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## Ganges hotel sold

The doors of the Harbour House Hotel were opened last week and will soon be opened for business. John Crofton, left, hands the legal

papers and the keys to the new owners of the Ganges establishment, Bob Wanless, Stan Lam and Phil Valcourt. The three are part of

Golden Islands Investments, the company which now owns the Harbour House.

## Sales picked up towards month's end

December brought business as usual to many Gulf Island establishments and revealed buyers were "spending wisely."

Retail sales at the beginning of the month were slow but as the holidays approached buying picked up. Shoppers were comparing prices and settling for the reasonably priced items rather than those which were more expensive.

The story was repeated in many stores with a few exceptions.

Stores such as Marsim's on Salt Spring or the Driftwood Centre on Pender had steady sales throughout the month. Marsim's sells craft items and sales of all price lines were

on a par with previous years.

While shoppers were shopping wisely, merchants were displaying the same tact. Many store managers commented on having watched the sales sheets from the past, and items in price ranges which were not moving had been dropped from the inventory.

Mouat's on Salt Spring, the Gulf Island's largest retail store, had sales which continued well. Slower sales were noted in items with larger price tags or those which could be described as non-essential. The one area which showed a decline was the clothing section.

That slowdown could be attributed to the continued sales and reduced prices in many Vancouver Island stores such as in Duncan or Victoria.

People spent money with favourable comparisons with 1981 on food items. Seasonal foods such as turkey and egnog continued to fill shopping baskets.

K & R as well as the Trading Company on Salt Spring reported good sales for the month. The Trading Company witnessed a last-minute rush in the seasonal lines and both stores ended the season with few leftover items.

## Assessments fall by 15% in Gulf Islands

Assessments among the islands are down this year by an average of about 15%. The fall-off represents the decrease in market value of island properties as a result of the recession which began to undermine property values a year or more ago.

The present value comes close to the valuation of two years ago, before the sharp climb when properties were at a premium everywhere.

With last year's climax, there was a wave of appeals beyond any seen in recent years. Islands property owners went to a court of revision on Salt Spring Island and on Saanich Peninsula, where they were lining up to be heard.

Courts this year will be established at Salt Spring Island and North Pender Island.

Property owners may appeal their assessments up to January 20. The directions for making an appeal are on the back of the assessment notice.

### CONSIDERATION

The assessors will call on all appellants and examine the property, a spokesman for the B.C. Assessment Authority told *Driftwood*. If the appellant can convince the assessor that there is, in fact, a just cause for appeal and that the property is assessed too high, or too low, an adjustment will be made without appeal to the court of revision. If the assessor and the owner fail to come to agreement, then the appeal will be heard by the court. The second tribunal, the appeal board, is then available to the property owner if he fails to convince the court of revision that a change is merited.

Court of revision for Salt Spring will sit at the court house in Ganges on February 3 at 10 am. Outer

Islands court will sit February 8 at 10 am at Pender Lodge.

The rise or fall of assessments has no direct bearing on taxes. If the government seeks to establish the same revenue as last year, in face of an average assessment drop of 15%, then the mill rate would rise by the same proportion, to balance the final tax levy.

Commercial properties have been assessed proportionately higher than residential areas. While many residential properties are down eight to 15%, the majority of commercial property owners report that reductions in assessment range from five percent to eight percent.

## Mild weather is island winter so far

When winter comes...

Spring is within sight as the islands look back on one of the easiest winters to any winter in years. There have been no snowstorms, comparatively few frosts and the winter weather so far this season has been marked by unusually high temperatures and heavy rains.

Winter storms threw a wrench into the Hydro works last winter when snow brought down trees everywhere on to the power lines.

Winter storms brought power failures this winter when high winds accomplished the same thing.

The gentle patter of winter so far was characterized by Monday's record high in Victoria of 12 degrees.

## Site preparation now under way

# Enrolment, staffing of school under discussion

Work is in progress at the site of the school to serve the south end of Salt Spring and school trustees must make decisions on enrolment and staffing.

The work in progress at the site involves installation of the septic field as well as the removal of trees from the area where the building will be erected.

The trustees were given a report on the potential enrolment and staffing of the new school at the meeting of the board last week, but decided to defer the matter until the next meeting in order to study the recommendations. The report had been prepared by Larry Holbrook, supervisor of instruction for Gulf Island schools.

He based the report on a projected elementary-grades enrolment for Salt Spring, excluding the Fernwood School

area, of 428 pupils from kindergarten to Grade 7.

Under one option presented to the trustees, the boundary line for the South Salt Spring school area would run from Burgoyne Bay,

along the top of Lees Hill, across Stewart Road near Arnell Park to Swanson Channel.

The potential enrolment for the South Salt Spring school would be 104 pupils with a projected staff of

6.4 full-time-equivalent (fte) teachers.

The enrolment for Salt Spring Elementary School as a result would be 324 pupils, requiring a teaching staff of 16.5 fte instructors. The total

teaching staff for both schools would require an extra 2.3 fte teachers.

The current staff of Salt Spring Elementary School is 22.6 fte teachers.

For the second option presented to the trustees the boundary line would run north of Dukes Road and Cusheon Lake to include the south end of Beddis Road.

The projected enrolment of the south-end school would be 142 pupils with 8.7 fte instructors. Salt Spring Elementary would house 286 pupils with a fte teaching staff of 16.5. The second boundary line would require an extra fte staff of 2.6.

Holbrook offered a recommendation for option one which would place fewer demands on the school district's transportation system

## Pay TV coming to Salt Spring

Pay television is coming to Salt Spring Island.

Geoff Phillips, of Salt Spring Cablevision, reports that his plans to initiate special programming will be set up early in the new year.

The company announced tentative plans several weeks ago and invited subscribers to indicate their choice. If there was sufficient interest, he explained at the time,

the project would go ahead. If interest lagged, he would not undertake the technical installation necessary.

Response was slow and it was not until a statement appeared in *Driftwood* regretting that the project was not to be undertaken that he received a new surge of applicants for pay television.

When the system is installed the

pay channel will be distributed through a scrambler. Those subscribers who want the service will be provided with the corresponding scrambler to decode the signal.

The pay television service offers recent movies and sports programs not available to the normal television channels.

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Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

### Obedience classes get under way

New series of dog obedience classes are under way on Salt Spring. Wilf and Mona Davies presented a demonstration in Mahon Hall Sunday. In photo, Mona Davies demonstrates that her dog will not move when she leads off with the right foot. However, he has been trained to follow when she leads with the left. Proper use of choke collar, hand and voice commands were all part of the show and new members of the club left feeling hopeful that they will one day be the happy owners of well-trained dogs.

### Complaints submitted

Number of complaints against septic disposal systems in Ganges have been submitted to the Capital Region health offices. The complaints refer to a block of properties whose systems, it is alleged, fail to meet the requirements of the health department. Tests are expected to be carried out by the inspection staff.

## Enrolment discussed by board

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while allowing for population expansion in the new school.

The second option, with a potential 142 pupils, would have the school near capacity even as it opened with very little room for expansion of population.

Holbrook also offered the trustees several factors to consider in their decision. The school board must determine if the school is to be kindergarten to Grade 7 or whether the Grade 7 pupils would attend Salt Spring Elementary School as in the case with such pupils from the Fernwood School area.

The trustees must also consider whether the transportation arrangements govern the school population or whether the school population governs the transportation arrangements. The answer depends upon which boundary line the trustees decide upon.

Holbrook also asks if parents living close to the boundary chosen will have the option of sending their children to either school. He based his recommendations on two assumptions.

He assumed that French immersion students would attend Salt Spring Elementary, as is now the case. He also assumed that the transportation system would be geared to serve whatever school population is determined.

Holbrook recommended the principal of the new school be appointed in advance and

depending upon the scheduled opening of the school, the principal should have at least two to four months of preparation time.

A final suggestion from Holbrook concerned the scheduled opening of the new school. If the school is to be completed and opened after September of this year, Holbrook urges that the classes be organized and staff appointed to

allow the school to operate within Salt Spring Elementary School.

The school-within-a-school would create difficulties due to overcrowding but the situation could be tolerated to allow a move causing less disruption to the students. When the Fernwood School was opened a similar set-up was used.

## Bird count figures are down from previous year

More than 100 bird-watchers participated in the annual bird count on Salt Spring Island last month despite gale-force winds on the day of the count.

Total count was 13,161 birds of 90 different species. Figures were down slightly from last year when 96 species were seen, for a total of 14,724 birds.

Robins were most numerous with 3,247 counted in all. Most were seen in the Beaver Point area, where 1,475 were seen.

Starlings were second with 2,001 sighted.

According to bird count spokesman Jean King, the most interesting sighting was that of two grey-crowned rosy finches at Vesuvius.

The count was tabulated by zones this year and the one with the largest number of birds counted was Southey Point, zone 10, with 2,691 birds.

Widgeons, normally seen in great numbers, were scarce this year with only 88 being seen, compared to last year's figure of 887.

In last year's count, for which 119 people turned out, the pine siskin was the most common bird seen, with 1,719 counted.

The count is sponsored by the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

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**Give it enough rope!**

She'd had enough. Women's Lib said the tree had to come down. She wasn't about to take it any longer. You'd think she did all the sweeping up of leaves every fall. In fact, the tree was too straggly to be pretty and was a weed on high. I held rope and my valiant assistant used the saw. As the tree swayed I pulled and it crashed down where we wanted it. Then there was the other half of the tree. And we did the same thing all over again. And not all the pull in both of my hands would hold the tree as it gently lay down on the roof of the house. We kicked ourselves and we kicked all the debris off the roof and there wasn't a mark. Fools for luck! And no more leaves this fall.

**Dutch padre set it right**

I met the man who warded off the rain from my garage and he explained his name was Dutch. It reminded me of another Dutchman I once met. I was one of a party of about 50 air force men wandering through France looking for somewhere to go. It was some time around June of 1940. The German invasion was already moving into northern France and we were running south, looking for our parent unit in order to reform and get back there. The French communities were jumpy. They didn't recognize all uniforms and they didn't speak all the languages which were being spoken across the country. When they found us in an ailing truck and a broken down bus, they looked askance. We were scruffy, ill-clad and sunburned to the extent that at one unit we were directed to eat in the East Indian tent because we looked more like rice and curry than roast beef and potatoes in an ethnic dieting pattern. The French officer in the small town examined us carefully and listened politely to the explanation of what and who we were. But he didn't relax the guard of armed poilus surrounding us. During the debate on our future, or whether we were to have one, a Dutch officer came up to us. He was a military padre and he engaged several of us in conversation. We described our travels and where we were from. He told us that there had been many reports of advance German units disguised as allied troops and that the French were rattled. We already knew that the French system at those difficult times was to shoot quick and apologize profusely if they should be proved wrong. The Hollander then wandered around and finally chatted with the French officer. He convinced the latter that we were what we claimed to be and we were allowed to move on. I never knew his name, but I had a warm regard for Dutch soldiers after that.

**He remembers lake 50 years ago**

I have a letter from Cyril Bromley, in Ottawa. He is a veteran island holidaymaker. In 1933 he attended a church camp on an island in Ganges Harbour, owned by a Mr. Jenkins. He came here from a church in North Vancouver. Among his fond memories of the island is that of going for a swim in St. Mary Lake, in the wilderness of Salt Spring. He and his wife are planning a trip to the island this summer, he writes, when they hope to meet up with their old friends, Leonard Matthews, of Long Harbour and Gilley Humphreys, of Scott Point. The easterner, who is with the department of communications, will also visit the Rev. Pat Ellis at Maple Bay.

**Only once around here**

It all depends on how you look at it. When the winds were howling around the Hydro lines a few weeks ago, a radio program made mention of the storm damage. "Trees were falling with monotonous regularity," stated the poetic announcer. It all goes to prove how lucky we are in the islands. After several weeks of close investigation *Driftwood* has been unable to find one single instance of a tree falling more than once.

**More or less?**

And I still want to know what the negative comparison means. A television report that there are 75% fewer leaves me in that frustrated state of a youthful student examining a completely baffling problem in math. It means, I guess, that the more we have the less we keep and that's elementary finance.

**Same job but new title, salary**

The job remains the same only the title and the salary are different.

The Gulf Islands School Board decided on the need for a supervisor of works. The title of the job had been superintendent of facilities and had been held by Wilf Peck. He is retiring from the job after 10 years with the school board, mostly as secretary-treasurer. For the past year he has held the position of superintendent of facilities.

The position was created by the school board last year to keep closer watch on construction projects such as the renovation of the Galiano School and the additions to the Mayne School. The superintendent also saw to improvements of the appearance of other schools in the district.

The new title, supervisor of works, carries with it a salary of \$32,000 and the successful applicant will assume duties on February 14. The supervisor will be in charge of four departments: custodial, maintenance, transportation and construction.

The person will be under the direction of the secretary-treasurer.

The trustees, in voting for the position, also decided not to offer a contract for the job. The person will be employed by the district on a yearly basis and the first six months

of employment will be a probationary period.

Comparison with other districts of a similar size as the Gulf Islands shows the Lake Cowichan School District employs two people to fill the same functions with a salary cost of almost \$77,000. The Vancouver Island West School District also

employs two persons for the job at salaries totalling \$57,800.

In the Queen Charlotte district, the maintenance superintendent earns close to the \$32,000 to be paid here. In the Lillooet district the job is called maintenance supervisor and the pay is slightly more than \$29,500.

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**Three are caught with hose**

Three youths were busy with a hose last week when the police arrived.

On January 3, RCMP apprehended the three on Sunset Drive as they were trying to transfer gasoline from one vehicle to another without the owner's permission.

Charges of theft are being contemplated by police.

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## A court of law

To the regular attendant at court, the procedures and mysteries are a matter of course. To the judges, the lawyers, the clerks, the recorders and the sheriffs, the mysteries have long been revealed. Yet there remains a large segment of the population to whom the entire procedure is part of the hidden mysteries of another and a different life.

There is no question but that the person faced with serious charges will soon learn those mysteries as they unfold during each miserable day. But from the ordinary person who rarely takes a turn without warning and who obeys the laws surrounding his every action as a matter of course, the mysteries are hidden.

The driver who is accused of contravening a minor traffic regulation or the foolish slave of the crock who contravenes some minor statute which would be unthinkable when he is sober will face a very small penalty when the procedure of the law has taken its course. He will stand up in court when he is told to stand up and he will sit when so invited. He will say his piece, pay his penalty and leave the court a free man. His pockets may jingle less happily than when he walked in, but he is none the worse for his chastening experience.

Two days later he will be unable to recount what was done in the courtroom or what was said. The courts have come more nearly down to the level of the people in recent decades, but the majority of courts, even minor courts are on the level of a lofty church altar far above the gaze and, often, far above the understanding of the common man.

The onlooker, unaccustomed to the procedures of justice, unacquainted with the majesty and the mystery of law, humble and dismayed, might find himself in a surrounding beyond his remotest imagining. The onlooker who is indignant at having been charged and is confident that the charge should never have been laid may be unable to afford the cost of a formal defence. Or he may be too mean or there may be a variety of reasons why he wishes to defend himself against the terrible injustice he sees glaring at him.

The province is spending many hundreds of dollars each day that the court sits to roll the wheels of justice. The accused is a little man filled with indignation and offered little help.

The additional cost to the community of providing public defence as well as public prosecution would more nearly balance the scales of justice. And any man who prefers private enterprise to public defence would be able to avail himself of other assistance.

The courts are not responsible for the wide disparity between the prosecution procedure and the defence. There is no remote suggestion possible that a device should be initiated to safeguard the guilty from conviction. But if an adequate defence procedure were to be seen in that light it merely emphasizes the need for change.

The judge in many a court will nudge the scales in favour of the accused person in order to clarify his position and to help him defend himself.

But justice should be recognizable and available at ground level. The mysteries of law and procedure are excellent when all concerned are familiar with them. But there should be enough law left over for the little man.



## Vander Zalm was right

BY FRANK RICHARDS

A study is to be launched, says the chairman of the Capital Regional Board, into the function of regional districts. And Howard Sturrock, faced with the chairmanship of the board, is certainly well-informed.

It was former municipal affairs minister Bill Vander Zalm who first started looking closely at the regions.

So I took a close look at the only board I know, the Capital Regional Board.

I have sat and watched from a distance. And I have sat close at hand and watched. And I have been impressed. The Capital Regional Board covers the interests and concerns and demands of the citizens of Victoria, of Saanich of Oak Bay, of Esquimalt. These are municipalities of both urban and rural areas. Victoria is mostly urban and Oak Bay has little rural area left. Esquimalt is urbanized to almost the same degree, while Saanich is probably about 50:50.

So much for the old house at home. What of the community outside?

### RURAL AREAS

Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney are all essentially rural communities. Sidney and Central Saanich have considerable shopping centres, but they both cater to the fresh-air loving, bird-watching, sunburn-in-the-buff rural, country characters.

And what of the west? Well, there's Colwood, Langford, View Royal, Metchosin and Sooke. The wester you go, the ruraller.

Colwood started out in life as a village outside Victoria. Then it got ambitious and tried to out-Victoria Victoria and look at it now! Stores, auto dealers, supermarkets, chaos! No other function in Greater Victoria has Royal Roads and the coastal shipping that used to be the navy. Except Esquimalt, which is all navy. Or would be if the navy were still around.

But there's Langford, which is trying to out-Colwood Colwood without vying with Victoria. They've got shops and stores and everything that Colwood has and a bit of what Victoria has and don't

you forget it!  
**SUPPORTERS**

And that leaves Metchosin. I have to admit I don't really know what Metchosin has and I've been there often enough. But it's sure got its supporters and its booster and...well, maybe that's enough!

Sooke has All-Sooke Day and what more could you want? It has a Chamber of Commerce and a lot going for it.

This is the picture on one island.

In addition to all this variety you have Salt Spring Island, which occupies the bulk of the time allotted to the regional district and the Outer Islands which are quiet, unassuming, unargumentative and a helluva relief to the regional board.

What's tough about all those? There's a little matter of politics. You have 14 components and that means at least 14 representatives. It means 19 altogether, at present. And all of them have their own views and their own preferences and some of them have their own dislikes and antipathies which show up in almost everything they do or say.

Bill Vander Zalm, you were so right! This is no way to run a community!

Let's take a look at the bitter rivalries that govern the administration of the Capital Region.

### THE NEUTRALS

First of all, there are the neutrals. These are the components and their representatives, who have no axe to grind. They do not look for special consideration, they have no preconceived opinions and they judge each issue on its merits.

The Outer Islands and their director Vern Roddick are neutral. You have no idea which way they will vote until they do.

North Saanich, Sidney and Central Saanich rarely identify themselves with a movement or a campaign. They identify with the side of an issue at the time of discussion.

Saanich and Victoria and some of their representatives are often at loggerheads. The undertones of dispute become very evident in an issue of some emotion. There are

representatives who will lash themselves into a passion during a debate and end up excited over a matter which was of little moment when they started to speak.

These inter-municipal disputes might not arise if the regional administration were set up differently. If, for example, the regional, or metropolitan government were senior to the municipal, these issues would carry less weight.

### RANKLING

Saanich has four directors. Victoria has three. The observer is left with the suspicion that this superiority of a traditionally subordinate municipality rankles with the city.

Oak Bay is almost always neutral and which way Doug Watts is going to jump frequently remains a question up to the last.

Esquimalt is conservative. Director for Esquimalt, Ken Hill, has fairly rigid views and in many instances you might guess his direction, but you'll rarely find him swayed by emotional outbursts.

Victoria's Peter Pollen is incalculable and more inclined to sudden comments than to be swayed by them. Mel Couvelier, of Saanich, is liable to build up a good head of steam, but he is also capable of escaping to laughter. Maybe he should laugh more often.

The staunch supporter of Pollen from Victoria is John Cooper. Robin Blencoe is rarely emotional and usually factual, even if you can't agree with his conclusions. He is not given to unthinking comment.

### NOT ALWAYS TOGETHER

Mel Couvelier doesn't always find the warm support of his fellow directors from Saanich.

Geoff Vantreight is another conservative and I guess he would have both a little and big "C" to that. But when his views run parallel to Couvelier's, they are buddies, but they don't always follow the same road.

Pat Crofton is equally conservative and equally quiet. He and Vantreight tend to leave the talking to Couvelier, but when he

# Letters to the Editor

## Public input will be decreased

### International campaign escalates for prisoner

Sir,  
Many Salt Spring residents are already familiar with the name Massera, having signed petitions for him in one of the churches, this fall or having read of him in letters to this paper.

Professor Massera, now 67 years of age, was the leading mathematician in Uruguay seven years ago. He was internationally respected in his field and a founding member of the Mathematics Institute of his country. He was also a member of parliament.

When the military junta took power illegally in 1975 he was seized, along with other political opponents, and subjected to torture which left him with a fractured hip that was not operated on until two years later (as a result of international pressure).

For seven years he has been kept in deplorable conditions in Libertad prison, where he is presently in danger of death due to an untreated heart condition.

He is not the only prisoner of conscience to attract international attention as Amnesty International, with 200,000 members in 134 countries is working for many of these prisoners as well as for Professor Massera.

However, what is unique in his case is the scope of the campaign. It has become a test for scientists, scholars and their professional organizations as well as for people of all walks of life. It is being supported by no less than 17 national mathematics societies, as well as many more scientific and other organizations.

It also has the support of many leading figures in the arts and politics as well as that of seven Nobel Laureates. In the words of Pierre Berton, it has become a test case: "Can decent people all over the world stop oppression by a brutal military regime?"

Recently requests have been sent to the Ambassadors of France, Italy and Canada to visit Massera in prison. The last campaign bulletin was sent to 50,000 people around the world. (The previous bulletin was sent to 20,000). The campaign will continue to escalate. You can support it by signing petitions demanding Professor Massera's

immediate release in Ganges this weekend, or by writing to the Uruguayan military authorities, International Campaign-Massera, 39 Elm Ridge Drive, Toronto, Ontario M6B 1A2. Thank you.

**SHEILA RIED,**  
Box 689,  
Ganges.  
January 10, 1983.

### Review of inaccuracies found interesting

Sir,  
It is interesting to review your paper's gross inaccuracies and distortion of facts, now that some inkling of "true costs" of the proposed Ganges Sewer have become known to the public. You and your "ace" (is this spelled properly) reporter have repeatedly downplayed, distorted, and minimized the costs of the proposed sewer to the ratepayers in the sewer area.

This has been done in an attempt to "snow" a group of concerned people (a large part of which are pensioners) into believing that it will cost "only a few hundred dollars".

It is unfortunate that you, along with the C.R.D., and government officials, plus the "Downtown Ganges Sewer Gang", cannot be made publicly accountable for the gross waste of public funds.

**N.P. MERKELEY,**  
Box 158, Tungsten, N.W.T.  
December 28, 1982.

**Editor's note: The only gross inaccuracies published in Driftwood over the sewer issue have appeared on the Letters page, the one above being a prime example. And as far as the "Downtown Gang" is concerned, those who started that rumour seem to have a penchant for distorting facts themselves. Emotion, it seems, will never give way to reason. Happy New Year.**

### Another good year

Sir,  
On behalf of the residents, the board members and staff of Greenwoods, I would again like to express our warmest thanks to all those marvellous people who made 1982 another good year for us.

We feel very special in being favoured by so many in such diverse ways, from little kids bringing in kisses and taxi people going out of their way, fresh garden produce appearing anonymously at the back door, to "nation-wide" wood delivery.

Such generosity of spirit means a great deal to us, and we wish each and everyone of you a very special 1983.

**JONNA MATTIESING,**  
Administrator.  
January 7, 1983.

Sir,  
I am extremely disappointed in the School Board's recent decision to limit public board meetings to once every three weeks. This decision will decrease the public's input.

The B.C. School Trustees Association states that:

1. The board of school trustees should work to ensure public involvement in education.

2. A big part of a school board's job is to know the community it serves, informing the public about its activities, what is happening in the schools, and to regularly take the pulse of the community.

I do not believe that these two

objectives can be adequately met with only one public board meeting every three weeks.

The democratic principle is the basic tenet of our culture. To resort to less time-consuming methods to achieve a short-term goal of greater efficiency is shutting off the possibility for significant learning (amongst lay persons, trustees and administrators) to take place in the boardroom.

After all, is education of the community, as a whole, not part of our school board's business?

**DEA CAMPBELL,**  
R.R. 1 Hoosen Road,  
Pender Island.  
January 6, 1983.



Tony Richards

**THEY'VE ONLY THEMSELVES** to blame for poor public relations.

I'm referring to those poor losers in the recent Soviet All-Stars-National Hockey League play, the Philadelphia Flyers.

Team owner Ed Snider has vowed that the Flyers will never again play in such a series which, he said, created bad public relations for both his team and the NHL.

I thought their PR was fine until I read his comments last week.

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If this book should become a bestseller, I wonder what sort of impact it will have on the government's deficits.

I also wonder if those who compiled the book received a government grant for the purpose.

**THERE MUST HAVE BEEN** some very red faces at a Courtenay garage after a one-time Salt Spring Islander took her car in for a safety check.

Nonie Hildred of Courtenay went to pick up her car when the inspection was completed and proceeded to back it out of the garage. But when she went to apply the brakes, her foot went to the floor. Seconds later, there were tires rolling in every direction down the road after the car struck a display rack.

If it hadn't been for the tire rack, Nonie's car

would have rolled out into the middle of a busy intersection.

Some safety check.

**CANADIAN NEWSCASTS** are being scrambled in much the same way as satellite signals, only there is no descrambler available on the market to sort out the messages.

Many if not most Canadians are not as well informed as they once were because of metrication. When a news story describes a person's size or the effects of harsh weather conditions, the reader ignorant of the metric system has to translate the figures into a language he can understand.

It's a wonderful system, we're told, and it will facilitate trade between Canada and other nations. We must assume that Ottawa intends to drop the United States and Japan as major trading partners. Both countries have abandoned metric conversion plans.

It's also difficult for a parent. I can no longer relate to my children when we discuss anything concerning weights and measures.

I shall, however, continue my efforts to adjust, centimetering my way along until I've mastered the system.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the reader who managed to pour milk through an inch-wide (sorry, 2.5 cm) coin slot in the *Driftwood* vending box on the *Queen of Sidney*. What an extraordinary feat.

**A PROSPEROUS** new year to the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and many thanks to that group for a very fine Christmas gift. I can only wonder how you were able to choose two of my favourite varieties.

**AND WARM WISHES TO B.C.** Ferry Corporation chairman Stuart Hodgson who proved me wrong after I said here that the corporation was both deaf and illiterate.

A request in August to place a vending box on the *Bowen Queen* had been approved within a week after its receipt, but had since been misplaced.

I could hardly be critical as we are often guilty of similar slip-ups ourselves.

### Hearing aids good investment

Sir,  
Approximately 150 of our future senior citizens, average age about 28, brought in the New Year at the old Galiano Hall.

They tried desperately to put their feet through the floor to the tune of two bands. It was good to see them having a good time.

The average age was increased by the presence of one of the old Chamber of Commerce gang and he helped to make the old hall quiver on its footings.

The bands were very loud and if you have any money to invest put it into hearing aids. You can't miss. Funny that they wear ear muffs on the job.

When I left the Golf and Country morgue earlier in the evening there were four members present. Rather a sad state and I wonder who we can turn to for a revival. Maybe a three square church.

And thank you Mr. Editor for your co-operation in 1982.  
**CHAS. J. GARDNER,**  
R.R.1 Galiano.  
January 2, 1983.

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## More Letters to the Editor

### Inflation a result of what we've sown

Sir,  
As a gardener, I have come to understand the absolute truth of "We shall reap what we have sown." The bitter fruit of inflation with recession is a result of what we have sown in the past.

Cuba, I believe, was the first in this chain of events when it raised the price of sugar. Brazil soon followed by increasing the price of its coffee. The Arabs, realizing their near monopoly in oil supplies and encouraged by the example of Cuba and Brazil, raised the price of their oil 10-fold, followed in turn by Alberta.

The increase in the cost of oil had a profound effect upon the commerce of the planet and its people, in more ways than one. The example of the monopoly holders was not lost, first on industrial concerns, then on governments and institutions, followed by professionals and finally individuals. A vicious circle of greed, which had its beginnings

before Cuba, was initiated and eventually we all jumped on the bandwagon.

No amount of "Trudeau bashing" will change what we have brought about. For we all jumped on this bandwagon quite willingly. Sure, rising costs of living added impetus to individual need, but the "impetus" always exceeded our need and we "impetussed" ourselves into greater need.

Let us acknowledge our part in this and not use the excuse that our children, our old and infirm, will suffer, when we mean "me", for they had no part in this. And so, we have come to the paradox that the more affluent we become, the poorer we get. We cannot afford the plumber, the electrician or the dentist anymore, or to send a letter for that matter.

As always, there is the other side of the coin, as the saying goes. It is now getting ruinously expensive to fight a war, and another is the living demonstration that greed is a dead

end, and so is war. For both seek to take from the ones least able to defend themselves.

There are a few among us who willingly trail behind the bandwagon instead of jumping on it, and this takes courage to face the hardships and the sacrifice. But this is what it takes, to stand up and say, "I have enough." For our wants are endless, and our needs really quite small.

PETER WEIS,  
R.R. 1 Fulford Harbour,  
January, 1983.

### Stand raises over \$1,100

Sir,  
When the short article was printed in *Driftwood* last spring stating that I hoped to get \$1,100 this year from the Roadside stand I gasped! I had meant that total for this year plus last year's \$600. However, I am amazed and delighted to report the total from

### Comments showed contempt

Sir,  
Some time ago, I wrote an open letter to a political party to tell it to keep its hands off my teachers' professional code. I should have added that I think it quite correct that the Minister of Education should ask both the school trustees and the teachers to discuss our professional code with him. I hold that it would do us great good to review our code in an official setting, perhaps fairly frequently.

In addition, both the ministry and the trustees would become aware of what the teachers themselves have set as their philosophy and creed.

Now, lately, I heard the minister say, on a radio phone-in talk, that he would himself go and teach for two days, in the spring. In the context of that discussion, I wondered if he meant that he would show us what an easy job we teachers really have,

or what it means to do a day's work, I even wondered if he thought that education itself could be delivered by just anyone, at any time, on short notice.

Whatever his meaning or intent, I feel that his comments showed a contempt for teachers as such, or for education as such, or for both. His comments detracted greatly that evening, from the respect I have entertained for him for many of his other attributes.

Yes, I believe that any lay person could deliver education of a sort, for two days, and do a credible job of it - yes, but that and education are just too far apart to be considered in the same context. And, yes, I am writing to the minister, for I do believe we have some common ground for discussion.

WALTER RATZLAFF,  
for K.S.M. Ltd.,  
Saturna Island,  
January 7, 1983.

### Deadline January 31

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ARVID CHALMERS,  
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Bill Webster

### A leaky faucet wastes sleep

The Cortina and I wheeze through the wintery darkness of the Gulf Islands, thoroughly charmed by the absence of frozen crystals.

Actually, the Cortina has been transformed into a Concertina and the ripples along the side aid airflow which cuts down on gasoline usage.

It is an interesting auto, this Blighty version of a Ford. It goes anywhere except uphill or through the rain. Otherwise it's a great machine. We, the Cortina and I, approach Lee's Hill at the speed limit for highways and reach the top at the speed limit for slugs.

The Concertina is also a clean machine. It gets bathed regularly in one of the chain of Driftwood Lakes.

Where last year *Driftwood* had one large freshwater body gracing what should have been the parking lot, this year there are several sundry aquatic pools.

To date tourists have come to Driftwood Lakes from as far away as Crofton. They come to view nature at its most grand. They come mainly to settle barroom bets as to how many lakes there are in the chain.

Not all of the bodies of water have been named. They seem to prefer to be called by the one name: Driftwood Lakes.

The parking lot is merely keeping in step with the rest of

the world which is mostly a bit of land surrounded on all sides by water.

An article from *Driftwood*, 11 years ago, explained what makes water so remarkable.

The body of an adult is composed of up to 60% water. The same adult secretes two quarts of water each day and just to be on the safe side, should consume the same amount. That works out to close to a ton of water each year.

Water is everywhere. The oceans, more than 97% of all water, weigh 1,400,000,000,000,000,000 tons. Which leaves us with less than three percent of water being fresh.

And fresh water is a fragile commodity. We pollute it in many ingenious ways. But we continue to need it because man has not yet invented an alternative to water.

An interesting idea on how to obtain fresh water was scrapped for want of takers several years ago. An iceberg from Antarctica would be towed to southern California. The iceberg chosen would have to be large enough, in the range of 10 billion tons, to make the proposal worthwhile.

As the iceberg sat in the California sun, a 10-foot fence around it would catch the fresh water. While the tow and the fence would have cost about \$1 million, the sale of fresh water

would have generated \$100 million.

The idea melted away and has yet to be tried.

The leaky faucet keeps some folk awake at night. But the leak does more harm than encouraging insomnia. If the leak were one-sixteenth of an inch, more than 700 gallons of aqua would float away each day.

Double the size of the leak to one-eighth of an inch and the loss becomes 2,800 gallons a day.

If the leak were in the body, someone would be in trouble. If the body loses 10% of its water, serious problems result. If the loss reaches 20%, death would follow.

Water loss through perspiration cools the body. One pound of evaporated water takes away sufficient heat to raise 5.5 lbs. of ice to the boiling point.

For the calory-conscious, one calory is defined as the amount of heat needed to raise one kilogram of water one degree celsius.

Which brings us to the joke of the week. A seasoned tippler was challenged to name the contents of various drinks. Regardless of what was set in front of him he knew the contents. The bartender, in desperation, set a glass of water on the bar. The tippler sipped and said, "Don't know what it is, but it won't sell."

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**Contrary to policy**

**Budget amount exceeds mill**

The amount of money earmarked for the J-account of the school board budget may be contrary to school board policy.

The J-account, which contains money for non-shareable capital expenses, will show a balance of \$84,245 for 1983, up \$10,000 over the amount for 1982. The account must be approved by the minister of education before it can be put into the new budget.

The policy of the Gulf Islands School District, set several years ago, limits the amount in the non-shareable capital account to equal one mill. The amount is collected directly from taxpayers and is not subsidized, as are other portions of the budget, by the ministry of education.

In 1982, one mill in the Gulf Islands raised approximately \$79,000. For 1983, with assessments down between 15 and 20%, one mill will not generate the same amount.

The trustees added the \$10,000 to the J-account to cover proposed expenditures of \$25,000 on the parking problem at the Ganges school complex. The staff budget committee had asked that the amount be reduced to \$15,000 to allow for the same amount, \$74,245, to be allocated in the J-account as last year.

The extra money comes from trust accounts for which fewer expenditures than expected will occur.

The J-account covers capital expenditures for such items as site improvements, new buildings and reconstruction or additions to existing buildings as well as equipment.

The principals and department heads in the Gulf Islands district are asked, in preparation of the budget section, which articles are needed for the school or department. The items are listed in order of priority.

The Pender Island School is asking for \$1,400 in equipment purchases. Of that amount, \$1,000 will be directed to the acquisition of library books. The school also wants a picture file worth \$200 and six student chairs costing \$200.

The Saturna School is seeking \$1,000 for library instruction kits and \$500 for a TV antenna, tower and attachments for a total of \$1,500.

The Fernwood School on Salt Spring Island is asking for \$5,400 to cover the buying of equipment. The two largest expenditures will be for science equipment, \$1,500, and library books, also \$1,500. The

school is also asking for \$1,000 worth of educational kits and the remainder for other items needed by the school.

Salt Spring Elementary School would like to have \$9,100. The school asked for \$4,000 for library books and \$1,000 each for gym equipment, instructional kits, science equipment and models as well as classroom library book racks. The other money would go for other equipment.

Gulf Islands Secondary School seeks a total of \$11,700 to be spent on gym equipment, \$2,500, and an equal amount for computer attachments. The library wants \$1,500 for books and the music department wants \$1,250 for new instruments.

The agriculture program needs \$1,000 for equipment and the school would like to have \$1,000 for instructional kits. There would be purchases for woodworking equipment, \$750, biology charts, also \$750, as well as \$500 for calculators and business machines.

The resource centre is asking for \$27,195, including \$23,245 for computers. The other expenditures sought by the department include \$2,000 for an audio-cassette duplicator and \$1,500 for software for computers.

The centre also seeks \$450 for a multi-media storage rack.

Other expenditures asked for by departments of the school district include \$700 by grounds and maintenance for a cutting torch and a hedge trimmer.

The custodial department is asking for \$2,200 for a floor polisher and two vacuum cleaners.

With the extra \$10,000 added to the section by the trustees, the site improvements for parking and safety at the Ganges school complex will cost a total of \$25,000.

When the School Services

(Interim) Act was approved by the provincial legislature last year, section 3 of the bill stated: "During 1983 a board may use funds from the non-shareable capital section of its budget for its operating budget."

That particular section caused confusion and the minister of education issued his interpretation to help clarify the situation.

The minister decreed that school boards could not use J-account money to make up shortfalls in the 1983 operation budget.

The minister noted that another legislative bill, the Education (Interim) Finance Act, gave him the authority to set the budget of the school board in any manner appropriate.

His interpretation of section 3 stated that the minister "has indicated that he is prepared to increase the acceptable budget of any district by the amount, among other things, of any J section accounting surplus raised through taxation in 1982."

"At the same time, he has indicated that he is not prepared to increase the acceptable operating budget of any school district by the amount of the currently projected J section budget for 1983, because these funds are not currently in the hands of the boards."

He went on to state that school boards could raise an equivalent amount in 1983 for the J section which had been raised in 1982. Those funds could be used to "offset tax requirements for the acceptable 1983 operation budget."

If a school district wanted to reduce tax requirements by dropping the J section from the 1983 budget, problems could arise in 1984.

The school districts are in the process of seeking an interpretation of the interpretation which the minister issued.

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**Correction**

The year-end review of events of 1982 contained reference in the December news review to the vice-chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board.

The vice-chairman is Charles Hingston of Salt Spring and not Charles Baltzer as was noted.

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# Two island groups to team up for Theatre Sports workshop

The Salt Spring Centre and Anonymous Theatre have teamed up and will present a theatre sports workshop and performance.

The centre, on Blackburn Road, promotes the creative potential in people, says Sid Filkow. While yoga forms the basic portion of the approach, the centre seeks any endeavour which would develop that creative talent which all persons possess, he said.

Filkow was part of the theatre sports workshop last summer and he saw a connection between it and the aim of the centre.

"What I observed in theatre sports is that to do it successfully, one must give up part of the self. One must know when and what to give up," he said.

Anonymous, of the Anonymous Theatre, added, "Yoga reaches beyond behaviour patterns and theatre sports is similar in that the person must respond totally and not allow the intrusion of self."

The theatre sports workshop at the Salt Spring Centre will feature two teachers of the technique from Vancouver. There will also be up to nine actors who know theatre sports in the performance at the activity centre in the Salt Spring Elementary School.

Theatre sports developed from the efforts of a Calgary group to loosen up theatre. Anonymous has been talking to people at the Gulf Islands Secondary School to see if theatre sports could be taught to the students.

The public performance, while mainly the efforts of the Salt Spring Centre and Anonymous Theatre, will also involve the New Globe Shakespeare Company and members of the Salt Spring Players.



Sid Filkow of the Salt Spring Centre welcomes Anonymous of the Anonymous Theatre. The two groups plan theatre sports at the activity centre in the Salt Spring Elementary School.

# Student injured by pencil

Accidents injured seven students at Gulf Islands schools recently.

A Grade 9 youth bruised his hand in the carpentry shop when the lathe was started while he held the key in the chuck. The injury prompted the trustees to urge the showing of a television program on shop safety to the students.

At the Mayne Island School, a Grade 1 girl cut her head on a rock when she fell after a push from a classmate. She was treated and her parents notified.

Another Grade 1 girl jammed her finger in the door while preparing for recess.

The third accident at Mayne involved a Grade 2 girl who suffered

a bruise on the temple when she fell in the gymnasium. She had been bruised in the same place earlier when hit by a horse.

At Salt Spring Elementary School, a boy in the French immersion class punctured his arm with the point of a lead pencil. He had been filling out a form at the time.

The Fernwood gymnasium was the scene of an accident when a Grade 3 girl slipped and bumped her head.

A first-grader fell against her desk at the same school and suffered a cut near her eye. A compress was applied and her parents notified.

None of the accidents was described as serious.

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# Worldwide petition will call for release of prisoners of conscience

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Petitions will be circulated throughout most of 1983 before they are presented to all heads of state and the president of the United Nations General Assembly.

The petition, which will be circulated during the year on Salt Spring Island by the local A.I. group, calls for the release of all prisoners of conscience — men and women imprisoned in many countries solely because of their political or religious beliefs, their colour or ethnic origin, who have not used or advocated violence.

The amnesty (unconditional

release) is urged for thousands of such prisoners known to Amnesty International and all others who come within the definition, says local spokesman Phyllis Webb.

The following are examples of prisoners of conscience who would be released by a general amnesty.

In the People's Republic of China, a church leader is arrested during a nationwide "purification" campaign. Twenty-five years later the bishop is still in prison. He is an old man now, in his 80's. He is a prisoner of conscience, Webb explained.


In El Salvador, two married

couples and three young children are staying at a friend's house while she is away, when uniformed members of the security forces burst in, demanding to know where the friend is.

"They torture the adults in front of the children," said Webb, "then beat the screaming children before taking all of them to San Salvador's central barracks.

"Some days later the children are found in a juvenile reform centre. The adults have 'disappeared' — they have become prisoners of conscience."

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Pianist Angela Funk, left, and violinist Jean Knight will perform in a concert sponsored by Salt Spring Concert Society on Sunday at St. George's Hall.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

# Driver defends himself against charge of failure to keep right

Young driver successfully defended himself against a charge of failure to keep to the right when he was given the benefit of the doubt by Judge R.W. Greig in Ganges provincial court last week.

Casey Bramhoff, of Vancouver, told the court that when his car was in collision with a truck driven by Dan O'Donnell, of Fulford, on October 3, he was fearful of moving further over to the right for fear of losing control of his vehicle on the

soft shoulder of the road.

Bramhoff defended himself. He told the court that most cars tend to drive on the centre portion of Blackburn Lake Road and that when the police patrol car arrived, its driver followed this custom. The road is narrow, twisting and affords insufficient width at some points to permit two vehicles to pass.

There was no violation, ruled the judge.

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# Violin, piano concert by request

By popular request, two Salt Spring Island musicians will give another concert at Ganges Sunday.

Violinist Jean Knight and pianist Angela Funk will present a concert at 2 pm, sponsored by the Salt Spring Concert Society.

Jean Knight was born in England and began her musical education at the age of six. She won a scholarship when she was eight and began her professional career at 14 as a member of the Southern Philharmonic Orchestra. Two years later she won a scholarship to the

Royal College of Music in London and studied under Isolde Menges. She received her diploma of A.R.C.M.

Knight played with the B.B.C. Opera and Sadlers Wells Orchestras, and was concert mistress of a light orchestra that broadcast regularly. She moved to Canada in 1955 where her husband Tony was solo trombone with the Royal Canadian Engineers Band at Chilliwack.

She joined the Vancouver Symphony and remained with it for 17 years as principal second violin.

She was also a member of the CBC Radio Orchestra and was a founder-member of the Baroque Strings of Vancouver. In 1975 the Knights moved to Salt Spring.

Angela Funk grew up on the island and gave her first piano recital at the age of five. For 12 years she took lessons from Mrs. Doris Crofton, and later moved to Victoria to study at the Victoria Conservatory of Music under Winnifred Scott Wood. She received her diplomas for A.R.C.T. and A. Mus., Western Board, and her teacher's diploma from the Victoria Conservatory.

Funk now has many pupils on Salt Spring and is often seen playing at local drama and musical events. She is organist at the United Church and pianist for the Salt Spring Singers.

Sunday's concert will feature classical and light pieces for violin and piano.

# Shawnigan headmaster to visit Saturday

The headmaster of Shawnigan Lake School, Darrel Farrant, will be visiting Salt Spring Island Saturday to talk about the school.

The meeting will be held at 8 pm on Saturday at Bearberry Farm on Wright Road, the home of Dr. and Mrs. David Wooldridge. Those who wish to attend are asked to telephone Mrs. Wooldridge any evening to confirm arrangements.

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## School board won't rush selling excess property

The Gulf Islands School Board will not be in a hurry to sell any of its properties in the islands.

The minister of education had indicated that money from the sale of excess properties in school districts could be used in the non-shareable capital expense portion of the school budget.

However, the explanation has proved to be less beneficial to the school districts than the statement appears to be.

In the past, money from the sale of excess property had been split between the ministry of education and the school district. The trustees needed ministry approval for the use of the school district portion of the money.

The latest decree of the minister means the money could be used in

the non-shareable section of the budget. But the district would have to subtract the expenses of selling the property, split the remainder with the ministry, use a portion of district share to be applied to the debt services portion of the budget and then add the remainder of the non-shareable portion.

Secretary-treasurer Amy MacLeod gave an example of what the district could expect from the sale of excess property. If a parcel sold for \$10,000 and the various deductions already mentioned were applied, the school district could expect to end up with approximately \$1,700.

The trustees agreed with school board chairman John Zacharias of Pender Island who said, "Let's not rush into any sales."

## Slugs may be guilty of consumer fraud

BY PAUL E. ESTER

Following yet another bizarre and unpredictable performance by the vaunted Slug '83 attack, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister I.M. Slimey has vowed to immediately undertake an investigation for the purpose of bringing charges of consumer fraud and mislabelling of product against Slug Enterprises 1981 Limited, the Gulf Islands Driftwood and writer Jose Panti.

In an exclusive interview with this reporter following hurried meetings with ministry officials as well as representatives from the justice department, Slimey reiterated his charges that misleading articles and advertising in this paper over the past three months have led prospective investors and spectators to a false level of expectations with regard to Slug performance.

"I'm gonna pump those boys full of air, or my name isn't Slimey," he was heard to say as he bolted away from waiting reporters.

Doubt was initially cast Friday in Victoria, where the Slugs woman-handled Cordova Bay Kinks 11-3 before a stunned audience of five — this on the heels of two dismal Slug performances with the same team weeks earlier.

Scoring for the Slugs in the one-sided romp were Sinclair (2), Topping (2), Scown (2), Reynolds (2), Moger (1), Bergstrom (1) and Stringer.

Then Sunday at Fuller Lake, heralded by the return of Pat Akerman, and the ninth anniversary (day) of Farm Boy's not drinking a drop, the Slugs insulted the intelligence of many hockey writers by purportedly running roughshod over what turned out to be a Mill Bay Rep team by a 9-3 margin with Sinclair (2), Cook (2), Topping, Reynolds, Stringer and Huser scoring.

It was following this performance

then that outraged fans and officials demanded a government investigation into the matter. The Slugs, meanwhile, remained silent, although rumours have it that they intend to meet secretly with an ex-consumer affairs ministry official over a bottle of Puisse Fouilly to discuss the impending litigation and how it can be avoided.

In the meantime, the Slugs continue to prepare for a weekend double-header with their ever-dangerous rivals - the Mill Bay Old-Timers. More news as it breaks.

## Branch receives \$10,000

The Fulford branch of the Old Age Pensioners' Organization has received a Christmas present from the New Horizons program — a cheque for \$10,000.

The federally funded program provided the money for renovations and furnishings that will give the branch a clubroom at Fulford Hall.

Work is expected to begin immediately under the supervision of Ken Adshead. Several offers of volunteer labour have been received.

Despite inclement weather, the group's mini-bazaar in mid-December was successful. A well attended Christmas party brought the year's activities to a close, the branch reports.

President Betty Brigden is now recuperating from surgery at Lady Minto Hospital.

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# Four major components determine soil quality

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We have come to understand that the single most important aspect of farming and gardening is the quality and fertility of the soil. We are also beginning to understand that the difference between barren soil and rich, fruitful soil is the amount of organic material in the soil, and that this organic material is the product, or by-product, of plant and animal life.

And since the quality and fertility of your soil is 90% responsible for your success as a farmer or gardener, we will start with this, to get us on to the road of success, and along with it, to abundance and health.

### FOUR COMPONENTS

Soil consists of four components, the combination of which determines rich or poor soil.

Item no. one: minerals or aggregate, in order of the finest to the roughest: clay, silt, sand and gravel.

Item no. two: water.

Item no. three: air.

Item no. four: organic material.

Good, rich soil combines these components as follows: 40% mineral, 25% water, 25% air, 10% organic material. Since unimproved soils average about two percent organic content in our area, this then is the single, most important focus of our soil improvement. For everything else, the water and the air, follows automatically.

The organic component will separate clay and silt, and bind together sand and gravel, and at the same time it will create the conditions to hold moisture and admit air in the correct proportions. Good soil, with sufficient organic content, should be dark brown, and when squeezed in your hand, should crumble readily.

It should not: stay in one lump and drip water (too much organic content), run through your fingers (too sandy, gravelly), remain one hard lump (too much dry clay), or squeeze out through your fingers like wet putty (too much wet clay).

Not only is the organic content your soil bank which stores

moisture and nutrients ready for withdrawal at any time as required by the plant life, but it is also the living room for countless hordes of soil organisms.

### BREAK IT DOWN

Soil bacteria feed on decaying organic material and break it down into nutrients. They also breathe, inhaling oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide, just as we do. This carbon dioxide is slightly acid and is absorbed by the thin film of moisture, covering each mineral particle, which turns the moisture acid and thus slowly dissolves the minerals.

This dilute mineral solution is absorbed by plant rootlets for the health and well-being of the plant. This brief description of the action of soil bacteria graphically illustrates the need for a good balance of the four soil components.

If there is a lack of one, or overabundance of another, the whole process suffers drastically, and so do the plants.

Nothing else has the massively beneficial impact on the quality of our soils as the optimum organic content. Besides adding manures, compost, seaweed and other organic materials to our soil, we can also improve it by growing two produce-yielding crops in one season with considerable benefit to our soils.

In spring plant bush peas (not the new skinny-leaved varieties — we want as much leaf as possible), harvest once at the height of production and plow everything

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Immediately follow with bush beans, harvest once and till under. Follow this with winter rye, to hold the accumulated nutrients and minerals and plow or till under next spring for your third crop of green manure, all in one full season. This is the most incredibly intense way of increasing organic content while obtaining two harvests.

Since our soils are somewhat too acid and deficient in phosphorous add between 50 to 100 lbs. of dolomite lime per 1,000 feet and 100 to 200 lbs. of rock phosphate as soon as possible. The dolomite should last about four years and the rock phosphate should be good for 10 years.

If you follow this advice and alternate your garden every year, half in vegies and the other half in the peas, beans and winter rye succession, your garden will get better and better every year until it will burst with health and productivity.

Another chap who understands the far-reaching importance of soil quality is Steve Solomon, the owner

of Territorial Seeds in Oregon. His book, *The Complete Guide to Organic Gardening West of the Cascades*, is absolutely outstanding and I have not seen any better.

New gardeners and also well experienced ones will benefit from his depth of understanding and wealth of knowledge. It is a gem, and available at Volumn II where I obtained my copy, courtesy of a gift certificate from "the gang at Driftwood."

The new *Llewellyn's Moon Sign Book* is in as well (thank you) and et cetera has a few copies left.

The information contained in this article, Steve Solomon's book and *Organic Gardening's* concept of "Regenerative Agriculture" all point in the same direction, that of greater understanding and cooperation with the plant kingdom, the beginning of a new era leading to nothing less than health and abundance for all.

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During the next few weeks, random checks will be carried out by the RCMP in problem driving areas, more particularly the Hope-Princeton, the Squamish Highway to Whistler, the Fraser Canyon, but including other sections of road on Vancouver Island and the rest of the province subject to snow conditions. The operation will be in conjunction with the Attorney General's "CounterAttack" programme and other police traffic checks. **Drivers of vehicles not properly equipped may be turned back or charged.**

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways is doing its best to clear snow and maintain our roads in winter to make them safe. Before driving into snow areas, make sure you have good winter tires and are carrying chains to make your vehicle safe.

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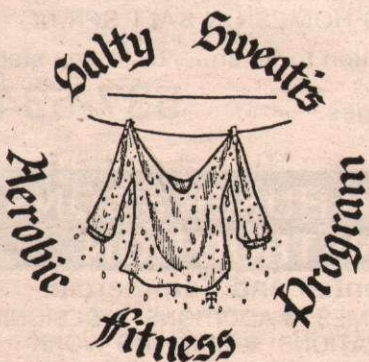
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#### S.O.F.A. - Safety-Oriented First Aid

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#### C.P.R. - Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE  
1 Saturday, Feb. 12; \$20; Elem. Library, 10 am-3 pm. Pre-requisite is S.O.F.A. or standard. NOTE: Industrial First Aid could be offered if enough interest is shown.

#### Coastal Navigation - an introduction

BARRY PRING  
5 Mondays; \$15  
Room 1; 7:30-9:30; starts Jan. 31  
Common-sense course in coastal navigation of local waters.

#### Hunter Training

S.S.I. ROD & GUN CLUB INSTRUCTORS  
8 Wednesdays; \$10  
Room 1; 7:30; starts Feb. 9

#### FOR PARENTS OF TEENS:

#### Reducing the Conflict

IRENE FEWINGS  
9 Thursdays; \$9 couples or singles  
High School Lounge; 7:30; starts Feb. 3  
A discussion and skill development group.

#### Positive Parenting - elementary ages

SHARADA FILKOW  
9 Thursdays, \$9 couples or singles  
H.S. Library, 7:30 pm; starts Feb. 3  
Text is "Children: the Challenge" available at first class session. A parent encouragement group to discuss common problems and joys of child-raising.

#### Understanding your own Non-Assertive Behaviour

BEV UNGER  
4 Mondays; \$10  
Elem. Staff Room; 7:30; starts Feb. 28  
Training course in honest self-expression. Learn to be assertive without being aggressive. For those who often wish they'd said or done something differently.

#### Valentine's Special "BECOMING PARTNERS"

A weekend workshop for couples with DAVE NORDSTROM, marriage & family counsellor, Victoria. Friday, Feb. 18, 7:30; Elem. Library; Sat., Feb. 19, 10 am-3 pm, Elem. Library.  
Exploring and enriching long term relationships for couples inside or outside marriage. Deadline for registration: Thursday, Feb. 10.

### REGISTRATION

1. Registration and payment of fees may be done by mail, or at Continuing Education office in Mouat's Mall, 10-4, Monday-Thursday, or at first class session if there is room.
2. Refunds only if class cancelled.
3. Ten percent discount on more than one enrolment from same household on same receipt.
4. Senior and student discounts are no longer available.
5. Deferred payment or reduced fees may be arranged as necessary.
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# Winter Classes

### FABRIC, YARN, THREAD

#### BRUSH UP YOUR Sewing Skills

COLLEEN HUDSON  
9 Mondays; \$22  
Textiles Room; 7:30; starts Jan. 31  
Basic skills will be learned as you make a skirt and blouse.

#### Knitting - beginners

PAT BARNES  
6 Tuesdays; \$18  
Small Graphics Room; 7:30; starts Feb. 1  
Bring knitting needles, scrap yarn, notebook and pencil.

#### Make a Quilt with Jocelyn

8 Thursdays; \$25  
Textiles Room; 2:30; starts Feb. 3  
Pre-requisite: another quilting course. An evening class may be arranged.

#### More Quilting Techniques

JOCELYN HOLMES:  
8 Tuesdays; \$25  
Textiles Room; 7:30; starts Feb. 1  
Bring fabrics and sewing box. Pre-requisite: another quilting course. Beginners class may be arranged.

#### Sewing in Silk

MARGIE KORRISON  
1 Tuesday; Jan. 25; \$5  
Textiles Room; 7:30  
For the experienced home sewer or craftsperson. A repeat of Fall workshop for those who missed.

#### Slacks!

PAT DUKE  
3 Wednesdays; \$9  
Textiles Room; 7:30; starts Jan. 26  
Draft your individualized pattern, then cut & sew to fit you. Prefer non-stretch materials.

### DANCE

#### Sue-Bowler Ballet Classes

All begin the week of Jan. 17 and continue through week of March 28 in Mahon Hall.  
Parents of returning students are advised to register and pay fees by noon Monday to assure a place in the class.  
New students will be placed on a waiting list until noon Monday, after which they will be eligible for entrance on a first-come/first-serve basis.

#### Tuesdays - starting Jan. 18

4-5 yr. olds - 3-3:30; \$22  
Grades I & II (5-6 yr. olds) - 3:30-4:15; \$33  
Grades III & IV (7-8 yr. olds) - 4:15-5:15; \$38.50  
Adult Choreography & Barre - 5:15-6:45; \$44

#### Wednesdays - starting Jan. 19

Primary (3-4 yr. olds) - 3-3:30; \$22  
Grades III & IV (7-8 yr. olds) - 3:30-4:30; \$38.50  
Grades IV & Pre-Elem. (9-12 yr. olds) - 4:30-5:30; \$38.50

#### Thursdays - starting Jan. 20

Grades I & II (5-6 yr. olds) - 3:15-4:00; \$33  
Pre-Elem. (11-12 yr. olds) - 4:30-6:00; \$44

#### Penny Christie Dance Classes

All begin the week of Jan. 17 and continue through week of March 28 in Mahon Hall. Drop-in fees are \$5.00 for all but TOTAL BODY WORKOUT.

#### Teens Jazz

Mondays; \$35; 2:30-3:45

#### Pre-Teens Jazz

Mondays; \$35; 3:45-5:00

#### Jazz Dance I

Mondays; \$40; 6:30-8:00

#### Penny's Total Body Workout

Wednesdays; \$3 drop-in; 5:30-6:30

Sundays; \$3 drop-in; 4:30-5:30

#### Broadway Jazz - over 35's

Wednesdays; \$35; 6:30-7:30

#### Jazz Dance II

Wednesdays; \$40; 7:30-9:00

### GENERAL INTEREST

#### Acting I - Back to Basics

YVONNE ADALIAN  
4 Mondays; \$20  
Mahon Hall; 8-10 pm; starts Jan. 31  
Students wear loose clothing. Intensive course covering relaxation & breath control, movement, voice & speech, internal & external techniques to trigger self-expression and aid character analysis. Instructor would welcome a pre-course chat.

#### Cooking EAST INDIAN

MANO SANDHU  
3 Wednesdays; \$10 plus food  
Foods Rm.; 7:30; starts Feb. 2

#### Dreams as a Second Language

MURRAY REISS  
6 Tuesdays; \$15  
High School Teachers' Lounge; 7:30; starts Feb. 1  
Bring your dreams, notebook and writing tools.

#### Fruit Trees - Part II - Pruning

TOM HALL, MATTHEW COLEMAN  
4 Wednesdays; \$15  
Room 4; 7:30; starts Feb. 2

#### Investing - Part I

STEVEN TAYLOR  
4 Tuesdays; \$15  
Room 4; 2:30; starts Feb. 1  
Savings, investment, speculation, gambling, debt & equity, taxes on investment, net worth, portfolio construction.

#### Investing - Part II

STEVEN TAYLOR  
4 Tuesdays; \$15  
Room 4; 2:30; starts March 1  
Equity investments & markets, stock selection, technical analysis, options.

#### Investing - Level II

STEVEN TAYLOR  
4 Tuesdays; \$15  
Room 4; 3:30; starts Feb. 15  
For participants in Fall '82 course. Economic indicators, balance sheets, analysis or securities, trading for pleasure & profit.

#### Amateur Photography Clinic

CEDRIC BARKER  
1 Monday, Feb. 7; \$3  
Small Graphics Rm.; 7:30  
Choosing a camera: Instamatic, disc film, instant print, 35 mm? Also, photo composition, avoiding "chopped-off heads", steady grip, when to use flash, which film to use, how processing affects results. Bring cameras, prints, negatives, 35 mm slides.

### SHOP CLASSES

#### Gasoline Engines Simplified

COLIN NICHOLSON  
5 Thursdays, \$15  
Metal Shop; 7:30 pm; start Feb. 3  
How engines work. How to trouble-shoot. Bring your own engine if possible.

#### Introduction to Metalworking

LAWRIE NEISH  
9 Wednesdays, \$30; Metal Shop; 7:30; starts Feb. 2  
Lathe, milling machine, shaper, welding.

#### Tool Sharpening

CHUCK McCLEAN  
6 Wednesdays, \$20; Wood Shop, 7:30 pm; start Feb. 2  
Power & hand-tool sharpening; chain saws, drills, hand saws, jointer & planer blades, chisels, etc.

#### Woodworking - beginners

RICE ELKINGTON  
9 Thursdays, \$30; Wood Shop; 7:30; starts Feb. 3  
Start with hand tools, then move to powered hand tools.

#### Woodworking - intermediate

LAWRIE NEISH  
9 Tuesdays, \$30; Wood Shop; 7:30; starts Feb. 1

# Education

# 1983

## COMPUTERS

### Computers - An Introduction

McKEACHIE, PAUL NEWMAN

5 days, \$9  
5; 7:30; starts Jan. 31

rsdays, \$9  
5; 7:30; starts Feb. 3

is a "hands-on" encounter with the machine of the

### Computers for Small Businesses

NEWMAN:

rsday, Feb. 10; \$5

5; 7-10

at is available and at what cost? What to look for in

re and "add-ons".

### Computers - Basic Programming

McKEACHIE

days, starts Feb. 14; 7:30 pm; Rm. 5; \$25

10 people, unless you bring your own computer.

## NEW PROGRAMS

### Family Dance Classes

alone — or with other family members.

### Family Folk Dancing

BUSKIRK, Victoria's Folk Dancing in the Park

days, \$20/family, \$12/single

r Pt. Hall, 2-4 pm, start Feb. 27.

ine for pre-registration is Thursday, Feb. 10.

### British Country Dancing

SABERCROMBIE, Cobble Hill

rsdays, \$30/family, \$18/single.

Hall, 7-9 pm; start Feb. 3.

class will feature live music (Murray Shoolbraid at

ino) to dance and learn by. Chris says "first night free,

nd night feel"

### Dancing for Couples

CK COOKING with CAROL & GEOFF GAY

day, \$7/couple + food & bev.

Rm., 7 pm, Feb. 21

### Class Piano for kids or adults

RAY SHOOLBRAID, PAT DUKE

ions, \$10

TS: Wed., start Feb. 2; H.S. Band Rm., 7:30-8:30

Mon., start Jan. 31; H.S. Band Rm., 2:30-3:30 teens,

3:30 for younger kids (min. 8 yrs.)

## ART

### Design Principles - Part I

ANA LAING

days, \$30

om; 7:30; starts Jan. 31

age-level course (non-credit) for painters, designers,

raft-persons. Design elements demonstrated and

ited through slides, films, lecture, and exercises.

### Drawing

GINETTE RICHER

nesdays, \$15

om; 2:30; starts Feb. 2

g pencil & cheap paper. Observation drawing;

ny; movement; still life.

### Graphic Printing & Dyeing

ANA LAING

days, \$20

om; 7:30; starts Feb. 1

age level (non-credit); batik, stencil, printing, etc.

### Principles & Practice of

### Composition in Painting

Y JENSEN

nesdays and 5 Thursdays; \$30

om; 7:30-9:30; starts Feb. 2

rnate sessions of Theory and Practice, based on

is of masterworks. Practical application of principles

ered in illustrated talks. Non-painters interested in

y sign up for the Wednesday slide & theory sessions

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## COMING SOON:

Watch for upcoming courses in **COMPUTER BOOKKEEPING** (previous bookkeeping knowledge required); **FIBREGLASS BOAT-BUILDING**; the revival of **"PUB NIGHT LECTURES"**; **MICROWAVE COOKERY**; and **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** (also called English for New Canadians).

## COMMERCE

### Bookkeeping

DONNA REGEN, C.G.A.

9 Tuesdays; \$27; Rm. 1; 8-10 pm; starts Feb. 1

Bring pen & notepaper; other materials provided at cost. Learn bookkeeping cycle using a synoptic journal to completion of financial statements. Suitable for beginners or as a refresher. For small business or household.

Computer bookkeeping is planned to follow. Bookkeeping skills necessary.

### Retailing Clinic for Small Business

PHILLIP VIEL, Ministry of Industry & Small Business; Development

1 Monday, Feb. 28; \$15

School Board Rm.; 10 am-3 pm; lunch break

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### Typing, DictaTyping,

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## BODY AND SOUL

Groups wishing to use the Secondary School gym for basketball and volleyball are advised that they must reserve a time block with a payment based on an hourly use rate of \$20 for the term. This will guarantee use from week of Jan. 31 through week of June 20, 1983.

**Women's Volleyball** Tuesdays 7-8:30 ..... \$30

**Men's Basketball** Tuesdays 8:30-10:00 .... \$30

THESE ARE GROUP RATES.

### Yoga II

PHYLLIS COLEMAN

8 Thursdays; \$30

S.S.I. Health Clinic; 9-10:30 am; starts Feb. 3

Clinic is Dr. Puhky's, just north of Fulford Hall.

### Yoga - all levels

PHYLLIS COLEMAN

8 Tuesdays; \$30 Room 4; 8-9:30; starts Feb. 1

## LANGUAGE/LITERATURE

### Creative Writing

BILL WEBSTER

6 Wednesdays; \$18

High School Library; 7:30; starts Feb. 2

For those with some experience.

### French for beginners

GINETTE RICHER

8 Tuesdays; \$24

Cooking Room; 7:30; starts Feb. 1

Bring notebook, pencil, tape recorder. Emphasis on conversation.

### French - intermediate

GINETTE RICHER

8 Thursdays; \$24

Cooking Room; 7:30; starts Feb. 3

Bring notebook, pencil, tape recorder. Weekly social events planned by students. Emphasis on conversation.

### Écrire & Lire en Français

MARCEL BÉCHARD

6 Thursdays; \$18

High School Teachers' Lounge; 7:30; starts Feb. 3

Designed for students whose first language is French (or English, with a good understanding of French). Following course material will be supplied: texts from Alain Fournier, Marcel Proust, Michel Tremblay, Emile Nelligan, etc.

### Spanish - conversational

TELESFORO TAJUELO, FRED STRUVE

9 Wednesdays, \$32; 7:00; Room 6; starts Jan. 19.

### Latin - intermediate

JOHN HALL

8 Thursdays; \$35; \$50/couple

Ganges Hill School; 7:30; starts Feb. 3

No beginners, please, at this time, but new students with some Latin reading experience welcome. To read the classics in the original language is the aim of this course.

## DOWN THE GUTTER

# Kaye is bowler of week

BY KEN COLLINS

So often we see Carol Kaye make bowler of the week that it's kind of nice to see her husband Albert come through and gain this honour. Last week he came up with 785 to make him the male bowler of the week. For the ladies it was Marg Robinson with 776.

It looks like the turkey and plum pudding was still lying heavily in our stomachs because we did not have many good scores turned in. The ones we did have are as follows. Terry Jenkins: 720-748; Mick (Sausage) Jones: 762; Cy Beech: 711; and this writer with 713.

We had 300 games from Sid Fraser: 310; Terry Jenkins: 306; Mick Jones: 327; and Marg Robinson: 344.

Within the next few weeks people will be rolling off to decide who will be going to represent Salt Spring in the "Export A" Competition. Everybody has a chance because you only bowl in your own category - 165-185, for example. Be sure to enter your name with Terry if you wish to compete.

### Y.B.C. NEWS

Here we are again, Y.B.C.'ers — a new year and good bowling to come.

Everyone who could manage to make it bowled with a parent or friend in the Family two-some Tournament held during the holiday season.

Amid cheering, laughter and general good will, the kids and their guests turned in some very nice scores. Thanks Terry for opening up and letting us have a fun tournament.

Well, bowlers, we are now into

the Four Steps to Stardom Tournament, held during the month of January. Hopefully the flu bug won't get you so you can compete in this tournament.

High scorers for the week of January 3 were as follows.

Jets: Simon Baines, 110; Eric Taylor, 93; Heath Cooper, 76; Bonnie Trottier, 69.

Pee Wees: Tina Reid, 95; Tracy Cunningham, 89; Rita Phelps, 65; Clinton Helfrich, 143; Daniel Hatch, 99; Robbie Carrigan, 88.

Bantams: Suzanne Jacquest, 188; Deanna Little, 172; Laura Little, 162; Mark David, 183; James Robertson, 155; Adam Baines, 149.

Seniors high scorers Wednesday, Jan. 5 were: Denise Harrison, 205; Carol Cunningham, 172; Dan Fraser, 237; Steve Marleau, 221; Ed Westcott, 216; David Stegges, 198.

There are no scores for the junior Y.B.C.'ers until next week's edition.

Let's see some of the current scores beaten, guys and gals. Sure would like to give out some more badges.

### GOLDEN AGE BOWLERS

The high triples for the last week were as follows.

Margo Robinson: 776 (344, 243); Geof. Baker: 677 (206, 207, 264); Jim Gilson: 624 (262); Edie Gear: 601 (266, 204).

Other good scores came from the following:

Betty Baker: 268; Ed. Gavin: 266; Walter Blatter: 229; Elvie Hislop: 235; Gladys Caldwell: 226; Bill Harper: 225; Ivy Reynolds: 217; Wally Edwards: 216, 208; Edie Gear: 214; Flora Robinson: 208; Helen Hopper: 201.

## KICK-OFF

# Return to action

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Poor weather upset last weekend's soccer schedule, forcing our players, coaches and referees to sit home and twiddle their thumbs.

This weekend will see all our teams return to action, hopefully under better weather conditions. The off-island teams return to league play to try to wrap up their schedule.

The intra-island format will see all games played at 9:30 at Portlock, two on the mini-fields and one game played full length on the main pitch. The idea is to allow the players to adapt to full field play with the larger playing surface and larger team size.

As both the intra-island all-stars and the Cosmos (girls) will have exhibition games this spring against Vancouver Island opponents, we hope this exposure will help prepare them for these games.

Any seven-year-olds from the junior section may move up to a senior team for the Coers Cup Competition. Either notify your coach or this writer to get placed on a team.

With the bad weather frequently around us at this time of the year, why not sit down and watch some excellent soccer on T.V. On Saturdays at 4 pm on Channel 21 (or 13) you can watch English First Division highlights and on Sundays at 5 pm on Channel 9 you can watch German Bundesliga soccer.

These two programs preview some of the world's best soccer and players as the two divisions are rated numbers one and two in the world.

Here is a quick summary of notes and dates to remember:

**Kick-A-Thon:** Please turn your money in now. Credit items will be issued this month.

**League play:** Off-island: January 15 and 16. Intra-island (Coers Cup); January 15.

**Sun Cup:** January 23. Salt Spring Kicks vs Juan de Fuca Belmont in Victoria.

**District Cup:** February 5 and 6; off-island. February 12 and 13; finals.

**Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association Tournaments:** Intra-island: March 26 and 27, Portlock Park. Off-island: April 2 and 3, Portlock Park.

**Banquet:** April 15, high school gym.

**Clinics:** (Referees) - Beginners: January 18 and 25. Seniors: February 1, 8 and 15.

Both run 7-10 pm each evening in high school. Fee is \$5.

**Coaches:** date to be set.

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Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

### Back to New Zealand

Friends of Caroline and Ed Scott, centre, gathered at the Inn at Vesuvius last Friday to say good-bye. The couple are returning to

New Zealand and will take mementoes of their stay on Salt Spring Island. John Teagle, manager of the pub, presents them

with t-shirts imprinted with the logo of the Inn. The Scotts will be living in Long Beach, Russell, on the North Island.

## World hunger will be examined Thursday

The reasons for world hunger will be examined at Ganges next week with a five-hour educational program at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The program is being presented by The Hunger Project, a non-profit organization whose goal is to end world hunger by the end of the century.

The Hunger Project was established in 1977 and most of its work is carried out by a grass-roots network of thousands of volunteers. It is supported almost entirely by donations from individuals.

More than two million people in 115 countries are enrolled in the project.

The educational program, to take place next Thursday, will "be an opportunity for you to discover your ability to make a difference in having world hunger end," says local spokesman Pat Kirk.


"We will look at the reasons why world hunger is persisting, (and) why it doesn't have to..." she said this week.

There is no charge for the program but voluntary contributions up to \$15 will be accepted. It will run from 5:30 to 11 pm Thursday evening at the high school.

For further information interested islanders are requested to contact Kirk.

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## Gasoline prices down

The price of gasoline came down recently.

The decrease in price results from less provincial tax being applied to gasoline as of January 1. The province now takes 6.42¢ per litre, down from the 6.7¢ for each litre since October 1, 1982.

On Salt Spring the car driver can buy regular gasoline for a variety of

prices. The Esso station in Ganges sells regular gas for 44.6¢ per litre and unleaded fuel for 47.9¢ a litre.

The Gulf station sells regular gas for 44.6¢ and unleaded for 48.3¢. Across the road, the Shell station pumps gas for 45.1¢ per litre of regular and 50.4¢ for a litre of unleaded.

Farmers and fishermen receive a

3.74¢ per litre subsidy on marked gas and 4.18¢ per litre on marked diesel fuel.

Handicapped persons qualify for a rebate on taxes for gasoline and diesel fuel as well as the B.C. Transit tax which applies to gasoline sold in the Vancouver area. That tax costs an extra 0.95¢ per litre, an increase from 0.66¢ for each litre bought since October.

The tax rates are reviewed four times each year and are tied to the gas price component of the Vancouver consumer price index. The next review will be March 1.

## Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners January 3 were as follows.

North-south: first, Gordon Best and Norm McConnell; second, Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton; third, Audrey Allen and Phyllis Henderson.

East-West: first, Lorna and Peter

Pentz; second, Isabelle Richardson and Mary Clements; third, Allen Steward and Kay Sinclair.

Tuesday evening: first, Lois Popkin-Clurman and Helen Whalley; second, Gordon and Dorie Best; third, Norm and Anne McConnell.

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