

## Land sales up 125% in 1980

# Real estate: it's a seller's market

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

A record number of lots exchanged hands on Salt Spring Island last year leaving real estate agents with a depleted market and prospective buyers with little or nothing to choose from.

According to the Ganges office of the British Columbia Assessment Authority, 471 lots were sold last year in comparison to 211 the year before. This registers an increase of about 125%.

Most Salt Spring Island real estate agents report having a few available listings and that due to the shortage, sellers are pretty well commanding their

own prices.

Most agree it's definitely a seller's market, and few people see any end in sight to the skyrocketing prices.

**OVERDUE**

"Some people see it as a bubble that's going to burst but I don't see it that way. I really think that the increases we've been seeing are long overdue," said Bill Henderson of the B.C. Assessment Authority.

While there are few accurate statistics available, the general consensus among island real estate agents indicates that market prices are escalating at an average

annual rate of 30%.

Recent figures released by the Assessment Authority show "actual" land values on Salt Spring Island and Galiano rose an average of 26% during the past year.

**UP 50%**

A number of choice waterfront lots, however, climbed in value by as much as 50%.

If anything, an increase of 26% in the Gulf Islands is on the conservative side, according to Garry Garras, Ganges office manager for the B.C. Assessment Authority.

While many of the area's 34 real estate agents put the figure at about 30%, others feel it is closer to 40% and one even suspected that prices had nearly doubled during the past year.

Despite the huge increases, real estate agents view Gulf Island property as "cheap" when compared to other areas, particularly communities in or around Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary or Edmonton, where land prices are escalating with yearly increases of anywhere from 40 to 100%.

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## New parking area is planned at Fulford

### Robinson's to be tenant

A spokesman for the Vancouver Island-based K & R Food Stores confirmed Tuesday that the Robinson's department store chain would be a tenant in the shopping centre just north of Park Drive in Ganges.

Don Burroughs told *Driftwood* that his company hopes to begin work on the site within the next two to three weeks.

The Salt Spring Trust Committee has granted a "partial" development permit, that will permit the site work to begin.

Trust planner Dean Strongtharm said this week that K & R had received approval in principle for its plans, which call for doubling the size of the existing shopping centre.

The addition, which would be built on the north side of the building, would bring the total area of the centre to approximately 36,000 square feet.

New car parking facilities may be constructed at Fulford ferry terminal by the ministry of transportation and highways.

The ministry is already arranging the purchase of two houses and other property on which to locate the new facilities. In addition to the old Patterson Store building abutting on the ferry wharf, the ministry is taking over the former A. J. McManus residence, now owned by R.C. Powell, as well as a strip of property from G.C. Dalziel and Quentin Wilson.

Extensive fill will be needed to extend the shoreline into the small bay behind the present Fulford Wharf.

The ministry's move follows pressure for improved parking facilities from various quarters.

Last year spokesmen for Salt Spring Island told the Capital Regional Board that it was impossible for an islander to use a bus on Saanich Peninsula because he had no place to leave his car on this side of the ferry run.

Again, last year, the RCMP detachment at Ganges issued

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Provincial ministry of transportation and highways is negotiating the acquisition of the Fulford

landmark seen in this picture from Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson. It is the former store at Fulford

Harbour and plans are afoot for the use of the property as a car park.

## School safety is questioned following fire inspection

Recent discovery of a charred junction box and a fire marshall's report which recommends about \$17,000 in safety improvements has led the Gulf Islands School Board to question the safety of Galiano School.

Several weeks ago, while carrying out renovations to the building, contractors discovered the charred junction box in the ceiling of a student washroom. The junction box and surrounding area had been charred over a period of time by a short circuit within the electrical wiring in the ceiling.

Discovery of the charred junction box comes in the wake of a seven-page report by the regional manager for the office of the fire commissioner, which requires that a fire watch be stationed in the school until a fire alarm system can be installed.

### SEVERAL ERRORS

Numerous other recommendations were made in the report, including a recommendation that the school board install four fire extinguishers when extinguishers are already in place.

The report, prepared by Reginald Perkins, regional manager for the office of the fire commissioner, is based on an inspection of the school made by A.J. Troughton, an inspector with the fire commission, last October 9.

"Even on the bald face of it the report is alarming," said Wilf Peck, secretary-treasurer of the school district.

### WOULD FARE NO BETTER

Despite the numerous recommendations, however, Peck says that most other schools in the pro-

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## Who will give blood Monday?

If you don't give blood, who will?

That's the question being asked by the Canadian Red Cross this week as preparations are made for the blood donor clinic at Ganges on Monday.

Sponsored locally by the Salt Spring branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, the clinic will run from 2 to 8 pm at the Legion Hall in Ganges.

The blood clinic committee is

again trying to reach a target of 250 pints, a target which the committee was unable to reach at its last clinic in 1980.

"You, and potential blood donors like you, are the key, the link to health and life for thousands of patients in Canada each year, all year long," says the Red Cross.

The need for blood is urgent in B.C. at present, as supplies held by the Blood Bank are extremely low.

# Average increase 30% in property assessments

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

In terms of property assessments, Gulf Islands ratepayers fare much better than do their counterparts in Vancouver, Victoria and southern Vancouver Island.

With 1981 assessments just out, Salt Spring and Galiano homeowners have seen the "actual value" of their properties increase an average of about 30%, according to the Ganges office of the British Columbia Assessment Authority.

In Vancouver assessed "actual values" have risen a staggering 55% and Victoria ratepayers have seen increases of about 40%.

## COMBINATION

It's generally agreed by provincial assessors that the huge increases in value are a combined result of the laws of supply and demand and the ravaging effects of inflation on the Canadian dollar.

The B.C. Assessment Authority, an independent government agency, is charged with the task of placing an estimate on the actual value of property in the province for the purpose of calculating municipal property taxes.

A homeowner's property taxes

are based on the municipal mill rate which in turn is based on the assessed value, or an established province-wide percentage of the actual value.

To offset the general rise in the market throughout the province for residential properties, the government has reduced that percentage to 11% in 1981 from the 14½% used in the 1980 assessment.

## MARKET VALUE HIGHER

Garry Garras, office manager of the Ganges branch of the Assessment Authority, said that while the 30% increase registered on Salt Spring and Galiano is low in comparison with other areas, the real market value is likely higher.

"It would appear that our market is climbing two to three per cent a month and I think that's a fairly accurate figure. Of course, the real estate people might disagree with that," said Garras.

Garras estimates that homeowners in Victoria are seeing monthly increases at an average of four percent on property values.

He estimates land values on Salt Spring and Galiano have risen an average of 26.3% over the previous year with some waterfront

property having jumped by as much as 50%.

## UP 31%

Building values have climbed by an average of 31%, according to Garras.

He cites as a typical example a piece of uplands property with a home near St. Mary's Highlands, which jumped from an estimated actual value of \$62,450 in the 1980 assessment to \$80,450 in the 1981 assessment, an increase of about 29%.

Despite the increase, the provincial government's decision to reduce the percentage used to calculate assessed values actually resulted in a \$15 reduction in the assessed value on that particular piece of property.

In this case, the 1981 assessed value dropped to \$625 from \$640 the previous year.

## UP 39%

Another example involving a piece of waterfront property with a home resulted in the actual value rising from \$92,350 in 1980 to \$128,250 this year, an increase of about 39%. Despite the significant increase in actual value, the assessed value rose a mere \$50.69

from \$946.55 in 1980 to \$999.24 in 1981.

Garras blames the increases on inflation, a shortage of available property, an increasing desire by investors to invest in tangible goods and spiralling interest rates.

This year's 30% jump in this area is not out of line when compared to other communities, especially on the lower mainland, according to Garras. He recalls several years in the late 70's when yearly increases barely kept pace with inflation.

He says that many prospective buyers actually see the Gulf Islands as a good investment with the moderate climate and scenic beauty as added bonuses.

## A PARADISE

"Salt Spring Island is quite a paradise as a retirement area. I don't think that there is anywhere in Canada where you can get the weather and the style of living that we have here," said Garras.

"If Victoria's high and Vancouver's high then you can bet real estate here is going to be high."

In Vancouver, where real estate prices are rumoured to be escalating at the fastest pace in Canada, homeowners last year saw their property values leap an average of 55%.

Vancouver assessor Hector Urquhart of the Assessment Authority made a double-take

when he realized his own property had increased in actual value by 60% over last year.

"I'm in an area that went up more than others," said Urquhart.

Many homeowners in Vancouver have witnessed their property's value jump by nearly 100%.

## ALMOST DOUBLED

"The statistics produced by the Greater Vancouver Real Estate Board indicate that a bungalow on the west side in the Point Grey area near Dunbar would have just about doubled," said Urquhart.

Donald Taylor, assessment manager with the Assessment Authority in Courtenay, said that area registered modest increases of between 18 and 20% and that communities closer to Victoria experienced larger increases in actual value.

"What is really happening is that we are seeing increases in Courtenay that are low in comparison to areas further south of us," said Taylor.

"I suppose it's economics, the law of supply and demand and I would think that in larger areas you're looking at larger increases because of the scarcity factor.

"British Columbia is generally an attractive place to live and people are being attracted to the west coast," said Taylor.

## It's a seller's market

From Page One

"Prices here are dirt cheap. In relation to other areas the prices here aren't high at all," said Kevin Bell, of Miller and Toynbee Realty.

Though there is little agreement as to how much prices actually have risen since 1979, there is a general consensus that inflation and the laws of supply and demand are primarily responsible for trends all over the province.

"The fact that a lot of people are investing in land throughout British Columbia is what is driving up the market," said Ron McQuiggan, owner of Islands in the Gulf in Ganges.

It's really anyone's guess as to who is investing in Gulf Islands real estate.

Again, there is little agreement among realtors, with many claiming that about 50% of the available acreage is bought up by out-of-province investors, particularly Albertans, with the remainder going to British Columbians, most notably to those on the lower mainland.

## REASONABLE

"Compared to what they're paying back home, prices in the Gulf Islands seem reasonable to Albertans," said Betty Valdez, also of Islands in the Gulf.

Approximately 50% of the land is purchased by British Columbians who are Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands residents. They are either speculating or upgrading, according to McQuiggan.

Kevin Bell downplays the Albertan factor in driving up area real estate prices and says that while his firm doesn't have statistics available, he suspects that Albertans buy no more property in the Gulf Islands than do people from other provinces.

"All we do is list and sell properties and in regards to trying to assess the market, I don't think that there are too many people who can do it with any degree of accuracy," said Bell.

## NOT ANALYSTS

"We are realtors and not market

analysts. We sell property to Albertans but we also sell to Californians," he said.

One area realtor thought that the low value of the Canadian dollar would encourage more American investment in Gulf Islands property but that is not the case.

"I'm surprised that there aren't more inquiries from the States with the dollar being the way it is, but we've seen very little interest expressed by Americans," said Joy McAughtrie of Pacific Coast Lands on Pender Island.

John Liver, Block Bros. Galiano sales representative, said that he sold more than \$1,000,000 in property last year and that virtually every sale was made to British Columbians, most of whom were from the Vancouver area.

Most of the land that he sold last year was on Galiano and few people bought strictly as an investment, according to Liver.

## WEEKEND HOMES

"I would say that most were buying weekend homes primarily to enjoy the rural character of the islands," he said.

A few realtors expressed concern that there is a limit to what people will pay for land and that unless sellers exercise restraint, they may price themselves out of the market.

"When you get into a supply and demand situation where people are asking outrageous prices you'll

find that you come to a point where people price themselves out of the market," said Leo Horncastle of Miller and Toynbee.

## FOR THE RICH

"This is a rich man's paradise and soon only the rich are going to be able to retire here. You reach a point where people can't afford to buy land anymore," he said.

Most realtors would like to see more land become available since many prospective buyers are reluctant to buy in a market where there is little with which to compare.

"If there were a few more listings it would be better for both the purchaser and the seller," said Ron McQuiggan.

The shortage of listings has resulted in a situation where sellers are getting their prices without having to negotiate.

"There's just no choice. You haven't anything to compare prices with and you're lucky just to find a lot for sale," said Betty Valdez.

She described the market in the islands as a "take it or leave it" situation.

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# To Be Frank

by richards



My head is bloody but unbowed. I seethed with jealousy at Gordon Hutton's disclosure of his ancestry. I was a humble heap of uriah before I reached the end of his letter. Funny thing, though, he didn't change my opinion. He didn't even convince me that I shouldn't have one.

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I have no rapport with the Christmas cuisine. The season starts and the bottom of my oven drops out. It's not really my oven, but Women's Lib doesn't like having it to herself. It happens every Christmas. We eat a lot, so we get a big bird in the oven. Within minutes there is a crash and the big bird sits among its trimmings on the floor of the oven. The shelf has given way: I think Mr. Moffat was standing on his head when he designed the shelf. Up to a few pounds of meat and we're in the clear. Get a weighty turkey and we're out of luck. I've used wedges and bricks and bits of wood. The only way to make it work like a charm is to turn the shelf upside-down and the heavier the load the tighter is the shelf. The wire rack is underslung and a heavy weight brings the ends in towards the centre. When it's upside-down the weight pushes the ends outwards and wedges it in place. And I'm not even a designer of ovens!

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I found a note on my desk the other day. I don't know how it got there or when. The initials are those of Grace Wright, who saw four swimmers in St. Mary Lake the week before she wrote the note. They are the first she has seen for some years. I've heard nothing from anybody else about them. And my apologies to the Lang Road writer for my delay in finding the card.

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When Ross Walker took on the job of skippering a water taxi he didn't know what the job entailed. He collected a young lady and a physician and set out for Ganges in a hurry. The stork was faster and the party of three was a party of four when they reached the wharf at Ganges. Mother, child and Ross are all doing well.

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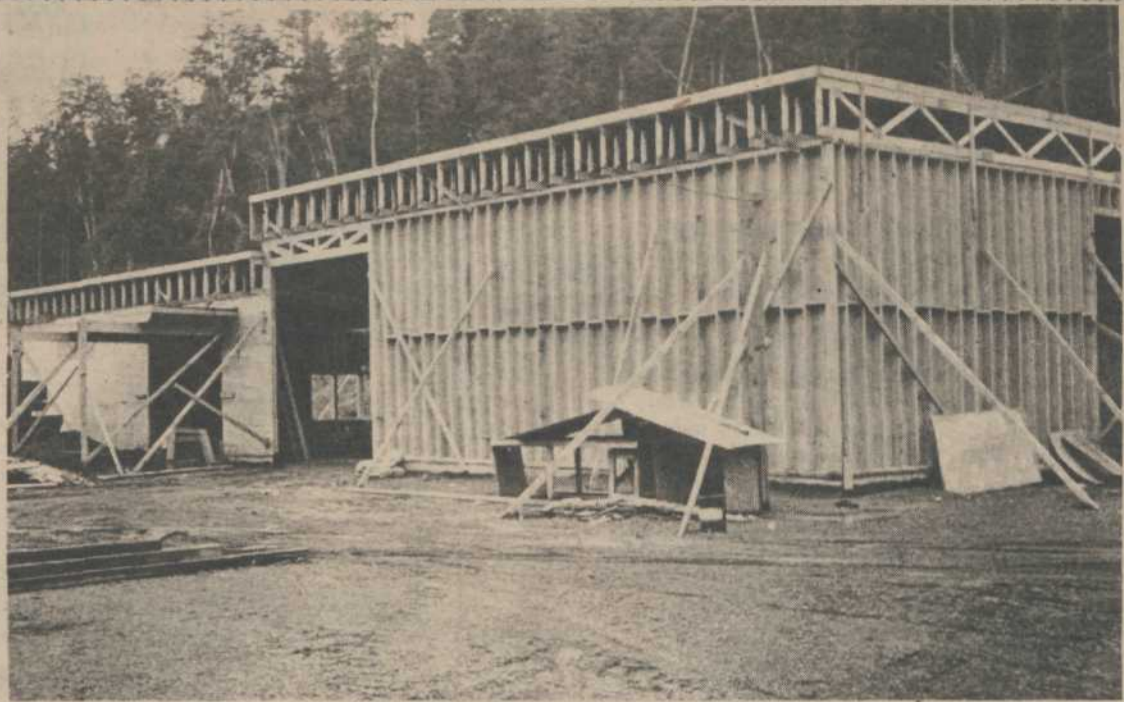
Reference to the purchase of a Salt Spring Island Bolingbroke by David Maude's aviation society took me back to the war years when Bolingbroke and their brethren were flying in every direction. The immediate brethren on the Royal Air Force station were the Beauforts. The Beaufort was the big brother of the Blenheim, which was the original marque from which the Bolingbroke came. (I write from memory.) That takes me back to the crash, on February 23, 1943, when a 32 OTU Beaufort, N 1020, crashed into the side of No. 4 Hangar at Patricia Bay Airport. The report later showed damage of \$1000. The damage appeared considerable. I was testing a bubble sextant and demonstrating its use outside No. 4 Hangar that morning. As I looked into the instrument I saw a plane come into my range of vision. I was really looking at the bubble. The plane persisted and I had the impression that it was swaying from side to side. The fellow with me grasped my arm and suggested we run. But there was no point in running until we saw where it was going to fall. The propellers were windmilling and it was obviously out of control. It proved we didn't have to run anywhere. The maverick plane veered off and hit the hangar, causing a fire. I can still see the rescue crews taking a man from the plane with one eye hanging on his cheek. Neither airman was seriously hurt. The hangar was.

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You know, if you figure some of my pictures are punk, you should see some of the pictures I took 20 years ago!

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## New premises for Pender business

New building going up at Pender Island is to be the home of Pender Island Lumber and Freight. Opening of the new

premises, located on Port Washington Road, is planned for the end of February. The business

is owned and operated by Jim and Jean Scott and their sons, Kelly and Kirby.

## Man charged after theft of tickets

A 17-year-old man has been charged with theft under \$200 after walking out of et cetera book store on Fulford-Ganges Road with a number of lottery coupons.

The man was arrested by Ganges RCMP on Monday. The shoplifting offence took place January 9.

Among the stolen coupons were several Provincial Lottery tickets and several Super Loto tickets.

## Thieves interrupted

Several thieves were caught in the act of trying to steal gasoline from Bruce Fiander Esso last Thursday night at 9 pm.

The attempted theft was interrupted by owner Bruce Fiander but the culprits escaped before police arrived at the scene. Ganges RCMP located a red plastic gas can and a section of garden hose with which the thieves hoped to siphon gasoline.

No arrests have been made in connection with the attempted theft.

## Thieves strike again

Another series of incidents involving thieves kept Ganges RCMP officers busy on the night of January 6.

Break-ins at three Ganges businesses netted thieves a variety of cash and merchandise while an attempted fourth forced entry was abandoned when thieves failed to gain entry through an office

window at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Thieves broke into Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, on Lower Ganges Road, after breaking a rear office window and escaped with an assortment of knives, jeans and cash. The break-in was discovered by employee Pat Lee. Police have made arrests in connection with the crime.

Salt Spring Insurance Agencies,

on Fulford-Ganges Road, was broken into the same night with thieves making off with about \$200 in cash after forcing open a firesafe within a filing cabinet. Entry was gained by forcing open a back door. No arrests have been made in connection with the break-in.

Also hit was Salt Spring Golf and Country Club where a reported \$4,216 in cheques and approximately \$850 in cash were stolen after thieves forced their way into the club's pro shop. A quantity of liquor and beer was also taken.

Police later recovered some cheques and the 200 lb. safe which had been removed from the building. No arrests have been made in connection with the theft.



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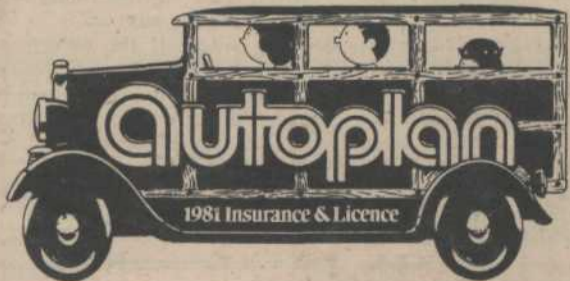
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
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## Time they were elected

A new year is in the making and a new session of the provincial legislature is in the offing.

This session would present an excellent opportunity for the ministry of municipal affairs to correct the oddity that is part of the regional picture.

As we have many times noted in these columns, the regional directors are named from municipalities in the region and from electoral areas. The directors from the municipalities are members of the elected body. The directors are elected in the electoral areas at the annual polls.

When the directors are elected they may name an alternative candidate for office in their own absence.

The alternate director from a municipality is an elected representative of the people of that municipality. The alternate director in the electoral areas is elected by nobody. He is named by the elected director, in much the same manner as the United States' ministers are named.

It is time the ministry introduced an amendment to the act whereby alternative directors in electoral areas are elected at the November elections when the directors are named.

We have been fortunate in our experience with alternate directors. There is no assurance that this will always be the case and the provincial legislature should take the necessary steps to ensure that all our legislators are elected and not appointed.

## Popular tune has yet to make top 10

It would be difficult and unfair to attribute the blame to the Capital Regional Board whenever regional legislation bogs down. Nevertheless, in the case of the long-drawn out debate on urban transit, the blame must lie largely at the door of the region.

This is the third calendar year to enjoy the *Refrain from Busing*. It is an essentially Gulf Islands tune, with a powerful orchestra from each island and overtones from the Vancouver Island-based region.

The islands don't have buses. The region is unlikely to be providing buses. Ergo, the islands should be excused the share in bus costs.

That was the islands' song.

It was sung with gusto in the regional chamber.

It was heard with sympathy and it was drowned out by the roar of indignation from directors in other areas. One week it was approved. The next week it was opposed. Islanders could not know, two weeks in a row, what was in store for them.

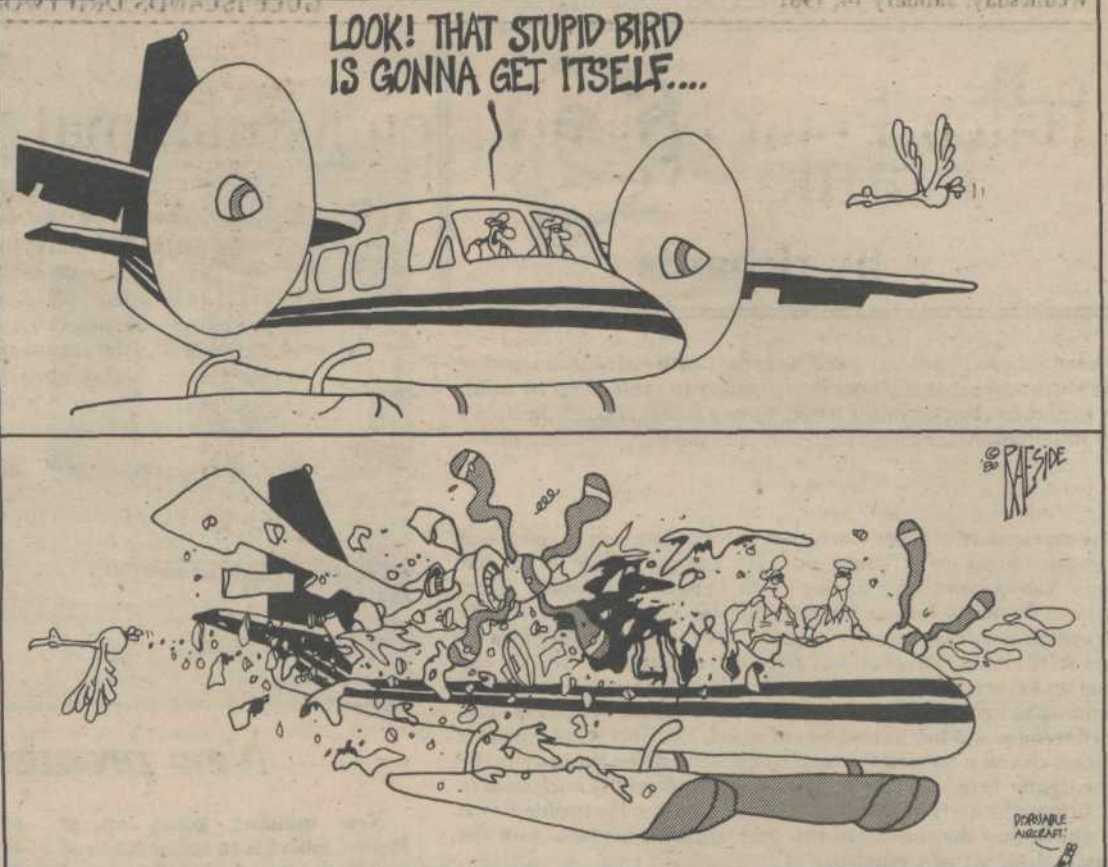
The plight of the islanders was tied to the whim of the directors.

When, finally, the region agreed to release the islands from responsibility for the cost of urban transit, it was promptly delayed in the ministries concerned.

Last week we all heard, with great delight, the assurance of the minister of municipal affairs that the subsequent legislation will be retroactive to last April.

But every islander knows full well that if the ministry operates on the regional pattern there could be a long see-saw of approvals before the *Refrain from Busing* is adopted as one of the regional top 10.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Islanders urged to donate blood at clinic Monday

Sir,

On Monday, Jan. 19 the Canadian Red Cross will hold a blood clinic in the Legion hall from 2 pm to 8 pm without a break. The target is still 250 pints of blood, which has yet to be gained!

The need for blood right now is being publicized by the Canadian Red Cross, by every means, daily. As the British Columbia blood bank has very little to no reserves to meet the needs of B.C. hospitals and this includes our own Lady Minto Hospital! If we fail to meet our target, we will be depending on other B.C. blood donors to meet the needs of our island hospital!

We urge every registered blood donor, everybody else from 17 to 65 years of age, to come to the clinic and donate their pint of blood. Those of 17 years of age will need parent's or guardian's authority. Forms for this are available at the Gulf Islands

Secondary School office or at the clinic. We hope the graduating class will set an example for their parents or guardians and teachers!

The Legion past-president's trophy is again up for competition. The Rotary and the Legion tied for the trophy at the June 1980 clinic. We hope all past competitors will again come forward with their pints of blood and help this clinic meet its target!

Mr. Editor, in the past *Driftwood* has given these clinics every support and we are asking again for your support.

We ask all islanders to mark Monday, Jan. 19 on their calendars and help make this clinic reach the 250 pint target. Always remember your pint of blood could save a life!

**PETER BINGHAM,**  
Chairman,  
Blood Clinic Committee,  
January 8, 1981.

### Best wishes from Greenwoods to community

Sir,

The Board members, residents and staff of Greenwoods wish to express appreciation to all those individuals and service clubs of the Gulf Islands who were a part of the merry Christmas season at Greenwoods.

Good wishes, entertainment, gifts and involvement in the festive preparations were all given abundantly and added greatly to the enjoyment of everyone.

Greenwoods is indeed fortunate to have been a part of the community spirit throughout the year, and we extend our best wishes to all for 1981.

**GREENWOODS,**  
The Gulf Islands Intermediate  
and Personal Care Society,  
January 12, 1981.

### Island navy provided warm welcome

Sir,

It is always a pleasure to return home to Salt Spring Island, but December 23 was particularly special.

Having spent three Christmases away from the island, it was enjoyable enough being back, but to be greeted at the mouth of Long Harbour by lights, Christmas carols and the warm personal greetings of the season by the Salt Spring Island navy, was indeed, very special. Thank you from us and I am sure, all the other ferry passengers.

We hope we are all fortunate enough to see more of that spirit in 1981.

Happy New Year.

**GLORIA & DENNIS O'HARA,**  
Vesuvius,  
January 3, 1981.

### Some people don't know pets' whereabouts

Sir,

People of the island may know me as a funny looking woman in dirty grey cords, gum boots, and a blue knapsack. I can be seen periodically walking through Ganges accompanied by two beautiful black dogs with nothing between us but a small piece of chain and a bit of leather most commonly known as a *leash*. Even though they are restrained and completely under control, they are constantly being subjected to attacks from other dogs running about freely. Roy is almost 14 and he's getting too old for all this scrapping, but that's not the issue that's prompted me to write this letter.

I have reason to believe that Misi, my young Toggenberg goat, is being attacked by another or perhaps a few of these free-roaming animals. For those of you reading this letter, think of my predicament. I know where my pets are all of the time.

Unfortunately, while my husband and I are at work, somebody doesn't.

Misi is tethered close to her shed on Blain Road, next door to the Bowling Alley. If the owners of these animals don't seriously try and rectify this situation, I will be forced to do so in my own personal way. Can you blame me?

**N. TRANTER,**  
Ganges,  
January 9, 1981.

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# Hatch Point benefits seen as minimal

Sir,  
I would like to bring the issue of the proposed Chevron development at Hatch Point to the attention of the people of the Saanich Inlet. At present it is being treated as a local controversy which will affect only the residents of Cobble Hill, in fact it will have a major impact far beyond that.

Chevron hopes to build a tank farm on a 50-acre parcel on the Cobble Hill shore between Cherry Point and Mill Bay. They plan to barge petroleum products from Vancouver to Hatch Point. From there huge trucks will distribute it north and south on Vancouver Island. Hatch Point lies at the intersections of the Saanich Inlet, Satellite Channel and Sansum Narrows. A 1968 tide study shows that the surface water movement consists of a net inflow into the Saanich Inlet along Hatch Point and a net outflow from the inlet along the Moses Point side.

Hatch Point, particularly Boatswain Bank, is a productive marine environment, supporting commercial crab, several species of clams, flatfish such as sole and flounder and is used as a herring spawning area. The shallow areas support several bird species as well as seals and possibly other mammals. Patey Rock, a provincial ecological reserve, is very close by. The waterway is noted for extremely high winds and treacherous storms. And the whole area ties in with the Cowichan Estuary which is acknowledged to be one of the

most productive Estuaries in the province. Any oil spills will affect the whole Saanich Inlet as well as Salt Spring Island.

The need for further environmental impact studies and the difficulty of removing oil from the shore and sediment are acknowledged by Chevron and the Cowichan Valley Regional District. Nevertheless the C.V.R.D. voted 21-8 in favor of Chevrons' rezoning application when it came up for third reading, despite their lack of information and an overwhelming display of local sentiment against the project throughout the fall.

Chevron has implied that it must relocate because it can no longer remain in Victoria. In fact, Chevron has not applied to renew its Victoria lease. The Saanich Inlet Protection Society has received a letter from Keith Anderson, a member of the environment ministry, in which he states that he cannot "foresee any obstacle to the lease renewal, unless the city of Victoria has any objections."

The Society also has a letter from Mayor Frank Ney of Nanaimo, in which he says he would welcome the Chevron tank farm at the Duke Point Industrial site. Chevron also implies they will

close down their Cowichan Bay plant if the Hatch Point proposal goes through. In all likelihood, however, they would lease the plant to another company rather than shut it down. And approval of Chevron's plan would open the way to other oil companies and further industrial growth.

The zoning amendment must now go before Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm for his approval. I urge anyone concerned about the environmental integrity of the Saanich Inlet to write him immediately stating his objections.

In analysing the Chevron proposal, it becomes clear that benefits to the area through jobs or taxes are minimal. Revenue Cost due to damage to the fishery are likely to far exceed local benefits. Let us stop unnecessary and ill thought industrial proliferation before an area of astonishing beauty becomes a wasteland merely to increase Chevron's profits. Anyone wishing further information on this issue may contact the Saanich Inlet Preservation Society at 743-4826 or 743-4666.

**DOROTHY FIELD,**  
R.R.1 Cobble Hill, B.C.  
December 31, 1980.

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## Tony Richards

**YOU MAY BE SURPRISED** to learn that there is at least one government agency that is slower than Canada Post.

A news release arrived this week from the B.C. Human Rights Commission. One page was dated December 1, 1980, while the others bore the date December 10.

But the package wasn't even mailed until January 8. And by that time the commission's announcement that December 10 had been proclaimed Human Rights Day was rather late.

On top of that, we also received this week the commission's annual report for 1979.

Better late than never, I suppose.

**OUR FIRST** (and in all likelihood) the last mistake of 1981 appeared last week when we got our John Bennetts mixed up.

Ellen Bennett was quick in letting us know of the error.

It was 49 members of the John E. Bennett family who sat down to Christmas dinner at the home of Johnny and Ellen Bennett. The older grandchildren present at the gathering were grandchildren of the former, not the latter.

**AFTER CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS** in the traditional Danish manner for the last five years or so, I'm finally getting the hang of it. More specifically, I'm getting the hang of the smorgasbord luncheon which marks Boxing Day. And I'm reaching the point now where I'm becoming more of a Dane than my wife.

One of our two to three annual trips to Vancouver is made around Christmas time, and generally gets us there for my sister-in-law's marathon drinking and eating session, which begins at one o'clock on Boxing Day and continues for as long as you can handle it.

I should point out that it's not necessarily a drinking session for everyone, only those hardy Danes and foolish Canadians who enjoy the taste of Aalborg Akvavit (schnapps) followed by pickled herring and beer. Followed by rye bread

with helpings of liver paste, chicken, beef, corned beef, more schnapps, more herring and more beer.

My memories of this past Boxing Day are still clear, something I cannot say for many previous Boxing Days. (I hate to admit it, but I was only able to stick it out for three hours the year before).

About 20 relatives and friends sit down to the meal and generally speaking, all 20 (apart from a few over-eager Canadians) get up again afterwards.

Akvavit is, of course, the key to the celebration. Without it, you don't have a Danish Boxing Day. The alcohol content is high enough that it may be kept in the freezer for as long as you wish. And keep it in the freezer you must, because it must be ice-cold before you drink it. (You would never get it down otherwise).

It resembles gin but is considerably stronger, and the dictionary very appropriately defines it as an ardent (fiery, burning) spirit.

The Dane (or the Canadian with the level of intelligence previously described) downs a shot-glass in one go, eats a couple of pickled herring and takes a good swallow of beer.

That performance is repeated numerous times during the afternoon (and evening if you wish) and by the time you're finished you swear off the stuff for another year.

Before I became fully initiated into the rites of the Boxing Day celebration, I cannot say that I looked forward to it at all. Before it began, I would look forward to it with apprehension. After it was over, I would nurse my aching head and swear I'd never do it again. And half-way through was the only time I found any enjoyment in it.

But now I'm already beginning to look forward to the next one. In fact, I might even go home tonight and open that bottle of schnapps in the freezer.

After all, it's got to be cold enough: it's been there two years.

## The Anarchist

# Money and the man

### Funny Money

1. If and when assorted governments, labour unions, multiple suppliers, banks and other worried parties reach some sort of agreement to mortgage the public interest in the U.S. and Canada for the benefit of the corporate longevity of Chrysler, the anticipated debt total will be in the order of \$3 billion plus an unfunded pension plan of God knows how much more.

To bring this within the scope of ordinary domestic financial planning it will mean that Chrysler will have to pay approximately \$100,000 per day in interest charges. The challenge is to imagine what else could be done with \$100,000 per day.

2. The voice of corporate chauvinism in B.C. is undeniably to be found within the studios of radio station CJOR in Vancouver. With their long history of jaundiced journalism and such forgettable characters as Burns the Barking Bullfrog, Ed "The Fix" Murphy and Reynolds the Restaurateur, it is not surprising that the Patterson conglomerate has seen fit to buy itself another dubious mouthpiece.

It is more difficult to understand why Rafe Mair took the job under the circumstances which require his nominal status as the member for Kamloops. Meanwhile, the ministry of health inherits Nielson disease, another ex-Patterson groupie, and the B.C.M.A. stops singing the *Balance Billing Blues*.

3. Larger and larger numbers of our fellow citizens are contracting the Realtor Roulette syndrome with aggravation symptoms of Commission Itch, wherefore let the Islands Trust enact a suitable bylaw requiring that only licensed realtors be entitled to own property in the Trust area; the attractive result of this bit of administrative brilliance would be that only those in the know would get ripped off or perhaps even better would not get ripped off, which would bring an immediate end to the scourge of inflated land values.

It need not, however, totally freeze land ownership since a parallel act could establish an accredited School of Real Estate which could charge exorbitant fees to all the eager idiots who get shut out by the miserable quota of 180 students at the Vancouver Real Estate Board's school for instant, four-month "Professionals".

The Gulf Islands Summer School of Real Estate would feature seminars in Madrona Meditation, Views and Voyeurism, Highbank vs Lowbank Waterfront Finance, Zoning and Orthodoxy and Inter-Island Fraternization Patterns. The profit from the operation of the school would be estimated to produce sums in excess of the current Homeowner Grant, and should within three years enable all of us to live free of taxes.

4. Now that the fiasco of the so-called Granville Market has proven that the stock market is definitively a literary rather than a financial enterprise, wouldn't it be appropriate if they called the whole swindle Loto America, and

5. Personal bankruptcies exceeded the rate of inflation in Canada by growing at the rate of 17% last year to reach a total of 21,000 newly absolved monetary sinners.

### Reagan's Ramrod

By the time this is printed America will have its new president and the world will have become the playground for a rehabilitated General Alexander Haig. The term "rehabilitated" is necessary because this is the same man who was at once the villain/saviour of the last days of the then fallen Richard Nixon, and the man who is credited with arranging the resignation - without - prosecution deal.

In any event this is the same General Haig who was sometime U.S.C. in C. in Vietnam and also head of NATO military command.

It is always difficult to characterize the civil behaviour of a professional soldier; for instance there is an unequivocal certainty that MacArthur would have been a very different president from Eisenhower, though both had exercised supreme military command, but there is a necessity to examine why at this time Reagan wants or needs an ex-general for his secretary of state.

I have no "sources" reliable or otherwise, I can only listen and read the daily outpouring of correspondents and commentators and try to get a feeling about the man, so I did and I have, and I do not like General Alexander Haig.

If Haig the loyalist and patriot saved the collapse of the presidency in the final days of Nixon then perhaps that was good, but when now Haig seeks further public office then it is at the expense of further damaging what he sought to protect, unless he no longer cares.

When for the better part of two continuous days last week every radio newscast including CBC referred to "Mr. Haig" and virtually none to General Haig then I believe that someone is image-polishing.

When a well-briefed but uncomprehending Haig is testifying on relations with Canada he mentions topics of friction including the east coast fishery, tariff considerations and "certain energy related matters", but not acid rain, imbalance in the Auto Pact, duplicity in the matter of congressional refusal to ratify the fishing treaty on the east coast and wilful abrogation by the U.S. of the terms of the Pacific Salmon treaty, or whether those energy related matters concerned the manipulation of the pipeline question and dominance by U.S. multinationals of the Canadian petroleum industry.

These are all matters of political bias and General Haig has his own opinions, but when General Haig tells his congressional committee that "... peace is desirable but it is not the first object of foreign policy ... there are things worth America fighting for ..." then I believe I am hearing the voice of the General and the Empire!

There is no conflict between the idea of national security and the policy of peace first, nor is there anything wrong with the idea of fighting to protect one's own land, but I believe General Haig wants only America as an extended power in the world, and that he believes he and America have the right to act wherever they wish as a matter of national interest.

These are the dreams of empire and the reasons why Alexander Haig is, in a paraphrase, an exponent of Peace if Necessary, But Not Necessarily Peace.

### New service useless to residents

Sir, I have read the article by Laurie Donaldson in the January 7 *Driftwood*, which stated that the Urban Transit Authority buses from Swartz Bay Ferry to Victoria, give us an alternative to driving to Victoria, if we walk on the ferry and ride the bus.

According to your correspondent we would save money by not taking our cars. I live seven miles from Fulford and would ask your correspondent how I get from my residence to Fulford, as there is no parking for cars in the Fulford area. Therefore I submit that this new bus service is useless to Island residents.

While on the subject of ferry fares, I notice the last increase for cars on November 15 was: large ferries from \$10 to \$11 (10%); small ferries from \$5 to \$5.50 (10%); Island resident card holders from \$3.50 to \$5 (over 42%). Thus an Island resident now only saves 50¢ on his car fare, whereas he formerly saved \$1.50 per trip. I urge all Island residents to write a letter of protest about this increase to our M.L.A. Hugh Curtis. Had our increase been 10% (like all others), a car would then cost under \$4.

A.J. DILLABOUGH  
R.R.2 Ganges  
January 9, 1981.

### Minor quake recorded

A mild earthquake, measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale, was felt on part of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands Monday.

Seismologists at the Pacific Geoscience Centre reported that the quake, which occurred at 5.22 pm, was not strong enough to cause any damage.

### Medical costs rise

Medical costs related to injured automobile accident victims have soared in recent years. Ambulance costs have gone up 231% over four years; physiotherapy costs have risen 224%; and chiropractic costs have increased 105%.

## Petition seeks increased patrols to combat crime

Sir, Having been broken into three times in the past four months, I am sure that not only do I speak for myself but for many others on Salt Spring when I say enough is enough!

There is a certain element of our society who must be riding high on their wave of successful crimes and laughing up their sleeves at all us foolish people on Salt Spring who do our daily work and then leave the fruits of our labour unguarded during our period of rest.

Did you know that our local RCMP pack it in and join the rest of us in slumber from about midnight till 7.00 am the next morning? Well, all the criminals know because it's "open season" on all island businesses, homes and other unattended possessions. Off-island burglars must know too. They can come to Salt Spring on the last ferry in the evening and then be off the island on the early ferry with all the loot before their crimes have even been discovered.

Try calling the RCMP after midnight. You must call Duncan and unless it's a life and death matter, your problem is politely deferred to business hours the next day.

Our last break-in was discovered at 5.45 am. A call to the RCMP was made shortly after that. No officer appeared until 9 am. My point is this: these thieves may still have been operating in the downtown area in the pre-dawn darkness (three other businesses were broken into this same morning) or they could perhaps have been stopped at the ferries if from off-island. Had a patrol car been on duty the investigation could have been started immediately.

Other activities are in full swing during these wee hours: raucous beer busts in Centennial Park, drag races up Ganges Hill, rampant vandalism all over the island, and the Long Harbour Road becomes a wild speedway. Where are our peace officers? Peacefully sleeping, of course. You

see, it's quiet, tranquil Salt Spring Island, off the beaten path of crime, a law-respecting rural community. So true five or 10 years ago, but not today. Crime, like pollution, has slowly seeped into our lives with the increase in population and the RCMP have not adapted to the changing times.

We need 24-hour police patrols and we need them now. I want these punks to know that we are not going to stand idly by and let them rip us off at will.

I urge you to support the need for increased police patrols by signing our petitions to the Attorney-General. These petitions calling for extended police patrols will be in many of the island businesses this week. Then support our RCMP by being extra alert and providing them with information that could help in these investigations. Alert citizens are essential in providing information that could lead to arrests and convictions.

TOM GOSSETT,  
Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply,  
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January 10, 1981.

### Singers to meet Monday

If you can read music, or would like to learn; if you like to sing and would like to learn how to sing better; if you sing in the bathtub and would like to learn how to sing in a group, the Salt Spring Singers would like to hear from you.

On Monday, the Singers will regroup, under leader Joy Johnsen, at the home of Iris Hall, Fulford-Ganges Road, at 1.20 pm. Interested singers are invited to call Mrs. Hall or Mrs. Johnsen for directions.

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## THE ADMINISTRATORS — Part I

This is the first in a series of articles designed to introduce the public to those who serve in the administration of local government.

This week, Part I of *The Administrators* looks at Bob Huestis, district superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands School District, who was interviewed by Driftwood reporter Scott Webster.

### BY SCOTT WEBSTER

The quality of education in the Gulf Islands has never been higher, according to Bob Huestis, district superintendent of schools.

"I visit the classrooms and see the work that goes on in area schools and I think that the standard of instruction is of a high quality," said Huestis.

District superintendent since 1975, Huestis tries to visit one of the seven schools in this district at least every day, but is often prevented from doing so by his tight schedule.

Despite having served as this district's educational administrator for the past five years, Huestis, 58, and Audrey, his wife of 29 years, are new Salt Spring Island residents. They have resided on Scott Road for the past three months.

### IN TWO DISTRICTS

Until September, when the ministry of education decided to hire a full-time district superintendent due to steady growth in this school district, Huestis shuttled back and forth between the Gulf Islands and Lake Cowichan, serving as administrator for both areas.

Then living in Duncan, Huestis spent just two days a week at the school board office in Ganges, with little time to visit the local schools.

Since his full-time appointment by the provincial government here, Huestis can spend a great deal more time visiting schools and gathering first-hand information by sitting in on classes and meeting with principals and teachers.

Huestis usually manages to make a daily visit to one of the Gulf Islands schools which includes a weekly visit to one of the four Outer Island schools.

### TWICE A YEAR

Prior to September, schools in the Outer Islands would only see Huestis twice a year, once in the



BOB HUESTIS

spring and once in the fall, making for poor communication between the schools and the ministry of education.

A great deal of his time is spent attending to administrative duties and meeting with educational personnel, school board members and ministry officials.

Huestis is responsible for the educational administration of the district while secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck is responsible for business administration.

Huestis is optimistic about future growth by the Gulf Islands School District and says that enrolment at schools in the islands is climbing at a steady rate of between two and three percent each year, while most districts in the province are witnessing a continual decline in enrolment.

### CONTRARY TO TREND

"We've been showing a slight but steady increase which is contrary to the provincial trend. There is a steady growth in enrolment projected into the future," said Huestis.

The Gulf Islands School District is looking forward to receiving an increasing amount of funds in order to meet a rising need at a time when the provincial government is cutting the ministry

of education's budget. The 75 school districts in the province prepare provisional budgets each year and submit them to the ministry of education, which allots funds to the districts on a basis of where there is the greatest need.

Huestis is therefore optimistic about receiving funds to meet plans for continued expansion of educational services in the district.

### AS HIGH AS ANYWHERE

The quality of education in this district is as high as anywhere in the province, he observed, and it is his responsibility to maintain this level.

"My role is to supervise the seven schools and to ensure that there is a viable education program at each school."

Quality of education is a reflection of the quality of those doing the educating and Huestis is convinced that most teachers in the district are better qualified and better educated than ever before.

Most teachers now have university education, which is something that wasn't necessarily

true 10 years ago, the superintendent said.

Huestis is sympathetic with teachers in their dispute with the provincial government over the indexing of pensions but agrees with the school board's recent decision to officially condemn the half-day walkout by teachers back in November.

Huestis suspects that some local teachers may have felt obligated to take part in the walkout as a result of belonging to the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, the body that organized the walkout.

"The local body is working in concert with the provincial body and sometimes individual members are required to do things they would prefer not to, such as withdraw services," he said.

"I can never officially agree with the withdrawal of services."

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# Made in the image of God, yet we behave like the devil

It's easy to believe that all good things come from God. How do we accept that bad things come from God also? The dichotomy of God is expressed by the existence of Satan. God is all - both good and bad? I can't accept that, can you? Then why, when we were given free will, do we so often veer towards the wrong choice? We are made in the image of God, yet we behave like the devil. Not all the time, certainly, but frequently.

It was easy to believe in the goodness of God, in God-given talents, while watching the Stuttgart Ballet on Saturday. The anti-hero, Eugene Onegin (wonderfully nasty and powerfully portrayed by a New Westminster man, Reid Anderson), certainly made a wealth of wrong choices, and we all learned a little from his dreadful example!

Greg Ismailov, a dancer with the company, is the nephew of a friend, and it was thrill for my young ballet-student daughter to collect his autograph backstage. We also met his mother, Anna Istomina, a B.C.-grown ballerina now teaching in New York and Caracas.

### DIDN'T SPOIL MOOD

Even the hazards of ferry travel and ferry food didn't spoil our mood of exaltation but Sunday was something else! A preacher I knew once said that Sunday was the devil's move active day, too - whenever man builds a cathedral, the devil builds a chapel!

I was complaining about long hours and fatigue when I read about Francisca Lucero, known as

## More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Kika to her friends and family. She's 19 and lives in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. She, her five brothers, two sisters, mother and father, all live in a one-room adobe house with no piped water. They have recently received electricity and sewage disposal.

To help her family she left school early, although she was a bright student and would have liked to become a nurse. After months of discouraging attempts, she finally found a job at an electronic assembly plant, and has been there for nearly four years.

She works from 6.30 am to 3.15 pm Monday through Friday, and 6.30 am to 11.30 am on Saturday. On weekdays she has a 10 minute breakfast break and 30 minutes for lunch. The work is exacting and hard. Production goals are set by U.S.-trained industrial engineers. Quotas are high, and a few minutes lost at the beginning of the day causes confusion and delays for the whole of the rest of the shift.

### AN APPENDAGE

"Kika has learned what it is like to work as an appendage of a machine. She knows about the boredom bred in dark surroundings filled by lead vapours due to defective ventilation. She has often felt the nerve-wracking effects of

continuous high levels of noise, and the nausea induced by glues and solder."

You would expect her to be well paid for these hours and dangerous working conditions, right? Would you believe her average wage is 58¢ an hour?

"The terms underdevelopment and dependency...describe a social reality in which persons like Kika and...her family must always move perilously between destitution and mere subsistence...surrounded by the glitter of progress."

Some of the glitter is provided by the plant managers who, almost without exception, live in the affluent suburbs of El Paso, Texas. Arriving at the plant after a comfortable 35 minute drive, they never see the ruterros (small vans) and buses which have already disgorged their hundreds and hundreds of women passengers, who are herded like cattle from their homes to their work-place.

This is another example taken from the *Making a Living* study/action guide for 1981.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7.30 pm, St. George's Hall. Film: *Controlling Interest*.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7.30 pm, the school. Video-tape: Bishop Remi de Roo being interviewed after his recent visit to Nicaragua (Victoria Cable). Also, slide-tape show *Adelante* (building blocks in Nicaragua).

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7.30 pm: Paulo Friere's Literacy Campaign. United Church.

More details will be found in classified section this week.

## New class to enable women to learn about finances

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN  
Director, Continuing Education

As the song says, "It's a rich man's world." Women too want to learn more about handling and investing money, so another adult education class has been set up to further explore the subject.

Financial Facts for Women Only will start Monday, Feb. 9 in Room 1 at the high school.

Two time slots are offered, 2.30 and 7.30 pm. The afternoon class is to respond to people who hate driving at night, as well as Outer Islanders who wish to catch the 4.30 ferry home.

Class has been set up with two meetings only, two weeks apart to allow time for "homework": going out and talking to investment firms

and realtors, banks and credit unions, reading books and magazines, and any other research necessary for an individual's plans.

Second meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 will find members pooling information and evaluating progress, as well as deciding whether more classes and/or resource people are needed or wanted.

Even the class format will be decided by the class itself: panel discussion, question and answer, small groups in separate rooms, etc. This class will be tailored to its own needs.

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And it's all true, at Woodward's. It's in the store's flyer for June, 1938. A copy of the flyer was presented to *Driftwood* this week. Everything was cheap and the annual pay increase syndrome was a thing of the future. Hitler's forces were geared for the march into Czechoslovakia and the hard times were still in evidence.

It wasn't just groceries that were going cheap. If you ordered by mail before June 25, you could buy a pocket watch for 95¢. Or a tennis racquet. Or two bicycle tubes.

A dollar would buy you three pairs of socks, or 600 blue-lined envelopes or four packs of playing cards. The same cash would purchase two hot water bottles. For that dollar the man of the house could acquire one Wardenia razor and two packages of blades, a jar of Cool Shave, a tube of shaving cream and lotion and a shaving brush. Or 40 ounces of pure French olive oil.

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There was a catch to it all. Transportation was extra. The purchaser paid the mail charges. The groceries weighed 16 pounds, for example. That would cost 60 cents to mail to the islands from the Vancouver store. On the other hand, the fellow who bought his shaving tackle from the mail order lists would only pay 10 cents postage because it weighed less than a pound.

You could hang yourself at almost no charge. The store offered 85 feet of half-inch rope or 35 feet of three-quarter inch for 95¢. Or you could tear everything apart. For that sum of 95¢ Woodward's would sell you a "good quality" household hammer and a 24-inch wrecking bar. On the other hand, if you wanted a good nail hammer, you had to go without the wrecking bar and get the hammer alone for your buck. A Stanley block plane, seven inches long, was also offered for the 95¢.

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The list covered four tabloid pages. The tragedy of the sale in 1938 is that the prices appealed far less to the housewife of the period than they do today, after 40 years.

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# THE UNNAMED PAGE

## Missing one ingredient: a worthwhile manuscript

BY CAROLE EYLES

*Timmy the West Coast Tug* by Jeremy Moray. Freedom 79 Publications Inc., Vancouver 1980.

To become a successful writer, one must have perseverance and self-confidence. Jeremy Moray, author of *Timmy the West Coast Tug* certainly has both. When he could not get his book accepted by the established publishing companies, he set up his own company, published and marketed it himself.

Unfortunately, he should have paid more attention to the people in the trade, for the remaining ingredient of the successful writer is the one he is missing, a well-written, worthwhile manuscript.

To begin with, *Timmy the West Coast Tug* is written in a condescending tone and has some grammatical problems. Any book, especially one intended for use in the schools as this one was, should be as close to grammatically perfect as possible. Run-on sentences, sentence fragments, and over use of conjunctions and prepositions are problems that should be eradicated by good editing.

Further, nothing happens in the story. There is no learning, growth, or change in the characters, and there is little action or excitement to keep the reader's attention.

The basic device used in the story is personification of the tug and his animal friends. However, the personification of Timmy is inconsistent. He needs to be awoken to leave his dock, but he can sleep through the night while navigating a narrow strait.

The personification of the animals robs them of their natural dignity and adds nothing to our understanding of their behaviour. In the case of Granny Gull, "Because she's getting old, she always follows the ferry. Then she can have a ride when she gets tired," the concept implied is entirely erroneous.

The chart included with the book is its best feature. The difficulty of following Timmy's route on the chart, though, is on quite a different level from the story and vocabulary.

The illustrations are done in cartoon style and contain cliché characters and situations. While this is in keeping with the style of the story, it does nothing to elevate it beyond its weaknesses. The full colour pictures are large and bright and usually are placed beside or immediately after the appropriate text. The type face is large and bold on good quality paper making it easy to read.

However, the price of \$6.95 makes this an expensive paperback book. I would suggest that the money could be better spent on other books that would provide a more satisfying experience.

### Preserves everyday items

Clocks, spinning wheels, lullabies and hatpins are conserved as examples of the imagination and energy of the people that produced them. These creations are part of Canada's multicultural heritage which the National Museum of Man preserves for future generations.

## Salt Spring Elementary news

BY IAN JUKES

It's hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone - certainly one that will be remembered here at Salt Spring Elementary not only for the weeks of rest, but more importantly for the tremendously successful Christmas concerts in which over 600 adults and 300 students squeezed into the gym to see two performances.

As is the case everywhere, changes are evident here in the school as people have come and gone. Several familiar faces are gone, both student and staff. In particular, the school secretary of many years, Diana Elliot, has retired to take a position with the ferries - and Nick Gilbert - old Mr. Reliable - has resigned to become a builder of monuments to the rich and mortgaged.

In the office that bright new face you see is Myrna Boyd, and the Rasputin-like character who's the new community worker is well known local activist Ralph Miller.

### BACK ON LONG ROAD

After a week of culture shock brought on by a restful holiday, staff and students have recommenced the long road to June.

Athletically this coming weekend sees our once-postponed Delta Exchange happening, with Heath and Pebble Hill Elementaries arriving Friday for a weekend of ping-pong and volleyball. The volleyball in particular should be of interest, as both the girls and boys have strong teams. The girls have lost only three games all year.

Next Friday our teams will be hosting Fernwood, Mayne, Crofton and Bench from Duncan in our second annual volleyball tournament. Then it's on to basketball....

Thanks to the hard work of the Parents' Advisory Committee, who organized our most successful Garage Sale (over \$900 raised) and the Student Council, who promoted a T.V. raffle (raising over \$300-

and many thanks to the support of Don's Radio and T.V.), plans are now being finalized for the Grade 7 ski trip to Vernon and the Grade 6 sojourn to Strathcona.

### REDUCES COST

The money earned from these projects helps to reduce the cost of the trips to the students and allows us to plan such ambitious adventures.

And speaking of adventures, Bastion Theatre gave one to all the students Monday with a high Arctic legend known as *Ice Wolf*, with great costumes and the highly polished professionalism we've come to expect.

And down the hall, singing tunes old and new, school friend Valdy recording some class-assisted songs for the new Children's Hos-

pital. A delightful distraction in the midst of a spelling lesson!

There's more: the swimming program, the upcoming speech arts activities and so on. But enough for this week. I sure hope it won't be quite so long until I put the next column together.

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## Morris the Moose goes to Mexico

BY SUZANNE TERRICK

One day Morris was getting his mail. All he had was bills, bills, bills.

But wait, there was a different envelope that said YOUR LUCKY DAY.

He opened the envelope and read the letter. The letter said: "Morris the Moose, you have just won a trip to Mexico. Call this number for more information - 734-1101."

Morris ran into the house and called the number.

He said, "Hello, this is Morris the Moose."

"Hi Morris, I guess you got the good news. Well, you will be leaving for Mexico on the 23rd of June for 21 days. You can pick your tickets up at 1432 Bellford Avenue." The man hung up.

So Morris went over to the house to get his tickets. He ran home to get his suitcase ready.

On Friday the 23rd, Morris went

to the airport and got on the plane. When he arrived in Mexico he got a taxi to the HAT HOTEL. He rested for a while, then went out for a walk.

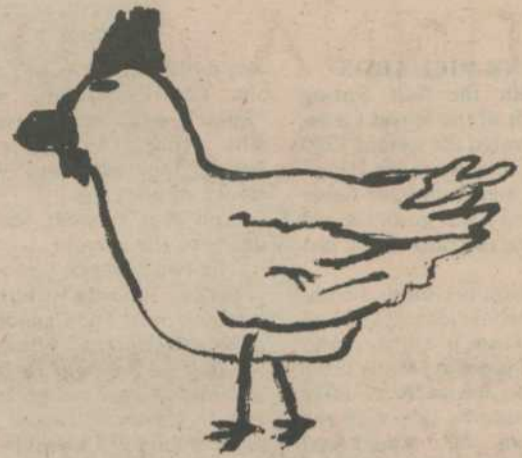
He was stopped by a Mexican. The Mexican asked him the time, "Excusami pron tiempo isla ello?" asked the Mexican. Morris was startled. He told the Mexican that he didn't speak Spanish.

"Perdone mi, adios senior." Morris walked away feeling bad.

Later on he was stopped by a woman but luckily she spoke English. She wanted to know if he wanted to buy a hat. So he bought a hat. After that he spent the rest of the day walking around town.

After his 21 days in Mexico he got home safely. A month later he got another YOUR LUCKY DAY letter saying that he'd won \$1,000. With two dollars of the money he went to buy a Spanish-English dictionary, so that when he went back to Mexico he wouldn't feel so badly about not speaking Spanish.

THE END



## Rick the Chick

BY TIM DUKE

Once there was a chick named Rick who once was very sick.

One day he found a brick and put it in the shed, after that he was ready to go to bed.

Just before he went to bed he said, "I would like to meet Fred the Pig of Meat."

In the morning his dream came true. He came face to face with Pig

of Meat. It was a very good treat to meet Pig of Meat.

The next day they had a duel to see who had to go to school. Rick the Chick lost the duel so he had to go to school.

When he went to school he felt like a fool.

One chick really liked to bug poor little Rick.

When he came back he hit the sack and never went back.

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## How Big Bird came to Sesame Street

BY KIRSTEN C.

Once a-pon a time there was a town full of children it was called Sesame Street.

One day, a big bird visited Sesame Street and scared a lot of the children away.

Everytime the children in the town went near him he would say "I'm hungry". So the children thought he was going to eat them.

The children decided to make the bird a big dinner - it was very big. It had, corn, pop, milk, juice, cherry pie, apple pie, peas, potatoes, carrots, bird seed, grapes, chicken, sandwiches and soup.

When the big bird had finished the meal he was so full he said he was never going to eat again.

The people soon began to realize he was their friend; and he also knew the children were his friends.

The children asked the bird his name. He said "I don't know, my mommy never gave me a name."

The children named him Big Bird and Big Bird was never lonely again. The children also made sure he had someone to play with every-day.



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## Salt Spring Legion sends \$200

# Veterans pay tribute to Gurkha comrades

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Last month the Salt Spring Island Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion voted the sum of \$200 to a group of veterans in the Himalayas, whom members have never met. The money will go to the aid of the Gurkha veterans of the last two wars.

The allocation is entirely voluntary and the whole idea of sending money to veterans in another land has been spontaneous. Many Canadian veterans across the country have fought side-by-side with the warriors from the Himalayas. Those who never saw a Gurkha soldier learned of the deathly skills of these traditional Nepalese soldiers.

The Gurkhas have fought with the British armies for a century and a half. Short, wiry and as tough as

any outlaw of America's old West, the Gurkha fought with his "kukri", a 15-inch, curved knife. The Himalayan fighter could behead his adversary with one stroke of his knife.

And that is what war means: death to the enemy.

The two fighters, Canadian and Gurkha, couldn't have been further apart. The Canadian was a peaceable citizen, whisked from his normal pastoral or industrial pursuits to learn to fight and to fly and to float and to kill. Even in combat, many Canadian soldiers evinced a distaste for killing. Once the conflict was over, the Canadian eagerly doffed his khaki and went back to his peacetime pattern of living.

### BORN TO FIGHT

The Gurkha was a warrior from

the moment of birth. He grew up in a tougher environment, where his forebears had survived only by virtue of their skill in battle. Fighting was his life-blood. He delighted in danger and war was a challenge which he could not resist.

But the similarity ended when the soldier came home.

The Canadian soldier who devoted his working life to the army was awarded a pension to enable him to carry on as a retired man.

The Gurkha veteran was awarded a pension of less than \$5 a month for 10 years with the forces.

The Canadian veteran took up a new life among his fellows. The Gurkha veteran came back to depend on the charity of friends and neighbours.

A decade ago a number of British soldiers, including Montgomery and Slim, launched a campaign to raise a nest egg for the Gurkhas. It was to be a welfare fund for the veterans and their dependants. They looked at a target of a million pounds.

### SYMPATHY

The Royal Canadian Legion felt a warm bond of sympathy with the project and invited all branches to make a contribution. And the Salt Spring Island Branch heard the appeal.

The Gurkhas fought the British invaders nearly 200 years ago. In 1815 a large British force overwhelmed them and Nepal was painted pink on British maps. Part of the results of that victory was an

agreement to recruit Gurkha warriors into the British forces. Since that time there have been Gurkha soldiers in the Imperial forces, for as long as there were Imperial forces.

On Salt Spring Island there is one war veteran who remembers his Gurkha comrades with an enduring affection. Alex Laing, retired banker of Arbutus Place, learned at first hand the fighting qualities and the warm comradeship of the short, tough Himalayan soldier.

In Laing's book, nothing will ever repay the Gurkhas for their contribution to the war effort. And Canadian veterans from all parts of the nation have been reading the same book.

## School safety in question

From Page One

vince would fare no better than Galiano School should they be subjected to a similar inspection by the same inspector using the same fire code.

"If the same inspector applied the same criteria to any 100 schools in British Columbia they would get the same kind of report," said Peck.

The report arrived almost two months after the inspection.

"I was waiting for the report and it doesn't come and it doesn't come so that shows how urgent it is," he said.

"I'm not criticizing the inspector or the report. The delays were caused by the volume of work and the size of the staff. I'm glad to have the report because it makes it very easy in Victoria to get approval to do the necessary work."

### ALREADY UNDERTAKEN

He says that many of the recommendations made had already been undertaken by the school board as part of a \$25,000 renovation program at the two-classroom frame school. There is also a kindergarten in addition to the two classrooms.

The fire marshal's recommendations include installation of a fire alarm system, installation of numerous smoke or heat detectors, relocation of a basement furnace oil fuel tank outside of the building, installation of an emergency lighting system, installation of exit doors from each classroom to the outside and numerous other safety measures.

Many of the recommendations are already being implemented or soon will be, according to Peck.

Some of the errors in the report include the proposed installation of four fire extinguishers where four are already in place, installa-

tion of an automatic closer on a furnace room door where there already is one, provision for "adequate combustion air" around an electric water heater and repeated reference to principal Kenneth Hennesy. The principal is Kenneth Gaylor.

### MISUNDERSTANDINGS

Peck refers to the discrepancies as "misunderstandings" between the fire marshal's office and the school board.

The \$25,000 renovation program, begun early last summer, included installation of a new roof, ceilings and lighting system; wash-room renovations; added bracing; interior and exterior painting and minor repairs.

It was while carrying out wash-room renovations that workmen came across the charred junction box. School trustees approved allocation of \$250 in emergency funds to rewire the area around the short circuit.

Trustee John Zacharias is concerned about conditions at the school, particularly in light of the discovery of the charred junction box. Zacharias is chairman of the buildings and grounds committee.

"I am concerned but I am not concerned enough to say that we should shut it down," he said.

"I feel that we are doing everything that we can to protect the lives of the children."

Zacharias says that the fire marshal's recommendation that a fire watch be stationed in the school is alone cause enough for concern about safety.

### ALARM SYSTEM

In light of the report, the school board plans to install a fire alarm system valued at about \$10,500 in addition to a \$2,000 emergency

lighting system.

Renovations were initiated following a study conducted for the school board two years ago by local architect Henry Schubart. At the time, the school board had considered abandoning the small frame building which was constructed in 1957.

Peck estimates that it would cost about \$216,000 to replace the building. The school board hopes to build an additional building near the existing facility later this year as part of its plans to accommodate steady increases in enrolment in the school district.

Peck has already contacted a provincial electrical inspector to inspect the entire wiring system at the school.

School board chairman Strickland Aust plans to send the junction box and charred remnants of wiring to the ministry of education.

"Why it didn't take fire I'll never know," said Galiano trustee Jim Ripley at last Thursday's school board meeting.

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# Sunday concert was 'precious offering' from island children

BY JOAN STACEY

As I came out into the cold air from the Ganges activity centre on Sunday afternoon, I could still hear the voices of more than 60 children joyously singing, "Let there be Peace on Earth and let it in begin with me," ringing in my ears.

Since then, I have been searching for a word to describe the concert, Children Helping Children.

I heard the comments of the people around me as we jostled out of the activity centre together: "Great," "wonderful afternoon," "such talent," "an inspiration," but I can't think of my own word to describe that afternoon.

I would have to add to what the others have said and say it was a precious offering from Salt Spring children to children in need, all over the world. This concert was encouragement and hope personified.

## PERFORMED WITH EAGERNESS

Tiny violinists, pianists, dancers and vocalists performed with eagerness and excitement. Most of the children were in the five-nine years age groups with some more senior young people taking part. It was a program which I would not have thought possible - 36 items! Yet it flowed easily and always with interest from beginning to end in two hours.

The credit for the inspirational idea of the event and the excellence of the organization goes to Jean Knight. She was quietly in evidence, tuning up tiny violins, reassuring performers as she turned a small body a little more towards the audience or raised a violin into a correct position.

Jean is a tireless worker for the Save the Children's Fund, to which all proceeds from this Concert were donated.

Some highlights of the concert for me were as follows:

- The sweet natural unaccompanied voice of Daya Fears, 8, with her excellent enunciation and pitch.

- Yani Horsdal, 6, playing *The Princess and the Pirate* on the

piano with great verve, as pennies cascaded to the floor from his knee or pockets. Later he played a fine duet with his brother Tao, *The More we are Together*.

- Brett Marshall, a very advanced six-year-old pianist accompanying Karra Downie, cellist, at a very enthusiastic tempo.

- Morven Neish playing her harp so sensitively that we could almost smell the heather.

## ADVANCED PIANISTS

Two advanced pianists were Sarah Weibe, a pupil of Angela Funk, and Linda Ramsey, a pupil of Dr. Killeen. I enjoyed the admiration on the faces of the tiny pianists sitting near me during these performances.

The Salt Spring Elementary Choir, directed by Jean Davies, sang two pieces which were appropriate to the occasion, *Black and White* and *Morning Has Broken*. It was a joy to hear every

word well enunciated.

The performers of Children Helping Children were as follows:

Tina Reid, Celle Rikwerda, Kirsten Luker, Thomas Yardley, Robin Clark, Daya Fears, Brett Marshall, Roses Alkoff, Karra Downie, Kris Luker, Yani Horsdal, Collette Marcotte, Juda Shugar, Jane Cunningham, Megan Williamson, Cathy Gossett, Marci Wilson, Theresa Wagg, Danica West, Jayna Adsheed, Nanette Kessler, Michelle Boehringer, Krista Thomas-Sadler, Sarah Wiebe, Morven Neish, Lena Maron, Joey Cocker, Inga Mainwaring, Linda Ramsey, Carol Lane and Sharon Holmes.

Unfortunately, the names of the school choir are not available.

This impressive effort realized \$224 for the Save the Children Fund. And Jean Knight says she is already planning the next one.

# Dream becomes reality with dinner, music and dance

BY REID COLLINS

This is in the nature of a true confession. I play the piano. The piano is a percussion instrument which one thumps. One day while thumping the piano I had a little daydream.

Everything was candlelit. The light reflected off the soft walls of Beaver Point Hall as the people arrived. As they walked into that beautiful hall they were greeted by a classical baroque group. Then some blues piano. A guitar player was playing when the buffet dinner of lamb and salmon and vegetarian stuff was ready. Dinner music included a classical trio, a guitar duo, flute music and jazz piano.

When we'd all wine and dined the piano concert began with seven local artists packing the best of their own and others' works into an hour of really exciting listening. Then everyone danced with two bands playing turn about with piano music in between. And of

course in my daydream I M.C.'d the whole thing, making witty remarks here and there and playing the piano. And of course the hundreds of dollars we got from tickets and alcohol would go to Beaver Point Hall and the evening would be a resounding success.

The daydream is turning to reality. Join us for this particularly savoury piece of reality January 31, 1981 at Beaver Point Hall at 7 pm. Tickets are \$7 at Annie's or et cetera.

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Local musicians participating include: Oscar Riley and friends Jane, Basil and Denis, Tim Collins, Doug Rhodes, Doug Rhodes, Valdy Horsdahl, Jeff Lacey, Robin Cherney, John Akehurst, Peter Clark, John Forbes, Dwayne Prosk, Reid Collins and Rick Nunez.

# Magnitude of show demands heavy rehearsal schedule

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

People ask me: "What do you mean, rehearsals are getting into high gear? The show doesn't happen until April. Why are they so busy now?"

I'd refer these people to the classified section which carries the full rehearsal schedule for this month. Perhaps this will give the uninitiated some idea of the amount of hard work involved in putting on a show of this magnitude.

Pat Desbottes, the director, has divided the schedule into three parts. The first part will have a complete run-through on February 1. Then they will start work on the second segment. All future rehearsals will be at Mahon Hall, made possible by the generous loan of Barbara Toynbee's piano.

I was at a very early singing rehearsal and I was both impressed and excited. The cast sat like a bunch of earnest students, in three rows of chairs. Dwayne Prosk, the choral director, gave them some vocal exercises, "warm-ups," then led them by easy stages into that stirring number from *Fiddler, Tradition*. Before you could say "on the other hand," the four groups, Papas, Sons, Mamas and Daughters, were singing in the most beautiful harmony.

Angela Funk was the rehearsal pianist, and as I left the hall, I marvelled at the talents on this "tight little island." The professional approach of the director, channelled down through the expertise of the choral director, accompanied by the talented and versatile pianist, and culminating in a sound worthy of any professional company who had been working for several weeks, not mere hours!

I remembered my doubts in the early days of *Jesus Christ, Superstar*. That show broke through several sound barriers on Salt Spring Island. Like the four-minute mile, before it, nothing was possible. After it, nothing is impossible. It was nice to be wrong at that time, when I said "it couldn't be done."

Now I know *Fiddler* is going to be a tremendous show (and it's already my favorite musical of all time!) and for once, I'm going to be right!

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Thanks to our patrons from the staff and management for your faithful support.



537-5571

Friday & Saturday  
in the PUB:

## Ricochet

COMING SOON TO THE PUB:

### Tuesday Night SPECIAL EVENTS

such as *Talent Night*, *Pool Tournaments (ladies' and men's)*, and *Surprise Happenings*.

Also available Tuesday night only, 8 pm to midnight:

Hip of Beef & Salad - \$5.95

## \$9.95 Special

in the Dining Room, 5-10 pm

### BBQ Baby Back Ribs

or our own special

### Sole Florentine

Dinner includes choice of stuffed potato or rice pilaf, fresh garden vegetables, soup or salad and choice of beverage.

Child's portion available.

Wine & Dine  
to the sounds of

## Ray & Virginia

Friday & Saturday night

Friday & Saturday  
in the LOUNGE:

Salt Spring's own

## Kathy Stack

6 pm-1 am

Lounge now open  
only on weekends.








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# A Name in a Flash

<p><b>Matthews Bobcat Service</b> R.R. #1, Mansell Road, Ganges, B.C. ● Septic fields ● Ditching ● Landscaping ● Driveways ● Backfilling ● Etc. Phone Blain 537-5724 eves.</p>	<p><b>SALT SPRING GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE</b> 537-5821</p>	<p><b>Gulf Islands Septic Ltd.</b> 537-9353 Septic Tank Pump-Outs ON PENDER ISLAND CALL Ross-Smith Ltd. 629-3573</p>	<p><b>HOGAN CHIMNEY SWEEPS</b>  complete chimney cleaning for safe efficient fires. FULLY EXPERIENCED with the latest professional equipment Inspection by journeyman bricklayer. <b>537-5340</b> Days or Evenings</p>	<p><b>LWC Services</b> CARPENTRY MASONRY GENERAL REPAIRS to home &amp; property. Phone Larry Campbell 537-5460</p>
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<p><b>H. L. REYNOLDS</b> ● TRUCKING ● BULLDOZING ● GRAVEL ● SHALE ● FILL <b>537-5691</b> Box 284, Ganges</p>	<p><b>Dave's Drilling &amp; Blasting</b> <b>537-2618</b></p>	<p><b>Lancer Contracting Ltd.</b> Commercial - Custom Homes <b>537-5453</b> or <b>653-4437</b> Office: Lancer Bldg., Lower Ganges Road Box 352, Ganges</p>		<p><b>BLANKET B.C.</b> with your classified ad! Your 25-word ad will appear in most of the member papers of the B.C. &amp; Yukon Community Newspapers Association, reaching over 320,000 people, for only <b>\$99!</b> For details, contact <b>GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD</b> 537-2211 Box 250, Ganges, B.C. 537-2613</p>
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<p><b>Gulf Island Trucking &amp; Aggs. Inc.</b> Box 47, Ganges, B.C. * Trucking * Pitrun * Peagravel * Sand * Screened 3/4" Gravel * 1 1/2" Drainrock * Fieldrock <b>537-9452</b> <b>537-5402</b> Office Ron - eves.</p>	<p><b>La Fortune Contracting Ltd.</b> Box 507, Ganges <b>QUALITY HOMES</b> Foundations &amp; Framing <b>537-5345</b> eves.</p>		<p><b>Custom Cabinets</b> By contract or hourly CUSTOM CABINETS INTERIOR FINISHING FRAMING <b>653-4642</b> Peter Melancon</p>	<p><b>WHY GO OFF-ISLAND?</b> <b>Driftwood</b> can handle all your typesetting needs. BUSINESS CARDS FLYERS ● MAGAZINES NEWSPAPERS ● BOOKS YOU NAME IT! 537-2211 537-2613</p>

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<p><b>BLOOD DONOR CLINIC</b> This Monday, Jan. 19th LEGION HALL</p>		<p><b>GIT</b> Serving ALL the islands <b>Gulf Islands Water Taxi Ltd.</b> 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE Jack Hughes 537-2510 Ganges</p>		<p><b>Play It Safe. Be Winterized!</b> Wet clothes can extract heat from the body nearly 200 times faster than dry clothes. Canadian Red Cross Society </p>	
<p><b>Salt Spring Island Glass</b> Since 1975 * HOUSE, AUTO &amp; BOAT GLASS * SCREENS &amp; AWNINGS (Custom made) * MIRRORS CUT TO FIT WALL OR FRAME * ALUMINUM STORM WINDOWS (Inside or outside) * DOUBLE GLAZED CONVERSIONS * STAINED GLASS - LEADED WINDOWS Dennis Marshall - Journeyman Glazier Mouat's Mall 537-9298 Tues.-Sat. 10-4</p>	<p><b>POPEYE Boat Tops</b> Live Bait Tanks - Windows Soft Tops - Cushions Custom Upholstery Free Estimates Fast &amp; Reliable Service 653-4667 Box 555, Ganges, B.C.</p>	<p><b>Bruce Fiander</b> YOUR IMPERIAL  AGENT 537-5312 Box 347, Ganges, B.C.</p>	<p><b>Gulf Island Window Cleaners</b> JANITOR SERVICE CARPETS STEAM CLEANED We also offer: ● Carpet Guard Treatment 537-9841</p>		
<p><b>the Landscapers</b> GARDEN SERVICE DESIGN CONSTRUCTION NURSERY SALES Call any morning 8 am - 10 am Saturdays 9 - noon 537-5232 Box 613, Ganges</p> 	<p><b>Painting &amp; Decorating</b> TEMME &amp; VOLQUARDSEN 537-9248 537-5188</p>	<p><b>ELECTRA</b>  * COLLECT * <b>APPLIANCE</b> Repairs &amp; Parts For SERVICE call DUNCAN 748-2514 collect.</p>	<p><b>AI Service</b> for all GULF ISLANDS Foxglove - 537-5531 Brodie Cupples 537-5497 Tom Gossett 537-9281</p>	<p><b>General Trucking AND Contract Hauling</b> FULLY LICENSED &amp; INSURED Call 537-5453 days Call 537-5663 eves.</p>	<p><b>The Camera Store</b> MOUAT'S MALL 537-2625 Tues.-Sat. 10:30-4:30 Closed Mondays</p>
<p><b>TAYLOR'S NORTH END PLUMBING</b> Serving Salt Spring Commercial &amp; Residential 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE call Ben Taylor 537-9352 or 537-9422 (Access) North Beach Rd., RR#1, Ganges</p>	<p><b>VANDORT WINDOW &amp; DOOR</b> ● K-Line ● Dashwood ● Alcan ● Wescraft ● B. C. Door ● Sauder Door ● Murray Door FREE ESTIMATES WE DELIVER 537-9812 or 537-9894 eves.</p>	<p><b>Marcotte's Garage Autowreckers</b> COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR SERVICE STEAM CLEANING WELDING 24-HOUR TOWING SERVICE 537-9423 Gil Marcotte</p>	<p><b>TV SALES &amp; SERVICE</b>  Hitachi Service to all makes 537-2943 - Mouat's Mall <b>Don's Radio &amp; T.V.</b> Division of Perkins Electronics</p>	<p><b>COUGAR T.V. &amp; STEREO</b> Sales &amp; Service ALL MAKES FREE ESTIMATES Valcourt Centre 537-2623</p> 	
<p><b>P. &amp; B. PLUMBING</b> 9783 3rd Street Sidney, B.C.</p>		<p><b>Marianne</b> <b>CUSTOM MADE DRAPERIES &amp; Drapery Fabric</b> Hand Finished in own Workshop FREE HOME SERVICE COMPLETE INSTALLATION &amp; TRACK SERVICE 537-9592 or call collect 942-4976</p>	<p>*UPHOLSTERING *DRAPERIES *SLIPCOVERS Free estimates - Free pickup on any Gulf Island DANISH TRADESMAN Phone collect 383-7621</p>		
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<p><b>Salt Spring Plumbing</b> JACUZZI PUMPS Art Munneke 653-4284 Evenings. Box 18, RR#1, Fulford Harbour</p>	<p><b>J &amp; A Oil Burner Service</b> JOHN COTTRELL Certified Oil Burner Mechanic 537-9314 Box 226, Ganges</p>	<p><b>Like New Again!</b> DON IRWIN'S <b>Collision &amp; Repairs Ltd.</b> Desmond Crescent behind Windsor Plywood 537-2513</p>	<p><b>Bill's Engine Repairs SHELL SERVICE</b> ● Automotive Repairs ● Autobody Claims ● Homelite Chainsaws ● MTD &amp; Snapper Lawn &amp; Garden Equipment 24-HOUR TOWING 537-2023 days 537-2428 night calls</p>	 <p>EXCELLENCE THE DIGNITY OF LABOUR</p>	

## SCHOOL D

## Continuing Education C

Most classes start week of  
January 26, but not all. Check  
starting dates carefully.

**Antiques**

**MILLIE COLLEY, Pender Island**  
Mondays, 2:30 pm or 7:30 pm, Art Room  
3 sessions — \$10  
Starts Jan. 26

First session: see "Pandora's Box" opened.  
Second: Bring one of your own small treasures,  
learn more about its value. Third: Books and  
more discussion, how to expand your collection.

**Ballet and Tap Dancing**

**SUE BOWLER**

**Fall Classes continued**

Sue will continue the Monday & Wednesday  
afternoon classes taught last fall by Alice  
Friedman - same time & place.

**New Classes****MONDAYS & THURSDAYS**

Beg. & Int. Adults Ballet  
6 weeks (twice a week) — \$50  
Monday 4:30-6, Thurs. 7:30-9 (students may  
enroll for one session/week only at \$30 if they  
wish).  
Advanced Tap - 6 weeks (twice a week) — \$22  
Mondays 6-6:30, Thursdays 7-7:30  
Grades 4 & 5 level tap - tap shoes a must.

**THURSDAYS**

2:30 - Beginners Ballet & Tap, ages 3-6 yrs.  
6 weeks — \$22  
3:30 - Beginners Ballet & Tap, ages 7 & up  
6 weeks — \$22  
4:30-5 - Intermediate Tap only for children  
6 weeks — \$11.  
Grades 3 & 4 level tap, tap shoes required.

**Ballroom Dancing**

**TOM & EVELYN ROUGHLEY, Sidney**  
Sundays 3:45 pm, Activity Centre  
5 sessions — \$15, couples \$22; starts Feb. 1

**Batik: Beginners & Intermediate**

**KIRSTIE SHOOLBRAID**  
Mondays, 3 pm - Foods Rm.  
6 sessions — \$18 - starts Jan. 26  
Evening class may be arranged.

**Berry Growing**

Co-sponsored by Farmers' Institute  
**RAY STEWART**  
Thursday, 7:30 — Rm. 5  
5 sessions — \$15 - starts Jan. 29  
Other fruits suitable to Island growing will also  
be discussed.

**Sew your own****Blue Jeans**

**KATIE McHUGH, Camosun College**  
Friday, Feb. 7, 7:30-9:30, Sewing Rm.  
Saturday, Feb. 8, 9-4, " "  
Fee \$15

Friday - patterns, measuring, tracing, etc.  
Saturday - sewing. Bring your own machine,  
if possible.  
Limit 15

**Cooking: Chinese**

**MANO SANDHU**  
Tuesday, 7:30 — Foods Rm.  
3 sessions — \$9 - starts Feb. 17

**Cooking: Gourmet**

**STEVE LYNCH, The Bay Window**  
Tuesday, 7:30 — Foods Rm.  
3 sessions — \$9 - starts Jan. 27  
First session - Hors d'oeuvres  
Second - complete dinner  
Third - desserts

**Dance**

with **PENNY CHRISTIE**

**Jazz Dance**

Wednesdays, Mahon Hall - starts Jan. 21  
Beginners 6:30-8, Intermediates 8-9:30  
10 sessions — \$34 incl. rent.

**Stretch & Condition**

Saturdays, 1-2 pm - Mahon Hall  
10 sessions — \$22 incl. rent - starts Jan. 17

**Coming in Feb.:****Jazz Dance for Teens**

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30

**Photographic****Darkroom Printing**

**CEDRIC BARKER**  
Tuesday, 7:30 - Drafting Rm.  
5 sessions — \$15 — starts Jan. 27  
Black & white, some colour. Bring negatives to  
first session. Will be tailored to student needs.

**Defensive Driving**

**KEN WYATT, FRANK TAYLOR**  
Monday, 2:30-4:30 and 5:30-7:30 — Rm. 4  
2 sessions — \$16, plus student handbook \$4  
Feb. 2 & 9

**English as a Second Language**

**ROBIN IRVING**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays — 7:30 pm  
Elem. School French Room (by library)  
Jan. through March, \$10 per month, \$15 couple.

**Financial Facts****For Women Only**

2 Mondays, Feb. 9 & 23, 2:30 OR 7:30. Rm. 1  
Fee — \$6  
**PAT JAMES & AMY McLEOD**  
How to think your way through the financial  
jungle.

Pat James is returning to us from the  
introductory class Investing for Women, last  
fall, and Amy McLeod has come to Salt Spring  
with 8 years experience in financial services  
with Canada Trust in the East.

**Flower Arrangements****Dried Flowers**

**SANDRA KEOPPEL, A Garden Faire**  
Thursday, Jan. 29, 7 pm - Arts Room  
1 session only — \$3  
Baskets and materials will be available for  
purchase or bring your own.

**Introduction to****Canadian Folk Music**

**MURRAY SHOOLBRAID**  
Thursdays, 7:30 — Kindergarten Room  
6 sessions — \$15 - starts Jan. 29  
European and British origins in Canadian folk  
music. 7th session will be concert with off-island  
performers, open to public; class members half  
price.

**French****STAFF**

Thursdays, 7:30 - Rm. 2  
5 sessions — \$12.50 - starts Feb. 5

**G.E.D.****High School Equivalency Preparation  
Studies**

**JOHN HALL**  
Thursday, 7:30 - Ganges Hill School  
7 sessions — \$14 - starts Jan. 29  
Preparation for General Educational Develop-  
ment test - widely accepted in Canada and the  
U.S. as high school equivalent. Attend all  
sessions or choose from following sessions:  
Jan. 29 - overview of test  
Feb. 5 - reading skills  
Feb. 12 - writing skills  
Feb. 19 - social studies  
Mar. 5 - math  
Mar. 12 - science  
Mar. 19 - review  
Mar. 21 - test - \$5 fee (may be repeated as  
necessary to pass).

**Hunter Training****S.S.I. ROD & GUN CLUB**

Wednesday, 7:30 - Room 10  
9 sessions — \$9 - starts Feb. 11

**Practice Sessions in****Investment Portfolio Management**

**KIRSTIE SHOOLBRAID & SALLY ROBINSON**  
Tuesday 7:30, Wednesday 3 pm — Rm. 2  
5 sessions — \$15 - starts Jan. 27 & 28  
Choosing stocks & bonds; trading; keeping up with  
weekly changes, etc.

**Jewellery****CRAIG WRIGHT**

Wednesday, 7:30 — Woodshop  
8 sessions — \$22 - starts Jan. 28

**Knit & Crochet****Beginners & Intermediate**

**CAROL GUILBAULT**  
Tuesday, 7:30 - Small Graphics Rm.  
6 sessions — \$15 - starts Jan. 27  
European and American styles of knitting will  
be taught. People from last fall's class may  
come in at 8:30 for half price.

**Painting: with Watercolours****BRUCE SMITH**

Tuesday, 2:30-5:30 or 7-10 — Art Rm.  
6 sessions — \$25 - starts Jan. 27

**Painting: with Oils****BRUCE SMITH**

Wednesday, 2:30-5:30 or 7-10 - Art Rm.  
6 sessions — \$25 - starts Jan. 28

# SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 Classes - Mid-Winter 1981

Interested in teaching a class?  
Or studying something not  
listed below? Call 537-9251.

**Parenting S.T.E.P. program**  
MARY LOU COE/WENDI CASE  
will be discussion leaders  
Monday, 7:30 - Elem. staff room  
9 sessions — \$9 - starts Jan. 26

**Travel Photography**  
CEDRIC BARKER  
Thursday, 7:30 - Drafting Rm.  
3 sessions — \$9 - starts Jan. 29  
Improve your picture-taking while on holiday.

**Plato's Republic**  
JOHN HALL  
Tuesday, 7:30 - Ganges Hill School  
8 sessions — \$24 - starts Jan. 27  
All you ever wanted to know about ancient justice, war, education, democracy and immortality, but were afraid to ask.

**Quilting: Advanced**  
JOCELYN HOLMES  
Thursday, 2:45 - Textiles Rm.  
8 sessions — \$25 - started Jan. 8

**Quilting: Beginners**  
JOCELYN HOLMES  
Tuesday, 7:30 - Textiles Rm. - starts Jan. 20 or  
Wednesday, 2:45 - Textiles Rm. - starts Jan. 21  
8 sessions — \$25  
Bring 1 m plain and 1 m small pattern cotton or cotton blend material.

**Reading & Writing Skills**  
MURRAY SHOOLBRAID  
Wednesday, 7:30 - Rm. 6  
5 sessions — \$15 - starts Feb. 4  
Course level is comparable to English 100, standard first-year university course.

**Refinish that old piece of Furniture**  
MILLIE COLLEY Pender Island  
Tuesday, 3 pm and 7:30 pm, Woodshop  
3 sessions — \$12  
Starts Jan. 27 and meets every two weeks (Feb. 10 and 24) to allow work time.  
Choose a wood chair or chest or something smaller for this class.

**Round Dancing**  
with BRUCE WRIGHT  
will resume on Wed. Feb. 18 in the Activity Centre at 8 pm. No beginners, please, until next Fall.

**Learning Russian through the Literature and Music of the country**  
MURRAY SHOOLBRAID  
Thursday 3-5 pm, Room 4  
5 sessions — \$15 - starts Jan. 29  
Pushkin's *Queen of Spades* will be basic text, plus songs of the country. NOTE: Ask about UBC's study trip to Russia May 3-31, \$2500 all-inclusive.

**Scottish Dancing (no beginners)**  
IAN THOMSON  
Wednesday, 7:30 - Fernwood gym  
8 sessions — \$24 - starts Jan. 28

**Spanish - Beginners & Intermediate**  
TELESFORO TAJUELO  
Thursday, 7-9 (Beg.) or 8-10 (Int.) — Rm. 5  
8 sessions — \$24 - starts Jan. 28

**Community Sports Nights**  
Watch next week's *Driftwood* for more information.

**Square Dancing**  
BILL SMITH, Duncan  
Last fall's class will resume Sunday, Jan. 18, 1:30 in the Activity Centre. No beginners until the Fall, please.

**Tai'Chi**  
The Complete Short Form of 24 Movements  
MICHAEL BLADES  
Tuesday, 7:30 — Rm. 1  
10 sessions — \$30 - starts Jan. 27

**Typing & Dicta-Typing**  
JUNE KNOWLES  
Tuesday, 7:30 - Typing Room  
6 sessions — \$18 - starts Jan. 27

**Wen-Do - Basics**  
ALICE MACPHERSON, Vancouver  
Sat. & Sun., Feb. 28 & Mar. 1 - Mahon Hall  
Fee — \$12  
10 am - all day, with lunch break  
A 2-day workshop in Women's Self-Defence Techniques. NOTE: pre-registration is imperative.  
Minimum class size 15, maximum 20.

**Woodworking - Beginners Only**  
IAN THOMSON  
Monday, 7-9 - Woodshop  
8 sessions — \$20, plus \$15 materials.  
Starts Jan. 26.  
Each student will work on an assigned project.

**Woodworking - Intermediate**  
IAN THOMSON  
Thursday, 7-9 — Woodshop, starts Jan. 29  
8 sessions — \$20

**Yoga I**  
PHYLLIS COLEMAN  
Tuesday, 6:30-8 — Rm. 4  
Wednesdays 9-10:30 — United Church  
6 sessions — \$20 (plus \$3 rent for church class)

**Yoga II**  
PHYLLIS COLEMAN  
Tuesday, 8-9:30 — Rm. 4  
Wednesday, 10:30-noon — United Church  
6 sessions — \$20 (plus \$3 rent for church class)  
Start Jan. 27 & 28.  
The longest-running Continuing Ed. course in the Gulf Islands. Enrollment has been maintained at a high level for 6 years. Students who have continued on this program achieve a feeling of physical fitness, plus a clarity of mind and emotional calmness that they had not experienced before.

## Registration Information

1. Register by mail or drop a check or money order in the Continuing Education box at the School Board Office. Please make checks payable to School District #64 and enclose in an envelope with Registration form or facsimile. Receipt will be mailed to you.

or

2. Register in person on 2 Mondays and 2 Tuesdays, Jan. 19 & 20, Jan. 26 & 27, from 8 am to 6 pm in the School Board office.

or

3. Register at the first class session. Note: Students may always audit first class and then pay fee(s) by method #1 if there is room in the class.

4. *Pre-registration is essential in all special events and workshops with off-island resource people, since classes may need to be cancelled if there is insufficient response.*

5. Telephone calls indicating interest are welcomed, but do not constitute registration.

6. Deferred payment or reduced fees may be arranged, under certain circumstances.

7. No refunds unless class is cancelled. Credit may be applied to another class if Director is notified by the end of first week of classes.

## Fees

- Fees are listed with course description.
- Certain school equipment is made available, but materials are not included unless noted.
- Seniors, \$1 Registration Fee only for any class.
- High School students, ½ price except for special children's classes.

## Volume Discount

1. Volume discount applies to multiple enrollments from the same person, or members of the same household, or any combination of same.

1 enrollment .....	No Discount
2 enrollments .....	10% Discount
3 enrollments .....	15% Discount
4 enrollments .....	20% Discount

2. No volume discount on \$1 fee only classes.

## Registration Form

CLASS TITLE	FEE
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	
<b>VOLUME DISCOUNT</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	
NAME .....	
ADDRESS .....	
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## KICK-OFF

# No highlights in weekend soccer action

BY MALCOLM LEGG

This week's article will be short and sweet as it is too early in the new year for a lot to have developed yet. I will briefly review last weekend's games and preview the intra-island teams competing for the Coers Cup.

I don't know if one could say the weekend had any highlights; but there were some low lights. The Strikers dropped a point in their 2-2 tie with Gorge but remained tied for first due to Lakehill also forcing a tie.

The Cyclones dropped their first point of the season with a 3-3 emotional tie at home to Cordova Bay. Even so, the team retains top spot easily.

The pleasant surprise on the two days came from the Selects as they played their best game as a unit with a solid 1-1 tie with Gorge. It

looks as though the boys could be coming on after a weak fall performance.

### WORST PERFORMANCE

The disappointment of the week came on Sunday as the Blues came up with their worst performance of the season in dropping a 5-3 decision to Victoria West. The loss was hard to take because of the way the Blues were subdued, especially since they led for most of the match.

An early goal from Julian Valcourt and two excellent markers from Dave Toynbee in the second half had the Blues coasting with a 3-1 lead mid-way through the second half. Then, suddenly, someone pulled the plug and a flood of four goals poured into Salt Spring's net and washed away the sweet taste of victory.

Hopefully next week our teams will shake off the doldrums (actu-

ally I think that they ate too well over Christmas) and the victory column will see some marks under it. As for the Blues - a tighter fitting plug ought to do the trick.

### INTRA-ISLAND

January 20 sees the commencement of Coers Cup play with the four senior teams playing 11-a-side on the full soccer pitch. The games have been shortened five minutes each half to offset the large area the players have to cover.

They should be preparing this week for next week's first encounters but it is difficult to know which team will adapt most easily to the new format.

The Panthers, league champions, are probably favoured due to their depth in talent anchored by Charlie Hume in defence and led by the league's big gun up front, Andrew Aust.

The Rowdies have to be the dark horse as they have a lot of talent in the likes of Kevin Smith, Robbie Wonless, Curtis Bird, Izak Ondre and Chris Koski and with more room to manoeuvre they could become an offensive powerhouse.

The Fury are a question mark because early in the season they looked to be a contender, but they slipped as the season progressed. Mark Nordine and Chad Little carry the leadership role but the team will need more to be the Cup winners.

The Kanaka Cosmos, our girls' team, although doubtful as Cup champions, could provide some surprises. They showed in their last league game, a 0-0 tie with the Rowdies, that they can compete but they have to gain consistency and more scoring to be a contender. Jennifer Anderson, Laura Hynes, Joey Moger and Suzanne Terrick will have to show the leadership for the team to go all the way.

Next week I will reveal what our executives have decided on for our spring schedule, regarding tournaments and the banquet.

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## Selects, Gorge tie 1-1

BY ALEX HOECHSMANN

### Selects, 1; Gorge, 1

It was a warm summer-like day at Hamton Park in Victoria Saturday, and a good day for the Selects.

At the beginning of the game the Selects' line-up was Mike Cue in goal, on defense were Steve Wertman, Peter Schroeder and Alan Stacey. The halfbacks were newcomer Ian Marcotte, Kurt Irwin and Brian Kaye and the forwards were Mike Lee, Jeff Wilson, Glen Speed and Dave Lacey.

As the play began the action was mainly toward the Selects' goal, but no goals were scored. The field was very slippery and everybody was slipping. Brian was subbed off and Scott Royal (also new to the team) was put in.

As the Selects' second rush came in, led by Steve Wertman, Glen Speed stepped into the clear by the goal. Steve passed to him and he scored, making the score 1-0 for the Selects.

The second half started out badly for the Selects on a penalty shot against them. No. 14 scored, making the score one all.

The pressure was mounting and Gary Hartwig and Nick Bergnach, the Selects' coaches, were shouting, trying to push the play to the Gorge goal but the whistle sounded, leaving the score one all.

## Strikers record five wins for first-place tie

BY STRICK AUST

### Salt Spring, 2; Gorge, 2

Saturday's game brought to a close the first half of the Strikers' scheduled season. With seven games completed we have a record of five wins, one tie and one loss. A record that is good enough to put us in a first-place tie with the only team that has been able to beat us, the Lakehill team in our league.

Saturday's game against Gorge was one of those frustrating events where you totally dominate play, but can't seem to get the ball behind the keeper. Gorge's goalie was unbelievable, stopping a total of 36 shots.

From time opening kick-off, the Strikers controlled the play and kept the Gorge defence under pressure for the first 10 minutes of the game. But they were both determined and quick and few of our shots reached the goal.

Finally, on a clearing kick, the ball got behind our defence and in trying to clear the ball, our defence mis-kicked and scored Gorge's first goal.

The Strikers went back on the attack with renewed vigour, but Gorge's goalie was not to be beaten. With approximately five minutes to go in the first half, Gorge brought the ball down their wing. Their hard shot was stopped by Striker goalie, Erin Fewings, but the ball squirted out of his hands and across the goal-mouth. Although Erin dove across and got the ball back, Gorge's forward kicked it out of his hands and into the net for their second goal.

A minute later, Striker Stuart Lyon brought the ball up the middle and smoked a shot at the Gorge net. Although their goalie was able

to get in front of the shot, he was not able to hold on to the rebound and Jeff Moger was Johnny-on-the-spot to hammer the ball in and put the Strikers back into the game.

Ten minutes into the second half, Stuart Lyon evened the score as a result of some very determined work by left half-back Hamish Lloyd. Hamish brought the ball up out of the mid-field, going around two of Gorge's players, faked a pass to the left wing, and then pushed the ball over to Stuart, who clipped it over the goalie and into the back of the net.

The Striker's continued to dominate the play, but bad luck, including a missed penalty kick and a disallowed goal, and some excellent goal-keeping on Gorge's behalf, resulted in the 2-2 tie.

Next week we travel to Centennial Park in Sidney to play the Peninsula Hornets. In our first game against them, we were victorious by a 4-1 score, but the Hornets are a good team and we will have our work cut out for us.

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## Cyclones tie with Bruins

BY BRUCE CASPAR

### Salt Spring Cyclones, 3; Cordova Bay Bruins 3.

After a good rest during the Christmas break, the Cyclones hit the field for a game against the Cordova Bay Bruins. Both teams got off to a slow start.

The first goal was scored by the Cyclones 15 minutes into the half. A good move and pass was made by Jan Hurst to Dan Utter, who rifled it into the net for the first score. Five minutes later Cordova Bay scored on an indirect penalty shot.

Another five minutes and Cordova Bay scored again on another penalty shot. The Cyclones then scored 15 seconds later, tying it up. The play looked as though it had been done hundreds of times before, with Dan Utter putting it on.

In the second half the game opened up and play was end to end for a while, with many close calls at each net.

The Bruins scored next and made it 3-2. Then the Cyclones tied it up with a corner kick from this writer. It landed right in the middle of everyone, but after a scramble Ken Anderson put it to Bryan Caspar who drilled it homefree. After this goal there were only a few minutes left and play was becoming desperate.

With just about a minute left the game was called because tempers were a little short and the referee didn't want anything to break out.

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