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## At Fiesta Saturday

The Galiano Fiesta, sponsored by the Lions Club, attracted children and adults to Bellhouse Field last Saturday. Lorraine Hornby ran the fish pond which brought Drew Lejbak and other children to try

their luck. The event was attended by many residents and many more visitors to help the Lions raise money for crippled children. Story, more pictures, on Page 13.

## Voters have a week to get names on list

Gulf Islands residents whose names are not on the voters list have until next Wednesday to do something about it if they wish to vote in the September 4 federal election.

Enumeration has been completed in the islands and voters lists should by now be posted in various locations such as post offices—even on fences, according to a spokesman for the returning officer in Duncan. But by Thursday the returning officer expects to have copies of all the lists and a phone call to the

Duncan office, at 746-6213, should be sufficient to ascertain whether one's name is on the list.

Residents whose names do not appear are given the name and phone number of the enumerator for their area. The enumerator should then be contacted, between 10 am and 10 pm on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Advance poll for Gulf Island residents will take place at Ganges United Church from noon to 8 pm Saturday, Aug. 25, Monday, Aug. 27 and Tuesday, Aug. 28.

## Board loses boarding fee case

The Gulf Islands School Board took several parents from Saturna Island to small claims court to collect boarding fees but the case was dismissed.

The parents had been billed by the school board for payment of boarding fees to have their children stay at Salt Spring homes while attending high school.

John Money, one of the Saturna parents who faced charges of unjust enrichment as well as breach of contract, had tried for at least two years to remind the school board that a 1977 motion to exempt Saturna parents from the boarding

fees was still in effect.

The judge agreed with Money's explanation and dismissed the claim against him and at least three other parents.

"It was just a waste of taxpayers' money," said Money of the court action.

Gordon McCrea, business officer for the school district, said the trustees are waiting for a decision from the lawyer to see if an appeal of the judgment is worthwhile. If the lawyer decides that no appeal will work, the matter will be dropped, he said.

The school district was

attempting to collect up to \$3,600, he said. The lawyer for the district has not yet submitted a bill to cover the costs of the court action.

The school board had been paying \$175 per month to the boarding homes and collecting \$56 from each family of children who boarded while going to school.

The trustees recently changed the rules. The board will now pay each family of a student who requires boarding on Salt Spring \$120 per month and the family must pay the boarding home.

## Hopes for 3,500 dashed as only 500 at concert Saturday

Following a slow start Saturday, the Salt Spring rock concert was washed out by rain on Sunday.

Although the crowd attending the first day of the concert at Walker Hook was variously estimated at up to 500 people, only about 150 braved the drizzle Sunday to listen to the music.

Organizers had hoped to sell 3,500 tickets for the event but adverse publicity and changes in the scheduled acts combined to discourage people from attending.

Powder Blues Band, Jim Byrnes and Foot Loosey had originally been scheduled to play at the two-day event but cancelled out about a week before. The groups were replaced by Groovin' Force, Pacheena, Annette Ducharme and Danger Ranger.

Organizer Reg Young blamed the less than successful concert on lack of support from island residents.

But at least one islander wondered why he should have to pay \$25 to \$30 to hear groups which could be seen in a bar with a \$2 cover charge.

An ambulance crew had been stationed on Walker Hook for the two days but had little to do except treat one of the cooks for burns to her hands when she was splashed with hot grease.

Lady Minto Hospital staff and doctors had been prepared to deal with emergencies but put in a quiet weekend.

Police reported a few minor incidents. A fight in the campground at Upper Ganges and Long Harbour Roads sent a

Victoria man to hospital with scalp injuries.

The fight broke out early Sunday morning between 5 and 6:30 am.

According to an eye-witness, who asked that his name not be used, a person at the campsite began chasing someone else around, threatening him with a hatchet. One of about 20 bikers who were present took the hatchet away.

The man went off but returned a short time later with an electric chainsaw, from which he tried to remove the chain to use as a weapon, the informant said. At that point, three men walked up and one of them hit the first man on the heads with the blunt end of the hatchet that had been taken away from him.

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## Eight candidates running here

Nominations for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands closed Tuesday and eight candidates will be seeking the seat in the federal election set for September 4.

Incumbent Jim Manly carries the New Democratic Party banner into the election in an effort to keep the seat he won in 1980.

Loser in that election was Don Taylor who goes again for the Progressive Conservatives. Taylor won the seat in the 1979 election which saw the short-lived Joe Clark government come to power.

For the Liberals, former mayor of Duncan and president of the riding Liberal Association Mike Coleman faces an up-hill battle in his try.

Also in the race is Lindsay Armstrong who represents the Green Party.

John Currie and Ronald W. Jackson are each running as independents while R.L. Snell is standing for election as a representative of the Confederation of Regions, Western Party.

James Taylor will be seeking the seat as a member of the Libertarian Party of Canada.



Site of weekend rock festival

# Islanders gather for Fiesta at Galiano Saturday

People crowded Bellhouse field on Galiano Island last Saturday to celebrate the Lions Club Fiesta.

Final preparations for the day of fun began in the morning as volunteers put the final touches to the booths and displays at the grounds on Burrill Road. Meanwhile in the village of Sturdies Bay, other volunteers began to cook pancakes for breakfast.

Mike Hoebel supervised Allan and Cathryn Buttery and Wendy Roberts who prepared ingredients for the Tommy Carolan Cariboo Cowboy Pancake recipe while Mary Harding sold tickets at the gate.

Closer to the ferry terminal on Sturdies Bay Road, parade marshal Frank Basarab and his assistant Mickey English lined up the entries in the parade.

Queen of the Fiesta, Eva New, sat patiently in a 1935 Bentley, ready to drive with her princesses, Elizabeth Steward and Margaret Prior, to the Fiesta field.

The parade, led by a fire truck of the South Galiano Fire Department, wound its way up the street to the park. The Galiano Model Club, the North Galiano Community Association and the Maple Styrup Riding Club joined the Galiano Dragon to the delight of residents and visitors who lined the route to watch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fidget, otherwise known as Bill Lacey and Frank Hillier, followed the horses to keep the roadway neat and clean.

At the grounds, the riding club put on a display of precision riding, involving younger members of the club. The young folk performed the Ride of Nations with each participant dressed in costume.

Bartering Bob and his crew dickered with people who sought bargains at the sales booth. The

effort proved that some people's junk translates into other people's bargains.

To one side of the field, an area in the shade of a grove of trees offered adults a place to pause from the heat of the sunshine. Music from No Fixed Address of Vancouver floated across the area during the afternoon.

A draw for various prizes was held and Janet Marshall of Galiano won an ounce of gold. Ron Caverly won a cord of wood and Bill Spouse won half a cord.

The fun in the field wound down in the late afternoon as people went home to supper only to gather again in the evening at the Community Hall for a dance.



Trying his luck to win 50¢ at the putting contest, above, is Joel Samuelson of Calgary. At left, breakfast of pancakes and sausages was featured in Sturdies Bay as people waited for the Fiesta to

begin. Wendy Roberts helped cook the pancakes made of secret ingredients developed by Tommy Carolan for his Cariboo Cowboy pancake recipe.

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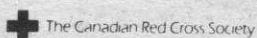
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# User-friendly hoe takes agony out of hoeing

My heroic counter-calamitous measures to rid the carrot patch of its weeds are neither complete, nor are they entirely appreciated, by all appearances. I was completely unaware that my carrots are all members of the carrot union, although this has now become quite clear, ever since they all have gone on strike immediately and are now, in complete solidarity, lying down on their job, like so many protesters on the rails of some white train.

So far my efforts to get them working, using water, have met with nothing but stubborn resistance and an uncommon determination to remain prone, while the remainder are peering out among the woods of the weeds like cautious peasants about to be liberated. Whoever thought that gardening was far removed from the cares of the world must have blissfully grown only

politically dormant carrots. Or it may well be that my carrots come from a rabble-rousing activist strain and reflect in the micro-cosmos of the garden a profound synchronicity with the meso-cosmos of our world. But carrots, of all people? Well, one never can tell, and I for one, am only mildly astonished.

## TOO LATE WITH HOE

It all comes from not hoeing soon enough. But what can one do if the carrots timidly refuse to show their little tops above the ground while the weeds suffer from no such inhibitions? Wait, and then wait some more. Calm and deliberate meditation will lend the only measure of peace to impatient hands and a twitching hoe at times like this, and perhaps will eventually lead to other interests, such as hoeing something else.

Hoeing can and should be one of the most pleasant and contempla-

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

tive gardening activities if properly done. More often than not it is considered a back-breaking chore though, as it was for yours truly, until I found out that a hoe should be sharp.

This alone makes the difference between agony and pleasant exercise and thus makes one more inclined to spend an hour or so with a friendly hoe, (a user-friendly one, just as in computer parlance).

To be user-friendly, a hoe should have a nice, easy angle to rest the blade flat on the ground at about two feet from your feet when held easily with both hands. And it should be sharp, sharp enough to cut your finger when pressed against the edge. Even brand new hoes are not sharp enough, although most do have a bevelled edge.

## TOUCH IT UP FREQUENTLY

A common eight-inch mill file and a thorough sharpening at a 30 degree angle before starting is absolutely essential. Since the steel of the blade is quite soft to prevent chipping on stones, it also needs frequent touching up. Therefore the file comes along in a back pocket and every 10 minutes or so one can take a welcome break and touch up that edge again. It makes all the difference in the world.

Another important recognition is the fact that the hoe is not a swinging, hacking instrument. Swinging that hoe high above your

head with bent knees and hacking the weeds to death is hard, hard work, far more suited to a mattock than a hoe. It is also a guarantee of quick exhaustion and a week of sore semi-senility. The hoe should never leave the surface of the ground and a light, sweeping pull in an upright position, close to your feet, is all that is required.

## LITTLE EFFORT NEEDED

A sharp hoe will neatly slice the weeds close to the surface with very little effort. Quick, short and light strokes at a relaxed walking pace will cover a great deal of ground in a very short time.

The only other condition for pleasant hoeing is the spacing of the rows. In raised beds, or in flat bed arrangements, which can be planted a lot more densely than the large-scale, farming-derived single row system, it is essential that you have at least one more inch of width than the width of the hoe and two inches is safer.

If the spacing between carrot rows is six inches, a four-inch-wide hoe will prevent sliced or chopped off carrots, and require less

precision in wielding.

Therefore a three-foot-wide bed is also easier to hoe as the middle rows in a four-foot-wide bed are a bit awkward to reach. And lastly, keeping the handle of the hoe lightly oiled with raw linseed oil will prevent those bothersome blisters.

Cheaper hoes with very soft steel blades may require touch-up sharpening every five minutes or so and the same holds true for soil with a lot of stones in it. But a good, sharp and light hoe is a pleasure to use, especially when working the uncompacted soil of the bed system, and I know of some gardeners who can give a quarter-acre garden a thorough once-over in one hour and look around for something else to hoe.

Thus hoeing can be a most pleasurable exercise instead of a dreaded chore, with the added inclination to do it more often, which makes it that much easier again. A quarter-acre garden should not take any more than one hour, twice a week, to keep the weeds weak and on their knees, even for a fellow of my age.

## Improvements must wait

Major improvements to the beach at Stowe Lake will have to wait until fall, the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission heard recently.

Residents of the area had requested the commission to make certain improvements to the south-end swimming beach. But the commission lacks funds in its budget for the work requested.

The residents then decided to take on some of the tasks themselves.

Irene Fewings, of the commission, said that when the water in the lake drops in the fall, a work crew with a backhoe will be at the beach to remove stumps and large rocks.

But that, she indicated, would be the extent of the commission's efforts.

The residents asked permission to remove some of the brush at the beach as well as make other improvements.

David Eyles, commission representative from the Gulf Islands School Board, asked if the commission would be in a position to approve the plans which the residents had for the beach.

He was told that the commission has responsibility for the beach but no authority over it. As a public

access to the lake, the beach is owned and comes under the jurisdiction of the department of highways.

"Everytime we try to do something to the lakes," said commission chairman Glenn Woodley, "we've been hit hard."

His reference was to the controversy which erupted when the commission presented plans to create a swimming beach on Cusheon Lake on land donated to the island by MacMillan Bloedel.

When the commission recently improved the facilities at the regular beach on Cusheon Lake, the area was used for noisy parties and the commission was criticized for not stopping the noise.

## Flock of vultures seen

It was the first time in 12 years that she had seen more than two turkey vultures at one time, reported Margaret Davidson of Salt Spring Island last week.

The Maliview Rd. resident called *Driftwood* to report that there was a flock of turkey vultures in some trees on Walker Hook Rd. In one tree alone, she said, there were seven of the birds.

The birds were also sighted by neighbours Ron and Vera Payne.

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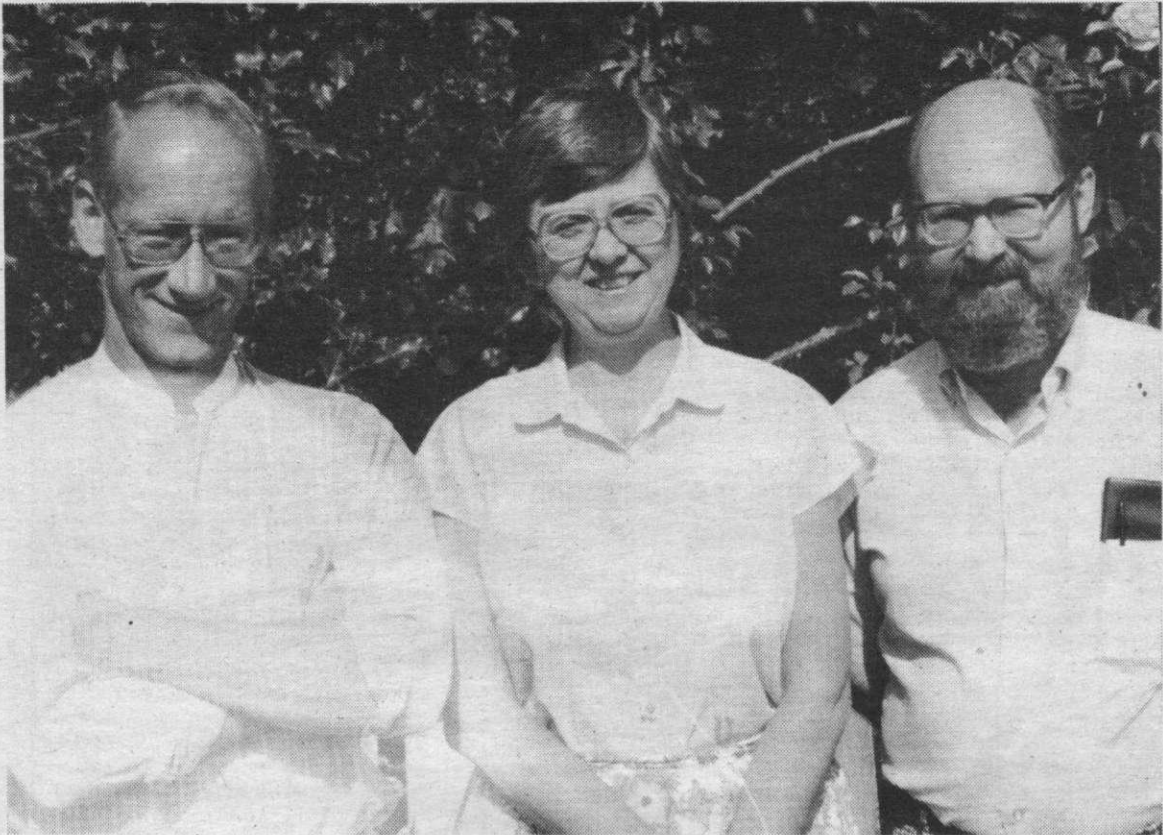
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The new teacher at Ganges Hill School, Reid Collins, left, with Cathy and John Hall. The Halls are moving to Victoria and Collins returns to Salt Spring after two years in the village of Kispiox, B.C.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

**At Ganges Hill School**

**Reid Collins new teacher**

The staff will be changing but the aims of the Ganges Hill School will remain the same.

John Hall, who has directed and taught at the school for the past four years, is moving with his wife Cathy to Victoria after 10 years on Salt Spring.

Reid Collins, who will draw on several years of teaching alternate education, takes over as teacher in the school.

The school, under the guidance of the Ganges Hill Educational Society, began four years ago to meet a perceived need to supply something more academically challenging than the public school system, said Hall.

The idea was to set up a situation for the children to become part of an extended family to allow them to proceed at their own pace. Another ideal was to reduce or eliminate the competitive nature of education.

The Halls, backed by the 24-member society, decided to limit the number of children at the school to 12 pupils or less. Last year there were 11 students enrolled in Grades 1 to 7.

Collins has been a resident of the island for 12 years and returns after a two-year absence. He and his wife Sharon Sear had been in Kispiox, B.C., where they were teaching.

On a visit to the island early this year, he discovered that Hall was moving so he applied for and won the job as teacher at the Ganges Hill School.

The school, both Hall and Collins agree, is in a transition stage. It recently received accreditation from the provincial ministry of education which allows for government subsidies to help pay the bills.

Collins plans to settle in quietly to find out how to best make use of the available facilities.

"It's got a lot of potential," he said.

While the ministry of education will insist upon a basic core curriculum, the structure of the school will not be changed. There are various methods, Collins noted, of achieving the core curriculum without affecting the stated aims of the school and the society.

Part of the accreditation process was testing the pupils for basic skills. Although tests are not an integral part of the structure of the

school, each of the pupils scored at his grade level or better.

Hall said that several of the pupils scored marks indicating a level several grades ahead of where they actually were.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands School District, had been consulted during the accreditation process, Hall explained, and had told the ministry officials that the Ganges Hill School filled a need in the community.

The society is currently seeking pupils for enrolment in the school for the next academic year.

**GOLF NEWS**

**BY PAT DOHERTY**

The column will be very short this week as there was very little news turned in.

In the ladies' nine-hole section of the Salt Spring Golf Club 24 turned out for a four-ball scramble last week. It was won by Ann Sober, Jean Williams, Babs Ross and Joyce Guerin. There was no putt pot.

In the ladies' 18-hole division the news is even skimpier. They played silent partners and Jean Hopkins and Helen Kernaghan won and Marg Frattinger took the putt pot.

Last week they played for the Dods Trophy and it was won by Herb Monro. There were only four entrants and I know we have more

left-handed golfers than that. Perhaps the weather is too warm for them now.

The Parsons Cup for those gentlemen over 55 goes next Thursday and the entry sheet is on the board. Everyone qualifies for this event. Again we remind anyone who is available they are looking for spotters for the Open.

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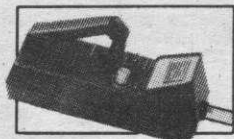
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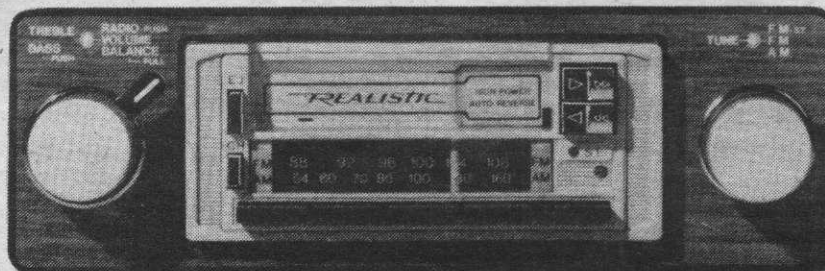
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### Local artist featured

Louise Woodward was the featured artist at an exhibition in the Ewart Gallery, Salt Spring Island, during the holiday weekend. The picture shows the island artist standing beside one of her paintings.

The showing included oils, acrylics and watercolours and ranged from a portrait to Mexico and flowers. The artist lives on Scott Point Road, where her studio is located. She has had an exhibit at the Ewart Gallery

in 1981, 1982 and 1983. In 1981 she had a showing at Kenton House Gallery. She has also had shows in Victoria, Vancouver and Edmonton.

Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

## Blencoe wants inquiry into Musgrave

Robin Blencoe, MLA for Victoria and NDP critic for municipal affairs, is calling for a public inquiry into the Musgrave Landing strata title development approval.

Blencoe said last week that the public should be told why the development was approved over

objections from the Islands Trust and why the regulations governing strata title developments were changed to exempt such projects from provisions of community plans.

"It's a classic example of government acting for private interests," Blencoe said.

The minister of municipal affairs, Bill Ritchie, was unavailable for comment. Highways minister Jim Hewitt had not been notified of Blencoe's charges and would not offer comment until he heard more details.

Blencoe charged that the approval of the Musgrave development "verges on political scandal" and the municipal affairs minister and others should be brought forward to account for their actions.

The change in the strata title regulations, Blencoe said, was "precedent-setting order-in-council business." He said that all land-use decisions by the lower levels of government across the province

would be "open to the whims of cabinet."

The public hearing process, he said, had become "absolutely meaningless."

"That's the bottom line," said Blencoe. "And that's the message that has to get out."

The Musgrave Landing strata title proposal has been granted an extension of the preliminary layout approval, which expires at the end of this year.

### Sailboat missing

A 14-foot sailboat is missing from Saltry Bay on Galiano.

RCMP report that the boat disappeared from the north Galiano harbour sometime between July 31 and August 1.

The sailboat has an orange interior, the mainsail is orange, as is the sail cover. The jib is yellow and white.

Any information on the location of the boat should be passed on to Ganges detachment RCMP.

## Police to watch parties

Ganges detachment RCMP will be paying close attention to the noisy parties at Cusheon Lake beach on Salt Spring.

Sergeant Mitch Hanks said this week that charges under the Criminal Code of Canada and the Liquor Control Licence Act will be brought against offenders.

The Criminal Code charges would cover causing a disturbance in a public place and conviction carries a sentence of either six months in jail or a \$500 fine or both.

Beer drinkers at the beach could

face charges under the Liquor Act. Under-age drinkers could be charged with possession of alcohol while being a minor and any adult who gives beer or alcohol to the minor can also be charged.

Police can seize any beer or alcohol. Last Friday, two seizures were made by police at the beach.

### Candidate at Ganges

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### Learning to swim

Young Neelam Sandhu isn't yawning—she just took in a mouthful of water during her

swimming class at Harbour House Hotel pool last week. Classes are

being staged by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

Driftwood photo by Barb Woodley

## Federation plans show

A week-long exhibition and sale will be held at Ganges by the islands' chapter of the Federation of Canadian Artists.

It will be one of the first major shows to be held by the recently formed chapter and will present work by members from all the Gulf Islands and Duncan, Crofton, Chemainus, Cobble Hill and Cowichan Bay. The sale will run from August 11-18 at the Catholic Church Hall on Drake Rd. at Ganges.

Future activities will see regular

exhibitions and a variety of art classes. The two-week seminars held annually at Salt Spring have become so popular that the seminar length will be extended next year. Artists have travelled from many parts of North America to attend the seminar.

There will be jurying for active membership during the week of the show. This category of membership previously required transportation of paintings to Vancouver or Victoria.

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## Computer program aids ailing vet

An aging veteran at Salt Spring Island is using a computer to carry on conversations with his friends.

The vet, a member of the Salt Spring Branch 92, Royal Canadian Legion, is afflicted with a wasting illness and has lost the use of his voice. He had been communicating with people by using a board listing the letters of the alphabet and numbers from 0 to 10.

The vet would point to a letter to spell out words and any conversation was a long, drawn-out affair. His Legion friends decided to see if something else could be used to aid the man in communicating his thoughts.

They approached Andy Elias of Radio Shack with a simple question: can a computer be used for communications by someone who cannot talk but has the use of his hands?

Elias turned the problem over to Udo Burger of Haltone Electronics to come up with a sample program as a test. But Burger went one better and came up with a complete program.

He sat and thought about what

such an individual would need to say and created a simple-to-use program keyed on the alphabet.

A, for instance, flashes a request on the screen: "Answer my question, please."

Each letter stands for a different question or response.

If the vet enters "talk", he can carry on a conversation by typing what he has to say with the words appearing on the monitor screen.

Burger added a bit of humour for B, which is for bathroom. The screen flashes, "I have to go to the biffy."

Some of the commands allow for variations. If the vet asks for a drink he has a choice of what liquids he can ask for. By pressing D, the screen shows a list of liquids such as water, juice, tea or coffee. Each is numbered and when the proper number is pressed the question comes on the screen, "Can I have a drink of water?" for instance.

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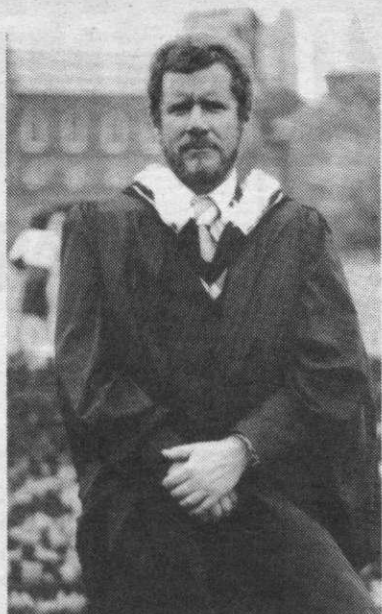
When graduation ceremonies were held at the University of Toronto recently, one of the scholars granted a Bachelor of Arts degree was John Charles Sturdy, formerly of Salt Spring.

Sturdy, 38, was also named as faculty scholar and awarded a proficiency prize from Woodsworth College of the U. of T.

He had been enrolled at University College at age 14 but decided to return to Gulf Islands Secondary School from which he obtained Grade 12 standing.

Following high school, Sturdy went to England where he got a job as a laboratory technician.

Sturdy is the son of Roma Sturdy and the late John Sturdy of Salt Spring Island.



John Sturdy

## 19-year-old charged with 1981 attack

An anonymous telephone call to RCMP in Victoria has resulted in charges being laid against a suspect in a rape which occurred on Salt Spring three years ago.

The general inquiry section was holding a 19-year-old youth for questioning on another matter when the phone call came in. Subsequent investigation resulted in charges of rape as well as wounding with intent being brought against him.

RCMP would not release the name of the suspect because when the incident occurred he was 16 years old and as such is considered a juvenile offender.

was jogging on Churchill Road on Salt Spring when she was attacked, stabbed and raped by an unknown assailant.

She gave police a description of her attacker and a search began. The man-hunt eventually spread to

other police jurisdictions when the suspect could not be found on Salt Spring.

The youth was visiting Salt Spring at that time and police said he has no fixed address.

No court date has been set.

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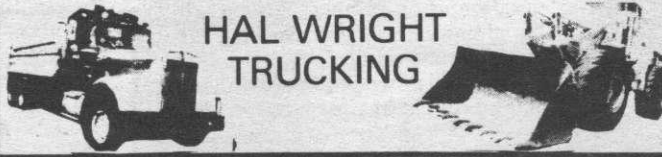
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# More Letters to the Editor

## Development beneficial

Sir,  
A survey of islanders prepared before the first Salt Spring Island community plan was adopted, indicated Islanders intensely wanted to be able to beachwalk, enjoy a rural lifestyle and go boating and fishing. The Musgrave development will allow Islanders easy access to fishing in the Cowichan Bay—Sansum Narrows area (only safe and reliable fishing grounds left). This development will add to the public parkland and will ensure that large areas of common property are never built upon.

More importantly, the development will open up the considerable amount of park reserve land and beach area of the southwest area for public enjoyment. Road improvements (which only brought the road back to previous standards) allow Islanders access to the finest viewpoints in all the Gulf Islands—Mount Tuam and Mount Bruce. Views that rival Mt. Constitution

in the San Juan Islands. Perhaps these are all reasons why there has been so little support for the "Musgravegate" advertising—especially when the Trust has had several opportunities for input.

Uplands and Forest zoning is reserved for land above 600 feet elevation as I understand it. The only reason why the entire property was zoned as Uplands is because it was on one parcel. The lower part being developed was really zoned in a convenient error to fit bureaucratic lot lines.

There is no up-to-date Community Plan. The five-year time period designated at the inception of this plan has long run out so that this plan is sadly out-of-date and movement towards a new one is at a snail's pace.

Rural zoning on a five-acre average zoning plan has been apparently widely accepted. The Musgrave plan is of eight-acre average zoning which is far in excess of expected averaging principles.

A few wealthy individuals should not claim nor seek exclusionary control and zoning which prevents others from also enjoying the Islands.

Why should those who maintain a large field of grass devoid of trees prevent just a few trees of others from being removed for homes? Why should the public be prevented from living within miles of a large private swimming pool in the middle of a large field? Government must be concerned with all the people.

The Musgrave area should not be the private preserve for a few. Should certain individuals want to campaign for others to keep their land natural while they continue to pay taxes then they should immediately donate their land to the province. As it is, there are hundreds of beautiful pristine undeveloped Islands adjacent to the Inside Passage. Most are provincially owned. Preservation of those Islands in their natural state would not affect people.

This Island is in a state of depression...our people need jobs.

Slow-paced rural growth is positive for our community.

Exclusion of Islanders from enjoyment of their own Island cannot be supported.

ALLEN CUNNINGHAM,  
R.R. 3, Ganges.  
August 6, 1984.


## Support cyclists

Sir,  
I am writing to ask your support for the 10 people who are giving up to six weeks of their time to cycle from Vancouver to Ottawa in support of peace in our time. The project was initiated on Galiano Island, with full support from the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign, and the call has gone out to municipalities from B.C. to Ottawa.

A donation of \$2 per mile will carry the Galiano group one mile closer to the goal of 2,800 miles. However, 40 people from the lower mainland also have already registered with many more predicted to come. Because of inclement weather in the late autumn and other obligations, the cyclists must return home by alternate means. Consequently, this added expense must be met either by the individual or by our organization.

Any support you can give will be most appreciated. It may be sent to Pedal for Peace in care of me, Dorothy Livesay, Active Pass Drive, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0 or to Connie Kennedy, Box 231, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0. **DOROTHY LIVESAY,** R.R. 1, Galiano Island. July 30, 1984.

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Ray Newman enjoyed salmon dinner before rains fell

## Barbecue rained out

The suds were flowing in the Lions beer garden on Sunday afternoon, but the event was flat even if the beer wasn't. The Salt Spring Island Lions Club hit the low spot in the weather and the hardy patrons sat in the rain or covered their heads while they waited for the salmon barbecue.

The annual barbecue staged by the service club was rained out for the first time. A happy clientele sat

there in the rain listening to the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble.

The band was happy and the listeners were responsive.

The afternoon's program was staged on the Salt Spring Lands property alongside the boat launching ramp in Ganges.

Ted Gear was in charge of the beer garden and Santy Fuoco set up the barbecue fires.



Bill Webster

## Still searching for Grits

Just when rock sitters of the Gulf Isles became used to summer, the warmth crept off to hide somewhere.

Folklore holds that those who would wash their cars are responsible for the rain which begins to fall almost immediately after. But this space knows the real cause for the rain.

Both Louis Bolivar-Finchley and Suitcase left the rocks to follow the leaders across the country. And the sun began to shine.

Louis went because he is curious about such events as elections. Suitcase went to track a rumour that Western Libs were crawling out of the woodwork.

Although his job had been terminated with the elevation of John of B.S. to the position of leader of a few of the people, Suitcase maintains an ingrained desire to find that elusive endangered species.

And don't you know that when both returned to the rocks Sunday, the rain began.

They, the two seekers of political wisdom, came to the mansion to talk about their travels.

Suitcase had joined John of B.S. after his boogie time at Sailor's Rest at the head of Ganges Harbour. He travelled from here to there and back but couldn't find very many of the endangered species.

"Perhaps," commented Louis, "your definition of a Liberal

differs from that held by the governing forces of this country."

Louis can always be counted on to point out a flaw in someone else's reasoning.

Suitcase had gone as far as Bytown-by-the-canal to see what could be seen. While there he encountered a disappointment almost as great as his futile search for the elusive Western Liberal.

He had stopped in at the Privy Council office and noticed his name on a list. The list ran to several pages of names and he asked what it was for.

"This is a list of great Canadians who will be putting service to their country above and beyond any consideration of personal gain," said the person in charge of the list.

Suitcase was to have been recognized for his efforts in serving the federal government for so many years in his search for the notorious endangered species.

He was to be named ambassador to Bandurikistan.

But public outcry had prompted the list-makers to narrow the number of great Canadians to be so honoured to 31,458.6. Suitcase was number 31,547 on the list and consequently got left out of a place at the trough.

Louis had followed the leaders as well. He had no trouble finding Brian of B.C. His

entourage numbered almost as many people as were named to the list of great Canadians.

He had few problems finding John of B.S. as well. He merely tracked down the snarls and cries of people arguing.

But he did have trouble finding Eddy Badlybent. Eddy, it seems, was having his own troubles finding people to listen to his finely crafted speeches and across the land, crowds of one or two people would show up to listen to him.

We, Suitcase and I, asked Louis for his considered opinion on the outcome of the election.

"Well," said Louis as he began to fill his pipe, "I think that the Tories will do alright. On the other hand the Grits seem in a good position to repeat their last victory. The Independers won't do as badly as some people think although they could end up with fewer seats than they had."

Suitcase and I looked at each other and wondered just what it was that we had heard.

"Both John and Brian face problems with their campaigns," continued Louis. "Brian has to learn not to trip over his tongue and John has to find a way to stop the back-room bickering."

As Louis' voice droned on in a dissection of the campaign, we, Suitcase and I, drifted off to snooze quietly on the deck of the mansion as the rain fell softly.

# Peace petition signed by 2,000 at Salt Spring

Nearly 2,000 signatures have been obtained on Salt Spring Island for the 1984 Peace Petition Caravan Campaign since it got under way here April 7. And petitions are still being signed at the Peace Centre in Ganges.

Ridings throughout Canada are being canvassed by local peace groups either door to door, as on Salt Spring, or by setting up booths in public places.

The campaign project was born on Salt Spring Island with the local nuclear disarmament group. Island resident Don Erickson was sent to Ottawa to lay plans for the campaign after \$15,000 was raised here.

Percentage of people who signed the petition is about the same everywhere, according to campaign organizers. Of those approached, 70% to 75% have signed the document, which calls for an end to cruise missile testing, that Canada be declared a nuclear weapons-free zone, that arms spending be redirected to meeting human needs and that parliament hold a free vote on nuclear disarmament.

The caravan phase of the project begins August 24 when Pedal for Peace cyclists leave Vancouver for Ottawa. More than 60 people are expected to start out from B.C. on the trip.

Later, motorists will leave each coast in time to meet in Ottawa October 20, where a huge rally is being planned. Petitions will be presented to the Speaker of the House of Commons who will deliver them to the members of parliament for each riding.

Meanwhile, a special event is planned for delivery of the Salt Spring Island peace petitions to Victoria. On September 28 a flotilla of boats will depart for Sidney Spit where they will spend the evening before going on to Victoria the following day. Boats from Maple Bay and the Duncan area are expected to join the flotilla to meet others from Victoria before sailing into Victoria's Inner Harbour.

The Greater Victoria Disarmament Group will sponsor a dance that evening where peace workers from all over Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands will meet.



Shelly Carlen, Sheila Cooper, Caroline Moore and Liz Armour are among active peace workers

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Most people were friendly; few slammed the door

Salt Spring Island canvassers for the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign found there were many similar reactions from those they approached with their petition.

On the door-to-door canvass most were friendly, some were

courteously "not interested", while a few were hostile, and slammed the door. Canvassers in downtown offices and stores reported group responses: either all signed the petition or no one did.

Following are some of the

comments heard by canvassers and responses used by the latter.

Comment: "Better dead than Red."

Eleanor Erickson: "Fine. There's nothing to prevent you from committing suicide. But do you have the right to speak for our children or grandchildren....In fact, all life on the planet?"

Ray Newman: "That is hardly the question. We are talking about nuclear weapons, the potential of life itself on this planet, and therefore no defense at all. We are discussing world suicide."

Comment: "What's the use? The rich and powerful few will do what they want to anyway...."

Virginia Newman: "You are right that those who have engineered the nuclear arms race have immense power. But thousands of ordinary people are getting very angry. They are working to put a stop to the threat of thousands of Hiroshimas only awaiting the turn of the key. We can and must take back some of the power that we have given these destructive segments of our society. That's what this petition is all about."

Bis Whitby: "Jesus and Gandhi and Martin Luther King and others struggled and suffered and died to show people that there is far more power in love and goodness than there is in hatred and cruelty. But people must rouse themselves and use that power."

Comment: "What about defending ourselves from an enemy?"

Sue Hiscocks: "We must keep a strong conventional self-defence system. Like Switzerland, we should aim for the 'porcupine theory' of being able to make it very painful for anyone to attack us. To try to compete in the nuclear arms race would be more than insane....it would be impossible. We, the smaller nations of the world who are caught in the crossfire of the superpowers, must take the lead in the struggle for peace or we will end up as the meat in the sandwich."

Comment: "What about the commitment to our wartime honoured dead?"

Bob Burbidge: "I think we have a deep obligation to all those who gave their lives so that we could have peace and that obligation is to maintain that peace. Remember, this is nuclear war that the petition is about and many people don't realize that it's a whole new ball game....A game to end all games."

Another ex-serviceman: "I can still remember the smell of my comrades' burning flesh. We must never have another war. Our technology has made war obsolete."

Comment: "Why didn't people do something about the nuclear arms race before it became so menacing?"

Maggie Schubart: "Actually, there were strenuous efforts to bring

some sanity to the situation during the 50's. Eminent personages like Bertrand Russell in England, Einstein in the United States, the Curries in France, spoke out strongly. Peace groups were active in many countries.

"During the next two decades, arms talks did take place and SALT I was eventually ratified by both sides, so it looked as though progress was being made. In recent times, it has become obvious to increasing numbers of people in every country that negotiators weren't making serious efforts to achieve substantial agreement.

"While talks dragged on, nuclear stockpiles were growing and nuclear technology was becoming more sophisticated. It will take a lot of time and persistent effort to undo this mischief."

## Ideas abound for next peace project

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

Ideas abound in the hundreds of peace organizations across Canada for the next project to follow the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign.

Locally, the Salt Spring Island Nuclear Disarmament Group has been brainstorming issues and strategies, knowing that there is still a great deal of work to be done before achieving the long-term goal—peaceful resolutions of conflicts on this planet.

Several large symposiums have taken place recently on the actual dismantling and conversion of nuclear weapons and nuclear arms factories. (It has been pointed out that a rapid and highly successful peace-time conversion took place after World War II).

Another project gaining acceptance in the U.S. and Canada is the peace tax, an extension of each country's commitment to the principle of conscientious objection to war and killing. Originating with the American Quakers, some citizens are diverting a portion of their income tax from life-destroying weapons/techniques into a fund to be used for socially useful products and services. (Both governments are being approached to ratify this option for those citizens who object, from their deepest convictions, to the fact that while they are praying for peace, they are actually paying for war.

Peace education—attitudinal change—What will be the thrust for the upcoming months following the

peace petition project? And how can the peace movement reach out into the community and make more people aware of the grave threat to themselves and their children? Peace activists know how hard it is to "think globally" especially when so many of us are trying to "survive locally" in these depressed economic times.

Another stumbling block that gets in the way of dealing with the threat of nuclear holocaust is the numbing response in our minds when faced with unbearably horrible thoughts. Some writers are comparing our apathy with that of the citizens of Hitler's Germany: How else explain a factory committee in the Third Reich calmly discussing the quality of soap made from the bodies collected from the gas chambers?

How else indeed can we accept Russian and/or American statements on how many millions of people destroyed by nuclear bombs constitute "acceptable" losses in order to preserve their super-power status in the world? Apathy is frozen anger.

Drop a line to the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Group, Box 1500, Ganges, or stop by the Peace Centre between Heritage Boutique and Sears if you have ideas for the next campaign, or if you just want to communicate!

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BY FRANK RICHARDS

Alice found her way into the mirror and wrote a book on what she found in her looking glass. Freya Rodstrom, of Walker Hook Road on Salt Spring Island, found her way to the back of a mirror and wrote a note to me on what she found.

In the back of a cracked mirror in an old oak frame was a copy of the *Daily Sentinel-Review*, published at Woodstock, Ont., on June 16, 1898, and she lent it to me.

It is a clean and neat newspaper. The front page carries no picture, but to make up for the lack there are advertisements spotted about the page. There are no pictures in the eight-page paper. First item on the front page is a card of thanks from Mrs. Emma Robinson to the C.D. of Court Woodstock for the kindness of members of the Court during her husband's illness and for their promptness in paying the \$1,000 mortuary claim.

Further down is an advertisement for a McLaughlin buggy, nearly new. There is no price, but I presume it was a horse-drawn buggy, the predecessor of the Buick automobile, before the birth of the McLaughlin-Buick. The final attractive classified is for a house to rent. It is two-storey, semi-detached and located in the East End. Newly papered and painted, it is available for \$6 a month. For a small fee I am prepared to disclose the identity of the agent. Unfortunately, he is more likely dead than alive today.

### BOYS WILL BE BOYS

Lead story on the same front page explains that a Hugh Davis threw a stone at Archibald Caslar, who ducked. The stone struck Caslar's baby brother in the head, inflicting a bruise. There was a subsequent

court action and Davis was ordered to pay \$4.85. "Boys will be boys," observed the father of the thrower of stones as he paid the fine.

American victory in the Spanish-American War was hailed on the back page, taking up three of the seven columns.

Prunes were five cents a pound. One store was announcing what might be purchased for five cents. Among them were a can of sardines, wine glass or tumbler, two or three bars of soap, tack hammer, screw driver or one of a number of other commodities.

Best worsted suit in the world was \$11.98, with lesser models offered at \$6.19. A white pique skirt was offered at \$2.38 to \$3.25 and, although the topless models were not common in the Victorian era, there are no offerings for clothing above the lady's waist, except undergarments or hats, in that emporium.

Richards' pure soap was the best and D. Richards of Woodstock would send you a booklet if you wrote enquiring for soap.

### CUTIE CURED

Advertisement testifies that when the daughter of the writer was afflicted with a hideous face rash she applied Cuticura and the blemishes healed. In other words they let Cuticura and cutie was cured.

Willis Taylor was the original Woodstock chimney sweep. He invited enquiries for carpet laying, paper hanging, whitewashing, housecleaning, stove polishing and installing.

Fat is absolutely necessary as part of the diet, readers were informed. They were invited to take cod liver oil and enjoy a new health as all organs and tissue would take on activity.

The steamer *Louisiana*, of

Glasgow, sailed last week with a cargo of 2,200 tons of pulp from the Chicoutimi pulp mill. It is the first full cargo of pulp ever exported from Canada. The mill, which has only been in operation for a short time, employs 80 hands, day and night. It uses 900 logs every 24 hours and has a daily output of 60 tons, net weight. Payroll is some \$2,000 a month. Company has spruce limits to the extent of 800 square miles and last winter 200,000 logs were cut for the mill.

Pay your taxes now and avoid the crowd! (Advt.)

### THEY SHOULDN'T SAY THAT

Two slander suits for \$5,000 each were commenced Monday against Philip Quick and Alfred Monger, both of Harrow, by Rev. W.H. Cooper, pastor of the Methodist church. Some months ago the parsonage there was burned and it is said that several members of the congregation started the report that the pastor had burned the building in order to secure the insurance on his furniture.

Robert Neil, the Missouri man who was sent to jail for ill-treating his wife, is back in jail again, this time for being drunk.

A dispute between the water commissioners and the cotton mill in Brantford, which has been going on for eight years, has been settled by the company paying half of the bill.

The first electric car traversed St. Thomas streets yesterday. The electric street railway, commenced on March 24, has been completed and will be open for public use today. The road is six miles in length and cost \$80,000.

The newspaper is an interesting souvenir of the past 90 years and will be cherished by the family who discovered its hiding place after so many years.

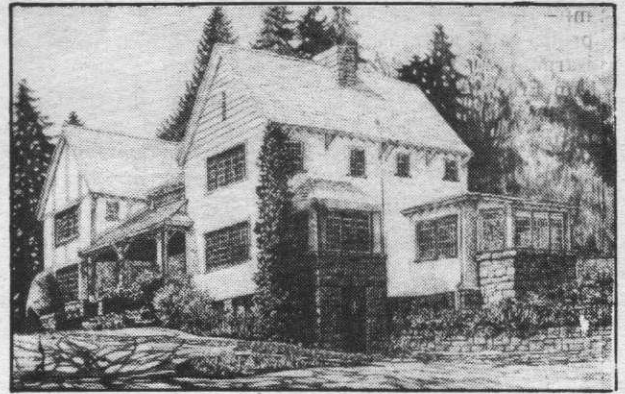
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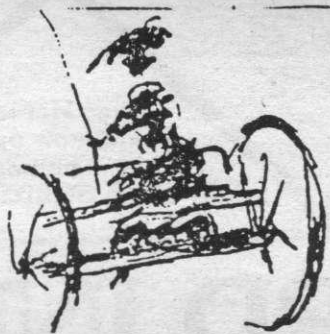
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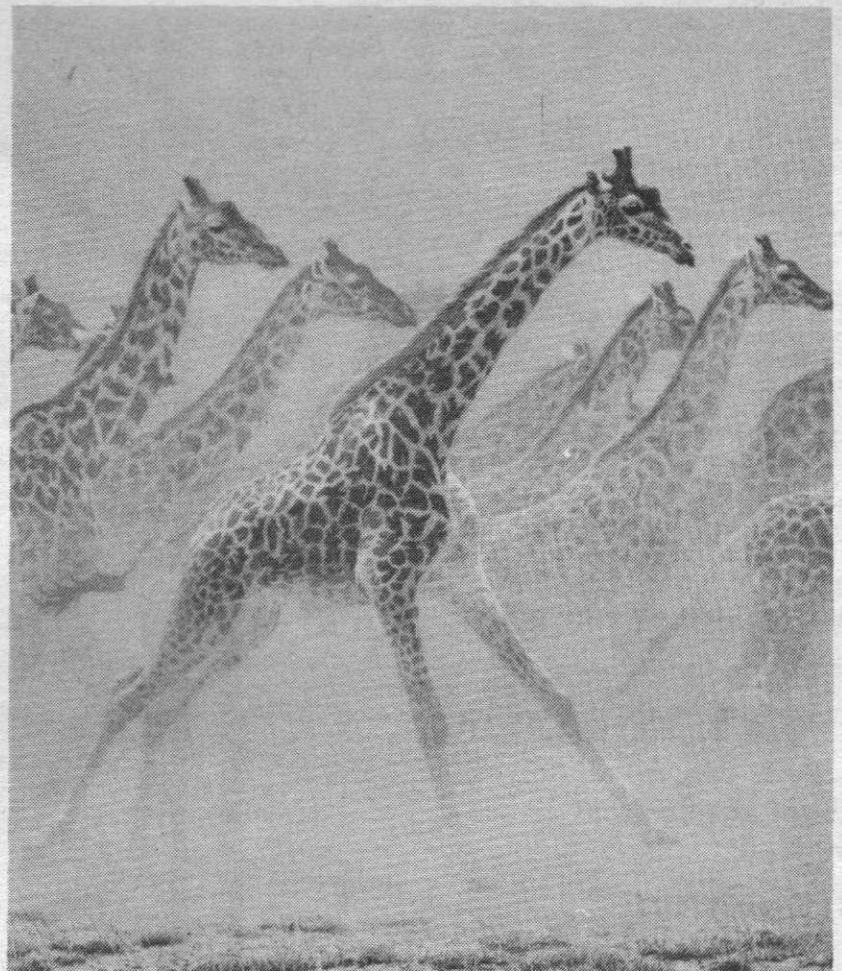
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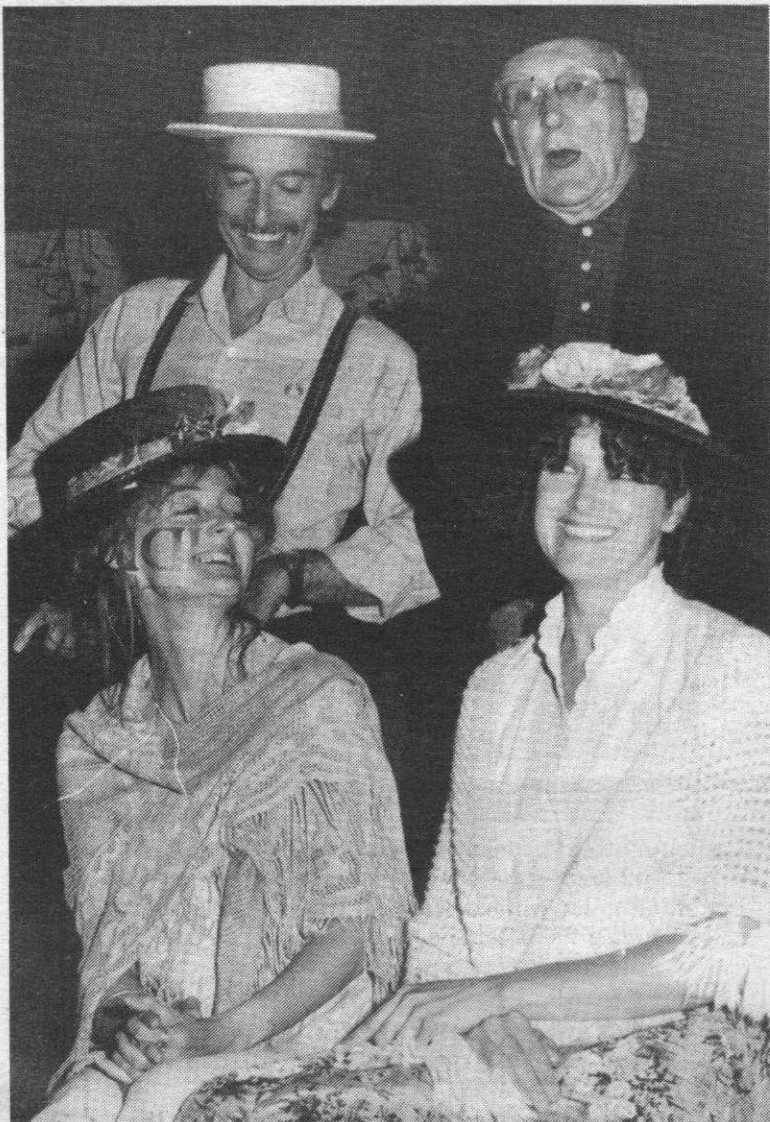


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The cast of *Islomania* hammed it up during rehearsal last week. Gordon Wales, back row left, and Richard Saville serenade Dawn Luker, front row left, and Janis

Seuss. The quartet play many parts in the play which looks at the history of settlement on Salt Spring. The play runs nightly, except August 13, at 8 pm from August 10 to 19.

## Islomania will bring island history to life

Voices from the past will haunt the gymnasium-turned-theatre at Fernwood School for nine performances as *Islomania: The Saga of the Settlers* looks at the settlement of Salt Spring Island.

The play, presented as a reader's theatre, allows the four actors to narrate words drawn from various sources to bring the history of the island to life.

Yvonne Adalian and Diane Hayes researched diaries, journals, letters and old records for information. They talked to some of the senior residents of the island and drew on tapes made at Greenwoods several years ago.

The event, to be staged at 8 pm each evening from August 10 to 19, except August 13, presents settlers' stories in a multi-media form. The actors perform the narration backed by slides of pictures of early life as well as graphics by LeRoy Jensen.

Costuming will be by Lynda Jensen and the sound effects will be controlled by Michael Bosnell. The music, with original scores by Peter Taschuk and Dwaine Prosk, was recorded by Eric Booth.

Director Yvonne Adalian puts the actors, Janis Suess, Dawn Luker, Gordon Wales and Richard Saville, through two hours of history depicting arrival of the native people, the settling of the Kanakas, the blacks from the American south and finally the Europeans.

Stage manager Michael Armstrong, lighting technician Tony Desbottes and producer Lynn Culham round out the behind-the-scenes crew.

Organizers intend to videotape the performance and show it to residents of Greenwoods and Pioneer Village as well as to the school children in the fall.

## Children's book reviews

**BY MIKE HOWELL**  
*Billy's Birthday Lollipop* by Lennart Helsing, Illus. by Lindberg Stig, 1966.

This book is for a very young age. It has big and easy to read words. There is a picture to go with every paragraph.

It's about how two little kids con a candy shop owner into giving them the whole shop including the candy. The two kids ate all the candy and could not eat the last lollipop which they had originally set out to get for Billy's birthday.

The kids would like the story because they can trick an older person, get away with all the candy to eat and get all the old furniture with the shop.

*Ramon and the Pirate Gull* by Robert Barry, 1971.

This book is a good reading book for children from 6 to 9 years old. This book has fairly large print and is the right size for a younger age. There are pictures on every page to go with the story.

The story is about a boy in the Caribbean who spots a red sea gull and people scoff at his story. Ramon (the boy) found the bird injured and unable to fly. Then he found out that the gull was wanted by a marine research station in San Juan, so he took him over there to return the gull.

I think kids would like this story because the boy helps a bird who is injured and unable to fly and returns the gull to safety.

*The Crocodile's Toothbrush* by Boris Zakholer, Illus. by Wallace Tripp, 1973.

This book is for a young age. It has fairly large print and big full pictures for each page. This book is not too large or small for this young age.

The story is about a crocodile who has a toothache and he couldn't stop it and all the other birds and creatures laughed at him because he was a bad crocodile. Then another bird came and felt very sorry for the poor crocodile, she cleaned his teeth and pulled out his sore tooth. All the other animals and birds liked the

crocodile after the bird had become friends with the crocodile.

This book would be good for little kids because it shows them all the pain and agony a toothache can be, so the kids will brush their teeth more often. I think also it will show them that they can be friends to anybody as long as they are kind to each other.

*Timmy Train* by Craig Moffet, Illus. by Helen Adler.

This book is for a very young age. It has pictures on every page with fairly large print. The book has about one paragraph on each page.

This story is about a small toy train who is in a toy store with all his little toy friends. He decides that he would like to be a real train with his own tracks but he soon got lonely and wanted to be with his friends. He woke up a little while later and found that he had been dreaming and was now with all his friends.

I think little kids would like this story because it tells them that no matter where you go you will always like to be home with your friends.

*Mr. Puffer-Bill* by Leone

Arlandso. Illus. by Tibor Gergely, 1965.

This book is for a very young child who likes a humorous book. It has large print and big pictures on every page.

This story is about a train engineer who enjoys his job. He likes it because he can look out the side of the train and watch the train tracks ahead of him and the scenery. But his head and ears get cold so he tried on all different kinds of silly hats to keep his head warm. But none of them worked so he invented his hat to keep his head warm.

I think little kids would like this story because they can see all the different kinds of silly hats he wears and all the different scenery with all kinds of farm animals.

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### Seven generations gather

Samuel and Emily Beddis landed on Salt Spring 100 years ago this month and their descendants gathered for a reunion last weekend. When the sloop *Discovery* arrived at Beddis Beach, it contained Emily's brother Raffles Purdy and

five children of the couple. At a dinner held at Central Hall Sunday, seven generations gathered. The head table was made up of, from left, Margaret Cunningham, John and Mary Inglin (both ladies are daughters of R. Purdy), Robbie

Beddis, son of Charles Beddis, Marie Saunders, a Beddis granddaughter, Phoebe Dixon, daughter of Henry Beddis, and Irene Justice, daughter of Lionel Beddis.

## Fulford students will spend their first month at Ganges

Children to be enrolled at Fulford School will be together in September but the first month will be spent at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board decided, after listening to the opinions of many parents involved, to set up classes from Grades 1 to 7 at the Ganges school so that when the move to the new Fulford school comes about, any disruptions will be minimal.

Each of the Fulford classes will be set up with the teacher who would be assigned to the classes if the south-end school were ready for use.

Youngsters from the Fulford School area who are enrolled in kindergarten will not go to classes until October 1 when the new school is scheduled to open.

School board chairman Charles Hingston, Salt Spring school trustee Ron McQuiggan and Fulford principal Bob Brownsword had

looked at various halls in the Fulford area with a view to setting classes up in them.

But after consultation with parents, the decision to share facilities at the Ganges school was made.

Classroom space such as the two portables, the agricultural classroom at the high school and other rooms will be utilized for the Fulford classes.

Delay in the planned opening of the school came about as a result of a contractor being unable to finish the walls of the new school.

The sharing of the elementary school in Ganges will run from school opening September 4 until the rescheduled opening of the Fulford School on October 1.

A suggestion that the two elementary schools, Fulford and Salt Spring, attend classes on a split day, was rejected as impractical. The Fulford classes would have

attended school in the morning while the Salt Spring classes would have attended in the afternoon.

Under that scheme, the children would have lost about one hour of classroom time per day with the lost time being made up when the situation straightened itself out in October.

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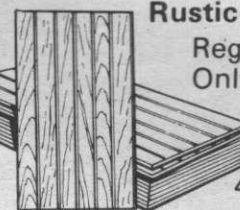
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**Paint it with vinegar**

Jim Scott knows his cheeses. He and wife, Joan were on Salt Spring Island again last week, from their home on Whidbey Island, in Washington. Canadian cheese is a delicacy, they are convinced and while they were extolling the national cheese dish, Jim explained how to keep cheese without losing it. Each time you cut it, he explained, you paint the newly exposed face with vinegar.

**Is she still running?**

One of my grandchildren watched the United States runner Joan Benoit take the gold medal when the women's marathon was shown on television. The same evening he glanced at the news on television, where the American runner was shown in triumph. "Gosh! Is she still running?" he asked.

**Utleys come back briefly**

The Utleys came back. Windsor and Josie Utley have left their new home overlooking Laguna Beach and have been staying at Booth Bay. They have looked over the old familiar places and found many familiar faces. They haven't changed. It is 20 years since the couple started construction of the fabulous Windsor's Castle on Beddis. Still painting, still travelling and still enjoying people, they have already built another new home high above the water.

**Reflections from the eastern past**

The Galt Reporter, under the heading, 'Hum or a Boom', says, "Almost every local manufacturing firm is today either building or preparing to build large additions to its works". "It is pleasant to have from such a witness as The Reporter such excellent testimony of the business character of the Liberal administration." If that were spontaneous, it might be interpreted as election propoganda. It was published, however, in the Woodford (Ont.) Daily Sentinel-Review for June 16, 1898. Freya Rodstrom found the newspaper backing an old mirror she bought at the recent Lions garage sale.

**Washing clothes the hard way**

- Nan Raven has her own recipe for washing clothes. Although she passed on the details, she didn't lay claim to following her own advice. It is her "Receet for washing clothes".
1. Build fire in back yard to het kettle of rain water.
  2. Set tub so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.
  3. Shave one hole cake lie sope in billin water.
  4. Sort things, make three piles. 1 white pile. 1 cullord pile. 1 pile work britches and rags.
  5. Stir flour in cold water to smooth then thin down with billin water.
  6. Rub dirty spots on board, scub hard then bile, rub cullord but don't bile just rench and starch.
  7. Take white things out of kettle with broomstick hendel then rench, blew and starch.
  8. Spread tee towels on grass.
  9. Hang old rans on fence.
  10. Pore rench water in flower bed.
  11. Scrub porch with sopy water.
  12. Turn tubs upside down.
  13. Go put on clean dress—smooth hair with side combs, brew cup of tea—set and rest and rock a spell and count blessings.

**No response to chamber**

**Ministry silent on park issue**

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce isn't being ignored on the Centennial Park issue. It's just that as far as the ministry of lands parks and housing is concerned, the chamber doesn't exist.

Chamber president Dale Codd went to a recent meeting of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission to explain the chamber's position regarding the park.

He told the meeting that letters had been sent to both the ministry and the Capital Region requesting that the chamber be included in

negotiations on the park lease.

Only the CRD answered. The chamber has heard nothing from the ministry, Codd said.

Hugh Borsman, CRD director for Salt Spring, explained to Codd that the ministry deals only with municipal authorities in such matters and can't deal with non-governmental bodies.

Codd said the chamber is quite willing to take the sub-lease for the park and when the CRD and the ministry reach an agreement, a public meeting will be held to find

out what Salt Spring residents want done with the park.

The ministry had expressed a willingness to allow the Saturday morning market and other uses of a recreational or community nature. Yet to be resolved is the fate of the mid-week vendors.

During the discussion at the commission meeting, George Heinekey, trustee for the Centennial Park Committee, said that the trustees have paid \$10 per year for many years as token rental on the park.

The statement came as a surprise to commission chairman Glenn Woodley. The commission, he said, has been paying \$25 per year for rental of the park.

Borsman said the lease should be ready soon.

**Jobs for six funded by Environment 2000**

Environment 2000 has created jobs for six youths on Salt Spring and the group is busy on several projects.

The job program is a conservation program sponsored by the federal ministry of the environment. In British Columbia, approximately 1,200 jobs in various similar programs have been created for a cost of close to \$6 million.

The Salt Spring program started in mid-June and stretches until the end of October. The group has cleaned the beach and constructed a new dock at Cusheon Lake.

Other projects will include fixing the nature trail and improving the

access to Arnell Park off Stewart Road, constructing a fitness circuit, studying public access rights to beach areas and making a determination of priorities for opening public rights-of-way.

In addition, the group will make an inventory of animals and plants in the Cusheon Lake watershed and construct a nature trail through the area.

Environment 2000 has allotted \$34,850 to the Salt Spring project.

Environment Canada officials view the program as a means of encouraging people to take responsibility for conservation activities in their own communities as well as an opportunity to increase public support for environmental ethics.

The Salt Spring workforce is under the direction of a foreman employed by Environment 2000 but the tasks are determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**No bearing on vehicles**

The class of licence under which the Queen of Tsawwassen runs to and from the mainland affects the number of passengers and crew members but has no bearing on the number of vehicles. A report last week stated otherwise.

For instance, a Class A licence means that the ferry can carry a maximum of 989 passengers and requires 29 crew members to operate.

Under a B licence, the number of passengers shrinks to 793 and a crew of 25 is needed.

The C licence reduces passenger capacity to 450 and only 21 crew members needed on board.

The vehicle capacity of the ferry is 138 but 110 of those spaces are held for reservations.

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## Getting to the right people

We are the wrong people. It's all so very clear when an election looms on the federal horizon we are so far wrong it is difficult to understand how island voters could ever have been right. The right people are those Canadians who properly and comfortably and conveniently make their homes in the city.

The urban voters of Canada are the more numerous, more readily accessible and generally conform to the ideals of an election officer. There's no messing around, the official running an election can put his finger on the urban voter at any given time.

But when it comes to the unfortunate rural voter, there just isn't time. Like those of us in the islands, the rural voter is inconvenient, inaccessible and probably doesn't merit the same trouble to reach as his urban cousin.

The urban voter and the rural voter are two separate breeds of Canadian. The law is written to distinguish between the two. The election information is fed into the hands of the urban dweller and if the rural dweller wants it it's up to him to get it.

The urban voter knows everything. The rural voter knows nothing. The urban voter is told everything. The rural voter scarcely knows the difference between six o'clock and voting day.

## Butt that butt out

When the anti-smoking bylaw comes into effect the first problem facing the district will probably be that of enforcement.

Smokers will be required to restrain their passion for nicotine while in public buildings. They will be required to confine their habit to areas designated for that purpose.

Smokers will wear a sad expression on October 23 which will be matched by the delight of non-smokers the same day.

But nowhere than in a store dedicated to the sale of tobacco will there be greater sadness. A smoker may continue to buy cigarettes, candy or newspapers in such an establishment. But he mustn't smoke, not even in a tobacconist store.

## Fatuous nonsense

Sir,

The latest act in the Musgrave subdivision drama is an old ploy which works only in a system of government where the opposition is rendered helpless and the public is given no input. So the ruling party steamrollers whatever legislation it wants.

If local land-use regulations don't agree with what a potent developer wants, just change the rules. Issue an Order-in-Council which will prevent the community from taking the issue to the courts!

This is how such things are done in Russia, where you can have your head chopped off for dissidence, or went to a mental institution, and probably in any Iron Curtain country, but not in a true democracy. It will destroy faith in land-use planning in B.C. as long as the Socreds are in power. The Islands Trust may as well take a well-deserved vacation until a new government is elected, dedicated to uphold existing land-use controls.

Municipal Affairs Minister Ritchie says, "We are overplanned

in some areas of this province (where developers want to get a lucrative foothold) and the people who live in the areas (especially the developers) should have more of a say in a more democratic (sic!) manner." I have studied land-use planning as it works in the United States and England and never heard such fatuous nonsense.

No doubt the developers and land speculators are rejoicing while professional planners are weeping in their beers. "Hell," a planner in the United States once said to me, "is paved with good plans destroyed by the undemocratic process."

ANTHONY NETBOY,  
Ganges.

August 2, 1984.

## Democracy a good thing

Sir,

The Musgrave Landing subdivision and the Sacred Cabinet Order in Council 918 makes me think of something a friend of mine says, "democracy is a good thing, too bad we don't have some."

(MRS.) B.E. ARISS,  
R.R. 1, Ganges.

August 4, 1984.



## Letters to the Editor

### Childish diatribe

Sir,

I am sure that your readers agree with me when I deplore correspondents who confuse facts with opinions and fiction. To this should be added those who deliberately attempt to mislead, confuse, or disturb your readers. This appears to be what Hermann Kirchmeir was attempting to do in last week's "Letters to the Editor".

He had access to an explanatory letter from the CRD lawyer, written some months ago. He also has made enquiries at the CRD, so if he doesn't understand the problem with the referendum, he should do!

Because of Letters Patent, and Supplementary Letters Patent, (particularly an amendment dated 1978), the CRD is enabled to install a sewer on Salt Spring Island without the consent of the residents. The CRD lawyer pointed out that if a referendum were held, the result could be challenged because the CRD would still retain the right to proceed. The referendum therefore becomes only an opinion poll, and not a decisive vote. The lawyers of the CRD and the Department of Municipal Affairs were asked to advise on this matter. At no time was I expressing a personal opinion.

So Hermann Kirchmeir's childish diatribe was misdirected. He then, after confusing the referendum issue, proceeded to his usual tedious clap-trap about a "local developers' sewer". It is hard to understand how an intelligent person can repeatedly miss the essential point, i.e. the sewer will come about because of a Public Health problem, and in no way to accommodate developers.  
CHARLES H. BORSMAN, M.D.,  
Regional Director.  
August 1984.

### To posteriority

Sir,

It appears that this election has one major issue—who touched whom, and where. (And with what?)

Trudeau started it all with his "Salmon Arm Salute". His gesture reflected his feelings for Canadians

as a whole and symbolically touched us where we couldn't tell our mothers.

These days I cringe when I hear of someone assiduously assembling an assortment of assets in order to assign them to some bank to assuage its demand for collateral. I'm not trying to be funny—I mean funny—but I find myself watching every word I say.

It's assinine. (Oh jeez!)

By the time this election is over many words will have completely disappeared from the English language—by common consent. Bumble bees will go the way of the dinosaur. They will become "flying barrels" or some such. Hockey players will no longer "butt end" opposing players. Instead, they will "give 'em the handle". How can we talk of "hot dog buns"? In today's vernacular, what is it—or they? Are they convenient outer covers for weiners—or is it a flamboyant jock's rear end? It's as if there's a magnetic attraction to use words related to the gluteal region!

Remember Mickey Spillane's descriptive prose? "I tailed the broad to a bar where she gave some bum the rush. I smoked a couple butts and watched in my rear view mirror as...."

Finis, kaput. Gone forever.

To posteriority one might say.

KENNETH C. GARNER,  
6907 Tyne Street,  
Vancouver.  
August 1984.

### Heartening response

Sir,

Amnesty International Group 72 thanks everyone who signed our prisoner appeals at the Market on Saturday. The response was very heartening. We hope to see you again this Saturday at the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Rd.

For a stunning performance of *A Different Mirror* Global Island Players have generously agreed to donate their talents as a benefit for Amnesty International during our Campaign for the Abolition of Torture.

MURRAY REISS,  
Ganges.  
August 1984.

### Musgrave the first of many?

Sir,

Thank you for your reports of the Musgrave affair. This beautiful harbour area appears to be going under the developers' axe, despite repeated protests from the Trust and this community.

Even more roadwork is in evidence on the Musgrave Road. It has been so much upgraded that the proposed 24-lot subdivision is no longer considered to be accessed by water. Previous demands by the approving officer that lot owners not request road improvements have been dropped from the latest preliminary layout approval.

Indeed, in May 1983 the subdivision was turned down by the same officer because "this proposal would lead to demand upon public funds to upgrade Musgrave Road to an acceptable standard."

This year it seems that tens of thousands of public dollars have been poured into a little used road that will service an exclusive subdivision (restraint?).

The proposal was also turned down because it "does not comply with the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan." A legal challenge was pending to defend the Community Plan. The government neatly overrode all objections, and destroyed the integrity of Community Plans, the Trust, and the courts, by an order-in-council changing the strata title regulations to allow for subdivision without regard to community plans.

If the public doesn't stand up and protest these most undemocratic activities, Musgrave will be the first of many such concessions to developers.

Please express your concern to the citizens' action group that will be located at the Farmers' Market on Saturday, or give me a call at 537-5397. Your support is needed.

NICK GILBERT,  
Islands Trust.  
August 7, 1984.