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## Proposal for study back to committee

Another study of the sewage situation in Ganges has been proposed but the Capital Regional Board sent it back to committee.

The study, proposed by the local works and services committee, would be carried out by three consulting firms with the results reviewed by a group of Salt Spring Island residents and two directors of the CRD.

A question of whether the local works committee could properly deal with such a matter was answered by a claim of lack of time required for the results.

Salt Spring director Yvette Valcourt told the board that Peter

Pollen, chairman of the waste management committee, had requested information, including costs, concerning alternatives being proposed to the sewer project.

He wanted such information to be available to the board before the group came to Ganges for a tour.

The three firms would take as terms of reference "a study to determine if on-site treatment systems, including maintenance of properly functioning septic systems, repair and replacement of septic units and limited sewerage in the Ganges area could be environmentally sound, technically feasible and less costly than a large central collection system for maximum daily flows of 90,000 imperial gallons...."

The study would be funded up to \$25,000 from housing starts grants and the money would be generated in the electoral area but no cost would be levied until the recommendations from the consultants were available.

The proposal from the local works committee also asked for a sub-committee to be set up to review the findings of the consultants and make recommendations.

The sub-committee would be composed of Pat Tiernan, Old Scott Road; Sharon McCullough, Welbury Point; Peter Pentz, Salt Spring Way; Andy Orkin, Thomas Road; and Arvid Chalmers, Trincomali Heights.

The Capital Regional District would be represented by directors Yvette Valcourt and David Krauel as well as chief engineer Norman Howard.

"We are asking a particularly biased group to review these proposals," noted a director.

The matter was referred to the solid waste management committee.

## District looking at future

Preliminary plans are being prepared in a long-range look at the future of the Ganges school complex.

School district officials met with architect Hank Schubart recently to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive plan of school facilities in the village.

In 10 years' time it's expected that 1,000 elementary students will be attending school at Salt Spring, along with 800 at the secondary level.

At present, the district envisions Gulf Islands Secondary School becoming a senior secondary school with a junior secondary, or middle school, elsewhere on the island.

Schubart has been asked to draw up preliminary plans while superintendent of facilities Wilf Peck is to prepare cost estimates.

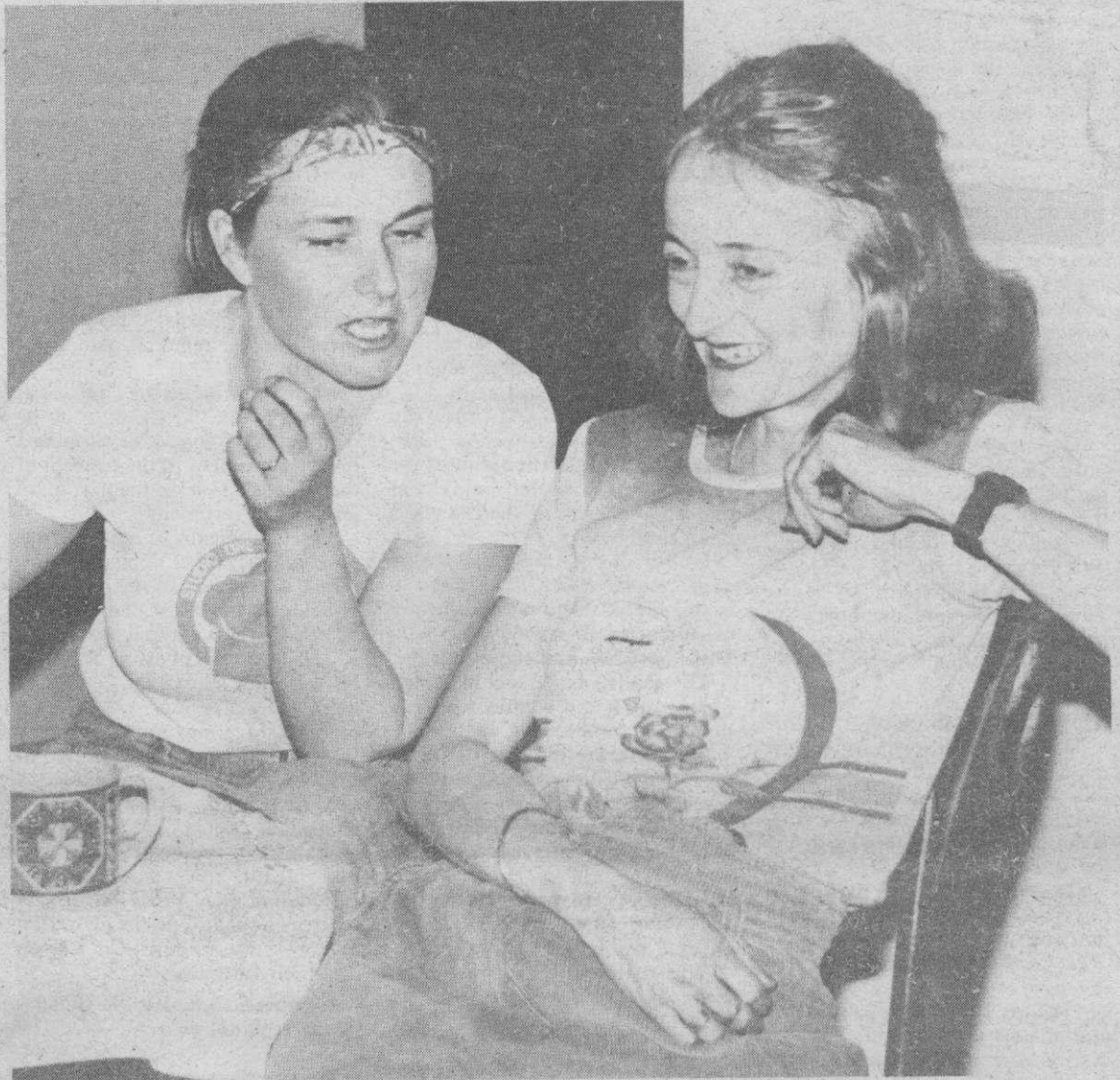


Photo by Larry Scarle

## Rose opens Friday

Rose, at right, grins wickedly as Sally tells of recent encounter with a flasher in the play *Rose*, being presented this week at Mahon

Hall. Rose is played by Dawn Luker and Sally by Anne Prosk. The Salt Spring Players

production, directed by Michael Armstrong, runs from Friday to Sunday.

## If they want to make money they should pick daffodils

The directors of the Capital Regional District will receive the same pay this year as last.

The finance committee had recommended a uniform rate of pay for all directors with those from electoral areas, except the Gulf Islands, being allowed an extra amount for expenses.

Several directors, led by David Krauel of Colwood, objected to the new structure which would have seen some directors receiving more and some receiving less pay than last year.

Krauel termed the juggling of individual pay packets as unfair but Doug Watts of Oak Bay said the efforts were in keeping with the intent of the law governing payment to elected officials. Each was to receive the same amount but the extra for electoral area representatives allowed for the increased work done.

The Salt Spring Island and Outer Gulf Island directors were not involved in land use problems,

said Watts, so they would not receive the expense allowance. The directors from municipalities were paid by the civic bodies which they represent and so did not need quite as much from the CRD.

Salt Spring director Yvette Valcourt disagreed with Watts' assessment of the workload she carries.

"I don't think they realize the workload for outlying area directors," she said. Land use is part of her job, she pointed out, by the necessity of her being on the planning committee for the Islands Trust.

Geoff Vantreight of Saanich said, "No one is here to make money. If you want to make more money, you can go out and pick daffodils."

The board also passed a motion which would see the outgoing board set the remuneration level for the incoming board. The directors would then have their pay adjusted every two years.

The cost to the CRD, excluding the payments for alternates sitting in for an absent director, would have been \$114,500 under the new structure. The cost to the CRD for last year's rates stands at \$114,612.

The payment for an alternate stands at \$56 per meeting. The change which had been proposed but was not accepted would have seen the amount paid to the alternate deducted from the pay of the director so represented.

The motion for the new structure was defeated on a tie vote. The second motion, to remain with the same pay as last year, received majority approval.

The chairman of the CRD board and the chairman of the regional hospital board each receive an extra amount in addition to their regular stipend.

The CRD chairman will get \$11,813 extra. The hospital chairman will take home \$4,787 more.

## Public meetings will consider schedules

B. C. Ferry Corporation will deal directly with the Islands Trust in reference to proposed changes to schedules.

At a meeting last week between the trustees from the Gulf Islands and the management of the ferry company, a proposed schedule was thrown out and the method of dealing with public comments was set up.

Each of the trustees from the various islands will hold public meetings to discuss the scheduling of ferry service for the Gulf Islands. The comments and proposals will be passed on to the corporation for consideration.

Service to the Outer Islands could be cut by up to 50% of the current schedule but no one seems to know for sure.

One trustee said, "We know we're not going to see an increase in service."

# Islands' future mapped out in regional plan

First of two parts  
BY BILL WEBSTER

The Islands Trust is not waiting for the provincial government to settle on its land-use policy. The trustees have developed a draft for a regional plan to cover the islands.

The plan, which will be subject to public scrutiny at various meetings, covers most of the 13 major islands and 500 smaller islands in the Trust area.

The regional plan looks at the islands in view of availability of fresh water, forestry and vegetation, agriculture, wildlife as well as the human angle.

With such aspects as economic activity, both now and in the future, being considered in relationship to social characteristics and the status of the land itself, the plan attempts to set out a direction the trustees see as the way the islands should be moving.

The need for such a plan, as outlined by the trustees, involved the unique marine environment of the Gulf Islands. The Trust area encompasses the islands sheltered by Vancouver Island, as well as the islands at the mouth of Howe Sound, and spreads north to include Denman, Hornby and Lasqueti Islands.

## ADDED PRESSURES

The interest shown by people who want to live on these islands has added pressures to the character and features of the area which are in danger of being lost in the shuffle.

The Trust has set out the goals it feels should be sought as well as the means of reaching those goals.

"It is the fundamental goal of this plan to fulfill the objectives of the Islands Trust Act: 'To preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of the province generally.'"

The preamble to the goals sets out simply what the trustees view as their task as curators of the various islands.

The trustees have divided the goals into two sections, environmental and social.

## REQUIRE SPECIAL HANDLING

They seek to preserve the unique natural environment of land, water and air and the life it supports. Areas of sensitivity or unique value require special handling and the way the Trust will go about the task is to ensure that existing sources of pollution are removed. They will also discourage activities inside or outside the Trust area which would have harmful effects on the islands.

The islands are important to the residents not only of the islands but of the province too, and of the rest of Canada. The selection and careful use of renewable natural resources will be used as a means for the Trust to reach its goals and pursue its policies.

On the social side, the Trust would preserve the rural character of the islands and "ensure that communities remain viable, healthful places in which to live, providing for a variety of lifestyles in harmony with the natural environment."

## GRADUAL GROWTH

Options for future growth will be explored in such a way that growth will come, not rapidly, but gradually and appropriately. The way to such growth, the Trust concludes, is to recognize the variety and diversity of the various islands through local policies in tune with the regional plan.

The islands exist for the residents and visitors. As such, access and opportunity must be framed in a way that enjoyment and appreciation of the islands is open to all.

Government agencies and departments which have a say in island life must be brought into a co-operative communication with both the Trust and the public.

The goals of the regional plan hinge upon acceptance of the policies to implement them. The Trust would see implementation of the goals and policies through several channels.

Local community plans and bylaws are currently in place on the large islands and cover the smaller islands associated with them. The remaining small islands will be covered by similar bylaws soon.

The community plans offer general statements on the objectives of the residents of the various islands and cover such subjects as lot sizes and land use. The plans define in general terms the scale of development anticipated by the islanders and the Trust.

## IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Another aspect of the implementation of the regional plan will be the use of environmental impact assessments. The use of the assessments should provide useful information on the cost-benefits of major projects particularly when the projects appear to be in conflict with stated policies but may contain merit and be in the public interest.

The Islands Trust Act contains a provision, as yet not enacted, which would allow the Trust to hold land and money. The trustees are currently attempting to convince the minister of municipal affairs to proclaim the section.

The Trust fund, for land and

money, would allow the Trust to accept gifts and bequests. The objective of the Trust fund would be to acquire, preserve and manage those areas deemed most valuable

## APPEARS ESSENTIAL

Such stewardship would appear to be essential if many areas of the Trust are to be made available to future generations.

The islands, spread as they are over most of the Strait of Georgia, fall under the purview of many ministries and departments of government. B.C. Hydro actions can affect the environment as can work done by the ministry of transportation. The lands branch, the marine resources branch, each has a say in island life.

The Trust recognizes that co-operation between the various interest groups is necessary to carry out the regional plan, even partially.

"The major issue remains, however," the Trust says in its regional plan, "one of developing a real commitment to the concept of the Islands Trust on the part of all levels of government."

The final means of implementation of the plan depends upon public acceptance of the goals and policies as well as a commitment by residents to make it work.

The Trust will involve the public in selecting choices as well as defining goals and establishing policies. Meetings and a two-way flow of information will be used to involve the public in the process.

John Rich, Islands Trust chairman, noted in a message contained in the draft plan, "The plan is still, however, a draft. At this point the Trust wishes to receive comments on the plan from all those interested in the islands and their future."

Next week, a look at the policies of the regional plan.

## New dialing system coming to islands

"O-Plus" telephone service is coming to the Gulf Islands.

Pender Island telephone subscribers were the first in the islands to be switched over to the new system. The conversion took place March 24.

O-Plus calling allows telephone users to dial their own operator-assisted long distance calls.

The new service will be introduced at Salt Spring Island on April 22 and Galiano, Mayne and Saturna Islands will be converted April 27.

Calls included in the O-Plus

method are person-to-person, collect, credit card, those billed to another number and those where time and charges are requested.

Direct dialing overseas is another service provided by the system. By using international access codes, customers will be able to dial to the United Kingdom and more than 40 other countries outside North America and the Caribbean.

There will be no change in the method of placing direct-dialed long distance calls not requiring operator assistance.

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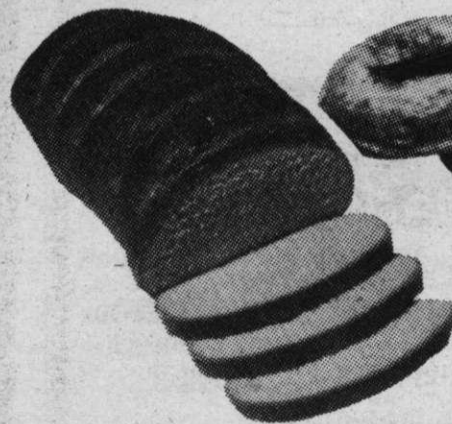
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To Be

Frank

by richards



Whenever I'm not looking both creeps in. I have always looked askance at both. One of the oldest words in the English language, it is one of the most confusing. I fought my children's principal many years ago when a mathematics text book asked the simple question: A bar of chocolate costs five cents and a bag of candy costs seven cents: what do both cost? The principal explained that mathematics was not concerned with English and text book writers were not expected to use proper English. Both is a useful word. Both Chaucer and Shakespeare used it. What did both of them do? Both does not mean two. It means the two and not merely one of them, according to the Oxford dictionary. Two cars are in collision. Both cars suffer damage. That far I can see. But both cars suffered damage amounting to \$500 has me left high and dry. A total of \$1,000 damage is my reading of it. Maybe it means a total of \$500! What a stupid language!

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We have a large hairy dog. He hails back to the Alps and brandy but he remembers neither. We have children here and there. One of them believes that a dog collar is bad for hairy dogs. The result is that I buy a dog licence and it graces a collar long removed from the licensed dog. But I've found the answer. We're going to write to the soap company and get a ring around his collar.

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The Merchant of Venice was the first shopkeeper on record to buy a German sports car. According to Shakespeare, he had a Portia.

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I paid a bill at a restaurant and pushed over a bill for the waitress. I realized that it was a \$50 bill and not the \$2 I was looking for. Naturally, I made a quick change and sweat in gallons. But why does the benevolent government print currency in the same colours? Would it be so very difficult to print 50's in some colour not currently in use? There is nothing so much like a Canadian bill as a Canadian bill for another denomination.

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The worst shock I experienced was reading an advertisement for an old fire truck. I could have enjoyed that truck. It was a 1950 unit on a Ford chassis. And it was offered as an antique. The shock was considerable. I had always seen a 1950 car as not so old. Now it's an antique. I sold a 1908 car many years ago when I left England and even that I had never considered an antique. But it's all changed now. One generation old is junk. Two generations old is funk. And funk used to be cowardice before it was an antique. Three generations old is collectible and four generations ago is antique. It's just too many today people trying to live yesterday.

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I hadn't met him for a good many years and we are both enjoying greater leisure than the last time we met. He is a retired federal civil servant who spent a lifetime with the immigration service. But his expression of regret brought up a new aspect to the whole picture of immigration and dispute. Two people walk in to the immigration office in downtown Saturna. The immigration officer explains to Alien One that the law requires he return to his own country and from there initiate application for admittance to Canada as an immigrant. He is a law-abiding citizen of his own country and he respects the laws of Canada. Off he flies, ready to make a start at Square One. But Alien Two is something of a barrack-room lawyer. He knows all the questions and most of the answers. When the immigration officer explains the routine, he makes an appropriate reply. But he flies nowhere. He goes back to his temporary home in Canada and stays there. After courtroom proceedings extending over the next five years, he finally wears the courts down and gets permission to remain. Only by evasion of the law has he gained entry. Yet the man who wanted to come here and who was prepared to abide by the rules and regulations was denied the opportunity. My friend could not accept that the evasions must, of necessity, always make the best new Canadian. So he retired as soon as he could and left it to someone else to work out.

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The CBC tells it the way it is! The announcer was tripping over her words as she gushed over test-tube babies. "The joys of motherhood," she trilled, "far outweigh the ethical considerations."

## New superintendent named

The Gulf Islands School District has a new superintendent of schools and chief executive officer. Michael Marshall, 42, of Kelowna, was named to the position last week. He comes to the Gulf Islands from a position of secondary supervisor in the Kelowna school district.

Marshall was born in Montreal and received his higher education from McGill, the University of Alberta, as well as Michigan State University. He is currently working towards a PhD from the American institution.

He has taught various schools at various levels in different parts of

British Columbia but feels close to the Gulf Islands with connections with his wife's part of the family.

"I guess it's someplace I've really wanted to be," said Marshall in reference to his appreciation of the islands.

His wife, Anne, was born in Vancouver and they were married in 1965. They have three children who will be in the local school system in September. Melanie is 12, Tony is 10 and David is seven.

Marshall will assume his duties August 1 and will spend the interim "getting as much background information on the district" as he can.

"I think the education system here, from what I can perceive, has some really good things going for it."

Marshall and his wife came to Salt Spring last week for interviews with the school board. He was anxious about the meetings and his wife caught the 'flu bug.

What with taking care of her, he didn't have time to get nervous about the meetings although he did admit to some concern.

"I guess you always get a bit apprehensive if it's something you really want," he said.

The Marshalls intend to stay in the Gulf Islands. Anne Marshall has relatives here and he said it this way, "I think we'll be here for a while. If we have roots anywhere, it's here."

## Renovation project to go to committee

Ganges Auto-Marine is taking steps to improve its property but has run into flack from the Capital Regional District.

Spencer Marr said the company is in the process of making interim improvements to the building. The front part is being renovated to allow a stationery firm to move in. Another part of the building will allow office space for the gas pump operator, while the garage will occupy the rear of the building.

Marr said he has further plans for the site but will not discuss them until the Ganges sewer situation is sorted out.

He had applied for a permit for improvements and had received verbal approval from the Islands Trust as well as both the building and health inspectors from the CRD.

Growth in Ganges has been limited pending the sewer and no new construction or increase in water consumption will be approved. Marr said the improvements would not mean an increase in water consumption because fewer people would be working in the building than were there last year.

The CRD inspector had looked at the application and seemed satisfied with it, said Dennis Young, executive director of the region. The matter will come before committee at the CRD because the director for Salt Spring Island was not satisfied with the information.

Marr said the partition for the gas pump office was necessary because in the past the garage and the operator shared the same space. He did not feel secure with having the garage area accessible to the public on Sundays and holidays when the gas operation was open but the garage closed.



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## Notice to the ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District

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To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian citizen, 19 years of age or older and a ratepayer of the District in good standing.

Nomination forms available at the District Office.

M. Larmour, Secretary.

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## Why not produce generation of geniuses

Hold, said the province, hold the line on schools!  
And the schools held the line.

The teachers of the islands have told us of the dangers of reducing expenditures on education. And all the province is concerned. But where is the answer!

It may well be asserted that the province was remiss in calling for cut-backs in respect of the public sector and not elsewhere. Many have asserted it. It is argued freely and vigorously that economies imposed on the public administrations are exerting a damaging influence on the beneficiaries, the public. The teaching profession contends that every penny spent on schools is well-spent and that the students will suffer from any measure imposed to hold back costs.

If education is simply a function of the amount of money spent, then this must be the case. Yet, if educational accomplishment is a direct reflection of the dollar spent, why do we not increase our school expenditures sharply and produce a generation of geniuses.

We need a new crop of Einsteins and several notable philosophers have left this life in recent years. They might be replaced.

This is only feasible, however, if the quality of education varies in measurable proportion to the amount of money invested.

We all agree with the islands' teachers, we must agree, that it is regrettable that costs have to be considered in so free and lofty a theatre as the training of the young. But we must be very conscious that public administrative costs are coming dangerously close to the point where the taxpayer and the property owner cannot afford to meet them. Once that point is reached the matter ceases to be one of philosophical debate and translates itself into economic collapse.

We must compromise; all of us; teachers, politicians, students, parents and taxpayers; before we fall over the brink.

Much as we might sympathize with the views of the teaching profession, we must look beyond at the morass which awaits us if we are not prepared to listen to cautionary guidelines from the provincial administration.

## Debating the demise of Canada

There have been many parties and splinters of other parties to offer a brave new world for Canadians, either en masse or province by province. The last new philosophy to succeed was Social Credit which flourished in Alberta, migrated to British Columbia, fell on barren soil in Quebec and became a household word in New Zealand.

The various proponents of the dismantling of Canada into smaller sovereign states have reached an impasse. They enjoy the benefits of a land which permits them to debate its demise without any assurance that the Utopia they preach would ever extend to others those same liberties.

There is a further thought in respect of new parties and new philosophies. Every right-wing vote taken from the ruling Social Credit party is a vote for the New Democrats. The supporters of any new rightist entrant into the hustings are obviously socialists at heart.



Bill Webster

## The nightmares are worth it

The dawn stretches silver fingers into the dark of a night sky and relief is only a sunrise away.

I really don't know what compels me to read Stephen King just before bedtime but I do. King is the current master of scaring the h out of people with his finely crafted novels and stories.

He blatantly appeals to childhood memories as he leads the reader on a gullible, but willing, exploration of irrational fears of the nether world of night-noises.

Scenes of childhood's bedtime hour creep back. One can imagine in recall the stealthy breeze from a summer's muggy darkness swaying strange shadows at the window. One knows it's only curtains yet the menacing designs etched on walls and ceiling drive one deeper under the covers. A droplet of sweat tickles an erratic path along the spine.

### SAFETY AWAITS

If the bridge to sleep can be crossed, safety awaits. But....

We know, of course, in the surety of our adulthood that there are no vampires. We reject, from the tenuous pinnacle of our maturity, the concept of evil incarnate stalking the streets of our cities.

Yet the reader of King, hooked on his macabre version of the world as he sees it, follows the plots for the chance to revel once again in those delicious scares of childhood.

He takes full advantage of latent nostalgia for the thrill of fright and uses bizarre

confrontations between ordinary people and the unknown to thread the stitches of the whole-cloth of his stories.

Several of his stories have been subjected to cinematic treatment with varying degrees of success. I must confess to having seen the movie versions and feeling somewhat short-changed by the results.

I prefer my scares undiluted by camera tricks.

### COULD BE ANYWHERE

King lives in New England and many of his stories are set in that area with its history of witch hunts and hauntings. He does not, however, confine himself to parochial fiction with some of the tales taking place in locations which could be anywhere, including the inside of the mind.

He populates his stories with ordinary people who are forced into unaccustomed roles and faced with unusual situations. Yet despite the unreality of the plots, his characters emerge believable and evoke a sympathetic understanding leading to easy reader identification.

Carrie is a young, repressed fat girl who uses amazing mental powers to heap revenge on the callous attitudes of young and the confining limitations of an over-protective mother.

*The Shining* takes the reader on a fearsome journey into a personal confrontation with the inner, personal self to show the ragged edges of insanity emerging from spiritual and physical isolation.

The theme of *The Stand* springs from the warnings of Revelations to explore those quiet-moment fears we all share

concerning the possible effects of the world gone mad.

### WHAT IF?

In his latest work, and the one which caused me nightmares, King asks the classic story writer's question, "What if?" What if a dog contracted rabies? Not just any dog but a large 200-pound Saint Bernard? What if a woman and her son were trapped by the dog? What if?

Whether the stories involve individuals coping with inner struggles or an entire society fighting for survival, King holds out a recurring optimistic message. He says that man is innately good and when instincts of hope are pursued as all else falls apart, the inevitable results show evil subdued and the future, however fractured, assured. But not without struggle.

How dark the passion of the human soul and how tortuous the path to the understanding of the bogeymen who litter the inner path. Some people never allow the journey to begin while others, after a hesitant start, retreat to safety.

### CANNOT KNOW OURSELVES

Yet without the trip into the soul, we cannot know either ourselves or the world in which we exist. King makes it easy to travel the route if thought is given not to the words but the shades of meaning with which he invests them.

The stories of Stephen King move crisply across terrifying landscapes and he writes with a skill capable of turning even seeming innocent incidents into integral parts of the tale.

The nightmares are worth the price of admission.

# Letters to the Editor

## Monarchy must be preserved

Sir,  
Recent developments in Canada are causing widespread apprehension about the future of the most basic and valuable element of our political system, the Constitutional Monarchy. The attempt to remove the Queen's picture from postage stamps, the confusion about recent statements by the Governor-General and the whole process of Constitutional patriation have raised fresh fears about how long Canada will continue to remain loyal to the Crown.

### Kicks are great team

Sir,  
To the Salt Spring Kicks Soccer Team:  
Thank you all so much for the help, support and enthusiasm you have given me since Christmas. You are a great team.  
I couldn't have done it without the support of the Parents, the Soccer Association and Wally. It has been a privilege to have been associated with you all. Good luck in the next Soccer Season.

JACKIE COATES,  
Ganges,  
March, 1982.

Whatever its other contents, Canadians may be happy that the new Constitution entrenches the Monarchy, making it impossible for the Queen to be removed as Head of State without the consent of all 10 provinces. Equally, the insertion into the Act of a reference to the supremacy of God reinforces the Queen's title "Defender of the Faith" and her authority "by the Grace of God".

It is now imperative for Canadians to educate afresh themselves, their families, neighbours and friends in the workings of the Monarchy. It must be preserved not merely on the basis of sentiment, but by an informed citizenry who, for instance, will understand the dangers of allowing the Governor-General's high office to overshadow the Sovereign's and develop thereby an effectively presidential form of government.

To assist in this process of education, the Monarchist League of Canada has printed a special number of its magazine, *Monarchy Canada*. It contains a number of informative articles about the Crown, suitable for all ages, on topics such as "Royal Words on National Occasions", "The Young Royals" and Elizabeth II of Canada — 30 Years Our Queen".

A free copy of this illustrated

special publication is available by writing to The Monarchist League of Canada, 2 Wedgewood Cres., Ottawa, Ont. K1B 4B4. Librarians and teachers are welcome to order multiple copies.

JOHN L. AIMERS,  
Dominion Chairman and  
Founder,  
The Monarchist League of  
Canada.  
March 22, 1982.

### Invitation

Sir,  
We would like to allay Caludia and Mindy Hoeg's suspicions that the "Salt Spring Swine Society" is a dangerous para-military organization. True, our meetings are not generally open to the public but we often have bayonet and bazooka practise at those times.

Furthermore, we often donate our time to such worthy causes as hauling each other out of the ditch or spreading mud on the landscape.

Admittedly, this sounds silly but its part of our "keep fit" program.

Should the ladies in question wish to join us we would gladly show them the minefields and have them over for a barbecue.

SALT SPRING SWINE  
SOCIETY,  
Fulford Harbour.  
March 24, 1982.



## Tony Richards

WHILE THE LOCAL school board is preparing its plans to spend roughly \$1.8 million on a new school for the south end of Salt Spring, it's about time south end parents got together and made a contribution.

It's time for a show of gratitude from those parents for the trustee who represents them on the board, Charles Hingston. Charles does a good job on the board but he is limited somewhat by the amount of paper that can be stuffed into an old beer case.

The Extra Old Stock box does have a distinctive appearance, especially when it enters the board room, packed full of papers, under the arm of a trustee.

But one of these days he's going to pick up the wrong box and arrive at a meeting with a dozen bottles of beer (not that I would object).

WHILE I'M ON THE SUBJECT, last Wednesday's school board meeting was one of the most pleasant I've ever been to. And that's saying a lot, too.

John Zacharias, we learned, is to take up teaching again, but it wasn't specified whether he would be conducting an adult education course or just a mini-lesson for trustees alone.

The instruction he offered to give concerned dealing with hookers on the streets of Vancouver in preparation for the board members' trip to Vancouver next month for the annual meeting of the B.C. School Trustees Association.

In other business, Jack Althouse may not have endeared himself to Saturna Islanders with his remark, while trustees were being asked to report on parent advisory committees.

Elizabeth Bray reported that "there was nothing on Saturna." "You're right about that," quipped Althouse.

I only dozed off once at the meeting but that was only for a very short time. I was wide awake within seconds after hearing one lady trustee talking about some "poor bugger" who would be meeting

Finally, Jim Ripley won't be having anything to do with Jack Althouse's public relations campaign, to be entitled, *Althouse's Believe It or Not*.

Speaking of PR, the trustees might need it more than ever after this report goes into print.

ONE OF OUR KIWI RESIDENTS, a sometime logger and ex-pig farmer, sees himself as the hero in a Cinderella tale.

On leaving the Hoser Dance at Fulford Hall a couple of weeks ago he discovered some woman's lingerie on the ground by his truck.

The garment in question is a size 34B corset or girdle, "Vogue style", made in Canada.

Our Kiwi friend does not like publicity, so all I can say to Cinderella is, watch for the yellow pickup with the corset flying from the top of the radio antenna.

LOOK OUT, PET OWNERS, you may be on the Capital Regional District's hit list.

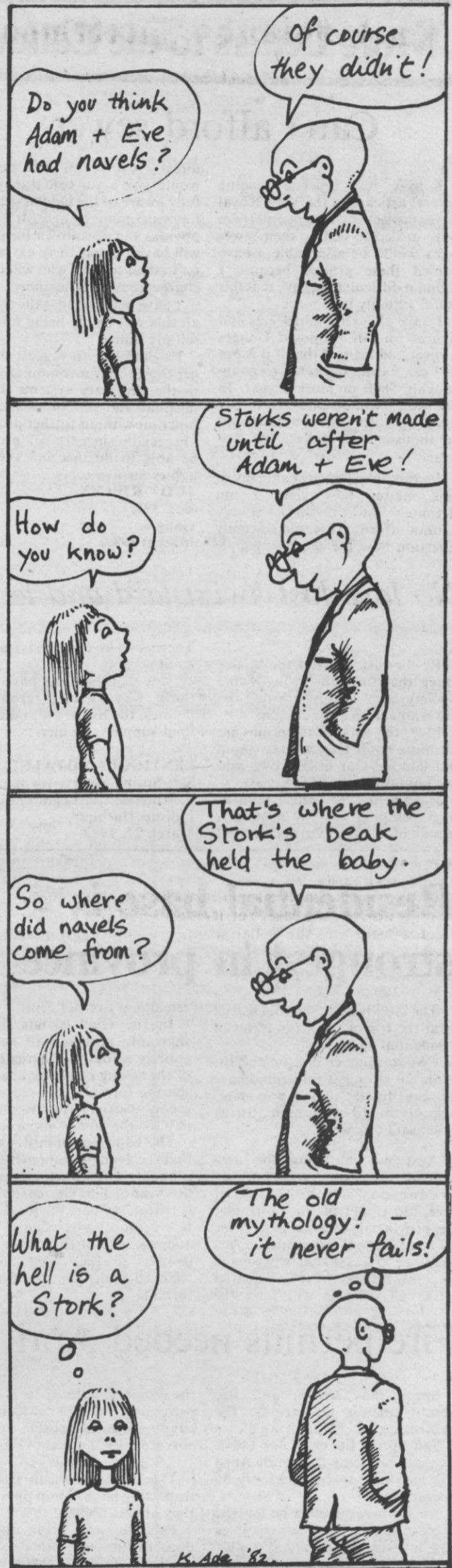
The CRD is mounting a campaign to eliminate a number of pet owners, although it has not been specified how the elimination will be carried out.

The choices open to the region are limited. The most obvious one is deportation while execution, at the moment anyway, appears unlikely.

Announcement of the elimination came from animal control officer Bill Leach. In referring to the problems caused by irresponsibility among pet owners, Leach said, "Although there are many ways to approach this calamity, the first and foremost must be to eliminate or at the very least significantly reduce the number of irresponsible pet owners."

Some islanders are keeping a close watch on the situation.

Centennial Park in Ganges is being kept under close surveillance, it being the obvious location for



## Searchers thanked

Sir,  
On March 13, Benjamin Lassin got separated from a throng of people visiting the Buddhist retreat centre on Mt. Tuam.  
When the Ganges RCMP were called, they quickly brought in a helicopter and the fire department.

bush until Benjamin was found several miles away, sincere thanks.  
Ian Doubllass,  
Kagyuu Kunkhyab Chuling,  
Mt. Tuam.  
March, 1982.

many volunteers who also climbed the cliffs and crawled through the

More letters on Page Six

## More Letters to the Editor

### Can't afford sewer

Sir,  
I have just finished reading several articles on the View Royal sewer project and how people there were misled to believe their sewer costs would be affordable. I have found these articles because I found it difficult to believe that this could actually take place.

I have also read more facts and figures on our proposed Ganges project and learned that if it is put in I can expect my taxes to go up roughly \$800 or more a year. In addition I will be expected to pay hook-up costs that could amount to thousands of dollars the first year.

I would like to have some say in this matter now since I am definitely not in favour - I simply cannot afford it. I would sincerely question how many of the people

directly involved in the sewer area would give a yes vote if they were fully aware of the hidden facts and figures coming to light. It's pretty obvious the downtown businesses will have to pass these extra costs on to their tenants who will in turn charge you - the customer.

I have deduced that the result of all this will be my being forced to sell my home.

I would like to suggest that we get together as a community - put in the necessary systems for our hospital and school so they can function without further problems - especially since we will probably be able to do this and keep our homes also.

**JUDY RIPLEY,**  
Box 395,  
Ganges,  
March, 1982.

### No love lost 'twixt lard and lentil

Sir,  
Re the suspicions of the Misses Hoeg that the Salt Spring Swine Society aims to overthrow the government and the church:

I fear the porkers' intentions are far more lurid. They want to stamp out lentils!! Our little brown and red chums are on their hit list.

Have you ever seen a herd of hogs jumping for joy around a trough of - say - curried lentils?

There is no love lost 'twixt lard and lentil.

Now that the Slugs have slimed their way into international politics, the Swine are snuffling at food supplies. Be alert!

**LENTIGULA SOYALE,**  
Salt Spring Society for the  
Protection of Legumes,  
Fulford Harbour,  
March 27, 1982.

## Residential base is strongest in province

The Gulf Islands School District is at the top of the list in terms of residential base.

"We're number one on the list with the strongest residential base of any district in the province," school board chairman Strick Aust said last week.

Aust was outlining the new school finance system at Wednesday's school board meeting. Under the new formula, the provincial government pays for 60% of school operating costs. Another 35% is shared between the government and the school district while all districts will raise the

remaining five per cent.

In the Gulf Islands the 35% shareable portion will be raised entirely within the district because of the strong residential base. The sharing formula is based on each school district's relative ability to pay for the cost of its program.

The education ministry expects that the average homeowner in the islands will see a school tax credit this year of \$85. The reason for this is that in the past the local district raised more taxes than it needed and was subsidizing other school districts in B.C. That system is changed under the new financing formula.

## Fire permits needed April 15

Spring has sprung and fire permit time is just around the corner.

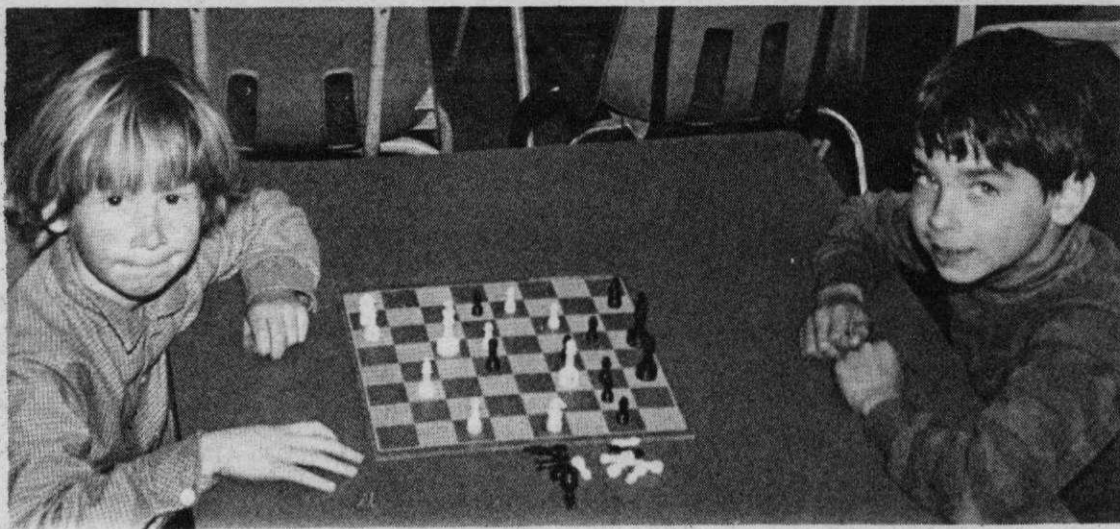
Salt Spring fire chief Bob Leask reminds residents that as of April 15, permits for burning will be needed.

An incinerator must be located at least 20 feet from combustibles and any long grass around it must be kept short. When the fire is lit

the incinerator must be watched, preferably with a garden hose handy. The incinerator must be covered with a screen.

The fire department insists on inspecting large stump piles before they are set ablaze.

Permits are free: the fire department just wants to know what is burning on the island.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

### Local chess champs

Junior chess champs ponder the next move. Jesse Blanchette, left, the Grade 1 champ at Salt Spring Elementary School, takes time out

from the game with Grade 3 winner David Robertson to mug for Driftwood's camera. The pupils of the school played chess

during the winter months and have advanced to playing other pupils from other schools.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# Removal from regional parks is one aim of islands' director

**BY VERN RODDICK**  
Outer Islands Director  
Capital Regional District

It's been four months since I took office at the Capital Regional District and I'm just now really finding my way around. I've been appointed to the finance, works and service, and personnel committees in addition to the CRD Court of Revision.

Regular board meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Committee meetings are where possible, scheduled for the same day. All in all, since the first of December I have attended the eight board meetings together with 18 regular and special committee meetings.

In addition there was a three-day training session in Vancouver conducted by the Union of B.C. Municipalities followed by a similar two-day exercise for Vancouver Island elected officials at Parksville. There are other committee meetings which I sit in on to determine what is going on and the possible effects on the Outer Gulf Islands.

There are several water and

sewer commissions located in these islands and I'm now in the process of getting acquainted with the set-up, functions and scope of these various important groups.

#### LIMITED TO 10%

Finance and taxes are on everyone's mind these days. Those financial functions over which I have direct control I have limited to a 10% budget increase over last year's expenditures. These funds will be used only if absolutely necessary. The finance committee under chairmanship of Mayor Couvelier of Saanich is being tough and daily reports of our "butchery" are appearing in Victoria papers.

Finalization of the budget will make it possible for me to initiate action for removal of our area from regional parks - none of which exists or is planned for the Outer Gulf Islands. The three-quarter mill assessment applied to our area will raise over \$30,000 this year. I think this is a luxury that they can do without. The planned total budget for regional parks for 1982 is \$1,041,120.

#### SEEN TO WORK WELL

I have started discussions

concerning garbage disposal. Local arrangements are in place and seem to be working well but noting the problems facing other communities I think we should make sure we have a system that will operate and serve us for many years to come.

One note of joy - Galiano successfully passed a bylaw to build a gym-recreation addition to their new school. Congratulations and everyone's thanks to the many people who worked so hard to put this across for their community.

Please keep in touch - if I don't know of a problem I can't do anything about it. You will soon be receiving a CRD folder through the mail.

During the election campaign I promised to try and let you know more about the workings of CRD for better understanding of the responsibilities and role regarding your representation. This will be a start, I hope it will help.

#### RENEWAL TIME FOR DRIFTWOOD

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**REPORT FROM THE COMMONS**

**Mega-projects not the solution to economic ills**

**BY JIM MANLY, MP**

As children we delighted in fairy-tale stories of people looking for some magic word that would open the secret door, turn lead into gold and waken the sleeping beauty.

In the past few months, members of the government have been passing around a word that they hope will restore prosperity to Canada. The word is mega-projects. Cabinet ministers whisper it softly to themselves as they go to bed at night, speak it boldly as they look into the morning mirror and shout it from the rooftops whenever people bring up the troublesome problem of unemployment.

In the next few years the government hopes to develop some very expensive energy projects. Some of these are meant to give Canada greater self-sufficiency in energy, but others are directed to making a quick buck on the export market. Let me give a few examples.

While we wait for Americans to raise the \$40 or \$50 billion to build the Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline, we go ahead with the southern part of the line, and use it to export Canadian gas to the United States.

**TO EXPORT COAL**

At present in British Columbia, both federal and provincial governments are spending millions of dollars upgrading rail and port facilities so that we can export northeast coal to Japan.

In the Beaufort Sea, Dome Petroleum drills for oil at great environmental risk and at great financial cost, largely paid for by the Canadian taxpayer in the form of tax incentives.

In return for a \$400 million loan from Japan, Dome has already signed a letter of intent to give Japan's National Oil Company a share in the first three developed oil fields. Dome hopes to make similar deals with European financiers.

In the Eastern Arctic, the Arctic Pilot Project, at a cost of \$2.25 billion, plans to ship liquid natural gas to southern Canada. An equivalent amount of western gas would then be exported to the United States, and again the

environmental risks are staggering.

Nobody knows the exact cost in dollars of the various mega-projects projected for development between now and the year 2000. And the costs keep changing. The Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline was estimated to cost between \$8 and \$10 billion in the late 1970's. Today, with high interest rates, the estimates are between \$30 and \$50 billion.

**WOULD COST \$1.4 TRILLION**

The Royal Bank has estimated that if all possible mega-projects up to the year 2000 went ahead, the cost would be \$1.4 trillion, that's \$1,400 billion. To put that into perspective, the American space program to put a man on the moon cost some \$25 billion.

The government itself talks about \$440 billion in projects. It hopes that \$130 billion will be spent on oil and gas projects in the next eight years. Some of these costs will be raised internally in Canada through higher energy prices and tax incentives. But a great deal will have to be borrowed abroad.

In order to make the payments we will have to sell off even more of our resources, at an ever quickening pace.

And the requirements for capital will drain the capital market. Other business projects will not be able to find money. Small businesses, housing, small and medium scale development will be virtually non-existent. In return, the companies involved in mega-projects will expect returns of 20% to 30% on their investment.

**HAZARDOUS TOO**

The jobs provided by a resource-

based economy are not only few in number, but, in comparison with the cost involved, they are also hazardous for the workers.

In 1979, 19 people died while working on drilling rigs in Alberta. Workers at synthetic fuels plants are 16 to 37 times as likely to suffer skin cancer as workers in other areas. The latest tragedy in Newfoundland, with the sinking of the *Ocean Ranger*, and the loss of 85 lives, points to the risky working conditions in our resource extraction economy.

The high incidence of lung cancer among uranium miners, and silicosis among coal miners is another of the high costs these workers pay for temporary prosperity. In return for the high financial environmental and social costs, the government hopes that these mega-projects will give us energy security, cash flow from energy exports and jobs in the spinoff industries.

Past experience has been disappointing on all three grounds. Two major contracts for the Ridley Island Coal Port at Prince Rupert recently went to Japan and Great Britain.

The depletion of our resources means that in 20, 30 or 50 years we will have another series of ghost towns. Prosperity will have moved on to a new frontier, looking for a new generation of young workers and leaving the old behind.

**NOTHING NEW**

Unfortunately, this resource extraction policy is nothing really new. It sees Canada primarily as a

colony that can supply raw resources to more industrialized nations.

Canada's first mega-project began in the days of John Cabot, 500 years ago, when England set up a colonial base for the export of codfish to Europe.

Canada continued as a resource hinterland for fur, then timber, metals and wheat. Today, it is petroleum projects and electricity. On balance, some projects might have merit and should go ahead, others should be scrapped.

But an industrial strategy based on mega-projects will not serve Canada's needs in the 1980's or the 1990's. We deserve better than to be the international water boy for

other industrialized nations. We should be using our resources to build and serve our own industry.

Mega-projects cannot open the secret door to Canada's prosperity, they will not turn lead into gold and they will not waken our sleeping economy.

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### Trustee's report

# Water supplies are a major concern

**BY BUD KREISSL  
Islands Trust, Salt Spring Island**

Presentations were made to the Island Trust Council at its last two meetings in December and March by ministry of environment staff on water, both surface and groundwater.

All water is the property of the crown, including all surface water entrapped over privately owned land. The water rights branch issues licences for use of surface water and springs, but does not license wells because of the uncertainty of distribution of groundwater.

The groundwater section of the ministry of environment is in the process of investigating the

groundwater resources of British Columbia.

The water well map of an area may be obtained from the groundwater section in Victoria; individual records of wells shown on the map can then be obtained. **MANY ARE INCOMPLETE**

Many records on file, especially old ones, are incomplete, but recent information obtained from drilling contractors often consists of detailed logs, pump test data and information on water quality.

There are certain terms used in discussion of groundwater.

Aquifer, for example, is a mass of material containing water which can be removed by means of wells. Downdraw is the lowering of the water level in a well during pumping in the same well or another well.

Permeability is a measure of the ability of a material to permit the passage of water. Gravel has a high permeability; clay has a very low permeability.

The water table is the level below which rock, gravel or other material is saturated. Mining refers to removal of water by a well or series of wells from an aquifer at a rate greater than replacement, resulting in a permanent lowering of the water table and flow rates. An investigation well is a well dug to study effect on an aquifer due to draw on same by a well, or series of wells, and to attempt to map the geohydrology of an aquifer.

#### LIMITED DATA

The data available is limited by the number of investigation wells that have been dug, this in turn being limited by money and manpower.

The investigations that have been conducted in the Trust area would indicate that groundwater

supplies in many areas are being depleted by mining, the problem being exacerbated by additional wells or additional draw on aquifers with increasing population. This has led the Trust to look with concern on dense developments of any type based on groundwater supplies.

Since groundwater is not licensed, and present provincial regulations do not restrict our individual's right to install a well, anyone who has a well that ceases to flow because of additional strain on the aquifer upon which it depends, would appear to be without recourse.

#### QUALITY MUST BE CONSIDERED

So far I have spoken mostly of quantity. However, quality of water must be most seriously considered. Now potable water can occur naturally or be man-induced. Contamination of groundwater is much more serious than surface water since once induced it will probably be permanent or only corrected with great difficulty or expense.

Common sources of contamination are salt water intrusion, especially applicable to waterfront areas on our islands; ground disposal of toxic substances; septic fields; and ground disposal of septic tank contents.

The latter two have led trustees to question the waste management branch's level of criteria and investigation for approval of such facilities, and their supervision.

A water analysis service is provided by the ministries of

environment and health at a charge of \$10.

The service is not available to commercial enterprises, consultants, organizations, societies or corporations and is not provided for the purpose of legal evidence.

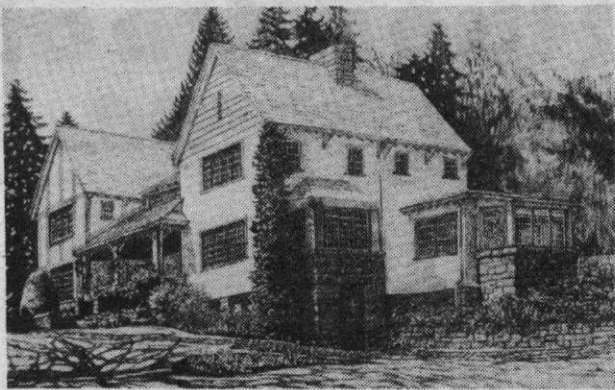
To obtain a sampling kit a cheque or money order payable to the minister of finance should be sent to the Environmental Laboratory, Ministry of Environment, 3650 Westbrook Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2L2.

### Members busy with courses

Members of Pender Islands ambulance service have been busy with courses this past month. Six members spent five weekends attending the emergency medical assistants' course given by Tom Lobbes, who came from Duncan to give the course at Pender Lodge.

All 11 members spent two evenings taking the course, basic recognition of hazards in confined rescue, also given by Tom Lobbes.

The industrial first aid course is starting again, and will be given by Mrs. Bea Lane of Pender. Ten members are enrolled in it.



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### Bingo!

Edane Blundell and Mary McCardia play bingo at Salt Spring Community Centre's Gala Day at Mahon Hall Saturday. The day-long arts and crafts fair was staged to raise money for the Community Centre's building fund.

## Sublime is only word to describe Japanese flute recital Sunday

**BY DOUG HENDERSON**  
Sunday was a day many of us will remember for a long time. About 100 people crowded into the hall at Booth Bay Resort to hear a flute recital by Takeo Yamashiro and there is only one word to describe the evening's work: sublime. Yamashiro's mastery of his instrument was wonderful to hear and to behold. His repertoire included several folk tunes as well as several lofty classical pieces. All were played on exquisite bamboo flutes called shukihachi. The two-hour presentation with a brief intermission was hardly marred by a cough or any childish prattle. The audience sat in rapt silence while they were transported away to another culture, another age. The shukihachi is made from specially cultivated bamboo. The root is an integral part of the

bottom of the flute, Yamashiro explained. The flute is played with a far more "breathy" texture than Western metal flutes or wooden recorders. Competency on the shukihachi was one of the essentials of a cultivated person in ancient Japan, especially during the time the capital was at Kyoto, from the seventh century to 1868. This period saw much of the world's finest pottery, calligraphy and textiles created. It was a glittering and yet subdued elegance that was stressed in all aspects of life, including music. The shukihachi, along with stringed instruments such as the koto and the samisen, reflects the joy and the melancholy that is so much a part of the classic Japanese spirit. Yamashiro played several pieces that were originally Buddhist in inspiration. One piece was entitled

(in translation) *Emptiness* but here translation falters. Yamashiro explained that emptiness was not to be viewed as negative in nature but of a positive aspect. Where words fail, music always succeeds.

### Maintained by Lions

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## Raffle winners

And the winners are:  
The luck of the Salt Spring Community Centre draw went to Lois Codd of Ganges, who won first prize of dinner and a night at Hastings House. Second prize of a night and Sunday brunch at Booth Bay Resort went to Alexandra Hele, also of Ganges, while Wendy Jarvis of Gibsons, B.C., won the third prize of a \$75 gift certificate at Carolee's of Ganges. A raffle for a lamp donated by Stella's Design was won by Jean Brindamour. The draws were held to raise money for renovations of the centre.

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**GALIANO NEWS**

**Two events like two sides of cultural coin**

**BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER**

Two events which took place on Galiano last week were like the two sides of a cultural coin: on Wednesday the optimism of Beth Hill's discourse on Planetary Initiatives and on Saturday the pessimism of Alan Drury's play, *The Man Himself*.

Linked by the theme of man's need for the approval of his fellows, the speaker saw this human characteristic as a means of salvation, while the playwright drove his character down the road to hell by depriving him of it.

Beth Hill, librarian, anthropologist, historian and author, is a cheery optimist whose credo is that the world can be saved from impending mega-calamities by individual initiative. She believes that the uniqueness of man as a social animal is that we need to have the approval of our fellow human beings. If greed and aggression are met with collective disapproval, they will diminish and wither.

**PERIOD OF BREAKDOWN**

As an anthropologist Beth looks back to the late Paleolithic as the golden age. Modern man, the victim of economic determinism, is living in a period of social and institutional breakdown, but he has the potential to take action "against a sea of troubles".

One action that she commends is Planetary Initiatives, an international, grass-roots, unstructured coalition of people of good will, who meet in sub-groups to discuss urgent topics, to study, to report and eventually to meet at a Summer Solstice World Gathering in 1983 in Toronto.

The concerns of the members of Planetary Initiatives are those of every thinking person: war, nuclear arms, environmental degradation, and the "out of my control" feeling we all have about both the present and the future. It is hard to disagree with the thesis that action is better than indifference or apathy, but it is not easy to find what the individual can effectively do.

Beth Hill suggested some possible courses of action, and even if she did not convert the sceptics, she at least gave them an instructive, interesting, and, above all, a stimulating afternoon.

On Saturday evening actor Tom McBeath delivered the 55 minute monologue, *The Man Himself*, Alan Drury's play about the deteriorating social conditions in Britain which nurture the seeds of fascism.

**POTENTIAL HITLER**

The man, Michael, is a modern Everyman fundamentally decent but, when battered by circumstances beyond his control, a potential "little Hitler".

This play is not a pleasant experience for it is pessimistic to the point of despair, with a

masochistic climax as the lonely, bewildered man presses a live cigarette into the palm of his hand.

Tom McBeath did an excellent job of delineating the character of Michael. This was first-rate solo acting - made more difficult by a sparse audience. Tom chose to perform the static version of the play on a bare stage, seated throughout on the single chair while he chain-smoked through his lines.

This approach enhanced the pathos of *The Man* whose life was a series of failures. A European version has the actor "ranting and rambling in a run-down kitchen" - a style of theatre popular in post-war Britain. It would be interesting to compare the two presentations.

It is encouraging to learn that this thought-provoking play is being performed for high school audiences, but discouraging that so few Galiano Islanders turned up to support this fine performance with their warm applause and financial support.

Perhaps people who live in "lotus land" do not choose to hear about the harsher realities of life. The problems of ferry schedules, assessments and inflation are enough for them to cope with.

**FOSFORUS FANTASTIC**

Ernadene Wawryk and Ted Woodward brought their musical puppet show, *Fosforus Fantastic*, for a welcome return visit to entertain Galiano children, parents and fans at the South Community Hall last Thursday morning.

The special appeal of this duo is in freshness and originality of their material. Its skilful blend of patter and songs, all written by Ted Woodward, have a message that zings right into the heart of today's children. The response to the message may be gauged by the audience's tapping feet or emotions mirrored in their faces.

Of special import to this Gulf Islands tour were Ted's numbers on boats and islanders, and log-salvagers. On his previous visit Ted provided his own accompaniment on electric guitar. This time the music had been pre-recorded with a competent back-up group, leaving Ted free to become an active puppeteer and widen the backstage range of manipulation.

For example, most of the

puppets, hand-crafted by Ernadene, have life-size heads made of nylon, with mouths that open to sing, speak and grimace - no mean feat with a soft-head puppet.

One particular stage-set deserves special commendation - a nautical scene with moving boat, crested waves rising and falling and seagulls cawing to complete a picture familiar to all Gulf Islanders.

**Nature Notes**

Hummingbird sightings have become commonplace and the swallows are back constructing their nests in the old snags on the Bluffs. Loons have changed into their black and white breeding plumage and are wearing their necklaces.

Long before the garden is producing, nature is providing salads. Dandelion leaves and miners' lettuce are available free for the gathering - a more enjoyable occupation than going to the store for the imported variety.

Fiddleheads, the young curled fronds of bracken, can be collected and provide a delicious green vegetable. The botanical name for these is circinate vernation, which might be translated as curly spring growth.

**Coming Events**

Spring is in the air with events, like buds, bursting out all over.

This Saturday the Rod and Gun Club is holding a Trophy Trap Shoot on its Porlier Pass Road range.

Easter-egg decorating is being taught at the North Community Hall between 11 and 4, equipment, eggs and tuition for \$5. Reserve a place by phoning Ross at 2254.

The Ladies Service Club will be in the South Community Hall this Saturday morning to receive your donated rummage and will then hold their Annual Sale between 1 and 3 pm. Your promenade might further extend along Burrill Road, between 2 and 4 pm, to St. Margaret's Thrift Shop whose extended premises afford much better opportunities for finding bargains from their perpetually renewed stock.

To avoid Easter weekend there will be Scottish dancing at the North Community Hall Monday

between 7:30 and 9 pm. South-enders please phone 5702 to arrange car-pools.

The Garden Club's first field trip of the year takes place next Wednesday to see spring wildflowers near the Porlier Pass Lighthouse. Members are meeting at the intersection of Cook and Porlier Pass Roads, north of Shaw's Landing, at 1 pm to arrange car-pools from that point.

Tom Liddell and Arni Haksi will be happy to pick up your rummage donations for the north-enders'

"Modern Antiques" Sale to be held on Easter Saturday, April 10.

Easter Sunday is a day of rejoicing at St. Margaret's Church where Rev. John Dyer will conduct Easter communion at 9 am.

Looking ahead to the next holiday weekend in May is Rosemary Walker, who is convener for the School Spring Fair to be held on Saturday, May 22. She asks stall-holders to book their space as soon as possible by phoning her at 5465.

**Groundwater pollution feared at Pender Island**

Dangers of seepage of septic tank sludge into groundwater is under investigation on Pender Island.

Ministry of the environment has acceded to a request from the Islands Trust to review an application to discharge 2,000 gallons of septic tank sludge per month.

Local trustees have expressed concern that the dumping could interfere with wells and other sources of domestic water.

Last week the Trust received a memorandum from the ministry reviewing the general groundwater

conditions in the region and commenting on the possibilities of pollution.

The ministry recommended that the applicant furnish details of the proposed disposal system and an assessment of the soil suitability for the purpose and any proposed safeguards.

The ministry did not make any statement on the likelihood of contamination of water resources, although it warned that a number of wells are located in the general area.

During the winter rains and heavy run-off the dangers would be highest, warned the review.



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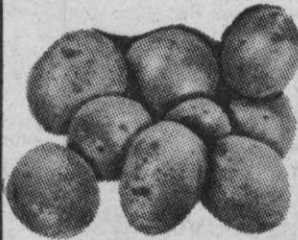


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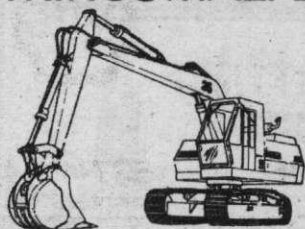
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# Region budget \$36 million

The Capital Regional District was another body driven back to the budget drawing board by the provincial government's restraint program.

CRD staff held talks with ministry of finance officials last week and the directors took the advice to cut and chop almost \$1.2 million from the list of spending items.

When they met in the regular board meeting, the directors dropped a further \$150,000 from the planning and economic development file, and \$50,000 from the allotment for regional parks.

However, at the same meeting they added \$30,000 to a feasibility fund and \$50,000 to start up a land bank scheme.

The final budget figure, as approved by the directors, stands at \$36,224,450. When the 1981

surplus, internal allocations and other revenues are taken away, the taxpayers in the CRD will have to come up with \$20.4 million.

### TO SPEND \$30,990

The CRD will spend \$30,990 on the North Pender Island fire district with \$29,800 to be collected. The South Galiano fire district will see expenditures of \$21,510 and of that figure, \$18,090 must be collected.

The budget for Salt Spring Parks and Recreation has been set at \$90,120 requiring \$50,370 to be raised. A further \$6,530 will be spent on the Salt Spring activity centre and \$6,230 of that must come from somewhere.

Residents of South Pender Island will have to cover \$720 of the \$760 which will go to the activity centre at the Pender School. Taxpayers on North Pender must come up with \$7,260

for the costs of the centre, of which their share stands at \$7,380.

In the area of services, the Saturna Island water system will cost \$121,580 but only \$38,170 need be collected. The Magic Lakes water is priced at \$95,660 and requires \$60,000 to bring it up to the spending figure. The Magic Lakes sewer is budgeted at \$399,200 and taxpayers face \$73,300 of that figure.

On Salt Spring Island, the Maliview sewer will cost the CRD \$13,250 of which \$7,550 must be raised. The Highland water district comes in for expenditures of \$113,360, all of which is covered except \$47,970.

The regional officials expect to spend \$403,360 on the Ganges sewer project this year but all of the money comes from other revenues.

The land bank scheme being put into place by the CRD will be

patterned after the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation. The housing subcommittee of the CRD felt that a similar housing

initiative was necessary for the region and the \$50,000 allocated was required to set things in motion for a 1983 beginning.

## Changed while ink still wet

The ink on the bylaws was hardly dry when the Capital Regional District proposed amendments to them.

Water users in the specified area on Saturna Island will be paying a parcel tax of \$225.85 for water use instead of the \$196.50 as was stipulated by an earlier bylaw.

The other changes were to correct the amounts as would apply to the Highland Water District on Salt Spring Island.

Residents of the Magic Lakes area of Pender Island will be paying \$54 as a sewer use charge instead of the \$48 proposed earlier. The new amount had been decided upon by the Magic Lakes Estates Sewer Commission and was set in order to avoid future problems with a sudden escalation of the charge.

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Fred Jackson was already familiar with British Columbia and operated a riding school at Shawnigan Lake in 1932. Barbara Crane was on holiday from England when she met and married her husband.

It was to take them a long time yet to get to Salt Spring.

As the depression struck British Columbia they moved several times until the second war broke out and took the first-war veteran off to a familiar routine.

Fred remembers their moving to New Westminster in the 30's. It was a hard-hit town.

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It was 1915 and he was serving with the Royal Horse Artillery as a driver. Each gun was moved around by a team of three horses hitched in tandem, each of the

three drivers handling the horse he rode and the horse alongside.

By 1918 he was well able to handle horses in any setting. His new setting was India. He re-enlisted and spent three years with the Worcestershires in the yet glittering imperial India.

Back home in England, he enjoyed a three-month holiday before sailing away again. His destination was Canada and his target British Columbia.

Less than 10 years after his marriage another war called him back into uniform and he found himself in the army with the rank of sergeant-major. But he had already spent two stints with the army and the blue-grey of the air force called him. Within months he had made a transfer; from an army sergeant-major he became an air force AC 2. Once again he worked his way up, to gain his release at the end of the war in the rank of flight-sergeant. Today he is among the "Do-does", an island association of ex-flight-sergeants.

**RAISING CHICKENS**

After the war the Jackson family came to Salt Spring Island to settle on 20 acres at Fulford, there to raise chickens.

It was a pleasant life and sufficiently rewarding until Canada lost the British egg market. Britain started buying eggs on the European mainland and Canadian farmers stopped selling eggs, he remembers.

Like many poultry farmers Fred



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson

was obliged to look further afield for additional revenues. For about 10 years he worked at Mouat's Store in Ganges.

Some nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Jackson sold their Fulford farm and moved to Vesuvius, just down the road from the Golf Club.

The celebration and gathering on Saturday was organized by the

couple's children, with Sylvia Laberge in charge.

The couple received congratulatory messages from Governor-General Edward Schreier, Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving, Premier Bill Bennett and Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, Islands MLA.

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## DOWN THE GUTTER

# High school team wins zone roll-offs

BY KEN COLLINS

During the past week our boys' high school team won their zone roll-offs. They bowled at Chemainus and came up with a total of 190 more than their nearest rivals.

They will now compete in the provincial roll-offs later next month. The team members are Steve Marleau, Danny Fraser, Paul Trenholm, Kevin Kline and Bill Gordon. Well done, guys, now let's see you go all the way to the nationals.

After many years of effort, five-pin bowling has been included in the 1983 Canada Games. Scheduled for February 18 to March 2, 1983, the games will be held in Quebec.

How do you get involved? During 1982, qualifying rounds will be held to find five men and five women as representatives. To bowl you must be at least 15 and not older than 24 as of December 31, 1982.

You must be a member of the Youth Bowling Council or the Canadian Five-Pin Bowlers Association. Upon qualifying for the games you will receive a provincial uniform and your travel to the games will be paid for.

Our winter games roll-offs will be held on Thursday and Friday, starting at 3 pm., and 50% of entries will qualify for the zone roll-offs.

Here are this week's better scores. Mick (Sausage) Jones: 704; Terry Jenkins: 748-783; Vic Dodds: 760; Daryl Little: 713; Jean Jenkins: 720; Jim Taylor: 755; Carol Kaye: 733; and this writer with 740 and 780. We had 300 games from Terry Jenkins: 329; Helen Hopper: 307; Dave Betts: 307; Hans Hazenboom: 309; and Jim Taylor: 316.

The bowlers of the week were Carol Kaye and Terry Jenkins. For the Golden-Agers it was Geoff Baker with 697 and Gladys Harper with 629.

### Tip of the week

Always let the bowler on your right have right-of-way if you both get to the alley at the same time. There is nothing more annoying than having someone come up alongside of you as you are about to start your approach.

### Y.B.C. NEWS

The last tournament of the

bowling season, I Beat My Average, has gone over well with the youth bowlers and some pretty good scores were bowled.

Those who qualified were:

Jets: Eric Taylor and Chris Magnus.

Pee Wees: Candice Miller, Anna Maddison, Tracy Cunningham, Jeffrey Neilson, Clinton Helfrich, Brett Marshall, Aaron Martin and Stephen Budgeon.

Bantams: Laura Little, Kim West, Jodie Harrison, Suzanne Jacquest, Tammy Sloan, Marnie Shaw, Julie Cunningham, Barb, Adam Baines, Nolan Magnus and Paul Hatch.

Juniors: Danica West, Shannon Taylor, Tina Collins, Jennifer Lucas, Nicky Kerrigan, Karelia Hogan, Debbie Topping, Tara Martin, Sian Bollee, Justin Williams, Ross Hughes, David Jacquest, Michael Howell and David Cates.

Seniors have yet to bowl this tournament.

High scorers Saturday were:

Jets: Eric Taylor, 97; Chris Magnus, 88; Jennifer Neilson, 61.

Pee Wees: Anna Maddison, 117; Candice Miller, 111; Tracy Cunningham, 103; Brett Marshall, 174; Jeffrey Neilson, 137; Aaron Martin, 130.

Juniors: Danica West, 246; Jennifer Lucas, 215; Debbie Topping, 193; David Jacquest, 218; Ross Hughes, 213; David Cates, 211.

Bantams: Laura Little, 217; Jodie Harrison, 187; Suzanne Jacquest, 163; Paul Hatch, 149; Adam Baines, 128; Nolan Magnus, 116.

## Bridge Winners

Bridge Club winners March 22 were:

North-South: first, Lorna and Peter Pentz; second, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; third, Margaret Ellison and Fred Struve.

East-West: first, Irene Hawksworth and Norm McConnell; second, Taddy and Phil Tindle; third, Roma Sturdy and Lois Popkin-Clurman.

Tuesday evening winners were: tied for first, Lorna and Peter Pentz and Anne and Norm McConnell; third, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop.

## Meeting marks start of Riding Club season

The Salt Spring Island Riding Club kicked off its season March 11 with the annual general meeting and a pot-luck dinner.

At the meeting, Walter Luth informed the club that another holding-stall has been built at the Riding Ring. There are now 14 stalls for members to use.

Participation Pins were awarded to Carol Cunningham, Maria Betts, Maxine Betts, Karelia Hogan, Tara Martin, Jennifer Anderson, Gillian Calkins and Walter Luth. The Play Day High Point trophy went to Caroline Hunt.

The new directors for 1982 are: Dave Mathews, president; Walter Luth, vice-president and Riding Ring; Janet Ross, treasurer; Joan Maclean, secretary; Paula Blomly, refreshments and education; Laura Rodstrom, education;

Marnie Dammel, publicity; Caroline Hunt and Ethel Magnus, directors.

The club is planning many activities for all ages and is hoping to have a very active year. Owning a horse is not necessary to participate in club activities, and anyone is free to join.

## Fined \$100

A Salt Spring man pleaded guilty in provincial court last week to a charge laid after an incident at the Fulford Inn.

Paul Doyle, 37, was charged with failing to leave licensed premises after being ordered to do so on February 4.

He was fined \$100.

## Smoking ban urged by Arneil

Smoking bothers people who don't and to avoid the situation, the health officer suggested that smoking "be forbidden in all CRD areas..."

Dr. Alan Arneil asked for the ban where smoking would mean other employees or the public would have to breathe the second-hand smoke. Smokers would be allowed to have areas set aside for them to puff in and if only one staff room were available, it would be split into smoking and non-smoking areas.

For those long-time employees who smoke, Arneil suggested a phasing in period of grace or else a "grandfather" clause to allow them to continue their ways.

The suggestions were tabled to allow directors to study the matter in more detail.



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**KICK-OFF****Licorice All-Sorts use prayer**

BY MALCOLM LEGG

It was a quiet week on the soccer front but Sunday saw several interesting matches with the match of the week being United's clash against the Licorice All-Sorts.

The All-Sorts are exactly that, a mixture of young and old players who came together to meet the mighty United, a star-studded cast of seasoned veterans.

Two weeks ago the All-Sorts shocked the soccer world with a stunning 2-2 tie with the United. This time around United wanted revenge, evident from the strong line-up they fielded led by Ocodaro Toynbee, their Kama-kazi striker, Hatchet Hitchcock, their mid-field menace, and Mr. Shut-out, Ken Marr, between the pipes.

**RESORTED TO PRAYER**

To counter this fearsome line-up the All-Sorts resorted to their only available tactic — prayer. But even as they quaked in their boots the All-Sorts took an early lead on Tamboline's first goal. Chris Cottrell evened the score but this writer pushed the All-Sorts ahead once more.

At this stage United pumped home three goals in 15 minutes, two by Toynbee and another by Cottrell, putting them up 4-2 at the half.

For the All-Sorts all appeared lost but they dug down, found their Geritol bottles and with a quick snort they were back in action.

The second half belonged to the All-Sorts as they pressed to get back into the game. Led by strong build-up from Alan Goad and this writer and blazing rushes from Ed Highspeed Harker and Greg Hagar on the wings, they forced United into a defensive roll.

**WORK REWARDED**

Their hard work was rewarded on goals by Tamboline and this writer to force the tie and once again the teams were in a stalemate.

Next week we will have another go at 1 pm at Portlock and with some strong recruiting the All-Sorts plan to field a team of seven-foot giants who can shoot 100-yard rockets at the goal.

Anyone interested in playing with the All-Sorts should appear at 1 pm. The only qualifications necessary are two legs, lots of stamina and lots of beer for your teammates. Brains are only an optional requirement.

In other games the Kicks overwhelmed the visiting Kerrisdale team from Vancouver. Paul Cottrell banged home three while Andrew Hoeller on a free-

**Soccer Scoreboard**

**Div. 1: Salt Spring United 4 (C. Cottrell -2, D. Toynbee - 2); Licorice All-Sorts 4 (M. Legg - 2, T. Tamboline - 2)**

**Div. 2: Salt Spring Kicks 5 (P. Cottrell - 3, A. Hoeller, J. Andrews); Kerrisdale 1**

**Womens: Salt Spring Sockeyes 4 (C. Childs - 2, B. Akerman, S. Spence); Duncan 3**

kick and Jackie Andrews with a great shot scored the others. A fine performance from the Kicks.

**IN SECOND PLACE**

The Sockeyes clinched second place with a 4-3 win over Duncan. The girls rode a strong 4-1 opening half to defeat Duncan for the first time this season but the second half was very nerve-wracking as the girls almost let it slip away. Congratulations to the Sockeyes on their second place position and promotion to the third division next season.

This weekend there are three big events for some of our local youth. The Wranglers head for 5C District Cup Finals on Saturday

against Lansdowne at Lambrick Park. Game time is 12:30 pm and the team catches the 11:15 ferry, so why not jump on the ferry and support this team. It's our last chance at trophies this year.

Also on Saturday we have a team of seven and eight-year-olds going to a Peninsula tourney. The all-star team selected from the intra-island plays two games Saturday, the first at 11 am, meaning the team catches the 9:20 ferry from Fulford.

A third game on Saturday sees the Kanaka Cosmos off to play Oak Bay in a girls' exhibition game in a rematch of last year's exchange.

**Exercise program for pre-schoolers next month**

The Salty Sweat'rs are expanding to include a new age group in their activities.

With the co-operation of the Victoria YM-YWCA, the Salt Spring exercise group is starting three programs for pre-schoolers in early April.

Parents and tots can join the program which offers a challenge to the youngster in a setting not available at home. The program takes advantage of the child's natural curiosity and will reward him by allowing discovery on his own.

The children will develop in the program at their own rate and learn to get along with other children through play and learn situations. Self-confidence accrues to the children through their efforts to try harder by climbing, jumping, sliding and running.

Babysitting services will also be part of the program so that parents can be actively involved with the child in training. Instructor for the program, Jane Talbot, has worked with the pre-school program as an instructor for the Victoria Y.

The children become aware of how their body moves and what they can do. They are encouraged to explore, to do and to try.

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**LINE CALL****Social evening, clinic planned by association**

Contributed

Thanks to the fine weather of the last few weeks, many people have been out warming up their tennis games for the coming season.

The Salt Spring Tennis Association has planned two activities for April in which we hope you will participate.

Firstly, on Saturday, Apr. 3 the association will hold a pot-luck social evening at St. George's Hall, starting at 6:30 pm. Everyone interested in tennis on Salt Spring Island and hoping to join the Tennis Association is welcome. If you have not been in contact with the social organizers and need more information about the evening, please call 537-5846 or 537-9286 (weekends).

The ambition of this year's executive is to provide a

progressive level of instruction for local players, in order that they can improve and enjoy their tennis games. In line with this theme, the association is setting up an all-day tennis clinic to be held at Cedar Hill Tennis Bubble, Saturday, Apr. 17.

Three certified tennis instructors from the Victoria area will conduct this clinic, aiming to improve your game for the coming season.

The clinic will be open to beginners and intermediates, and will involve six hours of actual instruction, with three two-hour sessions broken up by lunch and coffee breaks.

The clinic will begin at 11 am (catch the 9:20 ferry from Fulford) and will cost \$20 per person. Registration will take place at the tennis social April 3.

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**SOCCER:**

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Girls: S.S. Kanaka Cosmos vs Oak Bay, Sat. Apr. 3, 2:00 pm, Victoria.

S.S. Selects vs Peninsula, Sat. Apr. 3, 11:00 am, Sidney.

SSIYA SIXTH ANNUAL SOCCER TOURNEY: April 10/11 at Portlock Park.

SSIYA BANQUET: April 23, 6:00 pm, Gulf Islands Secondary Gym.

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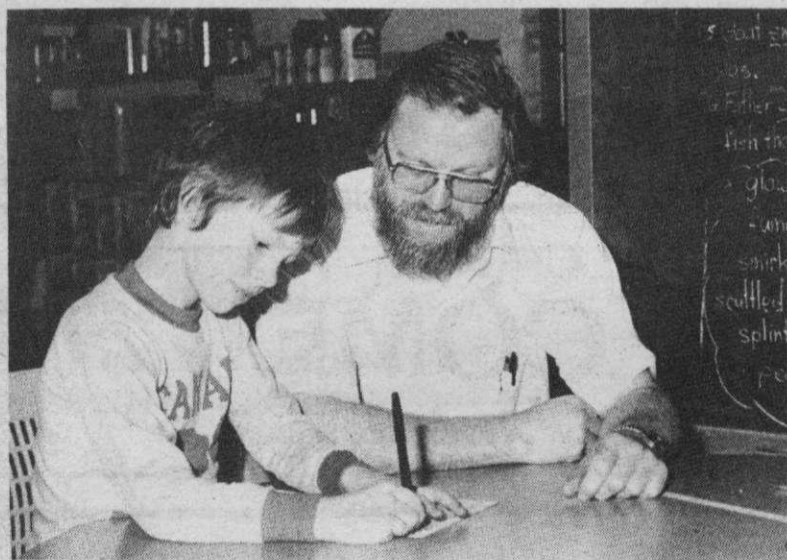
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**Gulf Islands Teachers' Association**



# Fossil fuels for the future

The winner has been named in the Salt Spring Rotary Club's Adventure in Energy essay contest.

Dan Fraser won a trip to Edmonton for his entry in the contest, which was open to all Grades 11 and 12 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Fraser also impressed the club members with his presentation of the essay at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club. Three other students presented their essays to the club.

The following is the text of Fraser's winning entry.

**BY DAN FRASER**

We Canadians have been very fortunate throughout our brief history. We have faced war, depression and internal strife with courage and determination and have emerged as a proud, strong nation.

But another crisis threatens our country and deliverance lies not in our courage and determination but under the fields and mountains of the land itself. For Canada's vast reserves of fossil fuels, coal, oil, and natural gas, may rescue us from the crippling effects of an impending energy shortage.

But unless we recognize the importance of all three fuels and utilize our coal and natural gas as major energy sources we may find ourselves out in the cold in the not-too-distant future. Should we give these resources the attention they deserve they could provide us with energy well into the next century.

A lack of supply may never threaten the coal industry in this country. At present usage levels, the coal in British Columbia alone could last for another 4,000 years. PROVIDES NINE PER CENT

This is very impressive but loses some of its glitter when one considers that coal only provides nine per cent of Canada's energy requirements. Even less heartening is the fact that with modern technology only one per cent of this coal is accessible by mining. Still, four or five billion tons of coal could provide us with energy for many years.

Yet, at one point in our recent past, coal was nearly phased out as an energy source in Canada. In the 40's it provided 50% of our energy needs but it hit a terrible slump in the 50's. Oil, cheap and plentiful, had replaced coal.

The greatest blow came when the railroads switched from steam-powered engines to diesel engines. In 1965, British Columbia and Alberta signed contracts to export their high-grade, low-polluting coal to Japan for use in its steel mills. This rescued dwindling coal interests and gave the industry a second life.

Still, coal's comeback has been very gradual. Its major use is in electrical generator plants in Ontario and Quebec. Considering the rising cost of producing oil, it would seem illogical that coal play such a small role in Canada's energy picture.

**PLAGUED WITH DRAWBACKS**

Unfortunately, coal is plagued with drawbacks. When it is burned, raw coal emits dangerous chemicals, which cause acid rain and are hazardous to human lungs. Strip mining causes extensive damage to land and underground mining has had its share of disasters.

With a law passed ordering coal industries to repair sites before they abandon them, one of these problems has been solved. Hydraulic mining (cutting the coal with a high-pressure water cannon) has increased production and decreased the hazards of mining.

Two promising developments may solve coal's emission problems. The first, called liquefaction, can convert one ton of coal into three barrels of crude oil economically. The second development is clean-burning energy pellets, called Solvent Refined Coal.

The fuel of the past, coal could serve us very well in the future, if we give it a chance.

Natural gas is free of coal's problems but still plays a distant back seat to oil. Perhaps the potential of gas has been neglected as well. Although it is the cleanest and easiest to produce of the fossil fuels and is more plentiful than oil, natural gas supplies only 18% of our energy needs.

**WAS BURNED OFF**

Until the 50's this precious resource was burned off as a waste product of oil. The main obstacle, transporting the gas, was solved in the 50's with the building of several pipelines. Today, gas fuels industries, heats homes and runs electric generators.

Alberta supplies 80% of the product but other provinces are showing promise in this resource, especially Nova Scotia, where a major gas field has been discovered near Sable Island. Natural gas may not become the fuel of the future but the support it can give to the other fuels should not be ignored.

Perhaps the importance of developing our coal and natural gas has been belittled by the comforting but misleading oil reserves that lie untouched in Alberta. Figures and estimations can be very misleading. If every barrel of oil under the fields of Alberta could be extracted, the total would last Canada for another 200 years, a very snug period of self-sufficiency.

The total reserves in Alberta could be well over one trillion barrels, the present accessible world reserves are only in the vicinity of 600 billion barrels. Very pleasing. With modern technology only three per cent of Alberta's trillion barrels are recoverable. Not as impressive as the other figures.

**TO RUN DRY**

With Alberta's present wells expected to run dry within the next 10 years, most of these trillion barrels must be located in a form other than pockets below the surface. Unfortunately, this may bar us from unleashing the tremendous potential which these reserves have to offer to us.



The merit award winners in the Adventures in Energy Program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Salt Spring pose for the camera at

a recent meeting of the service club.

From left, Dan Fraser, contest winner, Steve Stevenson, Doug

Foerster, Rotary president, Elaine Dawes and James Houston.

Fraser won a trip to Edmonton for his efforts.

For the crude oil is mingled with sand in a mixture called bitumin, or tar sand. Over 90% of the tar sand is too deep for mining. Scientists have been studying this problem since World War I and have failed to produce a method of reaching all of this oil.

Two new proposals are expected to go into operation in future tar sand developments. One involves pumping steam deep into a tar sand field. This frees the oil from the sand, making it much easier to raise to the surface. The other process is called fire flooding. A well is drilled into a tar sand field and the bitumin is set on fire.

Air is pumped through a second well to fan the fire and increase the temperature underground. Vapours are trapped at the surface where they cool and condense as crude oil.

**NOT ONLY IN ALBERTA**

Canada's oil resources are not limited to Alberta. Neither are the problems. The Beaufort Sea to the north promises some 32 billion barrels of crude oil but offshore wells cost \$50 million, each.

Until this last week, the greatest threat to the Hibernia oil project off the coast of Newfoundland had been the tremendous icebergs which roamed the area, capable of tearing oil pipelines and rigs. The possible damage to the Grand Banks fishing grounds resulting from an oil leakage could be disastrous.

But the first backlash to the project's progress has been much greater and costlier, with the loss of an entire rig and its workers to

stormy seas. This tragedy may be a drastic setback to offshore drilling and the oil industry in general.

The uncertainty of oil's progress over the next 20 years leaves a vital gap to be filled in Canada's energy

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**On Golden Swamp**

**Petition delivered to Curtis**

Pender resident Anne Forbes, representing an ad hoc Pender Island group, met with Finance Minister Hugh Curtis last Wednesday when she journeyed to Victoria to present a petition from islanders asking for a review of the assessment system.

Forbes was chairman of the meeting held earlier in the month when assessment chief Bill Craven came from Victoria to explain the present assessment system to a meeting of 70 islanders.

Curtis said he was hopeful that the government's budget on April 5 will bring satisfaction to everyone.

On average, Pender households will pay \$122 less this year for school taxes, Forbes reported on her return.

**To step up enforcement**

There have been too many traffic accidents on Salt Spring Island lately and Sergeant Mitch Hanks of Ganges RCMP said enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Act will be stepped up.

The highway patrol division of the Sidney RCMP sends cars to Salt Spring on a regular basis and the police will be checking driving habits as well as the condition of vehicles.

Speeders are also warned to slow down. The radar setup will be in increasing use with the coming of warmer weather.

Sergeant Hanks asks drivers to buckle up and drive safely.

**New year's party staged**

Mahon Hall at Ganges was the scene of a new year's celebration March 20.

About 100 adults and children gathered at the hall for the Baha'i New Year, Naw Ruz.

A program of entertainment included Sue Bowler's ballet class, with dancers Alana Bergstrom, Daya Filkow, Kirsten Luker and Joey Moger. Michelle Boehringer performed highland dances and Louise Beijk led a number of people in folk dancing.

A karate demonstration was given by Franz Beijk, Enrigue Orsono and Alex Neish.

Musical entertainment was provided by Madge Kimball on piano, Enrigue Orsono on guitar, Scott and Connie Bergstrom with guitar and voice, Morven Neish on harp and Jody Lehman and Kevin Wilkie on guitars and flute, with vocals.

Recitations were given by Pete Burtt and six-year-old Laura Bergstrom.

It was the second annual Naw Ruz party to be held at Salt Spring Island.

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Paul Minvielle, left, watches "Annie" for mouth-to-mouth instructor Mark Owen prepare resuscitation. The group in the centre are, from left, Drew Ripley, Anthony Barrett, Alfie Sheppard and Chad Davis.

## Youth learns first aid

The young men and women of the Ganges boy scouts and rangers were taught first aid by the ambulance attendants last week. The course, part of the training for the young people, will come in handy if an emergency should arise.



The bandage goes over here and under there, points out instructor Cliff Leblanc, as Sarah Stark, left, prepares to tie up Allison Althouse. Gwen Althouse, right, and an interested spectator look on.

Driftwood photos  
by  
Bill Webster



All tied down and nowhere to go is victim John Thomas. Working on him are, from left, Chris Koski,

Jason Minvielle, hidden, instructor Bud Innes, Ryan Stewart and Sean Althouse.

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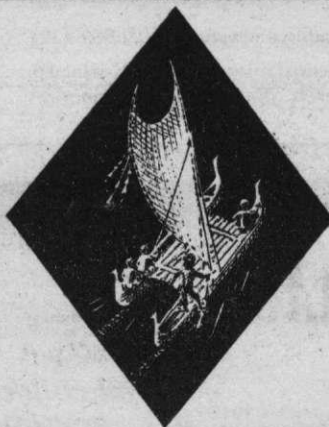
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