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## Local school tax dollars to remain in district

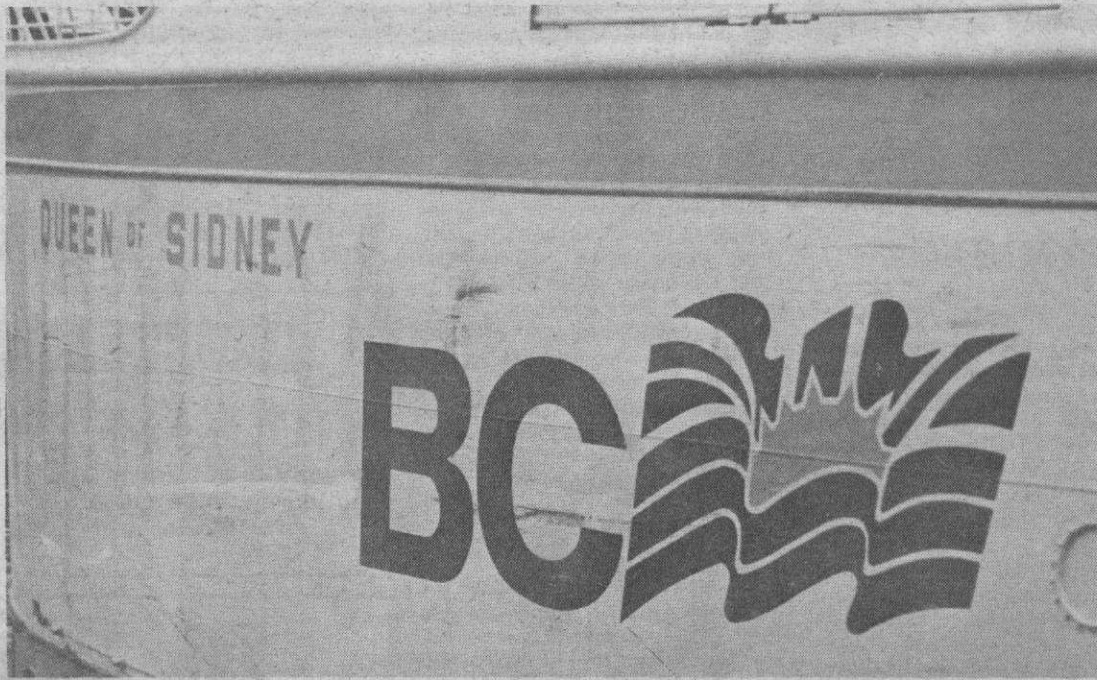
### Ferries get new logo

The ships of the B.C. Ferry Corporation are sporting a new design these days.

Orders had descended from on high to the ferry fleet to function with the logo of the province on the side. All the ships will be decalced out by the end of the week.

None at the ferry corporation knew the cost and the ministry of transportation did not return phone calls.

The *Queen of Sidney* required four men to paint the four logos on the bow and stern. The work was done by the corporation's own maintenance staff.



## Directors postpone Salt Spring visit

The Capital Regional Board is coming to Ganges, but not on March 20 as had been planned.

The board last week decided to postpone the visit until April 17. At that time the directors will tour the village, talk to people informally, then return to Victoria for a decision.

Peter Pollen, mayor of Victoria and chairman of the CRD's waste management committee, told the meeting that he had reconsidered the original proposal for the board to hold a formal meeting in Ganges and make a decision on the spot.

The board could not listen only to two or three people from each side of the issue, said Pollen. If the public were to be invited to speak, everyone who wanted to speak on the subject would have to be heard, he said, or the CRD "will be facing an abyss of legal action."

Pollen suggested that the waste management committee come to Salt Spring Island on a fact-finding mission. Any other director who wanted to tag along would be welcome, he said.

Shirley Wilde, representative of Metchosin, said the sewer controversy had serious issues and there were serious doubts about it.

"I'd prefer to go as a member of an official committee and that's as a board," she said. The CRD is losing credibility with the people of Salt Spring, she said, and if the whole board did not come to the island, the gap would widen.

Several members of the board stated that the trip would be necessary to gather information on the issue. Pollen offered to lend the directors the file he has accumulated on the Ganges sewer.

He described it as "13¼ inches of paper."

The date in April was chosen to allow both Dr. Allan Arneil, CRD health officer, and Norman Howard, chief engineer, to accompany the directors. Both men will be away on business for

various times and April 17 is the closest day when all can make the trip.

"Time is of the essence," said Pollen, "we should get this festering wound sewn up, if not healed."

## Philosophy jeopardized by teachers' stand on budget cuts

The philosophy of promoting co-operation between the Gulf Islands School Board and district staff is in jeopardy as a result of the stand being taken by local teachers on the budget cuts ordered by the ministry of education.

Chairman Strick Aust said in a statement at last week's school board meeting that the board has involved members of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association in the budget process at their own urging. The board, he said, had come to rely upon that input.

"Now when they are needed most they have pulled out and left the board dangling in the void."

Aust was referring to one of two letters sent to him by the GITA executive, which warned that no GITA member would participate in assisting the board to cut the 1982 budget. The education ministry has directed that \$285,000 be cut from the budget to comply with spending guidelines

unable to make a trip to Victoria in one day. They would be required to stay away from home overnight.

The new schedule would also affect Galiano Island, but to a lesser extent, *Driftwood* learned.

The proposal was discussed at a meeting of the ferry corporation Monday. A corporation spokesman in Victoria said Tuesday that the schedule had been sent back to operations personnel, but she had no further

## Proposed schedule change may be detrimental

Ferry schedule changes for the Outer Gulf Islands may have a detrimental effect for Saturna Islanders travelling to Victoria.

B. C. Ferry Corporation officials met last Thursday with Islands Trust representatives to discuss the changes, but no information was available Tuesday.

Islands MLA Hugh Curtis told *Driftwood* that he understood the proposed changes could mean that

The long-awaited changes in school funding were announced by the minister of education last week.

The good news for Gulf Island residents is that every dollar raised through taxes on residential property in the islands will remain in the district.

The ministry will levy a province-wide mill rate on non-residential property and for 1982 the levy has been set at 55 mills. The new rate brings taxes on non-residential property down in 46 of the 75 school districts and the other districts which paid less will have the rate frozen at last year's levy.

Local taxes will be held to a \$95 increase over the 1981 level but the school district could raise additional taxes against residential property to cover the non-operating portion of the budget for items such as non-shareable capital and the local share of debt servicing.

### COVERING 12%

The change means that residential taxpayers will be covering about 12% of the education costs. The remainder comes from provincial revenues and the tax on non-residential property.

Funding of the education cost breaks down to Victoria paying a minimum of 60% outright and sharing another 35% with the school district. The government share depends upon the ability of the district to pay. The final five

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## Lost boy turns up at Musgrave Landing

The youngster wandered away and despite efforts to locate him, he found himself.

Benjamin Lassmann, 8, of Squamish, got lost on Mount Tuam Saturday and the people he was with began to search. The time was about 1 pm.

When the boy could not be found after two hours, the RCMP were called in. Efforts to locate the boy included the use of a helicopter and at least 15 searchers.

Volunteers from the Salt Spring Fire Department were also called in and they began to

organize a search pattern from the Fulford Valley side of the mountain.

At 6:30 pm, a phone call came into the RCMP from Robert Kellogg at Musgrave Landing. The boy had been found.

The young man had walked about six miles from where he was last seen. After being lost, he wandered around until he found a logging road. The boy stayed on the road until he walked out to Musgrave Landing.

Police described him as being in good shape but very tired.



"Disco Grannie" was 84 last Monday and her friends at Greenwoods celebrated the event in fine fashion. Elizabeth Sampson enjoys the birthday cake made to mark the occasion.

# Elections protest fails to get support of association

The election of directors to the Salt Spring Island Planning Association was legal as far as the directors themselves are concerned.

The group met last week to choose an executive as well as to deal with a challenge to the validity of the election of new directors on March 1.

Ray Hill had expressed concern about the validity of the elections in view of the lack of a quorum of directors at the annual meeting. At that time, seven positions on the 14-member board were open for election. A vacancy also existed on the board due to the resignation of a director last year.

The constitution of the association calls for a quorum of at least seven of the directors but allows the chairman the option of naming persons to sit on the board, at his discretion and with the majority vote of directors present. In outlining his concern, Hill told the board, "I simply want to make sure the community knows this group is valid and not find opposition to us in future."

Mike Clement said, "I believe the credibility of this organization doesn't depend on how we deal with this question but on how we deal with our business."

### CHECKED SITUATION

Fred Brookbanks told the meeting he had checked the situation with two people versed in parliamentary procedure.

One concern brought up by Hill was that one of the rules for the group calls for an annual meeting in February of each year but the recent annual meeting had not been held until March 1.

Brookbanks said the accepted practice in organizations such as the Planning Association was to allow a 60-day period of grace from the stated date of meeting. If such a meeting was attended by a responsible cross-section of the community and no formal motion of protest brought forward at the meeting, then the elections would be valid.

### WERE SCRUTINIZED

He pointed out that no protest motion had been made at the annual meeting and also that the elections had been scrutinized by Yvette Valcourt, Salt Spring

director to the Capital Regional District.

No one had objected to the naming of two interim directors in order to begin the annual meeting, he said.

Valcourt said she had registered a protest at the meeting and that the naming of the two was not legal.

"It could not have been a motion," she said, "because there wasn't a quorum."

The directors did not accept her statement because the minutes of the annual meeting showed no such protest. Sue Ramsey had protested at the meeting but she said it was against the late start and not the conduct of the meeting itself.

"I did not proceed with the protest because I was satisfied with the chairman's explanation of the reasons for being late," she said.

### MOTIONS PASSED

Two motions were introduced,

one to validate the date of the annual meeting and the other to validate the election of directors. Both passed.

During the discussion of the question a suggestion that the planning association be disbanded was made. Several directors outlined the reasons for its continuation.

Kevin Bell said the group was needed to act as an advisory board for elected representatives to both the CRD and the Islands Trust.

Valcourt stated, "You are not my advisory board."

Clement said he saw the planning association as being a watchdog group intent upon protecting the amenities of the island.

A task facing the group within the next year is to review the constitution. The next meeting will tackle the subject of land use as proposed by the minister of municipal affairs.

## Philosophy in jeopardy

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announced last month by Premier Bill Bennett.

### COMPLYING WITH BCTF

Aust said he understood that in refusing to help reduce the budget, GITA was complying with a directive from the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

It was the board's hope, he said, that GITA would place the needs of the district above their desire to support their parent body.

The chairman was also critical of the teachers' group for sending a copy of the second letter to each of the parent advisory committees in the district.

It was "an obvious attempt to create a political situation and motivate these groups to join with them in some type of action against the board...."

The second letter accused the board of using in-camera sessions illegally, and not discussing proposed budget changes in public.

Aust said GITA should have taken its concerns to the board through its president, who has a seat on the school board as a district official and is permitted to participate in board discussions.

### DON'T WANT CONFLICT

Responding to Aust's statement, GITA president Mike Hayes said that the teachers' group was a strong supporter of participation in the district and didn't want to see conflict.

He also noted that GITA had had no intention of accusing the board of operating illegally in the second letter.

Trustee John Zacharias pointed out that in discussing budget cuts in camera they were doing nothing different from the usual budget process. He said in-camera sessions were held when the budget was being prepared.

Trustees expressed their support for Aust's statement by passing a motion endorsing it.

## Tax dollars to remain

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per cent comes from local taxes. The homeowner grant will be kept to aid those persons needing relief from taxes.

Special education programs which are funded by the province will continue being paid for in that way. Programs having shared costs will be funded for up to 60% of value by the province and that amount could rise to as high as 95% in some districts.

### ONE OF FOUR PHASES

The announcement by the minister forms part of a four-phase development program in education funding for the province. Phase one began in 1979 when property taxes were dropped as a source of funding for universities and colleges.

The changes outlined here are part of phase two and by 1983, phase three will come into effect when the province refines the items here and increases its contributions to operating costs.

The final phase will see adjustments concerning responsibilities and accountabilities between the province and school boards as well as adjustments to the finance formula.

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**Frank**  
by richards



Everybody knows what inflation is but only Salt Spring Island Lions Club bulletin has provided a precise explanation. Here is the Lions report on spiralling costs, from the current issue of *Salt Spring Lines*:

Inflation: Money talks, but with inflation, its voice gets steadily weaker. Once there was a farmer who raised corn and a man who raised hens but no corn. The hens said no corn, no eggs. So the man agreed to work for the farmer one day a week for \$5 a day. And the farmer agreed to sell corn to the man for \$1 a bushel. They paid each other off every time with the long green. The farmer paid the man \$5 and the man paid the \$5 back to the farmer for the five bushels of corn which he wheeled home in his wheelbarrow. After a while, the man said to the farmer, "Everything's gone up, and I regret to inform you that I can't work for less than \$6 a day." The farmer said, "I understand. But you must understand that everything's going up with me, too, and I regret intensely to inform you that I can't sell you my corn for less than \$1.20 a bushel." The man said he understood. So, the man got \$6 a day, and at \$1.20 a bushel, he paid the farmer the \$6 for the five bushels of corn, and both of them said "Happy days are here again." By and by, the man said to the farmer, "Things have gone up still more, and I can't work for less than \$7.50 a day." The farmer agreed that was fair, but told the man that things were going up still higher with him. He would have to get \$1.50 a bushel for the corn. The man agreed that was fair, and they both said, "Prosperity is here." After all, the man was getting \$7.50 a day. The farmer was getting \$1.50 a bushel for corn, and the hens were getting five bushels as always. And so things went until the man was getting \$10 a day, and the farmer got \$2 a bushel, and the man gave the farmer \$10 for five bushels. And the hens kept right on laying, and the man told his wife, "Ain't it wonderful—\$10 a day." And the farmer told his wife, "Ain't it wonderful—\$2 a bushel." And the hens kept clucking away on five bushels of corn. And the statisticians down in Ottawa said, "Ain't it wonderful—national income at record levels!" And the politicians said, "Ain't it wonderful!" and bragged that they had done it. And everybody felt so good and so prosperous that the man and the farmer both voted for the politicians, and that is how it was, "eggsactly".

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When I credited a former island newsman (Vancouver Island) with sending me a clipping from California I opened the gates of the dam of feminine indignation. The clipping was not clipped by my former boss. It was clipped by his wife. How do I always get into this liberation business? More important, how do I talk myself out of it? And I'm still grateful.

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The moss is growing well this year. I didn't think too much about it until I heard a fellow in the island court of revision explain that he had moss on the roof and it had to be reroofed. I've been looking at my own crop very carefully. There's green moss and brown bloom and they're doing well. Too well. I want help. How does anyone get rid of moss? I've been told to use wires and copper sulphate and one preparation that warns you before you open it that it'll probably be fatal even looking at the sealed can. I didn't look.

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Every time they spray paint at the ferry wharf, she gets paint on her windows, she told a court of revision. She had protested, she explained, but the ferry corporation had not shown any eager enthusiasm to get involved. If the corporation were to experiment with colours she might find one which was acceptable, she added. But it's always the same colour.

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Lou Yellowlees bailed me out. There is a bundook. It was military slang meaning a rifle. Not just a Lee Eenfield, but any rifle and it comes from the Hindustani "banduq". While Lou tells me it is, or was, military slang, he had no indication of what it meant in Hindustani. The explanation is a logical origin. I heard it from a Royal Air Force Class "E" reservist. The Class E's were First War veterans coming back for a stint in the Second War. There are very few left today. Many of these reservists had served in another unit during the 1914-18 war and brought with them such Indian words picked up from the long association of the British army with India. A considerable volume of military slang had its origin in India or the Middle East and Second War troops used such foreign words without realizing that they had an eastern base. It's a long time since, but I recall the expression: I'm malish, meaning indifference and originating with an Egyptian word. Pukkahgen, genuine information, was from Hindu, pukkah, and few servicemen in Britain failed to hear the term, dhobi, for laundry. I would place that as Indian, but I am not certain. The only two airmen in the class E reserve whom I recall today were the chauffeurs for the Durham coroner who had tales galore about his experiences and not one of them was printable and the fellow whose identity is long lost and who was arrested by the military police for having his boots laced in the wrong manner. The military had odd ideas of the valuable disciplines. He explained to the officer hearing the charge that he had served with a famous British regiment and, accordingly, laced his boots cross-wise instead of the regulation horizontal lacing. Since when, enquired his incredulous section officer, did that regiment lace its boots in that manner. They still do, he insisted. A brief enquiry revealed that fact that his First War regiment had won the privilege of so fastening its boots as a battle honour decades back. Not only did a member of the regiment enjoy the privilege, but he retained the privilege upon transferring to any other military organization. It had a lasting effect on me. I rarely lace my shoes at all now. I won that privilege upon my release from the services.

**Raises for some, cuts for others**

**New pay structure sent back to finance committee**

Some paycheques would have been reduced and some increased so the directors of the Capital Regional District sent the proposal back to the finance committee. The board was to consider the remuneration structure for 1982 last week but when the proposal came before them they decided to send it back for more information. The directors for Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands would have received \$5,000 this year. Last year, the Salt Spring director was paid \$7,636, including \$2,545 as an expense allowance. The Outer Islands director was paid \$6,767 with \$2,255 slated for expenses. Of the other electoral areas in the CRD, the directors from Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke and View Royal were to receive \$7,500 under the proposal but no one was to make less than last year. The previous pay of the directors from Langford and Colwood stood at \$8,677 while the directors of Metchosin and View Royal made \$6,767. The director from Sooke was paid \$6,767. Each of the directors from an electoral area was allowed one-

third of his pay as an expense allowance for conducting CRD business. The directors from municipal areas such as Victoria, Esquimalt, Oak Bay and Saanich would have got a raise to \$4,500 from the \$4,054 paid to them in 1981. The directors from North Saanich and Sidney, pegged at \$4,500 this year, received \$6,325 last year. The director of Central Saanich got \$5,072 compared to the proposed \$4,500. The chairman of the CRD was to have received an extra \$12,500, up slightly from \$11,813 in 1981.

Similarly the chairman of the hospital board was to have received an extra \$5,000, up from \$4,787. Alternate directors would have been paid the same amount, \$56 per meeting, except that the amount would have been deducted from the pay of the director for whom the alternate attended the meeting.

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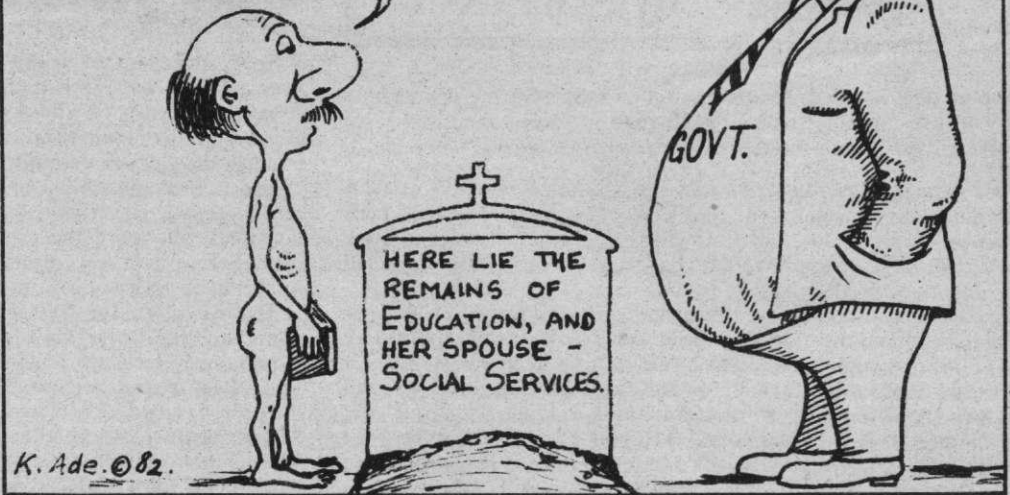
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Actually sir,  
We don't have any reason  
to give, and even if we  
did - we don't have  
anything anyway.



## The stroke of a pen

Education Minister Brian Smith has corrected two ills which have been threatening the smooth running of life in the islands.

His announcement last week of a new policy of school financing takes away the danger of spiralling school costs feared by many island residents and particularly those who, retired, are without means to meet sharp increases in their living costs.

In addition, it has eliminated the heavy burden placed on island property owners by the high assessment value of the islands land.

For years islanders have been paying school taxes for the communities with a lower assessment total. Because the islands have a great length of coastline and because waterfront properties are always first-ranking when it comes to desirable lands, the gross assessment has been high. And because of this value, many ordinary people, retiring or struggling to make a living, have been heavily taxed by the province.

Mr. Smith has seen fit to eliminate this inequity and he has made many friends among the island people for his action.

## From bad to chaos

However we might criticize the federal government for its policies, the present strike of Progressive Conservative members can only represent a step backwards.

The Conservative opposition is a minority party. There is no possible justification for its closing down the House of Commons simply on the excuse that it does not agree with the majority party.

The Tories could be right. They could be more wrong than any Canadian party has ever been in its history. But, either way, the dispute within the Commons should be settled within the Commons. Parliamentary debate cannot be settled at the hustings.

The picture is too plain.

If the Liberal party submits to this form of coercion the pattern will be written into the record and there will always be a precedent for anarchy. If the government party holds out against the strikers, then Canada grinds to a halt.

If the Tories succeed in this strategy we are seeing the opening of an entirely new form of parliamentary government. And it is not an attractive form to take with us into posterity.

Anarchy is very close in sight.

## No communication

If it exists, the phone line between the provincial Knowledge Network and the federal Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission is rarely used.

According to some officials of the former body, cable companies are required to carry its educational broadcasts.

According to the CRTC, however, cable companies are merely required to reserve a channel for the broadcasts.

It's rather remarkable that communications should be so limited between the two organizations.

But after all, governments themselves don't exactly shine these days when it comes to communicating.



Bill Webster

## Back seat talkers

No one, as the song goes, knows the troubles I've seen.

And that doesn't include what happens when Wednesday noon arrives.

The old Plymouth, sporting a new exhaustive system, has become feisty of late. It wants to go, particularly at night when the moon glows magic on the Gulf Islands.

But even with the urge to go, the old Plymouth has also developed a need for shouted instructions. Not from me, mind. I can offer all sorts of explicit directions on a cold morning and the thing sits there refusing to turn over.

I can journey alone to Victoria or other strange places and the old Plymouth complies hesitantly.

If, however, Tulullah Twinkle accompanies me and we set out for Captain Hook's Breakfast Nook, the dumb car strains at the leash.

Tulullah tells it where to go and what to do.

"Watch out for that police car."

"Turn left right here."

"Stop. The light is purple."

### LAPS IT UP

And you just know that old Plymouth laps up the attention and follows instructions to a T.

It's not my fault really, but regardless of the passenger the old Plymouth reacts not to brake and gas pedal but to firmly voiced instructions so long as the words do not come from the driver's seat.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley put the whole thing in perspective. The car, said Louis, has developed that not too uncommon disease, backseat-driveritis. And there is no known cure short of leaving civilization behind.

The back seat driver (BST) intimidates the pitiful hunk of metal and often reduces the driver to a quivering mass of

jangled nerves. The BST never misses a chance to spout off.

They require practice and more practice and, Louis informed me, years can pass before a rear seat bombast perfects the tirade.

### DROOLING AT HUBCAPS

If the car shows even the slightest hint of nervousness or the driver pauses just a second too long, the BST pounces. Orders ring out and as with Pavlov's dogs, driver and vehicle respond drooling at the hubcaps all the way.

BST's, said Louis, can be found in far more places in this life than just in the back seat. They lurk about and leap out when one least expects them.

They can be found standing in a line waiting to get into a movie house. They loudly explain that they have seen the picture seven times and don't like it. Even though you have been waiting for months to see the flick and have shivered for an hour in line, the BST delivers, quote for quote, the entire dialogue sequence of the turning point in the movie.

You sadly turn for home.

Picture another scene. A bookstore. You have searched for a particular book for the longest time. You are desperate to find it and have compromised to the point of seeking it in the paperback section.

You find it.

### REVEALS CLIMAX

BST stands beside you, glances at the book and in 12 well chosen words destroys your anticipation by revealing the climax.

Perhaps it's me. Maybe it's the old Plymouth or probably it's the combination. We attract BST's, the old Plymouth and I.

Recently Constance Talianer has assumed that the old Plymouth is her personal taxi. She calls up to get a ride to the corner store. At 2 am.

Being a nice guy, I go.

She has a car of her own but she won't drive it. It's delicate, says she. Shifting gears, particularly into reverse, will induce neurosis in the thing, she claims and besides, dust will only mar the truly fine paint job.

Just last week, on a supreme example of a Gulf Island evening, she phoned to ask if she could get a ride to Greenwoods to visit Spike. The visit would be but a short one, she assured me.

"Fine," said I, "where do I pick you up?"

"I'm in a phone booth just outside the legislature in Victoria," she said. "Do hurry," was the last I heard as she hung up.

### TOOK CONTROL

I did but the ferries, of course, did not. When we, the old Plymouth and I, reached downtown Victoria, Constance took control.

"Straight up Pat Bay Highway," she said.

As each instruction washed over the old Plymouth it responded meekly.

"Park at the back," she barked as we approached Greenwoods.

The parking lot for the hospital afforded easier access to Spike's room than attempting to cope with the demolition derby run in Greenwoods' front parking lot.

As the old Plymouth approached and lined itself up with the space, Constance took a deep breath.

"When we get out," she said, "don't breathe. Just run for the door."

I knew compliance with her instructions was futile for after numerous attempts to kick the noxious weed, my lungs need all the fresh air they can get.

We got out of the car and headed for the door and it struck me what Constance was talking about. Holding my breath didn't help, she should have told me not to smell.

# Letters to the Editor

## Religious program is defended

Sir,  
I was about to put pen to paper re another topic, when my husband read the comment in Tony Richards' column re the early morning TV show, *100 Huntley Street*. It spurred me into action.

Mr. Richards, I heartily agree with you regarding most of the "mindless crap" that's on TV these days. But if you live in the country, commute to the city for jobs and university, look after goats and geese, spin and weave, there aren't too many hours left in the day for indulging in trivia.

If the photograph in your column is a recent one, then maybe you are too young to feel the need for help and support from a source outside yourself. I'm a case in point. Although I can never remember a time when I wasn't a Christian and didn't go to church, it's the same passage of time that has given me time to reflect on the suffering of others. Only now, as the mother of four young adults do

I personally realize how my parents suffered when my sister died.

My own family has suffered many traumas, probably no more than others, but we draw great strength from our Christianity in dealing with our heartaches. We also find that to keep coping, our Christianity has to keep growing and our Catholic Mass, Bible study nights with our friends and *100 Huntley Street* keep us moving in this direction. Our 18-year-old son, a "jock" and outdoorsman, finds his own faith strengthened when *Huntley Street* features "Athletes for Christ" or maybe young rodeo champions. My 21-year-old daughter reaches for my hand during prayer time on the program.

The program is inter-denominational — and they are not "selling religion at prices reduced to". I don't know how they manage to carry on financially — they have a 1½-hour time slot with no commercials and yet when they

do mention donations it's infrequent and low key. Maybe my teenagers put it in the proper perspective when we switch from *100 Huntley to Canada A.M.* (on those rare mornings when early University classes don't beckon) — "First the Good News and now the bad!"

I know that you can come back and say that we use it as a "crutch" — but whether you have a broken leg or a broken spirit, a crutch is a pretty welcome aid.

Now back to the original purpose of writing — the kiddies have their "corner" back — can we have Mary Williamson back?

Tony, why don't you give the program another chance. You might be pleasantly surprised to find that the host's smile is genuine and full of love for others! And does this world need more love.

God bless!  
**ROSEMARY BAXTER,**  
Box 7,  
Priddis, Alberta.  
March 4, 1982.

## How much more blood can they take?

Sir,  
Re: Proposed Federal Homeowner's Tax.

I urge each and every one of your readers who are homeowners to immediately write to the Prime Minister, and their local MP Mr. Jim Manly at the House of Commons, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario (no postage needed).

Tell them that you as homeowners demand they retract any plans they may have to "tax" homeowners. How much more blood do they think they can get out of the stones who are the citizens of this country.

All homeowners should stand together, shed the apathy, tell the Federal Government that we won't pay any such tax — and stick to that resolution. Again, I urge you to act immediately and write that letter.

**MAUREEN B. LEASON,**  
Rourke Road,  
R.R.2 Ganges.  
March 15, 1982.

## The quality of education couldn't get much worse

Sir,  
I have just read Michael Hayes' letter in *Driftwood* condemning Premier Bennett's recent austerity program.

It seems to me that whenever anything happens to the teachers (or anyone else, for that matter) that might affect their pay cheques, themselves, or their working conditions, the immediate cry is the quality of education will suffer.

I don't quite follow their reasoning. There is that old cliché "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." Not in this day and age. When the going gets tough, scream to the high heavens

to the unions, to the government for more money.

More money always cures the problems, and the quality of education. More money, more professional days, more field trips, more time off, that's what we want. Less work, smaller classes, bigger schools, bigger gymnasiums.

I don't think the quality of education can get much worse than it already is — what have we to lose, except possibly the roof over our heads from an ever increasing school tax load?

**ARTHUR BEADDIE,**  
R.R.1 Ganges.  
March 11, 1982.

## Monks building monument to peace next to base

Sir,  
I noted with interest Eve Smith's letter in *Driftwood* on March 3. In her letter she outlined all the current horrors unleashed by modern science with the discovery of atomic bombs.

Reaction to these hideous devices by various cultures over the years has been almost universal in their loathing. Very, very few people endorse their use once they are made aware of the catastrophic results of such use.

What is the reaction of the only nation to be nuclear bombed, the Japanese? From being one of the most martial of people, people who regardless of sex were inducted into the warlike spirit at the very cradle it seems, the Japanese are almost exclusively devoted to the cause of peace. They have a very limited "self-defence" force, the very name army or navy being anathema to their constitution.

Most of you reading this are aware that there is a Trident nuclear submarine "pen" built quite close by to these placid islands. I refer to the station across

the water from Seattle.

Students of a Buddhist monk from Japan, a lifelong opponent of war named Nichidatsu Fujii, were recently given a small scrap of land right next to the fence at the base. As Fujii was a long-time disciple of Mahatma Gandhi his students in turn are pacifist and do not believe in violent confrontation.

Their response to the nuclear horror is to build a monument to world peace right next to the monument to war. This pagoda will be 74 feet high when completed next May! Imagine if you will the effect of such a monument. Buddhists believe that such monuments are symbolic representations of their Founder's earthy form and as such are worthy objects of veneration.

A similar idea is the huge statue of Christ of the Andes, made in part of melted down armaments of the former belligerent nations of Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

I personally want to support these monks' efforts because I believe that any action that is positive even if it seems alien to our culture should be supported. If you wish to join me in sending a few dollars for food money to these monks the address is:

Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. N.W., Poulsbo, Washington, 98370.

**DOUG HENDERSON,**  
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March 8, 1982.

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## Death of long-time resident

A long-time resident of Salt Spring Island died last week.

Olive Marguerite Gilman died suddenly at home on March 11. She leaves her husband, Fred and two sons, Edward who lives in Parksville and Donald of Ganges.

Mrs. Gilman had two grandchildren as well, Shannon and Darren of Parksville. Her sister, Mrs. C. Campbell, lives in

Duncan and three brothers, Lesley, John and Edward are living in Yorkshire, England.

Interment was in the Ganges Cemetery on Tuesday. The service was conducted by Canon B. T. Page of Victoria. Arrangements for the funeral were prepared by Goodman Jones Funeral Home in Ganges.

## Officers named

The executive of the Salt Spring Planning Association was chosen last week.

Nick Gilbert was named chairman with Ray Hill getting the nod for vice-chairman. Mary Small will function as both recording and correspondence secretary. Jean Brindamour will handle the accounts as treasurer.

The planning association will meet on the second Wednesday of each month and the next meeting has been set for April 14. In May the meeting has been set for May 12.

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## Sewer, water parcel taxes set by region

Various areas of the Gulf Islands will be subject to parcel tax on individual properties to pay for services, the Capital Regional Board decided last week.

Residents of Salt Spring Island served by the Maliview Estates sewer will be paying a parcel tax of \$82.97 each year. The tax applies to any piece of property in the Maliview sewer area "which is capable of being connected to any sewer main, whether or not the parcel of land is connected to such sewer main."

Also on Salt Spring, residents served by the Highland water system face a parcel tax of \$48 per year to pay for water. The tax also applies to property which while not hooked into the system is capable of being so.

A flat rate of \$195 per year per household or equivalent is also being considered by the CRD for users of the Highland water system. The bylaw imposing that levy is currently before the minister of municipal affairs for approval.

On Saturna, the users of the Lyall Harbour-Boot Cove water system will pay a parcel tax of \$196.50 each year for each parcel of land in the area regardless of whether it's hooked to the system or not.

## Police given help

Another good citizen helped Ganges RCMP last week.

The citizen noticed an individual on the ferry in what appeared to be an impaired state. Later the same citizen notified police of an accident on Lower Ganges Road near Atkins Road.

A routine RCMP patrol arrived on the scene and a man was seen walking away. Investigation revealed that Gary Newneryes of Vancouver had been the driver of the vehicle involved.

The 1978 black GMC pickup had been stolen in Delta. Newneryes was charged with possession of stolen property and a further charge of driving with a blood-alcohol reading of more than .08.

For both the Highland and the Saturna parcel tax, property owners will continue to pay until the debt for the service has been paid off.

For those who live in the Magic Lakes area on Pender Island, a parcel tax of \$196 per year for the sewer payments and another \$48 for water payments has been imposed. As with the other parcel taxes, everyone in the area pays even if they don't use the service.

The payments for the water system parcel tax for Magic Lake property owners will continue until the debt has been paid.

## Lawyers forced out by restraints

Budget restraints have forced the Capital Regional District's lawyers out of their offices.

The CRD board of directors approved a resolution brought forward by the finance committee to change the situation with regard to the lawyers. Previously they were at the CRD at least two days each week. The resolution called for discontinuing the arrangement.

"While the arrangement with respect to the solicitor has proved most effective and convenient," the report from the finance committee stated, "it is felt that this can not be supported during a period of restraint."

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## Increases exempt from restraint

The provincial budget restraints do not apply to services in the Gulf Islands.

The Capital Regional District recently announced increases for sewer use at Magic Lakes on Pender. Rate hikes also affected water systems at Magic Lakes and in the Highland Water District on Salt Spring.

Executive director of the CRD, Dennis Young, and CRD treasurer Bill Jordan met with the inspector of municipalities concerning the CRD's proposed budget of \$37.2 million.

The inspector granted exemptions for the Gulf Islands works because the operations are either starting up or in the process of expansion.

The directors will be going over their proposed budget this week to see if cuts can be made according to the guidelines set by the inspector of municipalities in his talks with Young and Jordan.

Areas which could be cut back include planning, parks and recreation, wastewater management and local community grants.

## Parcel tax appeals court

For those islanders dissatisfied with frontage or parcel taxes on their property, the Capital Regional District has set up a court of revision.

The court will hear appeals on Tuesday, April 6 in the third-floor board room beginning at 10 am.

The CRD offices are at 524 Yates Street in Victoria.

## No policy needed

No policy is needed on circulation of questionnaires in local schools, the Gulf Islands School Board decided recently.

The board heard a recommendation from superintendent Charles Hopper that the district didn't need a policy because surveys of students are not a common occurrence.

The board had previously discussed drawing up such a policy following the circulation of a list of questions to students recently by the Community Society and the secondary school's parents advisory group.



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- Minutes of previous meeting
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Committee Reports:
    1. Mahon Hall Committee
    2. Artcraft
    3. Publicity
    4. Grants and Awards
    5. Programme
  - Reports from associate groups
  - Chairman's Report
  - Election of Officers
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# Goodie to hang up the black suit at end of month

BY BILL WEBSTER

Goodie is putting himself out to pasture.

The well-liked Salt Spring funeral director, Donald "Goodie" Goodman, is retiring at the end of the month.

"After 30 years, it feels like time to hang up the black suit," said Goodie in reference to his upcoming leisure time.

And he wants people to know that is exactly what he will be seeking when he and wife Isabel retire to their new home in the Hundred Hills area of Salt Spring.

"I'm going to relax," said Goodie, "and retire to what I want to do."

He was born in rural Saskatchewan and lived for a short time in England before being placed in an orphan's home in Victoria.

In 1922, Goodie came to Salt Spring as a houseboy for the late Henry Bullock. The nickname Goodie was given to him at the orphanage and it has stuck.

### GOT \$2.50

At the end of the first week of work for Bullock, Goodie received \$2.50 because the boss considered it worth it. For that sum in 1922, Goodie had his choice of a pair of shoes costing almost the full pay or overalls for 95 cents with money left over.

One of his tasks in those early days was to drive the family to church in a 1912 Ford. Goodie was small. He had to peer through the steering wheel to steer because he couldn't sit high enough to see over the wheel.

By 1934, he and Isabel had married and have since raised a daughter and two sons.

He got into the funeral business at the urgings of a local doctor because the advent of a retirement home on Salt Spring had overtaxed the capacity of Mouat Bros., who had been carrying out the service.

The doctor, said Goodie, bullied him into the business because he was driving the ambulance at that time. His training came through practice although his sons went to school in Victoria for funeral education.

The service which Goodie started will be taken over by Paul Jones of Hayward's, Thomson and Irving of Victoria. Jones intends to call the service, Goodman Jones.

**SERIOUS ABOUT RELAXING**  
But Goodie is serious about his relaxation when retired. He recounted an incident from when he was Salt Spring fire chief.

At a meeting of the directors of the fire district, Goodie suggested that it might be a good idea to move a couple of the trucks to Vesuvius. Some of the men there



Goodie Goodman

were retired and having nothing to do, they could keep the trucks shining and the engines in good condition, suggested Goodie.

The chairman replied, "When I find a fellow without very much to do, he usually wants to keep it that way."

The Goodmans will stay on Salt Spring because after all these years Goodie can't find any good in other places. "Anywhere else I go, there's something wrong," he said. "It's too hot. It's too cold. It's too

big or it's too small. "We don't mind seeing some of the rest of the world but we don't want to live there."

Goodie has over the years gained a reputation as a man with a sense of humour. He doesn't deny the accusation as, with a glint in the eye, he said, "I think you have to have one in the funeral business.

"Besides," he added, "if you haven't got a sense of humour, the food doesn't digest as well."

## Where will budget cuts be made, board asked

The superintendent of facilities in the Gulf Islands School District is at a loss as to how to proceed with buildings, grounds and custodial maintenance as a result of the expected restraint on spending.

Wilf Peck told the school board meeting last week that he would like some indication of what cuts may be made in the budget following Premier Bill Bennett's recently announced guidelines on spending.

The school board is reviewing the budget now and wants spending on any major items delayed until the review process is completed.

Trustee John Zacharias suggested that Peck prepare a list of specific items and amounts and submit it to the board for approval.

Peck agreed to discuss the spending proposals with secretary-treasurer Amy McLeod.

# School board expresses support for lottery grant

The Gulf Islands School Board has agreed to lend its support to the Galiano Island Activity Centre Society in its bid to obtain a lottery fund grant.

In a letter to trustees, society president Linda Laughlin pointed out that the proposal for a joint-use activity centre at Galiano had received strong support in the referendum held a few weeks ago. The centre would be built in conjunction with renovations to the Galiano school and would be used by both the school and the

community.

A letter from Finance Minister Hugh Curtis was also read at last Wednesday's school board meeting. Addressed to the society, it said that Curtis had reviewed the group's application for a lottery fund grant and that he could find no difficulty in giving his support to the application.

The school board will write to the provincial government to express its support for the grant application.



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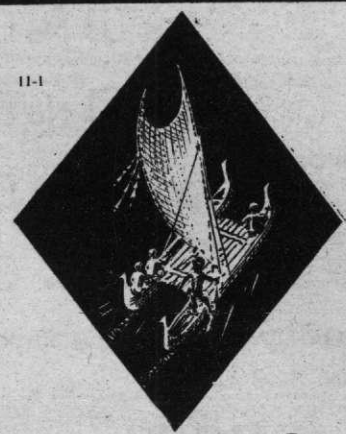
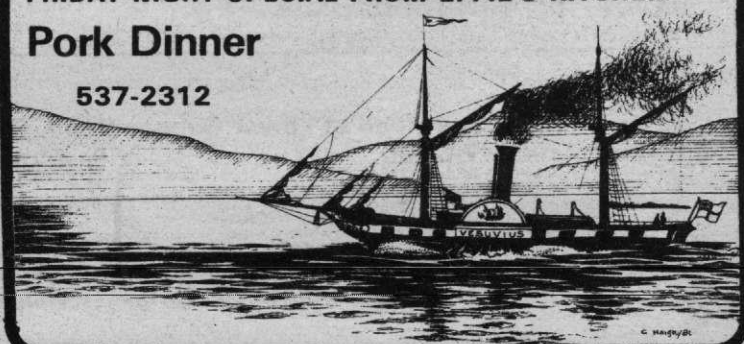
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# Concert by Dan Rubin on Friday

### Contributed

The Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society will present Dan Rubin at St. George's Hall in Ganges Friday.

A Canadian contemporary folk musician, Dan Rubin was the driving force behind Flying Mountain, an energetic and eclectic folk, bluegrass, jazz-crazy band with three L.P.'s to their credit and a strong following throughout British Columbia.

Two years ago, Rubin kicked off his solo career with *Solitudes*, an album that received high praise from the Vancouver *Free Press*.

*RPM, The Province* and the *Victoria Times*. It features help from the likes of Pied Pear, Ken Bloom and players from Stringband and Doug and the Slugs.

Rubin's music is very contemporary with shades of jazz, calypso, ragtime, classical and probably whatever has sifted through his ears to his fingers. He is an accomplished player of mandolin, guitar, fiddle and a hybrid dulcimer-bouzouki he calls a zucchini.

Dan Rubin lives on Lasqueti Island, and is an example of the

wealth of fine musicians hidden on the Gulf Islands that I-IPACS would like to cater to.

This is the last concert before I-IPACS elects a new board at an April 1 pot-luck to be held at the home of Uri and Susan Cogan.

I-IPACS has brought a variety of Canadian performers to Salt Spring Island, including Connie Kaldor, Ferron, Bim, locals Huckie and Susan Cogan. Open stages, giving talented amateurs a chance to play, have also been held by the society.

These and other events were arranged and organized by Millie Armstrong and a crew of helpers.

# Japanese musician to play

### BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

#### Director, Continuing Education

Takeo Yamashiro has played the shakuhachi, Japan's vertical end-blown flute, for over 20 years. He came to Canada 10 years ago and has performed extensively from Vancouver to Toronto.

In addition to solo classical Japanese pieces, Takeo has played with the avant garde Ankoku Budo Dance Theatre, several jazz ensembles and in concert with kotos and shamisens (stringed instruments) at various Japanese festivals in Vancouver.

Takeo's early training in Japan began in the Tozan School in Kyoto. After completing seven years of study (in addition to pursuing a career first in accounting, then in computer engineering) he decided to devote his whole being to the shakuhachi.

His instruction involved complete concentration on the true Buddhist nature of shakuhachi-breathing.

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classical tradition of Japan.

Takeo will play a concert in Ganges Sunday evening, March 28, at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$1.00 at the door and Booth Bay Resort is the attractive location for this interesting musical event.

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Adshead was subsequently charged with driving without due care and attention. Damage to both vehicles was set at \$2,500.

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# Political satire described as 'outrageously funny'



Photo by David Cooper

Actors Edward Astley and Glen Thompson in *We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!*

A fast-paced political satire based on an event that actually took place in Italy in 1974 is what's in store for Salt Spring Island theatre-goers Sunday.

The Vancouver-based Tamahonus Theatre will present *We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!* at Mahon Hall in Ganges as part of a tour the company is making through British Columbia.

Written by Dario Fo, the play follows the antics of two Italian families trying to cope with

inflation, incorporating story-telling techniques and riotous vaudeville routines.

It has been described by the Vancouver *Province* as "outrageously funny" while a reviewer on CBC Radio called it "utterly hysterical".

The production is being brought to the island by the Salt Spring Players. Tickets for the play are available at et cetera. Curtain time is 8 pm.

## Celebrities to help Fulford Hall

Work is under way to raise money to carry out renovations to Fulford Hall, as local celebrities are being asked for help.

The help being solicited, however, is not of the financial kind.

Fulford Hall committee member Bev Cartwright has a list of about 75 island residents who are being asked to donate their artistic abilities. The committee plans to make a quilt, which will be raffled later, using drawings supplied by islanders.

The drawings or doodlings provided by those people will be embroidered on to the celebrity quilt, as it is being called.

The finished quilt is expected to be double-bed size.

## Charges pending

The young men were arrested on suspicion of breaking into the Shell Station in Ganges as well as of theft of money.

RCMP released the pair and

charges stemming from the incident are pending. Names have been withheld until the charges are processed.

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# Feminism will be examined by men

# Pre-employment program for women planned by society

**Contributed**  
Have age-old sexual arrangements become obsolete? Is there a relationship between the massive global arms build-up and our sexual roles?

Is it possible to make friends with our bodies and reconcile the worlds of rational logic and irrational emotion? What is an intelligent male response to the critical issues raised by the feminist movement?

Is it inevitable that men should respond with fear and anger to women's demands for independence and sisterhood?

These and other questions will be explored in the upcoming continuing education course on feminism for men. Following in the wake of local interest generated by the anti-porn movie *Not A Love Story* and controversy on the sacred termination of funding to rape crisis centres, this timely course will provide island men with an excellent opportunity to explore their responses to this evolutionary social movement.

The course will begin Thursday at 7:30 in the Salt Spring elementary school staff room. Instructor Scott Lawrance hopes that the series of four classes will become the foundation for an ongoing men's group providing support for the examination and changing of obsolete and growth-inhibiting sex roles, both personally and culturally.

To prepare groundwork for such a necessarily supportive community, each class will involve a good deal of interpersonal sharing of personal histories, values and feelings as well as information and concepts. The first class will examine the basic concept of the feminine (as a psychological principle in men as well as women), primarily from Jungian and Buddhist viewpoints.

Subsequent classes will study men's roles in the family both past and present, violence against women through rape and pornography, and feminism as a movement along with men's possible involvement with it.

Interested men are asked to sign up as soon as possible as the class must be kept to an optimal size.

Rural women getting back into the work force will be the focus of a three-month program to be run by the Salt Spring Community Society.

The pre-employment program, from April through June, will focus on the problems faced by women who seek a job and will aid them in dealing with and overcoming those problems.

With the percentage of women in the work force on the increase and a 1980's projection of women accounting for up to 60% of the expected increase in the labour pool, job training programs for women have been developed.

Many of the women seeking work are the primary or sole supporters of their families and many of the programs developed have been geared to urban and suburban women. The program offered by the society has been structured to overcome problems faced by rural women.

**SPACE FOR 16**  
The program has space for 16 women and they will be guided by program leaders in exploration of

goal-setting techniques and self-assessment skills. The women will learn communication and decision-making skills through academic upgrading as well as assertiveness training.

The program is divided into four phases and grows from participation on three days each week to five days and is aimed primarily at single-parent women who currently receive social assistance. The ministry of human resources will cover the costs for those women as well as supply day care help and transportation assistance.

Participants will be able to listen to those who know the ins and outs of the problems as well as take part in on-the-job placement as part of the program. The goal of the program is to prepare those taking part to plan their options such as further schooling, pre-apprenticeship training or direct entry into the labour force.

While financial assistance will be available to single parents, any other women interested can register but must pay a nominal

fee. The criteria are strong motivation and a willingness to explore self and potential.

The active participation of the Salt Spring business community will be sought to ensure the program's success. Anyone interested, whether businesses or possible participants, should call the Community Centre.

## Bowl taken from gallery

The argillite frog bowl had been carved by Haida craftsman Earl Jones and was on display in the Pegasus Gallery on Salt Spring.

Someone took it.  
The carving, in the shape of a frog, features small, square bone inlays on the edges. The eyes are round inlays also of bone with the centres cut out. The outside is shiny black and the inside is scored with carving marks.

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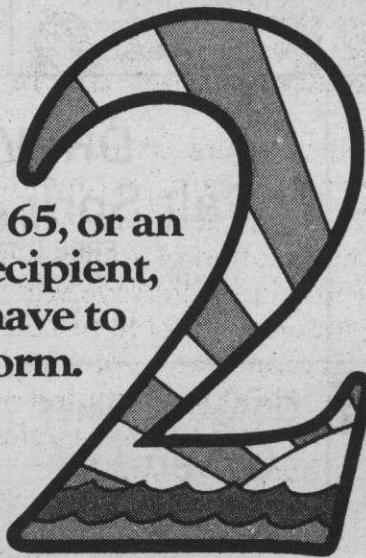
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BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The medical consequences of a nuclear war were examined at Pender Island last Wednesday when the Farmers' Institute sponsored the showing of a film from the library of the B.C. Medical Association.

Chairman of the meeting was Dr. Don Sutherland.

Vancouver and Seattle are prime targets for nuclear destruction and the Gulf Islands are in a geographically exposed situation, the meeting learned.

The audience was stunned after seeing the film. It depicted a downtown street, on a sunny August day in San Francisco, when a nuclear bomb struck. It showed the devastation which resulted and was explained in detail by a number of doctors and scientists.

In the immediate area of the attack everyone would be killed and all the buildings destroyed. Terrific winds and immense fires would develop. This would mean the destruction of hospitals, water supplies and transportation facilities.

Within hours all humans and animals would be dead, leaving a sea of rotting corpses to breed disease. A little farther away, any wooden buildings would collapse, fires develop and all survivors would die within a couple of weeks.

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Moving yet farther from the blast, 50% of the people would die within a few weeks. The remainder would suffer radiation illness, vomiting, loss of hair, infection and probably leukemia, cancer and genetic damage.

The firestorm generated by a nuclear blast causes winds up to 100 miles per hour. Many people who escaped the blast and heat effects would still be exposed to lethal or near lethal levels of radiation.

A bomb dropped on Vancouver city centre would affect an area of 33,000 square miles, said Sutherland.

Another effect could be destruction of the ozone layer which surrounds the earth and screens out rays of the sun dangerous to humans and animals.

Destruction of 20% of it would produce blindness in all animals.

The possibility of the situation being even worse than the film depicted is very great with more lethal weapons and the added possibility of germ warfare.

If only 10% of the weapons now in existence were used, 80% of the ozone layer would be destroyed, said Sutherland.

There are people today saying, "Yes, we can have a limited nuclear war in Europe."

The hope in showing this film is that people will come to realize what such a war really means.

"Do we want to keep on electing people for whom this is a policy and do we want to keep on spending tax dollars for this?" asked Sutherland. "It has to start with everybody feeling how awful it all is, even here on Pender Island."

Sutherland said there is widespread support for the showing of this film by the medical association.

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# Significant contribution made

In the past two years the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council has made a significant contribution to cultural activities in the islands, including the establishment of the Mahon Hall restoration committee and provision of a major portion of the funds required for the necessary work in the hall, said Jose Clement, retiring president, this week.

Working in co-operation with the school board and the Parks and Recreation Commission, the CAC wishes to ensure that Mahon Hall will be preserved as a community hall, a local landmark and as a permanent meeting place for the many craft guilds and other groups within the community, Clement said.

In addition to its financial support to the restoration committee, the CAC has also purchased a piano as well as a number of tables and chairs for the hall.

Financial support has been given to a number of cultural endeavours in the community.

These include funds to send a group of elementary school children to the Children's Festival in Vancouver last year. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

CAC funds also supported the Heritage Day exhibition of photographs of pioneer homes and went towards the production of the booklet *Times Past*.

Through the council's efforts and financial support the annual Vancouver Art Gallery travelling exhibition has been brought to Salt Spring for the past three years.

In the field of the visual and performing arts the CAC has made grants to such groups as the Concert Society's musical events, Joan Raeside's children's productions, the Dwayne Prosk Community Band, film and slide presentations, I-PACS entertainment and dance groups such as Spectrum and Prism dancers.

As a matter of routine, annual grants have been made to the various craft guilds on the islands

to help further their skills.

Although the CAC receives from the provincial government an annual 16¢ per capita annual grant for Salt Spring and disbursement to the other islands, funds for the various activities as outlined come almost entirely from the proceeds of artwork, the annual summer-long exhibition and sale of the works of the many island artisans.

Artcraft, now preparing for its 14th annual presentation, was organized by the CAC in 1968 and

is a major outlet for the sale of the great variety of products produced by island crafts people. Each year it has shown a major increase in the number of contributors and in the number of people who have visited it and has become a significant tourist attraction for the island.

Clement expressed appreciation for the support the CAC has received from island residents in all its endeavours.

## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT MAGIC LAKE ESTATES SEWERAGE SYSTEM SPECIFIED AREA

Capital Regional District By-law No. 768, "Outer Gulf Islands Magic Lake Estates Sewerage System Specified Area Establishment and Loan Authorization By-law, 1980" was approved by the electors within the Specified Area on the 15th November, 1980, and finally adopted by the Capital Regional District Board on the 3rd December, 1980.

The Commission of property owners appointed to administer this sewerage system has requested the Capital Regional District to amend the said by-law by increasing the maximum borrowing authority from \$1,660,000.00 to \$1,843,000.00, an increase of \$183,000.00. These monies are required to:

- meet additional expenditures associated with the installation of the new sanitary sewers and pumping stations;
- provide for the installation of 3-phase power required to upgrade the sewage treatment plants;
- meet additional financing costs and land acquisition expenses.

The cost of borrowing this additional sum of money will, after deducting Provincial Sewerage Facilities Assistance Grants, be recovered from the owners of property within the specified area by means of an increased parcel tax, the total increased annual cost of which is estimated to be \$10.00 per property.

Please be advised that any person having cause for objection to the proposed increase in borrowing must lodge his objection in writing with Dennis A. Young, Secretary, Capital Regional District, Post Office Box 1000, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2S6, no later than Monday, 29th March, 1982.

Dated at Victoria, B.C. this 10th day of March, 1982.

Dennis A. Young,  
Secretary.

## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT HIGHLAND WATER SUPPLY SPECIFIED AREA

Capital Regional District By-law No. 847, "Salt Spring Island Highland Water System Specified Area Establishment and Loan Authorization By-law, 1981" was approved by the electors within the Specified Area on the 21st March, 1981, and finally adopted by the Capital Regional District Board on the 25th March, 1981.

The committee of property owners appointed to administer this water supply system has requested the Capital Regional District to amend the said by-law by increasing the maximum borrowing authority from \$358,000.00 to \$452,000.00, an increase of \$94,000. These monies are required to:

- meet additional expenditures associated with the water treatment building on St. Mary Lake due to Ministry of Highways setback requirements which necessitate that part of the building be constructed over the lake foreshore;
- meet additional expenditures associated with the new filters required to eliminate the increased taste and odour problems associated with the lake water;
- meet additional expenditures associated with the need to purchase two new pumps since the existing pumps are undersized and it would be very costly to retrofit them;
- meet additional costs associated with the provision of a new 35,000 gallon capacity storage reservoir.

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**QUESTION**  
Who is the government trying to help? Who are they trying to hurt?

**EDUCATION...  
UNDER ATTACK**

The Premier of our province said that the objective of the Public Sector Restraint Program is to be as equitable as possible.

**INTERESTING FACTS**  
The demanded \$285,000 cut is 5.7% of our School District's operating budget. The average cut for other districts in the province is about 2%.  
The demanded cut is \$265 per pupil in this district. This is the highest per-pupil cut in the province. For comparison, the neighbouring districts of Saanich and Cowichan face cuts of only \$43 and \$57 per pupil respectively.

**QUESTION**  
Is the government being fair and equitable?

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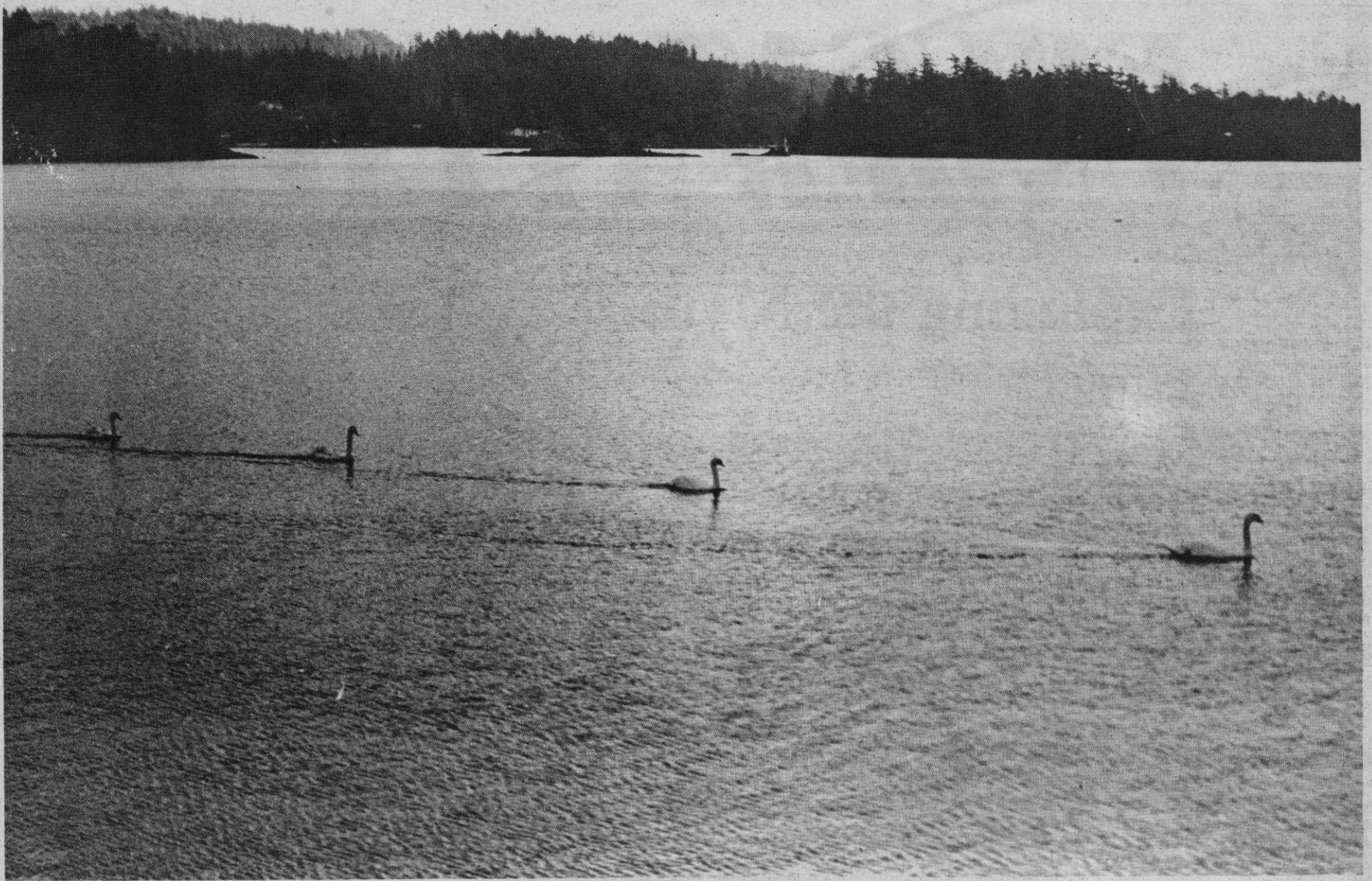
The Ministry of Education is telling our locally-elected school trustees that they must cut \$285,000 from the budget submitted on February 15, 1982.

**INTERESTING FACT**  
The Ministry of Education will not allow Capital (J) items such as furniture and equipment to be cut from the budget to meet its demand for restraint. This puts more pressure on our Board to cut programs and people.

**QUESTION**  
Why does the government value objects more highly than people?



Gulf Islands Teachers' Association



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*Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake drifted through photographer's mind at sight of parade of trumpeter swans crossing Ganges Harbour*

## Saturna Scene

**BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN**

On April 10 at the hall the Woman's Club bake sale will be held. The doors will open at 3 pm.

This year there will be a white elephant table and plant table in addition to the outstanding home-baked goodies. This bake sale is truly a worthy island event. (Still time to donate to the white elephant table!)

March 15 will see the annual and quarterly meeting of the community club. The pocket emptying dues are due — 50¢. Election of officers will take place.

Our school's gymnastics class is really making progress. Besides handsprings, forward rolls with back extensions and cartwheels, the children are now using a wooden springboard to propel themselves into the air over an obstacle and then land in some fancy manner.

Larry Holbrook, supervisor of instruction, came to the last parents' meeting. He joined us in starting to work on a policy of goals and objectives for Saturna School.

One outcome was that Mr. Holbrook will lead a workshop on values March 22 at 9 am.

March 18 is a half day for students and on the 19th there is no school. The teachers are going to Bamfield to study methods of teaching marine science — a good topic for Saturna School.

Irene and Bill Lawson are family visiting. They have gone up to Port Hardy to catch up on the news. Bernice Crooks hikes up the hill each day to woman the store. Lloyd Smith will be making Bill's favourite supply run.

Karen Muntean returned from Lewiston, Idaho, where she was visiting her mother and sister. Kaliya, Alfred and Leroy kept things rolling along at home.

On March 28, the Gulf Islands branch of the B.C. Historical Association will meet at 1:30 pm.

Dr. Tony Kingscote of Galiano will speak on historical highlights of the Gulf Islands.

The general meeting will be held after. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

## Spring near as golfers prepare

Spring isn't too far away, according to some of the lady golfers at Salt Spring Island.

Captain Barbara Maguire will chair a meeting of the golfers next Tuesday. Play begins the following Tuesday with a nine-hole fun game and a luncheon to follow.

The season is officially under way at the Salt Spring Island Golf Club — once the ladies get going, according to *Driftwood's* golf correspondent, Pat Doherty.

The beginning of the season will also be heralded by Doherty himself, when he dusts off his typewriter and begins churning out the weekly golfing report.

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**DOWN THE GUTTER**

**Ladies' team places first in zone roll-offs at Esquimalt**

**BY KEN COLLINS**

Congratulations to our ladies' team, who competed in the Export "A" event in Esquimalt on Sunday and placed first in the zone roll-offs.

They will do battle in the provincial finals later in the month to see if they can go one step further and be the British Columbia representative in the national finals later in the year.

The team members are Carol Kaye, Carole Martens, Sandra Kaye, Sheila Lucas and Elaine Frazer.

Our congratulations also to our senior boys' Y.B.C. team who placed second in the provincial roll-offs.

The past week saw our fourth 900 triple of the current season when this writer came up with games of 266-378 and 284 to total 928.

Here are the other scores worthy of mention: Steve Marleau, 729; Terry Jenkins, 711-771; Ron Robinson, 700; Denis Corcoran, 303; Cathy Proctor, 301; Albert Kaye, 305; and this writer with 378 and 329.

The bowlers of the week were Anne Harrison and this writer. Flo Kavanagh made the Golden-Agers bowler of the week with her 626.

**Tip of the Week**

Always make sure you release your ball before your sliding foot has come to a full stop. If you stop and then release the ball you will be off balance.

**Bridge Winners**

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners March 8 were:

North-South: first, Margurite Hall and Bea Thompson; second, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; third, Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton.

East-West: first, Bunny Jordon and Mary K. Thomas; second, Shirley Love and Phyllis Henderson; third, Joe and Madeline Frantz.

Tuesday evening: first, Anne and Norm McConnell; second, Mary K. Thomas and Bunny Jordon; third, Fred Melhuish and George Ferguson.

**Y.B.C. NEWS**

You did it, fellas, Salt Spring is a winner.

Steve Marleau, Danny Fraser, Allan Sinclair, Steve Martens and Paul Trenholm, our Senior Boys Youth Bowling Team, took second place in the Province of B.C. finals in Port Alberni Saturday and each bowler and their coach, Joyce Taylor, received a silver medallion at the closing ceremonies held at the Tally Ho in Nanaimo.

Congratulations and good bowling, guys.

The winning boys' team from Coquitlam will represent B.C. Youth Bowlers in Saskatoon in May, as well as the Senior Boys Single bowler from Burnaby, the Senior Girls Single from Creston and the Senior Girls Team from Kelowna.

Bantam Girls Single bowler will be represented by Dawson Creek. The Bantam Boys Single and Team and the Juniors girls and boys winners are not known.

Bantams: Mark David, 199; Ryan Davies, 137; Nolan Magnus, 133; Laura Little, 183; Deanna Little, 150; Suzanne Jacquest, 147.

Juniors: David Jacquest, 218; Anthony Barrett, 206; Jennifer Lucas, 222; Shannon Taylor, 186; Nicky Kerrigan, 165.

Seniors' scores on March 10 were: Denise Harrison, 236; Van Innes, 229; Dawn Guilbault and Paula Hughes, 203; Danny Fraser, 303; Allan Sinclair, 265; Steve Marleau, 247.

Our congratulations to Lisa Jorgensen, Bantam Girls Single competitor. She gave it her best and we're sure that she will be the Bantam Girls representative for B.C. next year.

Y.B.C. bowling scores for Saturday are:

Jets: Chris Magnus, 100; Cheryl David, 85; Eric Taylor, 77.

Pee Wees: Jeffrey Neilson, 149; Brett Marshall, 129; Clinton Helfrich, 126; Candice Miller, 149; Anna Maddison, 127; Tracey Cunningham, 102.



Ladies' team placed first in the Export "A" event in Esquimalt last week. Holding plaques which they received are, from left, Sandra Kaye, Sheila Lucas, Elaine Frazer and Carole Martens. Fifth member of the team unavailable for the photo is Carol Kaye.



The senior boys' team of the local Youth Bowling Council placed second in the Province of B.C. Youth Bowling finals held in Port Alberni. They returned with silver medallions shown here. Left, Paul Trenholm, Danny Fraser, Steve Marleau, Allan Sinclair and Steve Martens.

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# Wranglers make cup finals

BY ED DAVIS

Salt Spring Wranglers have advanced to the District Cup finals with three victories in a row in playoffs over the past few weekends.

It all started with a 10-team, single knockout series that pitches teams within our division against each other. Each game is similar to the sudden-death concept, only instead of the outcome being determined on one goal, it is simply a matter of the winning team advancing to District Cup finals, while the losing team is knocked out and finished for the season.

First cup match was against Bay's United Westcoast, an Oak Bay team, and was played at

Portlock Park. All three Cup preliminaries were home draws.

While the Wranglers have had an up and down season the team seems to have come together since the long break around Christmas and have come away victorious in five of our last seven outings.

Final score was Wranglers 5, Oak Bay 0. Goals were picked up by Tim Owen-Evens, Michael Brown, Chad Davis and a pair by Troy Logan.

In the second game it was the Wranglers 5, Gorge Canadians 1. Tim Owen-Evens had to be the Wrangler of the Week in this game, as he picked up four of the five goals. Troy Logan also got one in this game.

Gorge has taken a licking all season and unfortunately they weren't in this game either as the Wranglers dominated both half with countless shots on goal and ball control that kept it in their end during the entire game.

This past weekend's match clinched our spot in the cup final with a 3-0 win over Newport Bay's United, another Oak Bay team. The Wranglers' 17-member roster turned out for this one and kept them running. Troy Logan was again in on the goal scoring, with Michael Brown picking up a pair.

The final cup game will be held at Lambert Park in Victoria on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of April.

# Chants of Hare Krishna are heard on island hockey rinks

BY BARON VON BALDSPOT

"The game of hockey is 50% mental and 50% being mental." — Ron Moger, forward, Salt Spring Slugs.

Let's put to one side the fact that the Slugs have taken two lop-sided wins from underwhelming opponents in the past two weeks.

The real story — as usual — is the players. Nary a week goes by without a bizarre tale of whimsy from a cast that includes Comrade Gaines, "Little Red" Akerman, Boom Boom Bergstrom, the Jet, Farm Boy and the like. Add to this list Ron Moger.

What can be said about a player who shaves his head cleaner than a proverbial billiard ball and looks like a veritable refugee from a Hare Krishna asylum? What will it do to the team?

### MEAL OF RICE, LENTILS, BEER

I can see it now — after a nutritious pregame meal of brown rice, lentils and Labatt's, the team enters the dressing room to the sounds of drums, mantras, clanging bells and the swishing of orange robes. Incense fills the air as Vishnu Ron leads the team in pre-game devotions and a rousing version of Hare Krishna, Hare Rama.

With Ron in the lead the Slugs dance and sing their way out on to the ice throwing blossoms and rice towards the crowd of stunned onlookers. Skating up to the nearest stubble-toothed defenseman, Ron offers a flower and starts to preach the doctrine of love between men.



### The Slug trail

Professing peace and oneness with Krishna, Ron fends off the angry blows of the enraged rearguard and glides to the faceoff circle manfully tugging at the helmet that keeps sliding down over his eyes.

### LEVITATES

As the referee prepares to drop the puck though, Ron slips to the ice, assumes the full lotus position and starts to levitate down the rink.

Playing on the same line as the Akermans must have finally got to Ron — but little did he realize that this latest bit of streamlining would make him even shorter than ever.

The biggest fear, however, is

that it might not grow back. With this in mind the Slugs have commenced a two-fold line of response. Firstly, the team is busily at work knitting a form-fitting toque to cover the damage — oh Peter looks so matronly there in the rocking chair with his granny glasses and needles. And secondly, we've hired consultants from the Mayo Clinic to investigate the Samson and Delilah Syndrome.

We've found Samson, now where is Delilah?

Oh well, the Slugs always did want a symbol, although I don't really know whether Ron represents the Telly Savalas, Mr. Clean (hah!), Lex Luthor or Gerald Geriatric in us all. So much for Ron (I hope!).

It's been a long strenuous winter — and it's taken a toll as is readily apparent. Fortunately the end is nigh — three more games, two tournaments including our own, a banquet, and of course, our big dance. After 40 some odd games it's about time — ask Ron.

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# First-ever intra-island tourney at Portlock Park this weekend

### BY MALCOLM LEGG

Another busy week of soccer action was highlighted by a fine performance from the Wranglers on Saturday at Portlock Park.

The Wranglers met Bays United in the semi-finals of the district and our youngsters prevailed with a solid 3-0 score-line to advance to the April 3rd District Cup finals at Lambrick Park in Victoria.

Credit for their win should go to all 17 players as they all played and contributed to the fine victory.

Intra-island cup play winds down this week with one more game to wrap up the schedule (did I hear all the coaches out there sigh in relief?)

In the junior section the Demons have clinched the trophy after their 4-1 win last week but the battle for second is wide open as the three other teams are two points apart.

At the senior level a more interesting battle is evident as the Sounders lead the Dodgers by one point after they had a tie last week. Their big games this week will pit the Sounders against the Kickers while the Dodgers meet the Fury.

If the Sounders win the Coers Cup is theirs, but if they lose and the Dodgers win the Cup goes to the Dodgers. Third place is wide open as all four teams have a shot to claim it.

### FIRST EVER

This weekend will see us hold our first-ever intra-island tournament at Portlock Park. Due to the growth in number of players and teams we can no longer fit them in our annual tourney, therefore we gave the youngsters their own tourney.

The intra-island program was first formulated in the 1976-77 season with three teams: the Lions, Rotary and Legion. The mini-soccer concept has expanded over the years to this season where we have two separate levels, senior with six teams and the junior with four teams.

The tournament is split into two sections, senior and junior, with both sections playing a series of round-robin games to find a champion for each section. Games will commence at 9 am on Saturday with the presentations made about 3:30 pm on Sunday.

The winner of the senior and junior sections will receive the Mac Mouat Trophy and Laurie Mouat Trophy respectively, the trophies

in honour of two of our island's pioneers and also early soccer players. Every player will receive a badge for participating in the tourney.

Refreshments will be available

at the concession stand all weekend, including pop, hot dogs, coffee, tea, chocolate bars and chips.

It will be soccer at its best this weekend, so don't miss it.

## Scoreboard

### DISTRICT CUP:

Div. 5C: Salt Spring Wranglers 3 (M. Brown -2, T. Logan); Bays United 0.

Div. 6C: Salt Spring Sting 0; Gorge 1  
Womens: Salt Spring Sockeyes 0; Nanaimo 5.

### INTRA-ISLAND:

#### Senior:

(16) Sounders 3 (C. Scott - 2, B. Berry); Dodgers 2 (OT) (D. Kirkpatrick, M. Shoolbraid).

(17) Kickers 3 (J. Moger - 2, S. Burch); Stingers 1.

(18) Sockers 0; Fury 2 (D. Topping - 2).

#### Junior:

(11) Demons 4 (J. Neilson -2, M. Kerragan - 2); Panthers 1 (Y. Horsdal)

(12) Eagles 1 (M. Quesnel); Machine 0

#### Juan de Fuca Tourney:

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WOMEN: S.S. Sockeyes vs Duncan, Sunday Mar. 21, 11:00 am, Portlock Park.

Intra-Island: This week sees last cup games played - 3:30 pm, school grounds.

SSIYSA Intra-Island Tourney: March 20/21, all intra-island teams involved. Games start 9 am Saturday, 10 am Sunday; Trophy presentation 3:30 pm Sunday. Concession available.

DISTRICT CUP FINALS: Apr. 3/4, Victoria.

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