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Buses look to islands for financial aid—again

Commission proposes Hydro levy

Once again, Gulf Islanders are being asked to pay for bus service which they do not receive.

Last week the Victoria Region Transit Commission decided to impose a transit levy on the Gulf Islands with the amount applied to Hydro bills. The matter has gone to the provincial cabinet for approval and if approved, the levy will be effective April 1.

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There are 6,443 Hydro meters in the Gulf Islands. The levy would add \$10,953.10 per month or \$131,437.20 per year to the coffers of the transit commission.

The transit levy had been applied to Hydro bills across the Capital Region except for the Gulf Islands, Port Renfrew and Jordan River.

Those three areas were exempted from the levy following an extended fight in 1979 and 1980 when the levy was first introduced. The original concept of a transit levy, in 1979, had been to add a three-cent-per-gallon tax on gasoline sold in the CRD.

The idea was dropped in face of widespread opposition. Subsequently, the Hydro bill levy was decided upon.

Hugh Curtis, MLA for Saanich and the Islands and provincial secretary at the time the gas-tax was introduced, led the fight against the tax at the cabinet level.

At that time he said, "...I categorically reject the notion that the Gulf Islands residents should pay a local share of transit service until there is a local transit system by local decision."

Recent changes in provincial legislation on transit matters took

the issue of public transportation away from the jurisdiction of the CRD. The matter is now handled by the Victoria Region Transit Commission under the umbrella of B.C. Transit.

The commission met for the first time last week and the move to include the Gulf Islands in the transit levy scheme was introduced.

There is no representative from the Gulf Islands on the transit commission. Neither Hugh Borsman of Salt Spring nor Vern Roddick of the Outer Islands was informed of the meeting.

The mayor of North Saanich, Harold Parrott, was given the duties of representing the Gulf Islands on the commission.

The commission reasoned that even though there is no bus service in the Gulf Islands, buses meet the ferries at Swartz Bay and some islanders take advantage of the service to go to Sidney or Victoria.

Residents are not the only ones

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Transportation committee to elect new members Monday

Elections of members to the Salt Spring Transportation Committee will be held next Monday.

The committee will be holding elections for four positions to represent residents. The remainder of the committee is composed of representatives of various other island organizations.

The Chamber of Commerce, South Salt Spring Residents Association, Gulf Islands School Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Association and the Islands Trust each send a spokesman to the committee. The Capital Region director for the island sits on the committee as well.

Also on the agenda of the election meeting, to be held in Mahon Hall at 8 pm, will be a discussion of the legal fund which had been set up to pay for court action against the ferry corporation. Scheduling of the ferries will also be discussed.

Bev Unger, Islands Trust representative on the committee, says the group has learned that a report on ferry service was handed to the provincial cabinet by the corporation. Ferry corporation officials would not comment on it, she said.

Hugh Curtis, MLA for Saanich and the Islands, said last week that the report which had been received by the cabinet was an "instructive report on the entire system and not just the Gulf Islands."

He said he had no comment to make on the content of the report. "I can earnestly say, as a cabinet

minister and the MLA, I am actively representing the views of the majority of islanders on this issue."

He indicated that some decisions

had been made but action on the entire report had not yet been decided upon.

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Islands Trust Council looks back on 10 years

The Islands Trust is 10 years old and trustees looked at the accomplishments of those years at a meeting on Hornby Island earlier this month.

The Islands Trust Council plans to hold its next meeting on North Pender Island in September "to celebrate the successes of its first decade and prepare for the challenge of the next."

The meeting, noted a press release from the Trust, "...will be an opportunity to assess the strengths and weaknesses of current Trust policies and to explore strategies for the future."

The means by which the Trust has achieved success in "encouraging orderly and appropriate growth" can be found in the policies of the community plans and land-use bylaws developed for each island.

But those same policies have permitted critics of the Islands Trust to claim that a land freeze is in effect resulting in a shortage of small lots in the Trust area.

The Trust Council looked at the situation and found that currently there are more than 10,000 vacant

lots on the islands of which 65% are below two acres in size.

Under existing subdivision bylaws, 8,300 more lots can be created. If 600 lots were created each year until the potential development has been exhausted, the process would take 14 years.

Currently, the population of the Islands Trust area stands at 12,700. The population could grow, if all the potential lots were built on, to 57,000 at the end of the 14 years.

The Trust Council warned, "Should such changes occur, the ability of the islands to absorb the impact will be severely tested."

Since 1976, the population of the Trust area has grown by 34% and careful application of Trust policies has allowed the goals of the Trust to be met.

The council concluded: "The islands are still considered attractive, rural and peaceful."

"The council is committed to ensure that the wishes of the residents of the islands and of B.C. are respected despite the pressures and conflicts that are sure to arise in the next 10 years."



New airstrip at Fulford

Model airplane enthusiasts made use of the spring-like weather on Saturday to practise their hobby at Fulford. Above, Emil Socher, island sculptor and model airplane flyer for over 30 years, is about to launch his battery-operated model.

Another member of the recently formed club is Andrew Archer, below, who had just landed his airplane in the field next to the Fulford fire hall. The club has leased the field for use as a runway.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



'Unnecessary test' will go ahead

Although the marine outfall doesn't need testing, the Ganges Citizens' Committee has decided to ask for a dye test at the outfall point, just to make sure.

Steve McMinn, project engineer, had been instructed at an earlier meeting of the committee to check with the waste management branch to determine what tests of the harbour pipe were needed.

He sent word back to the committee last week that the waste management people had said no tests were required.

The committee decided to ask the CRD to authorize McMinn and oceanographers from Dobrochy Seatech to conduct the dye-test as a means of finding out what would happen at the end of the outfall pipe.

The test would be conducted at ebb tide with a strong southeast wind blowing up the harbour. The engineers would take samples at various depths to check on how the dye was being diluted in the seawater.

The wind would also allow a determination of the action of any dye which came to the surface.

The cost of the test has been set at slightly more than \$7,200.

Hugh Borsman, regional director for Salt Spring, had asked the engineering department of the CRD what has been done to check the harbour and what has to be done.

Craig Sommerville, chief engineer, wrote that "there is

nothing to prevent the Citizens' Committee from requesting environmental monitoring in addition to that required by the waste management permit."

The permit requires bi-monthly monitoring for nutrients and coliform for a full year prior to use of the outfall and for a full year after discharge begins.

There must also be sampling and analysis of shellfish tissue as well as a survey of shellfish populations and habitats before and after discharge.

Sommerville noted that, to date, approximately \$48,000 has been paid to the firm Envirocon Ltd. for environmental monitoring. There has, however, been no action on the monitoring required by the permit as yet.

Part of the information sent to Borsman by Sommerville was a memo from Bob Warman of the

CRD special programs division regarding environmental work done on Ganges Harbour.

Warman suggested that the CRD retain control of any monitoring program put forward by the Citizens' Committee "in order to ensure that the monitoring program required by the waste management permit is included."

He concluded the memo: "It would not make sense to have two different groups monitoring the same parameters at different locations."

Sommerville also questioned the need for more monitoring of the harbour.

"It should also be noted that the proposed monitoring program (required by the discharge permit) is far more extensive than is normally required for marine discharges of a similar size."

Hospice fund set up on death of Bessie Dane

Contributed BY BRENDA DAVIES

Bessie Dane, who lived in Fulford Harbour for many years, was the epitome of a good neighbour. She was always ready to help anyone she knew, whether with a jar of homemade soup or with words of wisdom, either being delivered with a glad smile.

A graduate of the old St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Bessie never let her skills grow rusty as she lovingly tended the sick of the neighbourhood, and there are countless people on Salt Spring Island who will always be grateful for her skill and her caring.

During the last two weeks of her life some of her many friends took turns to sit by her bedside so that she would not be alone. When she died on February 11, it was decided that a fitting memorial to one who was always concerned about others than about herself would be to institute a hospice fund, which would be the nucleus of a service dedicated to helping the terminally ill and the dying.

A committee to handle this fund has now been set up and includes chairman Pat Desbottes, treasurer

Nell Bushby, secretary Brenda Davies.

This committee and a small group of other interested people met recently to discuss ways in which the hospice movement might be made a practicality on Salt Spring Island. It was decided to approach the medical and nursing staff at the hospital in order to get their views and to contact the hospice at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria to see how that is run.

It is hoped that a learning program for volunteers may result from this. It was also suggested that some of the money that has been contributed should be spent on equipment to supplement that which is already available from the Red Cross cupboard at the hospital, the object of this being to provide articles that may give greater comfort to terminally ill patients being cared for in their own homes.

Bessie's family and friends hope that in this way the community can continue to show concern and compassion, as she did, for those in need. If anyone is interested in helping with this venture would they please contact one of the committee.

Newspaper has not been sold

Recent sale of a newspaper operation on Vancouver Island is believed to have triggered speculation on Salt Spring Island that *Gulf Islands Driftwood* has been sold.

The rumour, according to *Driftwood* publisher Tony Richards, is false.

Cariboo Press of Williams Lake has purchased Island Publishers Ltd. of Ladysmith, owners of two

community newspapers and a web printing plant. Following the sale, the Ladysmith company was merged with Goldstream Press of Victoria, an operation of which Driftwood Publishing Ltd. was part owner.

The new company, also known as Island Publishers, owns newspapers in Langford, Sidney, Ladysmith and Parksville and web printing plants in Ladysmith and Sooke.

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Engineering committee reactivated

One sub-committee was reactivated and another expanded by the Ganges Citizens' Committee last week.

The engineering sub-committee was brought back to life to study ways and means of legally creating a specified area for the Ganges sewer.

Andy Orkin, Sewer Alternatives Committee, Alex Houston, Ganges Centre Association, and John Crofton, Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association, were named to sit on the committee.

The specified area could be as large as the entire island or be limited to those areas to be served by the sewer. The specified area is needed as a means of charging for the sewer installation and service.

The finance sub-committee, chaired by regional director Hugh Borsman, will be expanded to include Malcolm Pinteau, administrator of Lady Minto Hospital, and Mike Marshall, superintendent of Gulf Islands schools, as resource persons. They join Tom Toynbee in that task.

The finance sub-committee is attempting to put together an affordable rate structure for the commercial, institutional and residential sections of the village in relation to the various costs of the sewer system.

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O! For freedom!

There are quite a few decades in a century. Why me? But lots of people pointed out that in an editorial elsewhere in last week's *Driftwood*, the seniority of the freedom of speech was identified as three decades old instead of three centuries. So what? In my home I don't have it yet!

No discount for age?

The driver, not an islander, was approaching the lights when they went amber. Instead of slamming the brakes, he gunned it and crossed with the lights turning red as he finished his dash. The elderly British driver had no time to congratulate himself: the siren behind him caught his attention. "What's that going to cost me," he asked the very courteous city police patrol. It would be \$35, suggested the cop. "Any discount for senior citizens?" responded the pensioner at the wheel. There was none.

That billion dollar button!

Here's a sad tale of ferry crews. A young lady in the service of the B.C. Ferry Corporation was entering a doorway when the ship rolled and she caught her jacket against the jamb. A plastic button on the jacket was broken. The owner of the button promptly called for a replacement button when she reached dry land. But no, she was warned. The request must be in the form of a properly prepared requisition with all the prescribed copies. That was a ridiculous requirement for a two-bit button, she retorted. Not only did it have to be all set out according to regulations, she was advised, but if the officer in charge of plastic buttons decided that she was not entitled to a replacement, he could cancel the order. No wonder, she told me, that the ferry service runs in the red! Incidentally, she is no longer a staff member.

I plefer helling

Would I have a fish or flank steak? The choice was there in the store. I chose fish because, to be flank, I plefer it.

Jealousy and the old jalopy

Trouble with changing your car is the jealousy it arouses in so-called friends. They're still driving the same old heap. But I never jeered when they bought theirs. At least, not very much! But Tony Rayner wants to see me driving a car sporting a sizable Union Jack and Jim Buchan even urges I buy a Rolls Royce. And him only driving a Volkswagen! The worst was Kevin Bell. I offered him my car for only about twice what it cost me and he told me that the way car prices were going up and real estate values going down it would soon be a case of buying a car for more than the used car lot itself is worth. I wept all the way to the used car lot to see if I could do a straight swap.

At least it's logical

Had a clipping from a Duncan politician. Michael Coleman, who is half-islander, anyway, passed on the "Christie-Davies Theorem". In the clipping, theorem came out as theorum and I see that Mike had caught the mistake. The printer probably thought that Euclid was an Italian freemason. But here's the advice: "If your facts are wrong but your logic is perfect, then your conclusions are inevitably false. Therefore, by making mistakes in your logic, you have at least a random chance of coming to a correct conclusion." I guess that's how I tick!

New firearms bylaw is extended to all islands

New firearms regulations on the islands apply to Salt Spring as well as the Outer Islands. Two weeks ago, the firearms bylaw was adopted to include Salt Spring. The controls were introduced for the Outer Islands in November.

The new regulations provide for rules concerning the discharge of weaponry which can be readily understood, and enforced, to protect residents from irresponsible hunting. They also offer clear directions to hunters as to where firearms may be used and where they may not.

The former conditions, whereby certain islands or parts of the islands

were closed to hunting, have now been lifted and the new regulations have taken their place.

No firearms may be discharged within 150 metres of a dwelling or other building or within 25 metres of a highway. For this purpose the provincial Highway Act is cited to show that a highway is any road used by the public, paved or not, other than a private road.

Under the old regulations hunting could only be controlled where the property was fenced. The new regulations provide a clear definition of closed areas.

Hunters or property owners unfamiliar with metric measurements will take 150 metres as 450 feet. The bylaw governs only the discharge of firearms. The Trespass Act is still applicable in respect of private property.

Bowen is back

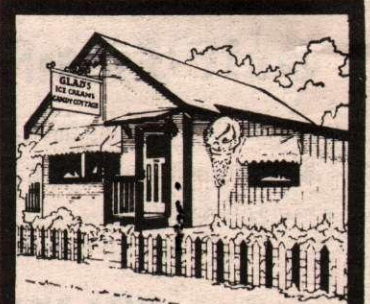
The *Bowen Queen* is back at work carrying traffic between Fullford Harbour and Swartz Bay.

The *Bowen* had been filling in for the *Mayne Queen* on the Outer Islands runs. On Monday she replaced the *Quinitsa* at Fullford.

The schedule remains the same. There is no longer a coffee bar on the ferry. Machines have taken its place.

On the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route, the *Queen of Tsawwassen* returns today (Wednesday) to the Gulf Islands following refit. She replaces her sister ship, the *Queen of Sidney*, known affectionately by crews as the *Dust Bucket*.

The schedule for the runs to and from the mainland also remains the same.



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PEACE NEWS

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Mar. 29, 7:30, Fernwood School: *Anatomy of the Arms Race*. 5 sessions with Peter Pentz. Do nuclear weapons really work as a deterrent? Is the Freeze viable? Sign up week of March 26, Continuing Education Office, Mouat's Mail.

April 4, 7:30, Peace Centre: Disarmament meeting.

April 7, Centennial Park: Kick-off date for Salt Spring's Peace Petition Caravan canvass, part of the national door to door petition canvass. People interested in helping contact Tom Gossett, Bis Whitby or the Peace Centre, 537-4323.

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Transit tax

Paying too much for Hydro? You're going to be paying more.

The decision by the Victoria Region Transit Commission to include the islands in the transit levy has resurrected a controversy which was raging several years ago when the Capital Regional Board first proposed to have the Gulf Islands share in the cost of a service they don't enjoy.

The protest was successful at that time and the islands were excused the levy.

The levy is once again being charged against the islands and islanders are once again at loggerheads with Victoria.

The history of city buses is a long tale of high costs and low revenues. It appears that there are insufficient passengers on the city buses to justify their operation. Since the streetcars were taken off the province's city streets and replaced with buses, the cost factor has been beyond the revenues enjoyed.

In the earliest days of B.C. Hydro, electricity consumers were required to pay the company the difference between a profitable service and a red-ink line. When the provincial government was faced with a steady increase in the subsidy to transit, the responsibility was transferred to the municipal government level and the regions took over buses. The regional board then had to meet the liabilities. They could increase fares or find the deficit by other means.

The other means included the options of imposing a gasoline tax, charging a levy on Hydro bills or charging losses to property taxes. The Capital Regional District opted for a Hydro levy. And islanders campaigned for exclusion.

Islanders urge that it is not fair to charge the levy to those so far removed from the bus routes. Islands MLA Hugh Curtis contends that the levy should not be set against islands Hydro bills unless islanders are gaining some benefit. Most islanders are in agreement. Some residents feel that a service between the ferry terminal at Swartz Bay and Victoria merits islands support. Others have urged in the past that only by contributing can islanders hope to see a bus service on this side of the channel.

It would have to be a substantial subsidy to encourage such services as that offered recently by Salt Spring Island Bus Lines. The company tried a Salt Spring Island service and failed. There appears no reason to expect an islands bus service for many years.

Even while some people on the islands are protesting the transit levy, others are pressing for cheaper ferry services.

There are three main aspects of transportation in this province which are a burden on the communities they serve, although they offer an excellent service to those who need them. In the cities it appears beyond hope that bus services could pay entirely for themselves. They need more financial help.

Around the islands, including Vancouver Island are the waters of the Strait of Georgia, forming a barrier to easy communication among the islands.

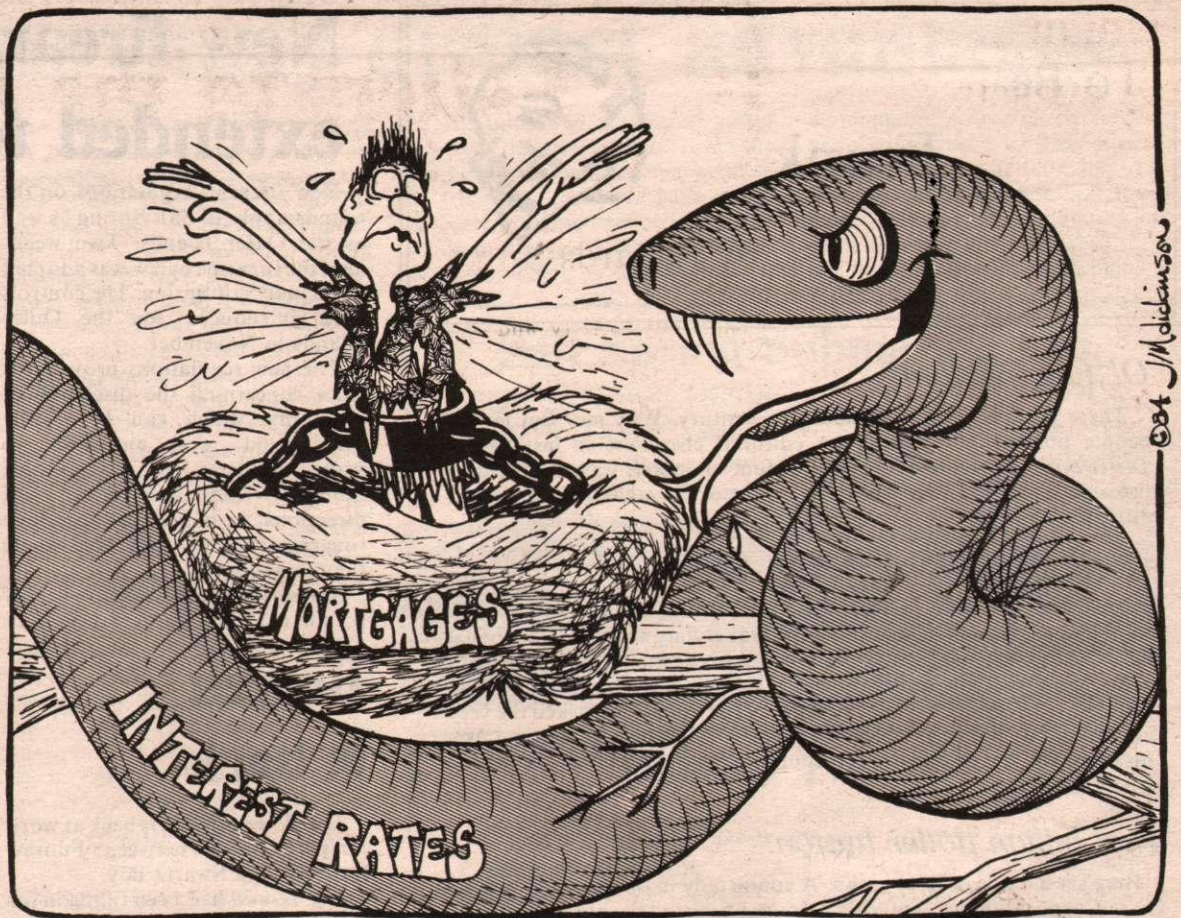
The mainland north from Vancouver enjoys the service of British Columbia Railway. The subsidies absorbed by the railway are a heavy burden on the people of this province.

Transportation, by land, by sea and by rail, needs support. Whether it comes from the municipal level or from the province matters very little; the taxpayer foots the bill eventually.

The record of public transit in the province is one of penury. Nobody seems able to meet the bill for what he wants.

The province should not be pressing this campaign to set region against region. Those who need buses would vote for help for transit. Those who benefit from the ferry services would gladly call for provincial subsidies. And the users of the railway service are well aware of the urgent need for provincial support for the B.C. Rail.

What we need is a complete philosophy of transportation from the provincial government. We want provincial support for all vital transit and transportation service. And all areas should be seen as equally important in the juggling for government funds.



Tony Richards

IMPERIAL TOBACCO CO. lost one of its major supporters a week ago last Sunday when a local cigarette smoker discontinued the habit after 16 years.

For the past eight days, both the office and home of said smoker have seen violence, bitter confrontations, verbal abuse, chewed nails and mounds of discarded husks of sunflower seeds.

The same ex-smoker went to the Rod and Gun Club's trophy shoot on Sunday and didn't win a thing. He found it virtually impossible to chew sunflower seeds and aim his shotgun at the same time. Constantly drumming his fingers on the barrel didn't help either.

He hasn't yet had any more accidents in front of his office, despite an irresistible urge to take his eyes off the road and look longingly at some large, juicy looking old cigarette butts in the ashtray.

He was almost kicked off his team last Thursday night when he attempted to throw darts at the Vesuvius Inn. The pall of smoke hanging over the room kept him in a dream-like state for the whole evening. He wandered from table to table, seeking out the delicate aroma of a Player's Light, in order that he might take into his lungs the full-bodied, familiar smell of the second-hand smoke.

But...

He nearly keeled over when he walked into his office two days after taking the big step and withdrawing his support for the tobacco companies. The odour of stale tobacco, he found, was disgusting.

He came nowhere near keeling over following an hour on the tennis court, an ordeal that would have damn near killed him a week before. His unpredictable backhand used to send every other ball into the adjacent court. The same backhand now sends the ball clear across two adjacent courts, to the delight of his opponent and the dismay of other players.

He's no longer breathless when he finishes climbing a flight of stairs. In fact, he often jogs up the stairs now, just for the fun of it.

However, there are times when he wants a %c*#% smoke so %c*#% bad he could scream.

ASIAN WIVES ANYONE? Loving, faithful, beautiful and honest girls aged 16 to 65? They're yours for five bucks and then some through someone in Victoria who placed a classified in B.C. community newspapers.

It didn't appear in this paper because our

classified ad department is staffed by an outspoken activist in the feminist movement—my wife.

Needless to say, I put my \$5 in the mail to see what the advertiser had to offer. A week later I received half a dozen photocopied photographs depicting figures that one must assume are young ladies. If you've ever photocopied a photograph you'll know exactly what I mean.

Accompanying the photos were five different membership plans available to seekers of Asian wives. Plan I, for instance, gives you a one-year membership for \$25 and you get 20 names and addresses right off the bat, and additional lists every three months for a total of 80 potential brides, all "lovely ladies from the Philippines, some of them with photos."

The plans vary in price, all the way up to \$50, for which you get 150 names and addresses, with some photos.

One plan offers the lonely, lovesick bachelor the chance to buy "the lady's letter" for \$2.50 each, whatever that means.

Now I guess I'll have to fork out some more dough and see what happens next. I'll keep you posted.

THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL about *Driftwood*, and about five other community papers in B.C., in the eyes of the federal department of consumer and corporate affairs.

A one column by four-inch ad appears in this issue advising of the dissolution of a company by the name of Third World Communications Inc.

Less than half a dozen weekly newspapers were selected to run the ad and carry this important message to British Columbians—in selected communities, of course.

Now if only someone would tell us who Third World Communications is.

LEN CREED'S Canadian Biker Magazine all the way up in Inuvik? It's true, according to Pat Jorgensen, whose previous addresses have included Pender and Salt Spring Islands.

Today his address is Inuvik, where he's working for Shell and the temperature last Thursday was -27. He writes that there must be oil up there because there's nothing else besides Eskimos.

Pat said he couldn't believe his eyes when he saw *Canadian Biker* in the local magazine store. He said there are a few motorcycles in town but only four months of riding time.

Unfair to cyclists

Following letter to the B.C. Ferry Corporation was submitted for publication.

I refer to the fare increases that became effective recently and in particular to the service that runs between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay. As far as I, my family, and other users of this service are concerned, we are appalled by the exorbitant increase in fares for commuter foot passengers, children's fares and the totally unrealistic 400% increase for bicycle passengers.

I now know what it feels like to be part of a minority group and be discriminated against. Do you realize that I as a cyclist now have to pay 50% of the fare applicable to a 20-foot car and driver, or a 4x4 pick-up truck with no relation to the space required by such a vehicle on the ferry compared to a cyclist? You should be aware that the Provincial Government supports the fuel efficient, healthy and non-polluting method of transportation known as cycling—they even waive sales tax on bicycles and bicycle parts. Why then are you not following this example?

I would also point out another anomaly, that being commuter tickets. Why are only vehicle/driver and foot passengers only classed as commuters? Bicycle riders and children also commute so why discriminate against them?

On another matter, but still pertaining to the Fulford Harbour/Swartz Bay run, I must say that the good vehicle service of old is now sadly lacking. To be specific, I have twice before informed you of the bolt missing off the door to the toilet on the *Quinita*—the first time you will recall was after the door was slammed on my head. The bolt is still missing.

Again, the *Quinita* continues to be loaded in an unsafe manner i.e. with the ferry fully loaded and a vehicle sandwiched between two trucks, it is impossible to get out of the "sandwiched" vehicle. On the larger ferries, and for safety reasons, drivers are not allowed to remain in their vehicles. Perhaps you would explain why it is unsafe on the larger ferries but condoned on the *Quinita*.

Finally, I wish to add that I am all in favour of paying a reasonable fare for a reasonable service. The present fare structure is, however, totally unbalanced and needs immediate review to put (amongst others) cyclist fares back into perspective when compared to other ferry users. I fully intend to organize a large rally of cyclists to protest your present policy unless something positive is done to correct this matter without delay.

I feel very strongly about this situation and you will note I am providing copies of this letter to several other parties for their information.

I look forward to your early response.

BRIAN ROWLEY,
Fulford Harbour.
March 16, 1984.

They all work hard

Sir,

Thank you very much for your series of two articles on the work of the Community Society through the Community Centre. Your articles accurately depicted the spirit of the Centre.

I feel compelled to correct one inaccuracy concerning my jobs. Although I have worked as a secretary, I am currently employed at Salt Spring Elementary School as

a clerk-typist and at Gulf Islands Secondary School as a supervision aide.

I have enjoyed working with the Community Society and meeting and working with the members of the board of directors and staff. They all work hard and apply their many areas of expertise for the benefit of the community.

Other dedicated members of the board of directors are Betty Ball (vice-chairperson), dietician; Sid Filkow, lawyer; Maggie Hayes (secretary of the board), secretary; Madge Kimball, music teacher; Karen Reiss, mother; Jim Sinclair, ferry worker; Helga Williams, photographer. These descriptions fall far short of describing the variety of training and experience, compassion, and energy each of the board members generously brings to the Community Society.

Other staff members are Marty Bach and Alice Friedman (co-ordinators of the counselling services), Rose Donnelly (co-ordinator of the 5 & 10 store), Louise Doucet and Sandy Profit (Achievement Centre), Jean Hogan (bookkeeper), Donna Martin and Eddie Waddell (recycling centre), Trish Nobile (child care worker in GIPSY), and Carol Young (caretaker of the Community Centre). All of the staff members have served "above and beyond the call of duty" in the interest of the community.

We appreciate your support and invite any who are interested to come to our annual general meeting 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Apr. 18, in our new meeting room in the Community Centre. No membership fees—just sign up in our office before March 31.

JUDY BOYLAN,
Chairperson,
Board of Directors.
March 23, 1984.

Development will be restricted

Sir,

Can the Ganges business core expand at all once the proposed sewer is in? I doubt it. The area is presently using an average of 52,000 gallons a day, less in winter, and about 60,000 gallons a day from May to August. The proposed treatment plant will handle a maximum of 90,000 gallons a day.

When we look at expected future population, the figure from the community plan is 15,000, about 2½ times present numbers. If we look at population growth over the last few years, it seems likely that we will reach this figure over the next few years, and so the size of our hospital and our high school will need to increase by this amount. This would add 20,000 gallons a day of effluent. (The hospital presently uses 4,851.5 gallons a day, Greenwoods accounts for 3,661.9 gallons a day, and the high school 4,466.57 gallons a day).

Approval in principle has been given for 15 tourist units and a restaurant at the Harbours End Marina. Add 2,000 gallons a day. The new Credit Union building will use 1,000 gallons a day. We are hoping to put showers in Centennial Park for the convenience of our yachting visitors and Pioneer Village is expanding. Add ? gallons a day.

Also, we certainly must expect increased use of washroom facilities in the present pub, restaurants and gas stations with an increased population. So it appears to me that

unless or until a larger treatment plant is installed virtually no new development will be possible apart from the necessary growth of our institutions.

The Federal government gave us an outright grant of \$2,000,000 towards solving our sewage problems, but these grants are no more, so we're on our own.

Can we afford a second treatment plant before this one is paid for? If not, we'd better make sure that this one fulfils this community's most important needs for the near future.

SUSAN BRADFORD,
Ganges.
April 23, 1984.

Move Ganges

Sir,

The perfectly obvious solution to the continuing conflict broiling in the town of Ganges is to move the village somewhere else. The challenge of the job would certainly be simpler than trying to deal with the sewer, the environment, the loss of mature trees, and chain link fences.

It seems the present site of Ganges was not fated to support the population that now threatens it. But there are many beautiful sites

that are. With the talent, time and generosity available on this island and half the money slated for the proposed sewer and its research, materials could be purchased, islanders could be hired and a beautifully planned, environmentally sound and centrally located community centre could be created.

Wouldn't most of us volunteer our time in rebuilding, moving and landscaping a well suited location rather than listen to the arguments pro or con sewer again? How joyful it might be to work together on something.

The buildings worth saving in Ganges could be rented and/or bought and used for community purposes. (Could a swimming pool fit into one of them?) The rest of the village could be bulldozed and landscaped into a large lovely seaside park already complete with facilities for music and the arts.

The cost to all of us in renovating the old Ganges and rebuilding the new would be far less than the cost of making a mistake with an expensive sewer or the environment to say nothing of the stress of living in a community constantly divided by conflict.

Think about it.

MARLA SLOAN,
Box 248,
Ganges.
March 22, 1984.

Inspiring performance

Sir,

The recent performance of *Jacques Brel*, directed and choreographed by April Curtis, was very inspiring. The musicians played a very challenging, ever-changing score with great finesse, and the actors demonstrated real versatility and heart in their performances. In addition, Mahon Hall has never looked better, with the set design!

The audience really enjoyed the carnival "razamataz" of songs like *Madeleine* and *Carousel*. Most of the songs carried messages of social relevance—songs like *Au Suivant*—*Next*, a military protest dramatically delivered by Oscar Riley, or *The Desperate Ones* and *Middle Class* by Barb Slater and Kevin Wilkie. April Curtis' version of *Marieke* was remarkable.

Apart from being a musician, Jacques Brel was a social critic of high degree. He didn't participate in his play when it opened in New York in 1966 because of U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

I hope the play is held over and everyone gets a chance to see it. The final number highlights the show and brings tears to most eyes: "If we only have love, then tomorrow will dawn..."

Needless to say, it brings the house down!

SUE HISCOCKS,
Box 781, Ganges.
March 1981.



Bill Webster

NDP should arrange divorce

Spring time in Lotus Land marks not only seasonal but also political renewal.

The province may yet thank Billie Wackyson. (How's that, Herman?)

Out there, in the boonies and boroughs, Indeepeers, Tories and other creatures are pumping life into tired political machines.

Anything, as the saying goes, must be better than what we have.

And so, to ensure a place for Davy Doleft as senior statesman, the Indeepeers field a flock of possible replacements. If anyone can replace Davy of the sharp barb.

And tis a good thing, folk. What's this, the space-filler agreeing with the socialist horde?

No, kind friend, the space filler agrees with renewing the political process. It is past time, in Lotus Land, for the political scene to change.

The Indeepeers need an infusion of enthusiasm and the other parties, wherever they are, need an infusion of life.

Because what this province has witnessed, since the Indeepeers tore themselves apart at the last leadership go-round, has been one party rule. Mind you, it took a turn at government by the Indeepeers for the cracks to show.

Which is one of the sidelights

of party fights which must be avoided at cost.

The Fed Tories have shown that side of choosing new blood for any number of years. Fractious fractures appear on the body politic and voters just don't want to buy damaged goods.

The Fed Tories learned their lesson.

The Indeepeers, hopefully, have learned the same lesson.

The Libs from east of Lake Winnipeg had better learn it as well.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley came by the mansion last week to offer advice to the Indeepeers on how to do it.

He explained at length, as is his way, exactly what they should be doing in their search for tomorrow.

"All too often", intoned Louis, "political parties indulge in bloodletting when it should be a process of housecleaning."

He explained that leadership campaigns should be set up to allow expression from all corners and closets of a party. No Canadian political party can be rationally defined.

Each is composed of diverse elements defying definition. And times such as the Indeepeers are indulging in at present should allow all those elements to be considered.

The chosen leader must, above all else, have some measure of appeal to as many of those elements as possible.

Which puts the bedsharing of labour and Indeepeers into question.

By any stretch of the imagination, organized labour as part of a political party is conflict of interest written very large.

The aims of the two groups are mutually exclusive and well they should be.

If the Indeepeers want to remain on the outside of government, said Louis, the choice is easy. Keep organized labour as part of the party.

If they are serious about wanting to be on the softer government benches in the Stone-Pile-by-the-Harbour, a divorce should be arranged.

To paraphrase PET of the One-Finger, "Government has no place on the picket-lines of the nation."

Louis went on to say that many things the many candidates are saying on behalf of themselves and the Indeepeers makes good sense. If, he continued, the Indeepeers have the good sense to follow that good sense.

He paused then to listen to the sea lions grunting approval to his musings.

"See," he said, "somebody agrees with me."

Offended by letter

Sir,

As an individual who has worked with the Ganges Citizens' Committee (GCC), and particularly with the finance subcommittee, I am offended by last week's letter, "Damn the torpedoes".

On March 13 the SSAC called a meeting of the GCC at which time they requested to meet with the engineer (Steve McMinn) to satisfy themselves as to certain areas of concern. The GCC granted this request and approved a resolution made by Andy Orkin that Dr. Borsman's report to the CRD be delayed until March 28.

At his meeting with the SSAC the engineer made the following remarks:

"We don't feel there are any other alternatives—anything else we can do to go to land."

"The big option was land disposal as far as we were concerned and now that's gone."

"...if I've got this outfall and if I can show that it works well to everybody's satisfaction, then why bother even going and looking at another site?"

Andy Orkin asked the engineer if he had been asked "to present us with information relating to other options such as Trincomali Channel, Sansum Narrows or anything else?"

The report from Underwood, McClennan listed four "viable options" for Ganges. The only one that did not include ocean disposal was option 4—do nothing—which is, of course, no option. Evidently the SSAC would like us to explore alternate marine outfalls.

It is interesting to note that Ray Hill, who signed the *Driftwood* letter, said at the GCC that extending the outfall would not be realistic and that we should look at the level of treatment.

At the GCC meeting of March 15 Andy Orkin requested an early adjournment so that the SSAC could assess its meeting with Steve McMinn. There were other matters of business for the Committee to

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discuss, but the courtesy was extended to the SSAC that no substantial resolutions would be passed that week.

Instead of making a presentation to the Committee, several individuals, who happen to be members of the SSAC and have represented it on the GCC, wrote to *Driftwood* in a manner that would have made Perry Mason proud. Everyone knows that skilful questioning can produce a desired response. That is why our courts permit cross-examination.

Last Thursday the SSAC refused to offer their comments until the Committee agreed to further delay the presentation to the CRD, despite the fact that the SSAC moved and seconded that the presentation be made on March 28. Clearly there is an inconsistency.

The members of the Citizens' Committee are duty bound to recommend a solution to the sewage disposal problem in Ganges. They have committed themselves (as has the CRD) not to proceed without the knowledge and approval of the public. Any suggestion that this would not be the case is misleading and simply untrue.

The idea of an island-wide levy was mentioned as a point for discussion only. The implication of that suggestion would be \$9.50 for each property on the island. Hardly cause for concern if it solves the problem. Considering that the preliminary rate structure approaches the limits of affordability, any extension of the outfall would have to be paid for outside the sewerage area. Given the cost of the current outfall that would be cause for concern.

Perhaps the preference for the original system is expedient. The money is spent and would not be recoverable to spend elsewhere. Waste Management has approved the location of the current outfall and a dye test will be done soon to

evaluate the integrity of the pipe and its effectiveness.

I'm certain that no one condones the continued discharge of raw sewage into Ganges Harbour longer than absolutely necessary. The Ganges Citizens' Committee deserves your support.

JEFF ADELMAN,
Box 188, Ganges.
March 23, 1984.

No love for planet

Sir,

Writing a letter about the fir trees located beside Trading Co. won't bring them back....

But I am deeply upset! I thought that after all the letters of protest and Tom Hall's petition to "Save the Fir Trees", the owners of that piece of land—Tom Toynbee, Norm Mouat—the developers and the Credit Union would reconsider their plans and take the advice of knowledgeable people (landscapers, horticulturists) and change their building plans to include these magnificent trees in the landscape.

Instead, they were killed on a beautiful Sunday morning, when nobody was there to protest. I still can't believe it! To cut these trees because they were "in the way" and replant small ones to replace them shows absolutely no respect for nature's beauty, no love for our planet.

And I am ashamed I didn't do more than sign a petition to save them.

MARIE BEAUDOIN,
Box 1321,
Ganges.
March 19, 1984.

P.S.: The Credit Union should now change the trees in their logo for a telephone or electrical pole.

I found very interesting and

informative Walter Davis' letter last week. To know that all but one of the trees were on highway lands is infuriating. The Mouats and Toynbees had no right to have them out. They didn't even own them!!!

And the Islands Trust, shouldn't they try to preserve natural beauty, like 100-year-old trees?

Dog wants to use park

An open letter to Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring Island regional director.

Dear Dr. Borsman,

Are you an animal doctor? Just curious. You see I'm a dog afflicted with a weight problem. My owner, Alice, has me on this fitness program which includes regular trips to Portlock Park.

Last week Alice read me your director's report and ever since I've been so upset I've needed some "mild, but effective help" to keep me regular. It seems that dogs are no longer allowed at the park. Now I don't know where to go to carry out this stringent fitness program in order to maintain my figure and my youthful, shiny coat.

You know, us dogs aren't as immodest as everyone seems to think. When we need to relieve ourselves we generally choose a sheltered spot such as the tall grass or wooded area at the far end of the park. It's a very careless runner that finds himself off in the ditch and thus troubled by dirty sneakers.

Those Pampers you recommended would be fine if they were more fashionable, but I'm a black dog and white Pampers are very unbecoming. Besides, considering my weight problem, they just aren't large enough. Until we evolve into two-legged creatures following in mankind's footsteps, and are able to use the modern water closets, complete with Jacuzzis and bidets, we dogs ask you to be tolerant.

Portlock Park means a lot to me. I've met a lot of nice kids there who don't have dogs of their own at home because their parents are a lot smarter than Alice. And my friend Malcolm Legg is thinking of

starting a canine soccer team. In addition, we can be of benefit to Portlock Park by cleaning up all those deflated tennis balls that are left lying around. We like baseballs too.

We can also utilize the soggy field that people don't use this time of year.

So, in the interest of my health and welfare, and to keep me off the streets and away from sheep farms and ferry terminals, please reconsider.

DIGBY,
c/o Alice Richards,
Ganges.
March 26, 1984.

Committed to his community

Sir,

I just have to say something about a person who I feel is totally committed to his community and environment, Nick Gilbert. A member of the Islands Trust, he has spent countless hours in support of our Community Centre, Recycling Depot, Islands Trust and helping people.

He has given me and others many native plants and shrubs he has raised, along with lots of encouragement. Just a month ago he came to our place with two walnut trees looking for a home, he even planted them for me!

That's dedication!

Our Islands Trust is one of the few ways we have to protect our Island and lifestyles, it needs our support to do so.

J.R. SINCLAIR,
Old Divide Road,
R.R. 2, Ganges.
March 23, 1984.

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Nine or more members feel sewer should proceed without delay

**BY HUGH BORSMAN
Salt Spring Island
Regional Director**

I hesitate to burden you with more information concerning the Ganges sewer, but it will be a regular topic for at least the next year. The sewer will certainly be the largest and most expensive project ever undertaken by our community.

My reason for this particular report concerns a letter in the last issue of *Driftwood*, signed by seven members of the Sewer Alternatives Committee (SAC), three of whom are regular members of the Ganges Citizens' Committee (GCC).

I would like to make it perfectly clear that I am not criticizing this group. They have concerns, and they have every right to express them. My only worry is that they may have made statements that unnecessarily created doubt in your minds concerning the process being conducted. Also their reference to taxing the whole island might have alarmed some people.

I would like to explain why nine or more of the 14 persons on the GCC feel that we should proceed without further investigation or delay.

On January 5 we got word that the engineers of Underwood McLellan Ltd. had concluded that surface disposal of sewage from the Ganges area was not possible, certainly not within a radius of two miles: i.e. surface disposal was not an alternative to ocean disposal. This was a disappointment to everyone, since we all had hoped for a satisfactory but less expensive way of solving the problem.

On February 16 the whole committee, along with the chairman of the regional board, met with the engineer, Mr. McMinn. He was, not surprisingly, questioned very closely by all members of the committee, but it was concluded, and a motion duly passed by a vote of 10-3, that we would accept his conclusion and look to a collecting system, a treatment plant, and an ocean outfall to serve the Ganges core and the institutions.

TO TEST OUTFALL

Since that time the committee has met regularly, and an early decision was made to test the present outfall. A finance committee was formed which has done a great deal of work, but I will refer to this later. In early March we were informed that the regional board required a progress report on March 14. In order to prepare for this, eight motions were passed which outlined the steps the GCC had taken, and hoped to take, over the next month or so.

The SAC members on the GCC wanted to postpone the presentation to the CRD, pending further discussion. Their request was granted and three meetings

have been held since that time. The decision to present these motions was not changed, and they will be presented to the CRD board by the GCC chairman, Arvid Chalmers, on March 28.

The concern of the SAC members centred on the decision to proceed without asking the engineer to explore other options. The majority of the committee decided against further delay for the following reasons: if an outfall is essential, the only options that might be available would be (a) relocation of the treatment plant (b) change the method and/or level of treatment (c) change the location of the ocean outfall. The engineer had mentioned in his report the possibility of an outfall to Trincomali Channel, and previously mentioned had been Sansum Narrows.

The SAC members possibly felt this should be considered. The majority on the other hand argued that with an outfall already in place, it was only sensible to check that this was satisfactory before spending money on further studies.

With an outfall shortly to be tested, and a plant which should be more than adequate, the majority of the GCC, not surprisingly, felt that no other options need be considered at this time.

The engineer, Mr. McMinn, confirmed this at the meeting of March 14, when I asked him if there was any reasonable investigation he could do that might lead to a decision to alter the present plan. His answer was, "No, providing the outfall study was satisfactory." You may have noted that in the article I am referring to, the term "expedience" was used in reference to the use of the pipe and plant, both of which are paid for. Certainly it is expedient, but it is also the most sensible and prudent course of action.

Over the past many years, dating back to 1960, there have been many land studies directly or indirectly concerned with possible sewage plans. There is no firm figure, but an estimate might be \$100,000. Then, of course, there was the Pollution Control Board hearing, which cost about \$50,000. Studies on the harbour since 1979 have cost \$193,284.

The present engineering study had \$82,000 allocated to it. Studies at the outfall to satisfy the Waste Management Branch (WMB) so far have cost \$43,000, with another \$30,000 to go. Then pre- and post-installation monitoring, to satisfy the WMB, will cost about another \$80,000. In addition a dye test study of the outfall, as described, is planned for early April at a cost of about \$7,500. So, after 15 years of debate, much of it acrimonious, one

year of study by the GCC, and the expenditure of over \$300,000 for studies alone (total expenditure to date \$2,726,214.64), some are proposing that there should be further delay for further studies at further cost, although even the consulting engineer can't suggest a profitable direction to explore.

COSTLY DELAY

To give you an idea of the cost of delay, the engineering department of the CRD has recently calculated that bids for the installation of the plant and the collecting system might be as much as \$160,000 more than the bids received just over a year ago. If so, and if you add the \$82,000 for the engineering study done in that same year, the one year's delay might have cost us another quarter of a million dollars.

Finally, did the reference in the letter regarding the whole island paying alarm you? It probably did. The finance sub-committee has concluded that the sewers users would probably be able to afford operating costs, but not debt retirement. An arrangement with municipal affairs, which has previously been described in *Driftwood*, would probably pay for about half (or \$40,000) of annual debt retirement.

HOPES ARE SLIM

The problem is raising the other \$40,000. Attempts will be made to try and extract at least part of this from the regional or provincial governments, but we don't have high hopes. There remains the possibility of persuading all residents of the island to assist by paying an average of about nine to 10 dollars a year for the term of the loan.

For those whose taxes are covered by the homeowner grant, the provincial government would in fact be paying the amount for them. This is just a proposal. We know there are pros and cons, and you will have ample opportunity to discuss it, and eventually vote for or against it. I promise that you will always be kept informed.

You are welcome to sit in on the GCC meetings, and at the end of the meeting, if you can last that long, ask questions. Or you can contact any one of the committee. I will be pleased to try and answer your questions if you can catch me at home at 537-5211.

W. E. SMITH
Denturist
537-9611

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Transit levy taxation

BY HUGH BORSMAN

There are two items of particular interest at this time. The decision to tax the people of the Gulf Islands for transit service is the hottest topic. The Ganges sewer will be in the news on a regular basis from now on, but since this week's report is lengthy, I have submitted it in a separate article. Then there are two additional items that should be of interest to you.

Until Thursday last, the CRD was involved with the transit service. At that time the B.C. Transit Act was amended to give the Victoria Regional Transit Commission sole jurisdiction with the power to tax users (and, it would appear, non-users!).

A meeting of this commission was held Thursday and it was apparently a unanimous decision to assess the residents of the Gulf Islands \$1.70 a month, which is the same as all others in the region. As far as I can make out this would raise about \$150,000 a year.

There are many objections to this decision and Vern Roddick, the Outer Islands regional director, and myself will first of all make many further inquiries before deciding what must be done. This of course will include meeting with the chairman of the commission, Alderman Frank Carson of Victoria, and our MLA, Mr. Hugh Curtis. On Salt Spring, as it happens, there is a meeting of the Salt Spring Transportation Committee on April 2. This will be a good time to air your views and give me further direction.

Without discussing the pros (if any) and cons of this decision at this

time, my own personal chief objection is that this decision was made without us having any opportunity to discuss the matter with members of the commission, i.e. it is taxation without representation.

As you will have surmised, the excuse for this move is that the bus at Swartz Bay is used by islanders. This is something you can help with: how much is it used?

Please come to the meeting next Monday.

The home nursing service, which had been discontinued last year, was re-introduced a few weeks ago. We are grateful to Dr. Arneil and Fran McAdoo RN, the home care supervisor, for arranging it.

We are most fortunate to have Sue Blagborne, RN, assuming this position. She has the advantage of being tremendously competent, but also knowing the island and its people, since she was formerly the public health nurse.

I recall that the Outer Gull Islands wished to enact a firearms bylaw last year, and I recall that the previous Salt Spring director was asked if she wished Salt Spring Island to be included. At first she declined but I understand some time later agreed.

I heard no more about until two weeks ago, March 14, when the bylaw, now including Salt Spring Island, came up for adoption and was passed.

Basically it just restricts the discharge of firearms within 150 metres of dwellings, schools, playgrounds, etc., and within 25 metres of the travelled portion of a highway. There are fines for contravening the bylaw.

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Identical twins born

Twins were born last week at Lady Minto Hospital to Mike and Lesley Stacey. The two boys are identical twins and have three sisters waiting for them at home. Lesley Stacey holds brothers Robert and Joseph, who were three days old when photo was taken.

Baha'is celebrate new year

Salt Spring Island Baha'is gathered at Central Hall March 20 to celebrate the 141st new year of the Baha'i calendar. The occasion is known as Naw Ruz, Persian for "new day".

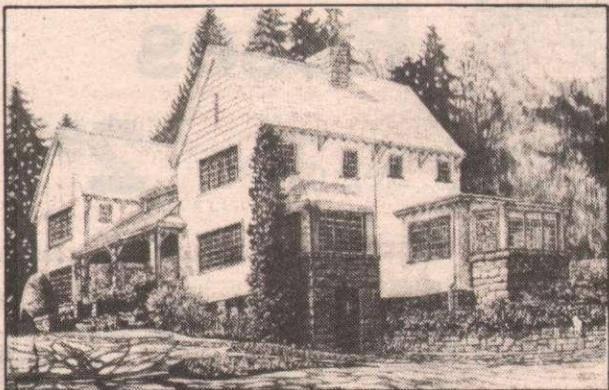
Following a prayer for the unity of mankind, two children passed a flower to each person present. Highlight of the evening was a ballet performance by Alana Bergstrom. The rest of the evening was devoted to dancing, fellowship and a spread of fruit and home baking.

The festival signals the end of the annual 19-day fast during which adults refrain from food and drink between dawn and sunset. The Baha'i community observes a new solar calendar of 19 months, each with 19 days. Each month is named for an attribute of God, such as

glory, knowledge, justice and mercy.

Spokesman Tom Volquardsen explains that Naw Ruz has a special significance because Baha'is believe that in this day all of humanity is challenged to become unified and to gradually establish a peaceful world civilization.

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Yes, there is rubble

"There is no rubble around Mahon Hall," says a spokesman for the Gulf Islands School Board.

But Parks and Recreation Commission chairman Glenn Woodley looked the property over and told the commission Monday: "I went out there tonight to look and there is, well, rubble there."

The school board will be asked again to clean up the property.

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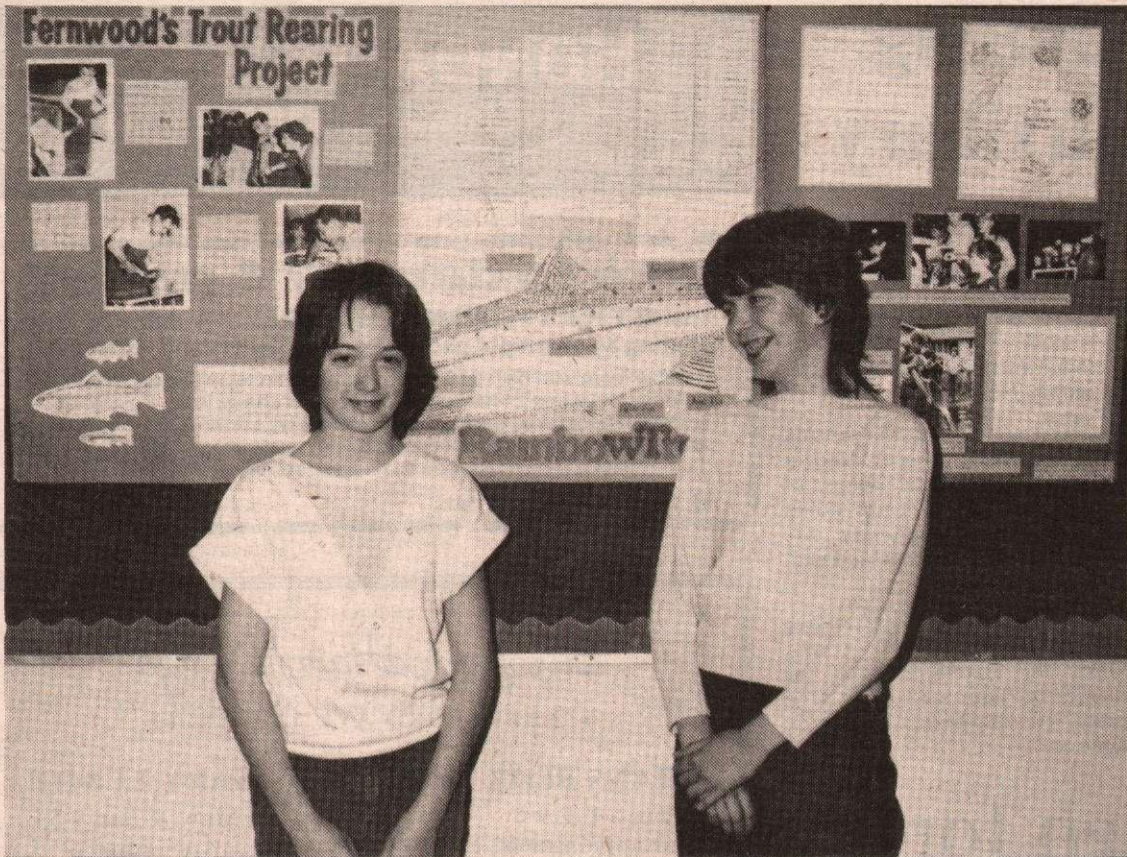
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The final episode in the Fernwood School rainbow trout rearing project was written last week when the Grade 6 class finished compiling data and information to send to the Fraser Valley hatchery as thanks for their part in the

project. The project, which began in November 1982, culminated in the release in May 1983 of 670 rainbow trout fry into Weston Lake at Beaver Point. Fish and wildlife branch people came to the school from the Fraser Valley hatchery with mature female trout ready to spawn, and deposited the eggs in the school aquarium where they grew until they were large enough to be

released at various intervals. In photo, Heather Thomson and Christine Karlson, both in Grade 6, stand in front of display to be sent to the hatchery on behalf of the school.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Liberals elect new directors

Liberal party on Salt Spring Island marked its annual meeting on Friday last week with a luncheon at Harbour House Hotel.

Meeting heard a summary of the national scene from Michael Coleman, president of the Cowichan, Malahat and the Islands Liberal Association.

He told the gathering that delegates to the national nomination convention will be selected at Chemainus on April 28.

The meeting elected a new slate of officers: president, Frank Richards; vice-president, Betty Carroll; secretary, Margaret Mackintosh and treasurer, Jean Brindamour. Pat Meagher is past president.

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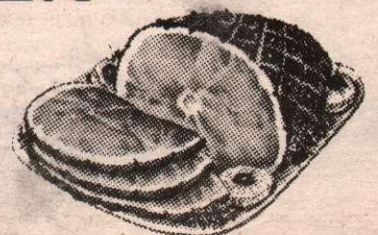
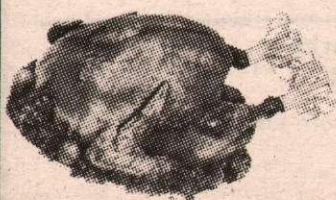
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Sea lion, bald eagle are among animals helped by local auxiliary

1983 was a busy year for the Salt Spring auxiliary to the Victoria Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) reports president Ann McPhee.

She sent a report on Salt Spring activities to the Victoria branch to summarize events of last year.

The inspector for the island group treated a wide range of animals during the year. With the help of a local veterinarian, the inspector looked after a sea lion, a bald eagle as well as various sea gulls, pigeons, owls, fawns and painted turtles.

The inspector, reported McPhee, answered 746 calls, worked 197½ hours and travelled 1,403 miles on SPCA business. In addition, the inspector checked 10 complaints of cruelty which were either unfounded or resolved.

One of the main items of concern to the inspector and the local branch was that of dogs riding loose in the back of pickup trucks. With the help of Ganges detachment RCMP, many people were made aware of the danger to both the animals and to people, McPhee noted.

The October fund-raising drive netted the auxiliary \$1,500 and they made more money on a Christmas raffle.

McPhee said that assistance to seniors, for pet care and emergency veterinary bills, had been given. For those people who could not afford the cost, assistance had been given for spaying or neutering animals.

The balance sheet showed an operating profit for the Salt Spring auxiliary of \$1,151.82. The profit came after \$4,322.17 was spent from

the \$5,473.99 available during the year.

The auxiliary began the year with \$2,090.67 cash on hand and ended it with \$3,242.49.

Included in the figures was \$270 from membership fees.

Recognition of the Salt Spring auxiliary came from Victoria branch president Marie Heaps. In her year-end report, Heaps noted "the Salt Spring auxiliary has carried the banner on the island with pride.

"They have done outstanding work in caring for the cruelly treated, the abandoned and the injured. In addition, they raise money to support the entire operation."

21 computers not enough for school district, trustees told

Computers are useful in Gulf Islands schools but there should be more of them, Salt Spring teacher Tom McKeachie told the school board recently.

McKeachie provides liaison between the school board and the school district computer committee and when he explained the use of computers, he asked for guidance for the future.

The machines have been in use in Gulf Islands schools for about two years and there are currently 21 spread throughout the district. The emphasis to date has been on teaching teachers how to use them, he said.

As a tool for students, computers offer themselves as sources of information and help teach problem solving. But as an aid to regular instruction, the computer is not going to be as great as originally thought, he told the school trustees.

The only structured and formal use of computers comes in a Grade 12 course, computer science, but children in every grade have had experience using them.

The computer committee is

looking at the possibility of having at least one computer for every two students. The initial drawbacks are costs and no formal curriculum for computer studies.

To develop a curriculum would take a person two or three years, he noted.

In the classroom, a computer program known as LOGO aids the students in problem solving. The students must tell the computer exactly what is needed to reproduce graphics such as a square. If the instructions are not precise, the computer either won't react or produces something else.

When hooked to a word processor, computers encourage students to show greater creativity in writing, he said.

McKeachie presented the school board with a plan for the purchase of computers for Fernwood School.

The cost, as suggested by the plan, could be \$13,905.

The trustees asked McKeachie to talk with the computer committee again. They requested a set of firm recommendations of what the committee wants and expects with a

report to be made in April.

The school board, meanwhile, will explore the possibility of financial aid coming from the ministry of education for improvements to the computer program in Gulf Islands schools.

The board will be asking for at least \$46,000 to begin the expansion of the program.

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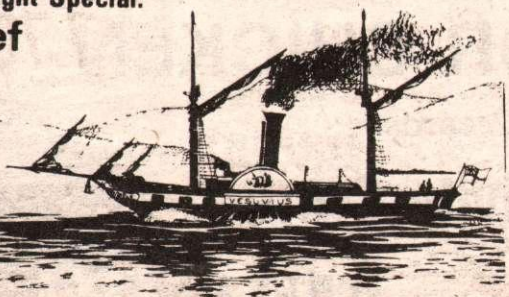
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April schedule prepared

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has started a new category for its activities, called "easy", because of the large number of participants who are turning up every Tuesday.

The club's April schedule begins next Tuesday, the third, with an easy walk, a regular walk and a hike. The first will follow the pipeline trail to Cusheon Lake with leader Ernie Jenkins while the second will be a leader's choice affair in the Walker Hook area with Marg Pragnall.

Tor Miles will lead the hike in the Arnell Park area. Meeting place for all three is Centennial Park at 10 am.

On April 10 there will be an easy and a regular walk to study geology

on Mt. Tuam with leaders Wib and Caroline Moore. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15.

Also on the 10th Bob Robertson will lead a hike on Mt. Prevost near Duncan. Participants will meet at Centennial Park at 9:30 for carpooling to catch the 10 am ferry from Vesuvius.

Joan Lott will lead an easy riverside walk on the Cowichan River April 17 while Val Keys will conduct a hike along a Cowichan River footpath. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 9:30 for carpooling to catch the 10 am Vesuvius ferry.

There will be a regular walk the same day, leader's choice in the Long Harbour area. Leader is Marjorie Beggs and walkers will

meet at Centennial Park at 10 am.

On April 24 Anne-Marie Dahlke will conduct an easy walk at the Ruckle home and Ruckle Park. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15. Tom Fraser will conduct a leader's choice regular walk in the Arnell Park area and Nancy Braithwaite will lead a hike at Bold Bluff. Walkers and hikers will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am.

Details are published in a classified ad this week concerning a trip to Seattle in June to see a display of Chinese art.

On June 5, 6 and 7 the club is planning an overnight trip to the San Juan Islands. Those interested in going should book now with Jack Foster or Norah Ray.

GOLF NEWS

Bridge tourney raises \$80

BY PAT DOHERTY

The wind-up luncheon for the Alice Hammett Bridge Tournament was held last Thursday at the Salt Spring Golf Club. There were 88 players this year, and about \$800 was raised for the ladies' section of the club for improvements to the clubhouse.

First prize and club trophy were won by Marjorie Russell and Ilse Foster. Second prize, Dorothy Graham and Shirley Graham; third prize, Lois Popkin-Clurman and Wendy Hyslop; most slams Dorothy Sneddon and Irene Hawksworth. Door prize was won by Bunny Jordan.

The club will be a very busy place on Tuesday as the ladies are still adding their names to the sheets for golf and lunch. It will also be noisy in the clubhouse.

The rules of golf are updated every four years and this is the year for an update and revision. Anyone who has any intention of playing competitive golf should be aware of the rules and carry a rule book in his golf bag.

Some of our ladies, while travelling to play off-island matches, have been called by their opponents for rule infractions. They have accepted the penalty points only to find out later, to their chagrin, that their opponents were wrong in calling the penalty. However, by that time the match is over and result stands.

The ladies attended a recent meeting where Malcolm went over the new rules. Over 50 ladies turned out, which proves they are more interested in knowing where they stand as to rulings.



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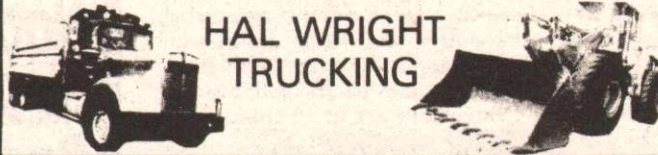
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Party needs organizing to win election, says Stupich

The New Democratic Party faces problems from within, David Stupich told a Ganges audience last week. The veteran Nanaimo MLA was on Salt Spring talking to New Democrats in his bid to become the next provincial party leader.



Dave Stupich

"Coming to Ganges," he said, "is like starting my life over."

Back in 1949, Stupich attended his first political meeting as a candidate. The meeting was held in Mahon Hall and he was seeking election to the provincial legislature for the riding of Nanaimo and the Islands.

He lost that election but kept trying and by 1963, Stupich was the sitting member for the riding. He has been re-elected in each election since except for a loss in 1969 which he made up for in 1972.

"I believe," he told the party members gathered in the United Church Hall, "if we're going to win the next election, and we have to win the next election for the sake of the party and of B.C., we must organize."

That is a weakness of the NDP today, he said.

After his loss in 1969, he became a party president. The first order of business as he saw it was to organize the party at the constituency level. He travelled around the province talking to people who would listen.

The NDP at that time was going through a leadership campaign. Memberships grew and Stupich was talking to party officials to make sure that people felt they were part of the party.

By 1972, he said, the NDP didn't go after power. They fought the

election riding by riding. And won.

But the party let membership and organization slide.

Now they must begin again, he indicated, and the new leader will offer a real opportunity for the party to reach out to new members.

"The party has to be more aggressive," he said, "in exposing what the Socreds have done."

But the party must also be aggressive in putting forward policies of its own in a way which people understand. He suggested that experts in such fields as agriculture or finance be brought in to help draft those policies.

He came back to the need for organization to mention the problems which the Vancouver headquarters of the party is experiencing. The party faces a debt from the last election, he noted.

Membership fees bring in \$1 million each year but the party ends each year with a deficit.

"How can we convince the voters that we can run the province if we can't manage the party?" he asked.

On the subject of the relationship between trade unions and the NDP, Stupich said, "I'm not going to turn my back on trade unions."

The party hasn't taken advantage of the relationship, he said. It could be used as a means of talking with every unionist in the province and getting them to join the party on

their own, he said.

The NDP, since it lost the 1975 election, has been blamed for creating the provincial debt. But, said Stupich, the debt was created three months after the NDP left office.

The Socreds borrowed heavily in order to give money to crown corporations, he said. The special "rainy-day" account had been doubled to \$5 million under the NDP and on the day the party gave up government, the bank account for the province stood at \$23 million.

The Socreds gave that money away and had to borrow \$231 million more. The reason they gave,

said Stupich, was that ICBC needed the money to pay its workers.

But, he said, the money was borrowed from ICBC.

Unemployment and the financial situation should be a priority of government, he said.

The government should be looking at long-range problems but should address the emergency situation facing people right now. Public works projects in every community would put people to work.

"There is so much to be done in B.C."

"We have to get beyond the situation we're in now, before we can change society."

Dye test results negative

A dye test carried out on the water recycling system of the laundromat at the Valcourt Centre at Ganges has proved negative.

An official of the waste management branch came to the island recently to test the system. Although no dye discharge was seen, the official did express concern about a pipe which ran down the hill behind the centre. At the end of the pipe in a stand of trees was a large area covered with sludge.

The recycle system is supposed to maintain the full volume of water and not discharge any of it, the official noted.

The official also had taken samples of water which flowed from another pipe coming from the centre down the hill to a clump of blackberry bushes on the side of Desmond Crescent.

Results of tests on the various samples taken have not been released.

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GALIANO NEWS

Devina Baines gave much of herself to community

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Devina Baines was born September 29, 1908, and brought to Galiano nine days later. Apart from her high school years which she spent in Victoria and in Alberta, all her life was spent at North Galiano.

Her father, Sticks Allison, was so named because he walked with crutches and later with the aid of a stick as a result of injuries caused by a mining accident at Nanaimo. Her young mother, Matilda, granddaughter of Scotty Georgeson, died in December 1915 when Devina was only seven. Her father insisted on raising his two young daughters himself.

Sticks Allison was the first lighthouse keeper at the double light marking Porlier Pass, and the family bond with the sea stayed strong with Devina all her life. From the age of eight or nine she assumed responsibility for the Race Point Light, and she continued this, with the exception of her high school years, until she married.

Her husband, Harry, made a large model of Devina's lighthouse which still occupies pride of place in their garden.

Early in life Devina learned kindness to one's fellows from her father's examples. Often an extra place was laid at table for someone who had been rescued from the gulf, stormbound or delayed by engine trouble. The girls would often help Sticks sound the fog-horn, homemade and operated by hand.

At Christmas they would help their father distribute slabs of homemade Christmas pudding to every Indian neighbour and Japanese fishermen of whom there were many at North Galiano.

Devina was married to Harry Baines on January 26, 1928. All their married life they have remained loving companions and enjoyed the blessing of seven children, Joy, Jeanne, Harry, Thelma, Laurence, Tilly and Lloyd, and later several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Devina was a most devoted wife and mother.

Besides being, as all good mothers are, extremely busy, Devina gave much of herself to the community. She was both Spanish Hills storekeeper and North Galiano postmistress. Until quite recently she was deputy returning officer. For more than 40 years she was Red Cross collector and acted as North Galiano correspondent for *Driftwood* and the *Sidney Review*. Many of the cards she wrote as sunshine convener for the Galiano Ladies Service Club and the North Galiano Community Association are treasured for their "from the heart" messages.

She was particularly attached to the North Galiano Community Association, and was proud to ride at the head of the parade at the Annual Jamboree Day on Canada Day, July 1. Two years ago she and her family prepared a book of their favourite recipes, *From Dogwood Valley*, the proceeds from the sale of which went to the association.

Devina's interests were not confined to North Galiano.

Whenever she was able, she attended meetings of the Ladies Service Club and was for a time treasurer of the Galiano Branch of the Senior Citizens' Association. She attended St. Margaret's Church and just over a year ago was an interested observer at a christening of 14 in which a dozen members of her family participated.

She especially enjoyed services at the North Galiano Hall, whether by Anglican ministers coming by boat from Mayne, interdenominational groups from Thetis Island or shantymen. In 1955 three of her immediate family were confirmed by Bishop Sexton and two of her daughters, Tilly and Jeanne, married in a double ceremony.

On Saturday, March 17 Devina with her family attended the Lions Annual Seafood Dinner and Dance in the activity centre. Just over two days later between two and three o'clock in the morning, she died peacefully in her sleep.

On Friday afternoon last her family and friends gathered in the activity centre again at a memorial service, to sing Devina's favourite hymns. The service was led by Jim McAlonan, crew member of the inter-faith mission boat, *Coastal Messenger*.

Devina was buried at St. John's Anglican Church, Ladysmith, on Monday. Contributions to the Heart Fund or the Cancer Fund, or flowers which Devina so much loved, will be gratefully received.

Galiano Club

About two dozen members of the Galiano Club attended the resumed annual general meeting of the club on Saturday. The financial statement was read by treasurer Jim Scoones, who was able to report that the combined cash balance is about \$9,000 compared with \$6,000 at the previous year's end.

This amount is divided between the general fund and a separate account now kept for operating the solid waste disposal facility. The Bluff Trust Fund also contains in excess of \$9,000.

Twelve directors were elected by acclamation: Ollie Garner, Michael Hoebel, Jackie Besler, Mary Ann

Bennett, Jean Tully, Joe Fleming, Mary Harding, Allan Buttery, Jim Scoones, Valerie Sibelius, Janet Marshall and Mark Holloway. The directors will elect their own table officers at their first meeting.

An important feature of the meeting was a revision of the club bylaws to bring them in line with the Society Act. The proposed revision, worked at over several years, was amended in one respect by the meeting to ensure that at any general meeting of the club a quorum must consist of more general members than directors. From 1985 on directors will be elected for two-year terms.

The constitution outlining the objectives of the club remains unchanged. The spending limits imposed by the bylaws have been increased to make allowances for inflation. Any purchase or contract for repairs or renovations exceeding \$2,000 must be approved by a 75% vote of the members present at a special general meeting. All repairs exceeding \$200 must be by contract or tender.

The executive was asked to examine the possibility of the club owning, leasing, managing or accepting as gift crown land on Galiano, particularly parcels adjoining Bluff Park.

The Galiano Branch of the Senior Citizens of B.C. have asked the Galiano Club to consider allowing the branch to build a wing on to the Community Hall or alternatively put a module unit on club land, for use as a senior citizens drop-in centre.

The reduced attendance at general meetings, lack of interest in and support for the club is a matter of concern. It was perhaps inevitable that the activity centre and the society that helps operate it should siphon off rental revenue and funds from the Community Club, but the Galiano Club is responsible for services that no other organization provides.

Galiano residents need these services and should therefore support the Galiano Club. It might help if the club did not schedule its meetings at times that coincide with other previously arranged island functions.

Violins by Cam Trowsdale

For 46 years the violin has dominated Cam Trowsdale's life. Last Saturday evening at the North Community Hall he shared his deep knowledge of and enthusiasm for this "most sophisticated and complex instrument" with an audience.

He began with the evolution of stringed instruments which were at first plucked until the Arabs invented the bow. The present shape of the violin has remained almost constant since 1500 but in the 19th century strings of silk, hemp or gut were replaced by metal to give a louder, richer sound compared with the softer, clearer, more mellow

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Notice of Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Mayne Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Mayne Island at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on Saturday, April 7, 1984.

M. LEE,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ISLANDS TRUST

Mayne Island Trust Committee

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-laws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the Agricultural Hall, Mayne Island on **SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1984**, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

- Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee By-law No. 30 being "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning By-law, 1980, Amendment By-law No. 1, 1984", is a By-law to amend Mayne Island Trust Committee By-law No. 14 being the "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning By-law, 1980". In general terms, the intent of the By-law is:
 - to add a new zoning classification being the C-2 0 (Settlement Commercial - Office) Zone which would permit professional and business offices. In addition, the By-law also regulates building height and setbacks from property lines;
 - to change the zoning classification of Lot 36, Plan 22057, Section 6, Mayne Island, Cowichan District from the SR (Settlement Residential) Zone to the C-2 0 (Settlement Commercial - Office) Zone;
 - to designate Lot 36, Plan 22057, Section 6, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, as a Development Permit area.

The property affected is located adjacent to the Village Bay ferry terminal, at the junction of Wood Dale Drive, Deacon Road and Dalton Drive.

- Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee By-law No. 31 being "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning By-law, 1980, Amendment By-law No. 2, 1984", is a By-law to amend Mayne Island Trust Committee By-law No. 14 being the "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning By-law, 1980". In general terms, the intent of the By-law is:
 - to change the zoning classification of part of the North Half of the North East Quarter of Section 7, Mayne Island, Cowichan District from the Industrial (I) Zone to the Rural (R) Zone;
 - to rescind the Development Permit designation of part of the North Half of the North East Quarter of Section 7, Mayne Island, Cowichan District.

The area affected is located at the southern end of "Mill Road", off Fernhill Road.

A copy of the proposed By-laws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 716 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 720(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C., 1979, C.290, an additional copy of the proposed By-laws may be inspected at the Post Office, Mayne Island.

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The story so far:

- Rico Holdings proposes a subdivision at Musgrave Landing.
- Island Trust recommends rejection unequivocally, unanimously. There are major non-conforming defects vis-a-vis the Community Plan.
- Adjacent owners also opposed.
- Highways Ministry (the approving authority) also rules against the proposal.
- Rico re-submits. *And we must note that in a letter from the Ministry "...the proposal does not vary significantly from the original...."*
- Island Trust recommends rejection again. It's now March 28/83. We wait for Highways' response. Rico submits nothing more (as far as we know).
- *A month later the Minister himself writes—directly—to Makaroff: "...my Ministry has received all the agencies' comments...the subdivision as proposed has been refused."* Date—June 2/83.
- Summer goes by—nothing seems to be happening.
- **THEN**, Island Trust receives copy Sept. 20/83 (over two months after the Minister's assurances—dated Sept. 14/83—a preliminary layout approval has been granted Rico, **A COMPLETE ABOUT-FACE!**)
- With no prior consultation with the Trust or its planners, no public notice, and no notice to adjacent owners.
- Dec. 3/83: *the Minister personally proposes a meeting to Trust AFTER March 14/83* between Trust, developer and Ministry.
- **WHY AFTER?**

• **Feb.-Mar./84: UNPRECEDENTED WORK ON MUSGRAVE ROAD!**

- The urban media pick it up:
Times-Colonist, Mar. 13/84: "the government could allay a great many concerns if it were to refrain from overriding the decisions of the Trust."
Vancouver Sun, Mar. 16/84: Moira Farrow interviewing John Rich, vice-chairman of the Trust—"Road Work Labelled Aid to Developer".
- Judging from the number of items in the March 21/84 *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, **it is clear that the public is being misled into believing that nothing unusual is being done to the Musgrave Road.** Now we have driven back and forth over that road winter and summer for over ten years, on an average of once every other week, and often weekly for long periods. At its worst, this winter, a daughter drove over in a Honda Civic without difficulty. It was rough but one had only to drive slowly and carefully.

- Federal vehicles have used the road for all these years too, without any serious difficulty, when maintenance consisted of nothing more than a light grading once a year or even less often, with a sprinkling of gravel here and there, **even in good times when lavish government spending on roads was legendary!**

- In these last ten years there has never been such extensive improvement over such large sections of the whole length of the road right down to the Landing itself—as we have seen in the last month or so—extensive ditching, widening, gravelling, multiple culverting. A lot of it seems preliminary to much more thorough upgrading. **The suspicion is unavoidable—is it being done to remove one of the embarrassing impediments to the pushing of Rico's subdivision proposal?**

- Half way along the road to the harbour, after the Mt. Tuam and the Federal Govt.'s facilities, the road serves only a few owners besides Rico Holdings. The owners of one or two smaller parcels rarely visit their lands, and have made no requests for this work to the best of our knowledge.

- The other adjacent owners—the Kelloggs and ourselves and the separate owners of two other quarter sections have indicated their strong opposition to the subdivision proposal.

• **It is impossible to take seriously the claim reported to be made by government apologists that this recent road work is "routine maintenance"!**

- In a period of so-called restraint, surely there is no justification for anything more than the bare minimum maintenance on a primitive road almost as long as the Fulford-Ganges highway, being used by so few people.

- **What can we conclude about a Highways Ministry** which will allow a reversal of its rejection of a subdivision application if the developer agrees not to ask for any road improvement, and then, without notice or consultation with the Trust, other owners or the public (which will be paying for it)—proceeds to **undertake an expensive upgrading which clearly benefits an owner whose proposal is seen by Trust as a flagrant violation of the Community Plan?**

- Consider the urban-sized lots proposed, completely ringing the harbour. Add tennis courts, water storage and sewage disposal systems, 30-berth marina plus telephone and hydro services (presently a mile away). **Only the wealthy will be able to afford to buy here! And you and I will be subsidizing the whole deal** right left and centre, at a time when everyone else, and especially the poor and disadvantaged, are being told to do with less or do without because the government just hasn't the money!

- Salt Spring and the other islands desperately need to face up to the special pressures on its fragile assets. During the past few years, while B.C.'s population increased by 11%, Salt Spring's went up 34%.

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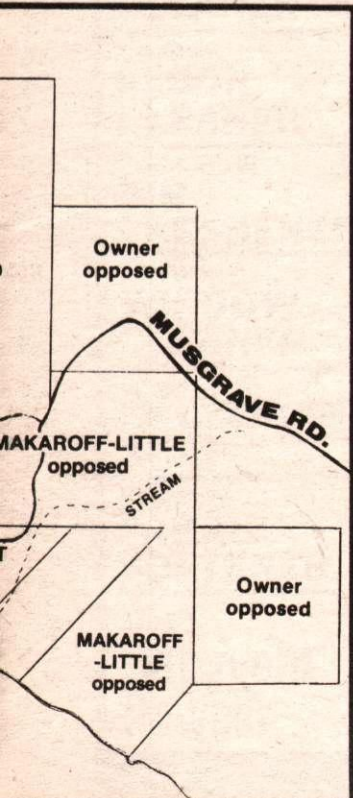
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- It would be unforgivable if we betrayed succeeding generations by being *so short-sighted as to allow the little harbour, so strategic a terminus and gateway at the end of the Musgrave Road, to be choked off by a concentrated subdivision such as Rico proposes.*

- Let's hear from the planners. They must surely see what space must be provided at such a terminus in the future—starting from the mundane needs for parking, shelter, storage of fuel, water, sewage, etc. required to handle the needs generated by increased subdivision, population and tourist traffic.

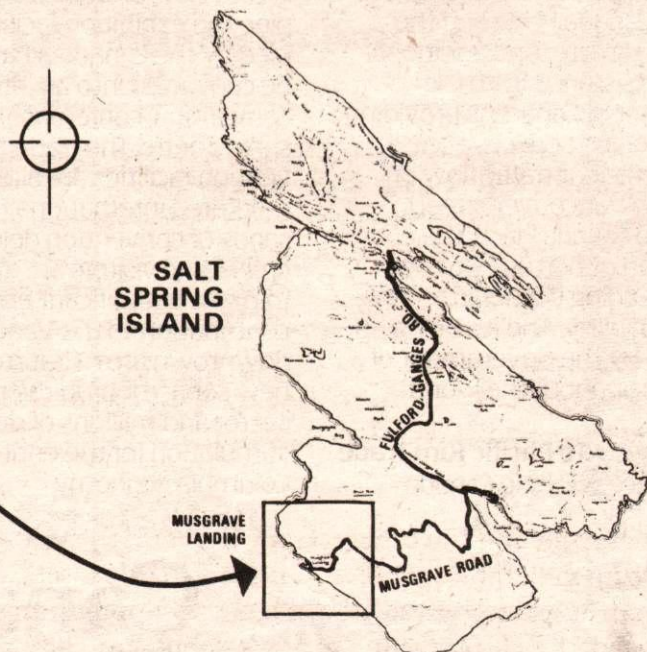
- Properly handled, such increased use by more people will be manageable if the first subdivisions are kept well back from the harbour and at a much lower density. *Final decisions, especially in the initial stages of development, should not be made in haste, in secret and without broad community participation.*

- Surely we should avoid decisions which exclude others who will be directly affected. *Normal procedures designed to protect those interests and those of the community should not be by-passed.* Secretive ad-hoc decisions generate suspicions that they are motivated purely by the lure of speculative profits, and promoted by influential people who have no concern for the long term effects.

- *Musgrave has been singled out by major conservationist organizations like the Nature Conservancy and Second Century Fund as one of those areas with particularly unique and natural locales deserving special efforts at protection.*

- The urban-like concentration in the harbour area will totally destroy the existing ambience. The trees will largely die or have to be removed to accommodate the density of housing proposed.

- Some of the known principals of Rico Holdings were involved in the logging of most of the land Rico now wishes to subdivide. For those who knew what it was once like before this last stand of incomparably sited natural forest was taken off, the resultant wasteland, still a mess after all these years,



has been a cruel lesson. *Only broad aroused community support can hope to moderate the impact of non-resident entrepreneurs.* To save any of it, we were forced to buy 70 acres (which we have pledged to preserve undeveloped).

- *Unfortunately, it looks like there's going to be a court battle.* The indication that the developer is asking for a 6-month extension was news to us, but hardly unexpected, and we had no response to our request to be present at the meeting on March 27.

- The Island Trust has been saved before. It will require concerted community action to win another reprieve and save the Community Plan as well. *An adverse decision on Musgrave could destroy both.*

What can be done?

- *So hound your politicians and civil servants!*
- *Demand full public disclosures and discussions!*
- *Drive the Musgrave Road and see what they're up to!*

- *Contact us if you have special knowledge or information or expertise and would be willing to be called to give evidence* to support our challenge of the Highways Ministry's handling of this issue. We need affidavit-supported testimony, and the help of planners, foresters, tree planters, biologists, soil experts, botanists and so on!

- Most of us feel an obligation to contribute to worthy causes such as the United Way or Amnesty International, for example. It is unfortunate that people have to divert energy and money from worthwhile activities desperate for support, while being taxed to fund administrations which are supposed to be protecting our interests in an impartial and responsible manner.

- For us, this is additionally highlighted by the reception by the Ministry staff of our proposal to consider diverting part of the Musgrave Road through Rico property. It would actually serve Rico as well, be no more difficult to build, and would avoid the inevitable destruction of some of the 70 acres of forest we bought to save, and pledged to preserve, when the time comes that development demands a first class road. Initial enquiries indicated there was little point in pursuing the matter!

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(Please write rather than phone, if possible)

SOCCER SCOREBOARD

Div. 5 Cup: Salt Spring Selects 4 (D. Kirkpatrick 2, M. Nordine, B. Berry), Peninsula 0.

Div. 6 Cup: Salt Spring Sounders 1 (P. Hatch), Lakehill 0.

Girls: Salt Spring Cosmos 0, Oak Bay 4.

INTRA-ISLAND

Senior: Lazars 0, Sharks 0; Fury 0, Stingers 2 (X. Lam, T. Lam); Dodgers 0, Kicks 1 (Default); Sharks 0, Kicks 1 (D. Marshall); Stingers 1 (Default), Dodgers 0; Fury 0, Lazars 1 (C. Ulansky).

Junior: Demons 0, Panthers 0; Mites 4 (H. Jason 3, D. Hawkes), Leopards 0; Eagles 0, Devils 0; Panthers 1 (G. Kaye), Devils 0; Leopards 0, Eagles 3 (D. Carey); Mites 0, Demons 0.

Slugs melted 10-2 by new team

"You know what salt does to slugs."

That was one comment made by a Salt Spring Island ice hockey player this week after Team Slug was slaughtered at Fuller Lake last Friday. The Slugs were melted 10-2 by a new island team called the Salties.

The game belonged to the new team from beginning to end—by the end of the first period the Salties were already up by four goals.

Towards the end of the game it looked as if the Salties would win 9-2. But to even out the score, Slug Rob Cook sent the puck into his own net to make it an even 10.

Salties goals were scored by Tranter, Styles, Akerman, Robinson, Kitchen and Cook. Sinclair and Topping scored for the Slugs.

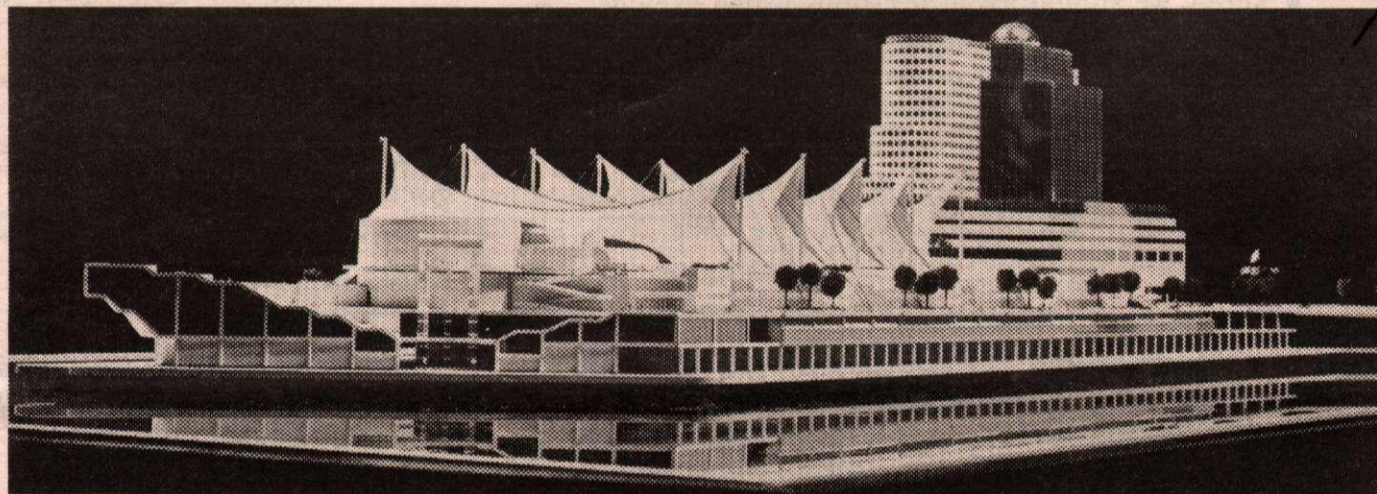
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Canada Place And Expo 86. An Update:

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There's a lot going on at the foot of Burrard Street in Vancouver. The cable-suspended roof will soon cover the Canadian EXPO 86 Pavilion. And after the fair, the Canadian Pavilion will remain as a world class trade and convention centre. Cruise ships will tie up to the dock apron surrounding the centre. Passengers with money to spend will generate revenue for local businesses.

Jobs Now

During the four years of its construction phase, Canada Place is providing 5,300 person years of employment. That's welcome employment for construction workers

right now—when they need it most. And Canadian contractors are in charge of all the work.

The Canadian Pavilion During EXPO 86

During the exciting months of EXPO 86, you'll have a chance to visit Canada Place at its finest. Canada Place will be this country's showcase for demonstrating leadership in transportation and communications. The Canadian Host Pavilion will be the focal point of the Government of Canada's participation in the fair. The new federal/provincial funded ALRT system will quietly whisk you between Canada Place and the main EXPO 86 site. And additional financial assistance from the Government of Canada is providing a new road and services access, ensuring efficient traffic flow on downtown Vancouver streets adjacent to Canada Place. The entire project is an opportunity to demonstrate leading Canadian technological capability. And it's being promoted by the Government of Canada throughout the world.

The Gateway To Pacific Rim Trade
Canada Place will help Canada

share in the economic growth of the Pacific Rim. The Vancouver Board of Trade has joined the World Trade Centre Association and will establish a World Trade Centre at Canada Place. This Centre will be a clearing house for Canadian economic and marketing information for international traders. The Canadian Asia Pacific Foundation will also set up offices at Canada Place to further bind economic ties with Asian markets.

Permanent Jobs For The Future

After EXPO 86, Canada Place will create 2,200 permanent jobs on the pier. The exhibition facilities occupied by the Canadian Pavilion will be converted into an international convention, conference and trade-show centre. The trade and convention facilities are already being marketed internationally. Thousands of convention delegates and cruise ship visitors are expected to make a significant economic contribution to the Vancouver downtown area. That means more new service jobs in the private sector and millions of dollars of stimulation for the entire British Columbia economy.

CANADA PLACE VANCOUVER

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Margaret Howell and Steven Gaylor in rehearsal for *Table Manners*

GALIANO NEWS

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tones of older violins. The longer modern bow was introduced by Paganini, who also altered the bridge and lengthened the neck. This, with his amazing technique, produced a more exciting sound.

The instruments made by the Amatis and Stradivarius in the 18th century have never been equalled since. The latest theory of their unique character is that the seasoned wood from which they were made had been soaked in solutions of minerals, some particles of which remained in the wood, thus changing its resonance.

Cam's discourse was illuminated by frequent demonstrations on one of the three violins he had with him, using either the modern or the baroque bow. A very enjoyable evening concluded with the showing of the 1939 film *They Shall Have Music* starring the renowned violinist Heifetz.

Coming events

This evening (Wednesday) the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a general meeting at 7 pm in the South Community Hall, at which John Langston, a representative of B.C. Hydro, will be present. The main item on the agenda is a discussion of the frequent power outages that occur on Galiano and the other Gulf Islands.

The Red Cross drive for funds on Galiano will end on March 31. Donations by mail or in person may be made to Margaret Robson before that date so that Galiano's past record of generosity to the Red Cross will be maintained.

Rev. Sydney Bell will lead an

ecumenical service at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday at 10:30 am.

Tickets costing \$5 will be on sale from this Thursday for the forthcoming production on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, of Alan Ayckbourn's play *Table Manners*, by the Galiano Players.

This two-act play is part of a trilogy which has received wide acclaim in London and New York. The cast of six comprises Enid

Gaylor, Margaret Howell, Rosemary Walker, Ken Pattison, Steve Gaylor and Ben Miltner. Doors open at 7:30 and curtain is up at 8 pm sharp.

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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT Notice of Local Court of Revision

PARCEL TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS—1984

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Salt Spring Island Highland Water System
Saturna Island Water System

Take notice that the first sitting of the Local Court of Revision, pursuant to Section 484 of the Municipal Act, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 1984 in the Board Room of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. to hear appeals against the aforementioned 1984 parcel tax assessment roll.

The Local Court of Revision will hear only those appeals filed in writing with the undersigned at least 48 hours in advance of its first meeting.

A copy of the complete roll will be available for inspection at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, commencing March 26th, 1984.

Dated at Victoria, B.C. this 19th day of March 1984.

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Treasurer

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Energy Data

Cooking and Energy Use

Cooking can be a chore or a creative art, and the proper use of your range or microwave can make a difference. You can add freedom and flexibility to your life, while saving energy at the same time.

Modern cooking ranges are designed to be efficient—it's how they're used that's the critical factor. In tests where different people have prepared the same foods on the same range, energy used has varied by as much as 33%.

Whether using a new or an old range, it will pay you to cook in energy-saving ways.

Where possible, plan to use the oven to capacity. Better use is made of energy if complete meals are cooked in the oven (or under the broiler). Cook extra amounts and freeze for later use. When planning a bake day, organize so foods requiring the highest temperature bake first, then work down from there. For most baking—cakes, cookies, etc.—it is best to heat the oven before putting the food in, but avoid long and unnecessary preheating. Roasts, oven meals and casseroles can be cooked from a cold start.

It is preferable to cook steaks and roasts from the thawed state. You have better control over the results, and since a shorter cooking time is needed, less energy is used. If it is necessary to cook before thawing, increase cooking time by about one-half.

On surface elements, when foods have begun to broil, reduce the heat enough to maintain a simmer. This saves energy as well as saving the nutritional value of the food.

Pans for electric elements should be chosen to fit the element. This prevents heat from being wasted. For gas ranges, the size and shape of the pan is less important since the flame tailors itself to the pan.

Pots for surface cooking should have flat bottoms; good contact with the heating surface means even cooking. Be sure to use a minimum of water (but not so little that it evaporates and the food burns!) and keep pans tightly covered. This retains food value and uses less energy.

Remember that a clean range is a more efficient range and a clean oven will produce better baking results.

When choosing a new electric range, look for energy efficiency. All new electric ranges display the Energuide label, which states the amount of energy the range uses, under set test conditions, in kilowatt hours per month. By comparing the Energuide ratings of different models you can choose the most energy efficient unit with the features you want.

Some gas ranges now on the market feature a solid state electronic ignition system. The electric component ignites the gas flame when the burner is required. This eliminates the need for a constantly burning pilot light, which is wasteful of gas.

A microwave oven can provide energy savings over a conventional range if used to advantage. Remember, though, that a microwave oven will not completely replace a standard range. It should be considered a supplementary cooking appliance.

Because of the great speed of microwave cooking, and because only the food becomes hot rather than the whole oven, the electrical consumption is less than in conventional cooking. It is estimated that there can be savings of up to 50% of the energy used for cooking. These savings would increase with extended use of the microwave oven but would be less if it was used in a more limited way (as is frequently the case). Savings are definitely related to the hours of use and the type of cooking. Extensive slow cooking and defrosting will increase the total energy use.

To make the most energy-efficient use of your microwave oven, be sure to follow the directions in the instruction book. Follow recommended cooking times and speeds carefully or foods will be overcooked—and energy will be wasted.

Microwave ovens excel at cooking small amounts, so use your range to cook in quantity, your microwave oven to reheat (and cook) limited amounts.

Whenever possible, defrost frozen foods slowly in the refrigerator. If, however, it is necessary to thaw foods quickly, then use the defrost cycle on your microwave oven—but remember, you will be using more energy.

Microwave ovens are easy to use and to clean. They can successfully cook a wide variety of foods, and are safe and efficient. Their many advantages can be a boon to a busy working mother, an active family with different mealtimes, a person in a wheelchair or one whose movements are otherwise restricted. But do not expect miracles of microwave cooking—there are some limitations. Cakes, bread, and steaks do not turn out with traditional eye-appeal, because the browning of foods in microwave cooking is limited. Crisping of outside surfaces does not take place, which can be a problem for crispy chicken recipes, Yorkshire pudding, etc. And microwave ovens cannot cook souffles satisfactorily, because the souffles will be set before they've had a chance to rise properly.

You can have convenience in your cooking, whether using a conventional range along or in combination with a microwave oven. By using them wisely, you can save energy, too.

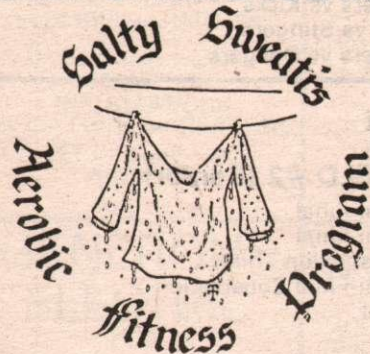
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KICK-OFF

Selects, Sounders advance to District Cup finals

BY MALCOLM LEGG

The Salt Spring Island Soccer Association went into the weekend with two teams left in cup play. After the weekend was over both the Selects and Sounders came up with victories to advance to next weekends' finals.

The Selects in Division 5 started slowly but once they tallied their first goal Peninsula was no match for the well oiled Salt Spring team. The Selects applied tremendous pressure in the second half to roll to a 4-0 win and a meeting with Duncan in the final next Saturday.

The Sounders had to play Lakehill in Victoria on Saturday, a team they had not beaten. It was a

very close match but a goal from Paul Hatch allowed the Sounders to advance to the final against Duncan.

For those interested in attending either of the District Cup finals for these two teams next weekend the times are as follows. Both the Selects and Sounders play at 10:15 am on Saturday and both play at Braefoot School. Both teams will have to catch the 8 am Fulford ferry and you should get there early to get on.

Cup play at the intra-island level came to a close last weekend but these teams have to gear up for their tournament this coming weekend.

In the junior division the Eagles

and Mites had battled all spring for top honours in Coers Cup play. Going into the weekend they were still tied with two games remaining for each.

In their first games the Mites rolled over the Leopards 4-0 on three goals from Harrison Jason and a single from Dana Hawkes while the Devils held the Eagles to a scoreless tie.

With the Mites now holding the upper hand the Eagles came out flying in their second match, overwhelming the Leopards 3-0 on three goals from David Carey.

The Mites now controlled their own destiny, or so they thought, as the Demons played a stand-out match, particularly Tyler Watson, to force a scoreless tie. The tie resulted in the Eagles and Mites sharing the Coers Cup trophy.

In the senior division the Stingers held on to first place in their Coers Cup with a 1-0 win over the Dodgers and a 2-0 win over the Fury. The Kicks had the only shot at catching the Stingers and although they defeated the Dodgers and Sharks they still finished one point back.

This weekend our intra-island teams compete in their own two-day tournament at Portlock Park.

The tourney has both junior and senior teams playing and in each section they are split into two groups. Saturday will see the groups play round-robin with the top two in each group playing semi-finals and finals on Sunday. The finals go at 2 pm on Sunday with the winners receiving the Laurie Mouat and Mac Mouat Trophies, for junior and senior teams respectively.

All teams will receive badges and

our concession stand will be in full operation all weekend with hot dogs, pop, chips, etc.

If you don't go to Victoria to see our two cup finalists play why not

come out to Portlock to watch some of the finest in youth soccer.

The full intra-island tournament schedule is published in a display ad in this issue.

Selects blank Peninsula

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Salt Spring Selects showed their offensive firepower with an impressive 4-0 victory over Peninsula Saturday, a victory that put the local team in the running for their second consecutive district cup.

The Selects started slowly as the Peninsula team hustled the local team off the ball at every opportunity. They lacked spark although Izaak Ondre tried valiantly to get his team going.

Mid-way through the half the Selects went to their bench looking for someone to get them going. Darcey Kirkpatrick rose to the

challenge as moments after coming on he intercepted a clearance and fed a perfect pass to B.J. Severs. B.J.'s shot rattled off the post but Darcey was there to bang in the rebound and the Selects were off and running.

Five minutes later Izaak Ondre fed a neat pass to Mark Nordine who easily beat two defenders and squared a perfect ball into the middle. Darcey was there once again and the Selects were up by two.

Moments later the Selects struck again as Mark Nordine drove a 25-yard shot high into Peninsula's goal on a free kick.

With the team ahead 3-0 at the half their main concern was to control the last 35 minutes and not allow Peninsula to get rolling. The Selects not only controlled play but they totally dominated the second half.

Their only goal came from a fine shot from Ben Berry but the team could have easily had five more based on the play.

The team as a whole played well but several players had strong performances. Chad Little was solid in goal, Colin Walde and B.J. looked good in defence, Graham Kent had a great game at full-back, Barry Bompas had a fine second half at half-back and Chad Page was a real spark plug up front.

This weekend the team travels to Braefoot School in Victoria for a 10:15 am kick-off against Duncan on Saturday. The team will catch the 8 am Fulford ferry and we encourage all to come and cheer on the boys as they try for their second straight District Cup.

Enforcement stepped up

Ganges detachment RCMP have issued a warning to residents that increased enforcement of traffic laws is under way on the islands.

The RCMP patrols will be checking the use of seat belts.

Speeders on Fulford-Ganges Road, particularly in the 30 km zones, will be the focus of police attention. Last weekend, 12 tickets for not using seat belts were issued and five speeders were ticketed.

Impaired driving is also on the list. Two drivers faced 24-hour suspensions as a result of the crackdown.

The checks will include action against defective motor vehicles as well. Any vehicle which has too many faults will be ordered off the road.

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 Div. 6C: S.S. Sounders vs Duncan, Sat., Mar. 31, 10:15 am, Victoria.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 31st

	FIELD #1	FIELD #2
9:00 am	Panthers vs Mites	Leopards vs Eagles
10:00 am	Mites vs Devils	Eagles vs Demons
11:00 am	Devils vs Panthers	Demons vs Leopards
12:00 noon	Lazers vs Sharks	Dodgers vs Kicks
1:00 pm	Sharks vs Fury	Kicks vs Stingers
2:00 pm	Fury vs Lazers	Stingers vs Dodgers

SUNDAY, APRIL 1st

	FIELD #1 (Junior)	FIELD #2 (Senior)
10:00 am	Semi-Final	Semi-Final
11:00 am	Semi-Final	Semi-Final
12:00 noon	Consolation Third	Consolation Third
1:00 pm	Semi-Final Consolation	Semi-Final Consolation
2:00 pm	Final	Final
3:00 pm	Trophy Presentation	

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