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They pattered, paraded and pranced...

...While women leered, lampooned and loved

12 contestants vie for Mr. Salt Spring title

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Saturday night fever hit Fulford Hall last week when over 250 women leered at, lampooned and loved every one of the 12 contestants in the first annual Mr. Salt Spring Island contest.

If Salt Spring women were looking to greener pastures last week they changed their minds Saturday night when 12 men pattered, paraded and pranced to an all-female crowd at Fulford Hall, vying for the title of "Mr. Salt Spring Island."

Master of ceremonies Barbara Fallot, who provided narrative of each contestant's history, introduced each male as he appeared in his choice of swim wear and evening wear and with his own style of entertainment.

While women screamed, cheered and sometimes left their friends at the beer-strewn tables in order to touch a flaunting contestant on the raised walkway, entrants vying for the title bravely exhibited, performed and costumed to the delighted crowd. Entertainment included a dialogue by Julius

Caesar, a gringo skit by Dan Evanishen and the inevitable strip by Rob Tranter.

TIED FOR THIRD

Tying for third place were Dr. James Buchan and Richard Saville. Buchan's choice of evening wear

Parcel coming by rowboat?

Victoria is proving less accessible in terms of mail service than the mainland.

A first-class letter mailed in Delta last week took six days to reach Ganges, while another mailed from Vancouver took five days.

But a parcel mailed first class from Victoria October 5, two weeks ago, has not yet been seen. Any resident who happens to see a rowboat bearing the markings of Canada Post is urged to contact *Driftwood*. The missing parcel is believed to be on board.

and his uproarious entertainment won him wide applause.

Saville's rendition of Julius Caesar and his risqué evening wear kept the temperatures high at the hall Saturday night.

The two men were awarded t-shirts stating, "I was almost Mr. Salt Spring Island."

Second prize went to island mason Fred Curtis who held a captive audience when he first appeared in a jail-bird costume, sporting a parasol and dancing gingerly across the stage and down the raised platform where he gave a perfectly executed twirl.

For entertainment Curtis sang his top-20 tune, *I Like Beer*, to which the entire crowd joined in.

Said a Fulford Hall committee spokesman, "Fred would have made the title if he could have lasted until the final performance of 'evening wear'."

Title of Mr. Salt Spring Island was awarded to Robin Tranter, alias Mr. Mystery, who stripped to his g-string to a hysterical audience. As winner of the event, Tranter was

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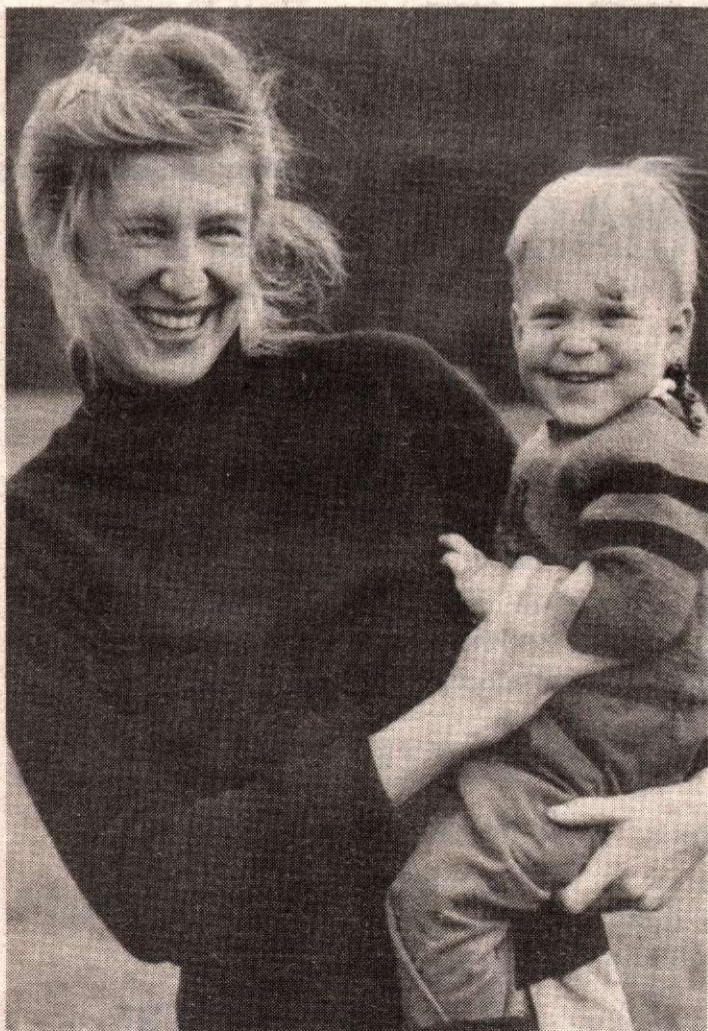


Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Man of the year at Salt Spring Island is Rob Tranter, who won the Mr. Salt Spring Island pageant Saturday night at Fulford Hall. Tranter, who used the pseudonym Mr. Mystery, is seen here attired in

his evening wear. For a more revealing photo, enlarged to poster size, turn to—what else?—the centrefold, on Pages 16-17. Readers will also find several racy photos of other contestants on the same pages.

Youngster's survival miraculous



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Deborah Brugge and son Caleb

The aftermath of an accident at Salt Spring Island last week was nothing short of a miracle, as far as a local family is concerned.

Last Tuesday morning 1½-year-old Caleb Overbye was playing in the driveway of his parents' home at Fulford Harbour. He was behind a parked vehicle when its driver got in and began backing up to turn around.

The youngster's mother, Deborah Brugge, said the back wheel of the vehicle rolled right over his head. The driver came to a halt when he heard the shouts of onlookers, but then he drove the car forward.

Brugge wasn't sure, but felt the car may have run over her son's head twice.

Three days later, however, young Caleb was up and running around and to his mother's relief, on this occasion anyway, fighting with his brother.

He was rushed to Lady Minto Hospital following the accident and an examination, along with X-rays, revealed that his injuries were not serious. There was no indication of any brain damage either.

But Brugge was doubtful that first day that her son would survive. There was blood all over his face when they took him to the hospital, although the rest of his body was unscathed.

"It's amazing he's alive," said Brugge last Friday.

She said the story should be a lesson to all drivers and urged that people walk behind their vehicle before getting in and backing up.

New soil depth rules are adopted by region

New and sweeping soil depth requirements will take development out of the control of the municipalities in the Capital Regional District, warned health committee chairman Jim Cumming last week.

Against his opposition the regional board decided to implement the regulations calling for a minimal soil depth of four feet, or 120 cm, for all future subdivisions.

The new regulations require a minimum depth of three feet of native soil for all subdivisions providing for lots of 20,000 square feet or less. Lots over that size have a sliding scale of requirements, culminating in a minimum soil depth of 45 cm, or 1.6 feet in the case of lots exceeding two hectares, or

five acres.

During the debate on the new regulations it was noted that they will have a devastating effect on small lot subdivision in Ganges.

Public health inspector Les Potter was invited to clarify some aspects of the new proposals.

Potter explained that the new regulations would not be applied to existent lots approved under the old regulations. Health committee chairman Cumming was not so sure that the regulations would be suspended in such instances.

The present concern of the board applies to conditions required when land is subdivided. The use of existent lots would be examined by the health committee.

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Hunting bylaw is presented at meeting

Hunting on Salt Spring Island will be regulated when the Capital Regional board acts on a proposed firearms bylaw.

The proposed bylaw was outlined to islanders at a public meeting held at the Long Harbour Road headquarters of the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club last week. The new law will be identical to the proposal covering the Outer Islands.

When a bylaw covering the Gulf Islands had been before the directors of the CRD on September 28, Yvette Valcourt, CRD representative for Salt Spring, had asked for exclusion of Salt Spring. She had promised the members of the Rod and Gun Club as well as the Farmers' Institute that they would have the opportunity to review the proposal before it passed.

The CRD had adopted bylaws covering the discharge of firearms on Pender Island and Salt Spring Island earlier this year but the bylaws had been rejected by the department of fish and wildlife of the ministry of environment.

UNENFORCEABLE
Chris Dodd of the fish and wildlife branch said the two rejected bylaws would have been unenforceable. The bylaws referred to areas of land which would be difficult to identify on location.

The bylaw suggested by the department is similar to one covering the lower mainland, he said.

Any bylaw governing the discharge of firearms should be enforceable, he said, and the area covered should be recognizable.

The bylaw would outlaw discharge of firearms within 150 metres (500 feet) of "any school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling house, farm building or other place where people may be assembled or

engaged in work of any kind..."

The difference between the rules applying on the lower mainland and the bylaw covering the Outer Islands and the proposal for Salt Spring are contained in the words: "without the permission of the owner or occupier of the premises."

The difference created by the added words for the Gulf Islands means a property owner can shoot on his own land. Farmers, for instance, need the ability to protect livestock from predators.

NEED PERMISSION
Under the mainland bylaw, farmers need permission to shoot predators but under the bylaws of the Gulf Islands, the farmer or other property owner can protect livestock.

An added restriction for the Gulf Islands is already in place. There is no hunting on the islands except with a shotgun.

Following the meeting, a vote of those in attendance approved the proposed bylaw. Valcourt told the meeting that she will introduce it at the next meeting of the regional board at the end of October.

The bylaw also makes it illegal to shoot within 25 metres (approximately 85 feet) of the travelled portion of a highway.

Under the Highway Act, "All roads, other than private roads, are deemed common public highways."

The act goes on to define a highway as "all public streets, roads, ways, trails, lanes, bridges, trestles, ferry landings and approaches, and any other public way."

All such thoroughfares are listed in the Gazette of the provincial government. The listings are made with approval of the minister of highways and give the ministry the authority to declare the road to be a public highway.

HUNTING BAN WANTED
Several people at the meeting at

the Rod and Gun Club had expressed a desire to see no hunting anywhere on Salt Spring.

The ban on hunting would give rise to an increase in the deer population and gardeners and farmers face problems with the number of deer now. A similar ban had been imposed on the Cowichan Lake region and the farmers had suffered from hungry deer eating crops.

In addition to the discharge of firearms bylaw, property owners are protected by the Trespass Act, the Wildlife Act, the Firearm Act and the Criminal Code.

The meeting was told that "no hunting" or "no shooting" signs were not of much use unless accompanied by "no trespassing" signs. But the property line must be marked by a fence to ensure successful prosecution in court.

The fence need not be a legal fence, which is chain-link and eight feet high. A strand or two of wire would mark clearly the boundary of a property.

The courts are governed by claims of due diligence, said a fish and wildlife guest last week. The judge applies the question: "Could a reasonable person in the same situation make a mistake?" If the answer according to testimony is yes, the case is thrown out of court.

The proposed bylaw would get around the lack of a fence on a property, the meeting was told. The distances are measurements which almost everyone can understand and if the firearm is discharged in either location described by the bylaw, the hunter is guilty.

IN PLACE 10 YEARS
The lower mainland bylaw has been in place for 10 years, the meeting was told, and in that time there have been no prosecutions and

no complaints. Hunters know the rules and follow them, said the wildlife official.

Shooting on Sunday had been discussed by the wildlife officials and representatives of the Islands Trust, said one of the officials. Nothing had come of the talks. The ministry is not contemplating any changes to accommodate a Sunday ban on shooting, he said.

When the bylaw is introduced at the CRD, it must be approved through three votes after which it goes to the ministry of municipal affairs for approval. At the ministry, the wildlife branch has an opportunity to comment on the bylaw. When the document has been either approved or disapproved by the ministry it returns to the CRD for further action.

If it has approval, the directors vote again before it becomes part of the laws governing Salt Spring Island.

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There's more to know about hunting than how to point a weapon

Hunting in the Gulf Islands requires the individual to know more than just how to point a weapon.

Various regulations set by the fish and wildlife branch of the ministry of the environment govern hunting. In addition, the hunter must carry the required licences.

For instance, the cost of carrying a firearm is set at \$2. The piece of paper stating that the fee has been paid is to be carried by the individual whenever a firearm is being carried.

The hunting licence costs a resident of British Columbia \$17, which includes a \$3 surcharge for the Habitat Conservation Fund. To hunt deer, the prime target of Gulf Island hunters, costs a further \$8 for a species licence.

If hunting with a bow or a crossbow attracts the individual's fancy, a fee of \$6 is required in addition to a regular hunting licence.

That deer filling the freezer at the end of the hunting season can cost the hunter from \$27 to \$31, not including the cost of shells or arrows.

There are two areas of the Gulf

Islands closed to shooting. Ganges Harbour inside a line from Scott Point to approximately where Price Road touches the harbour near Sundown Point, is closed to shooting. Mayne Island is closed to shooting and hunting.

There is no hunting or discharge of firearms allowed in Ruckle and Mouat Parks on Salt Spring. The ecological reserves are also off-limits to hunters.

Hunting is permitted in Maxwell Park but is limited to shotgun, as is everywhere else in the Gulf Islands where hunting is allowed.

Deer season began, for bucks, on September 3 and runs to November 27. From November 5 to 13, antlerless deer can be taken. From November 28 to December 11, bucks of two points or more, with a minimum length of eight cm, can be taken.

Does and yearlings cannot be shot during a buck-only season.

The shotgun in use during hunting season should not be smaller than 20 gauge and the shot

should be at least size SG or larger.

The hunting regulations also note that "it is unlawful to hunt wildlife, while in possession of a firearm, by the use of a light from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise."

The bag limit for deer in the Gulf Islands is three for the season. For grouse, the bag limit is 30 for the season with 10 to be taken on any particular day.

The synopsis of hunting regulations includes the following bit of information about unethical hunters. The synopsis notes that enforcement of the regulations is the responsibility of the conservation officer.

"Remember: Do NOT confront a suspected violator. You cannot make a 'citizen's arrest' or seize private property as evidence. Only a conservation officer or a constable is legally authorized to do this."

If a violator is seen in action, the individual is advised to watch and record what goes on and report the infractions to a conservation officer or the police as soon as possible.

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What? No trace elements?

You need boron in that garden. The North Island Gazette told you so. During the summer the north Vancouver Island weekly commented on the problems of learning and learning. They had to import a doctor of philosophy, wept the Gazette, to tell local foresters what Quatsino gardeners have known for over half a century. More than a decade ago, recalled the Gazette, a man without even a bachelor's degree told us what had to be done.

"You need kelp, or else it's just never going to amount to anything really worthwhile."

Golden kelp absorbs trace elements from the sea, such as boron, zinc and others. Plants such as carrots and trees can't achieve their full growth potential without these trace elements and the whole west coast of North America is boron-deficient almost everywhere. We passed this information on to a forester 10 years ago, said the Gazette, sadly, but alas, we lacked the weight of a doctor's degree in science. Local silviculturalists had to wait until last week to hear it from a properly accredited mouth.

It's not just in Port Hardy that the balance of information is weighted. Where is the traditional pipe-smoking gardener who has spent a lifetime nursing his garden without ever knowing a Latin name? He was once the authority on growing and how to grow.

Nancy Poole brought in the Vancouver Island editorial for me.

Sailing and sleeping

Lawrie Neish is likely going to write a book on sailing. His keynote will be getting the last ounce of work out of your sails. It's not so long ago that Lawrie and Aileen were out on the water with Lawrie keeping a close eye on the sails and Aileen dutifully adjusting the helm. Lawrie lay back under the mast and watched every fluctuation in the wind. He called instructions to his mate whereby every last ripple of wind was being utilized to the full. As he lay under the sails, passing on his Scottish wisdom, it dawned on him that the effect was less than 100%. So he sat up and looked around, to see Aileen holding tightly on the tiller with one hand and resting her head on the other while she slept.

Better stay stupid!

It's easy to know where you are if someone tells you. Tom Wright was in Ganges wearing a political hat. The slogan and the portrait meant nothing to me. And Tom knew it. Did I recognize the candidate, he asked me. That puts you in a spot. If you are honest, you look like a fool and if you hedge, you may be getting into deep water. So I looked blank, which I'm good at, and waited. The candidate and the campaign were in the southern United States. When you start out stupid it sure pays to stay that way!

Spider lost the battle

I watched the spider rushing in to throw a loop over the wasp's head and then leap back before that wicked sting could curve around far enough to do any good. As the wasp struggled the strands of web parted and he wrested himself free of his prison. I remembered back to the days when I was not yet in school and I went to my grandmother's house regularly. She had a neighbour who was among the heroes. He was big, about 15 and tough. His favourite afternoon recreation was to capture a bee or a wasp by the wings and then to feed it to a spider. Bill and I would watch in fascination, slightly sickened by the prospect of being tied up in a sack of web and being eaten.

25 gets you one!

If it costs you \$25 for a license to hunt deer, it simply means that when you go after a buck it'll cost you 25 bucks for the privilege. Or, in other words, 25 will get you one if you get one.

Historically they mean nothing!

I sat up and watched a western. I don't often. I find myself criticizing the movie too much. For instance, how many young ladies in bloodthirsty western townships would wear men's pants? In 1881, I figure not many women ever wore men's clothes and stayed with skirts and whatever. In 1881 in the west there was less racial tolerance than most movies depict today. The average western depicts an 1880 scene from a 1980 viewpoint. The western today is parallel with the science fiction movie. Both are presenting an imaginary incident in an imaginary society in another and an alien age.

Parents warned of adverse effects of overcrowding at Fernwood

Overcrowding at Fernwood School on Salt Spring could have adverse effects on pupils with poor study habits, warns principal Glenn Woodley.

He sent the warning to parents in the school's newsletter to make them aware of the problem.

In the newsletter he told parents that "when classes were smaller, the teacher could individualize the program more to deal with differences and ranges of skills and abilities."

"In the future, this will be more difficult, thus a student who does not put forth a good effort throughout the year will in all likelihood be faced with repeating the year's work as he/she will be unable to cope with the following year's curriculum plus he/she will not have the proper study habits to continue to deal with a more complex curriculum."

Woodley told *Driftwood* that the warning was issued now to help parents identify any problems and take action before it is too late.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, said the problems at Fernwood are related to overcrowding and not the restraint program of the provincial government which has yet to be felt in the local schools.

Fernwood has 168 pupils enrolled as of the end of September. That figure includes 30 youngsters in kindergarten. The 138 pupils in elementary classes exceed the ministry guidelines for the school, which set enrolment at 130.

At the end of June, there were 153 pupils at Fernwood including 32 in kindergarten.

The situation could be eased when a proposed expansion of the school is completed.

The two-room addition will be finished and ready for use by September of 1984.

But for now, the pupils face crowded conditions. There are 8.3 full-time-equivalent teachers at Fernwood and the school has a pupil-teacher ratio of 20.24 to 1, the highest in the Gulf Islands.

Woodley gave a breakdown of class sizes. Grade 1 has 25 pupils with another class combining some Grade 1 pupils with Grade 2 pupils. That class contains 23 pupils.

The remainder of the school fits into split classes as well. Grade 3 and 4 has 27 pupils while Grade 4 and 5 class has 29. The Grade 5 and 6 class

has 31 pupils.

The Grade 7 class which should be at Fernwood has for several years been attending school at Salt Spring Elementary in Ganges.

If a pupil experiences problems in classwork, Woodley said, involvement of the parents is the best resource. A tutor could be arranged but only as a last resort, he said.

Marshall also commented on a suggestion from parents that classes for slow learners be held on weekends. The school would have to be opened for the classes, the

children transported to and from school, a teacher would have to be hired to conduct the classes and the parents would have to share costs.

"It just gets really complicated," he said.

If a pupil needs the guidance of a tutor, Marshall said, the parent should apply through the principal to the special needs team which is located in Salt Spring Elementary School.

Although based at Salt Spring Elementary School, the team members make regular visits to all schools in the district.

Housing project site located in reserve

Land is available for the new senior citizens' housing project but it is located in the agricultural land reserve.

Fred Brookbanks, chairman of the Salt Spring Society for Seniors' Accommodation, approached the Advisory Planning Commission last week to gain support for the efforts to have the land taken out of the agricultural reserve.

Although Brookbanks did not want the exact location made public, the land is within the village of Ganges.

The five-acre property will be the site for a 20-unit seniors' housing

facility similar to Pioneer Village. Perc tests for septic disposal have shown satisfactory results and the area can be used for up to 50 units.

When the society took a public opinion survey last year, they discovered that there would be a potential need for 50 units on Salt Spring within a few years.

The property owner has indicated that the society could have first option on the purchase of a further 3.5 acres adjacent to the site.

The Salt Spring Society for Seniors' Accommodation is a project of three service clubs, the Lions, Rotary and the Legion.

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Let's see a reprieve from the minister

It's a market by name and a gathering place in fact. It is a meeting place and a social event. It's the Farmer's Market in Ganges.

Every islander and every visitor knows that there is only one thing to do in Ganges on a Saturday morning: go to the Farmers' Market.

You may not like everything you see. You may feel that some activities are not within your idea of a community market. You may feel that the market is too organized or not organized enough. But there is no getting around it, the Farmers' Market in Ganges is part of the fabric of living on Salt Spring Island.

At least, it was.

On Saturday there was a fair gathering of people taking advantage of the brilliant sunshine. Not everything there had a commercial flavour. The small boy playing his violin might well be approved by any provincial cabinet. The young lady spinning her wool on a portable wheel might be acceptable as long as she didn't sell it.

For the first 10 years of its life the market survived and even flourished with never a frown or a raised eyebrow from the minister responsible for the administration of park properties. But the ministerial glance finally fell on Ganges and a ruling was promptly issued that the Saturday market constitutes a deviation from the established norms of provincial parks. It cannot be. The ministry of lands, parks and housing has chopped. Market heads are falling.

When the federal government leased the park land to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce for park purposes there was none to warn the people of the community that a market of any kind was a no-no. When the province took over administration of the lease, there was no warning to the people of Salt Spring Island that a farmers' market on Saturday mornings could terminate the lease. This aspect of government control came to light in the past few months. Money may not change hands in a public park unless the province gets a cut.

If the province demanded a share of the monies changing hands as a result of the market, there would be some concern, but the amount of revenue derived wouldn't merit the cost of raising it. It would be chicken feed and that's something else you probably wouldn't be allowed to sell in a public place. The ministry wants a fee so far out of reach and reality it would be funny if it were not so tragic.

The Farmers' Market has riled a number of people who object to the introduction of retailers into the picture. It has riled those who don't want a flea market in the same connection. But neither supporter nor objector had looked to a flat closure by the province.

The province is administering the park property on behalf of the people of the province. That's us. The government is administering it to the benefit of the people of the province. And that's us. So how come we don't like the way it's going right now?

It just could be that the ministry is expecting too much. It could be that the community is expecting too much from the ministry. But there is room for little doubt but that the community and the ministry in this instance are thinking in totally different terms.

The biggest thing on Salt Spring Island, without question, is the Farmers' Market. It has been the major community project of the week for years. And the minister of lands, parks and housing, Anthony Brummett, might well take a look at the long community service provided by the market and amend the regulations to permit its continued activity.

This week the community will meet to express its views on the future of the park and it is likely that most residents will support the market wholeheartedly.

The closure is a minor matter to the minister. It is a major matter to islanders. Let's see a reprieve and, perhaps, specific terms on which the market might be permitted to continue.



Letters to the Editor

Administrative structure explained

Sir,

Due to the increasing regularity of the media reporting on the abuse the Islamic Republic is heaping upon the Baha'i Community of Iran I have found myself frequently questioned by people wanting to know about this issue and the Baha'is in Canada.

I am therefore hoping you will allow me to explain something of the administrative nature of the Faith, thereby satisfying those curiosities somewhat.

As many people will know, in conformity with the principle of loyalty to government, which Baha'is practise in all countries, the Baha'is of Iran have taken to dissolve the national and local administrative institutions of their faith throughout that country. These "Assemblies" as they are called, are councils democratically elected by adult Baha'is for the administration and guidance of the social, educational, and legal affairs of the community under their jurisdiction.

Men and women both serve on the assemblies, do not seek election, are not nominated, and have no status or authority as individuals once they have been elected.

There are 340 such assemblies in Canada, one of which is on Salt Spring Island. There is also a National Spiritual Assembly which was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1949 and which has its

headquarters in Thornhill, Ontario. The Assembly of Salt Spring Island is also incorporated.

It is these same assemblies, only functioning in Iran, that have been dissolved due to being declared "criminal" under the constitution of the Islamic Republic.

The Baha'i Faith is an independent religion, with its own founder, scriptures, laws and institutions, which began in Persia (now Iran), in 1844. It teaches the spiritual commonality and divine origin of all major faiths, including

Islam, and the oneness of the human family.

Of the 3-4 million Baha'is of all racial, educational, and religious backgrounds in the world, 20,000 are Canadians, including some 4,000 Indians and Inuit. The Baha'i Faith was first established in Canada in 1902 in Montreal.

My hope is that this letter will serve to allay the curiosities of those wanting to understand what is happening in this area.

MARGOT McKAGUE,
Ganges.

October 13, 1983.

Amazed at editorial

Sir,

I too was amazed to read your editorial of the previous week insinuating that the Islands Trust has a bias against Ganges. I have followed the doings of the Trust for two years and more, and fail to notice any antagonism towards what you call the "urban community."

The Trust is concerned with the island as a whole, and Ganges is only the commercial centre, a bit dishevelled, unplanned, congested, and badly in need of cleaning up. Your reference to it as an urban community is a misuse of the word.

Ganges is a village, and the Trust and many of us islanders want it to remain a village and not an urban community. This means that the Trust must take a stern position to fight off those who would make it a sprawling area, with boundaries stretched in all directions.

Besides all this, I don't think it is smart for *Driftwood* to undermine the Trust at a time when the politicians kill regional planning and soon all planning of land-use. God help us if they succeed in killing the Islands Trust!

We would then see such sprawl

coming out of Ganges, and such desecration of our bucolic paradise as to make us want to flee.

You should support the Trust in this critical time, not tear it down!

ANTHONY NETBOY,
Box 1249, Ganges
October 7, 1983.

Musgrave story will help Trust

Sir,

Your last exposure of the Musgrave situation will be of great assistance to the Trust in its attempt to seek a just conclusion to this undemocratic move.

Thanks too, for an informative article on the design panel. The Trust could not ask for a more dedicated and creative group of advisors; they are a great asset to the community.

NICK GILBERT,
Salt Spring Island Trustee,
October 14, 1983.

What is his platform?

Sir,

Your article re Dr. Borsman was very nice, but rather than his personal history, I should like to know his platform.

B.E. ARISS (Mrs.),
R.R. 1, Ganges.
October 17, 1983.

More Letters to the Editor

Alternative proposal suggested

Sir,
I am surprised your paper hasn't given any coverage to South Island Estate's plan to log and subdivide 472 acres of South Pender Island. Your competition, *Gulfways*, has had lengthy articles in its last three issues. Both the *Vancouver Sun* and *CHEK T.V.* considered this issue significant enough to have run special reports.

I am submitting, to you, a letter I've sent to Mike Humphries, Chairman of the Islands Trust, on the eve of his meeting with the principals of this development, and hope you will publish it in your paper.

Dear Dr. Humphries,

I hope that in your meeting with Mr. Killam and Mr. Le Fevre you will be considering alternative proposals. I would like to offer one for you to consider. But first I would like to express my objections to their original plan.

My primary concern is about the canal. The Trust has done a commendable job in preserving the North Pender side. It is unquestionably one of the most scenic sites in the Gulf Islands, and one of the most fragile. Their proposed access road, sorting grounds and log dump would cause irreparable damage to this area and their Bedwell Harbour subdivision would ruin it forever.

I am also concerned about their eagerness to log the property at all. The North slope has been substantially logged in the last 40

years and much of the timber is immature. The south slope timber is of poor quality and fairly inaccessible. At present day log prices it seems likely their profits will not warrant the devaluation of their property.

It almost leads one to suspect that their log dump, with its jetties and adjacent levelled land, might one day become another marina.

They've already expressed a willingness to donate 292 acres of their property as parkland. I think the Trust should encourage this, but surely the government could compensate them for not logging it first. Couldn't an independent forester assess the value of timber and the costs of logging and an equitable payment be made for foregone profits.

I would propose that the Browning Harbour Subdivision and the Plumper Sound Subdivision be accepted, subject to the approval of all other regulating bodies. That these subdivisions be clear title, free from the encumbrances of strata title development, in exchange for the 292 acres of parkland. This parkland would remain in its natural state and compensation be paid for not logging it.

I would further suggest that the area within their proposed Bedwell Harbour Subdivision not be developed until a thorough assessment can be made of its best utilization. I feel that this portion of the property is far too important to be the first to be developed. It represents some of the best

recreational land on South Pender Island and every effort should be made to protect it.

K.C. CLARKE,
South Pender Island,
October 1983.

Glad he's gone

Sir,

I'm glad that the rentalsman is gone.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Ganges,
October 1983.

Outcome awaited

Sir,

It is very heartening to know, when in this world of wars and woes, that all the citizens of Ganges have to worry about is where a man might or might not sell his fish.

The people of this "septred isle" must consider themselves lucky indeed, and we shall await with baited breath the outcome of this world-shattering event.

SHIRLEE PATON STROM,
Page Drive,
Galiano Island,
October 7, 1983.

Let's maintain open mind

Sir,

The Ganges sewage disposal problem should not be an issue in the election for regional director. However, since it is a preoccupation with the incumbent director, it will no doubt be discussed at some length.

The problem is "before the courts", so to speak. As such, it should be left to the Ganges Citizens' Committee and the consulting engineers, who now have been awarded sufficient funds to consider all possible alternatives. Until they have arrived at some conclusion, or conclusions, it would be improper to attempt to anticipate what might reasonably be done.

What might reasonably be asked is where I stand on the subject. I can be accused of choosing the expedient option. Until February of this year, when I suggested the formation of a citizens' committee, the suggested composition of which was very similar to the present committee, there was no real indication that a solution was any closer that it had ever been.

As a physician, I was appalled that we should, in 1983, still be using our harbour as a giant septic tank for untreated sewage. The use of a treatment plant and extended outfall seemed eminently desirable since no alternative was in sight. I recognized the legitimacy of those concerned with the environment but we were really in the position of deciding between what we had at present, or the Ganges sewer plan. I chose the lesser of what might be termed the two evils.

Those opposing the sewer have never presented a viable alternative for the entire problem, but in fairness, I suppose that when one considers that it is now costing us \$82,000 to study alternatives, I can understand their failure to satisfy their critics.

This study is costly in time and money, but it is apparent that to have installed any system without a complete study of other possibilities, would have left a residue of bitterness amongst a number of islanders. I am happy to have this study proceeding, and would hope some proposal can be made that is so obviously superior, that further bickering would be obviated.

The sewer controversy, extending over some 15 years, has divided the Island like nothing has ever done. Old friendships have often foundered over the issue, and there still remains a deep-rooted suspicion between those who favoured the Ganges sewer plan, and those who opposed it.

There is really only one way to alleviate this damaging mood. We must all start to look upon the sewer issue as having originated this spring with the appointment of the Ganges Citizens' Committee. It should be possible for all of us to maintain an open mind at least until the study is completed and some recommendations offered.

HUGH BORSMAN, M.D.,
Ganges,
October 17, 1983.



Bill Webster

Working for a right-wing rag

One of the really neat things about life in the Gulf Isles revolves around the generous acceptance of differing points of view.

People accept, graciously, that mayhaps what others think of events falls along different sight-lines than what they see in their world view.

"Hey," they say, "we aren't clones. We, each of us, see things from varying perspectives. We accept, indeed, urge everyone to think for themselves."

Neat way of life, eh?

Just last Saturday evening such an occurrence occurred.

The play about radioactive flowers had ended and I retired to Fisherman's Rest at the head of Ganges Harbour for my usual scotch and sour milk, the better to help me sleep, don't you know.

I was to meet Louis Bolivar-Finchley but he had not arrived when a young lady entered. She looked around, noticed me and approached.

"How could you," she said as she glared, "work for that right-wing rag?"

Louis had not arrived by the time my drink was finished so I climbed into the patriotic pickup for the journey to the mansion. We wended our way, the pickup and me, over hill and down dale.

Just past Paul's Place, I noticed a light in the forest at

roadside and stopped to see. Sure enough, it was Louis attracting deer by flashlight for a midnight feeding.

"How was your day?" he asked as I got out of the truck.

And so I explained the happenings and events of the day in the life of a star reporter.

We talked about the reactions of the young lady in the Fisherman's Rest.

"Either," said Louis, "she agrees totally with your typewritings or she is exhibiting the Gulf Isles acceptance of a different point of view."

He continued to feed the deer and let me ponder the implications of his diagnosis.

Louis had assumed the duty of feeding the deer of Salt Spring to aid two groups of islanders. He is attempting to help gardeners by stuffing the deer so the cute creatures don't raid the carrot patches.

He feeds them at midnight with a flashlight to make the deer docile for those hunters who are too busy during the day and must go out at night to bag their game limit.

Louis explained that some islanders hold their views to be the TRUTH. Such as the solid group of citizens who claim that government action on buck squeezing set up senior citizens as fair game for nasty and illegal tactics.

"What matter," he asked,

"that the federal charter of rights says otherwise?"

Louis stopped feeding the deer, stood at attention and recited a passage from the federal law as, softly, violins played in the background.

"Part I," he intoned, "Equality of Rights."

"15(1)," he continued, "Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability."

As I listened to Louis, tears welled into my eyes.

His performance at that moment was worthy of the Players.

In the silence which followed Louis' recital, I began to see quite clearly what the solid group of citizens were saying. I began to understand what the young lady from Fisherman's Rest was talking about.

The revelation opened vistas to me which I did not know existed.

But I'll have to keep writing for a right-wing rag because my cats, Rat and Fink, demand to be fed every day.

And Louis won't share the deer food with them.

Neat way of life, eh?

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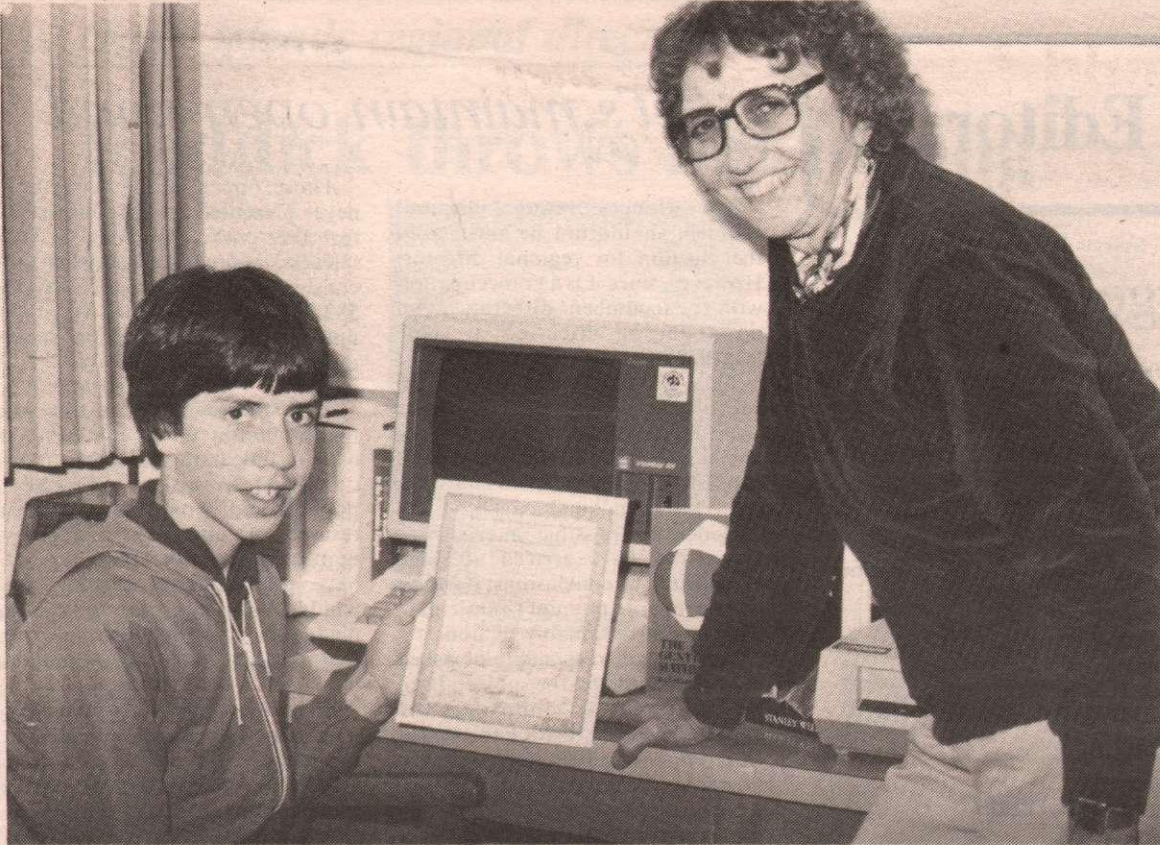
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Student obtains high score

Christopher Koski proudly displays a certificate awarded to him by Arizona State University. The young scholar wrote the scholastic aptitude test of that university last February when he was in Grade 7.

He scored higher on the mathematics and verbal sections of the examinations "than does the average college-bound 12th-grader of the same sex," says the certificate. Marg Sitton, counsellor at the Gulf

Islands Secondary School, helped Koski fill out the application forms to enter Project for the Study of Academic Precocity held by the American institute.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

APC puts condition on rezoning application

A parcel of land in Ganges could be rezoned if the owner agrees to allow public access to the foreshore.

Gordon Cudmore of Salt Spring has submitted an application to have a 90-square-metre lot rezoned from Water A to Rural 1. The lot is on the water side of Lower Ganges Road opposite Rainbow Road.

He had obtained the small lot several years ago as part of a trade. Over the years the lot has been used to dump fill from various projects around the island.

The Islands Trust has objected to the practice of dumping fill in the area because Water A zoning does not permit the creation of land. Although the property is in Ganges it is not considered to be part of the core area.

The community plan states, under the heading *Marine Environment*: "The foreshore in Ganges Harbour adjacent to the village for most of its length shall be used for walkways or other public recreation uses."

The plan continues: "Extensive fill other than for walkways or breakwaters shall be considered undesirable."

The Advisory Planning Commission heard the application at a recent meeting and decided to

table the matter. Cudmore will be given time to consider an offer that if he would agree to give public use along the foreshore for a walkway, the APC would consider approving the application for rezoning.



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Strengths, weaknesses revealed

BY JIM MANLY, MP

Two events on October 6 — one in Ottawa, one in Victoria — revealed something of the strengths and weaknesses in our parliamentary process. In Ottawa, Prime Minister Trudeau, Opposition Leader Brian Mulroney and NDP Leader Ed Broadbent spoke on an historic resolution supporting the Manitoba government in its attempt to give justice to Manitoba's Francophone community.

The preamble to the resolution pointed out that the Manitoba Act of 1870, which established the province of Manitoba, protected the use of French in that province.

In 1979 Canada's Supreme Court upheld the necessity for that protection and declared that the Manitoba government had acted beyond its power in 1890 when it passed legislation making English the only official language.

Since all laws passed since 1890 had been only in English, there was question as to their legality. In order to prevent total confusion, the provincial and federal governments, along with the Society of Franco-Manitobans, agreed to the following compromise: the two governments would adopt a constitutional amendment declaring all laws passed since 1890 to be valid.

Instead of requiring the government to translate into French the 4,000 laws, only the 400 most important would be translated and published. The agreement also guarantees Franco-Manitobans access to some services in French. **DIFFICULT FOR MULRONEY**

All three leaders pointed to Canada's duality and longstanding commitment to both French and English languages. In many ways Brian Mulroney had the most difficult task since the Manitoba Conservative party had led the fight against the agreement. In his first major speech in the House of Commons, Mulroney said bilingualism is a valid principle and an indispensable dimension of our national life.

Trudeau, Mulroney and Broadbent don't usually agree among themselves, nor do they necessarily like each other but they all recognized an important crisis in our nation's history. They were able to rise above their difficulties and agree on a resolution that can help to diffuse some of the tension in Manitoba.

The second event actually took place several hours earlier in the middle of an all-night sitting when Dave Barrett was thrown out of the B.C. Legislature. The circumstances surrounding this event illustrate the tragic decline of constitutional

democracy in British Columbia.

When a parliamentary majority tries to enforce its will without regard for either the customary rules of the House or the rights of the opposition, the result is either tyranny or chaos: tyranny if the opposition submits to the injustice; chaos if it chooses to assert its rights.

Both the official opposition and the people of B.C. have said that they would not submit to the highhanded tactics of the provincial government. Unless the government changes its methods we will all suffer.

Premier Bennett could learn a lesson from Trudeau, Mulroney and Broadbent. It is not necessary for parliamentary opponents to like each other. What is necessary is that they respect the forms and procedures of parliamentary democracy.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events and activities to be published here must be submitted in writing to the Driftwood office by 3 pm on the Monday preceding publication. No listings will be accepted over the telephone.

PENDER ISLAND

SILVER THREADS Thurs., Oct. 20, Legion. 2 pm.

PENDER POST directors, Woodwinds, 10:30 am.

OKTOBERFEST Sat., Oct. 22, 8:30 pm, Legion.

MON., OCT. 24: Nu-To-U Shop, 2 pm, SCC; Fibre Guild, 8 pm, Barlow's.

FRUIT TREES: talk by Thomas Hall, Tues., Oct. 25, 7:30, Legion.

GOLF CLUB: Ladies' Fun Tournament, Potluck Lunch, Wed., Oct. 26, 10 am.

MAYNE ISLAND

MUSHROOM TALK Mayne Is. Agricultural Hall, Sat., Oct. 29, 1 pm. Dr. Al Funk, mycologist.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

PURCELL STRING QUARTET Mahon Hall, Fri., Oct. 28, 8 pm. S.S. Concert Society.

DESSERT PARTY & evening of SCOTTISH ENTERTAINMENT with tenor John Davidson—Fri., Oct. 21, 7 pm, Ganges United Church. All welcome!

TIME OUT—MOTHERS! Drop off your children at the Women's Place Thursdays 1-4:30. 50¢/hr., juice provided.

TEA/BAKE SALE/TREASURE TABLE Sat., Oct. 29, 1:30-4, Catholic Church Hall, Drake Rd. Win \$100 grocery hamper in raffle.

CINEMA CLUB Mon., Oct. 24—Autumn Sonata (Ingmar Bergman, Liv Ullman), Central Hall, 8 pm.

STORYTIME every Mon. 10:30 am at the library for 2-4 yr. olds.

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School bus of future would have video games, TV and other options

The school buses of the future, according to the imagination of pupils from Fernwood School, bear slight resemblance to the familiar yellow vehicles now in use.

The Salt Spring children had been asked to design a school bus, complete with pictures and descriptions, which would be sent to the school trustees. When the project was completed last summer, 19 of the pupils had come up with various ideas about what the ideal school bus should be like.

Derek Eide came up with what looks like a variation on a moon-lander complete with odour-eaters for protection against dirty feet.

Ian Skinner's bus features automatic driving with a toilet under each seat. The vehicle also has gates to protect the passengers from "peanut freaks" who, according to young Skinner, "throw peanuts at people."

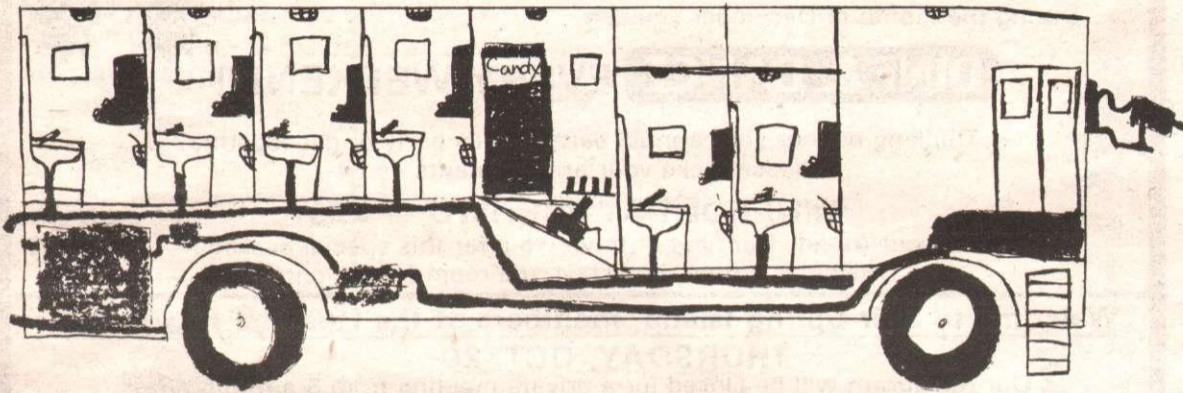
Many of the vehicles, as befits the products of the electronic age, come equipped with video games and television sets. One imaginative school bus, equipped with waterbeds for resting upon, has a machine which for 1¢ per shot will do homework for the passengers.

Nick Burger caught the imagination with a spherical school bus.

He described it as follows:

"The bus shall be in the shape of a green ball (1,000 metres in diameter). It shall be half the weight of the bus now. The surface shall be smooth. It shall roll like a ball and have strong brakes. It shall be divided in half (girls in one half, boys in the other).

"When you get on or off the bus just step on the walkway and it will rotate, taking you down the hall. The lights shall be red (blinking). It shall have unbreakable glass and curtains. And very strong seatbelts!!! And a bunch of little bags in case someone gets dizzy."



School bus of the future as drawn by Ian Skinner of Fernwood School

Three men injured

Three Salt Spring men were injured on Saturday when a pick-up truck rolled.

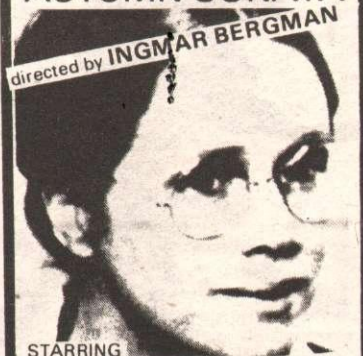
Jay Bourdin was driving a 1977 Chevrolet pick-up on Vesuvius Bay Road when he lost control at the sharp curve between the Mobraes and the truck rolled over, police said.

Bourdin suffered lacerations to his face as did passenger John Stewart. Ken Dukes, another passenger in the pickup, suffered injuries to his leg.

Police are investigating the accident and the pick-up was considered a total wreck.

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CWL urged to continue with letters

The Catholic Women's League of Salt Spring met October 12 beginning with Mass and Father Bergin opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Ursula McEwen read a letter urging members to continue with prayers and letters to the Grandmothers of Disappeared Children of Argentina.

Two Grandmothers of Disappeared Children attended the national convention of the CWL in Saskatoon in August and reported that seven such children had been found.

Further plans were discussed for the tea, bake sale, jumble table and raffle to be held in the church hall on Drake Road on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 1:30 to 4 pm. The \$100 grocery hamper put together by Fordene Kavanaugh and Margaret Cass was brought for viewing. It will be raffled at the tea.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, from 1:30 to 4, a meeting on the role of women in the church will be held at the hall of Ascension Church on Wembly Road, French Creek (Parksville). This meeting was requested by Bishop DeRoo, and is open to all women of the diocese.

At 7:30 on Saturday evening, Nov. 12, Judy Godwin will be in charge of a card party to be held in the church hall. It is open to the

public and refreshments will be served.

A Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is to be held in Victoria on June 9, 1985. The CWL national convention of 1985 is also planned to be held in Victoria, with a member of the local council, Elsa Drummond, as general convener.

A sound tape was heard at last week's meeting on the history and importance of the rosary, and Alicia Anderson showed slides of her trip to Lourdes.

Members enjoyed coffee and tea and a social hour after the meeting.

Branch gets percentage

Lottery tickets distributed through the mail this week by the Seniors' Lottery Association of B.C. can be returned to the Fulford Old-Age Pensioners' Branch.

Betty Brigden of the Fulford OAPO reports that the branch gets 30% of the proceeds from tickets purchased through it.

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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9 beginning at 1 pm.



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Folk musician to play

Folk musician Barry Smiler will be featured at the Salt Spring Folk Society's first concert of the season Friday, Oct. 28.

Smiler, who is from the San Francisco Bay area, plays a wide range of folk music, rounds and riddles on six and 12-string guitar and mountain dulcimer.

He performs traditional songs from North America, Britain, France and Ireland, as well as Morris dance tunes, group chorus singing and songs of the sea.

The show begins at 8 pm at St. George's Hall and tickets are \$3 at the door. Millie's Munchies will provide refreshments.

Guitarist Charlie Byrd to play at Salt Spring

Charlie Byrd is coming to Salt Spring.

The musician billed as "America's most versatile guitarist" will be playing at Nan's in Fullford for two shows November 5.

Byrd plays ensemble jazz in a classical guitar style. In the past 10 years he has gained recognition as a leading exponent of the use of the classical guitar for jazz, pop and rock music.

Byrd began to play guitar as a youngster in his hometown of Chuckatuck, Virginia. His family played various instruments and the young Byrd picked up guitar and banjo.

During the war years, Byrd played guitar in the Special Forces band. In New York following the war, Byrd began to learn to play classical guitar and took lessons

from Andres Segovia.

Byrd's accomplishments in the past decade include three performances at the White House entertaining two presidents. He has won many of the major music awards including being named the top guitarist in the Downbeat Poll.

He has played at the Newport and Monterey Jazz Festivals and also has been part of various symphony orchestras.

When the date at Nan's is completed, Byrd will be able to add that name to the list of night clubs in which he has worked. The other clubs include Century Plaza in Los Angeles, London House in Chicago and his own club, Charlies, in Georgetown, Virginia.

Referendum for water district

Water consumers in the Salt Spring Island Highland Water System will be invited to spend \$97,000 on 20,000-gallon water storage reservoir and equipment this year.

Referendum is to be presented at the municipal elections in November.

The water district serves the area

to the east of St. Mary Lake, between the lake and Trincomali Channel.

The electors within the water district will ballot at the same polls as will be set up for the regional and school elections.

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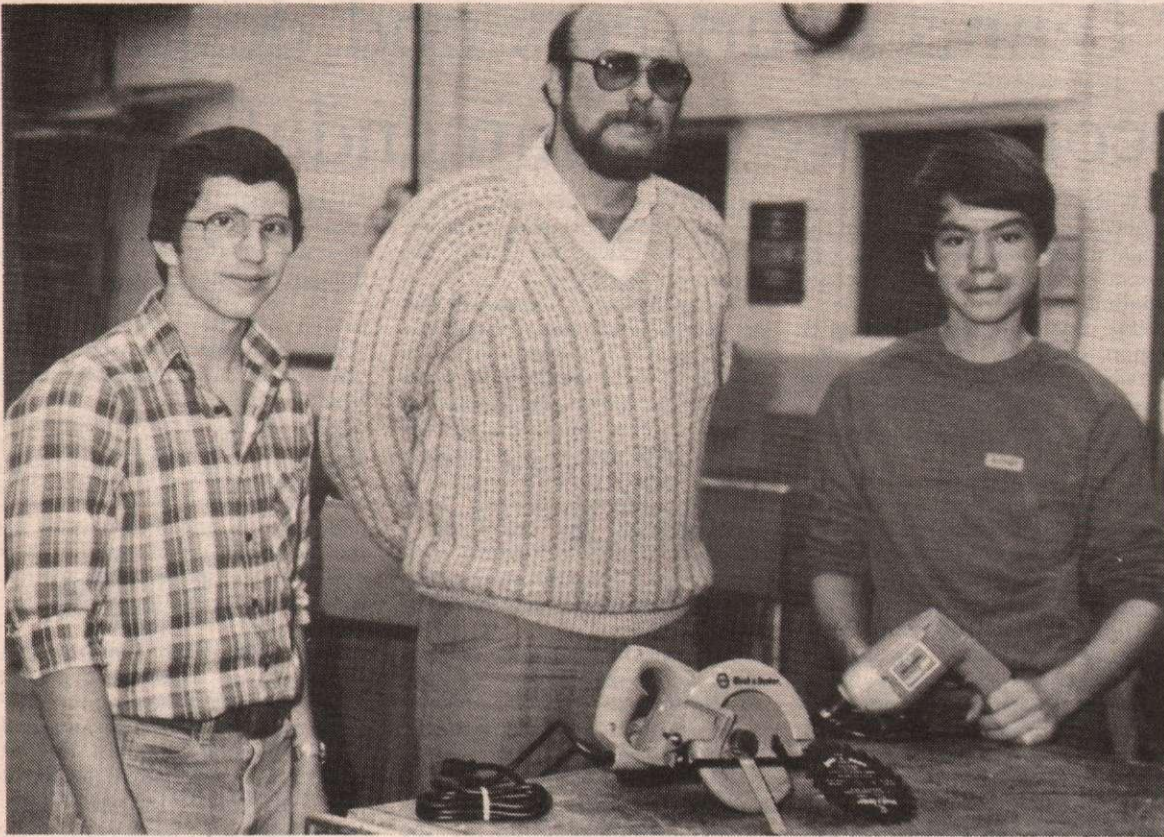
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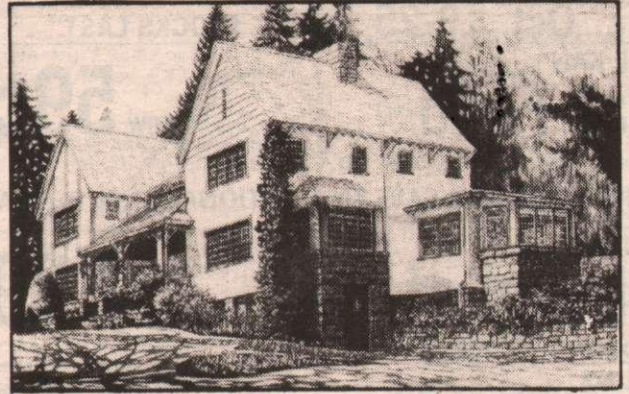
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Tennis court gets nod despite committee recommendation

When the Fulford tennis court gained approval last week at the Capital Regional Board the pace of the meeting picked up as the debate continued.

The routine presentation of a report from the local works and services committee recommended that the Fulford fire hall property lease be declined gained desultory rejection.

Chairman Shirley Wilde apologized and explained that the vote had been wrongly presented. Approval of the negative recommendation would mean approval of the tennis court.

Directors came visibly out of their lethargy, engendered by further debate on Salt Spring Island affairs.

Mel Couvelier recalled the time when Glenn Woodley, chairman of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission, appeared before the board and threatened a mass resignation if the board would not approve the recommendations of his commission.

She had heard no objections, replied Wilde, and there had been no protest on the telephone.

The local works and services committee consists of the directors from the electoral areas, said the chairman in reply to an enquiry from Couvelier. The latter expressed "alarm" that some people seemed to have rehearsed themselves.

Don Rittaler was surprised that the board would go along with the appointed representatives of the community rather than the elected representative.

That someone is elected to make a decision is "poppycock," submitted Peter Pollen.

"We are all elected to make decisions."

Chairman Wilde reminded directors that legal advice had indicated that there was no liability to the region in the event of an

airplane crash. If the courts are built it is up to the airport owner to decide whether to extend his facility, she explained.

Yvette Valcourt explained that her opposition to the proposal was based on the fear that the region would be held liable if a crash resulted from the construction of tennis courts jeopardizing the unobstructed approach to the area.

She recalled that the airport is not licensed although it had been challenged by the board on a retroactive bylaw at the time of its construction. The courts had upheld the owner's right to establish the airport, she recalled.

"He won the case in the courts," she told her colleagues, "and the airstrip is legal."

"It is not a licensed airfield," commented Ken Hill, "it is a field on which aircraft are permitted to land."

The recommendation of the committee, to reject the proposal for tennis courts at Fulford, was defeated by a vote of 32 favouring the lease and 21 opposed.

Norma Sealey told the board that there are tennis courts on the approach to a runway at Victoria

International Airport. They are owned by the town of Sidney, she reported, and there had never been a thought to their creating a hazard.

The vote was followed by a vote to sign the lease.

The tennis court story dates back several years, when the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District offered the use of any surplus land at its new Fulford fire hall site to the island recreation commission. The lease was prepared by the two island organizations and then rejected by the regional director who was opposed to spending recreation funds on property not owned by the region.

The original agreement provided for a 10-year lease. The parties involved agreed to extend the lease to 20 years, but Valcourt objected on the grounds that an aircraft could crash on the fire department property and leave the region liable for damages.

Director Valcourt conveyed her opposition to the committee whose members supported her.

The board reversed that recommendation and has approved the proposal and the signing of the lease.

Islanders to attend peace rally Saturday

Thousands of Canadians are expected to gather for peace rallies in major centres such as Vancouver, Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal Saturday, the United Nations International Day of Protest.

Purpose of the event is to support the European movement protesting the planned deployment of cruise and Pershing II missiles.

It is one of two major rallies a year promoted by the Canadian peace movement. The other is held on April 23 and this year saw it saw 80,000 Vancouver-area residents and 5,000 in Victoria take to the streets in support of the movement.

According to Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Committee spokesman Louise Beijk, it is felt that large-scale, international demonstrations are the best way to let world leaders know that people "are not wearying from the toil for peace."

"You probably feel you should be doing something to stop the arms race but feel helpless as an individual," says Beijk.

Attending Saturday's walk and rally is one way of making a contribution, she explains. Politicians get the messages conveyed by these events since media coverage is always extensive and often dramatic.

The walk begins at Saanich Municipal Hall at noon and continues 2½ miles to Victoria City Hall where the rally will take place. The entire event is scheduled to take 1½ to two hours.

Further information and details on car-pooling are available from Beijk.

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Window takes fourth place

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Donna designed and built for Glad's Ice Cream and Candy Cottage, was entered in a workshop on Design in Context. Work was related to commercial establishments and

over 80 entries were submitted. The Bachs' stained glass window, which embodied design techniques from the early 1900's, rated fourth overall.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

One of first western lamas to pay visit

One of the first westerners to be trained as a teacher of Buddhism will visit Salt Spring Island this week.

Lama Chokyi Nyima, also known as Richard Barron, is one of 14 men and women who were trained in Buddhist teachings following a traditional Tibetan course of study. It takes the form of a three-year, three-month seminary retreat, a program that is currently being offered on the island's Mt. Tuam.

While a student in religious studies at the University of B.C., Barron became interested in Buddhist teachings. In 1976 he joined seven other Vancouver residents in France for the first convocation of non-Tibetan monks

in seminary retreat in training as lamas.

Lama is the Tibetan name given to teacher, one who has studied and practised the teachings of the Buddha. Barron earned the title Lama Chokyi Nyima following completion of his training in France.

He now lives in Vancouver where he is a director of Kagyu Kunkhyab Chuling, a society for the study and practice of Vajrayana and Buddhism for lay people. He teaches a course entitled *A Buddhist Approach to Lifelong Learning* at UBC and is continuing his work translating some of the many Tibetan texts that have been unavailable to western students. While on Salt Spring Lama

Chokyi will give a public address on Saturday entitled *The Context of Meditation*. More details are published this week under Coming Events.

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Garbage disposal is under fire from Saturna residents

Garbage disposal is a challenge on all the islands.

Last week Capital Regional Board chairman Shirley Wilde passed on a letter from a Saturna Islander to Vern Roddick, Outer Islands director.

Pat Milliken and E. Reimer wrote from Saturna protesting the garbage disposal system and asking for help in making changes.

Roddick, in announcing his candidature for a further term on the board, had already noted that garbage disposal was high on his list of priorities for the Outer Islands.

"We cannot understand how such unsanitary conditions could be allowed to exist," said the residents' letter.

The islanders asked for advice and help in solving the disposal

problem. They were interested in finding a subsidy for barging or trucking the material off the island.

"The situation is going to be more critical," commented the letter, "due to the increasing housing development within this immediate area."

The disposal of garbage in the islands is already a matter of concern to the region as well as islanders. On Salt Spring Island the dump is under criticism for its discharge of heavy smoke during burning periods. It is located in a watershed area and no alternative site has been found.

Mayne Island uses the Salt Spring Island dump, which enjoys a small regional subsidy.

Plans for the Outer Islands are already started, reports Roddick.

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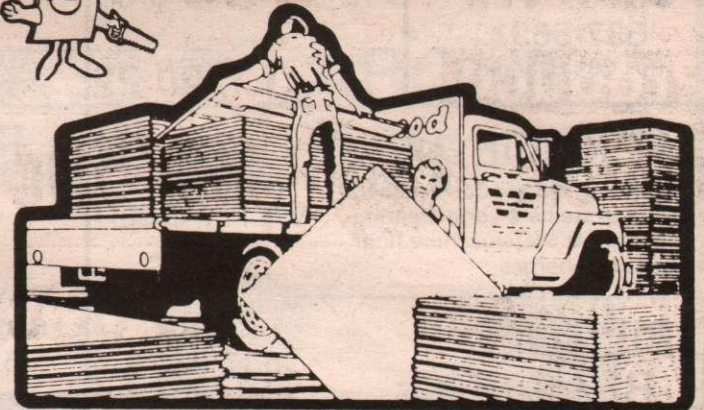
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Baha'is face further repression

An announcement made by Iran's attorney-general on August 29, but made known internationally only last week, declared the existence of the locally and nationally-elected institutions of the Baha'i Faith to be a violation of the constitution.

The Islamic Republic's constitution recognizes only Judaism, Christianity and Zoroastrianism as "legal" minority faiths and gives no protection to the Baha'is, the country's largest religious group other than Islam itself.

Repeating the accusations that Baha'is are "agents of Zionism," "warrers on God" and "spies for Britain and the United States," the statement suggested that Baha'is may practice their beliefs as private individuals. Any communal activity, however, has been defined as a criminal act.

Although the Baha'is in Iran dissolved all national and local institutions, numbering over 400, in compliance with the Baha'i

teachings requiring obedience to civil authority, Canadian Baha'is, along with Baha'i communities in 132 other nations, have expressed outrage at the move.

Pete Burt, a spokesman for the Baha'is of Salt Spring Island, said the new edict represents an official acknowledgement of the Iranian clergy's repression against Baha'is.

He stated that the authorities' suggestion that Baha'is may practise their faith as individuals is meaningless in a country where 156 Baha'is, including women and youths, were judicially murdered when they refused to recant rather than accept an offer of freedom if they did so. Iran's Baha'i children cannot attend school if they do not deny their Baha'i beliefs and Baha'is cannot bury their dead or even receive the bodies of their slain fathers, mothers, husbands, wives or children.

The Canadian community has sent a letter of protest to the Iranian embassy and appealed to Canada's

department of external affairs to intensify the actions already under way to assist the Baha'is in Iran.

Burt also stated that it is the wish of Baha'is to establish a lasting world peace. Locally the Baha'i community is sponsoring a panel discussion on *Foundations of World Peace* to take place Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Ganges activity centre at 8 pm.

The speakers will be Rev. Al Skinner from Ganges United Church, Hank Schubart from the Nuclear Disarmament Committee, Dr. Joe Richardsen who will be speaking on the philosophy of Gandhi, Richard Cawker from the United Nations Peace Education Branch and Parrissa Erlanifar from the Baha'i community in Victoria.

Paula Dillon will be the moderator. She is a family counsellor for human resources and is currently finishing her degree in psychology at Simon Fraser University.

Subdivision proposal revised by developer

The Advisory Planning Commission and the developer will try again.

A plan to create a subdivision on 118 acres at the end of Cusheon Lake Road on Salt Spring had been approved by the APC in June. The plan came in two forms and the idea of approving both plans was to give the Islands Trust committee a choice.

The choice of the committee was to turn down both.

The developer, Brad Stormwell of Hornby Island, went back to the drawing board and last week presented a revised concept of the proposed subdivision to the APC.

The new plan calls for 18 lots with the smallest being two hectares (five acres). The lot sizes are larger than the minimum average size for a rural zone.

The Trust committee had originally turned the plans down

because of a concentration of smaller lots on the southerly portion of the property. The committee had expressed concern about rock slides in the area as well as flooding of the lower sections along the creek.

Stormwell has allowed for a six-metre walkway which will follow the course of the creek.

Another objection was that the size of the former plans, one called for 23 lots and the other for 20, could result in the need to hook into the Beddis Beach water district pipeline which runs along the creek area.

Stormwell said he has altered the subdivision to meet the requirements and the concerns of the Trust and he told the APC that the latest concept reflects the rural area of the proposed subdivision.

The APC again approved the plan and it now goes to the Trust committee for consideration.

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Divining water is easy for Albert Kaye

Non-believers drink from very deep wells

Looking for water on Salt Spring Island can be a nearly impossible task but when there is water in them thar hills, it's more than likely that water-diviner Albert Kaye discovered it.

Albert Kaye is something of a phenomenon when it comes to water-witching on Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands. Walking across a

barren, cleared piece of property holding a fork-shaped branch, the power of the pull for Albert Kaye nearly rips the skin off his hands when he walks over an underground water supply.

And then it means marking the spot and taking another tour of the area to ensure that the pull of the branch is no false alarm.

BY
VALERIE RICHARDS

So far, Kaye has witched several hundred wells on Salt Spring and he's never yet been wrong. How does he do it?

He's got the magic in him, by water-dowsing standards of yore. Tales that go back to biblical times tell of the water and mineral dowser, the gifted water finder who has been endowed by God with such power.

Witching for water isn't altogether an old discovery for Albert Kaye, who only learned he could find water during the 1960's. And he hasn't quit looking since.

Variety of materials can be used

A variety of materials can be used for dowsing but Kaye's favorite is merely a bough snapped off a tree on the site where water is to be witched. He shaves the branch first and then, holding it with his palms up, walks quickly across the ground.

Gripping the wood and holding the branch upright, Kaye will come to a halt when the rod violently bends downward.

Once more, Kaye holds the stick upright and then paces the area one more time, just to be sure, and again the branch flips over.

Being sure of where the water runs is something Albert Kaye finds easy.

After 300 wells and water in every one of them, Kaye's standing with well-drillers is awesome.

But the island-born water-diviner doesn't think his powers are very special. Sometimes, admits Kaye, having this kind of ability is a real problem. After putting in a long hard day clearing and falling, Kaye is often faced with an additional few hours water-divining.

"I don't feel any different for being able to find water", he explains, "but I can't do more than three wells a day."

After witching three wells, he's finished for the day. For some supernatural reason, witching water has a sedating effect that leaves him

assured of a good night's sleep.

Once the site for the well has been established, Kaye finds a long, straight stick and, holding it above the spot, he learns how deep the driller must go. According to the number of times the stick moves, Kaye can estimate the approximate depth of the water.

But while he can find water and give some idea of how many feet down it lies, Kaye warns that he cannot make any guarantees on the quality of the water.

"I can tell you where there's water", he notes, "but I can't tell you if it's good drinkable water."

The major problem in water supplies, says Kaye, lies with man's greed. He can't settle for an adequate supply.

"Unless you're watering a large garden," Kaye insists, "a gallon a minute is more than enough water."

At a recent well on Mt. Belcher the property owner was elated when he struck water with 125 gallons a minute. But there are the sad stories too.

People don't know when enough is enough, according to Kaye. Often, a well at 25 feet will yield a gallon a minute while any deeper the same well will yield more but the water won't be potable.

Kaye has a file of sad stories about property owners who went too deep. One went 800 feet before hitting salt water.

In many cases, dug wells will prove satisfactory.

Often, says Kaye, a backhoe can provide a better source of water than a drill rig.

According to one Fulford resident Kaye doesn't go far wrong.

Tim O'Donnell says that Kaye divined water on a property and estimated the well's depth at 40 feet.

"They hit water at 39 feet," O'Donnell explained incredulously. "That's when Albert Kaye was paid."

Kaye, who accepts the occasional bottle of Bacardi's white rum, does not charge for his services. He is somewhat modest about his unique powers.

He found water using map

Fulford resident Bob Akerman exclaimed over Kaye's witching powers when he found water for the Fulford firehall by first witching on the surveyor's map of the firehall property.

"He walked over the property after and found water in exactly the same place as he had found it on the map," Akerman said.

Along with Albert Kaye there are other islanders who divine water. Howard Byron and niece Jackie Byron both can successfully witch for water as well as ex-school teacher Florence Hepburn and Mac' Mouat.

The Island Hydro crew has a water-diviner among them who dowses the area before a Hydro pole hole is dug to ensure they don't hit a water main.

There are numerous scientific, psychic and spiritual explanations for water or mineral dowsing and there are many non-believers. As for the latter group, explains Kaye, they drink from very deep wells in the Gulf Islands.

A favourite "scientific" explanation for dowsing is the theory of "cryptesthesia", which says the detection of water or minerals through dowsing depends on subconscious cognitive faculties and unconscious muscular reaction.

But whatever the reason, it seems apparent that Albert Kaye is well endowed with the powers required for finding those precious underground streams.



Albert Kaye at work

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Blending of families is topic of seminar

BY WENDY CASE
Salt Spring Island Community Centre

What is the blended family? With family break-ups at an all time high on our island, it matters not what we call the blending together of new families. However, it does matter that we consider the challenges of the new situation.

Blended families can be a new stepparent, new brothers and sisters to relate to, mom's boyfriend or the new lady that dad has been seeing. From a child's point of view it may mean a good deal of confusion in loyalty to the previous parent, confusion in expectations of his new role and position in the family, and perhaps a fear of losing the love and security of the parent who has forced all these changes upon him.

Let's begin with the "wicked stepmother", which today can also mean dad's new girlfriend. Our fairy tales, unfortunately, have set kids up to begin with negative expectations of who this person might be. After all, look what happened to Hansel and Gretel when their stepmother sent them away.

What really is in a child's mind when he says, "You're not my mother, you can't tell me what to do."

So here you are, you find yourself in love with another person who has children or perhaps you have children also. You make plans to live together. What are some of the difficulties you may be faced with in blending families together, or planning to co-parent children that are not your natural children?

Visits and loyalties to the "other" parent are definitely an emotionally-charged issue. Guilt and making it up to the child often lead to the "other" parent overindulging the child and if there are bad feelings between the natural parents, the child may be picking up this hostility and playing with it: "Well dad lets me," or "Dad said I didn't have to listen to you."

Who handles discipline in the family? Do you both have the same philosophy of discipline? You can be sure that this will be tested with children going so far as to play one against the other to attempt to see who really cares.

Children, especially if there has been a long break from the previous relationship, may feel that the new parent is an intruder and may attempt to get the family into opposite camps of loyalty. Natural parents, of course, are torn between their child and the new relationship, wanting desperately for them all to get along.

Change can be painful but if we look at the special needs of the situation — living spaces, a child's hidden feelings, discipline — and develop some skills to meet these needs, the flow of change can be more positive and rewarding.

With this in mind, Bob Armstrong, an assistant professor at UBC, is coming to Salt Spring to

present a one-day seminar on the blending of families. Bob has worked primarily with training family counsellors, parents and teachers.

He can tell you exactly how your children are responding to the new situation, their behaviour and attitude, by only knowing their age and position in the family. And he also has all the tips on how to respond to individual children.

A high percentage of our children on Salt Spring are now living in blended families, have a stepparent or a co-parenter to contend with. This workshop is in response to this unique and challenging situation many of you are faced with.

A day and \$20 could buy a lot of happy changes in your blended family.

Date of the seminar is Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 am to 5 pm. Pre-registration with the Community Centre is required before October 27.

Students' council elected

Salt Spring Elementary School has held its election of officers for students' council.

Penny Spencer has been named president and Vanessa Logan, vice-president.

Class representatives are:
Grade 7: Renee Holland, Barb Graham, Peter Andress, Leila Crowther, Ryan Galbraith, Aizha Osborne.

Grade 6: Christine Spencer, Lisa Koski, Lori Cruikshank, George Akerman, Jessica Speed.

Grade 5: Nichole Hannsens, Lisa Wanless, Curtis Galbraith, Kirsty Walde.

Grade 4: Jenabe Ward, Chad Ulansky, Stacy Proctor, Dale Dow.

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It's time to get the facts on the issues. And it's time for new leadership. Positive leadership. Leadership committed to restoring unity and harmony to our island. As a candidate for Regional Director, Hugh Borsman will provide that kind of leadership.

On November 19, Hugh Borsman would like your vote. In the meantime, he needs your encouragement and support. And if you have some tough questions, he would like to get together with you and give you some straight answers.

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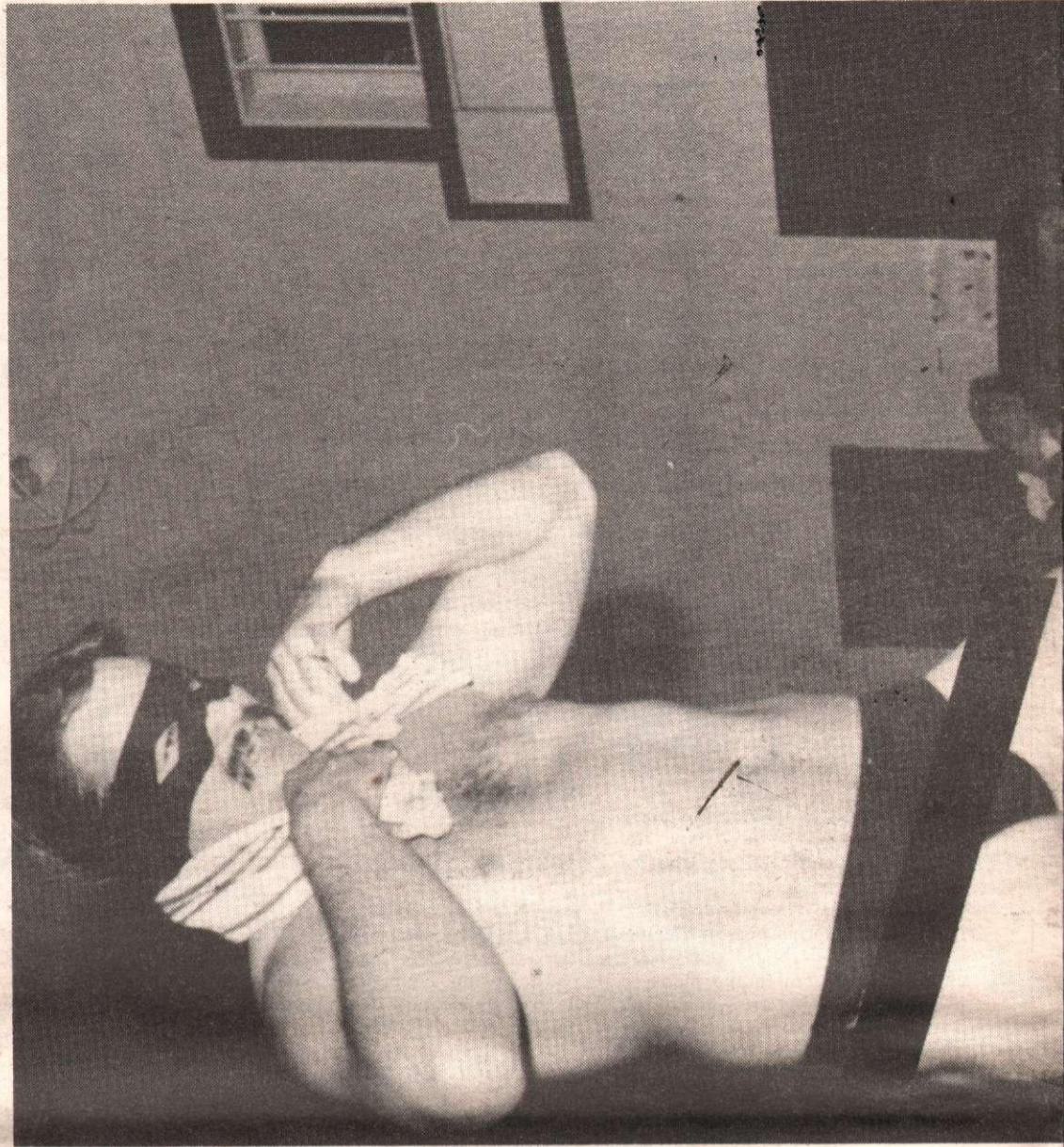
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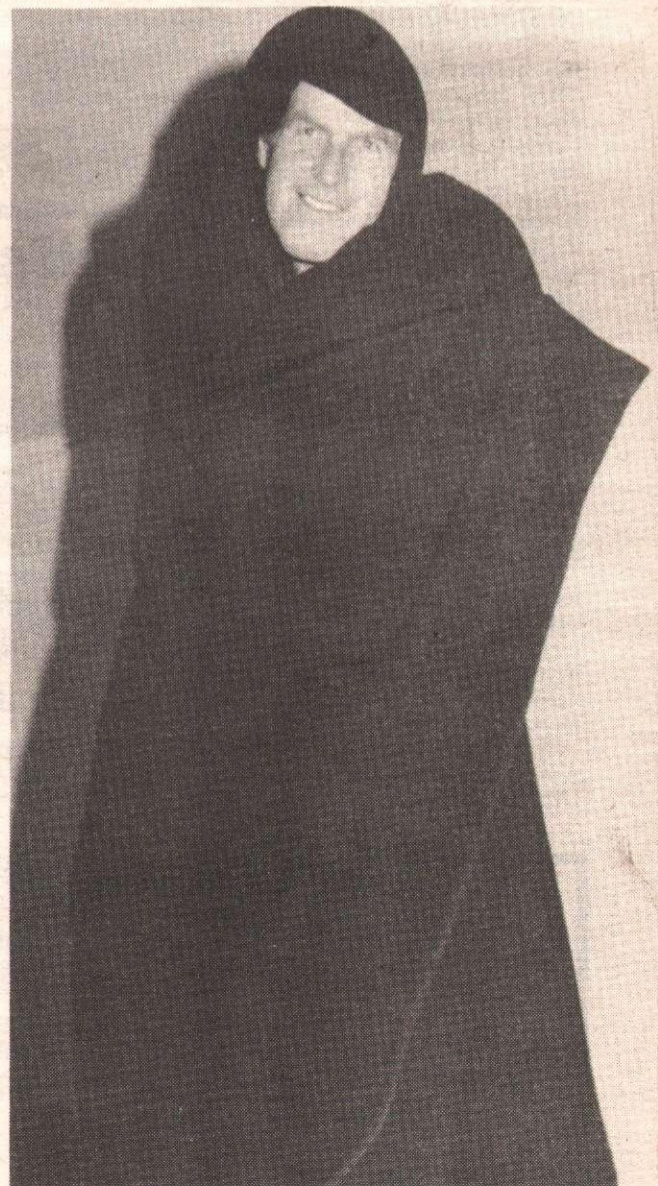
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John Nicholson's beach wear requires inner tube



Mike Currell tried to deceive the ladies



Jim Buchan wanted blood

1983

12 contestants vie for title

From Page One

presented with a trophy and a framed cartoon of the contest by *Driftwood* cartoonist Jim Dickinson. Tranter also won a ticket for two for dinner at Rita's Inn in Ganges.

IMPERSONATORS

During the two 20-minute intermissions it was discovered by several females that impersonators were present in the crowd. Rather than evict the unfortunate women sporting five o'clock shadows, outdated hair-do's and heavy builds, the women generally appearing to be "drag queens" were left among the crowds to pick up hints during the evening from the male performers.

Hall committee members were surprised by the amount of alcohol consumed on Saturday night by the women-only crowd. Said Carol

Walde, "We bought 24 cases but had to replenish our beer with another 18 cases."

All the cider and all the wine were sold out.

The big event for the evening was the donation of \$500 to the hall committee from contestant Jim Buchan. Fulford Hall committee members suffered from Saturday night fever following the donation.

Among contestants were Lyle Hamilton-Horne, Ray Simard and Bill Hitchcock, sponsored by the Fulford Inn. Dan Evanishen, sponsored by Island Cinema, gave a gringo performance while contestant Julian Valcourt, sponsored by the General Store, exposed a great deal to the audience when he appeared in his swim wear.

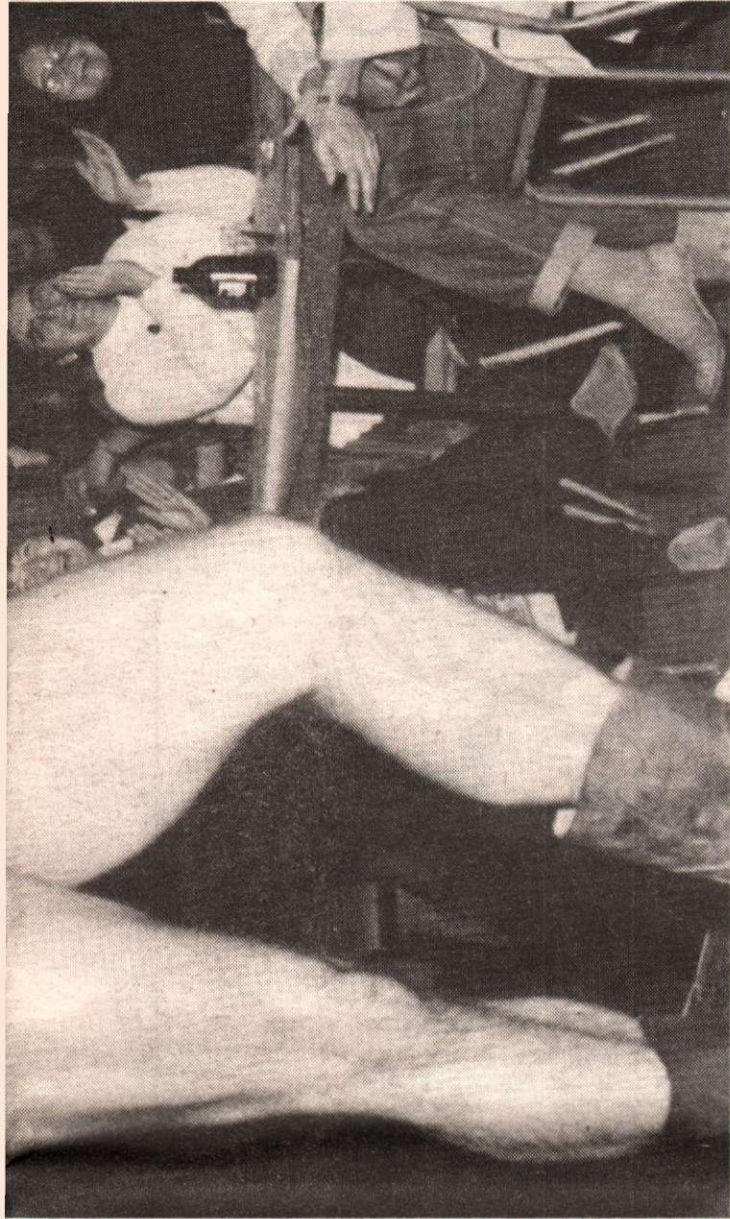
Don Cunningham was invited to spell his name backwards while

entertaining the crowd and Wolfi Temmel gave a Stompin' Tom performance in western wear. John Nicholson performed as an "O.D'ed" guitar player and Mike Currell, alias Mr. Muttersley, sported unusual attire in the swim wear category.

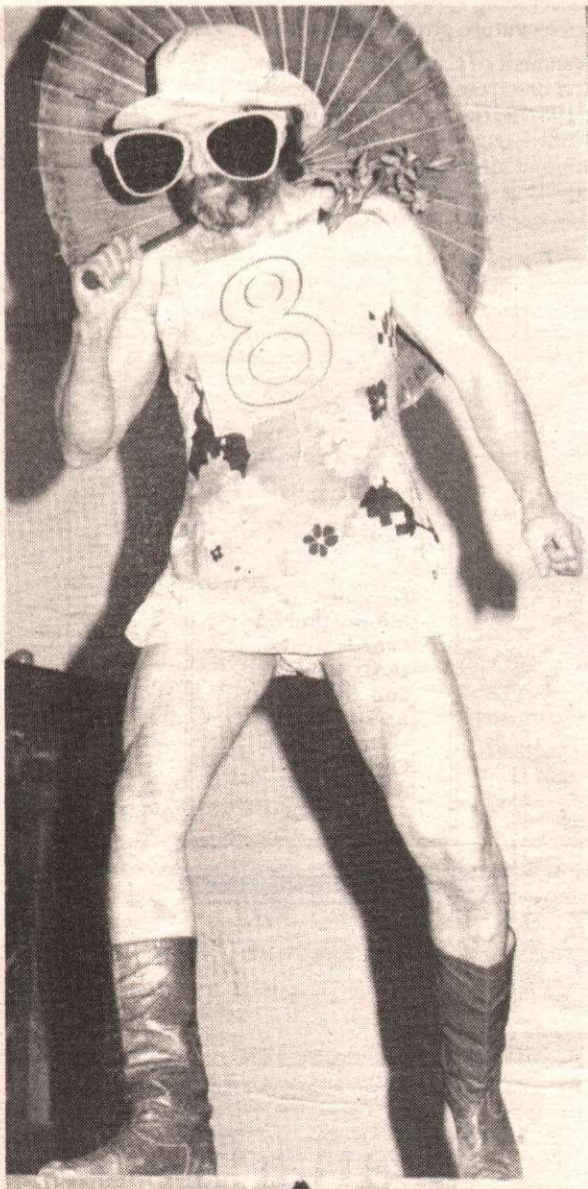
The event marked the fund-raising opener for replacement of the roof at Fulford Hall. A total of \$900 was raised. The roof will cost about \$5,000 to replace. This includes materials only and all labour will be volunteered.

The Mr. Salt Spring Island contest was dreamed up by Bev Cartwright. The event is being considered as an annual one, explained Carol Walde.

Club Mongo supplied the music Saturday night.



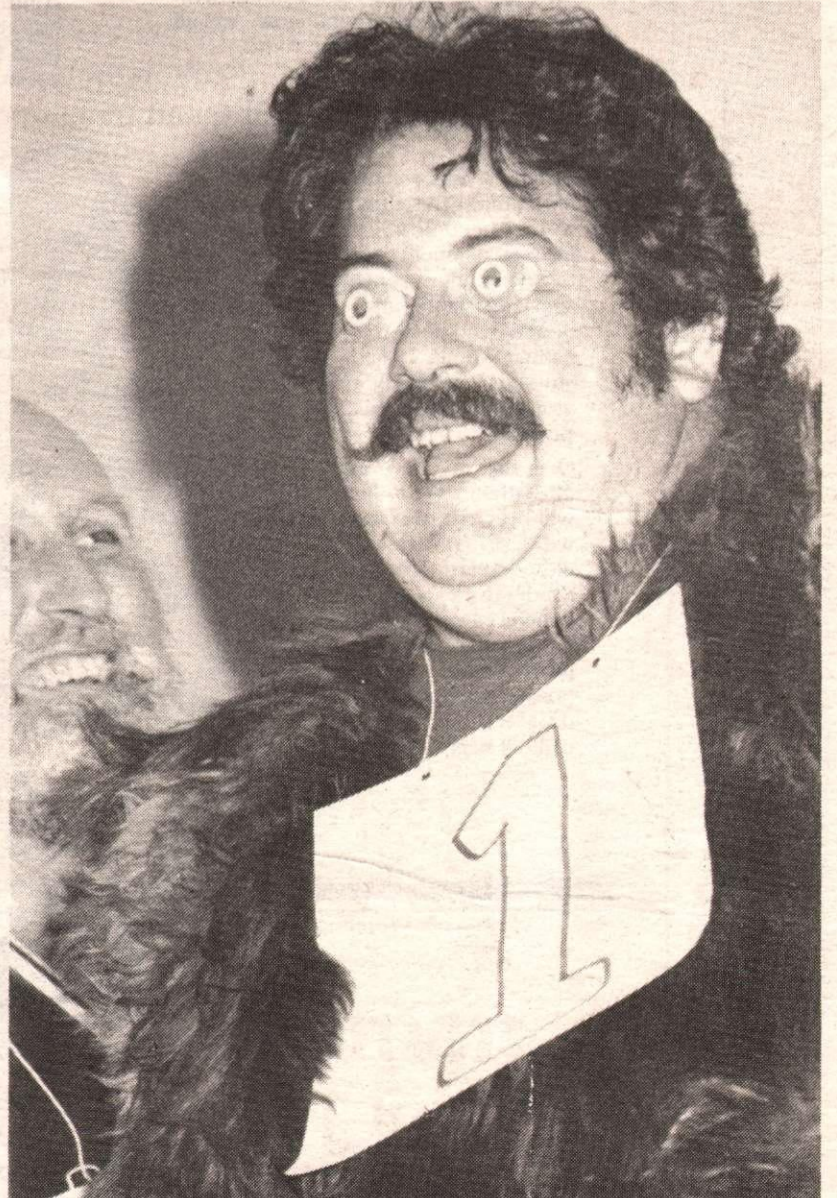
Jack Speed serenades ladies with accompanist Mike Testart



Dan Evanishen in his island beach wear



Julian Valcourt was Mr. General Store



Lyle Hamilton-Horne gets an eyeful