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What's wrong with

ARTSPRING?

Nothing, says Peter Bardon
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Local lot prices register fastest rise in country

A report saying lot prices on Salt Spring are soaring drew mixed reaction from local real estate agents, who saw both benefits and detriments to dealing with the fastest increasing lot prices in the country.

According to a Century 21 report, lots on Salt Spring recorded the highest increase in the country. The average selling price of a serviced one-acre lot rose from \$68,000 to \$91,000, a 33.8 per cent increase during the year.

A shortage of raw land in the Gulf Islands has forced prices up, says Neil Congo of Century 21 Islands Realty Ltd. "Prices have jumped dramatically in the past year as baby-boomers in search of quality recreational property are shopping for real estate in the Gulf Islands." The type of lot cited in the survey was a one-acre, non-view, non-waterfront serviced lot, Congo said.

Congo said lot purchases were "wild through the fall of last year

(1992) and the spring of this year (1993)." Most of the price increase occurred over the first six months of 1993, he said.

Islands Realty provided the figures on which the Century 21 report is based, Congo said. This is the first year the Islands office has participated in the survey.

The survey also described home sales throughout the Gulf Islands as "sluggish."

Congo said the survey results are collected each quarter by Century 21 and are released as general information.

"It won't start a panic buying and won't start a panic selling. I don't think it has any impact on the market."

The report was widely broadcast last week by BCTV News, which ran clips of Salt Spring to accompany the information.

Norm Rothwell of NRS Salt Spring Realty said his figures show an increase in house and lot prices, but not the level of increase

reported by Century 21. Checking an NRS catalogue from a year ago, he found two-acre lots selling in the \$70-\$75,000 range. The same lots would now sell for \$85-\$89,000, he said. "That varies greatly from what Century 21 is trying to say."

He said there are far fewer lots on the market, leading to increased prices.

"It's like when grapes are out-of-season — they're more expensive."

Still, he said, his experience doesn't suggest a 33.8 per cent price increase in one year. "It happens, but it isn't the norm."

Rothwell said he has seen a 15 per cent increase in housing prices over the past year. For example, just over a year ago NRS sold a non-view home for \$150,000. A year later, the same home sold for \$170,000.

Prices for waterfront homes have not increased and high priced

LOTS A9



THE YEAR'S FIRST: Salt Spring Island's premiere baby of 1994 gets acquainted with mom Mo Sutton and sister Natasha Sutton-Williams. The healthy 7 lb. 3 oz. boy was born to Sutton and Dick Williams at home on January 9 at 12:10 a.m.

Photo by Gail Spjberg

Compost plan 'sludgagate,' Luth tells residents' meeting

"This thing is taking on the proportions of sludgagate," Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth said last Thursday night, summing up his opposition to the sludge composting project proposed by the liquid waste committee.

Luth outlined his objections at a meeting between Furness Road residents and John Finnie, assistant regional waste manager for the B.C. Ministry of Environment.

Luth claimed that residents had been misled before an April 24 referendum on the composting project. Results of the vote were 1,110 voters in favour of the project and 440 opposed.

Luth was especially critical of the failure to release a UMA Engineering report before the referendum. The UMA study, carried out in early 1993, showed Salt Spring sewage sludge had "elevated" levels of copper, silver, mercury and zinc. Salt Spring's liquid waste management committee did not get the report until November 23, Luth said.

He described the sludge as "hazardous waste" — a definition which Finnie said was not accurate. CRD engineer Jim McFarland has described the UMA test results as typical of domestic sewage and predicted the composted sludge will be safe for agricultural use.

Luth disagrees. "I maintain we're being used as guinea pigs out here," Luth said, adding that he does not trust the Capital Regional District's "engineering establishment." At the very least, Luth said, the project should be delayed until source control — educating residents not to put metals into the sewage system — reduces the amount of metal in the sludge.

Luth said Salt Spring Islanders have been "conned" and are going to pay extra taxes to support this unproved pilot project. Although he admitted not paying much attention to the issue last spring when

SLUDGEGATE A12

Committee selects Duke Point

Duke Point has been recommended by a Vancouver Island mayors committee as the site for a new mid-island ferry terminal.

After considering various studies and public input, the committee said it chose Duke Point because it is closest to Nanaimo and could be developed for use by heavy truck traffic in only two years.

The committee's short list also included a new

terminal at Crofton or redevelopment of the existing Departure Bay terminal.

Traffic pressure at Departure Bay is "approaching saturation levels," the B.C. Ferry Corporation said in a release last week, with a 42 per cent increase in use expected over the next 15 years.

DUKE POINT A18



NO ENTRY: Colin Nicholson wants this fence removed. Details, Page A11.

Values up 22%

The value of Gulf Islands residential property for 1994 tax purposes rose 22 per cent over last year, says B.C. Assessment (formerly B.C. Assessment Authority).

Homeowners across B.C. should receive their annual assessment notices in the mail this week.

According to Saanich/Capital area deputy assessor Brian Wilkinson, increases ranged from 10 to 15 per cent for waterfront properties on Salt Spring and Mayne islands to a high of 45 per cent for some Saturna Island properties.

Non-waterfront property on Salt Spring and Galiano rose 15 to 25 per cent from the previous year, and between 20 and 25 per cent for all residential properties on Pender Island and Mayne's non-waterfront residential property.

Values were based on B.C. Assessment's estimations as of July 1993.

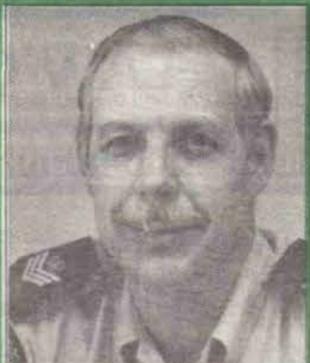
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Sgt. Smith looks at his legacy of initiatives

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Ever been to sea, laddie? Mark Borbas can say yes.

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newsbeat

this week

This is the week for diehard cigarette smokers to get geared up for Weedless Wednesday - January 19 - and consider ending an unhealthy relationship.

\$ fair change

Island Savings was buying U.S. cash on Tuesday at the rate of: 1.2884

weather

HIGHS:08C (normal 5) **LOWS:**02C (normal 0).
PRECIPITATION: 80% chance of showers Wednesday, 70% Thursday, 40% Friday and Saturday.
OUTLOOK: Mainly cloudy with periods of rain or drizzle Wednesday through Saturday.

of note

January 16.....SWOVA film Sandra's Garden.
 January 19.....Seniors for Seniors tea.

LUNAR CYCLE: for January 1994

   
 Jan. 05 Jan. 11 Jan. 19 Jan. 27

lottery numbers

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	Jan. 8, 1994	01-04-22-23-34-35 B37
	Jan. 5, 1994	02-12-19-21-24-43 B26
B.C/49	Jan. 8, 1994	09-14-23-38-40-45 B43
	Jan. 5, 1994	04-25-30-35-41-46 B36
Extra	Jan. 8, 1994	01-44-57-76
	Jan. 5, 1994	02-36-88-95

tide tables

TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

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	2345	2.3		2055	8.2
	0730	11.3	18	0210	6.2
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				2235	8.1
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	1830	9.0			

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Brochure run 100,000 for Games

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Tourists should find Salt Spring even easier to enjoy with a copy of the 1994 Chamber of Commerce information brochure.

With the Commonwealth Games expected to swell usual visitor numbers, the chamber hopes to meet demand with 100,000 brochures, up from the 60,000 printed last year when supplies ran short.

Dee Kinney heads the committee charged with producing the tourist guide entitled *Salt Spring Island 1994, Your Island For All Seasons*.

She said the brochure has received "rave reviews" from several sources and was presented last week to a tourism trade fair in Seattle, Washington. Next week it travels to another show in California.

The brochure outlines indoor/outdoor activities, provides island-wide and Ganges maps with descriptions of retail shops, galleries, restaurants and accommodation sites.

A streetfinder and detailed map of Ganges are major additions to this year's guide, said Kinney, along with information about the island's various parks.

A handy key to hotels, resorts and bed and breakfast facilities saves time for those trying to find a place which welcomes children, pets or smokers. Kinney said her committee of Ruth Rogers, Helen Tara and Jamie Alexander worked hard with graphic artist Colleen Causton to create "a layout that would most help the traveller."

The guide will be available on ferries and by contacting the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 111, Ganges, B.C., 537-5252.

for the record

The extent of damage to a boat that caught fire in Ganges Harbour 15 years ago was reported incorrectly December 22.

An item in *Down Through the Years* stated that Darrell Georgeson's workboat *Sophia* burned to the waterline December 7, 1978.

Georgeson said last week that, in fact, only the wheelhouse and part of the trunk cabin were burned.

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Island Savings waits for approval on building plans

A new home for Island Savings Credit Union will be built on McPhillips Avenue this year, provided the project is approved by the Islands Trust.

The new building is to be constructed on property west of the present building and behind the old Gulf Island Trading Company. "It's all very preliminary," branch manager Ian Short said last week, stressing that Island Savings is still waiting for project approvals.

The three-lot property, now used by Island Savings as a parking lot, has been owned by the credit union since March 1990 and was purchased in anticipation of future expansion of the branch.

The lot closest to the present credit union building will be retained for parking. The two lots further west, beyond the creek, will be the site of the new building and will also be surrounded by parking.

The new building will provide approximately 8,500 square feet on the first floor with an additional 2,900 square feet on the second. A two-storey ceiling will cover the main banking area, Short said. The credit union, including Island Savings Insurance, is now housed in 5,300 square feet.

"If you saw some of the line-ups we have . . . with the new building we're going to give much better

service," Short said.

The credit union's Salt Spring branch has just over 7,000 accounts, some opened by full-time residents and some by people who spend the summer on Salt Spring. Short noted some residents may also have more than one account with the branch.

The building is the latest in a series of expansions by the credit union since it opened its branch in

the old Valcourt Centre (now the Upper Ganges Centre) in March 1975.

In 1980, the branch moved to 107 McPhillips Avenue and in 1985 to the present location at 120 Lower Ganges Road. The lease on the existing building is due to be renewed at the end of 1994, but Island Savings hopes to have the new building ready by November this year.



BALMY JANUARY: Joe Smith, left, and Chris Rae of Hazenboom Construction found the sun a bit warm last week while working on the old Trading Company building in Ganges. With their shirts off they were able to enjoy the mild and clear weather.

Building fund tops \$6,000 for new hall

Penny by penny, Salt Spring seniors are raising the money for a hall of their own.

Over \$6,000 has been collected since a group was formed last March to develop a new seniors' centre on the island. The Salt Spring branches of the Old Age Pensioners Organization (OAPO) now meet in different locations on the island, depending on the event, but there is no building designed specifically to meet the needs of seniors.

The proposed building would include a hall large enough to house 100 people at a single event, a kitchen, and woodworking and craft shops — similar to the facility for seniors near the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre in Colwood on Vancouver Island.

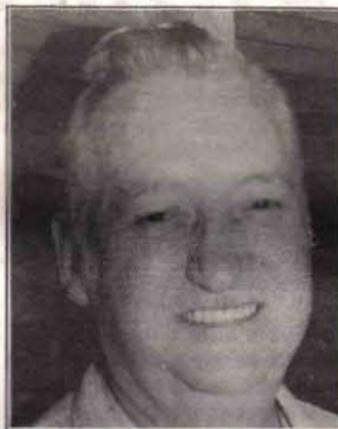
The building would also include offices on the street level, which the seniors hope to rent out to cover the maintenance costs of the hall.

The seniors have now formed a society, the Salt Spring Island Pensioners Society, to oversee the project. President Joe Lapage said the separate society was required to ensure that ownership of the building remained on Salt Spring. Otherwise, any building constructed by the local OAPO would be owned by the provincial OAPO, he said.

The 25-member Salt Spring Island Pensioners' Society is now registering as an official society and seeking designation as a charity so donations will be tax-deductible.

Lapage said the society is backed by the 100 members of the OAPO. "It's all part of the same thing."

Lapage, a hobby woodworker, has crafted donation boxes in the



Joe Lapage

shape of a hall which have been placed in local businesses. In addition, the seniors have held bake sales and other events to raise money, Lapage said.

The seniors also hold bingo games in Meaden Hall every first, third and fifth Thursday. The games start at 7 p.m. and are hosted by the seniors, alternating with the Rotary Club which hosts the games on the second and fourth Thursdays.

The seniors will also be seeking government grants to help finance the building, which Lapage estimates will cost as much as \$1.5 million.

They are also hoping for a donation of land. "We certainly appreciate all the help we can get," Lapage said. The group hopes to produce a sketch of the proposed building soon to help with the fundraising efforts.

Lapage suspects it will take some time to complete the project but feels momentum will build as more money is raised. "Once it gets rolling, it will really go ahead."

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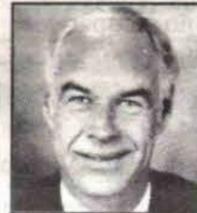
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opinion

The rights of ownership

With the images of Clayoquot Sound in the summer of '93 still fresh in our minds, the mounting of a protest is seen as a simple but effective response to the ails which concern us. International attention having been focused on the issue of clearcut logging on the west side of Vancouver Island, others who feel that a wrong has been perpetrated, or that the conventional way of doing things is no longer acceptable, see a demonstration as the solution.

The recipe for an effective protest is easy: gather some likeminded individuals, make up a few signs and call the media.

Such was the case in Ganges two weeks ago when about 50 islanders gathered to express their concern over logging of property on Salt Spring's south end. But apart from the fact that logging was involved, there are no parallels to be drawn between the local protest and that of the Clayoquot Sound blockade. One of the protester's signs attempted to compare the issue of logging private property on Salt Spring with MacMillan Bloedel's controversial Clayoquot plans, which only succeeds to call into question the credibility of the protest itself. There is no comparison.

At the heart of the issue concerning logging of the former Hollings property is private property rights, not logging, not ethics, not the preservation of a species of tree.

The settling of Canada by Europeans was founded upon the principle of private property. The settlers claimed their land and proceeded to utilize it to support their families. In a society where land is no longer viewed with the same importance in terms of its providing the means for supporting life, it is understandable that the rights of a landowner may seem equally less important.

But try telling that to the average owner of property. Most have worked hard to obtain it and are not likely to give in to efforts that will erode their rights of ownership.

Such is the case with local efforts to preserve forests of coastal Douglas fir, a laudable goal should such forests be threatened with extinction.

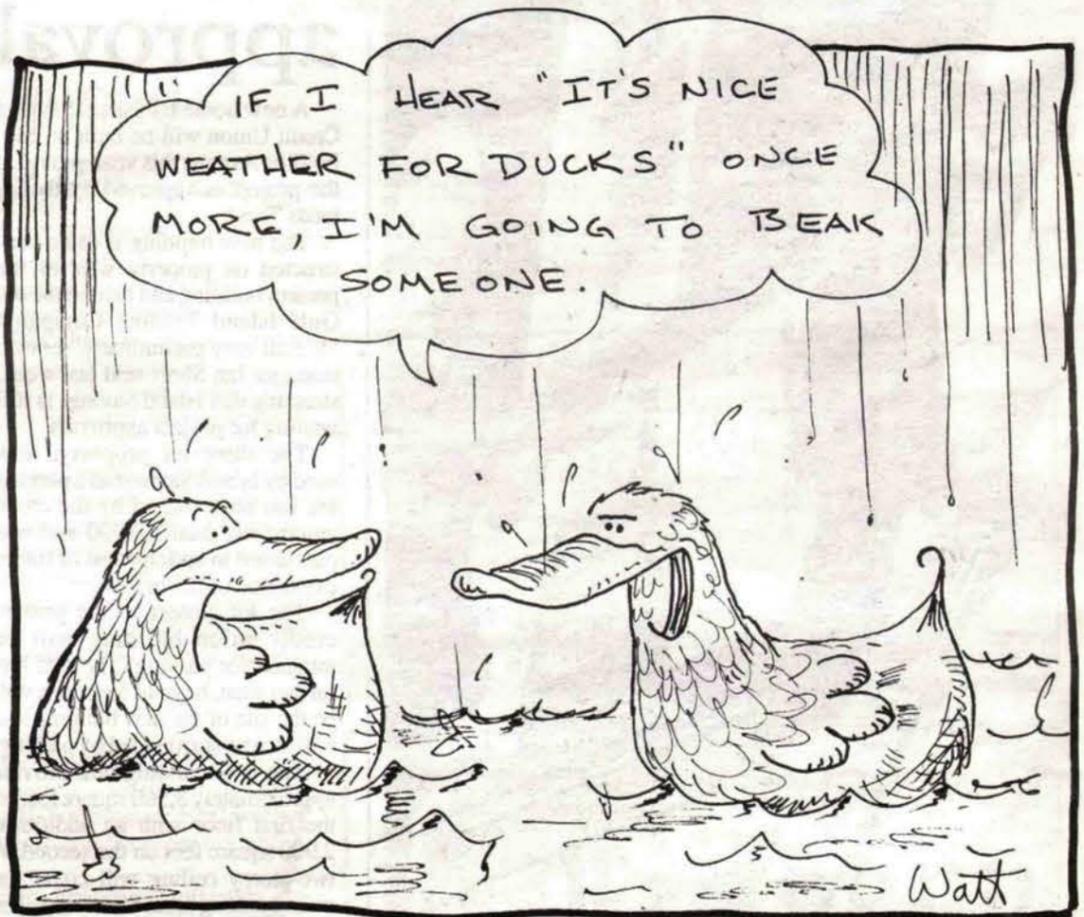
But while we can applaud the goal, we must question the process. Obviously there is disagreement over the status of negotiations between the landowner and the preservationists, or a misunderstanding over what exactly was being negotiated. However, as the developer or landowner is under no obligation to bow to their wishes, the preservationists are not in a position of strength. Hence their having resorted to an alternative means to win the day: intimidation and confrontation.

The mounting of a protest such as that seen in Ganges has become an accepted method of swaying public opinion and influencing government decision-making. It has not worked in Clayoquot Sound — at least not yet, anyway — if the pollsters are to be believed. Public opinion favours the decision by the government, which shows no signs of backing down.

In the case of Salt Spring, public opinion is not likely to have any bearing on the matter. Indeed, personal attacks on individuals and their businesses may provoke a backlash against the protesters.

The preservationists have little option but to continue the process of negotiation, that is, if the landowner is still prepared to do so in light of the confrontational tactics that have been adopted.

Barring negotiation, the only recourse is to purchase the land. And perhaps that is what should have been done in the first place.



Some advice for Reform

To MP Jack Frazer and Reform party leader Preston Manning:

By TOM VARZELIOTIS

It is not long since you were asking Canadians to vote for you and for your party, promising (what else?) Reform! Although voters were preoccupied with pulverizing the Mulroneys and despite what your opponents said about Reform and you, Canadians elected you and another 51 reformers.

The interval since the election is too short for a political party to prove itself, to demonstrate its capacity to serve, especially so considering the new Parliament has not yet convened. Yet both dexterity and daftness are hard to hide, even for a short time, even by seasoned politicians, save by the neophytes.

I regret to note that you have already demonstrated excessive daftness and no dexterity. Plainly stated, the performance to date of the Reform party is deficient.

Upon arrival in Ottawa you staged a remarkable spectacle of bickering about petty perks. We watched in awe as you agonized over whether you should give up any of the perks you got elected to eliminate. We saw you trying to gauge the minimum you could forego while creating the false impression that you faithfully fulfilled your promise to the people of Canada.

While thus bickering, Jean Chretien proceeded, unfettered by opposition, to do deeds such as the cancellation of the EH-101 helicopter contract and the reversal of the Pearson airport sell-out. Your silence on these happenings stunned the nation.

Significantly, Chretien announced no legislation quashing demands of compensation for the loss of "anticipated profits" from the helicopter and the Pearson airport deals. This he ought to do, considering that the airport purchasers and the helicopter purveyors had been on notice that the "deals" were subject to rejection by the nation in the 1993 election. Instead, Chretien proceeded to negotiate payments from the public treasury to these clever business people and we have heard no outcry from the Reformers . . .

Your preoccupation with bickering diverted attention from what was happening. Your silence on the issues amounts to a denial of democracy. Both the passive and the active disservice to the nation that Reform has done in the short period since the election have been cleverly exploited by the Grit

propaganda machine to hide the bad aspects of Jean's doings.

You must bear the responsibility . . .

I will take advantage of your invitation to us, Ordinary Canadians, to guide you in representing us in Ottawa. Certain that I speak not only for myself, this is what I am asking you to do:

Let it register in your mind that your pre-Christmas refusal of the rich fare MPs have dished out to themselves will not fly with the voters. People see your gesture as being only a thinly veiled attempt to build a facade of virtue.

Feel free to feast on the perks for as long as they are there, but do not become addicted to gluttony.

Go ahead, restore your status as full-fledged MPs, for we do not like to be represented by second-class MPs; second-class status, even if self-inflicted, is unconstructive to effectiveness, serves no good purpose . . .

When Jean Chretien opens the doors to the House on January 17, rush in to table a Reform Party Private Bill, or 52 Private Members' Bills, whatever it may take, to reform the compensation package of all MPs. State clearly, define unambiguously what in the view of Reform is excessive and unwarranted in the current compensation package of politicians and seek to correct the situation with that bill.

Challenge the Liberals to co-sponsor the bill and to pass it expeditiously. Keep at them, expose their evasions, publicize widely and refute soundly the excuses they may utter in defense of pensions after six short years of otherwise over-compensated "service" to the nation . . .

Please, for your own as well as our sake, do not try to fool us. For we have grown smart, we have been charged with suspicion, like Christmas butterball turkeys are with fat, by a certain Brian Mulroney.

After surviving him, we are not about to let other politicians fool us, believe me.

I will respond again to your invitation for instruction, after I see your debut in Parliament. In the meantime, I wish you the strength of Hercules so that you can clean the House from you know what, like Hercules did for the stables of King Eugeas.

The writer considers himself an ordinary Canadian and lives on Salt Spring Island.

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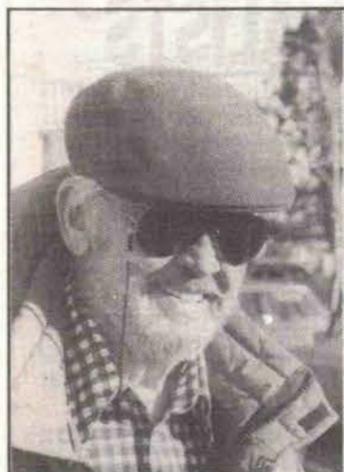
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We asked: Why do you smoke? salt spring says...



Dr. Stephen Thorson

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Rick Saunders

Because I enjoy it. It calms me down a bit, keeps me from getting emotional. That way I don't get mad at everyone. I'm happy and peaceful with myself.



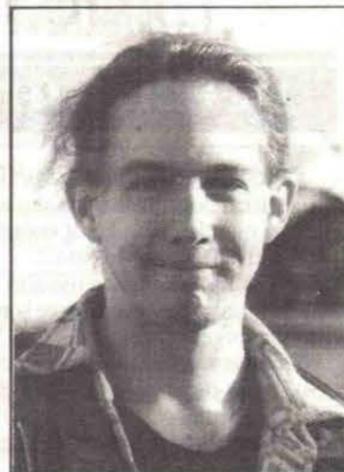
Mary Fox

I don't drink but I love my cigarette. At 13 I started by rolling cigarettes for my father - I'm 77 now and I still smoke.



Tamara Horn

I don't like it. I try to quit and I just can't.



David Almond

Enjoyment - I enjoy the taste of it and I like the feeling it gives me. It gives me something to do.

Two swims

To the Editor,

I was amused to read the article about the Vesuvius New Year swim in the January 5 issue of the *Driftwood*. It states that "there were two batches of swimmers, the first about 11:15 a.m. and the second at 11:30 a.m."

The reason for the second group is that an article in the *Driftwood* of December 29 stated that the swim time would be 11:30 a.m.

As a result, many people, myself included, missed seeing the first swim, which I am told was the official one.

COLENETTE WILSON,
Ganges

No help from police

To the Editor,

I have a little six-year-old boy who should be in grade one at Fernwood School, but instead is at home with the doors locked and the lights on, at his insistence.

This is for a very good reason. A school board employee has been terrorizing him with shotgun blasts outside our home, by crashing through our door and assaulting our family, and continuing to terrorize him at school, witnessed by teachers and duty parents at the school. Why not put him in another school? Simply because this man has liberal access to all four schools on this island.

My son has been kidnapped out of our yard, and this man has been found nude in bed with my son, but according to the Ganges RCMP, none of this is criminal, or at least nothing more than a misdemeanour.

So, while this man is still going to school with your kids, mine is at home traumatized.

The investigating officer has labelled me a sociological malcontent because after getting ready to wrap up his month-long investigation without even interviewing me to get any of the facts he needed in order to carry on any real investigation, I finally did force him to do so, under protest. This interview being useless, however, because he is still wrapping up his mock investigation. After all, as one officer told me he's a nice guy, he just likes your son a lot.

I strongly believe the RCMP on this island are in denial, as it was, I had to contact off-island RCMP in order to get them to do anything at all.

more letters

Congestion

To the Editor,

Is it just my imagination, or is the traffic in downtown Ganges more congested nowadays than it was before the one-way street system was introduced? Certainly it seems to take far, far longer to make a left turn onto Lower Ganges Road from Thrifty's parking lot or from Rainbow Road than it used to only a few months ago.

Just coincidence, I guess.
MIKE PRICE,
Ganges

Island son is author

To the Editor,

As a gift at Christmas I was given a book called, *Laugh, I thought I'd Die*, published by Penguin Books and written by a young man who has ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. He has been a personal friend since his childhood. His name is Dennis Kaye.

This is a book that should be read and enjoyed by many Salt Spring Islanders. Not only because of the story content, but because he is a Salt Spring Island Son.

He was born in the old Lady Minto Hospital June 5, 1955 and lived here until the age of nine. He is a descendant of an old-time Salt Spring family. His great grandmother was Pearl Reynolds of Beaver Point. His grandmother is Juanita Reynolds Kaye — a resident at Greenwoods.

He was a frequent visitor here to friends and relatives long after his family moved away.

The book is full of good advice to those suffering from any debilitating disease, not only ALS. It is laced with humour that those who know him will recognize.

One may even shed a tear when reading of his thoughts and feelings on probably not seeing his two

beautiful daughters graduate. In August 1992, he and a group of friends organized an art auction in the Victoria Convention Centre; \$20,000 was raised. This paid for a public service announcement from December 1992 to June 1993. Dennis actively took part in filming this T.V. commercial.

Folks, the second Saturday in June is usually the annual fund raising day for ALS — Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis — research.

So mark the calendar, budget for your donation and do read the book.

RITA DODS,
Ganges

Missed message

To the Editor,

By its recent advertisement for vendors in your newspaper it is obvious that the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has failed or refused to see the message inherent, in part, in the recent CRD election results — namely that the electorate does not regard the market issue as "solved" nor does it accept or condone the actions of the PRC and the results of those actions. The PRC has been wrong in its perception of public opinion on this issue.

The PRC seems to think it is above the law. Having succeeded in splitting the vendors it continues to operate a market which, by its own argument, is illegal. Moreover, the operation of the market by the PRC is contrary to its responsibility not to engage in competition with existing activities or services. The PRC continues to add economic injury to past psychological insult by competing with these vendors using public funds. Its actions are not only illegal, but also immoral.

SID FILKOW,
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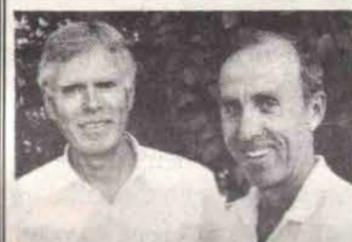
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VICTORIA — Finance Minister Elizabeth Cull has released her first fiscal document since she was appointed to her new portfolio a few months ago, and it contains one sentence that is probably indicative of things to come.

"The fiscal situation remains on track with the budget forecast, and the government will take action, if necessary, to ensure that the deficit target is achieved," Cull says in a report which covers the government's fiscal performance between April 1 and September 30, 1993.

That sentence means the NDP government will raise taxes, "if necessary." And I think it also means it will cut programs, "if necessary."

Cull has brought a new style to her ministry. Unlike her predecessor, Glen Clark, who is a headline hunter par excellence and never misses an opportunity to be centre-stage, Cull is one of the most low-key ministers in Premier Harcourt's cabinet.

But don't confuse low-key with ineffective. Cull is as tough a politician as they come. She's like a bulldog but without the growl. As health minister, she proved herself a worthy adversary to the province's doctors, one of the best-organized lobby groups, second only to the teachers.

Cull brings that same quiet determination to her new job. And my contacts in the public service tell me that she achieves the same results as Clark, if not better, without the surrounding publicity her predecessor sought, and without the arrogance Clark is known for.

One manifestation of Cull's low-key approach to her duties is the fact that her first financial report received very little, if any publicity, despite the fact that it showed the government's fiscal performance in a fairly favourable light. Consider the following factors:

Employment increased during the first six months of the fiscal year, consumer spending and housing starts grew strongly, and the value of exports was up sharply.

To put some figures to these gains, employment rose by 1.8 per cent. That represents 28,000 new jobs, 21,000 of which were created in October and November alone, a time when employment normally decreases.

Exports began to grow in early 1993, and by August, the value of exports was up 16 per cent from the previous year. Meanwhile, retail sales were up 8.8 per cent while housing starts rose by 10 per cent.

These developments short-circuited the recession that still plagues the rest of Canada as well as the United States, Europe and Japan.

The picture is equally good when it comes to government revenues and spending. Revenue during the first six months of the fiscal year totalled \$8.7 billion, an increase of nearly 12 per cent from the previous year.

Government spending, on the other hand, rose by only three per cent, less than the rate of inflation, to \$9.1 billion during the same time.

And while those figures tell us that the government is still spending more than it takes in, they also show that the deficit anticipated for the end of the fiscal year now stands at only \$353 million, about one-third of last year's actual deficit.

I would call that an impressive fiscal performance, the whining and snivelling from a multitude of special interest groups notwithstanding.

Just what is it that people want from their government? The business community bitches about tax increases while at the same time demanding a balanced budget. Meanwhile, citizens at large scream for less government spending, but go on the war path every time programs or services are cut. Everybody wants to have his cake and eat it.

Like political columnists, no government will ever please everybody. But governments and columnists are usually on the right track if criticism comes from all sides of the political spectrum.

If I have big business mad at me one week and environmentalists the next, I know I'm not too far off the mark. Likewise, as long as the NDP government gets raked over the coals by its own traditional supporters one week and is in the cross hairs of the business community the next, chances are it is doing its job.

During the last election campaign, Harcourt said he would produce a balanced budget by the end of his mandate. While he may not be able to quite reach that goal, mainly because of federal off-loading, I am sure he'll come close. The latest quarterly report certainly points in that direction.

The historically strong partisan inclinations of British Columbians notwithstanding, it's about time we acknowledge that this government is doing a pretty good job of looking after our financial affairs.

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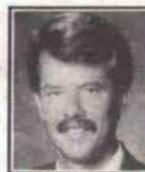
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Two families still waiting for word on immigration

Foreign-born Salt Spring Islanders Holly Menard and Akiko Henson are still waiting to hear from the federal Department of Immigration about their applications for landed immigrant status.

Menard, who is married to a Canadian citizen and a B.C. resident, chalked up a \$34,000 bill at Grace Hospital in Vancouver during a month-long stay before she bore her baby daughter Brigitte in the summer.

Henson, who is also married to a Canadian citizen and a B.C. resident, applied for landed immigrant status in January 1993, almost immediately after marrying her hus-

band. She bore a son, Sugi, in September, before she could get medical coverage which depends on citizenship as well as residency. The bill for the birth, which included a helicopter trip to Duncan, totalled more than \$1,200.

As for the medical bills, Holly Menard is still paying off her \$34,000 bill from Grace Hospital in Vancouver and has received a further bill for about \$300 from a doctor who was at the birth.

migration for the first time in November and were told their application would take another six months to one year. The acting manager of the Victoria immigration office called the idea of immediate landed status "totally off the wall." Everybody applying for landed immigrancy goes through the same procedure, Shin Sall said, and while most applications are processed within one year, many take less time. Spousal applications were usually quicker than other categories.

With each spousal application, Sall said, the Department of Immigration must ensure the relationship is bona fide and not based on an attempt to attain Canadian citizenship, that the applicant has no communicable disease or illness which would be a burden to the Canadian health system, and that the applicant does not have a criminal record or is not a security risk.

Sall said he could not comment on specific cases without the written permission of the parties involved, but extenuating circumstances, such as a pregnancy, leaving the country or a driving infraction, could slow down an application.

Menard did leave the province for six months in 1992, but only after all the application tests and interviews had been done. She said her file sat in Ottawa until at least September 1992, three months after her application, and two officers involved in her case quit, which may have slowed the process down.

As for the medical bills, Menard is still paying off her \$34,000 bill from Grace Hospital and has received a further bill for about \$300 from a doctor who was at the birth. The hospital has been "great" and is accepting a \$25 per month payment from Menard towards the bill.

The Hensons have paid off most of their \$1,200 bill, with islanders donating \$200 towards the sum. The Hensons praised Lady Minto Hospital and island doctors for their help and understanding and the small bills.

The discrepancy in the billing for the two similar cases is because such matters are up to individual hospitals, a B.C. Ministry of Health

spokesman said.

"They usually tell you up front how much treatment will be," Michael Galway said.

He added a caution about obtaining medical coverage. "It is the responsibility of the couple to make sure the person receiving treatment gets medical insurance while they're out of their own country." He said it is normal for people travelling outside their country to have medical insurance. The provincial medical services plan is for Canadians who have resided in B.C. for six months and who are paying premiums or receiving premium assistance.

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But neither had been able to obtain coverage under British Columbia's medical services plan before their babies were born.

Menard first applied for landed immigrant status in June 1992 and after paying \$600 was told she was on an "immediate landed status" process. A year and a half later, she was told she would be "landed" at the beginning of December. But when she phoned December 29, she was told the case worker was on holiday until the new year.

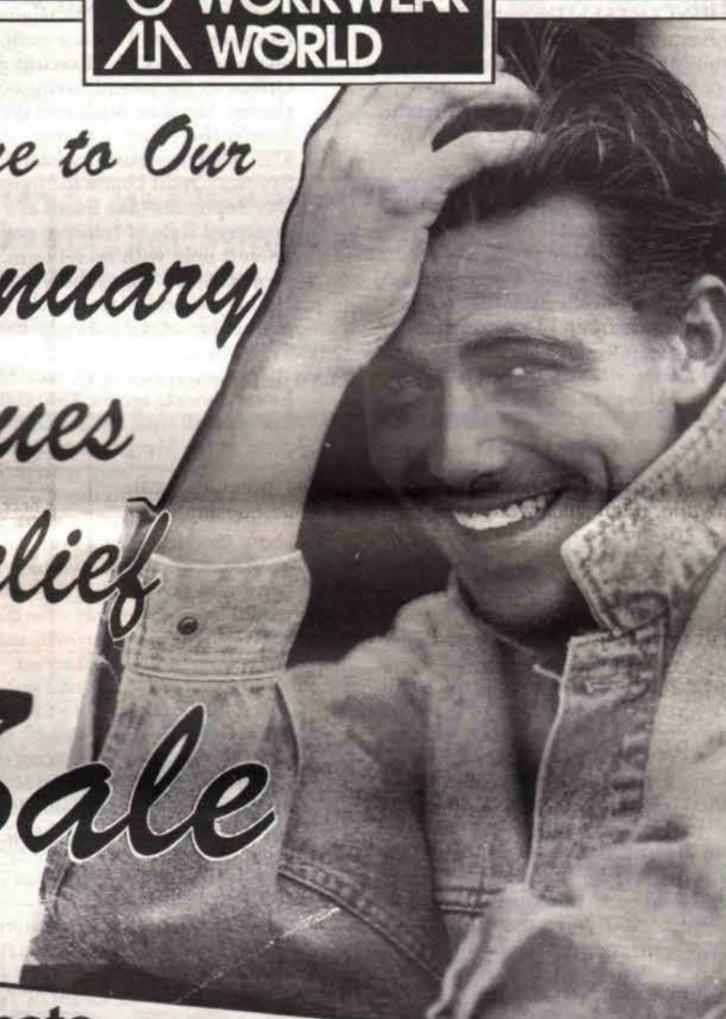
Akiko applied for landed immigrant status in January 1993. She and her husband went for an interview with the Department of Im-

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THE REAL STORY

OLD YEAR SAYS GOODBYE TO OLD GROWTH

The string of broken promises by Mel Topping and Trincomalli Development Inc. resulted in the demise of the largest fragment of old growth coastal Douglas Fir left on Salt Spring Island. As the year closed, chainsaws and skidders were "highgrading" (taking out the biggest trees) Douglas Fir and cedar in the watershed area of Mount Tuam. Only 1000 hectares of old growth coastal Douglas fir remains in the whole province. What has happened on Mount Tuam alone has resulted in the loss of 2% of the provincial total. Fifty more cuts of this sort and these special forests will be gone forever.

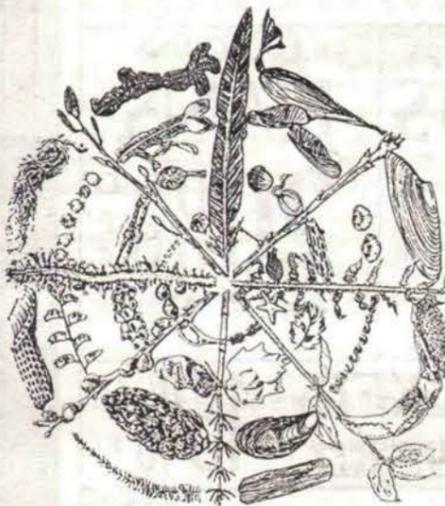
The promises made by the owners and the agent were to place covenants on special areas of old growth and protect the watershed. They were made to the Islands Trust, the Salmon Enhancement Project, the Trail and Nature Club and local residents. Contrary to *Driftwood's* article last week, a search in the Land Title Office and Islands Trust verifies that no covenants were placed to protect the integrity of this property.

The property was known as the Hollings property before it was sold to a development company out of San Diego called TRINCOMALLIDEVELOPMENTS INC. in August 1992. The directors are President, Mr. Michael Speyer and Secretary Mr. Frank M. Lucia. The real estate agent is Mr. Mel Topping of Island Heritage Realty, Ganges, B.C.

This property has a vital location adjacent to the Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve and bordering on the Mountain Meadows Preserve. The old growth portion of the property was rich in wildlife and sustained an important water collection site for the Isabella Point area. One of the old growth stands included a Douglas fir which has been dated somewhere between 800 to 1,000 years old—perhaps the largest, if not the oldest tree on Salt Spring Island. The rocky outcrop sites were rich in wildflowers, some of which are on the threatened species list of B.C. There was a rich diversity of mosses and lichens which rely on an old growth forest to thrive. One old growth Douglas fir can be a host for up to 20,000 species of plants, animals and fungi.

Most of us have never seen old growth on Salt Spring. No wonder. The Coastal Douglas fir zone has been identified by the provincial government in their 1993 State of the Environment Report, as one of the most threatened ecosystems in B.C. with less than 1% in an unmodified state. The small unmodified fragment of about 40 acres (20 hectares) within the Musgrave property has now been destroyed and unfortunately the damage is irreversible. There is nothing illegal in what these developers have done. Some might argue though that it is unethical.

Unfortunately, of the 1000 hectares (now 980 hectares) remaining of these old growth forests, 850 of them lie in private ownership. With no legislative protection, the only avenue available is through raising public awareness.



Elements of the Coastal Douglas fir ecosystem.

THE BACKGROUND

- August 1992: An American company, registered in May 1992 to do business in Canada, through their agent Mel Topping buys 200+ acres off Musgrave Road area from L.Hollings. In addition, Trincomalli in conjunction with Mel Topping's family (through their respective holding company) buys approx. 300 acres off Rainbow Road.
- August 1992: Trincomalli, through their agent Mel Topping, immediately resells 40 acres of the Musgrave property for \$335,000 to Highwood Developments. This is a company owned by the Chief Executive Officer of the Island Savings Credit Union, Mr. Ray Bush and his wife. Shortly thereafter, a mortgage for \$225,000 was issued by Island Savings Credit Union to Highwood Developments (aka Bush) at a Preferred Rate of Interest, payable interest only with no set term. This property was then subdivided by Highwood and placed back on the market for a total asking price of \$554,000.
- May 1993: Island Savings Credit Union issues a mortgage for \$840,000 to Trincomalli over the remaining 160 acres of the Musgrave property, payable interest only with no set term. From our discussions with Mr. Bob Andrew, Island Trustee, it was about this time that a number of promises were made verbally by the agent and owners that the 160 acres would have covenants over the special areas of old growth and watershed (approx. 40 acres).
- September 1993: A Grant of Timber is issued by Trincomalli to Coastland Wood Industries, Nanaimo, B.C., over the remaining 160 acres of the Musgrave property. This document sets over "all merchantable timber now standing, growing, lying or being in or upon the property" to this logging company for the sum of \$145,000. Still at this time, individuals and the Trust were under the impression that the special areas were to be covenanted and were not made aware of the Grant of Timber.
- November 1993: The remaining 160 acres of the Musgrave property is subdivided into a 40 acre parcel and a 120 acre parcel. The Grant of Timber remains over both parcels. The 40 acre parcel is then sold by Mel Topping to Scott Royal (Faller) and Gary Stunder (Electrician) for \$390,000. This was financed as follows:

- Island Savings Credit Union \$40,000.00
- Coastland Wood Industries \$200,000.00
- One of Mel Toppings companies \$50,000.00

Island Savings Credit Union now holds \$1,105,000 in mortgages over this Musgrave property and has granted another \$300,000 to the Topping family's holding company over the Rainbow Road acquisition.

The chain saws started up mid-November followed by skidders and road blasting. The noise didn't cease until the publicity of the New Year's Eve vigil. There is an application before the Trust for a further subdivision of the 120 acre parcel.

THE VIGIL

Fifty concerned island residents held a demonstration in front of the Islands Heritage Realty office in Ganges—Friday afternoon, the last day of the year. It was not the best day for most people—many had guests visiting for the holidays, the weather was raw and wet—yet there was every age group from toddlers to an 82 year old long-time resident. These people stood out in weather for almost two hours to make their feelings known.

This vigil was performed in order to draw attention to the urgent need for developers, landowners and real estate agents to act responsibly to the environment vis a vis the community. There is no legislation for protection of endangered spaces. Laws to do with private lands are controversial and can be debated ad nauseum—this is not the forum for that kind of debate.

The issue that residents held the vigil for was an ethical one—the responsibility of every one of us to practice land stewardship. We must all be accountable to the land. If this is not done from the hearts of individuals, then the community as a whole will suffer.

Developers and landowners must take into consideration how their development impacts environmentally on their community and their neighbours. There are some examples of sensitive development on the island from which they can draw example.

The vigil also drew attention to the role of our community financial institution, Island Savings Credit Union and the participation of a Chief Executive Officer in these activities. Over a million dollars of members' funds has been invested in old growth logging and land speculation just on the Musgrave property alone.

When ISCU (formerly called Duncan and District Credit Union) opened their first branch on Salt Spring, the whole appeal of a community-based financial institution was embraced by those tired of the large financial giants. Its members could obtain mortgages and financial aid based on their participation and local needs. What has happened?

As we go into 1994, with all the publicity and awareness about our heritage forests, should ISCU not question their policies? The Board of Directors must take steps to thoroughly investigate the ethics of their loans. We ask for a written response either through the press or directed to the membership. Meanwhile, each member should search within themselves to see what actions they can take as individuals. There is a poster at ISCU which invites us all to invest in "Ethical Funds"—ironic looking at the Musgrave landscape.

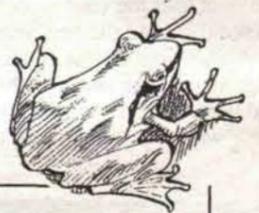
The vigil made the public aware of who these developers are. Often development is carried out behind corporate veils and the community never has a contact to address their concerns to. Trincomalli Developments Inc. of San Diego have broken a trust with the community. A responsible steward of the land gains knowledge and compassion about the neighbourhood and environs prior to development. The damage done to the Musgrave property is now our community's heritage.

There is also the responsibility of the real estate agent. As the first contact a purchaser has with a piece of property, the realtor holds a very powerful position. The advice that is given can have a very positive or negative effect on an entire landscape. Realtors should not only be acting in the best interests of those who are paying their commissions, but also those of the community in which they live.

Finally, the vigil was held to try and prevent this scenario from happening again. Trincomalli and Topping have invested in 300+ acres on Rainbow Road. In the Driftwood, Mr. Topping suggested a meeting should be held regarding this property. We suggest that a meeting should indeed be held, but with the neighbours on Rainbow Road and the Islands Trust. Together, a development plan could be worked out to the benefit of all. This should all be in writing and as a binding covenant before any development occurs. It should be mandatory to include cleanup and restoration covenants that are environmentally suited to the land. These covenants could be tied into the ability to obtain financing by the lending institutions.

During the televised coverage of the vigil, a small victory was won. Scotty Royal conceded that he would save the last three old growth trees, one of which was the 1000 year old tree. He denied he had been cutting old growth trees, however he could not explain the 180 to 225 year old stumps that were all over the property.

Contrary to the coverage that our local paper, *Driftwood*, gave to the vigil—this is not another logging issue. A week ago, a few of us scrambled over broken limbs and trunks of ancient trees and slogged through the muck that had once been a rich forest floor. We wanted to view the devastation of the old growth fragment promised to the community. We were shocked to find a 225 year old stump with a dollar sign carved into it by a chainsaw—a sad commentary for a tree that was standing before Captain Vancouver arrived on these beautiful islands... and a testimony to the lack of regard which these priceless areas are given.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- private landowners can assist the Trust in identifying these special and rare ecosystems, i.e., old growth Douglas fir, Garry oak meadows and wetlands.
- the rewards for private landowners to set aside these recognised areas in perpetuity be strengthened with strong public support.
- financial institutions form an integral part in the process. A Development Plan could be a requirement by the bankers before they approve any funding. This would be similar to the process of an Occupancy Permit. This Plan would bind the owners to a duty of care concerning these special areas in accordance with the needs of the land and community.
- the realtors could establish a Community Code of Ethics which would reflect their concern for community and landscape values. Their commitment should be in writing, e.g. in the form of a certificate that is displayed in their offices.
- the community has already established a network of concerned residents and groups who are prepared to work together to ensure better stewardship. We would like to recommend an informal neighbourhood watch for the environment where concerned citizens could tap into the network to vocalize their concerns. TREES, which is only one of the many concerned groups can be contacted at the address below.

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homes, those over \$300,000, are moving more slowly. Rothwell said the housing market starts at about \$150,000 with most sales in the \$200,000 range.

The rapidly increasing lot prices may not be beneficial to the real estate industry, he said. "If prices increase, the pool of people who can afford lots becomes smaller."

For Mel Topping of Islands Heritage Realty, the Century 21 figures seemed a little low. "I think there are some properties that have increased over 50 per cent," he said.

One of his clients, he added, just received an assessment showing a 56 per cent increase in property value. He felt the greatest price increases were recorded in sales of sea view lots, which he said increased in value by 50 per cent.

"There is quite a shortage of sea view lots — there's a real shortage of waterfront lots."

Although he does not expect prices to go down, he said new developments will make more lots available in the coming months, so prices will level off.

Topping believes announcing such rapid price increases has an impact on the market. "People feel it's a very safe place to invest," he noted. Although a home is a place to live, it is also the largest single investment most people make.

Being in a rising market gives people security and keeps the market strong, Topping said. He finds demand for property on Salt Spring coming from across Canada, especially the Prairies and Ontario, and from parts of the west coast of the United States.

"People are tired of looking over their shoulder when they go for a walk in the evening," says Congo, explaining that lower crime rates are one of the attractions of Salt Spring Island.

Throughout Canada there is a trend towards people moving to rural communities and either commuting or tele-commuting to the city. A number of the lot sales handled by his office, Congo said, were to people in their mid-40s who plan to retire to the island.

"People are buying to build in the future," he said.

Both he and Rothwell said realtors do not set prices. Prices are set by market demand.

Rothwell noted increasing



government requirements for subdivisions also increase prices. "The costs of developing are increasing astronomically and a lot of it is government related," Rothwell said.

For example, a developer must now service debt charges on property for two years while seeking approvals for the project and meeting servicing requirements.

Price increases are not news to Ron McQuiggan of Gulf Island Appraisals Ltd. Since 1985 he has kept tabs on price increases and reports housing costs are going up by 12 to 20 per cent annually.

Land costs are increasing the most and there has also been a dramatic increase in the value of non-waterfront, upper-end properties. This year, for the first time, such properties began selling for over \$400,000, McQuiggan said.

Multi-family properties have also become a popular option on the island, he added.

He estimated overall real estate prices on Salt Spring increased 12 to 14 per cent in the past year.

Figures from the 1994 assessment roll, based on July 1993 market value, show the typical single-family home increased in value between 15 and 25 per cent over the July 1992 assessment.

The value of waterfront properties increased by 10 to 15 per cent. Overall, the value of properties on the Gulf Islands was up 22 per cent.

do not necessarily increase due to a rise in property value.

"An assessment increase will only increase taxes if the specific assessment increase is at a higher rate than the average increase in the community."

Property taxes set by local tax authorities cannot be appealed, but the market value or property classification on an assessment notice may be argued in front of a Court of Revision which hears appeals each spring.

If anyone feels their property is incorrectly assessed or classified, they should contact B.C. Assessment in Victoria at 479-7131.

Study finds island is near median for property tax in relation to value

The amount of property tax Salt Spring Islanders pay in relation to the value of their properties is slightly above the provincial median, according to a study.

Realty World Canada has examined the property tax burden in 23 B.C. communities and developed a formula it calls the "Tax Load Index" (TLI). The index is calculated by dividing the market price of a house by its annual property tax.

For example, a house with a market price of \$200,000 and annual taxes of \$2,000 would have a

Tax Load Index of one per cent. The firm used a three-bedroom, two-bathroom, 1,300-square-foot ranch-style bungalow as a measuring stick in doing the study.

Salt Spring Island's TLI is 0.77 per cent, just over Victoria's 0.75, which is the median in the province.

Realty World says its study has found the property tax load is highest in small cities and resource communities, and lowest in Greater Vancouver and Victoria. The lightest tax load is in Richmond, with a TLI of 0.47 per cent.

Nanaimo has the highest TLI at 1.2 per cent.

It is followed by Duncan with 1.15 per cent and Campbell River with 1.07.

Realty World president Harold Waddell said in a news release the TLI gives taxpayers a basis for measuring how heavily they're taxed compared to people in other communities.

He notes that geography raises the costs of services in some places, and sometimes taxpayers decide they will pay extra for certain facilities.

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value of all properties in the province, for the purposes of determining property tax due from each property owner.

It uses a database updated through appraisal inspections and information provided by various government departments, regional districts and zoning authorities.

Last year B.C. Assessment began using market value as its general yardstick, which caused dramatic increases in assessed values of property.

However, as the assessment corporation states in its fact sheet, *Answers to Common Questions About Property Assessment*, taxes

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New regulations mean off-island course

Islanders have a longer reach for their guns, thanks to new requirements for firearm acquisition which took effect January 1.

Under the Criminal Code, anyone applying for a firearm acquisition certificate (FAC) must have passed the Canadian Firearms Safety Course. However, efforts by the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club to enroll a local member in the instructor's course were unsuccessful.

As a result, Salt Spring applicants will have to travel off-island to take the nine-hour safety course. The closest instructors are in Duncan, Brentwood Bay and Nanoose Bay.

Member Cam Cartwright said the club tried to arrange training for a local instructor but was told there were 200 applicants for the 25 spaces in the course. "There seems to be some kind of pecking order and Salt Spring must be at the bottom," Cartwright said.

He teaches the firearms component of the Conservation Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) course for the Rod and Gun Club. The CORE program includes outdoor ethics, regulations, game and bird identification, first aid and survival as well as firearms safety. Completion of the CORE program is required to obtain a hunting licence.

A firearm acquisition certificate is required for anyone who wishes to buy, borrow or receive a firearm. "I can't even loan a gun without seeing an FAC," Cartwright remarked.

Cartwright said the CORE firearms safety class which he teaches is four hours, so is not as extensive as the nine-hour Canadian Firearms Safety Course. "I personally would love to take the (Canadian Firearms) course," Cartwright said.

Experienced gun users can challenge the course by writing the test. Copies of the student handbook are available through the local police department or by contacting the Chief Provincial Firearms Officer, Security Programs Division, Ministry of the Attorney General, 2nd floor, 2881 Nanaimo Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4; phone 387-6981 or fax 387-5687.

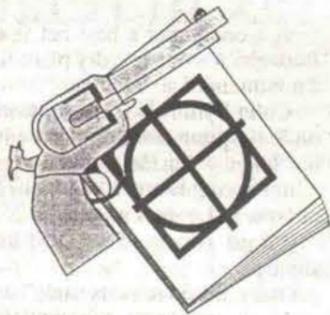
Those who can provide proof that they have been in continuous possession of firearms since 1979 and who can demonstrate both safe handling of guns and sufficient knowledge of the laws governing firearms to their local police department can apply to have the test waived.

Cartwright said he met those criteria, since he has owned guns for the past 33 years. He notes he gave up hunting 15 to 20 years ago and now shoots as a sport. "I'm strictly a target shooter."

Although his current FAC expired on November 30 — each permit is good for five years — Cartwright said he doesn't plan to acquire any more guns so is not concerned about the change in regulations.

He says he would just like to take the course because of his interest in firearms safety.

Rod and Gun Club president Cliff Carey said safety is always the first priority. "The Rod and Gun Club has always promoted safety," he said. "We've never had



an accident at the Rod and Gun Club." In operation since the 1920s —

except for a hiatus during the second world war — the club now has 176 members. Carey estimates the new regulations will eventually affect two-thirds of the members, since several are collectors or like to acquire different guns for target shooting. The regulations will certainly have an impact on new target shooters acquiring their first firearms.

Carey noted club membership includes target shooters, hunters and those interested in archery. Some members participate in more

than one area, he added.

Carey said he welcomed the new regulations — but will be happier when there is a local instructor for the mandatory course. "It looks like we may be able to get someone in the course in the near future," he said.

In addition to FAC applicants, the course is open to members of households where firearms are present.

According to the Ministry of the Attorney-General, "the objective of the course is to ensure not only

the safety of firearms owners and users but also the safety of all Canadians."

Through demonstrations, instructions, video presentations and practical exercises, course participants learn about various types of guns and ammunition, safe handling and carrying skills, safe firing positions and safety practices for field and range, safe storage, display and transporting of firearms plus the legal and social responsibilities of gun owners.

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1,000 stoves creates demand

An estimated 200 Salt Spring families have unnecessarily faced this winter without dry firewood, says a major island supplier.

Paul Konig of Konig & Son Firewood says poor planning or timing caused many people to order winter wood so late it could not be delivered dry or properly seasoned.

Some people moved to the island late in the year, while others simply postponed the task of acquiring wood in good time.

Population growth on Salt Spring is the root cause of Konig's inability to have enough dry wood on hand when the phone rings off the hook in September.

"Every year there has been 200 more woodstoves put in (new island homes)," he says.

"Even if people were using only two cords per year, we have 1,000 more woodstoves than we did five years ago. That is the basic problem."

However, if islanders could season and dry their own wood by buying it in advance, they would be guaranteed to have the best solid fuel when the next winter descends.

"To season it properly you really need to have it in by the end of May," he says.

Konig also offers a key to firewood terminology.

"Dry" wood is that which has been under cover for six to nine months, while "seasoned" wood has been on the ground for six to nine months.

"Green" wood has full fibre content and the most BTUs. "Seasoned" wood loses some fibre content but is not "rotting" as some people erroneously suspect, he says.

A woodburner's best bet is to store green wood in a dry place for a minimum of six months.

Colin Byron also sells firewood on Salt Spring, hand in hand with his logging business, but is less concerned about when people order wood from him.

"Some people plan ahead and some people don't," he says. "You get the same ones every year."

Konig says he hears complaints about the cost of firewood, but stresses his costs rose 600 per cent between 1988 and 1993, from about \$5 to \$35 per cord. An average cord of wood, meanwhile, has risen from \$80 to \$135 in the

past five years.

But despite cost, environmental concerns or the planning involved, Konig believes only a few people are choosing propane or pellet stove alternatives to old-fashioned wood burning units.

Although firewood is becoming more costly for Konig to acquire and process, he says Salt Spring can likely meet rising demand through efficient clean-up of logging and property development sites.

Squirreling away supplies in advance, however, is the best way to avoid the panic of impending winters without dry firewood.



STROLL IN THE PARK: How to safely access the tip of Grace Point, granted to the public by the Grace Point strata corporation, was discussed on site last Friday by, from left, Tom Wright, Dietrich Luth, Tony Hume, Peter Lamb, John Woodward and other interested parties.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Safety concerns delay opening

A long-promised trail and beach access has not been lost and forgotten on Grace Point as feared by some island residents.

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission administrator Tony Hume told a meeting of interested parties Friday that legal registration of a necessary right-of-way was imminent, leaving resolution of safety problems as the only obstacle to public use.

Access to a seaside trail and beach viewpoint area has been physically discouraged since 1989 by a fence where the Grace Point marina and boardwalk meet.

Public dedication of the land was a condition of a 1986 Islands Trust development permit issued to Grace Point Holdings Ltd., but a process for effecting that dedication was never established.

Grace Point condominium owners, through their strata corporation, have owned and been liable for the land in question. A statutory right-of-way granting public use of the land and transferring liability to the Capital Regional District (CRD) was finally executed by all parties last spring.

John Woodward and Colin Nicholson attended Friday's meeting as concerned community members.

They expressed fears the Grace Point access issue had joined the ranks of other unfinished island business.

Both men wondered what happened to the "park dedication" stipulated in the 1986 development permit.

"People are concerned that things that were promised when this rezoning was done should in fact get into their ken," explained Nicholson.

He said the Islands Trust had "no teeth" to translate park dedications agreed to by land developers into usable public property.

Woodward wanted confirma-

tion the right-of-way document gave people the right to use Grace Point's picturesque tip as a park.

"I would hope the CRD would get some legal advice as to the wording in the document to make absolutely certain the public has the right to use that part of the right of way as a park," he said.

While Woodward and Nicholson were assured public access had not "slipped through the cracks," Hume and other PRC members are still concerned about people slipping off the right-of-way path.

The trail clings precariously to bare rock at one point, and offers only inches between solid ground and a tumble into the ocean.

Hume confirmed proper signage and some form of path-side handrail will be erected before the PRC is comfortable with removing the fence at the beginning of the trail.

Hume said an impediment to bicycles and wheelchairs will also be considered. All improvements will require approval from the CRD's "risk management" department.

Costing of safety measures should take place this spring, with construction hopefully completed by summer, said Hume.

Strata corporation member Tom Wright told Friday's gathering that Grace Point condominium owners have lived nervously with liability for the unsafe trail since 1989.

Wright said the strata corporation will continue to work with the PRC and CRD to resolve safety issues and post signs both welcoming and cautioning path users.

In reviewing the right-of-way's history, Hume said PRC and CRD acceptance of unsafe lands for public use would not take place with any future developments. A new protocol agreement between the Islands Trust and PRC now prohibits public land dedications without prior PRC involvement and approval.

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Testing, public input will precede permit

Furness Road residents were reassured last Thursday evening that plans for a sludge composting facility near their Burgoyne valley homes will not be finalized without environmental testing and a chance for public input.

At a meeting with 11 area residents, assistant regional waste manager John Finnie said the approval given to the Capital Regional District (CRD) by the Ministry of Environment only allows the CRD to deposit septic tank sludge and municipal sludge for 15 months, starting April 1, 1994.

"After 15 months, this thing self-destructs," Finnie said, stressing that the approval cannot be renewed under any circumstances.

Finnie said environmental tests are required and public input will be invited before a permit is given for continued use of the site, located east of Furness Road on four hectares of land owned by Texada Logging.

Resident William Barrett, who hosted the meeting, said the conditions of the ministry's approval met the residents' demands for testing of the disposal site. "We've got what we wanted — initially — now."

Residents want to know if the current infiltration ponds on the property are contaminating the ground water. They also want to know the direction of the ground water flow, since they rely on wells for drinking water.

Finnie suspects the ground water flow is to the west, away from the residents' wells. However, he said, the direction will soon be determined. The CRD must first determine the depth of the ground water table and the direction of ground water flow. Based on that information, ground water monitoring wells are to be installed by the end of this month.

Finnie estimated this requirement could cost as much as \$50,000. CRD engineer Marney Olmstead put the cost at \$35,000. Also by the end of this month, the regional district must decide whether to enter into a five-year lease with Texada for the site.

Results of ground water monitoring are to be submitted to the regional waste manager by the end of March, before the temporary permit takes effect. Subject to those results, the ground water monitoring wells are to be sampled every three months and a full report on the results submitted to the regional waste manager by July 31,

Residents want to know if the infiltration ponds on the property are contaminating the ground water.

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Further approval of the regional waste manager is required for any use of sludge removed from the infiltration ponds — including the composting proposal. Since the existing permit expires on June 30, 1995, Finnie said the Capital Regional District would, realistically, have to acquire a permit before starting a long-term sludge composting project.

Asked why the ministry had not required the regional district to go through the normal permit application process, Finnie said the problem had been lack of time.

The current operator of the infiltration ponds, Gulf Island Septic Ltd., has been operating on a month-to-month lease with land-

owner Texada Logging. But the firm still holds the Ministry of Environment permit to dump on the site and is not willing to transfer that permit to the CRD. Since it would take eight months to a year for the CRD to obtain a permit, the island would be left with no local sludge disposal site.

"Everybody was getting backed into a corner," Finnie said. "We were going to end up with no place on the island for septic sludge."

The permit to Gulf Island Septic was issued in 1988, Finnie said. At that time, requirements were less strict and the discharge of waste into infiltration ponds as outlined by the company was permitted.

Finnie said he did not know if Gulf Island Septic had the resources to meet present requirements for a disposal site. Noting that requirements have changed, he pointed out that only a few years ago a composting facility like the one planned would have been readily approved by the environment ministry.

Now, he said, public consultation is required before such a project is approved. Even if the existing permit was transferred from Gulf Island Septic to the Capital Regional District, Finnie said, it would have to be amended before the composting project could go ahead.

Residents also questioned the high levels of some metals in the sewage sludge, which were identified by a UMA Engineering study in January and February 1993. According to the study, the sludge contained "elevated" levels of copper, silver, mercury and zinc — a combination which could reduce the market value of the composted sludge.

Finnie said the best way of dealing with the problem is through source control — by identifying the

sources of such metals and educating people not to put such materials in the sewer system. The regional district is working on that, he said.

George Ehring, a Furness Road resident who is now sitting on the liquid waste committee, welcomed the assurance that the ground water on the Burgoyne valley site will be tested.

But he said ensuring the present operation has not contaminated the ground water is just the first step.

The proposed composting plan will have to be carefully examined before the CRD commits two years to the process only to discover the project does not work.

"Does it produce saleable compost that is not contaminated with metals?" Ehring asked.

Residents will also want assurances that there will not be problems with noise and odour if the composting project goes ahead, Ehring said.

Environmental hazards worried Texada Logging

Fears that a small company like Gulf Island Septic Ltd. could not handle the environmental hazards of operating a sewage lagoon prompted Texada Logging to put the Salt Spring firm on a month-to-month lease in 1990.

Gulf Island Septic first obtained a B.C. Environment Ministry permit in 1988 to dump sludge into infiltration ponds on Salt Spring. The company leased property from Texada Logging for the purpose.

In 1990, Texada Logging gave Gulf Island Septic one month's notice to vacate the property. Since then, it has operated on a month-to-month basis while seeking another site.

The company has property near Beddis Road for which it has Ministry of Environment approval to

use as a disposal site, but the Islands Trust has warned that rezoning would be required.

Texada Logging president Mike Steeves said his company recognizes that Salt Spring Island residents need a disposal site on the island. He also said Texada Logging does not want to put Gulf Island Septic's business in jeopardy by removing all access to sewage lagoons.

However, he feels Gulf Island Septic is not equipped to handle any environmental emergency which may occur if there is a problem with the infiltration ponds. "We're concerned with Gulf Island Septic because it's a small company," Steeves said.

Gulf Island Septic could not be reached for comment.

LUTH

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the referendum was held, he said he has since reviewed available information and is opposed to the project.

"This experimental design is being foisted on the community at their own expense," he said. He predicted the resulting compost will not be usable and Salt Spring Islanders will then have to pay to ship the compost to the Hartland landfill for disposal.

Luth suggested it would be less expensive to de-water the sludge and ship it off-island to either Victoria's sewage treatment centre or to the new unified treatment plant being planned for the Saanich Peninsula.

Asked about Luth's claims, Ganges sewer commission chairman Tom Toynbee said cost was one reason for deciding against shipping Salt Spring sludge off-is-

land.

There are two sources of sludge on the island. Approximately half comes from the Ganges sewage treatment plant and half comes from the Maliview plant and septage from individual septic tanks.

Although a detailed analysis has not been done, Toynbee said the owners of individual septic tanks would probably face the greatest increase in costs if sludge was taken off-island. "The minute you haul it off-island you can add tremendously to the cost to individual owners."

One result of off-island treatment could be less maintenance of septic fields as the costs to individual homeowners increased, Toynbee said.

In an average week, the Ganges plant produces three-and-a-half 1,500-gallon loads of sludge.

Based on the sewer commission's figures, the island produces approximately 10,500 gallons of sludge a week.

At Thursday's meeting, salmon enhancement spokeswoman Kathy Reimer joined Luth in questioning the value of going through a composting process if the compost will be used for landfill cover. "It makes really expensive covering for these landfills," she said. Instead, she suggested the sludge be de-watered and used in forests.

Finnie said he understood there had been public discussion of the options before last April's referendum.

The Ministry of Environment is just a regulatory body, he noted.

He suggested objections to the political decision to proceed with the composting project should be taken to the CRD.

Ministry will examine runoff

Complaints of run-off from the sewage lagoons in Burgoyne valley will be investigated by the Ministry of Environment, assistant regional waste manager John Finnie said Thursday.

At a meeting with residents, Finnie heard complaints from residents and from regional director Dietrich Luth about run-off from the sludge infiltration ponds on the Texada Logging property.

The ponds are operated by Gulf Island Septic Ltd. on a month-to-month lease with Texada Logging. However, as of April 1, the site is to be taken over by the Capital Regional District.

Luth told Finnie the ground in the area is saturated and the waste is not being filtered through soil. There are complaints about odours, he said. "I think we are dealing with an endemic problem."

Finnie said the infiltration ponds should allow filtering of waste water through six to eight feet of soil before run-off reaches the maximum ground water table. However, with the addition of more solid waste, the pond may become plugged, Finnie added. "When that starts occurring, you put in a new lagoon."

Salmon enhancement spokeswoman Kathy Reimer said liquid

from the lagoons can be found just below the berms. Area resident George Ehring reported one of the smaller ponds appears to be leaking and a larger lagoon is very full.

Finnie said the ponds are not supposed to be filled too close to the top of the berm.

"Those are things we'll take a look at — those things are not supposed to happen."

Ehring noted Gulf Island Septic can continue to dump into the ponds until April 1.

Finnie said the dumping can be stopped if an investigation shows the ponds are too full or if waste water is seeping from the lagoons.

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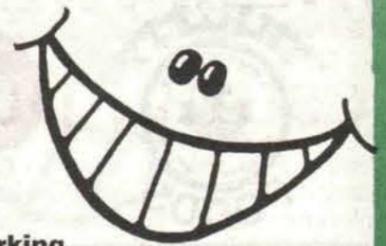
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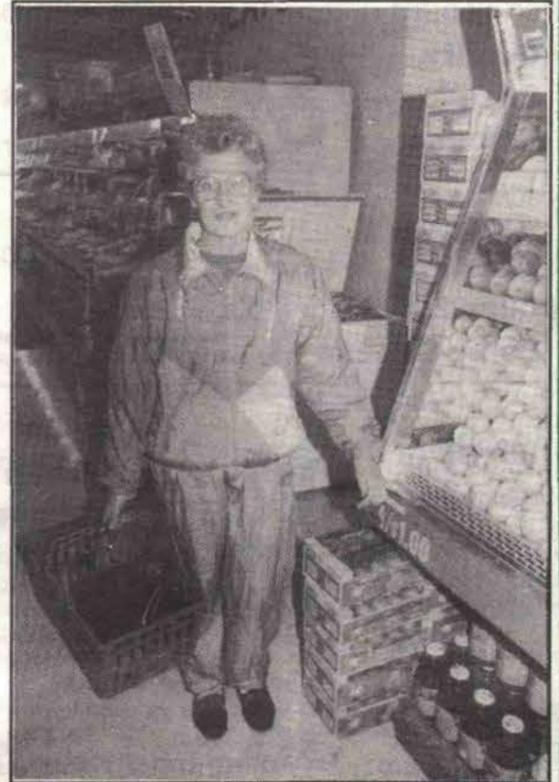
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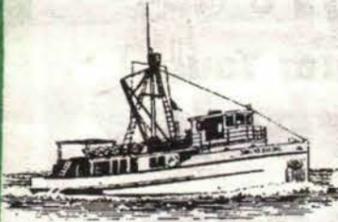
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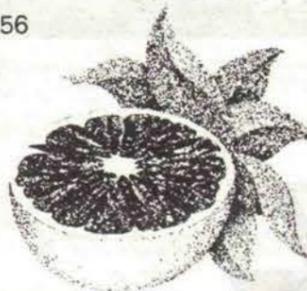
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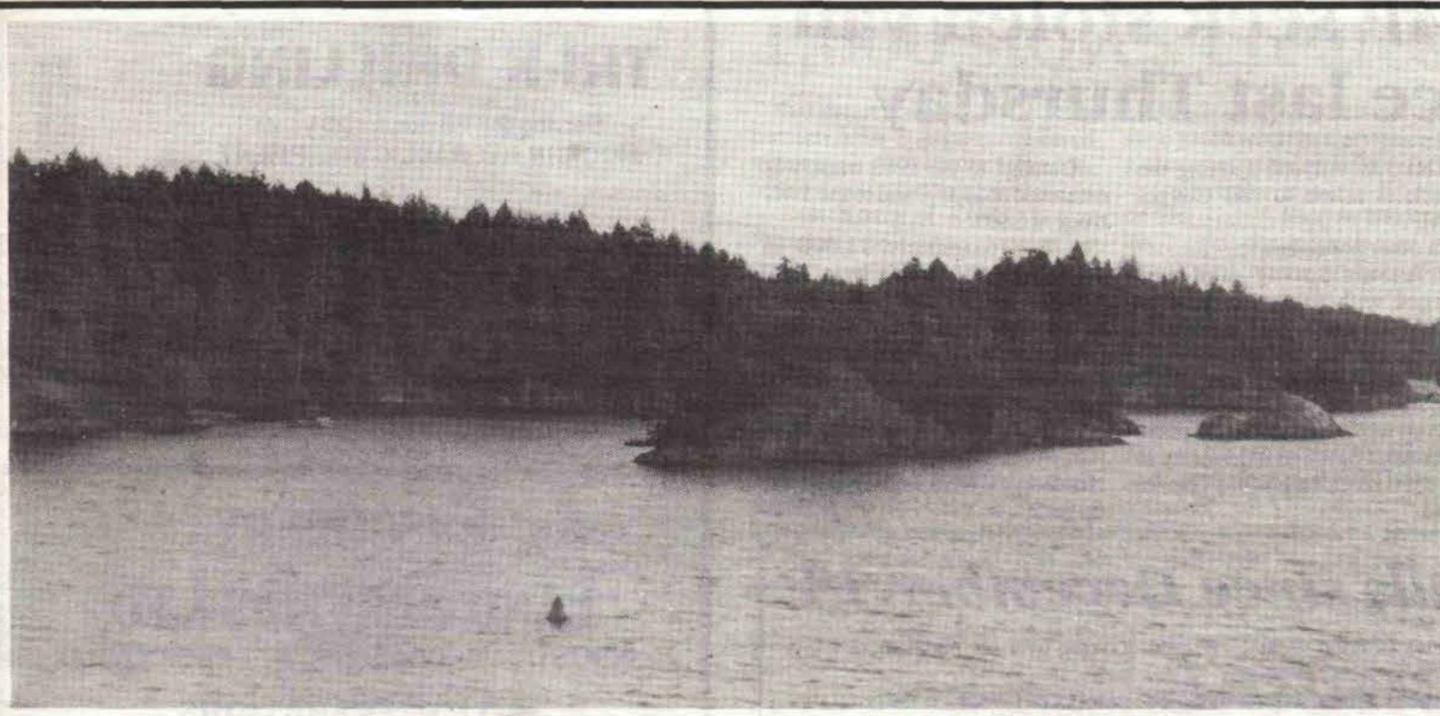
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Lethbridge police plan investigation

Allegations by Salt Spring resident Gail Barclay that she was abused as a child while living on an Alberta air force base in 1956-57 will be investigated by Lethbridge RCMP as soon as Barclay is able to give evidence.

Gail Barclay is under psychiatric care for post-traumatic stress disorder. According to husband David the trauma was caused by Gail Barclay's participation as a subject in a military research project.

Cpl. Al Rudd, who is handling the file, said the only information available to date are the memories Gail Barclay is relaying to Victoria psychiatrist Dr. Larry Pazder. He said the investigation can only proceed when Dr. Pazder confirms that Gail Barclay is able to testify.

"That door seems to be closed right now," Rudd remarked. Lethbridge is the location of the Suffield military base, which was operating as a Royal Canadian Air Force base and training facility at the time of the alleged offenses.

"There's still some questions looming large in my mind," Rudd added. For example, according to Gail Barclay's memories, as many



David Barclay

abuses she suffered as a child.

"Gail was approximately three years old when she was made a subject of experimental research," David Barclay wrote. "As such she has suffered mental torture, physical torture, rape, molestation, brainwashing and forced to witness murder and mutilation and more. These atrocities lasted for many years and for the most part were daily routines."

"These atrocities occurred on RCAF facilities in Calgary and Moose Jaw; also further atrocities occurred at various facilities in the surrounding areas."

Barclay noted his wife has been under psychiatric care for almost 10 years and that Dr. Pazder believes it will take her the rest of her life to overcome the disability caused by the abuse.

"It is my opinion that Gail is due some compensation and with it the recognition of her suffering and survival. Compensation would allow Gail to continue her struggle with some sense of security and allow her to at least not feel guilty for being a burden on those who support her," Barclay wrote. He said he has been caring for his wife full-time since 1984.

Barclay has since sent a similar request for compensation to Hunter's successor, Jack Frazer. Frazer said both the RCMP and the Department of National Defence are checking Barclay's allegations.

In a letter to Lynn Hunter, a copy of which was received by Barclay, National Defence Lieutenant-Commander Bruce Irvine said it would take the department some time to complete a thorough investigation.

Gail Barclay's experiences came to light a year ago on Salt Spring when she and her family appealed to the community for financial aid. A number of islanders responded and an account was set up for the family at Island Savings Credit Union.

His first goal in investigating Gail Barclay's claims will be to find some corroborating evidence.

as 20 murders were carried out as part of the research project.

Rudd said he will eventually be checking to see if there were any missing people reported in the area at the time. He noted it will be difficult to investigate events dating back more than 20 years but said the seriousness of Barclay's charges warrants the investigation.

He noted that police often receive complaints from people who were victims of events 20 to 30 years in the past. Laying the complaint is often recommended by therapists, Rudd said. "We do conduct a lot of historical files."

His first goal in investigating Gail Barclay's claims will be to find some corroborating evidence. "If we get corroborating evidence, we will go further."

In a September 20 letter to former Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Lynn Hunter, David Barclay claimed his wife deserved some financial compensation for the

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Keys left in a vehicle proved too tempting last week for a thief or thieves who drove a blue 1988 Dodge Caravan away from the parking lot at Ganges Village Market.

Owner Donald Pape had left the vehicle outside the store at 8:40 p.m. last Thursday. When he returned, the van was gone. Papers from the van were found in the 600 block of Rainbow Road the next day.

The van's licence plate number

is VNJ 338. Anyone spotting the vehicle is asked to call Ganges RCMP.

In other police news:

• A Salt Spring man was charged with following another vehicle too closely after an accident at 1:50 p.m. Sunday.

The man, driving a 1989 Ford pick-up, rear-ended a 1983 Ford pick-up which had slowed to make a left-hand turn into a driveway in the 1500 block of Fulford-Ganges Road.

Damage to the 1983 truck was estimated at \$1,000 and to the 1989 truck at \$800.

• Approximately \$1,000 in damage was sustained by a 1980 Toyota Tercel after the driver swerved off the road to avoid striking a deer. A corner of the vehicle struck the animal, which bounded away.

The accident occurred at 5:30 p.m. Sunday on South Ridge Road. No charges were laid against the driver.

Only three calls since December 13

In the firefighting business, no news is good news.

Salt Spring fire department spokesman Erling Jorgensen said Tuesday only four calls had been received since December 13.

"We have never ever had this low a volume of

calls," he said, looking over the department's log book.

"I think (fire chief) Les (Wagg) is carrying this fire prevention bit too far," he joked.

In seriousness, Jorgensen credited islanders for the lengthy dry spell.

Vesuvius Bay Rd. shrugs shoulder

Heavy rains, a waterlogged ditch and newly-laid gravel are blamed for Vesuvius Bay Road shrugging off part of its shoulder in recent weeks.

South Vancouver Island highways district area manager Mark Stevens said erosion of new road shoulders is not unusual since it takes time for the gravel to con-

solidate. "They tend to be susceptible to erosion for the first little while."

He was on Salt Spring Monday, examining the newly paved Vesuvius Bay Road and noting places where the gravel shoulder had washed away during recent rains.

In one place, he noted the

shoulder bordered a ditch and in another location it appeared a vehicle had gone into the ditch, weakening the shoulder.

He said maintenance crews would repair the shoulders and probably place sandbags in some locations to protect the shoulders from further erosion. "It's just a regular maintenance activity."

DUKE POINT

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The mayors committee was chaired by Beacon Hill MLA Gretchen Brewin, with representation from Campbell River, Courtenay, Parksville, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Duncan and North Cowichan mayors.

Its recommendations were forwarded to Glen Clark, minister

responsible for B.C. Ferries, and to the B.C. Ferry Corporation's board of directors.

While changes to Departure Bay are well into the future, upgrading of Swartz Bay terminal continues this winter.

B.C. Ferries advises that additional waiting room space is now

available in the Berth 1 waiting area, and work on further improvements for foot passengers will begin February 1.

While construction is under way, foot passengers will be directed aboard vessels from the ground level instead of the overhead walkway.

Boat fire

Ganges coast guard crews helped extinguish a fire aboard a sailboat in Satellite Channel January 6.

The 32-foot *Widder Paroo* suffered extensive damage, said coast guard spokesman Dave Howell. The occupant of the boat was found safe aboard another vessel when rescue crews arrived.

Meanwhile, flares fired by an Armed Forces Sea King helicopter Monday at Vesuvius were being disposed of for safety reasons.

Dave Howell of the Ganges coast guard said the white smoke flares, used as markers by the armed forces, were left over from an exercise.

Because the flares are considered hazardous, the helicopter is not permitted to land with them on board.

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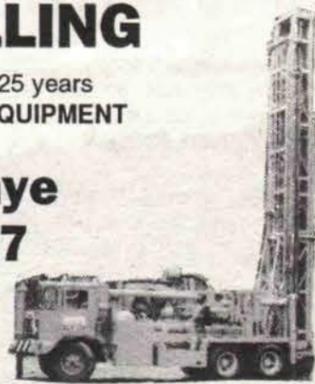
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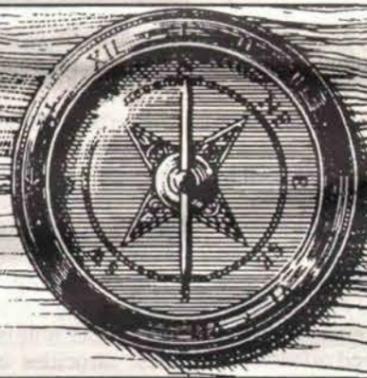
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Sergeant leaves legacy of projects

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Catching crooks is dealing with the symptoms of crime, says Sgt. Don Smith of the Ganges RCMP. He wants to deal with the causes.

"I can treat the symptoms forever and ever . . . but you have to look back and say, Did I stop it?"

Next week, Smith leaves for a new posting as staff sergeant of the RCMP detachment in Merritt. While he welcomes the promotion, he hopes some of the projects he has initiated over the past 30 months will help the community reduce its crime rate.

Changes in society's values, poor parenting and boredom are behind many of the offenses committed on Salt Spring, Smith says. The most common crimes are mischief, theft and break-ins — the most common crooks are island juveniles.

Boredom is the easiest problem to resolve. Smith has worked with the community, with the school

The most common crooks are island juveniles.

and with local churches to encourage programs for young people. He also initiated the Community Police Advisory Committee and a series of meetings which led to Sen-Teen.

His main goal, he says, has been to help young people — especially those at risk of joining the small group who commit most of the crimes on the island. "Kids are the future of our world," he observes. Smith estimates only two per cent of teenagers run afoul of the law. "The majority of young people are damn good kids that try hard."

The serious problems are posed by a "hardcore group," many from the same few families. "There's a lack of parenting but I don't think that is unique to the island," Smith remarked.

Surrounding the "hardcore group" are teenagers whom Smith describes as "hangers-on." These are the young people who will benefit most from initiatives like Sen-Teen, the Pentecostal Church's Friday night floor hockey games or the Community Police Advisory Committee's work towards a skateboarding facility.

He regrets the community's decision not to build a recreation facility. However, there are other

options.

Sen-Teen brings together seniors and teenagers in weekly pool games. Smith notes one of the organizers, Mel Sumner, has even recruited teen participants from among young people hanging around Centennial Park.

Sen-Teen evolved from Smith's plan to open a dialogue between teenagers and seniors. Last winter he met with peer counsellors at Gulf Islands Secondary School and with seniors before arranging a joint meeting. At the meeting, he made a brief opening statement, stepped aside and let both groups talk to each other.

The dialogue has continued ever since, he said. Last summer, the seniors and the Salt Spring Student Leadership Council worked together to establish the weekly Sen-Teen activities. "They've looked after it ever since — they've done a wonderful job."

He is equally impressed by the volunteers who operate the Friday night floor hockey games in the Pentecostal church and the many people who offer their time to coach youth teams.

Also among the volunteers he admires are those serving on the Community Police Advisory Committee. One reason for starting the group in 1991 was to coordinate the efforts of several organizations which were seeking ways to combat crime in the community.

"This is the community's group," Smith said. He has acted as an advisor, answering questions about the law and bringing in representatives to explain aspects of policing, the courts and the overall justice system.

Another project, now picked up by Century 21, is the Child Passport program. Smith said he brought the project to the Community Police Advisory Committee after learning about the program at a police convention.

To help young skateboarders establish a facility, the committee has now set up a sub-committee to look into how skateboarding rinks have been established in other communities.

All of these actions are small steps towards the greater goal of reducing crime, Smith says. "The root causes (of crime) will not be solved overnight."

Changes in societal values are another part of the problem, Smith says.

During his 30 years as a police officer, he has seen a shift in the relative importance of an individual's rights compared to society's rights.



ON THE MOVE: Ganges RCMP Sgt. Don Smith leaves Salt Spring next Thursday for his new posting as staff sergeant at the Merritt detachment.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

To society's detriment, individual rights have become more important, Smith said.

As people claim more rights, Smith says, people have also abrogated responsibilities. More and more, he finds people are expecting the authorities or the government to solve their problems — while at the same time complaining about government intervention in their lives.

Salt Spring shares these changes with other communities, Smith says. As a result, people can no longer assume that living on Salt Spring protects them from crime.

"People have to be aware that this is not the same old, laid-back community of Salt Spring. It is in the real world and has all the problems of every community."

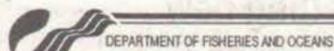
However, being an island does give the community some protection against major crimes. The two jurisdictions with the highest crime rates in the province are those which attract a lot of transients: Whistler and the university district of Vancouver.

Few major crimes occur on Salt Spring, Smith noted. Even the most dim-witted crooks recognize it would be difficult to commit an

armed robbery on the island and not be caught on the ferry.

"Where are they going to go?" Smith asked. "That's the only beauty of being on an island."

In Merritt, he expects to be facing some different policing challenges — and some of the same, community-based issues which he has handled in the 11 communities which he has served throughout his career. He prefers to work in smaller communities, where he feels his efforts will have an impact. He expects he will probably stay in Merritt until his retirement in five more years.



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REVIEWING THE TROOPS: Creator Hal Stone of Salt Spring looks over some of the many figures he has created since he started sculpting three years ago. Many are exact replicas of military officers, both historical and current. Photo by Valorie Lennox

Book on toy soldiers was inspiration for figurines

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A childhood talent for sculpting in plastercine has been transformed into a craft by Salt Spring's Hal Stone, who creates his own armies of figurines.

Carefully moulded, carved and fired, his ceramic pieces range from literary characters to exact replicas of military uniforms and costumes from the past three centuries.

His most popular creations are the military figures, most about three inches tall, which re-create the images of Victorian toy soldiers. "I don't think there's anyone else in this country who even does the little ceramic military figures," Stone said.

Stone started creating his figures about three years ago after a friend gave him a book on toy soldiers. The art form builds on skills he developed as a child, when he and his brother began forming figures with plastercine.

During the depression there was little money for toys. "My brother and I made everything we played with out of plastercine." The two became skilled enough to win a competition in Toronto, giving them free art lessons.

Hal says he started sculpting when he was six or seven and continued working with plastercine for the next 10 years. Then he put away the art and, after a stint in the air force during the second world war, became a teacher.

He worked as a teacher in the Ottawa valley, teaching elementary students, junior high, English, history and guidance. "I ran the whole gamut."

He was 50 before he began sculpting again, spurred by a school art room which included a kiln. "I began to learn a little bit — just enough to be dangerous." Another of his major interests was history. "If there's one thing I could always pass — even in school — it was history."

The various influences came together after Stone and his wife Jo retired to Salt Spring 13 years ago. For the first few years he was busy playing golf, gardening and painting. Then he was given a small, homemade kiln, clay and paint.

That gift, combined with the

reference book on toy soldiers, was enough to inspire Stone. "I made three or four soldiers," he recalled. He still has one of his early creations, a soldier dressed in the uniform for the 1812 battle of Waterloo — with the face of cartoon character Andy Gump. "It's the one that came down the line."

He expanded his library to include two history books on military uniforms. He has also researched tartans — several of his figures are garbed in detailed replicas of traditional military tartans — and occasionally consults the Victoria library.

He says his figures reflect the romance, not the reality, of war. "War is not great — it's interesting — but it's not great."

During the depression there was little money for toys. 'My brother and I made everything we played with out of plastercine.' The two became skilled enough to win free art lessons in a competition.

His most popular figures, he says, are the military pipers in tartan dress. The tartans were difficult to create. "The first few were an absolute disaster — but you learn."

One problem with military uniforms is that many contain copious amounts of red. "Red is a tough colour. It does all kinds of crazy things," Stone notes. Still, he has become expert enough at firing the red glaze to have created six different figures showing Royal Canadian Mounted Police in their ceremonial red uniforms.

One of his commissions was creating three RCMP figures, one dressed in the current dress uniform and two in historical uniforms, as a gift for a retiring member of the force.

Last year he made a whole firefighting department: 30 firemen, seven officers and a fire chief, which were presented to

members of the Sidney volunteer fire department.

Each creation starts as a hand-moulded figure made of a special type of clay. Then Stone makes a plaster mould of the figure. He estimates he has about 50 such moulds.

Just developing the techniques for making the moulds took some time, Stone says. "There are no books that tell you all the funny bits and pieces about moulds."

Using the mould, he casts a figure. However, he does not use the cast figures as they come out of the mould. Each of his creations is unique — hand-carved or sculpted on the original cast base.

For example, working from one mould which he dubbed *Rebekah at the well*, he has carved the cast figure to create biblical, Egyptian and Greek figures. "I've never built two the same."

Sometimes he will moisten the cast clay and re-shape the position of the arms. Or he will add clay or shave away clay, to create differences in features or dress. "I love to carve or sculpt."

Once the figure is carved, it is painted and fired. Often several firings are required to achieve the desired blend of colours and metallic finishes. "Some models require four or five firings."

He has sold his work through Artcraft, in Salt Spring's Heritage Boutique, in craft fairs and in Whippletree Junction's Country Cottage. The larger six-inch figures are marketed through Orcas Gallery.

Among those figures are fantasy creations. Stone's favourites are often underdogs like Don Quixote and Cyrano de Bergerac. "Some of these are kind of pathetic people, but I've always been on the side of those." He also creates graceful reproductions of a Tudor noblewoman, an Edwardian lady and a southern belle.

His smallest figures are completely hand-moulded. Swans, dogs, ducks and turtles are among his tiny figures. For collectors, he makes bells and thimbles.

Although he finds there is a limited market for figures, he says he enjoys the challenge of the craft. "This is a hobby. If I make a few bucks, that's fine."

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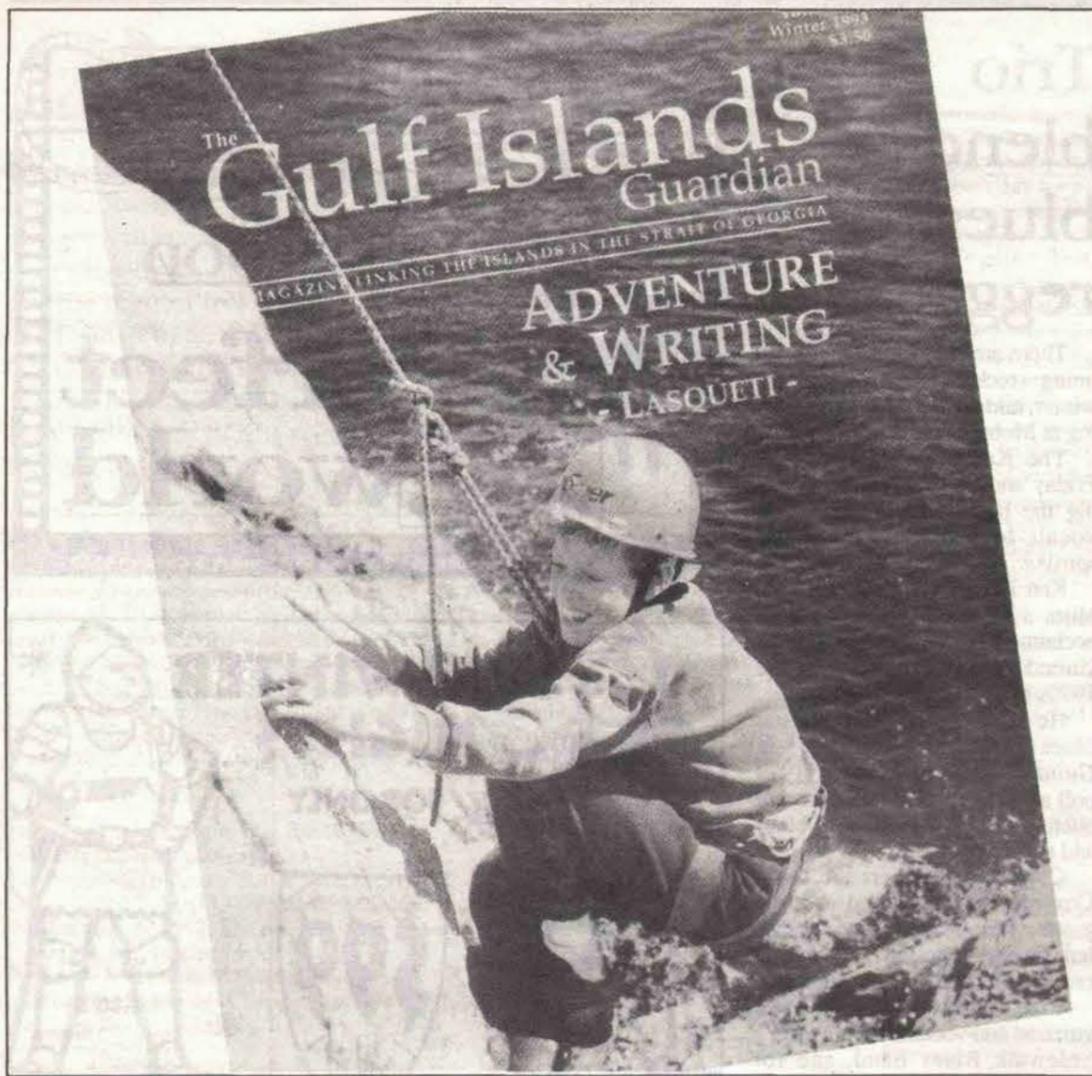
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NEW LOOK: The winter 1993 issue of the *Gulf Islands Guardian* sports a new design. The quarterly magazine, a project of writers in the Islands Trust area, is edited by Salt Spring Island's Andrew Gibson. The *Guardian* has been going for three years.

Writers' magazine creates links among the islands

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

It is not only the Islands Trust that creates links among the islands in the Strait of Georgia.

For the last three years a group of writers on several islands have been publishing an eclectic mix of news and fiction, and poetry, prose and art for the *Gulf Islands Guardian*, a quarterly magazine that provides a literary link among the 13 islands of the Islands Trust area.

Salt Spring writer Andrew Gibson is the current editor of the publication and has been a member of the Trust Islands Writers, which launched the magazine, since the first issue in the summer of 1991.

The magazine "provides a link among Gulf Islanders, allowing them to celebrate island living and circulate news of island undertakings," the inaugural issue proclaimed.

Gibson concurs. "The islands are on the whole quite special," he said last week. "Geologically they're special. Historically they're different. The climate is special.

"They need some kind of cohesion," he continued. "The Islands Trust is an attempt to do politically what we try to do as a magazine — link the islands together."

Putting a magazine together from many different and isolated islands is not as difficult a task as it might sound, Gibson said. Desktop publishing technology, telephones and facsimile machines mean different tasks can be done by different people who all live miles apart and do not see one another at all during production.

"Going from one island to another and bypassing Her Majesty's Mail is not a problem," Gibson said.

He collects material for the publication and edits it on Salt Spring with his wife Elizabeth. The layout is done on Bowen and it is printed in Courtenay.

Everyone works on the *Guardian* for the love of it.

"We get no funding of any kind," Gibson said. "We are totally self-supporting. Almost all the work is volunteer."

The magazine started as a result of a project by island writers who wanted to write about the islands as they knew them. The result was a book, *Islands in Trust*. But when the book was written and published many of the writers had whetted their appetites and clearly wanted to continue.

So the Islands Trust Senior Writers (who must have drunk from the fountain of youth because they are now the Islands Trust Writers) got together and wrote, laid out and printed the first issue of the *Gulf Islands Guardian* in the summer of 1991.

'It could be said we support the Trust.'

It had 24 pages and a simple cover with a black and white photograph. News stories ranged from the how-to's of land conservancies to the how-not-to's of motor boats on St. Mary Lake. There were recipes, poems and Trust news. Small but recognizable outlines of each island were printed below each author's name as visual reinforcement of the magazine's connection with the 13 islands.

Gibson contributed a fictional and whimsical tale of Galiano and Gabriola, two star-crossed lovers of the most romantic and tragic kind, after whom the two islands were reputedly named.

The latest issue shows how far

the publication has come in just three years. It is now 40 pages and has a brand-new cover design, with drama and colour. There is more poetry, more Trust news and a book review and more stories from more islands, taking in subjects from house-boat communities to coastal Douglas fir.

The cover story is a fascinating account of an adventure expedition and writing program at a Lasqueti school.

The story is accompanied by some remarkable poems written by the students. The new layout, by Bowen's Christine Partridge, is much more sleek and stylish without being over-styled.

"The content is pretty varied," Gibson said. "There is no particular focus, except a general one about not losing what is unique about the islands."

"The people that started it . . . have some protective instinct towards the islands," he said. "We're not an organ of the Islands Trust, but it could be said we support the Trust."

Andrew and Elizabeth Gibson have not been alone on Salt Spring working on the *Guardian*. Art Simons has also done many drawings, sketches and cartoons over the years. Gibson calls him "a great friend to the magazine." Tom Wright has also had an article in almost every issue, ensuring Salt Spring content in news and historical stories.

But, Gibson said, Salt Spring could be better represented in the magazine, both in terms of subscriptions and advertising.

"We could use a lot more advertising from Salt Spring," he said. "considering that Salt Spring has as large a population as the rest put together."

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08 CARD OF THANKS

TRINCOMALI CHAPTER No. 93 O.E.S., wishes to thank all those who supported their Christmas draw. Special thanks to G.V.M. for allowing us to use their premises for selling tickets. Draw winners were: Ceramic village, Jack MacPhee; garden elves, Beth Drummond; cookie jar, Alice Tester; gingerbread village, Lisa Cox; stuffed bunny, Dianne Little, stuffed bunny, Ruth Clarkson.

S.S. Abbeyfield Society

wishes to thank prize contributors and ticket purchasers for their continued support.
1st prize - Claudia Clarke, sweater by Nel Bushby
2nd prize - Brian Armstrong, needlepoint by Sheila Reynolds, 3rd prize - Mary Williamson, soft doll by Grace Skinner, 4th prize - David Harris, painting by Nancy Wigen, 5th prize - Athena Varlis, honey from David Harris.

11 COMING EVENTS

FICTION WRITING group: People interested in starting a weekly/bi-weekly group to read/listen/encourage productivity, please phone 1-727-5663 (yes, it's on-island!), after 8 pm. or weekends.
WOMEN IN Trades and technologies needed to share their experiences with young students. Contact Gail Meyer at the SSI Community Centre, 537-9971. Honorarium available.

CRD PRE-NATAL CLASSES
Series of 3 starting: Wed., Feb. 2, 9 & 16
7 - 9 pm. - CRD Office
135 Crofton Rd.
Call Chris at 537-5541 for more information.



T'ai Chi
Beginners & Ongoing Classes in T'ai Chi Chu'an Double Yang Balanced Form
Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Central Hall or 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Fulford Elementary Gym
Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm.
S.S. Elementary Music Rm. First Class Free
For more information Phone Tao at 537-4487

SALT SPRING SENIORS FOR SENIORS SOCIETY

invites you to a GET-ACQUAINTED TEA WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19 AT 2 PM.
SENIORS' CENTRE 379 Lower Ganges Road
Come to see what we do, on the chance you might like to JOIN us. We offer OPPORTUNITY for friendship, for caring, for interesting activity, for worthwhile service - a GOOD way to spend your time.

11 COMING EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92
ROBBIE BURNS DINNER & DANCE
January 23 - 7 pm.
Legion Meaden Hall
Scottish Music plus other selections by newly formed Legion Pipe Band
\$12.00/person for members and their bona-fide guests.

SWOVA PRESENTS SANDRA'S GARDEN
Sunday, Jan. 16 2 pm. at Saltspring Cinema
This is a powerfully honest and intimate look at one woman's struggle to overcome the trauma of incest. This NFB film is a story of healing: of how women can work together to reshape and rebuild their lives. It is a testimony to the courage, beauty and hopefulness of all survivors who are struggling to overcome the emotional devastation and physical pain of their childhoods.
Post-screening discussion to follow sponsored by SWOVA...the power of change

SALT SPRING POWER & SAIL SQUADRON
Seamanship Course
January 19 at high school at 7:00 p.m. for 10 weeks for Squadron members only contact: Aubrey Crocker 573-4613 or Bob Currie 537-4878.

HARBOUR HOUSE MARKET PERMITS
Available for 1994 Season
Write: MARKET VENDORS ASSOCIATION BOX 457 GANGES, B.C. V0S 1E0 or phone 537-1102

YOGA CLASSES
Fitness, Flexibility, Relaxation & Health
8 week series with Heather Ferguson
Mondays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. January 24 - March 14
Thursdays, 9 - 10:30 a.m. January 27 - March 17 with Celeste Mallett
Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. January 13 - March 3
\$40 for series or \$6/class drop-in
The Salt Spring Centre
355 Blackburn Rd. Phone 537-2326 or 537-1778 for information.

11 COMING EVENTS

T'AI CHI CH'UAN
On-going weekly classes from 7 pm. to 9 pm. will begin on Wednesday, 19th January, at the Salt Spring Centre, 355 Blackburn Road. If you would like to begin study of T'ai Chi or would like further information, please phone Osman Phillips at 537-5667.

S.S.I. PAINTERS' GUILD
Jan. 19 Information meeting - Panels 11:30 a.m.
Jan. 26 Instructor - Mary Threlfall
Feb. 2 Theme - Draped models
Feb. 9 Cancelled
Feb. 16 Instructor - Judi Borbas
Feb. 23 Theme - Values
Mar. 2 Information meeting
Mar. 9 Cancelled
Mar. 16 Still life study session
Mar. 23 Instructor Helel Wiebe
Mar. 30 Theme - Textures
Annual dues must be paid by Feb. 1, 1994 to be eligible to enter May show. Bonnie Madsen, 537-5006

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Seminar with Sandra Betzina
Sandra Betzina, syndicated columnist, television personality and author of Power Sewing, More Power Sewing and Fear of Sewing promises a stimulating, lively lecture with inspiring garment samples.
Date: Saturday, February 26, 1994
For information and registration, please call us today.

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11 COMING EVENTS

Salt Spring Speakers
New year - New Meeting
Jan. 20 - 7 pm.
Alfresco
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REPORT FROM MALTA: THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY A BAHAI VIEW FROM LINDA KAVELIN POPOV
Thursday, Jan. 13th, 7:30pm 192 Sun Eagle Drive Information: 537-4647
Q&A • REFRESHMENTS ALL WELCOME!

11 COMING EVENTS

PROJECT ACCOMPANIMENT SLIDES of GUATEMALAN Highlands
FILM: "When the People Lead" - about the first return of the Refugees.
GUEST SPEAKERS: John Baine and Linda Geggie ACCOMPANIER.
 Jan. 20 - 7:30 pm.
 United Church
 Donations will be accepted.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

DRESSINGS ARE free to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Dee Roberts. 653-4655. tfn

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet informally in homes for mutual support and exchanges of information. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264. tfn

ACOA (ADULT Children of Alcoholics) Meeting is held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the S.S. Community Centre and Thursday, 1:00 p.m. in Fulford (for info, call 653-4840). Children of dysfunctional families, also very welcome. tfn

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings (for everyone who thinks they might have a drug problem). Every Saturday 7-8 pm. at the Community Centre. For further information, please call 537-4775. tfn

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

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

Ladies only - Thursday nights 8:00 p.m. Please call 537-5338 or 653-4699.

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

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"

Donations of cash, property or life insurance now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. "In Memoriam" gifts will be acknowledged with a card. Include names and addresses of recipient, next of kin and donor for tax receipt. Scholarships, land for parks, and relief of hardship are but a few directions in which your foundation serves the community. Please mail donations and requests for information to The Salt Spring Island Foundation, P.O. Box 8, Ganges, B.C., V0S 1E0 or call Bob Rush at 537-2501.

17 EDUCATION



ART CLASSES
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26 LEGALS

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

29 LOST & FOUND

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

LOST: SILVER ring with native style carving of whale, initials A.S., and red alarm clock, in cardboard box Dec. 23. Call Madeline at 733-6372, collect. Small reward. 2

LOST: CHAZZ, from Cranberry Road, medium size male black cat, part Burmese, possibly wearing a red collar. Much loved. Reward offered. Call 537-9923. 2

FOUND: CHILD'S ring, Fulford area. Call Lisa, 537 4927. 2

32 MEETINGS

CENTRAL HALL Community Society General Meeting, Wed., Jan. 19, 7:30 pm. 2

MARKET VENDORS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Meeting January 18, 7:30
 Salt Spring Elementary School Library
 Permits, Policies, Financial Report Year in Review

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

START THE New Year right! To get off junk mail lists, write: Canadian Direct Marketing Association, Mail Performance Service, 1 Concorde Gate, Suite 607, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 3N6. 2

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

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

ADULT DANCE classes with Robbyn Scott starting January 10 at 5:30, Fulford Gym and Jan. 11 at 5 pm. Mahon Hall. Call 653-4088. 2

SKY VALLEY Family Day Care has openings for 3 - 4 yr olds, Tues. and Thurs. Call 537 2431.

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To all our Faithful Customers:

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 Arnie, Julia, John, Verna

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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For an estimate on your timber value, please contact **J. Langdon Logging**. Select logging in the Gulf Islands since 1975. Local references available.

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 Marg Gilchrist is happy to welcome Emma Hayne, Registered Physiotherapist to the clinic. Emma received her B. Sc. P.T. from U.B.C. and works at Nanaimo Regional Hospital part-time. She will be seeing patients in the Ganges Clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Marg Gilchrist will be making home visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
OFFICE HOURS: 8 am. to 5 pm. Mon. to Fri.
PHONE: 537-4121 for appointments.

40 PERSONALS

DO YOU believe in the Flying Saucers? 2

WISHING TO contact Pat Mitchell, former teacher and Isle View resident. If you can assist, please call Diane Harris, 537-4677. 2

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55 HELP WANTED

RESPONSIBLE PERSON or couple required for property, pet and plant care during owner's absence. May suit active retired couple. References required. Reply to Dept. T, c/o Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. 2

WAITRESS/ER NEEDED for day shift. Apply in person to Dagwood's Diner, Upper Ganges Centre. 2

WANTED - PARAMEDICS (part/time) for Ganges Station 103 (British Columbia Ambulance Service). Desired qualifications: I.F.A. Ticket, good physical condition, class 4 driver's licence, reasonable response time to station. Candidates should be island residents, over 19 yrs. of age, willing to take additional courses and be prepared to work shifts. Your application and acceptance may lead to a rewarding and challenging career. Please contact Don McDermid, Unit Chief (B.C.A.S.) at 537-9711 during office hours, 0700-1800, or make an appointment with any crew member for an interview before Jan. 29, 1994. 3

ARE YOU willing to work part time at a job which will turn into a full time position? Would you work for \$10.00 per hour to start? Do you have good personal, business and credit references? Are you willing to work in the domestic service field? We are looking for honest, reliable personnel who take pride in their work, who would like to grow with our business. For more information, please respond in writing to: Professional Domestic Services, c/o P.O. Box 346, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0 or fax us at 537-1881. 3

PHARMASAVE REQUIRES full time cashier for Wednesdays through Sundays. Experience not necessary. Applications available at Dispensary. 3

CLERK NEEDED for busy office. Work involves general office duties, sales of lottery tickets and licences and a range of other customer service functions. Applicant must be reliable and enjoy dealing with people. Time involved will be 3 to 4 days per week including Saturdays. Application form available at Mouat's. Phone 537-5593. 2

PERSON TO help with a variety of household and resort business activities. Can provide housing. Duties and hours are flexible depending on individual. 537-5977. 2

SALT SPRING ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Under the direction of the General Manager, is responsible for reception duties and assists in numerous office functions on part time basis. Must have a minimum two years office experience, be able to deal with the public, desire to learn about Chamber function and tourist industry, be a good team worker, flexible, and able to work without direct supervision. Please forward resume to the Chamber office: P.O. Box 111, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. Fax 537-4276 by 4 pm. January 14, 1994.

55 HELP WANTED

Salt Spring Island COMMUNITY SOCIETY



The Community Initiatives Program requires On-Call Relief Staff for a day activity program for people with developmental and physical challenges. Please submit resume by 4:00 pm. Wednesday, January 19, 1994 to:

PERSONNEL,
 Salt Spring Island Community Society,
 Box 314,
 Ganges, B.C.
 V0S 1E0

Salt Spring Island COMMUNITY SOCIETY



We are accepting proposals for a spring series of community education workshops. Workshops should be oriented to family/individual/parenting concerns and personal growth issues. Please submit outline, budget (including salary and expenses), by January 19, 1994 to:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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RELIABLE HARD working man available for a wide variety of jobs. Chainsaw work, carpentry, truck hauling, etc. Call Ron, 537-5148. tfn

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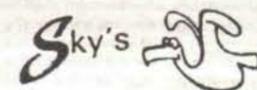
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FITNESS CLASSES: Mon.-Wed., Fri, 5:10 - 6:10 pm. Step Aerobics, call 653-4877 to get more info.

THE DUST Bunny sale has begun! Frocks and woollies, hats and jewels, little girl dresses and Playmobil, odds and sodds, Stuff & Nonsense is still open 7 days a week, 10-5 pm. 653-4620, M/C, Visa. Free dust bunnies with every purchase. Fulford Village.

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WENDY IS 50! Despite great odds, Wendy Duke who has achieved her half century! Her patrons at the Kanaka Restaurant, Lower Half, hope that she will survive another 50 years so that she has a reasonable chance to see her beloved Vancouver Canucks win a Stanley Cup.

NO NEED to pay till Valentine's Day for home renovations and repairs done now. Peter Blackmore, 537-4382.

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ISLES WEST Water Services. Due to answering machine meltdown, no messages received between Jan. 1 to 8. Please call if you tried to leave a message during that period. Bob, 653-4513.

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

GANGES FISHERMANS Association meeting to elect members to the Salt Spring Harbour Authority, Monday, January 17 at 7 pm. at the home of John Elliott, 131 Mereside Rd., 653-4365.

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Five years ago

January 11, 1989

A sudden snowfall over the first weekend in January sent cars into ditches and drew children out to play. Business boomed for tow truck operator Bruce Coulter, who said he pulled half-a-dozen cars out of the Lee's Hill ditch alone.

Although numerous cars slid off the road, there were no serious injuries.

The threatened closure of the Busilyland Daycare on Salt Spring was delayed by Capital Regional District officials as authorities worked with owner Sue Spencer to resolve problems over the number of children in the daycare. Busilyland had accommodated up to 17 children although the facility was only licensed for seven. Spencer noted there was a shortage of daycare space on Salt Spring.

A nine-pound, 13-ounce baby boy was Salt Spring's first baby of the new year. Rick and Mary Rockliffe's son arrived at 10:07 a.m. on January 6.

Ten years ago

January 11, 1984

A streamer-decked bus made its inaugural run January 9, starting the Salt Spring Island bus service. MLA Hugh Curtis was on hand to congratulate principals Gerry Conrod and Wayne MacArthur. The service was designed to serve Salt Spring to Vancouver Island commuters.

The high water table in low areas of Ganges hampered land disposal of sewage within the town, according to engineer Steve McMinn.

Speaking to the Ganges Citizens' Committee, McMinn said tests carried out in November showed the town had been built in the worst possible place for septic field disposal. Sewers and a treatment plant were the best options, McMinn said.

A home in the Burgoyne valley was destroyed by fire January 9. Firemen were called to the blaze at 9 p.m. Owner Nicholas Gaitt and wife Diane English were out for the evening. Damage was estimated at \$20,000 for the contents of the home and \$35,000 for the home.

The first baby of the new year was the daughter of Carla Evans of Galiano.

Fifteen years ago

January 10, 1979

Growing larger with the new year were three B.C. Ferries: the *Mayne Queen* and *Bowen Queen* which served Gulf Island routes and the *Powell River Queen*, which sailed on the Sunshine Coast.

"Stretching" of all three vessels started January 8 at the Burrard Dry Dock in Vancouver. The length of each was to be increased from 207 feet to 278 feet, increasing the carrying capacity of each ferry to 70 cars from 50.

The work was to be completed by June 15. Meanwhile, B.C. Ferries revised the Gulf Islands schedule and assigned the *Salt Spring Queen*, the *Pender Queen* and the *Queen of the Islands* to fill in on Gulf Island routes for the *Bowen Queen* and the *Mayne Queen*.

Progress was also coming to the *Driftwood* with the arrival of a Comp/set 3510 phototypesetter. The new computer typesetting machine was able to produce type in 70 different sizes, ranging from five and a half point to 74 point. The machine was also able to set the type for a complete advertisement up to four columns—or eight inches—in width. The parts of the machine included a keyboard, a video screen and a typesetter.

Twenty years ago

January 17, 1974

The renovated elementary school at Ganges was opened for classes for the first time since the previous summer.

The school had been completely renovated, with new interiors and upgrading of the heating and lighting. Construction was still under way on new secondary school facilities.

The activity room was also to be used as a community centre. The possibility of kindergarten on Galiano Island was discussed by the Gulf Islands school board. Ten children were required to establish a kindergarten class.

Despite requests, there was no increase in the boarding allowance for Outer Islands students attend-

ing high school on Salt Spring. Parents paid \$75 a month and the school board paid \$37.50 per month per student.

Capital Region director for the Outer Islands, Jim Campbell, was chosen to serve as CRD chairman for two years. He had served as regional director for the Outer Islands since 1971.

Twenty-five years ago

Sewage from a Pender Island subdivision would be completely treated before being discharged into the ocean, according to developer Gulf Islands Industries Ltd. of Vancouver.

The project was the first to include such a complete sewage treatment system. According to the developers, the sewage would be treated by a four-stage system known as rated aeration. Earlier developments, one by Magic Lake Estates and one by Maliview Estates Ltd., drew opposition for plans to discharge partially treated sewage into the ocean.

Storms and a breakdown in the main power cable serving Salt Spring from Crofton were blamed for numerous power outages on the islands during the previous three weeks. The submarine cable serving the island shorted out January 4 where the cable left the water near Rainbow Road. A stand-by cable was put into use but broke down the following evening. The loss of power to Salt Spring also affected the Outer Islands, as they were served by lines from Salt Spring. Other outages were caused by snow-burdened trees falling on lines.

First baby of the new year was the five-pound, 10.5-ounce daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Harris of Fulford, who arrived at 1:10 p.m. New Year's Day in Lady Minto Hospital.

Thirty years ago

January 9, 1964

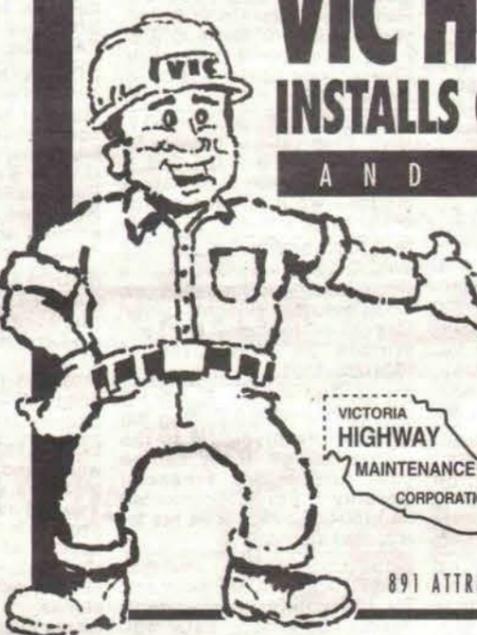
The mildness of Salt Spring winters was proved by Miss W. Colmer of Fulford Harbour, who reported picking half a dozen strawberries from her garden the first week of the new year. Meanwhile, Mrs. Murakami

brought in a one-and-one-quarter pound lemon just produced by a lemon tree at her Rainbow Road home.

Temperatures in December on the island reached 57 degrees.

Fifteen high school students from the Outer Islands were welcomed to the new dormitory on Ganges Hill.

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