

Outlook on Lifestyle

Grannies packing potent message

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One of the more delightfully off-beat groups to arise out of the Canadian peace movement is Victoria's "Raging Grannies". Ranging in age from 47 to 71, they dress in outlandish costumes, and serenade mall shoppers, theatre-goers, and politicians with songs about the arms race.

One song, to the tune of "Clementine", expressed concern for the presence of US Trident submarines in Canadian waters: On our waters, in our harbour US ships do come and go. Many of them carry warheads But you're not supposed to know.

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hour, and they feel that by allowing such ships to visit Victoria Harbour, that Canada is supporting the naval nuclear arms race.

Most of the Grannies' songs are set to familiar old favorites, and the audience is invited to sing along. Musical aptitude is not a prerequisite. "We are a far cry from professional," says Fran Thoburn. "One or two are atonal, actually, and this gives our songs a lovely homespun effect." The Grannies believe that sometimes one can best make people think and respond by making them laugh. "A lot of people are nuclear-phobic," says Granny Linda Golden-Siegel. "They can't read about nuclear issues. It's too horrible. But because we are dressed up and positive and it's done with levity, they like us."

The Raging Grannies are spreading. Groups have now formed in other BC communities and Edmonton as well. Raging Grandads and Raging Grandkids would be welcome diversifications for the group.

Oh my darling oh my darling Oh my darling Vander Zalm There's a problem in Esquimault That could make us go Kerblam!

Other "hits" include "It's a Long Way to Vladivostok", and "Rudolph the Radiated Reindeer", about the widespread effects of radiation from nuclear explosions such as Chernobyl. A recent focus is the planned purchase of nuclear-powered submarines for Arctic waters, at a price of 10 to 15 billion dollars. The Grannies wonder why we need them?

Perhaps the Grannies' most ambitious performance was last summer, when three of them paddled a canoe out to a nuclear submarine in Esquimault Harbour to sing to the sailors on board. A fourth Granny rowed out with a camera operator, who captured the whole event on videotape for the local TV station.

Like most peace groups, the Grannies try to "think globally, but act locally". Their particular concern is the chance of a nuclear weapons accident while foreign ships are in har-

is Halton Hills ready for a group of Raging Grandfolk? May we hope to see local seniors dressed in fancy hats, pink running shoes, and garish clothing performing on Main Street? Stay tuned!

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By Glenda Hughes, Sales Rep. 873-0300

I was highly amused to read that our population was up by just over 300 people this year! What an increase! It really boggles the mind, for I don't know where we have put most of them. Sure, there has been some very isolated building in the past year, but not enough to house that many people. How are our business' surviving with this kind of growth? Surely, many must be starving or barely hanging in there. It is very difficult to attract growth in industry when there is not a growth in population to help it along. Another one of our stores has closed recently, and one that I thought was doing quite well - but alas, there is the traditional paper on the windows and the lighted sign is down. Too many people on a diet I guess, to support this business any longer!

More recently, you have probably noticed that we are getting a new area of building off Wildwood Road. Cheers! However, this is not going to help too many people on the lower end of the scale that are trying to buy, for this development is a pricey one and not for the budget minded, to be sure. It is "development" however, and for that I have to be pleased, for it will encourage some movement into and perhaps we can place a few more families within the next year. In our profession, (in this town), we learn to be grateful for small mercies. Now, if we can just get that development going down the 9th line, things will improve drastically for the average buyer, for prices are still on the increase, and a shortage of homes is still the cry from us in the Georgetown market. Most of us have a list of people willing to buy in the lower price bracket, and even the middle bracket - which is now around the \$200,000 mark, by the way - and it is extremely difficult to place them. Certainly there is no choice to speak of, and who wants to buy a home just because it is the only one available in that price range. What a terrible situation to be in for a purchaser - and unfortunately, that is what we are facing at present.

Maybe next year, our population will be "staggering" if the bulldozers get going! Keep saving - you're going to need it!

Homes Sold Creatively THIS WEEK'S MORTGAGE RATES AS OF MAY 19/88

	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	3 YEAR	4 YEAR	5 YEAR	6 YEAR	7 YEAR	8 YEAR	9 YEAR	10 YEAR
Bank of Nova Scotia	10%		10	10%	10%	10%	10%	11	11%	
Bank of Montreal	10%	10		10%	10%	10%	10%	11	11%	11%
Canada Trust		10			10%	10%	10%	11	11%	11%
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