The Islands Trust is taking legal action against a Salt Spring trucking firm for alleged zoning bylaw infractions.

At its regular meeting May 22, the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee passed a motion authorizing its bylaw enforcement officer to "take appropriate action" against Hal Wright Trucking and Salt Spring property owner Lloyd Kinney for allegedly operating a trucking company on property not zoned for that purpose.

The property in question, located at 180 King's Lane, is owned by Kinney and used by Wright as a home for his trucks. Though zoned Rural Residential, it has been the site of a trucking operation for more than a decade.

Islands Trust member Pat Byrne said at the May 22 meeting that the Trust has received a number of complaints from property owners near the trucking site over the last few years. He said the Trust delayed taking action in the past in the hope that Wright would find an alternative site for his business.

Trust chairman Nick Gilbert agreed, adding that enforcement of the Trust's zoning bylaw was also delayed in this instance to allow for completion of the Industrial Task Force deliberations on related issues.

"We've tried to provide time for the individual to relocate if appropriate property can be found, and we've tried to set in motion the necessary task force activity to assist him," Gilbert stated. "Considerable time has gone by, as now — as has been pointed out by members of the public — it seems we would be derelict in our duty if we did not proceed."

Gilbert said he feels it is "unfortunate that a resolution was not found in the last two years."

"But I hope now that we're closer to one," he concluded.

Though the Trust Committee's



Hal Wright

decision was made May 22, Wright was unaware of it until contacted by Driftwood on Wednesday. He described the Trust action as "amazing," and said he wishes the matter could be resolved out of court.

Wright noted that although the Kinney property is zoned Rural Residential, it has been home to a trucking operation for approximately 17 years. He said he is willing to move the business to another location — if a more suitable one can be found — but added that to date his search for another site has proved fruitless.

"Lloyd (Kinney) was in the same business, and he started it there in 1970," Wright stated.

"The problem is that there are pieces of land around, but they

don't have the zoning (to accommodate a trucking operation) either," he said. "If they had the zoning, we'd probably jump at the chance. But who in his right mind would purchase a piece of property that doesn't have the zoning? We could end up back in the same boat."

Wright said he wished the Trust would just let him "get on" with running his business. "It's my livelihood we're talking about," he noted, "and I've got enough to worry about without this."

## setting it straight

Last week, a story headed *Board considers water taxi bids* contained incomplete information.

The story indicated that two bids have been received, one from G.I. Water Taxi and the other from Gulf Islands Sailing Charters.

G.I. Water Taxi has offered to ferry Outer Islands children to and from school for \$188,200 per year.

G.I. Sailing Charters, mean-

while, has submitted three bids. The first is for \$215,000, an amount that includes purchase of a new 40-passenger boat. The two other bids, higher than the first, include the purchase of two new 40-passenger craft.

School District 64's new water taxi contract, in the past issued for a year, has been extended to three years with a fourth option year. School district officials are considering the bids received from these companies.

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## Ferries, schools shut down by B.C.-wide general strike

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strators reporting for work as usual. School board officials added that eight teachers — or approximately 10 per cent of the district's total teaching staff — also crossed picket lines.

Only three local members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees — which represents non-teaching staff in the district — were on the job Monday. School district officials are not certain how many students actually attended school despite the

strike by their instructors.

At least two health institutions in the Gulf Islands were affected by Monday's protest by unionized workers. Nurses and other health care workers belonging to the Hospital Employees Union participated in the strike, although essential services were maintained at both Greenwoods and Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

"We were definitely affected," Greenwoods administrator Jonna Mattiesing noted Tuesday morning. "There were about 10 here

off the job, I guess. But we coped, and it's over."

Hospital officials had no comment.

No figures were available on the number of B.C. Government Employees Union members who walked off the job in the Gulf Islands. However, government offices and liquor stores throughout the province were affected by the strike.

Various other union members also manned picket lines, but complete participation figures were not available.

### Youths oppose school closure

## Students initiate counter-protest

Two Gulf Islands Secondary School students took action Monday to protest the one-day walk-out by School District 64 teachers and members of Canadian Union of Public Employees, who attend Grade 12 and 11 at GISS, respectively — mounted two large signs supporting Bills 19 and 20 on the back of a pick-up truck and drove around Ganges. The signs read: *Sick and tired of not getting an education? Support Bill 19 and Bills 19 and 20 for a stronger economy.*

Geiger and Dow's activities were not welcomed by local union members. The two students said one CUPE member "tore a strip off them," while others attached posters supporting the strike to the truck's bumper.

"But there are lots of people downtown who have smiled and waved to us," Geiger noted.

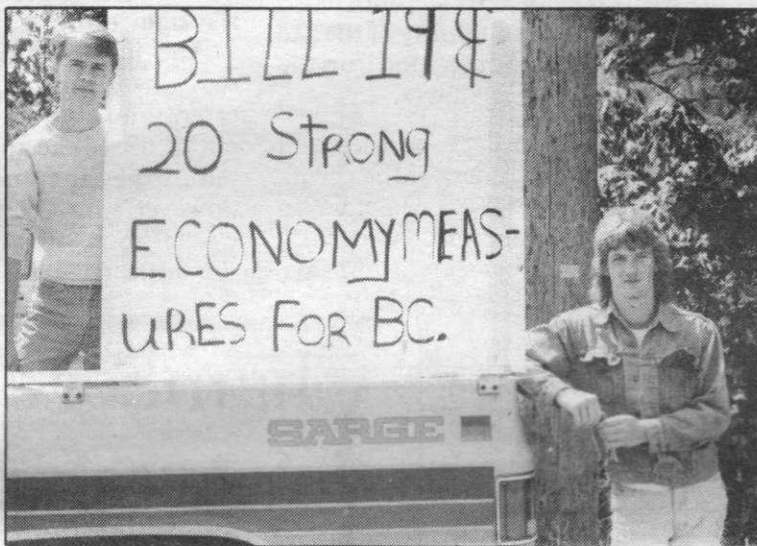
Geiger and Dow said they are concerned about their education and the impact teachers' job action will have on their final marks. The two students added they felt compelled to voice their opinion of the 24-hour general strike initiated by B.C. unions in protest of the government's controversial new Industrial Relations Act (Bill 20).

"Basically, we feel B.C. will have a stronger economy if the government takes away some of the power of the unions and overpaid people," said Geiger.

Dow said he feels that while unions serve a useful purpose, they have become too powerful. "The same thing happened in Great Britain," he stated.

"Unions are good in things like workers' compensation, that type of thing," Geiger added. "But they've got too much control now."

"(Under Bill 19) they are losing some of it, but I think it's just going to be constraining them. It will be like putting a cat in a cage. It won't destroy it (the union movement), but it won't be running around loose. I think it will help in some areas of the private sector, too. Take non-union labour, for example. I think



Student protesters Gregg Dow (left) and Cam Geiger

that if they can do the job cheaper, why should we stop them? Why should some guy in a restaurant get \$8 an hour, when the minimum starting wage for a B.C. Ferry worker cleaning tables is \$10.75?"

Geiger and Dow feel they speak for many GISS students.

"A lot of kids are scared to come out," Dow said. "I'm scared, too, because I have another year of school left."

Geiger conceded, however,

that many students don't understand the object of Bills 19 and 20. "A lot of kids just think: 'Hey, great, a strike — a day off school.' They don't understand what it's all about."

Geiger and Dow said they doubt if their counter-protest will accomplish anything.

"But we feel better because we voiced our opinion," they stated. "By driving around with the signs, it shows there are some people who care."

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# Land rezoning approval was correct move, but...

A recent Islands Trust decision to approve rezoning of a Rainbow Road property from Multi-Family Residential to Commercial status was, on the surface, a move that had to be made to satisfy a chronic shortage of local sites for light industrial ventures like the service station which will soon set up shop on the land.

In the background, however, lies a nagging feeling that in moving to meet the needs of one business—and, in the process, of its island customers—the Trust may have shortchanged another.

The property recently rezoned to accommodate relocation of Dennis Beech's service station was eyed less than two years ago by Jack Reynolds, who hoped to move a similar business onto the site. Unlike Beech, however, Reynolds was unsuccessful in his attempt to rezone the lot and was forced to relocate his automotive repair shop

to what he considers to be a somewhat inferior site. Given his druthers, he would prefer to be where Beech will now operate.

The circumstances affecting a rezoning changed little in the two years between the Reynolds and Beech applications. Both bids met opposition from school board officials who fear the impact a commercial venture will have on road traffic in the area, and from residents concerned about the integrity of nearby Ganges Creek; both also received support based on the suitability of the site for the ventures they would house, and for the service they would provide to islanders.

The only significant change between then and now is today's heightened awareness of the crying need this island has for suitably-zoned land to house light industrial and commercial enterprises. In that light, the Trust was correct to approve

Beech's rezoning bid—but, in the process, did it shortchange Jack Reynolds for anticipating, too early, the scarcity of appropriate business sites and reward Dennis Beech for being in the right place at the right time?

If an anomaly exists, it is not the doing of the current Trust Committee, however, since that body's approval of the most recent rezoning bid was a simple response to the need to correct an obvious shortage. It cannot be penalized for doing the right thing.

And it is only hindsight which indicates to us that the previous Trust Committee may have erred, and only then by not looking far enough ahead to see the approaching shifts in demand for industrial and commercial properties. That, however, offers little solace to Jack Reynolds, who would be justified if he complained today about the bitter taste the affair has left in his mouth.



## Chamber's initiative deserves applause

Partly in response to a recent *Driftwood* editorial, and partly out of a long-standing concern on the issue, the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is considering taking on responsibility for compiling current arguments in favour of improved local road conditions for cyclists.

The chamber deserves a round of applause for its initiative, even if it later finds that the task of collecting statistical data on cyclist traffic—and lobbying Victoria for appropriate road improvements—proves too taxing for its relatively limited resources. At least it is making the effort, now, to lay the groundwork for changes which would better safeguard our two-wheeled visitors.

In unincorporated areas such as ours, a Chamber of Commerce has a vital role to play in helping to improve local conditions. It's good to see the Salt Spring body accepting that responsibility.

## Now I have 200 words for (expletive deleted)

The Eskimo people, it is said, have a few hundred words for snow. As of today, I have the same number of terms for the word rain. None of them can see print in a family publication, however.

Let me explain. It was one week ago today that our party of six hikers shoved the canoes away from the shore of Great Central Lake and headed for Della Falls under a blue-tinged sky holding no threat of (expletive deleted).

The trip was a combination of reunion and retribution. Five of the six had made the same trip four years earlier and then moved apart, rarely seeing each other in the intervening years. With one member poised to head south in search of his fortune, it seemed like a good time for one last time.

The retribution factor was in place because time and trail

conditions beat us on that trip four years ago. We made it to the falls, all right, but not for as much time as we had hoped to spend there — and not without a lot of the kind of pain and punishment that makes the Della Falls trail a challenging adversary. This time, we said, we'll go back and beat that trail like a drum.

Little did we know that it was the (censored) that would beat on us like a drum.

The patches of blue sky were outnumbered by blobs of grey when we reached the trailhead, but the sunshine was still warm enough to prompt a change into shorts and tee-shirts for the long climb ahead. Heading up the trail, hard and dry from a spate of good weather, we thought we had it made.

The euphoria didn't last long. A few hours from the lake, the sky

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word

by  
Duncan MacDonnell

opened above us. Wave upon wave battered the ground and us, leaving both saturated within 15 minutes. Later, when we were familiar with all the varieties of \$!#, 1/2 the mountain had to offer, we would realize it was only worth six on a scale of 10. But at the time, it seemed like a 15.

The real 10s came later. For four days and four nights, the cloud cover hugged the treetops and dumped more anger and abuse than any six weary hikers would ever dread to earn, no matter how evil their previous lives had been. And it refused to stop.

The low point came at the final campsite, within easy striking distance of the falls. The sun finally managed to burn part of the cloud cover away, sending us a glimmer of hope. Five minutes later, as the last rays were obscured by a gathering curtain of mist, it began to snow. And it refused to stop.

We were all experienced enough in the outdoors to have prepared for the worst-possible conditions, and to know how to survive whatever was tossed our way, but none of us had ever seen or felt anything like what we now found ourselves facing.

A pure bull-headedness, bordering on sheer stupidity, kept us going even when every single one of us recognized the first signs of hypothermia setting in. We realized, then, that beating the mountain wasn't worth beating our-

selves into the ground. We broke camp and headed back.

Except that our trail home was now a creekbed, full of ankle-high water carrying a load of tumbling pebbles and medium-sized rocks. There was no path to speak of, and the water level in the dozen creeks to be crossed had risen at least two feet in the four days since we'd first started up the mountain.

The hike back was hairy but we made it — a little worse for wear and more than a bit saturated, perhaps, but we made it just the same. And even though the mountain beat us again, we took solace in realizing that it didn't quite break us, and that it taught us some lessons we can use when we try the trail another time.

Like August, when the (expletive deleted) might be held back by the sun.



## Questions

Sir,

Regarding the Social Credit stance on labour, two questions keep coming to mind:

- People with a right-of-centre political viewpoint keep blaming greedy workers (read: unions) for the sad state of the economy, yet conservative sources like *Time* magazine and *MacLeans* report that the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer; in other words, the middle class is disappearing.

- One section of Bill 19 specifies that wage increases must be based on an employer's ability to pay. Didn't the legislature recently vote themselves a raise without consulting their employers' ability to pay? (We, the tax payers, are their employers, are we not?)

**VIRGINIA NEWMAN,**  
Ganges.

## Joint effort

Sir,

We had a carnival. It was a success and the children of Salt Spring Island Elementary School will benefit from the efforts of a group of parents and local businesses. A very special thanks goes to Foxglove, Thimble Farms, Bin and Barrel, Hastings House, Humperdinks, Vesuvius Inn, Volume II Books, Video Ranch, Mel's Mill, Island Picture Framing, McColl's Garage, Bruce Pearson, Babs O'Brien, Donna Vanderwekken, The Soft Ware Co., Mrs. Marchbanks, Save-on-Foods and many more.

A very special thanks goes to Kevin and Gladys McCarthy for their past and present support of our school; we will miss you both, and good luck for the future. A thank you also to the fire department — you always support us and never fail to impress.

Thank you to our school secretary, Shannon Greenway — we owe you a day of work. We feel special mention must also go to Anthony Marks, Matt Kerrigan and Jason Beaumont for their hard work and skill in organizing the hockey shoot — thank you boys, and we hope your keen spirit is carried on to the high school.

To all you parents who turned up to help, thank you, it was so good to see some old faces and great to see some new ones.

The carnival was a joint effort of community, students and parents. That is why it was a success.  
**Salt Spring Island Elementary School Parents Group.**

## Fear

Sir,

John Toland's monumental work, *Adolf Hitler*, which chronicles the 56-year life of history's most destructively powerful figure, makes sobering reading when it is realized that, should another such paranoid elemental appear, he will not have the Panzers and Stukas and gas chambers that killed by the tens of millions in World War II, but the means to destroy the planet.

It is difficult, in hindsight, to understand why the world didn't take this man seriously until calamity was upon it. Certainly, what he wrote and spoke from 1920 on said in blood-curdling detail what he had in mind for the Jews and the Slavs and 'inferior' races. That this human amalgam of genius, leadership, willpower and — above all — hate was empowered to do it is a monument to stupidity. We were warned.

That we are not hearing such blood-curdling threats from today's nuclear powers is some comfort, even although there are those who view even the most pacific utterances from the other

side as deceitful by definition. The effect of this suspicion in high places is very serious. It is astonishing, for instance, that Gorbachev's eloquent and reasoned address to the International Forum for a Nuclear-free World, which urged (virtually pleaded) for an end to the arms race, was given little or no publicity in the West. Fifty years ago we ignored our danger, and now we are ignoring our opportunities.

We should now fear humans more than machines. There may be advances in the destructiveness of missiles, but they are now so apocalyptic that it makes little difference whether we go out with a long or a short whimper. The urgency is to get rid of these weapons before another Hitler arises, as sooner or later he surely will. To that end, we should applaud and publicize voices of reason and humanity from any source.

**ANDREW GIBSON,**  
Salt Spring Island,  
Nuclear Disarmament Group.

## Shame

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to MLAs Terry Huberts and Mel Couvelier, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

Sir,

I am most concerned about your proposed plan to raise the \$1,600 minimum return criteria for the obtaining and maintaining of farm status.

Here on the islands, there are dozens and dozens of five, 10 and 20 acre lots. Even though they are in the ALR, they are marginal food-producing units. I have several friends who are worried about being able to pay their taxes if they lose their present farm status. (In three cases, land they were born on.)

In my case, I have been working hard for the last six years, at my own expense and with my own labour, to qualify for the present minimum. Can you imagine how I feel?

You are proposing to penalize those who work hard, not only to produce food, fuel and other useful products for ourselves and our neighbours, but who also try to keep our land in good health. The large prairie grain farmers, who are growing a product nobody wants, and who have been practicing monoculture for years to the detriment of their land, are receiving government subsidies. Something is very wrong.

Government appears to be taking from the small to give to the big. Worse yet, to be taking from the productive to give to the wasteful. Shame. Please sirs, act to protect your small constituents on the Gulf Islands.

**BIS WHITBY,**  
Ganges.

## Regret

Sir,

This letter is in response to Patricia May's open letter to the B.C. Ferry Corporation, which appeared in the Wednesday, April 29, 1987, edition of the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*.

It is our policy to thoroughly investigate each and every passenger complaint which we receive.

Our investigation has been completed and there appears to be a difference of opinion between

your experience as related in *Driftwood* and what our Chief Officer, Head Steward and crew related.

In fact, they were extremely surprised and upset at the content of your letter.

They felt that assistance was offered to you from the start, but your initial request was that your male companion be paged, which he was, several times. The captain was in the final stages before docking so could not assist. Right up to the time you disembarked, the crew had the feeling that your upset over the tire was secondary to your concern that your companion had not responded to the page.

There are times when mistakes are made or misunderstandings occur and our people take full responsibility for the error. In this instance, the employees on "B" Watch have the reputation for being extremely competent and helpful and their feelings are that your allegation was not accurate nor fair.

I regret that there cannot be a mutual agreement of responsibility in this case.

**BILL BOUCHARD,**  
B.C. Ferry Corporation.

## Generous

Sir,

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, B.C. and Yukon Division, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support of our 1987 April Cancer Campaign. Your contribution assisted volunteers with their canvassing efforts; to date, the society has achieved 66 per cent of its goal of \$3.6 million.

Our clipping service keeps us informed on all the space you've offered us; we really appreciate your consistent and sustained coverage.

Again, many thanks for your continued interest. I look forward to co-operating with you for the 1988 campaign, our jubilee year.

**DEBBY ALTOW,**  
Administrator,  
Canadian Cancer Society.

## Effects

Sir,

As professionals practicing under the Medical Services Plan of B.C. (MSP), we would like to take the opportunity to explain the effects of the provincial budget on those people who use or may be using the services of chiropractor, registered massage therapist, physiotherapist or naturopathic doctor.

The B.C. government has not fully explained how its changes will be instituted, resulting in confusion for the patient. We hope this letter will help clear up several points.

- As of July 1, 1987, the above professionals will be paid \$5 less than the regular fee for services, and they must collect the difference from patients.

- The \$5 user fee does not go into effect until July 1, 1987.

- When the user fee comes into effect, the \$5 charge will be for each appointment.

- Certain groups are exempt from paying the user fee. They are persons on Workers' Compensation or I.C.B.C. claims, welfare and Premium Assistance recipients.

## letters

## Endorse

Sir,

As a group of volunteers for the Canadian Cancer Society, Salt Spring Island Unit, we feel a pool would be beneficial for cancer patients' rehabilitation.

We fully endorse the Pool Society's efforts to get this project underway.

**Canadian Cancer Society of Salt Spring Island.**

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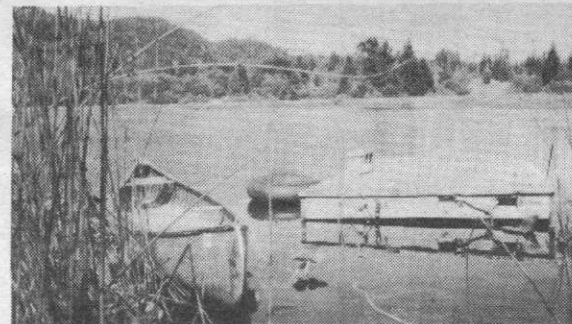
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## Talent

Sir,

How many of you remember *The Fourth Wise Man* opera produced in 1974 on Salt Spring? Those of you who do might be interested to know that Joan Raeside has received a video tape of it done by children at Shelford Primary School in Cambridge, England. Her cousin, Mary Cullen, heard the tape made when she was here some time ago, and said she would like to produce it in her school.

After various problems, it finally got off the ground, and a copy of the performance arrived here. The tape had to be transferred into something we can use in Canadian video. It was fun to watch the opera played by children, and done pretty well, too. Joan has maintained it was an easy one to sing and play, and this video seems to prove her point.

We not only have much talent on this island but, more important, people who will take a chance on something off the beaten track. Another opera is in the works. Thirteen years have gone by since *The Fourth Wise Man* was produced. During this time Joan has composed many very entertaining operettas for children. I'm looking forward to the next production.

Good for you, Joan.  
MARGARET HOWELL,  
Ganges.

## Both sides

Sir,

I just wanted to thank you and your newspaper for publishing our response to the PTL scandal in your last issue. I appreciate the local newspaper and am pleased with your willingness to print both sides of an issue.

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The thing is that there won't be any time or need for conscription next time Canada goes to war. If we even do. We scarcely have to for the USA and USSR to turn us into a perpetual wasteland of ruin and radioactive rubble.

David Parnas, a former consultant on the software for SDI, quotes a former SDIO official, who now works for a major aircraft manufacturer, as saying, "If you look at the world from above the North Pole, you see the USSR on one side and the USA on the other." This is the world according to the Pentagon.

Do you get the message? When nuclear push comes to nuclear shove, Canada might as well not exist. And won't. The only opportunity any of us have to insist on our right of conscientious

objection to the preparations for global annihilation being made in our name, and to hope against all evidence that our action might make some difference, is right now. The Income Tax Act should be amended at once to reflect this reality.

Do you get the picture? There's a movie you ought to see, if you haven't already, called *Shoah*, which is Hebrew for annihilation. It's all about the death camps in Poland, told through interviews with survivors, some prison officials of the time, and the people who lived in the villages and towns around the death camps, and simply carried on with their lives.

One Polish peasant, who worked fields along the railway tracks that led in to Auschwitz, claims that he used to gesture to the freight cars as they rolled by. They were already slowing down, they were getting close to their final destination. He tells us that he slid his hand across his throat to warn them. He claims that he was rarely believed. Maybe he did; maybe he wasn't. In any case, the freight cars were sealed, guards and their dogs awaited their human cargo at Auschwitz station.

I feel like a passenger on one of those trains. But I have noticed the warning signs. Most of us have, by now. Really, they're all around us. Only our governments seem to have not caught on. I want to get off. I want to cash in my ticket. I want a refund. I'm asking for my money back. I don't want to go on your officially sponsored death trip, where it is official policy not to inquire too closely into the destination of the train, or who's aboard. It is official policy neither to confirm or deny the existence of

nuclear weapons on American subs in our harbours. It is official policy never to ask.

Arthur Waskow, who is director of The Shalom Center, an American resource and organizing center for Jewish perspectives on preventing nuclear holocaust, says the things we usually call "nuclear weapons" should be called instant portable Auschwitzes. He is right. Raymond Hunthausen is

Bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle. He calls the Trident submarine the Auschwitz of Puget Sound. He is right, too.

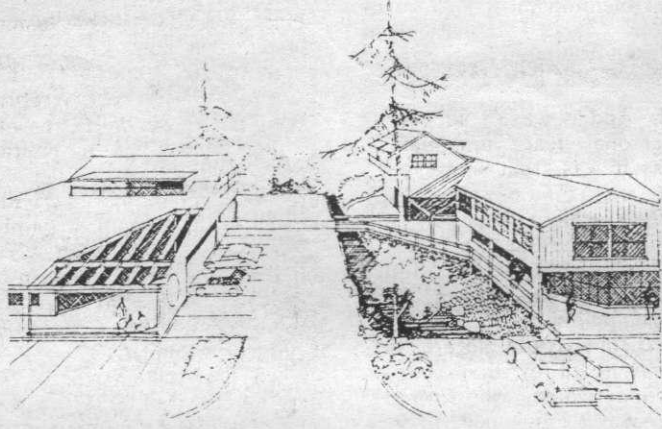
As long as Canada remains tied by America's apron-and-purse strings to nuclear NATO and nuclear NORAD, I feel that I am being taxed to help build my generation's Auschwitz. What will my taxes buy this year — a few bricks, some strands of barbed wire, or matches to light the ovens? I want my money to go for peace. I want it back.

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# Hansen changed society's outlook

VICTORIA — "Be the best you can with what you've got. Shoot for the stars, and if you reach the moon, be happy, for you have done your best." — Rick Hansen.

Some years back, when I was city hall reporter for the Daily Colonist, Victoria city council was wrestling with a budget item that called for construction of a wheelchair ramp to give handicapped people access to the council chamber.

The expenditure survived all budget-cutting attempts, but not without a hassle. Some aldermen felt that existing access was good enough. After all, there were always enough staff around to carry wheelchair-bound people up the stairs. And anyway, how many people in wheelchairs would attend council meetings anyway?

They weren't ogres. They were well-meaning elected officials guarding the taxpayers' purse to the best of their ability, applying the cost-benefit principle to just another budget item. Hard to believe the incident took place only five or six years ago.

Those days are gone — forever, I hope. Blown out of the water by Canada's latest hero, Rick Hansen. No, British Columbia's hero. Please allow me that bit of regional patriotism.

Much has been written about Rick Hansen. Much, but hardly

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enough. And it wasn't so much the personal feat, undeniably great as it was, that impressed me. It was the message the wheelchair athlete was able to deliver that impressed me most. It was his psychological strength and intellectual honesty that still holds me spell-bound.

It was impossible not to be moved to tears by that courageous young woman who slowly, haltingly and obviously under great stress walked up to Hansen at the completion of his 24,000-mile journey around the world to thank him for sharing his dream with her. Without his courage, she said, she never would have found the strength to leave her own wheelchair.

What of the tens of thousands of able-bodied people who cheered Hansen's victory over adversity? What part of his dream did he impart on them? It was their reaction to this young man from Williams Lake with his almost boyish, shy grin that

## capital comment

by  
Hubert Beyer

marked Hansen's greatest achievement.

If mankind's evolution from the caves to God knows what destiny can be measured in steps, it will be said someday that the Terry Foxes, the Steven Fonyos, the Rick Hansens of the late 20th century managed to drag us all a few giant strides forward.

They did so by changing the concept of heroism. For too long, our species had reserved its greatest admiration for those whose achievements involved man's darker side — his preoccupation with violence.

The most admired heroes earned their laurels in uncounted wars, their place in the nations' collective memory secured by the number of slain adversaries on whose graves they stood.

And now tell me again that man isn't progressing. A hundred years ago, Rick Hansen would have been a target of ridicule in the eyes of many children who didn't know any better. Even twenty years ago, he would have been just another casualty in a largely ignorant world, evoking compassion at best.

Today's youth sees in Rick Hansen a hero. To them he is proof that handicaps are challenges on which to thrive. In a relatively short time, we've progressed from cruelty to compassion to admiration. Speeding up that process is one of Rick Hansen's legacies.

Like every hero in history, Hansen must now consider how best to utilize his status. I believe he won't have any problem making the right choice. It won't be the pursuit of a political career, at least not just yet. I'm sure we'll hear more of Rick Hansen in the pursuit of gaining equal status for those on whose behalf he circled the globe in his wheelchair — the physically and mentally challenged, a great turn of phrase he coined.

When Rick Hansen faced the cheering crowd of 60,000 in B.C. Place Stadium, he said how great it would be to channel the emotion and admiration for him into future action for the benefit of handicapped people everywhere. I have a hunch he'll play no small part in making it happen.

If life is to have a purpose at all, it is to leave the world a little better than we found it. I believe Rick Hansen has done just that.

Now, read the quote at the beginning of this column again. You don't have to be in a wheelchair to make those words your motto in life.

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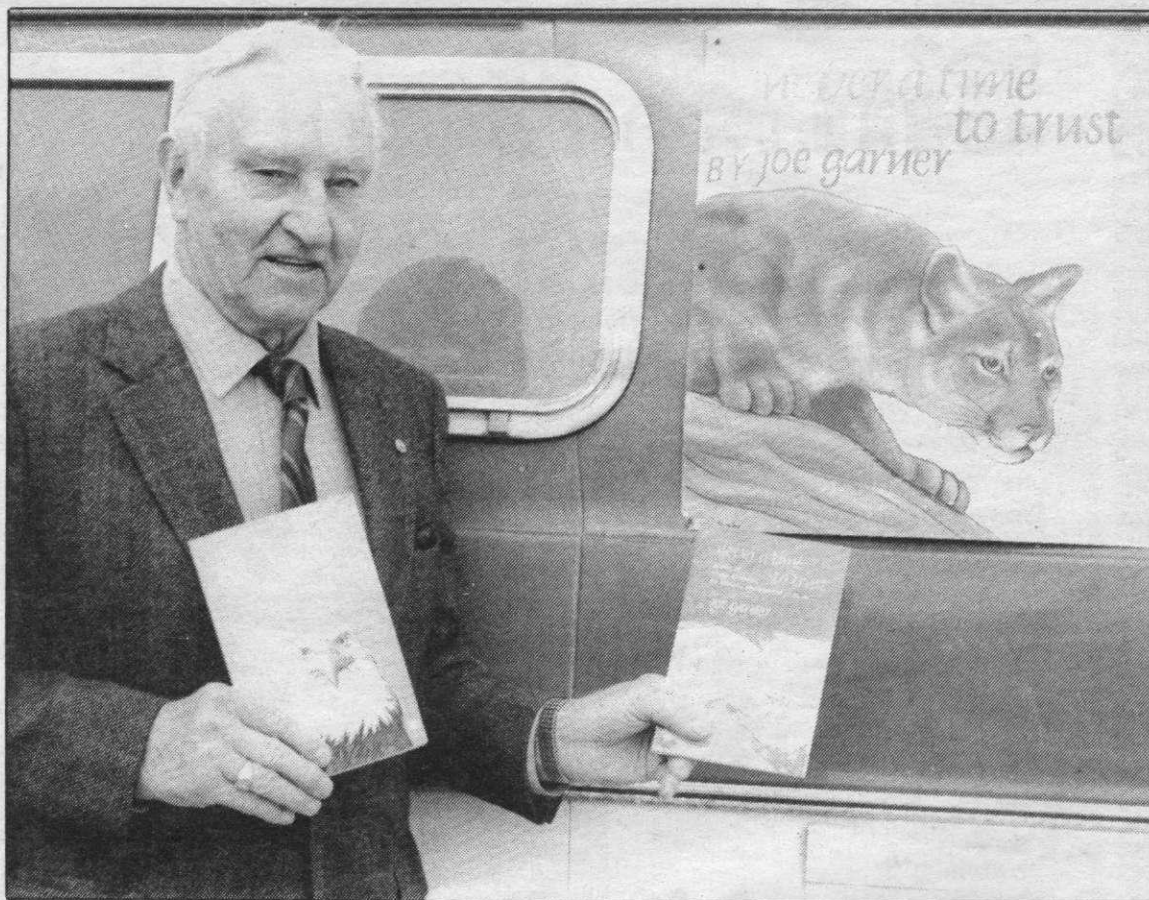
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Well-known Canadian author Joe Garner with his two books, *Never a Time to Trust* and *Never Fly Over an Eagle's Nest*. Garner,

who recently returned from a northern promotional tour, has been asked to participate in a panel

discussion at the upcoming Canadian Library Association Conference.

### For conference

## Author seeks library data

Noted Canadian author Joe Garner is asking for information on the history of Salt Spring's public library.

Garner, author of the Canadian best seller *Never Fly Over an Eagle's Nest*, has been asked to participate in a panel discussion on the value of libraries. He said Wednesday he wants to use Salt Spring's library as an example of the key role these institutions play in small communities.

The panel discussion is one activity planned for the annual Canadian Library Association conference to be held June 13 in Vancouver.

Garner hopes local residents — particularly library volunteers — will be able to provide him with additional information on the island institution. A report on the library can be sent to him care of Cinnabar Press, P.O. Box 392, Nanaimo, B.C.

"I'm going to be defending

libraries and I'd like to get a written report from the local library for the conference," said Garner, who was born on Salt Spring. "I think it will be a good promotion for the library and the island as a whole, because it (the report) will probably go across Canada."

Other participants in the June 13 panel discussion are Denny Boyd of the Vancouver Sun, Andreas Schroeder and Aritha Van Herk.

Garner recently returned from a tour promoting his most recent book, a non-fiction work entitled

*Never A Time To Trust*. Eighteen thousand copies of *Never A Time To Trust*, first released in 1984, have already been sold.

Garner has sold 45,000 of *Never Fly Over An Eagle's Nest*.



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## New titles at library

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## Questions answered about the disease

# Experts give islanders information on AIDS

A panel of four experts gave Salt Spring Island residents the 'straight goods' about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) at a public meeting held Thursday in Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The speakers — Dr. Janet MacPhail, Dr. Perry Kendall, Anne Johnston and Wayne Cook — gave those who attended the meeting an introduction to the subject of AIDS and what can be done to prevent this disease.

In introducing panel members, Dr. Hugh Borsman noted that health-related problems cause a tremendous drain on Canada's economy and social services budget each year. He noted, however, that people can take measures to protect themselves against diseases such as AIDS.

Dr. MacPhail was the first speaker, and she discussed sexually-transmitted disease in general. She pointed out that while AIDS is getting a lot of attention these days, approximately 50 different sexually-transmitted diseases exist today. These range from chlamydia (which doctors have found present in as many as 15 to 20 per cent of teens in the United States) to herpes, a serious disease that is getting little attention now because of AIDS.

MacPhail added that many sexually-transmitted diseases have no symptoms, yet do major damage to the organs of those infected.

The Salt Spring doctor added that there are a variety of ways in which people can protect themselves from sexually-transmitted disease. Abstinence from sex is an obvious one, she said, while another is monogamy. The use of a condom also greatly reduces the risk of infection.

"When we say monogamy, that means not only do you sleep with just one partner, but your partner only sleeps with you," she said. "If your partner isn't just sleeping with you, then it doesn't matter if you're only going to bed with her. In effect, you're not only sleeping with her, but everyone she has slept with."

MacPhail added it is important that all individuals who come in contact with a sexually-transmitted disease be treated to prevent its spread.

The second speaker at Thursday's forum was Dr. Kendall,

health officer for the Capital Region. Kendall explained that AIDS is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). This virus — first discovered in Central Africa — attacks the human immune system and can damage it to the point where the body cannot withstand infection. In extremely advanced cases, the virus eventually leads to a total breakdown of the immune system.

Kendall stressed that the AIDS virus can be transmitted in three ways: through sexual contact, blood exchange and drug abuse (needle sharing). A mother infected with the disease can also pass

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it on to her unborn child.

Kendall added that AIDS symptoms may not be easily recognizable in the disease's early stages, and pointed out that many people exposed to HIV may not develop the disease for years — if ever.

However, the mortality rate of those exposed to HIV is incredibly high. Furthermore, there is no cure for the disease.

In addition to discussing AIDS, its causes and impact, the regional health officer provided residents with some shocking statistics about the prevalence of the HIV virus in British Columbians.

According to Kendall, there

were 105 confirmed cases of AIDS in this province last year. Provincial health officials, however, suspect that as many as 20,000 British Columbians have been exposed to the disease and run the risk of developing it in the future.

Homosexuals and bisexuals run the greatest risk of developing AIDS, according to B.C. health statistics. Intravenous drug users are the second highest risk group, while homophiliacs are considered the third highest group at risk. The list of risk groups also includes prostitutes, heterosexuals who come in contact with HIV positives, and the sexually active.

"B.C. has the dubious distinction of having the third highest incidence of AIDS, right behind the U.S. and Haiti," he pointed out. "It is not known, however, how many people in Africa have it — although it is assumed the incidence of AIDS is quite high."

The third speaker was Johnston, a hospital official and specialist in infection control. She pointed out that fortunately, AIDS is not as contagious as other viruses such as hepatitis.

Johnston noted that individuals caring for AIDS patients "don't have to be frightened."

"In most cases, good routine hygiene is enough to prevent the spread of this disease," she said.

Cook was the final panel member to speak. He was a founding member of AIDS Vancouver Island, a group established in September 1985 to educate the public on AIDS and provide support to those infected with the disease.

One of those who formed AIDS Vancouver Island died of a rare form of skin cancer associated with AIDS. Cook said it was experiences like this that made working with AIDS Vancouver Island an extremely trying experience.

Cook encouraged people to show concern and understanding when dealing with individuals diagnosed as having AIDS. He

noted that those infected with the disease experience emotional as well as physical discomfort.

AIDS Vancouver pamphlets on the disease and how to deal with those infected were available at the meeting. After the speakers

made their introductory statements, they fielded questions from the audience.

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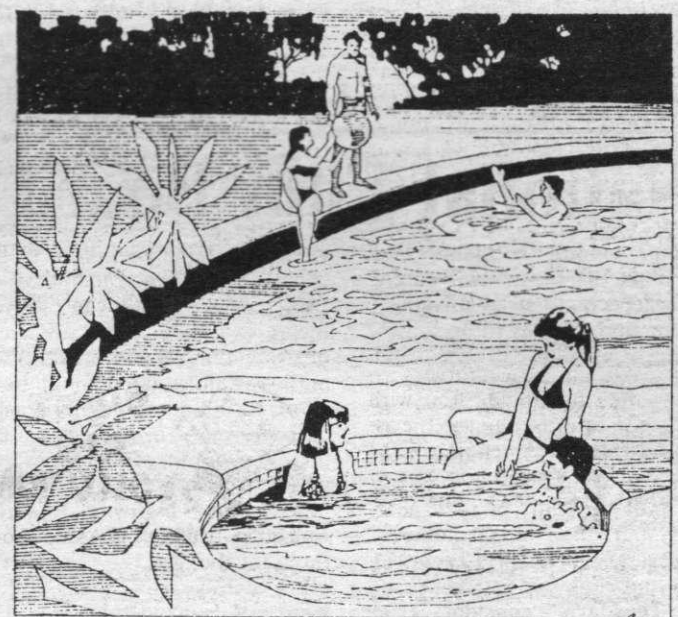
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# Workshop geared to helping caregivers cope

A "silent epidemic" is the phrase often used to describe the progressive, degenerative brain condition known as Alzheimer's Disease. It affects one in 10 of the population over age 65, although it can strike young adults and the middle aged as well.

It has no known cause or cure. It tangles the brain's nerve endings and damages cells. The accumulated skills and memories of a lifetime slowly fade and

ultimately the body is destroyed. Alzheimer's is the fourth-leading cause of death in Canada.

In the early stages of the disease, memory loss progresses from simple forgetfulness through an inability to recall recent events to confusion, resulting in a decreased ability to perform all kinds of tasks. Depression, agitation, restlessness and paranoid tendencies are frequently manifested. Comprehension,

calculation and knowledge are gradually affected. As the personality disintegrates, the patient usually withdraws from social interaction.

Irritable outbursts, aimless wandering, disturbed patterns of sleep and an inability to carry out personal care can contribute to the difficult problem of home management. Often, in order to maintain continued social and physical protection of the

Alzheimer victim, family members find themselves in increasing social isolation.

Usually, in the final stage of the disease, most patients require the full-time attention of a long-term care facility.

Although the long-range outlook for the Alzheimer's victim is not hopeful, the quality of life for both the individual and the family can be improved by informed and caring friends and professionals.

There will be an opportunity for all caregivers of the elderly to share information and acquire coping skills at the Community Centre on Saturday, June 6, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

All interested persons are welcome to attend this workshop. There is no fee for this program, and if transportation is a problem, please phone the Community Centre at 537-9212 and a ride will be arranged.

## Rotarians take on responsibility for eradicating polio worldwide

Every hour, 30 children in the world — most of them living in third world nations — fall victim to polio. For every 10 who develop the disease, one will die and another six or seven are maimed for life.

These are shocking statistics, particularly in light of the fact that each child could be spared the pain and anguish of polio by a 12-cent immunization. It's a tragedy, and one that local Rotary Club members hope to prevent.

Salt Spring Island's Rotary Club is participating in PolioPlus, a Rotary International campaign designed to eradicate polio on this planet by the early 1990s. The program is one segment of a global effort known as the Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI). Developed by the World Health Organization, EPI targets the six childhood diseases preventable through immunization — measles, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, tuberculosis and polio — and Rotary International has assumed responsibility for wiping out polio.

Rotary's worldwide PolioPlus program, geared to providing both polio vaccine and technical expertise to Third World countries, is expected to cost \$120 million. Rotary District 502, which includes Salt Spring Island's club, has been asked to contribute \$161,000.

Local Rotarians plan to raise \$5,000 for PolioPlus, and will officially get their campaign underway sometime after July 1. Although \$5,000 may seem like a lot of money, local PolioPlus

chairman Stu Arnold says it really isn't.

"Our share of this is \$5,000 over five years," Arnold said last week. "I don't think we'll have any problem meeting our commitment. In fact, if we really work, I think we could raise that amount in one year."

Arnold noted that Canadians have a history of donating to worthy causes. The Canadian government, he pointed out, has already announced that it will donate \$1.2 million U.S. to PolioPlus through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). This is the largest grant provided by any government to date.

The local PolioPlus chairman stressed that the upcoming fund-raising campaign will not take the place of Rotary's current community efforts. He noted that the club is also participating in a program aimed at providing clean water to Third World communities.

"This (PolioPlus) will not take away from anything like that," he said. "This is in addition to the things we're already doing. We're going to carry on this year with our program to bring clean water to the world. Our contribution to that program will be equal to whatever we do for PolioPlus."

Contributions to the Rotary Club's PolioPlus fund are encouraged. Anyone wishing to donate can do so through any Rotary Club member. Additional fund-raising programs will likely be initiated in the near future.

## Programs deal with auto crashes

### National Film Board series to air

Motor vehicle accidents and their impact on those involved are the subjects of a four-part National Film Board series to be shown on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network this month.

*At the Wheel*, produced by the National Film Board and Ideacom Inc. with financial assistance from groups across the country, is the first in-depth study of road accidents and their consequences. The series, which starts June 9 at 9 pm and runs for four consecutive Tuesdays, considers the cause of accidents and tries to suggest ways in which they can be prevented.

The first segment of the series, entitled *After the Crash*, was for the most part filmed at the Baltimore Shock Trauma Centre. The program follows five accident

victims through their care at the centre and long rehabilitation. Directed by Paul Cowan, it chronicles the intolerable suffering, destroyed hopes and broken lives of those unfortunate enough to be involved in an automobile crash.

*Under the Influence* is the second program of the series and will be broadcast June 16. The film follows two highway fatalities caused by drunken drivers, one of them involving a 17-year-old, the other a 33-year-old man with a history of drunken behaviour. The camera follows investigations by police, the preparations of court cases by lawyers, and the trial of the accused.

June 23 has been selected as the broadcast date of *On the Road*, the third segment of *At the Wheel*. Director Michel Poulette

worked with the Quebec Provincial Police who patrol the expressways leading to and from Montreal, and his contribution to the series stresses that drivers are responsible for their reactions to other drivers' behaviour.

*At the Wheel* concludes June 30 with *The Road Ahead*, a program in which directors Raoul Fox and Ken McCready ask why automobile accidents happen. This segment makes the point that members of the public, automobile manufacturers and individual drivers all share responsibility for auto accidents. It shows that with determination, effort, time and money, 'the road ahead' could be accident-free.

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Contest draws range of entries

## Sand-building contest to be held at Vesuvius

Preparations for a 'sand-building' contest, to be held on Salt Spring in conjunction with Sea Capers, have been finalized by festival organizers.

The contest will be held June 26 and 27 at Vesuvius Beach. In years past, it was known as a sand-castle building contest but "in order to allow free demonstration of artistic talent, there is (now) no limit to what may be built," Sea Capers organizers say.

There is no charge for contest entries, and a number of prizes will be awarded.

Participants will be divided into the following groups — under five years of age; ages six to 11 years; 11 to 15 years; child groups; adult groups; and families. Prizes will be awarded in each category, and there will be an attendance (door) prize donated by the management of the Vesuvius Inn, other prizes from the Vesuvius Store, and free passes to Island Cinema.

Tides are expected to be good for the weekend, and organizers noted that the 'sand-building' surface has benefited from a recent cleaup of logs and debris by a group working under the Parks and Recreation Commission.


During the contest, Vesuvius

Bay residents Mike and Jill Wheaton will run a hose down to the beach to supply ample water for drinking and foot-washing. Gulf Coast Materials have donated 15 tons of extra sand which will be available to builders.

Rowena Dixon and Charlotte Walters are in charge of the sand-building contest and will be assisted by the Salt Spring Island District Girl Guides, under leader Sharie Lomas.

For further information about the contest, call 537-9487.

Away from the beach, the June 26-27 weekend will see Sea Capers stage a full program of land and sea events culminating with a free, open air concert in Centennial Park.



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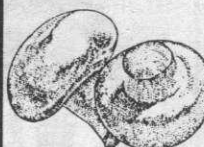
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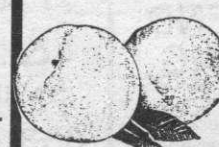
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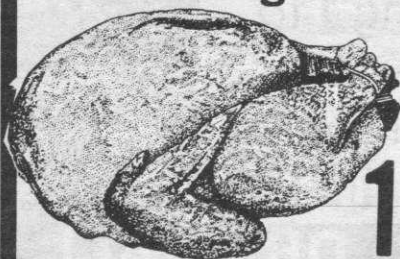
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*A Salt Spring student tries his slapshot*

## Fun fair set for Fernwood

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That's the message from Fernwood parents, who have set June 5 as the date of their annual fun fair.

The fair, to start at 2:30 pm, will feature games for children and a dinner at 5:30. After dinner, the school's teachers will

play a baseball game against their students.

"There will be a barbecue, with a halibut dinner and hamburgers available," said one school official. "The halibut is great.

"There will be baseball after dinner, the kids against the staff. There will also be bingo, games for the kids, prizes, popcorn, face-painting, ice cream — everything that goes along with the carnival atmosphere."

The event is designed as a fund-raiser. Money from the sale of halibut dinners, hamburgers and a variety of other items will be donated to the school for the purchase of much-needed materials.

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## Players provide credible profile

Perhaps one of the most important factors in organizing last weekend's Western Assembly in Vancouver was its credibility.

Most of the participants were there because they had read about the meeting in *Western Report* magazine. But the advertising alone was insufficient to convince many that it wasn't some wacky, right-wing, separatist organization looking for support.

What brought the people to Vancouver was the list of well known, respected Westerners who were involved in the organization. Among them were:

- Stan Roberts, the president of a Vancouver consulting firm (who spends a good deal of time at his second home on Deadman Island in Ganges Harbour), is a past president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Canada West Foundation, a former member of the Manitoba legislature and has served as vice-president of Simon Fraser University.
- Preston Manning is the son of former Alberta premier Ernest Manning, and is president of an Edmonton firm involved in strategic and communications planning.
- Robert Muir, a Calgary lawyer, is a past president of the Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation and served as general counsel to Dome Petroleum for seven years.
- Jane Heffelfinger is a Victoria marketing consultant who ran unsuccessfully as a Liberal candidate in the last federal election.
- Jo Anne Hillier is a former Manitoba newspaper publisher, a long-time member of the Manitoba Liberal Party and a former councillor of the Canada West Foundation.
- Henry Carroll is a Manitoba lawyer and Queen's Counsel for Brandon West. He is a former NDP MLA.
- Ted Byfield, founder of the magazines *Alberta Report* and *Western Report*, is an outspoken supporter of the Triple E Senate concept. Byfield's familiarity with Western problems is evident in *Westview*, his weekly column that appears in both magazines.

## Within federal framework

# New party seeks louder western voice

By TONY RICHARDS

Changing the Canadian system of government to provide more effective representation for the West will be one of the goals of a new federal political party born last weekend.

But the immense challenge facing its founders in designing a new political vehicle will test severely the ability of western Canadians to work together in improving the West's position in Confederation.

A key requirement of the new party—formed during an assembly of westerners in Vancouver on the weekend—will be constructing a base that will be broad enough to attract supporters with divergent political views. Its biggest task will be convincing voters that the reforms necessary to strengthen the West's position in Canada are important enough for them to abandon—at least temporarily—existing political loyalties.

### 'The industrial heartland of Central Canada enjoys a thriving economy and high employment.'

Although the weekend's Western Assembly drew most of its participants from the right of the political spectrum, the odds for success are good. But only if the party strives for broad-based support by developing a moderate stand on current issues and a strong stand on its number one goal, reform.

And there's no question that reform is essential, not only for the future of Confederation, but for the future of the western economy.

Before it reached its decision on working for reform through a new political party, the assembly examined both economic and social issues before dealing with constitutional change.

The 300 delegates—selected from every federal constituency in the four western provinces—were reminded of the grim future facing Prairie farmers as mortgage foreclosures become commonplace. They were reminded of

the \$50 billion-plus that Ottawa's National Energy Program cost Alberta during the oil crisis of the early 1980's, a "theft" Albertans will never forget. Several times they were urged to recall the more recent awarding of the CF-18 maintenance contract to a Montreal firm rather than to Winnipeg's Bristol Aerospace.

And while recession and high unemployment continue to plague Western Canada, the industrial heartland of Central Canada enjoys a thriving economy and high employment.

Organized by the newly-formed Reform Association of Canada, the Western Assembly was designed to do two things: develop an agenda for change and decide on the most appropriate vehicle to advance that agenda. The proposals for change came under three headings: constitutional and governmental change, economic and social change and political change.

In examining the economic woes of the West, the assembly concluded that the governments of the four western provinces should be called upon to form a Western Canadian Economic Community. Such a body would be charged with removal of barriers to interprovincial trade, standardizing laws and regulations to promote a regional economy and the co-ordination of economic development policies.

While several topics produced lively debate, that of senate reform found almost unanimous support—support, in particular, for the Triple E Senate. The Upper House would consist of an equal number of elected representatives from each of the provinces. It is a system that is seen as resolving the current imbalance brought about by the stronger representation in the House of Commons enjoyed by the populous regions of Ontario and Quebec.

A proposal that did find some opposition was one calling for entrenchment of economic and property rights in the Constitution. Fears over what such a move might entail resulted in the endorsement of a watered-down resolution that would see a com-

mittee of qualified Canadians investigate means of protecting the individual's property rights.

Choosing a political vehicle to represent the West and implement the resolutions which

formed its agenda for change was the final subject of the conference. After a thorough, detailed analysis of the options by Preston

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# Supporting status quo ignores existing failures

## From Page 14

Manning of Edmonton, many delegates became convinced that the new party would provide the only means for bringing about change.

Manning made it clear that a new party would be a reform party, not a splinter party or a single-issue party, "or yet another party of the strange and extreme." He said there were three options: working with an existing party, pursuing an extreme option such as threatening secession or reform through direct political action.

Manning dismissed the first, arguing that to support the status quo was to ignore the existing parties' past failures and bleak possibilities for the future. Threatening secession was seen as too extreme.

Manning's presentation also contained some specific directions for a new party. He suggested it have a positive orientation and vision with positive alternatives to offer, rather than just complaints and concerns. It should have standards that exceed those of existing parties. For instance, he noted that "mediocre candidates and outright influence peddlers" were able to get elected as Progressive Conservatives in the last federal election.

Ideological balance was another important feature in order for a party to draw support from disaffected Liberals, NDP supporters and Conservatives. The new party should also be committed to preserving and strengthening Canada. "The West Wants In" ought to be the party's motto, said Manning.

There was one more option the Vancouver gathering could have selected. It could have set up a pressure group initially to force some action by Western MP's. There was, however, the concern that some of the enthusiasm and momentum generated by the assembly would be lost were the delegates not to take some firm, concrete move towards reform.

It remains now to be seen what kind of support the new party can draw. A founding convention is to be held before November 15, at which time a platform will be designed, and a name, constitution and leader will be selected. Once established, the immediate objective of the party would be fielding at least 80 candidates in the next federal election.

Finding those candidates may not pose a problem. But finding the financial resources, developing the platform and designing an organization that will appeal to

the voter will be one of the biggest political challenges ever faced in Western Canada.

In British Columbia's Okanagan the fruit will soon begin to ripen, as will the wheat of the

Prairie provinces. For all of Western Canada, time is ahead of the crops, for it is already ripe, ripe for taking advantage of the discontent that has grown over the years, cultivated by a Confed-

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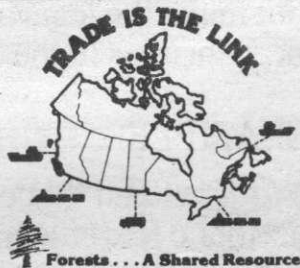
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Linda Adams with the recreation map of Salt Spring Island she recently completed and distributed. The map, currently available throughout the island, lists a wide variety of recreation-related information. Adams feels both visitors and residents will find it useful.



## Gulf Islands get \$66,551 in grant funds

A total of \$66,551 has been awarded to businesses and community groups in the Gulf Islands under the Challenge 87 student employment program.

Barry Hodgson, acting programs supervisor for Canada Employment and Immigration's programs centre in Victoria, said Friday the funding will enable recipients to create a total of 48 jobs on Salt Spring and the Outer Islands.

Most students hired under the program started work earlier this month. A majority of the jobs created will last 18 weeks.

Hodgson said the Challenge 87 program has enabled island groups to create employment in a wide variety of fields.

"There's quite a diversity of jobs over there," he said. "You have some (students) working in the private sector, on farms, gardens, recreation programs, doing kitchen work. There's a real spectrum there."

## Now complete New map available on island

A new recreation map of Salt Spring was released last week.

The map, entitled *Salt Spring Out-of-Doors*, is the private project of resident Linda Adams. It not only shows island roads and trails, but provides visitors and residents alike with useful information on subjects ranging from bird-watching to island historical sites.

Adams, who possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography, decided to create the recreation map while teaching a natural history course here for Continuing Education.

"I had most of the information already gathered, and I'd done some consulting work for the (Islands) Trust," she explained. "I was finding that many people didn't know a lot about the island and what there is to do here."

Because she had already compiled most of the information, it only took Adams three weeks to do the remaining research for her map. She contacted fisheries officials in Duncan for data on shellfish harvesting, and drove local roads to ensure they were accurately represented on local maps.

"I tried to put in all the places where people can go. I've probably left some out, and I'm sure I'll hear about it," Adams said. She welcomes suggestions, corrections and additions to the map.

Adams has printed 3,000 copies of her map. They were placed in many local businesses last week.

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Jay Bourdin

## Thirty-eight pound spring reeled in by island angler

Almost every fisherman can tell a story about 'the one that got away.'

Salt Spring resident Jay Bourdin, however, is one angler who doesn't have to talk about missed opportunities. He recently landed what can only be described as an fisherman's dream.

At approximately 7:10 am May 24, Jay and his wife Samantha grabbed their fishing gear, climbed into a small 14-foot boat and headed for Active Pass — a well-known hot spot for salmon fishing.

The two planned to try drift fishing — *mooring* as it is known in fisherman's lingo. Just inside the Pass, the Bourdins baited their hooks with herring and put them over the side.

They'd no sooner put their lines in the water when something hit Jay's hook — and hard. That 'something' proved to be a 38-pound Spring salmon.

After battling with the fish for some time, Jay managed to bring it in close enough to give Saman-

tha an opportunity to net it. It proved too heavy for their dip net, however, which broke under the strain.

Jay wasn't about to let his catch get away, though. He helped Samantha, and together they pulled it into the boat.

The couple kept fishing for a while longer, then headed back home to Salt Spring with their prize.

The salmon was the largest Jay has caught to date. "We've caught 17 and 18 pounders before, but nothing this big," Samantha noted.

The Bourdins don't plan to have the fish mounted. In fact, it's already too late for that.

"We ate the tail piece, and the rest we had smoked," Samantha added.

Some anglers might stay home for a while after catching a big fish, but not the Bourdins. They planned to go out again last weekend.

"Season closes pretty soon," noted Samantha.

## Local golfers host players from island

In recent nine-hole division play, the Salt Spring Island ladies entertained their counterparts from Mt. Brenton. There were 35 players, including 12 from the Chemainus club. Prizes were:

- Nearest to the pin on the second hole, Vera Lowe; longest drive on the seventh hole, Barbara Nemeth; low gross, Delphie Morez (Mt. Brenton), Anne Vodden (Salt Spring); low putts, Lou Jones (Mt. Brenton), Anne Vodden (Salt Spring).

In twilight delight play on May 27, a field of 24 players turned out. It was one of those evenings when the ladies were unable to stay on the green, so no one captured the 'closest to the pin' prize. Steve Marleau won for the men.

Low net honours went to Marie Hopkins, Marj Cade, Larry Davies and Frank Cunningham, all tied at 70. The same group also topped the low gross field with a 64 but a group is only eligible for one prize, so the honour went to runners-up Marg Fisher, Hal Stone, Pat Tiernan and Randall Walker at 70.

On May 25, the Salt Spring Island and Pender ladies played on Galiano. The Salt Spring players are 14 points behind but hope to make up the gap when the final match for the Georgeson Cup is played on Salt Spring.

In the 18-hole division, the ladies played four-ball, best-ball. Winners were Jean Hopkins (59), Peggy Thorne, Kass Black and Marion Ashmore. The putt pot was won by Ruby Webster, with 29.

## Tennis tourney held

Sunday, May 24, marked the first ladies doubles tennis tournament of the 1987 season on Salt Spring Island. Sixteen players participated in the mixed partner tournament format.

Results saw a first-place tie between islander Edith Sacker and Monica Phillips, a visitor from Vancouver. Eileen Botham and Stephanie Rowley finished in a tie for second spot.

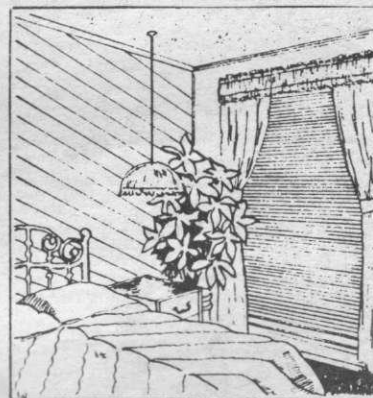
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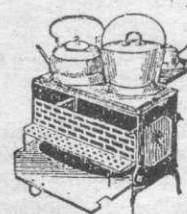
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Splashdown—a fashion show sponsored by Maggie's Boutique—drew local residents to the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium on Saturday. At the

conclusion of the show, models (from left) Hopi Hall, Tamara Holmes, Cathy Caldwell and Mikailan Hogan were among

those who appeared on stage for a well-deserved round of applause. The show was a benefit for Salt Spring's Rangers and Pathfinders.

## Ganges woman graduates

Jill Johnson of Ganges recently graduated from James Madison University, in Virginia, with a Master of Science degree. Johnson, whose field is physi-

cal education, intends to gain her doctorate after working for a few years. She will be vacationing on Salt Spring Island this September.

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## Students get degrees

Five Salt Spring Islanders are among students graduating this spring with degrees from Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the University of Victoria.

Lists of graduating students prepared by the two universities (the UBC list has not been released yet) show four Ganges residents among the UVic graduating class and one with the SFU class.

Richard Jon Magnusson will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree at SFU's convocation ceremonies scheduled for June 4 and 5 in Vancouver.

At UVic's spring convocation, David Glenn Woodley will receive his Doctor of Medicine degree, while Bachelor of Science de-

grees, with majors in zoology, will go to Daniel Cameron Fraser, Richard Peter Wells Fraser and John David Wooldridge.

Both universities caution that not all of their students completed information release forms, meaning their lists of graduates released to *Driftwood* may be missing names of other people from the Gulf Islands.

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# Four books differ on economic views

By VIRGINIA NEWMAN

Four books on economics, recently donated to the Salt Spring Island library in Ganges, offer radically different views of the subject but share a rejection of the old-style economists' faith that the 'bottom line' is the only important aspect of economic structures.

Futurist Hazel Henderson, in *The Politics of the Solar Age*, points out that our modern industrial system never considers the whole money picture. Fully half of our economic life, she says, never shows up in Gross National Product figures — volunteerism, housework and family nurturing are a few of her examples. Chapter titles like *The End of Flat-Earth Economics* and *Ethical Economics for the Dawning Solar Age* should indicate the challenges posed by Henderson's ideas.

**'Christians cannot choose to live in an apolitical world any more than they can pretend that Jesus had nothing to say about wealth and power.'**

Jonathan Porritt of Britain's Green Party writes a first-class account of the new wave of ecological thinking which is slowly but certainly beginning to make an impact on politics and economics, according to the *Manchester Guardian*. An easy-to-read style and Porritt's fresh outlook on today's society makes *Seeing Green* a joy to read.

Anarchist Murray Bookchin has been writing, teaching and lecturing on ecology, economics and political science for close to 40 years. In *Toward an Ecological Society*, his essays discuss decentralization, the transformation of the world's cities, alternative technology, 'eco-communities' and much more.

After Bookchin dissects the industrial-capitalist system, he carves up the Marxist view of the future, mainly through a critique of Andre Gorz, the French economist and writer. No quick-read, this slim book is full of interesting ideas.

A fourth viewpoint comes from Victoria's Bishop Remi de Roo in his new book, *Cries of Victims, Voice of God*, in which he deals with economics and politics from an ethical approach rooted in his study of the gospel.

"Christians," according to de Roo, "cannot choose to live in an apolitical world any more than they can pretend that Jesus had nothing to say about wealth and power. To join voices with the powerless is always considered to be a radical, destabilizing political action because it challenges the present order and threatens the powerful and wealthy for whom existing structures work quite well."

Often labelled as a leftist, de Roo quotes Camara, the Archbishop of Brazil, who complained that "when I give food to the poor, they call me a saint; when I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a Communist."

Actually, de Roo is critical of Marxism as well as capitalism because both view society in strict economic terms. This book stresses the need to consider the social, cultural and spiritual impact of industry and technology on today's world.

All four of these books are now in the Mary Hawkins library on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges. Some of them were discussed in last winter's Continuing Education class, *Let's Look at the Future*; if enough people are interested in these subjects, a follow-up class may be arranged.

Salt Spring resident Virginia Newman is director of the Continuing Education program administered through the Gulf Islands School District.

## Island artist's work selected for exhibition

A painting by Salt Spring artist Michael Hames has been accepted for exhibit by the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum of Wisconsin.

Hames' work entitled *The American* was accepted for display in the art museum's juried show, which runs from September 20 to November 30.

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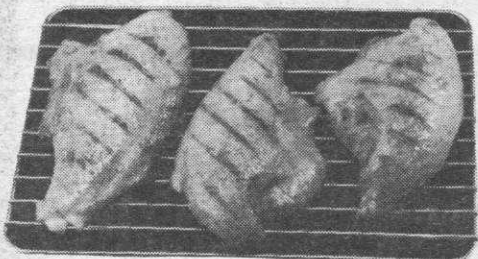
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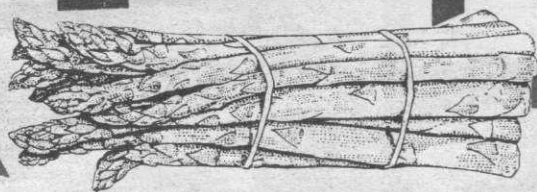
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# Early June a good time to trim those hedges

Well here we are charging into June, three weeks from summer, and every gardener worth his salt is racing out there to tend to the revered zucchini plants in the veggie patch, hoping to be the first one in the neighbourhood to be passing out surplus zucchini — before everyone in the area has a glut of them.

Our long, steady spring (which started somewhere back in January) has given us a really slow transition into summer. Without any real fanfare, the grass has grown, the chest-high hay is ready for mowing and the weeds are almost out of reach. It only takes one glance over the yard to see the vast number of things that need doing out there in the garden.

There are numerous plants that require shearing, pruning, cutting back, mowing, cleaning up and deadheading. Deadhead your rhododendrons and azaleas as they fade, and if you want to control their rate of growth and promote branching and a bushier growth habit, pinch out the expanding growing tips now. They will resprout and set buds normally if you do the job as soon as possible.

Trim off straggly stray growth or shear your hedges this month, to promote bushier, fuller plants. Cut off the faded seedheads of the finished lilacs, but take care to leave the terminal buds undisturbed as they are forming sites of next year's blooms. Prune back your ornamental blooms when they're done flowering, removing at least three-quarters of the 1986 growth. I try to leave only three buds of 1986 wood on each shoot so that branching will be maximized and the plants will be kept compact. Be sure that you've sheared or pruned back your

## your garden

by

Chris Schmah

winter heathers, and *Osmanthus delavayii*, too.

Spring-blooming spiraeas need to have one-third of the old stems cut out and should also have a third of the top growth removed to keep them productive and full. Many of the spring-flowering bulbs have done their growing for the season and the foliage is yellowing, so feel free to mow over them or cut off the unsightly tops.

(On the subject of mowing, set the mower down to a two-inch height, and mow the lawns every time the grass has grown two inches. This frequent mowing will favour the grasses and put extra pressure on the weeds, as they don't recover from cutting back as well as grass does.)

Cut back your early-flowering perennials when they fade, as you may encourage several of them to flower again. Delphiniums respond well to this treatment, but remember to stake these and other tall perennials, too, to avoid any risk of stem breakage. When you start to cut roses for the bouquets, take time to make that extra cut, back to just above an outward-facing leaf, where the stem is sturdy and thick, and if you are getting into trouble with powdery mildew, use regular sprayings of benomyl to effect control, or try spraying with an anti-transpirant or anti-desiccant.

Any sprouts that develop from

below the graft on your fruit trees should be pulled off with a downward motion. This will serve to remove the sprouting initials so regrowth will be reduced. Remember to keep picking off the spent blooms on your annuals and perennials, so they won't waste energy making seeds. Keep pinching out your annuals and pinching out the tips of the younger annuals to promote branching and a more floriferous plant.

Well, that about does it for the pinching, pruning, etc., department, and now on to the seeding, planting and propagating jobs:

You can continue with direct sowings of annuals such as sweet alyssum, California poppies, Shirley poppies, nasturtiums, baby's breath and you can keep on planting all annuals, perennials, and other plants raised from cuttings. Set them out into a moist soil mix, and wait a week to ten days before you feed them with 20-20-20 liquid fish or seaweed fertilizers. Plant out all of your dahlias and mums as soon as possible and continue with successive plantings of gladioli right on through to the end of the month.

You can start quite a few perennials from seed this month, including *Aquilegia* (columbines), *Linum* (blue flax), *aubretia*, *delphiniums*, *candytuft*, *lychnis*, *gaillardia*, *phlox*, *statice*, *dianthus*, *lupins*, *hollyhocks*, *coreopsis* and *wallflowers*. This is also a good time to propagate rockery plants by taking cuttings of *saxifrage*, *aubretia*, *arabis*, *dianthus*, *deltoides*, *lavender*, *rosemary*,

*santoline* and *cerastium* (snow-in-summer). Late this month is a good time to divide your bearded irises.

In the vegetable garden, you should plant out your tomatoes, cukes, zukes, celery, eggplants,

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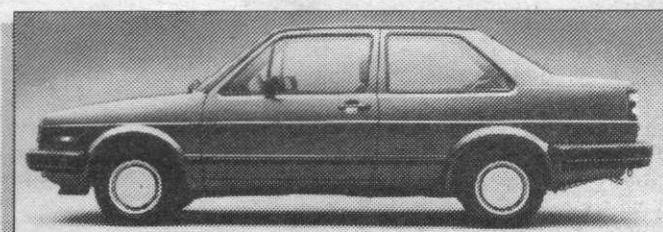
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Digby was born in Coventry, England, and came to Canada in 1968. After working at the Citadel Theatre with John Neville (currently artistic director of the Stratford Festival), Digby went on to establish the highly-successful Phoenix Theatre in Edmonton.

He has been artistic director of Victoria's Bastion Theatre Company for the past five years, and is a frequent adjudicator and workshop leader for community theatre festivals.

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Keith Digby

## Beatles' Sgt. Pepper album set trend for intelligent song writers

By GARY CHERNEFF

*When I get older, losing my hair, many years from now. Will you still be sending me a Valentine, birthday greetings, bottle of wine?*

I'll have to admit that I did succumb. I actually pulled out my battered copy of *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* and played both sides. My daughter, despite my enthusiasm, disappeared after the third cut. All the radio and TV coverage of this, the 20th anniversary of the Beatles' most famous album, must have been the prod to action.

The Beatles were not the first to integrate social and political issues into a theatrical format. What they did was to use their immense popularity to ask people to consider the nature of society and its humanistic and spiritualistic concerns. It is a pattern which continues today with intelligent song writers and performers such as Steve Wonder, Laurie Anderson, Bruce Springsteen, David Byrne of *Talking Heads* and Marc Knoffler of *Dire Straits*. They are in the fortunate position of being able to inject a healthy dose of cynicism into a society which has the means, but not the will, to address the survival of the planet.

Just think for a minute. If what these performers are doing is art, then where are the parallels in other mediums? Do we, for instance, see posters or paintings of social protest at local commercial galleries?

I hear you laughing. Art is about

### art seen

truth and beauty, no one will dispute. Truth is not always pretty and beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but pretty is what people most often buy for their walls. Give thanks for those public and "alternate" galleries which are not afraid to challenge the viewer with a new idea, and give thanks to the Canada Council for the support they lend to our national conscience.

I recently read an interview with the late Andy Warhol, in *Flash Art* magazine. It was character-

*'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but pretty is what people most often buy for their walls.'*

istically banal. Warhol was the prince of banality, the ultimate representational painter and a self-proclaimed "commercial artist."

One would be afraid of mystifying guests with his Campbell's Soup cans over the mantle, although Marilyn Monroe curiously would be more acceptable. One could say he was a cynic or a very good mirror of the

visual milieu we live in.

Off Centre Stage, our own "alternate gallery," once again presented *Comedy Night* this past weekend. Participants, among others, were Arvid Chalmers, Sid Filkow, Shilo Zylbergold, Anne Lyon, Janice Suess and Mike Hayes. The Hayes-Chalmers duo were adept at poking fun at our local inmates and Chalmers once again showed his characteristic penchant for appearing on stage in scanty attire. Instead of rotten tomatoes or the hook, the audience was invited to exercise its displeasure by hurling paper missiles at low points. Ouch!

Janice Suess has a nice body language but I never before noticed that one pantleg was shorter than the other. You'll have to have some alterations, Janice, or maybe see your physiotherapist.

At the Victoria Art Gallery, make sure you see the exhibition of Japanese Shinto Art, on until June 14. Included in this show is the newly-acquired Shinto Shrine which resides in the courtyard. The exquisite fragrance of incense is still discernible if you're downwind from the saturated wooden structure. Other objects worthy of note are the miniature shrines, and the exotic and colourful stage curtains printed with robust action scenes — not to mention the sculptural stone fertility fetishes.

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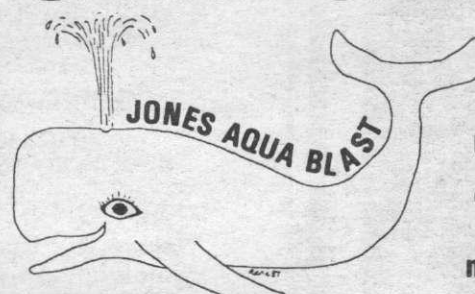


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## To a Modern Venus

# Vancouver performer featured in performance

By JEREMY DAVIS

*To a Modern Venus*, a multimedia performance event held recently at Off-Centre Stage and featuring Vancouver performer/visual artist Angela Brown, lasted a brief 45 minutes.

Brown's biography identifies her as having two and half degrees in three different disciplines (visual arts, dance and theatre), which makes her a model of the modern Renaissance woman. She made use of all these media in the show and is obviously a performer of unflappable stage presence, talent and boundless energy.

*To a Modern Venus* combined song, dance, mime and a slide show to portray women as "created" by the male-dominated media of the past 100 years. Quite rightly, the show took a deliberately feminist stance, being ironical and provocative at its best and unfocused and dull at its worst. The problem was that the material never really inspired Brown's various talents. The show was a theatrical Dim Sum but the portions were too small to really satisfy and the meat too bland to make us hungry for more.

My lasting impression was of Brown rushing on and off stage, scrambling to add some on-stage pizzazz to the never-ending slide show behind her. Unfortunately, it was the on-stage portion that didn't work. By and large, the dances were abstract and left me wondering what they were there for. Brown can obviously dance but nowhere in the show did she really take flight. So, instead of being moved by the dances for their own sake, I was left trying to find some reason for their being in

the show. And the brief spurts of mime were tantalizing but unconnected.

Another basic problem was that the content of the on-tape narration was weak. We were told over and over how women have been mass-produced into "caricatures of their own femaleness." There were a few nice tid-bits, for instance the idea (popular in the early years of this century) that once women started working there would be rampant "lovmaking during lunchbreaks." But basically the show provided no new insights, no original slant. This was disappointing because

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the topic and Brown's talents could have combined into something so wonderful. But we were merely shown take-offs of Miss America (lip-synched to Carol Channing) and a parade of slides depicting pin-up girls and screen idols. So what? I expected a show using so many different forms of expression to give me more than what I already know.

And Miss America brings up another point: although Brown

ended the show with herself emblazoned as the first woman Prime Minister (sorry Maggie — I guess you don't cut it as a woman) the narration focused almost exclusively on American popular history. We were told that Frances Perkins was the first American woman cabinet minister, but no mention is made at all of the 1929 'Persons Case.' This was the famous legal battle in which five Alberta women fought to change Canadian law which didn't even recognize their existence as persons. Yes, women have been "kept down on the farm" by the popular image of them as bright-eyed bimbos bouncing from bed to kitchen. But many strong, intelligent women have rebelled against this stereotype as long as it has been prevalent: Florence Bird, Nellie McClung and Ellen Fairclough, to name just a few in Canadian history. The show never mentioned these women and barely touched the movement they championed. Fine — the show is a satire, a frothy spoof. But again I say: so what?

The root of all good satire is the truth — not a portion of it. And by having slides and narration in the first place, Brown obviously wanted us to go away thinking. I'm afraid a lot more in-depth research and focused writing needs to happen before that will occur. In one closing scene Brown was transformed from a bored housewife into a guerrilla in the war between the sexes. I perked up at this point — at last, a provoking moment that challenged me and used Brown's talents to grab my

attention, alarm me and make me think. Agit-prop, they used to call it back in the sixties. *To a Modern Venus* needs much more of this.

I must close with a few technical criticisms. The program gives a director's note but no indication as to who was the director or the stage manager or crew. Bad form. And Off Centre Stage still hasn't constructed their sound/light

booth. My mind was constantly numbed by the white noise of the slide projector. Come on you guys, you've had the grant for four months now. The space is marvellous but the tech booth should be a priority for the summer.

Angela Brown can be seen at the Barkerville Historic Park this summer where she is acting and directing at Theatre Royal.

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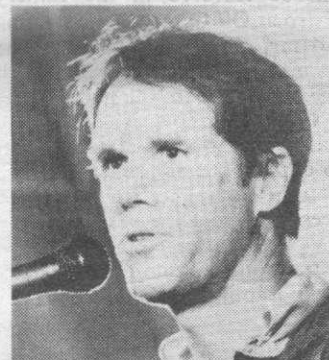
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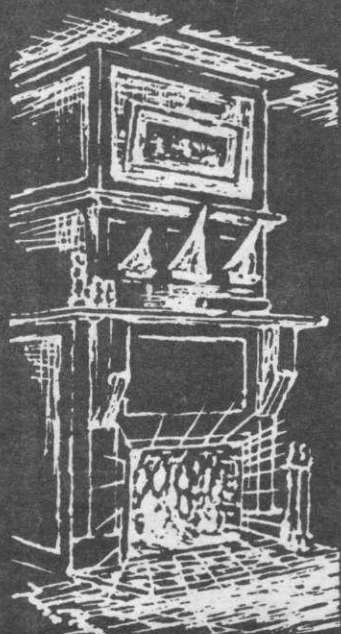
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