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## Federal officials discuss changes at Ganges

Officials of the federal small craft harbours directorate expressed cautious interest in proposed improvements to Ganges Harbour last week.

Regional director Warren Parkinson and regional manager Gary Norberg came to a meeting in Ganges to listen to and comment on the plans to improve the facilities at the head of the harbour.

"We're interested neighbours," Parkinson told the meeting, "and want to co-operate with what the community wants."

But, he added, the community must be unanimous in what should be done to improve the harbour.

Other factors limit what the federal department can do in Ganges Harbour, he said. Money, or lack of it, is the prime consideration. The federal department must also get co-operation from its provincial counterparts before anything can be done, he said.

The directorate maintains jurisdiction over the two government wharves, the foreshore of the Centennial Park area as well as the building containing the coast guard and the harbour manager, including the parking lot leading to it.

Jonathan Oldroyd explained the proposal which had been developed by a group of island residents to improve the appearance of the harbour. The plans focus on an attempt to integrate the community with the water, Oldroyd explained.

### WALKWAY

A walkway would be placed along the waterfront at the water line from

Gasoline Alley to Hastings House. The group also wanted the breakwater moved to Rose Islet to allow flushing action in the area of the government floats. The move would allow for expansion of the floats as well.

The parking lot along Fulford-Ganges Road would be moved to the side of the park, Oldroyd said, and the coast guard building would be moved to the floats.

When a suitable replacement site could be found, the boat launching ramp would also be eliminated, he said.

The area at the head of the government float would be transformed into a harbour square with facilities for boaters installed. Those facilities would include showers, a supply of fresh drinking water and facilities for disposal of sewage from the boats.

The plans, Oldroyd said, were to be implemented over a number of years.

Jonathan Yardley is also on the harbour improvement committee and he explained that the relocated parking lots would add at least 26

### Watch those flashing lights

Now that children are back in school, drivers are reminded that when the school buses stop and the lights flash, no passing is allowed from either direction.

But the school bus driver on the run to Fulford on Salt Spring has reported that drivers are speeding past the stopped bus.

A conviction for failing to stop on meeting or overtaking a school bus could bring about a fine plus the loss of three points against the person's driving record.

Lives of children are also endangered in such situations.

more spaces to the area.

He also repeated that the committee had looked at integrating the community with the water and exploiting the connection.

### HAD RESERVATIONS

Parkinson said the plans to tie the harbour together as a focus for Ganges were commendable but he also expressed reservations about parts of the plans.

The federal department would not oppose the relocation of the parking lot if no spaces were lost, he said.

But he did oppose the removal of the boat launching ramp. Up to 15 boats per day are put into the water during the summer months, the meeting was told.

The federal small craft harbours directorate has a mandate to take care of the commercial fishing fleet as its first priority, he said. Facilities for recreational boaters came second. There are close to 200 small harbours similar to Ganges Harbour on the west coast, said Parkinson.

They would be interested in expanding the government wharf, he explained, but the added spaces should not be in competition with the private marinas in the harbour.

The federal fisheries department was in the process of reducing the west coast fishing fleet, he said, which would make the proposal to expand the government wharf difficult to justify.

### HOME TO 36

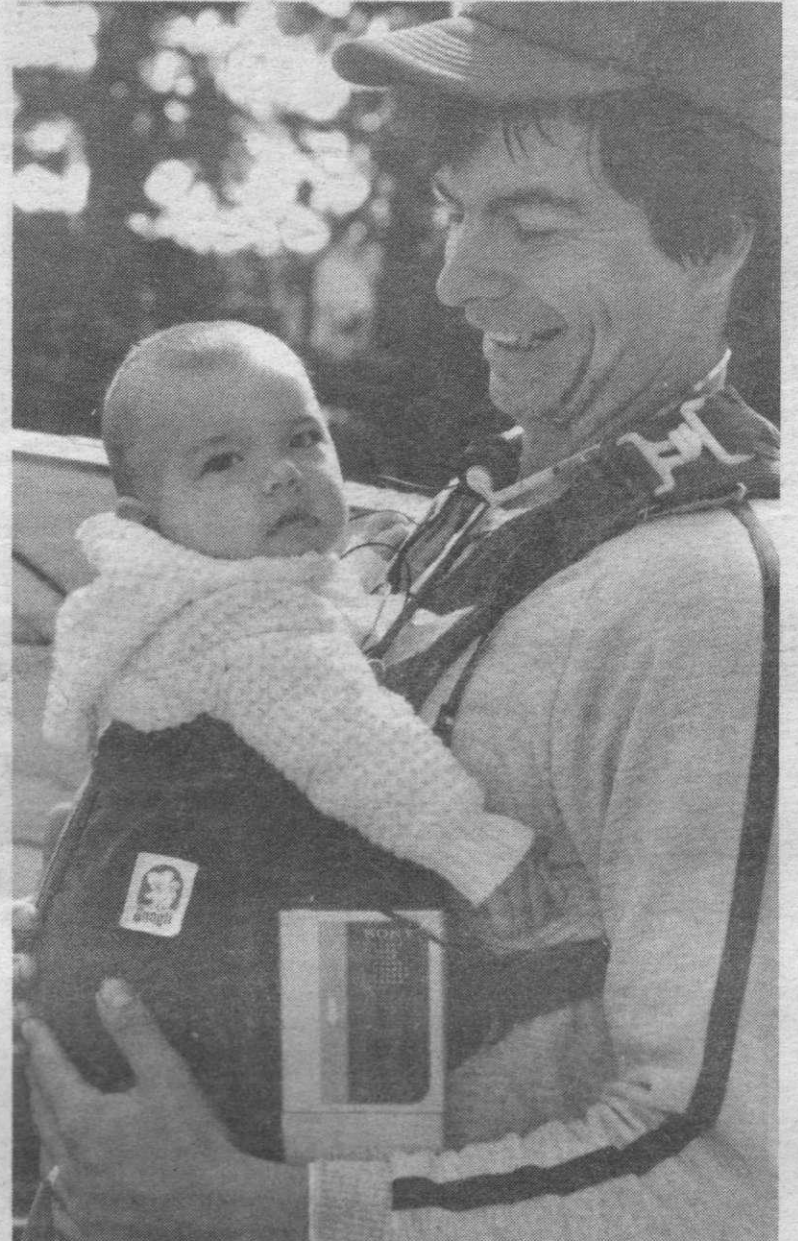
The Ganges wharf is home to about 36 fish boats, harbour manager Jim Stewart told the meeting.

He explained that during the winter months about 80% of the users of the wharf were commercial fishermen with the remainder being recreational boaters. In the summer months the ratio was reversed, he said.

Parkinson told the meeting that moving the breakwater could be technically possible but the cost would be high.

The move, he said, would "cost a lot of money and the chances of getting that amount for Ganges

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Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

### He was youngest

Youngest participant in Sunday's Terry Fox Run at Salt Spring Island was 5½-month-old Derek Kitchen, who slept through it all. His father,

Brian, did all the walking. The two were among 30 participants in the event, which raised nearly \$400. Story, Page 2.

### Layoff rumours untrue

With the beginning of a new school year, rumours circulate through the corridors of Gulf Islands schools that temporary teachers will be laid off in January.

Not so, says Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools.

Richard Tallboy, a Pender Island school teacher and president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA), brought the matter to the attention of the school board meeting held at Pender School last week.

Marshall said that staffing for the year had been set but the school board would not know the exact amount of money available until close to the end of this year.

Ron McQuiggan, school trustee from Salt Spring, said that the "rumours are just that: rumours."

The temporary teachers are on staff from September to the end of December and rehired for the remainder of the school year. In each year since the provincial government imposed its restraint program, the rumours about temporary teachers being laid off have circulated.

## Commission, chamber to discuss park

A committee from the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission will hear what the Chamber of Commerce expects of the lease for Centennial Park in Ganges.

At a meeting of the commission Monday, members agreed that Tom Hall, Glenn Woodley and Linda Hoover would approach the chamber on the matter. The meeting will find out what the chamber wants in the lease for the park so the commission can pass that information along to the Capital Region.

Shirley Wilde, chairman of the CRD, suggested that any member of the Parks and Recreation Commission taking part in the talks should not have either a perceived or direct conflict of interest in the matter of mid-week vending, which is the outstanding issue in the park

debate, reported CRD director Hugh Borsman.

The ministry of lands, parks and housing has sent the lease for the park to the CRD. It is essentially the same lease that the Chamber of Commerce had held before the park was turned over to the commission. The major change allows for the Saturday Farmers' Market and recreational purposes in the public interest.

Maureen Bendick, chairman of the commission meeting, said the wording was vague but Glenn Woodley replied that recreation in the public interest could not be defined to include mid-week vending.

George Heinekey, a trustee of the Centennial Park Society, told the meeting that the chamber had held the lease for the park in the early

1970's but had difficulty maintaining the park. A referendum was held at the civic elections in 1974 and voters approved the transfer of the park to the

Recreation Commission.

That group took over maintenance of the park in 1975 and accepted the lease in 1976.

### Excess sewage waste closes island's Stuart Channel shore

Shellfish harvesting on the Stuart Channel shore of Salt Spring Island has been prohibited by the federal fisheries department.

The closure results from excess amounts of sewage waste in the waters. The area affected runs from Parminter Point on the north to Erskine Point on the south and closes Duck Bay, Vesuvius Bay, Booth Bay and the Cranberry

Outlet to the taking of all shellfish.

The closure also affects the shore of Vancouver Island from Grave Point to Bear Point above Chemainus. Grave Point is opposite Erskine Point at the beginning of Sansum Narrows.

The closure went into effect at the end of August for an indefinite period.

# Changes at Ganges discussed

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were remote." Doug Foerster of Ganges Marina told Parkinson that a breakwater at the head of the other side of the harbour would offer protection for the marinas located there.

He said that storms blowing up-harbour from the southeast cause problems for facilities at the head of the harbour. There are two boat refueling facilities there and the breakwater would help when boats are being refuelled, he said.

Parkinson said that his department could spend money on

such a breakwater if the owners of the marinas were prepared to match that amount with expansion and improvement of their facilities.

### WOULD BE EXPENSIVE

But he also noted that with 30 feet of water at the proposed location of the breakwater it would be expensive to install.

Foerster replied that the breakwater, offering protection for boaters, would allow extension of the boating season from May to October instead of June to August.

Oldroyd noted that any cost to the federal government for

improvements to Ganges Harbour would be paid back through an increase in the amount of tax which increases in business would bring in.

Parkinson suggested that the people involved, the marina operators and the park improvement committee, get together and decide what needs to be done.

He said that a study of the entire harbour and its needs would be the best approach but the provincial government might object to expansion of the government wharf in competition to the private marinas.

The matter would come down to a choice, he said, of what should or could be done.

When the information had been compiled, he said, he would be willing to meet again with the people involved.

## 50 attend workshop

"Am I dying?"

Psychologist Dennis Boyd challenged a group of about 50 people interested in hospice work to respond to that question at a workshop at Ganges last weekend. The 10-hour workshop was staged by the Bessie Dane Hospice and its purpose was to train people in helping those who are grieving or dying.

Boyd examined first the grieving process, both good grieving and bad. Healthy grieving is natural and to be encouraged. But if it is not

carried out at the appropriate time, soon after the loss of a loved one, later reactions may become inappropriate and damaging, both physically and emotionally, to the person grieving.

Sensitive help by a person trained in good listening skills can do much to alleviate the pain of loss, the workshop learned.

Boyd described the helping relationship and participants were given the opportunity to experience in small groups actual situations of bereavement and dying. The secret of a hospice worker's ability to help those in distress is the development of good listening skills.

"One is to empty oneself so as to be open to the other's experience."

Organizers of the workshop intend to sponsor further monthly meetings relating to hospice work. For October, those interested are urged to attend Jan Pawlowski's night school sessions on living with cancer.

## Route decided

The school bus, when it begins its trips down Isabella Point Road on Salt Spring, will use the intersection at Mountain Road as a turn-around point.

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board approved the recommendation of the transportation committee to limit the bus route to that point.

Safety was the major factor in the decision. Isabella Point Road narrows after Mountain Road and some curves limit visibility. That is also the point that the gravel surface begins.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

## Caravan leaves Saturday

The Peace Petition Caravan leaves for Ottawa on Saturday and Art and Lou Rumsey of Salt Spring will be part of the trek. They decorated their camper to let people know why they are on the road. The

island participants leave Fulford Harbour on the 11 am ferry after a send-off at Centennial Park. They will join others from the islands at the legislative building in Victoria.

## Terry Fox run raises \$400

The Terry Fox Run at Salt Spring Island Sunday raised almost \$400 in pledges and donations, despite a turnout that was lower than last year.

While more than 50 people took part in the run last year, only 30 turned out on Sunday. The event raised \$92 in donations and \$280 in pledges, co-ordinator Jan Fisher told *Driftwood* Tuesday. Last year's total was \$80.

The community recreation class at Gulf Islands Secondary School

helped organize the run and Katimavik volunteers manned a juice and water station at the midway point near Central.

Twenty-three people did the 10 km route, while seven took the shorter 3 km run.

First person in was Ron Reznick, who ran the 10 km route in 35 minutes. Youngest participant was 5½-month-old Derek Kitchen who slept for the entire 10 km.

Money raised by the run goes to cancer research.

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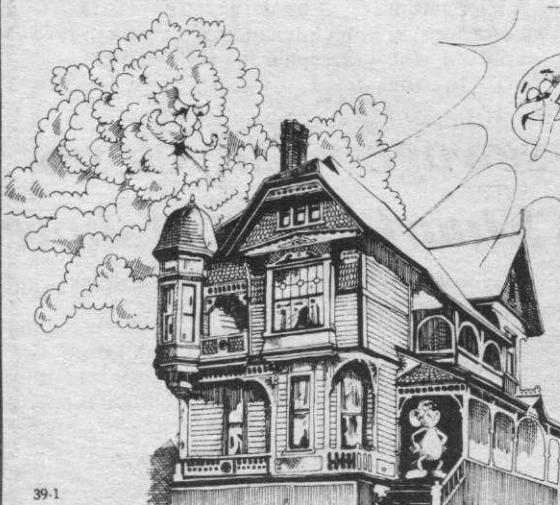
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To Be

Frank

by richards



*It's not a bit lonely!*

It was my family who messed everything up. They bought me a set of personalized licence plates because they were under the impression that there were no Liberals on Salt Spring Island. The plate reads "I Grit". That was when there wasn't an election. Came the election and I was nearly scared to go aboard for fear of being razed by other Grits who had figured that they, not me, were the lonely souls. Now that the election is over, Ron Brown sees me as the lonely soul of Salt Spring Island. But he's so wrong. The problem of being a Liberal in the islands is that most of your friends are Tory or NDP. That doesn't mean you haven't any!

*Oh! Those giddy heights!*

Fellow I feel sorry for is the dedicated Tory columnist who looks down from his new political heights and suffers such attacks of vertigo that he doesn't know whether he's still standing on his own two feet or six decimetres. That's a tall story he tells.

*Oh! That metric story!*

Of course all these things come from electing a government that can't count in tens!

*They flew all day*

But I didn't fly. Gordon Cudmore offered me a trip off his Fulford air strip on Saturday, but I was committed to travelling the island roads. There were aviators gathering in the rain shortly after breakfast on Saturday. As the rain cleared, so the enthusiasm increased and the plane was busy until the evening, through the afternoon's sunshine. Gordon and Cliff Hatch brought Air Day to Salt Spring Island on Saturday. It looks like there could be a repeat performance some time.

*Or would you rather beer can?*

I walked. It was a Terry Fox trot and I took part because my son coerced me into it. I inspected ditches I didn't suspect and I found houses tucked into the woods where you'd swear, from the car seat, that nobody lived. I watched my companions disappear into the dust after they led me out of the woods. I inspected deep gulleys and shallow ponds. I found that while beer drinkers prefer glass bottles there are more pop cans than beer cans on the littered soft shoulders. In other words, the pop can can beer a bigger litterer than can beer a beer can. But that, really, had nothing to do with the walk.

*Always caught in the act!*

It was an egg, a simple, humble egg. I wasn't eggcited but I wasn't eggspeting visitors, eggcept my wife. I was eggasperated when my fingers went through the eggshell and left me with the top half of the egg. I dropped into the pan what egg had been left in the upper half of the shell. I'm no eggspert in the kitchen so I upped the carton with its 11 eggs remaining and held my fingers over the 11 to pour out the egg juices still there. I should have known better. An egg jumped the lights and rolled over my fingers to perdition. Now, I don't mind losing an egg. What I did mind was having it all happen while Tony could stand there, watching.

*English as she is misspelt*

The Gulf Islands can be narrow and the travelling public is warned. New ferry schedules warns bicyclists of the dangers of island riding, in these terms: "Bicyclists are reminded to please observe the rules of the road on our Gulf Islands as these can be narrow." I also noted the CRD had a reference, "from a health criteria" and in another government document was an employee termed an "advisor". And, in case any reader misses the significance, "criteria" is the plural of criterion and might well have read, "from health criteria". An adviser, with an "e," serves in an advisory capacity, with an "o".

*That was my Poland*

I was never in Poland. But the exchange between a Polish ship and a Polish Pope reminded me of the only time I was on Polish territory. In the summer of 1940 I ran home from France and a Polish ship carried me from the hostile shores of German-dominated France to the coast of Cornwall. The *Sobieski*, out of Gdynia, as I recall nearly half a century later, had been in British service since the beginning and rigged out as a troopship, with cages of bunks below deck. We had been waiting in the Loire Inferieure for our return north to counter the German advance. Instead, we were taken to the docks.

For one night we lay in a building site, covered with empty cement bags for warmth until the patter of rain proved to be falling shrapnel and we sped for shelter in a half-completed structure that might by now be a hangar. The following morning we were marched to the end of steel, where the railway met the sea. For most of the day we sat on the lines and railed against our fate. In the afternoon we started to board the *Sobieski*.

Equipped to handle some 1,800 troops, she went on loading until she was carrying about 4,000 or better. No matter where you went or where you looked there were soldiers and airmen lying around. Even on the stairway to the bridge, the captain had to step over his passengers. The Polish ship had been in the Indian trade, carrying troops to England. She was plentifully supplied with rice and curry and our one daily meal consisted of curried rice or riced curry. I saw no Polish crew. They were likely too busy to mix, anyway. For 36 hours the *Sobieski* was my home from home. Haunted by enemy aircraft and dodging enemy subs, she made a long and tortuous voyage to Cornwall. I owed my life to the *Sobieski*, but I neither saw her nor heard of her again.

# Ferries' fall schedule out

The schedule setting out sailing times for B. C. Ferries for the fall period, September 24 to November 15, should be available this week.

The timetable is similar to the one used for the summer runs and is essentially the same as the schedule in use last fall, said Long Harbour terminal agent Bob Anderson.

One noticeable difference is that the B. C. Ferry Corporation decided to spell Salt Spring as two words.

The schedule as it affects the runs to Vancouver Island from Salt Spring remains the same. The *Salt Spring Queen* plies between Vesuvius and Crofton with a crew of five and space for 30 vehicles and 187 passengers.

The Fulford-Swartz Bay runs begin at 6:30 am with the last sailing of the day leaving Swartz Bay at 9 pm. The *Bowen Queen* handles that traffic. There are seven crew members on the boat and room for 70 vehicles and 390 passengers.

Neither of the Salt Spring to Vancouver Island ferries offers food service although the *Bowen Queen* does have beverage and snack dispensing machines.

Dangerous cargo sailings on the *Salt Spring Queen* takes place each Wednesday at 8:30 am from Crofton and 3 pm from Vesuvius. The 7 am sailing from Vesuvius and the return at 7:30 am from Crofton are cancelled for the weekends as well as holiday Mondays.

The Outer Islands will be served by the *Mayne Queen* which has a crew of eight and space for 70 vehicles and 340 passengers. Food service is available.

The boat leaves Swartz Bay each morning at 5:35 am to run through the islands and return by 9:30 am. It makes another tour of the islands

with return to Swartz Bay by 12:30 pm.

The schedule changes slightly for the midmorning runs on weekends.

The afternoon runs begin at 3:30 pm but are different for almost every day of the week.

The supplementary service leaves Swartz Bay at 6:35 am for a return trip to Pender before moving on to Mayne and Saturna with arrival back at Swartz Bay at 1:30 pm.

The afternoon sailings of the supplementary service leave at 3:30 pm to visit Pender and Galiano on Wednesdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the boat travels to Mayne and Pender. The evening run goes to Pender Island only.

That schedule is in effect until October 26 after which time the service is confined to Pender Island only.

Dangerous cargo sailings occur on the second Wednesday of each month.

The ferry running the supplementary service will be the *Vesuvius Queen* with a crew of five and space for 32 vehicles and 177 passengers. The *Quinisa*, which sailed the route for the summer, will be taken out of service.

The *Queen of Tsawwassen* sails from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen on the mainland. She leaves each morning at 7 am to visit Pender, Mayne and Galiano on the way across the strait. The boat turns around to visit each of those islands on the run to Salt Spring with arrival slated for 12:10 pm.

Traffic from Saturna must transfer at Mayne Island.

On Fridays and Saturdays, the mid-morning run features a return to the mainland before arrival at

Salt Spring. The schedule changes for Sundays and holiday Mondays with the mid-morning service including a trip to Long Harbour.

The afternoon and evening runs begin at 4:30 pm from Long Harbour and for Mondays through Thursdays plus Saturdays, the boat goes to each island on the way to Tsawwassen and stops at each island on the way back with arrival at Long Harbour being set for 9:50 pm.

The schedule changes for Fridays, Sundays and holiday Mondays with the evening run touching each island except Salt Spring before heading back to Tsawwassen. The Salt Spring return is an express run with arrival time being 11:05 on Sundays and holiday Mondays and 11:35 on Fridays.

Reservations are required on the mainland run but can only be made four days before sailing.

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## An impressive service

Glenn Woodley is leaving the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission. It is always news when the chairman of a public function steps down. It becomes news of a more significant pattern when he is relinquishing the chair after 15 years of service.

For 15 years Woodley has served the island with the recreation commission. The majority of that time has been put in as chairman of the organization.

The commission is not an exciting organization. Members have little time at their disposal to consider sports and standings. Their responsibilities take them deep into administrative functions and they take in statistics like they were food and drink.

The commission is demanding of its members, it is exacting in its demands and there are few community service awards awaiting its membership. The past 15 years have been particularly heavy for the commission for they have been the years of growth on the island and the formative years for the commission.

During his 15-year stint Woodley has taken part in the development of facilities for the youth of the island and the facilities will serve local youth for decades to come. Now and in the future Woodley may well take pride in having brought into being the recreational facilities at Portlock Park and the still developing facilities at Fulford, offering steadily increasing provision for sports and athletics at both ends of Salt Spring Island.

In 15 years the chairman has accomplished nothing by himself. He has been well-served in the calibre of commission members named by islanders and between them, the retiring chairman and the members of the commission have served the island community faithfully and well.

Glenn Woodley merits the warm gratitude of all islanders for his 15 years of long and unrelenting service.

## Terry Fox Memorial

Response to the Terry Fox run on Salt Spring Island on Sunday was disappointing, with only a handful of people turning out to make their contribution to the project.

The publicity gained by Terry Fox for the need of funds for cancer research was nationwide. Ask any islander who Terry Fox was and you'll get the correct answer. Ask any islander what Terry Fox accomplished and the answer will be equally right and equally prompt.

Ask any islander whether a relative or a friend or a neighbour has been stricken with cancer and there'll be few to explain they know of not a victim.

In face of these two circumstances it is surprising how few on Salt Spring sought to put the two together and to continue the Terry Fox campaign for help for those victims.

## Island reprieve

Residents of the islands who were fearing a major reduction in ferry services have been pleasantly relieved by the publication of the new ferry schedules.

The new schedule follows very closely that of last winter. Travellers who successfully braved the strait in the winter of '83 should be able to make it again during the coming winter. And those who managed to reach Swartz Bay in the past may expect to do so in the future.

It is a relief to those, living in the islands, who see the ferry in the same light as the mainlander sees the roads and highways.



## Letters to the Editor

### Article appreciated

Sir,

Thanks and appreciation to Rosemary Baxter for her article on homosexuals.

What strikes me most forcibly is the fact that such an article needs to be written, in this so-called "enlightened" day and age.

It seems to me to be a blot on our way of thinking, on our morals and mores, that we do not yet accept homosexuals and lesbians simply as people.

A good deal has been written about prejudice of one sort and another and so often it fades away when we learn more about the things of which we are prejudiced!

EVE SMITH,  
South Pender Island,  
September 17, 1984.

### King James consulted

Sir,

Since the spate of articles and letters in the past three issues on the topic of the Christian church and homosexuality, I decided to seek a higher reference than the authors of those conflicting opinions before passing my personal judgment.

Turning to the Subject Index of my King James Version, I found the following advice on "Judgement - cautions respecting": 1) "judge not, that ye be judged" (Matt. 7:1); 2) "judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven;" (Luke 6:37); 3) "judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgement;" (John 7:24); 4) "therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself;" (Rom. 2:1); 5) "speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of

the law, but a judge. There is but one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?" (James 4:11-12).

Indeed, who am I to judge, or, for that matter, who are you?

Helen Keller's droll observation comes to mind: "It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die of ennui."

BARBARA ARMSTRONG,  
Box 64, Ganges,  
September 21, 1984.

### Are they nice people?

Sir,

Are homosexuals such nice people? In the paper the other day I read where there had been a murder. One man stabbed the other 45 times. The killing was because he had a so-called love interest and because he was re-buffed.

If that is love what would hate be like?

GEOFF HOWLAND,  
Ganges,  
September 1984.

### 'Who are we to condemn?'

Sir,

It is so nice to see your readers follow the Bible to its exact teachings.

Whatever happened to St. Luke 6:37? Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: Condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: Forgive and ye shall be forgiven.

Is homosexuality really as big a problem as murder, child molesting, wife beating, child beating, cheating on your taxes, etc.?

What does it really matter what a person's sexual preference is, if that person follows St. Luke and is kind and gentle, etc.?

Who are we to condemn them? Are our own backyards perfect?

Maybe the church(es) should put this effort and energy into world

peace and happiness.

It is truly amazing how many different interpretations one Book can have. And how we all think our interpretation is the right one.

Thank you God for brotherly love and sisterly love. It's so nice to see how we care about each other. (To be read as sarcastically as possible).

DEBORA FORSYTH  
Ganges,  
Sept. 20, 1984.

### Turnout not encouraging

Sir,

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a word about Boy Scouts on Salt Spring. The word I'd like to say is *participate*.

Last Thursday night was our first meeting night of the new 1st Ganges Scout Troop. The turnout wasn't encouraging. We had two troop leaders and one parent attend. Also, there were five boys present but three of them were sons of the two troop leaders and one parent assistant. That means two boys showed up, other than leaders' kids.

If your troop is going to go we must have more boys. That means us parents have to make the commitment to get them there at 7 pm. Thursdays. If your son has talked about Scouts then please don't wait too long before you bring him or everyone else may have given up waiting.

We have what most groups on this island never get; a nucleus of leaders, a managing organization who funds them, all the equipment necessary and a free place to do our stuff, we only lack the most important thing of all...the reason for doing it all...the boys.

We'll be at S. S. Elementary gym at 7 pm Thursday to sign up any boy 11-14 (11 by the end of 1984) who wants to get in on a great thing.

If you have any questions please phone me at home, 537-9486.

PATRICK BAINES,  
R. R. 2,  
Ganges,  
September 1984.

# More Letters to the Editor

## Worthwhile experience

Sir,  
On behalf of the Bessie Dane Hospice I would like to thank all those people who attended the Dennis Boyd Workshop, also the Lady Minto Hospital, doctors and homemakers who gave their support and sponsorship and all those people who donated their time and effort to make it the success it was.  
I'm sure we all found it a worthwhile experience.  
Thank you,  
**PAT DESBOTTES,**  
Ganges,  
September, 1984.

## Send-off Saturday

Sir,  
Nearly 18 months ago members of the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Group conceived the idea of a Peace Petition to be made available for all Canadians wishing to make a statement about Canada's role in the nuclear arms race. Support was requested and received from prominent individuals, peace groups, and various other organizations: the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign became a national reality less than a year ago.  
Door-to-door canvassing and other means of personal contact began this spring in ridings across the country, resulting in hundreds of

thousands of people putting their signatures to the document which requests that:

1. Further cruise missile testing cease, and that there be no testing of nuclear weapons or delivery systems;
2. Canada be declared a Nuclear Weapons Free zone;
3. Wasteful military spending be diverted to human-needs spending;
4. A "free vote" in Parliament on these issues be held.

The campaign enters its final phase this weekend. On Saturday, Sept. 29, caravans of vehicles will depart from Victoria in the West and St. John's in the East for arrival in Ottawa by October 20. Along the route all the petitions will be collected for presentation to the Speaker on October 22.

Locally, send-off activities will start in the Farmers' Market on September 29 at 9 am. Our caravan will leave at 10 to connect with the 11 am sailing from Fulford, where a small-boat flotilla will escort the Swartz Bay ferry. The caravan will proceed to the Parliament grounds for a rally at 1 pm. Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island petitions will be collected at this time. Following the rally, the caravan will return to Swartz Bay and those going on to Vancouver for Sunday's activities will ferry to the mainland. Departure for the East will follow the Vancouver ceremonies.

The Peace Petition is your document. Help give it a rousing send-off this Saturday.  
**RAY NEWMAN,**  
Ganges,  
September 1984.

## To discuss outfall

Sir,  
Re: Marine Outfall.  
Your readers who are concerned about a marine outfall for Ganges Harbour may be interested in attending the next meeting of the Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force.

Guest speaker will be Professor Derek Ellis, a biology professor from the University of Victoria. A specialist in marine biology he has conducted extensive environmental studies into the disposal of treated sewage effluent through marine outfalls.

He will be showing a movie on the subject and will be prepared to answer questions.

The meeting will take place on Friday, Sept. 28, in the hall of St. George's Church beginning at 3 pm.  
**JOHN CROFTON,**  
Secretary,  
Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force,  
September 19, 1984.

## Planters need water

Sir,  
Our Ganges Business Centre has been a place of great beauty for the last few months, and it is sad to see all those lovely planters and hanging baskets being destroyed by neglecting to water them.  
I was told the money for this

purpose was exhausted, but surely some of our organizations would be pleased to help with a donation, as of course in this day of high costs no one can be expected to undertake the watering of these lovely things without funds to cover the costs.

It must be very beneficial for people to have all these lovely flowers around them when they come to Ganges for while Ganges is an attractive centre it has been very beautiful this year and could continue to be for at least another month.

**LASSIE DODDS,**  
Rainbow Rd.,  
R. R. 3, Ganges,  
September 1984.

## Example of excellence

Sir,  
When we think of excellence in education we may think of high marks or good teaching. This September, however, our teachers in two schools particularly are demonstrating their dedication by doing an excellent job in unusually challenging circumstances.

What happens when you have two schools of students and teachers and only one school to put them in? This occurred when the Fulford School was not ready for September so everybody slated for there had to be housed temporarily in the Salt Spring Elementary School.

The result was not chaos, everybody pitched in and it worked. There are some little people in big desks and big people in little desks and teachers with no desks but as Bev Byron said, "Just give me a table and I'll do the job." And that's the spirit of everyone involved.

There may be inconveniences and it may be crowded but the challenge is being met and the job of educating our children is being done. This is another example of excellence in our educational system.

**DAVID EYLES,**  
Trustee, School District 64,  
September 1984.

## Too many questions

Sir,  
Two articles appearing in the *Times-Colonist* earlier this month have left me with extremely uneasy feelings about the proposed CRD sewer project.

My worst fears about the CRD engineering staff were confirmed in an article September 6, in which CRD Chief Engineer Craig Somerville was reported as saying that he "would not guarantee the accuracy of any forecasts of annual operating costs or user charges" for the proposed system.

I first became involved in the sewer issue when, as a resident of the proposed area, I saw CRD cost estimates begin to rise and fall more dramatically than the tides in Ganges Harbour. All my subsequent dealings, with the CRD (and now Mr. Somerville's bald admission), have led me to believe that no-one, neither property owner nor business person, can put a shred of faith in figures coming from the Regional District. We must be allowed to do it ourselves.

The second item was a small paragraph in a story about residential opposition to a large housing development in the Deep Cove area of North Saanich. The proposed subdivision was called

"excessive, distasteful and monstrous" by ratepayers in the area. What seemed so frighteningly relevant to our situation here in Ganges was a statement by the North Saanich council that "high density was necessary to pay for sewerage the area."

The current CRD sewer proposal for Ganges is unaffordable. The potential users of the system are right to be anxious and uncertain. There are still too many questions and too few answers. Write to Dr. Borsman and the CRD. Ask that this community be allowed to continue the search for a cheaper alternative.

**MICHAEL HAYES,**  
Ganges,  
September 21, 1984.

## No property rights

Sir,  
Re: British Columbia will proclaim the week of Sept. 30 to Oct. 8 as Private Property Week. (from Vancouver *Sun*, Sept. 5, 1984).

British Columbians will have the first week of October to contemplate whether Canada should be known as a democracy or a totalitarian state. The differentiating factor is the right of the individual to own private property. Some think this right was inadvertently left out of our Canadian Constitution. Not so. The right of Canadians to have or not to have the right to own private property was hotly debated in the House of Commons.

Parliament decided Canadians should not have property rights.

The Provincial Premiers from outer Canada rode to Ottawa for a showdown. The head honcho of the B. C. Legislature ramrodded that particular roundup. He was one of the wild western premiers of the notorious gang of eight. The only similarity between these tough hombres and the O.K. Corral was that once they were corraled they said O.K., drew out their pens and signed the Constitution.

Now, three years later, we get a week to think it over. Be careful, the right to the use and enjoyment of property is not the right to own it. Remember the gang of eight had the right to the use and enjoyment of the Ottawa corral but soon found out who owned it, O.K.!

**PAT PATERSON,**  
Director, B.C. Committee for Elected Senate,  
Victoria,  
September 17, 1984.



**Bill Webster**

Several events of recent weeks offer hope, albeit faintly, to salmon fishermen on Salt Spring Island.

The work crew from the Outdoor Recreation group will be slashing brush and cleaning channels in various streams on the island as part of a salmon enhancement program.

They will start on Duck Creek on the northern portion of Salt Spring. That body of water drains St. Mary Lake and offers refuge to the pollution created by the department of highways sand piles at Central.

The next step for the work crew is to move on to Cusheon Creek, which runs from Cusheon Lake into Cusheon Cove.

The water conservation folks have not yet raised a peep. But why, you ask, should they?

Think about it. The crew will clean the creeks. The salmon will swim unimpeded upstream to the lakes. But the crews will not be supplying toilet facilities for the fish while they frolic in the lakes.

Or is that a minor point in the life of the island?

Which brings up another item. Tony Brummet, one of Billie's bunch, announced in his capacity as minister of lands, parks and housing that Sunday, Sept. 30, 1984, will be British Columbia Rivers Day.

When making this liquid announcement, Brummet said, "British Columbia's rivers are one of the province's greatest economic and recreational resources."

Don't go away, he isn't finished yet.

He continued in the same vein: "And it is only fitting that we remember this each year in a tangible way."

"I invite everyone in our province to participate in Rivers Day 1984 by enjoying our rivers to the fullest extent and by learning more about them."

And that announcement brought Louis Bolivar-Finchley to the mansion for a late-night discussion.

He wanted to know why the work crew from the Rec Council were not assigned to clean up the

salmon-spawning river which wends its way through Ganges.

He also wanted to know if that same majestic river was included in the plans for Rivers Day celebrations across the province.

"Everyone knows," he pointed out pointedly, "about the Fraser and the Columbia and Fulford Creek. But who in the province is aware of the charms and beauty of the Ganges River?"

He looked at me for several minutes until I decided to find out what Rat and Fink were up to.

Louis followed me on to the deck of the mansion and continued his discourse.

"Have you ever walked the length of that great river?" he asked.

"Have you ever attempted to find out some of the history of that river?"

"Have you ever watched the salmon as they struggled through the culverts to reach their spawning grounds in Swanson's Pond?"

The questions continued for several hours while Rat and Fink and I had fun.

Louis brought out the fact that the good folk of the village regularly supplied fish food to the river, the better to grow large salmon.

If that river wasn't part of the salmon enhancement program or part of the Rivers Day ceremonies, Ganges could lose a magnificent resource, he said.

At which point I asked a question which stopped Louis in mid-sentence.

"Would you eat the fish caught in that river?"

And now for something completely different.

Donations to the "Send Billy Webster to Driving School Before It's Too Late Fund" can be deposited in account #5080-422 at the Bank of Montreal in Ganges.

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## More Letters to the Editor

### Female conference

Sir,  
Our time is crucial. Many families have no work, which means children do not have proper food, clothing and shelter. Sustenance, shelter and safety are every family's goal and ultimate purpose.

The welfare system is too costly and almost over. It was supposed to be for emergency anyhow, and not a way of life. So we have called "A Female Conference" beginning October 9 to study and begin solutions: operation "be prepared to feed yourself"; workshops for learning; how to survive and improve our basics; future food for our future (one of our first projects); aqua-culture and beach clean-up; putting the unemployed and youth into action to clean our beaches and replant our depleted beaches with the native food of the area, clams, oysters, mussels, wild and native plants, wild and native birds; also to re-stock lakes and rivers with fish.

The government has cut back marine resources, fisheries and the wildlife branch as well, making them ineffective and almost useless to do anything real and sustaining. Besides what can a tiny overworked few accomplish? We need action now. Youth and unemployed need work now.

Our organization is a non-profit society. Founding members are professional females that intend to feed and sustain the young today and tomorrow. This is our purpose, goal and only reality: healthy babies, healthy families, and a healthy environment for a healthy future. We depend on it; you depend on it; the community's life depends on it; our country depends on it. So let's get with it.

Ways you can take action and get involved:

1. Garden produce required for conference and to keep the crews mobile.
2. Services rendered.
3. Produce and/or merchandise donations.
4. Good recyclables to begin a giant tradeable credit centre.
5. Cash donations.
6. Sponsor people for beach, city and highway walkathons, garbage bag in hand, the garbage recycled; half the proceeds for seed and seed gatherings and the other half for food bank for the needy.

The youth, unemployed and adventurous, should apply giving name, phone number, age and skills to Box 1477, Ganges.

Qualifications: must be interested in local community's survival; capable of brotherhood and sistership to make this community effort go and work; have practical knowledge and skills, and willingness to learn and apply themselves to get the show on the road.

I wish you success.

**SOLA SOCIETY,**  
Box 1477,  
Ganges.  
September 1984.

### They averaged 440 votes

Sir,  
In December '82, according to Bill Marshall, five people sat around a kitchen and decided we needed a Green Party and put out the call to see if anybody else was interested. The following February Greens met and ran provincially in June. November '83 they met nationally

and ran over 60 candidates (according to the federal party act) averaging 440 votes in this last election across the country. I call that progress.

Unlike most parties, they focussed on issues and policies—handing out information to the other three parties and the public alike, taking information from the grassroots and putting out press releases regularly. Like all new political parties, they are in dire need of more volunteers, more members and money, for which provincial and federal tax receipts are available.

Some of the humorous highlights from the campaign for me included Jim Bohlen, who ran for the Greens in Quadra, summarizing Green Party policy in two minutes on the Jack Webster show. John Knight winning the donkey political contest at the Saanich Fair—leading a donkey around a course with a bunch of carrots (the national deficit). The Pender Island Greens braving the Gulf of Georgia in their boats. Betty Nickerson on CKVU. Dr. Wally Thomas, his campaign accomplice "Scotty" waving at West Vancouver traffic, and a brief CBC documentary film donated by a Toronto artist.

The bus strike, my private project, is dead but not over; the government first failed to put money into necessary public transit, failed to act when this essential service was cut off, (the opposition failed to react) and thousands of businesses and hundreds of thousands of people suffered the long summer unnecessarily.

Metro Transit is only partly to blame, and when I asked Hugh Curtis how much money they'd saved, he looked me in the eye and replied that "contrary to public opinion" they hadn't made a cent!

So much for politics, so much for people!  
**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
Ganges,  
September 1984.

### The saga of Musgrave

Sir,  
In 1979 approximately 480 acres of raw land in Musgrave Landing was sold to Rico Holdings, a development corporation, with the condition that it be only selectively logged. The Community Plan prohibited small lot subdivision in that it was zoned "Uplands and Forests" and the only access road was impassable much of the year.

In early 1984 the Department of Highways began upgrading the access road for no apparent reason. There are, at last count, 23 new culverts between Isabella Point Road and Musgrave Landing. Were we to believe that these 480 acres containing virtually extinct Phantom Orchids and indigenous wildlife were merely to be selectively logged?

We discovered that the land had been very crudely logged even before the road was so diligently improved. We have since also discovered that Rico Holdings circumvented the Islands Trust and obtained permission of the Department of Highways for a subdivision of 25 lots of 4/10 to 3/4 acres each on land with highly questionable availability of potable water.

A lawsuit was initiated against Rico Holdings challenging the legality of their plans in light of the Islands Trust ruling against approving the subdivision. A subsequent order-in-council

favoured Rico Holdings' position thereby cancelling the efficacy of the lawsuit.

Are we to believe that this Provincial Government is supporting development despite the lack of ecological feasibility or responsibility and in direct contravention to the wishes of the people of this community as voiced in the Community Plan?

**ANN McDONALD,**  
R. R. 1, Fulford Harbour.  
September 1984.

### First event October 2

Sir,  
Salt Spring Island Women for Peace is organizing for the coming year with great ideas for speakers, concerts, workshops, and the continuing excitement of joining with Voice of Women.

First on the agenda Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Peace Centre, will be Jen Pentz as our guest speaker. Jen is the daughter of Lorna and Peter Pentz of Salt Spring, and the niece of Michael Pentz, all of whom have been intensely active in the cause of nuclear disarmament.

It definitely runs in the family. Jen, who lives in Bristol, England, has used a degree in psychology to work in therapeutic drama with children. She now works full-time for disarmament. Exposure to the peace movement led to her attending a number of workshops for Despair and Empowerment. Jen feels that these were vital in changing the focus of her life, from an intellectual, theoretical concern to an emotional one: a realization that, in her words, "this was no short political campaign, but a living commitment for life on this planet, not death."

Jen has strong and positive ideas to share with us about her experiences at conferences and women's groups in the United Kingdom, all of which strengthened her beliefs that we must work together, make personal contact, and support one another as human beings, energize and personalize our own commitments to each other and to peace.

Despair and Empowerment was a powerful and well-attended workshop at the Salt Spring Island Women's Festival in June this year. Jen has carried her investigations further than many of us, and we are privileged to have her address our next meeting.

New members always welcome: 7:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Peace Centre—same time, same place, every other Tuesday from then on.

**KERRY CHALMERS,**  
**MAGGIE HAYES,**  
For Salt Spring Island Women for Peace.  
September 24, 1984.

### Tune in to co-op radio

Sir,  
This letter is not addressed to those whose idea of Nirvana is to have a plastic dish planted in their front lawn but to those who regard television with a baleful eye and seek another less stupefying form of enlightenment viz radio. Vancouver Co-operative Radio, 102.7 F.M., is a non-commercial Community Radio Station that broadcasts from 1300 to midnight on weekdays and all day until 1 am on weekends. It offers a huge range of music, ethnic language and public affairs

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You won't hear Mitch Miller, Kenny Rogers or the Jacksons. But if your listening taste runs to Billie Holliday, Ferron, Laus Schultze, Gene Vincent or Noam Chomsky and you are tired of slick mediocre programming fed to us from T.V. and commercial radio then tune in to 102.7 FM or check out the "Radio Waves" program guide at the local peace centre.

**RICK LAING,**  
R. R. 2, Ganges.  
September 24, 1984.

### Use money for education

Sir,  
In these times of provincially mandated restraint, our local school trustees are faced with an increasingly difficult task—how to realize their own commitment to educational excellence within the increasingly stringent budgets enforced by Victoria.

I am very concerned that this already difficult task is about to be made—needlessly—much more so. The CRD, in a last-ditch attempt to find some way to build their ruinously expensive sewer, is asking the Ministry of Education for an up-front capital grant of \$218,000. This money would not go directly from the Ministry to our schools; it would go to the CRD to help finance their sewer.

If the CRD gets away with this (and they are also asking the Ministry of Health for a similar grant of close to \$500,000) what happens to our school district's budget once the sewer's built and there are no more grants? The school board will be locked into a financing formula to pay their share of operating costs for the next 20 years. And how much will the sewer cost to operate? Nobody knows for sure. What will the school's share be? Hard to say. It won't be any less than \$12,000 a year. Depending on the final financing formula it could be \$26,000. If too many things go

wrong with the CRD sewer it could be a whole lot more.

At the last CRD meeting I attended, Craig Sommerville, the chief engineer, said he didn't know what the sewer would cost to run. His department has put out figures that have differed by as much as \$50,000 in the space of a week. Mr. Sommerville doesn't really care what it will cost us to run his sewer. Few of the CRD directors do either. Our school trustees should.

Money the school board has to spend every year, for the next 20 years, to help pay for the CRD sewer is money they cannot spend on education: not on programs, not on personnel, not on supplies; not on learning assistance or soccer; not on software, hardware, music, science, math or French. What is the Board intending that our children do without?

I know that our trustees feel they have been doing an excellent job of bringing our district through restraint with minimal damage. They still can. There are alternatives to the CRD's scheme. Land is available near Ganges for land disposal of sewage. A coal filtration system like the one Bowen Island is installing can be built on that land at a much cheaper annual operating cost. A local improvement district can be formed to build and operate the system, again at substantial savings over the CRD.

Even if the Ministry were to give \$218,000 directly to our district, surely our trustees could find their own solution to their sewage disposal problem that would be far cheaper in the long run. Our schools could do a lot with that kind of money.

Money for education will continue to be scarce in this province. We will continue to need creative solutions to achieve and maintain the excellence in education our children deserve.

I hope all parents will join me in urging the Board not to commit themselves blindly to the CRD's schemes, but to honestly and cautiously reappraise the options available to them.

**MURRAY REISS,**  
R.R. 1, Vesuvius Bay Rd.,  
Ganges.  
September 1984.

### An open letter to all residents in the Islands Trust Area.

My Ministry is conducting a review of all regional districts. After completion of a number of reports, some weaknesses in individual regional district operations are being identified, and remedial action taken. This review is under the direction of Mr. Dan Campbell, a former Minister of Municipal Affairs. I have concluded that it would be useful, both to the Ministry and to the residents in the Islands Trust area, if this review also encompassed the Islands Trust. You are, therefore, invited to forward written submissions to the undernoted address, on any aspect of the operation of the Islands Trust.

Deadline for submissions:  
October 31, 1984.

To be submitted to:  
Mr. Dan Campbell  
Chairman  
Regional District Survey Committee  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs  
747 Fort Street  
Victoria  
British Columbia  
V8W 3E1



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Bill Ritchie, Minister.



Fred Curtis is a "jolly good fellow" who performed his famous song *I Like Beer* in last year's contest at Fulford Hall.

## Mr. Salt Spring pageant slated for October 6

While photographs published in *Penthouse* magazine have caused a few problems for the Miss America Contest, the same cannot be said for Salt Spring Island's beauty pageant, the Mr. Salt Spring Contest. And the contest, billed as "the social event of the year," will go ahead Saturday, Oct. 6 at Fulford Hall.

Candidates for Mr. Salt Spring

must have a sense of humour and they should enjoy entertaining. In addition, organizers say they should "want to have the best time of their life." No previous experience is necessary.

Candidates must be nominated by three ladies and the deadline is Friday. Application forms are available at Pharmasave and Vesuvius Inn. Completed applications can be left at Pharmasave.

Rob Tranter won last year's pageant—the first—out of a field of 12 contestants.

Contest is restricted to men only.

## Blitz to continue

The parking ticket blitz against vehicles illegally parked on Morningside Drive in Fulford Harbour will continue, an RCMP spokesman said this week.

Some Salt Spring residents travelling on the Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry park along the street near the terminal and the roadside often gets crowded with parked vehicles.

Some of the vehicles are too close to the fire hydrant and that is against the law, said the police official.

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## Taxi to stop at Port Washington

The port of call for Pender Island by the school district water taxi will be changed to Port Washington from Hope Bay as of October 1.

The change allows for a quicker transit time to and from Salt Spring and affects senior secondary students from the Outer Islands.

The ports of call for the junior secondary students going to and from Mayne Island are not affected.

The Gulf Islands School Board approved the change as suggested by Jeannine Dodds, Mayne Island school trustee. It was a recommendation made by Bob

Charters when he held the contract for the school water taxi. The trustees had turned the idea down at that time.

The water taxi service is now supplied by Gulf Island Water Taxi of Ganges.

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### CONCLUSIONS:

1. This preliminary assessment leads us to conclude that previous studies have not seriously investigated the benchland soils located less than 2 miles west of Ganges.

2. There are two areas within the benchland area that each have a definite potential for satisfactorily absorbing up to 90,000 gpd of 20/30 sewage effluent.

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## Land is Available.

Options to purchase have been obtained. Additional land is acquirable.

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Coal filtration disposal to land costs much less than the CRD proposal of a RBC plant to harbour outfall.

## ONE OPTION FOR SALT SPRING:

ESTABLISH A SEWAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (similar to Bowen Island, where a coal filtration system is being installed), similar to Water Improvement Districts on Salt Spring Island.

1. Avoids expensive overhead of the CRD
2. Provides local decisions for choice of ocean or land disposal and local responsibility for ongoing operation of the chosen system.

The CRD is *now* seeking these additional funds from the B.C. taxpayers to build the RBC/outfall system:

### A. Up-front capital grants:

- From the Ministry of Education ..... \$218,919
- From the Ministry of Health ..... \$489,961

### B. Subsidized \$600,000 loan from Municipal Affairs

Provincial subsidy of 75% of principal and interest repayment is equivalent to a direct grant of AT LEAST ..... \$450,000

This \$1,158,880 of B.C. tax money would be better spent constructing the Coal Filtration System because

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## Non-instructional days set for this year by board

School children in the Gulf Islands are back in class but they'll have some days away from their desks between now and the end of the year.

The Gulf Islands School Board has released the schedule of non-instructional days for the remainder of this year.

The pupils at Galiano School will be off on October 12. The teachers of that school will take a professional development day then. On November 30, parents can visit the school for interviews with the staff while the children get the day off.

The children of the elementary and junior secondary school at Mayne Island will have the day off on October 1 when a computer workshop will be held. Another half day from the classrooms falls to the pupils on November 21 when parent interviews will be held.

The one day on which Pender School will be closed fell last Monday when parent interviews took place.

The teachers at Saturna School take two professional development days on October 19 and again on November 2.

Meanwhile, on Salt Spring, the Fernwood School children get out of class on November 2 while parents go to school for interviews.

Fulford School is to open on October 1 and the first day off for the pupils comes November 2 when the teachers gather to look at an

assessment of the needs of the new school and set goals for the year.

On November 30, the Fulford school teachers get together again for a half day to develop a plan of action for the ideas generated at the first meeting.

Salt Spring Elementary School closes for the intermediate grades on October 11 in order to allow time for parents to interview the teachers about the children's progress. The primary grades are out the next day, October 12, for the same reason.

The Salt Spring Elementary teachers take part in a professional development program on October 19.

At Gulf Islands Secondary School, November 16 is report card day and the students are freed from the classes. On November 30, the students are out again as the teachers take part in a professional development day.

In addition to those days off, all the schools in the Gulf Islands School District close for the Thanksgiving holiday on October 8. Remembrance Day will be observed with schools closed on November 12.

The Christmas break begins on December 12 and ends on January 7, on which day the children must be back in class.

The schedule for non-instructional days for the last few months of the school year will be released later.



Flanked by instructors Ron and Kathy Weisner, square dance graduates are, from left, Vic and Vi Austin, Ken and Arthurine Spence, Donn and Audrey Dampier. Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Square dancers graduate

On September 19 the Salty Wheels square dance club welcomed the recent graduates to their weekly Wednesday night dances.

The new graduates, Vic and Vi Austin, Ken and Arthurine Dampier, Donn and Audrey Spence and Warren and Vicki Wilson, celebrated the completion of a year's square dance instruction under the direction of caller Ron Weisner.

Square dance lessons will be held

again this year for those who wish to join in. Lesson times will be arranged according to preferences

of those registered. For inquiries or registration phone Bruce and Lillian Kelly or Ron and Kathy Weisner.

## Red Cross faces deficit

The Red Cross in B.C. and the Yukon is facing a projected deficit this year of \$273,000, a situation that could have a drastic effect on Red Cross programs and services.

Ruthe Grant, chairman of the local fund-raising campaign, says the Red Cross provides Canadians with one of the finest volunteer blood donor programs in the world.

"It is the charity dollar that keeps the volunteer framework of the program in place and that is one

### List available

Additional copies of the advertisement carrying continuing education courses in the Gulf Islands are available from the school district.

Continuing education director Virginia Newman has extra copies of *Driftwood's* September 12 issue, in which the advertisement ran.

She can be reached at her office in Mout's Mall.

major reason why this deficit is of such concern," she said.

She noted that the program is heavily subsidized by the government due to its high cost and technical nature.

"But there is absolutely no question as to the importance of the charitable donation. Without it the cost of the blood program would be enormous."

Other Red Cross services that could be affected by the deficit include water safety and swimming programs, basic first aid, health education for children, outpost hospitals and seniors' programs.

The Red Cross blood donor program operated last year with the help of 1.9 million hours of volunteer labour.

Donations to the Red Cross may be mailed in the envelope provided in the current mail-out campaign or they can be left at the Legion Hall, to the attention of Ruthe Grant.

## Van skids on wet road

The road was greasy after the rain and the van ended up in the ditch at the side of the road.

James Wight of Salt Spring was travelling in his 1973 GMC van last Wednesday when it skidded on the slick pavement of Fulford-Ganges Road and rolled into the ditch. No injuries were reported. The roof of the van was damaged, although RCMP offered no estimate of the cost of the damage.

Wight was issued a traffic violation report for driving too fast for existing road conditions. The accident occurred at 9:15 in the evening.

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# Josef Hecel one of world's outstanding goldsmiths

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Josef Hecel is a quiet gentleman who lives on Pender Island but he is one of the world's outstanding goldsmiths, an artist of the old school, Polish by birth, a graduate of the Munich Academy with the coveted gold medal acquired in two years of a four-year course.

Hecel's chalices and objets d'art are in cathedrals and private collections in Europe and the Americas.

On the eve of the German invasion of Poland, Hecel completed the personal chalice of a young priest. Today that man is Pope John Paul II. The chalice the

young Josef Hecel made for him so many years ago is used in private Vatican services by the Pope.

The war was a difficult time for the young goldsmith. While in a Russian concentration camp he held on to his early dream to live long enough to create a gem-encrusted golden egg, inspired by the Imperial Faberge eggs made for the Czar and his family.

The war over, the young goldsmith found work in postwar Germany as a jeweller and then in 1953 he emigrated to Canada where he opened his own shop on South Granville in Vancouver. He soon became famous to those in search of

delicately-wrought treasures, and many Vancouverites studied the art of jewellery under him.

In 1974, Hecel completed his silver egg, made of 18-gauge sterling with 22-carat gold filigree, 16 2.5-carat diamonds on top woven into a five-point star, the shell decorated with chrysoprase, cultured pearls and gold balls. It stands six inches high.

Four years later Hecel completed his life-long ambition, a golden egg of 27 ounces of placer gold from Canada's Yukon. The egg is decorated with six black jade triangles, 13 Australian chrysoprase cabochons, six halved cultured pearls and six carved opals which depict the races of mankind. The top and bottom are hand-chaffed in a leaf design, the satin portion adorned with 22-carat gold filigree. It stands 8½ inches high including its black jade and rosewood base.

Both the eggs open at the centre from a hidden catch to become velvet-lined jewellery cases. Both were made totally by eye, using no measuring tools.

Faberge was the leading

European jeweller from the 1880's to 1918. He is best remembered for the famous Faberge eggs made for the Russian imperial family prior to the revolution. Faberge had a team of craftsmen in shops in St. Petersburg and Moscow but Hecel has equalled him single-handedly.

Several years ago Hecel retired to Pender Island where he spends his time carving pieces of driftwood.

During a weekend in August Hecel had a showing of his wood carvings on the lawn at Bedwell Harbour Resort. The carvings sell for \$250 to \$5,000. Some are eight feet in height and all tell a story of man's actions, foibles, dreams or even his uglier moments.

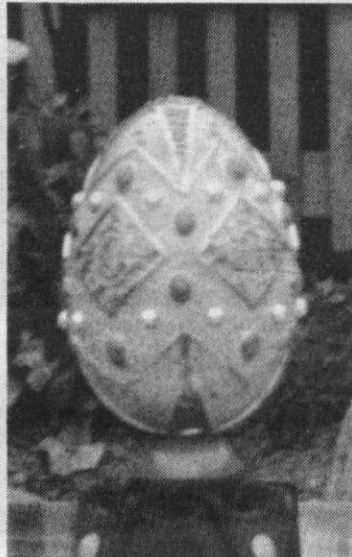
The gold and silver eggs were on display in a case which also contained another of his loves, iridescent opals carved into tiny faces that were small, intricate and

beautiful.

In the Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia, there are five Faberge Imperial eggs made for the Romanovs. Hecel's gold and silver eggs were recently on display there too.



Josef Hecel with one of his carvings



One of Josef Hecel's eggs

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At first glance it could be a bed of chrysanthemums being photographed by Nancy Wigen, at left, of Salt Spring Island. In fact, Wigen is

standing in the water at Fulford Harbour aiming her camera at egg sacs deposited by spawning squid. Other photo shows a close-up of the

sacs, each of which contains about 100,000 eggs. It has been estimated that there are 190,000 egg sacs in this one group, which is located near the

small boat dock at Fulford. Squid spawned in the harbour last year as well which was the first time in 25 years they have done so, Wigen said.

**Capital Region responds to task force questions**

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The answers from the Capital Region were not official so the Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force will wait before responding.

The Task Force had sent 10 questions about the Ganges sewer proposal to the CRD. Task force chairman Ivan Mouat read the unofficial replies to a recent meeting of that group.

He noted that the answers to the first four questions were not very clear. Those questions concerned debt retirement, mandatory or voluntary hook-ups, a CRD guarantee on the proposed annual operating costs as well as what charges would be made if the outfall pipe in Ganges Harbour was not used.

The task force wanted to know if the CRD engineers were assured that the sewage plant system would operate as it was supposed to and whether the warranty on the equipment was still in effect.

The CRD offered assurances that the system would work but the warranty had run out, the task force learned.

The Ganges group wanted to

know the circumstances under which \$600,000 more would be borrowed. The loan deadline had been set for January, 1985.

The money could be obtained at any time, the CRD answered, even after the deadline.

The task force asked about options which the CRD was considering and the answer came back that the directors had decided upon treatment and the ocean outfall for the Ganges sewer system.

The board would consider other

options if they were thoroughly documented with performance warranties included.

And in answer to the question on plans to obtain approval from those in the sewer area, the CRD answered that the people would be consulted but the manner of gaining their approval had not yet been decided.

When the CRD officially responds to the questions, the Ganges group will submit a formal response.

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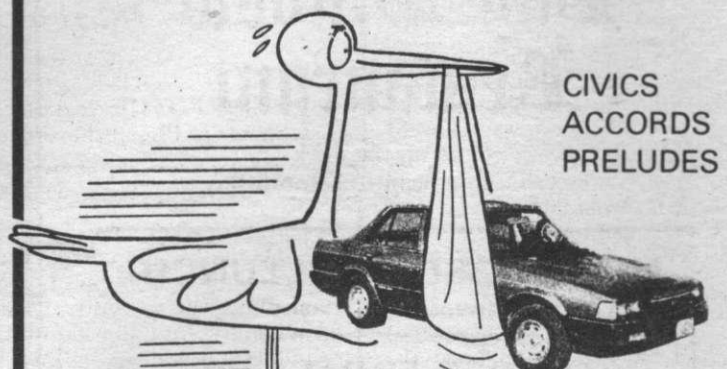
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# Salt Spring recreation budget was \$300 a year

## Glenn Woodley looks back on 15 years with commission

BY BILL WEBSTER

When Glenn Woodley steps aside from the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission at the end of this year, he ends 15 years of activity with the group, the last eight of which were spent as chairman.

Woodley became involved in the commission when he showed up at a meeting way back when. He was trying to organize a little league baseball team and went to the meeting to get a field for the children to play on.

But he didn't realize that it was an annual general meeting and he ended up getting elected to the commission. The other members then were Ed Williams as chairman, Tom Marcus and Terry Stringer.

The budget the group had to work with in those days was all of \$300 given to them through a provincial grant. The money was used to fund activities by various island groups, Woodley said in an interview.

The problem, he said, was that "it doesn't take long to run out of \$300."

By comparison, the 1984 budget for the commission was set at \$86,380.

The members of that early commission wanted to be involved in other activities on Salt Spring so they decided to go to a referendum to obtain one-tenth of a mill from taxes.

### Astronomical budget of \$2,500

When the request was approved by the voters, the commission had an "astronomical" budget. Although Woodley couldn't put an exact figure on it, he thought the amount came to close to \$2,500.

"That started the rec commission," he commented. They were in a position to begin to do other things. A couple of years later they went to the voters again and received approval to raise half a mill which brought in \$15,000.

With money available, the commission began a program of building sports fields.

Their first efforts went into the ball diamond at Fulford. The land was donated by Bob Akerman but it needed work. Woodley recalls that there were about a dozen old cars abandoned in the field, there were trees growing there and logs littered the area.

The commission obtained a Local Initiatives Program grant and began to clean up the field. The following year, a youth grant was used to construct a proper infield.

Volunteers showed up to help clear rocks from the grounds. And they were kept busy.

"There must have been 7,000 rocks in that field," Woodley recalls.

Fred Curtis built the dugouts and the late Roy Lee supplied material for the back-stop. He found the pipes in a garage in Ganges and put them to use.

The next project was to build the Little League ball field in Ganges. To fund that project, the commission went back to the voters for approval of a one-mill levy.

*Driftwood is recyclable*

A government grant aided in funding the project. About half the work was done by volunteers but the commission had to hire contractors for parts of the job.

### Portlock development began

At that point the commission became involved in the Portlock Park project.

The Lions Club, at the urging of Tom Portlock, had arranged to buy the property at Central for a sports complex. The commission became involved in the project by conducting a survey of islanders' opinions on it. Original plans called for an ice skating rink and a curling rink among other things.

When the Lions ran into trouble financing the project, the commission approached the Capital Region to find out what that body would do for it.

The CRD had been collecting the tax levy for the commission. The commission was told that it could either become part of the CRD or go back to the \$300 per year grant from the province.

So the Salt Spring Recreation Commission became history and the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission was born.

The CRD arranged for a special 2.5-mill levy to help purchase the entire property at Central and Spencer Marr arranged a government grant of \$70,000 to complete the park.

At this point, the commission hired someone to take care of the parks, a job that had been done by volunteers.

### Commission criticized over park

Included in the park maintenance was Centennial Park in Ganges. The lease for the park had been held by the Chamber of Commerce and it was turned over to the commission. Subsequent events brought much criticism to the commission over the park.

"We should never have become involved," said Woodley.

When the controversy over the Farmers' Market erupted, the commission was heavily criticized because of the claim that it was against the market.

"That's a load of crap," said Woodley. The commission looked on the Saturday morning market as a recreational activity on the island, he said.

The high and low points of commission activities centre on the proposal for a recreation complex for Salt Spring, said Woodley.

The commission had hired a consultant to come up with a five-year plan for recreational development on the island. The commission wanted to create a complex which contained a swimming pool, meeting rooms and a small gymnasium.

They went about looking at other complexes in other communities on southern Vancouver Island and came up with a "pretty good idea of what would serve Salt Spring," he said.

"I think that was my most exciting time on the rec commission," Woodley said of the efforts to put the plans for the complex together.

### Recreation complex still needed

But the voters of Salt Spring turned it down. The commission had been criticized for not going for a swimming pool but Woodley said that would have been a mistake. The complex was and is needed, he maintains.

"Sooner or later, they'll have to have a number of facilities."

He views the creation of Portlock as the accomplishment of note during his time on the commission. It turned out even better than the commission of the time thought it would, he said.

His one disappointment is to leave while the sports complex in Fulford is incomplete. The tennis court will be in place soon but plans call for development of the large field at the back of the property.

Woodley sees the commission soon reaching its capacity. For the future, the completion of the Fulford project and the maintenance of the existing parks and fields would be about all the commission could do, he said.

He recommends that a new five-year plan be developed to trace the possible course of recreation on the island.

When his term expires, the Fernwood School principal intends to spend more spare time working on his Cranberry area farm.



Glenn Woodley

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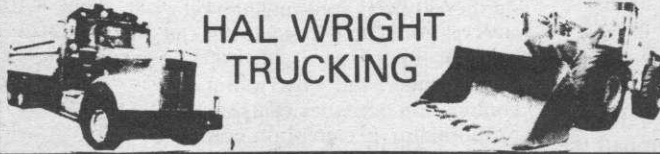
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# Women's Place enters fourth year with lunch on Sunday

A "mother-daughter-sister-any woman" potluck lunch will be held at Salt Spring Island Sunday by the Gulf Islands Women's Place Society. The society wants island women to come out and have fun, especially those who have never attended a women-only event.

Various forms of entertainment will be provided by participating women. Daycare will be available.

The society, which is entering its fourth year, has its headquarters off the kitchen at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill. The resource room, with its library, is open to any women and women's groups may arrange to use the space for meetings without charge.

Weekly "brown bag" lunches (coffee and tea provided) will be held Wednesdays from 12-2

beginning October 3 and all local women are welcome. Mother's Time Out, a regular child care service, runs from 1-4, and Wednesdays are Drop-In Days at the Women's Place.

Another regular activity is a film and discussion series on Monday evenings. *Daughter Rite*, taken from interviews with 40 women on their relationship with their mother,

begins the series October 1 at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre. *Killing Us Softly: Images of Women in Advertising* will be seen October 29.

Workshops are a regular part of Women's Place activities and the first scheduled one, co-sponsored with Continuing Education, is *Choices and Options: Women's Orientations to the Trades*. It will be given by Caitlin Macart and Cynthia Hale, self-employed cabinet makers on Vancouver Island who give regular workshops on this topic to women and teens looking for interesting employment at good wages. They have information on the types of

programs available and funding sources, and involve participants with some "hands-on" experience.

Registration should be made through Continuing Education. Daycare will be available.

Other upcoming activities at the Women's Place will include weekly special interest groups such as afternoon bridge, a book discussion series on women's spirituality and a group that will explore aspects of enabling women to become more comfortable with political involvement.

Women are urged to contact the Women's Place Society so that it may implement programs that are of interest and representative of island women.



A few of the entertainers who will be performing at the Women's Place

luncheon are, from left, Janis Suess, Wendy Norton, Barb Slater, April

Curtis and Shirl Wood.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Bylaws may be changed

A general meeting of the Salt Spring Players will be considering changes to the bylaws which govern the group.

The executive of the theatre group will be asking the membership to approve a change to the bylaw which calls for the annual general meeting to be held in January. The suggested change would move the annual meeting to the second Tuesday of June.

The reason for the change revolves around the line-up of plays for the season. When the annual meeting is in January, the possible change in executive members means that the new group is responsible for the success of plays which they did not approve.

With the June date for the meeting, the executive would be responsible for the entire season of plays.

The second change involves the calling of general meetings. The bylaw states that such meetings should be held every two months. The executive is seeking a change to having the general meetings every three months instead.

Along with the change in the annual meeting will be a change in the financial report for that meeting. If the change is approved, the treasurer will have to give a financial statement to the annual meeting instead of an audited report.

An audited report of the financial health of the theatre group would be required but a statement being required at the annual meeting would ease the rush at the end of the season.

The meeting to consider these changes will be held in the hall at St. George's Church at 7:30 pm on October 1.

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# Soccer association expenses may exceed \$14,000 this year

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**

With the soccer season just under way, it is a good time to outline our financial picture and how we plan to raise funds this year.

Our 1983-84 soccer season, which ended on July 31, 1984, raised \$12,860.52 in income while having expenses of \$13,643.12, leaving the association with a net operating loss of \$782.60, which will be carried into this season.

For the 1984-85 soccer season our proposed budget expects expenses of \$14,350, with the biggest expenses being uniforms and equipment, \$4000; regional and referees, \$2,500; and travel, \$1600. On the revenue side the association expects to raise \$14,400, leaving a \$50 surplus at season's end.

The players themselves raise 75% of the revenue with 50% coming from direct fees (\$5,000 in registrations and \$1,500 in soccer school fees). The remaining portion of the 75% the players raise through the Shoot-a-Thon program and other fund-raisers.

Our players are currently trying to raise sponsors for their Shoot-a-Thon and they will be coming around the community looking for support. The Shoot-a-Thon works as follows: the players take their sponsor sheet around the community to find people to sponsor them based on the number of goals they can score in 10 shots on their goal-keeper from the penalty spot. Two weeks from now the players will take their shots and then they go back and collect their sponsorships.

The program works two ways as it raises funds for the association, but 25% of the funds each player raises becomes a credit he can use to purchase soccer equipment (boots, jackets, etc.). We hope you will support our players in this worthwhile program when they approach you.

The players will also raise funds through chocolate sales, car washes and raffle sales and we hope you will support our teams in whatever fund-raising endeavour they may be using.

The other 25% of our total revenue we will raise from the community in the forms of grants, sponsorships and donations. The

grant we receive from the Parks and Recreation Commission assists our teams in their travel to play league soccer in Victoria and Duncan.

The sponsorships and donations come from individuals, businesses and service clubs and they can sponsor either an off-island team, an intra-island team or the association as a whole.

In recognition of the difficult economic times we know that businesses can only afford limited sponsorships to our association, and therefore we are open to all kinds of suggestions and offers.

In recognition of your support you would receive a plaque, an invitation to our Christmas dinner and an invitation to our year-end banquet. With over 300 players and support staff, your support will greatly benefit the youth of our island.

If anyone in the public wishes to see our statements; copies are available upon request—please feel free to discuss our finances or the support of them with us.

Next week I will return to the lighter side of the sport, the on-field activities.

## Selects fail to score come-from-behind victory

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**

The Selects of Salt Spring tried one of their patented come-from-behind victories again on the weekend but the gap was too wide, and the boys fell short of their goal, losing 5-4 to Peninsula. Last soccer season the Selects were famous for falling behind and then roaring back to steal victory from the jaws of defeat, but this year looks different.

The boys allowed their opponents an early 4-0 lead on sloppy defensive play and a lack of team hustle. The Selects did retrieve one goal before the half on a Mark Nordine break-away and a glimmer of hope appeared.

Early in the second half another bad break allowed Peninsula to gain a 5-1 lead and it looked like the game was all over. The only ones who did not believe this were the Select players who suddenly rose out of the ashes and turned the game around.

A fine Chad Little cross found Mark Nordine in front and the score went 5-2. Shortly after, Izak Ondre drifted a cross goalwards and B.J. Severs slipped in to nod it home for a 5-3 game. The Selects kept pouring on the pressure and with five minutes to go, another Chad Little ball found B.J., who first timed a ball off the goalpost—a game-saver for Peninsula.

In the dying moments Ben Berry made a fine run down left wing,

slipped a fine cross to Mark who scored easily and the game went 5-4 with only minutes to go. Unfortunately the clock ran out and Peninsula escaped with the win.

For the Selects the game provided two valuable lessons. Firstly, a team cannot allow its opponents to gain a big lead and always expect to pull the daring come-back. Secondly, the players must play a full 70 minutes of soccer, not just 35.

On the brighter side, the team showed they could compete with Peninsula and dominated the second half. The few players who stood out were Ben Clarke, who played a solid game at right back, Mark Nordine, who is always a threat up front, and Corbin Scott, who played a sound game after he took over in goal.

After two weeks the Selects have two losses, a rarity in their short history as a team. This weekend I look for an improvement in form as they meet Lakehill at 1 pm on the Ganges school grounds.

# DOWN THE GUTTER

**BY TERRY JENKINS**

The ladies have the high scores to themselves this week: Carol Kaye with 791 (223, 264, 304), Deanna Marleau 781 (292, 218, 271) and Phyllis Jorgensen 725 (216, 257, 252). Bowler of the week for the ladies was Carol Kaye, who also had the only 300 game.

Now that we all have averages, remember that if you bowl way above your average for three games, put your name on the paper on the notice board located under the locker keys. The person who bowls the most pins over his average will bowl free the next time. Most pins over for this week, Carol Cunningham plus 185, Mary Piperno plus 140.

**GOLDEN-AGERS SCORES**

Over 250: Fred Gilman 284, Ivor Cawker 256. Over 225: Leslie David 249, Frank Nicholls 241, Flo Kavanagh 237, Lou Conlisk 239, Marg Robinson 236, 222, 204, Flora Robinson 230, Art Robinson 225.

Over 200: Les Giles 223, Dave McRoberts 223, Mona Jones 220, 214, Geoff Baker 217, Bill Harper 215, Ed Allan 213, 205, Ruth Bedford 210, George Day 209, Alma McQuiggan 207, Gene Graham 207, Edie Gear 206, 202, Annie Code 205, Bill Davies 204, Helen White 203, Lucy Moore 202, John Richardson 200.

Over 600: Fred Gilman 628, Margo Robinson 613, Ivor Cawker 606.

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 Div. 4: S.S. Selects 4 (M. Nordine 3, B.J. Severs), Peninsula 5.  
 Div. 6: S.S. Strikers 5 (X. Lam 3, C. Ulansky 2), Juan de Fuca 1.  
 Women's: S.S. Sockeyes 0, Goldstream 1.  
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 Intra-Island Junior: Eagles 5 (S. Blakeway 4, A. Vickers), Devils 0. Panthers 6 (B. Forbes 3, M. Cuddy 2, C. Binkley), Wildcats 0; Mites 12 (H. Jason 10, L. Jason 2), Demons 0.



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**TENNIS NEWS**

**'Late bloomers' play weekday mornings**

**BY STEPHANIE ROWLEY**  
There is a group of very enthusiastic women playing tennis on the Andress court every weekday morning from 10 am to noon. They are so keen and their numbers are growing so large that they are thinking of moving their matches to the public courts, especially for the winter months.  
These "Late Bloomers" want to play more competitive matches through the fall and winter, so the ladies' singles and doubles ladders will shortly be going back into

operation, organized by this writer. Mixed doubles play is still going strongly, though neither this nor men's doubles play in the ladder form is being considered at this time.  
Gordon Hartley of Cedar Hill Indoor Tennis Complex in Victoria is willing to arrange inter-club competitive matches featuring doubles play, using the already programmed Friday night time period. These could be very enjoyable mini-tournaments in a recreational environment.

The tennis rating program was cancelled due to rain Saturday. It will be held this Saturday instead (weather permitting) from 2-4 pm at Portlock Park.  
This standard method of classifying tennis players provides the opportunity to identify players of equal ability for recreational and competitive matches, when attending clinics, when playing other clubs socially, when looking for a tournament partner or just arranging friendly games at the local level. At this time, Island players are divided into beginner, intermediate and advanced but just where in one of these categories does the player fit, particularly at the intermediate level.

If a teacher or tournament organizer can be given the information that a pupil or entrant is a green 1, or a white 2, it describes overall general playing ability. It's comparable to establishing a golf handicap. The people taking this afternoon of tennis select the category which best describes their ability from a technical guideline brochure issued by Tennis Canada and do not have to meet all the criteria of that category, just the overall level of play.

This afternoon of tennis will cover the basic ground strokes, serve, volley, game strategy, drop-shot, overhands, all the advanced strokes. This is not a clinic but an opportunity to have your personal game rated by B. C. qualified teachers. The association hopes that all tennis players, members and non-members, will take advantage of this final organized event of the season.

**Trail and Nature Club prepares new program**

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has prepared its October program.

A general interest walk and an easy hike will take place October 2. Tony Farr will lead the first to the salt springs and some bushwhacking will be involved. Walkers will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am.

Tony Pederson will lead the hike in the Bridgeman Rd. area to Reginald Hill. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15.

A regular walk in the stone-cutting areas on Salt Spring will be led by Jack Foster October 9 while a hike at Kathleen's Hill—Mt. Tuam will be led by Loes Holland. Meeting place for both is Centennial Park at 10 am as well as Drummond Park at 10:15 for the latter.

Members will travel to East

Sooke Park October 16 for an easy walk, a regular walk and hike led by Dougal Gatt. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 9 am sharp to catch the 9:30 ferry at Fulford or at the parking lot at East Sooke Park at about 11 am.

On October 23 there will be a regular walk on the east side of Mt. Belcher and a hike on the west side. Dorothy and Al Black will lead the first and Bob Ball the second. Meeting place for both is Centennial Park at 10 am.

Last events of the month will be a leader's choice regular walk conducted by Ernie Jenkins on October 30 and a hike from Arnell Park to Drummond Park with Jean King. Meeting place for both is Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15 for the hike.

*District to keep land*

The Isabella Point Road property on Salt Spring will not be sold, the Gulf Islands School Board decided last week.

Ron McQuiggan, school trustee for Salt Spring, reported to the board that the lawyers consulted had advised against the sale of the .61 acre property.

In 1904, he said, the property had been turned over to the Isabella Point community for use as a school site. It had been used for that purpose until the late 1950's when the school was closed because of declining enrolment.

At that point the property was

deeded to "School District 64 and its successors for ever."

The land is to be held in trust as a school site and for school purposes. The lawyer advised that the site must be used for a school or given back to the crown, McQuiggan told the meeting.

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He will include a side-trip to Salt Spring Island this October and plans to offer a weekend papermaking course in Ganges at that time (October 12, 13, 14).

A graduate of the University of Oregon at Eugene, Speer has studied paper-making in Japan and with Mme. Ling Fu Yang of Carmel. A more complete resume as well as samples of his work will be on display in the Continuing Education office in Mouat's Mall.

As operator of the Parrot Press and Papermill in Portland, Oregon, the artist specializes in small book production using traditional Japanese methods. Part of his Friday evening talk/discussion on October 12 will be a film from Japan as well as samples of his books and hand-made paper.

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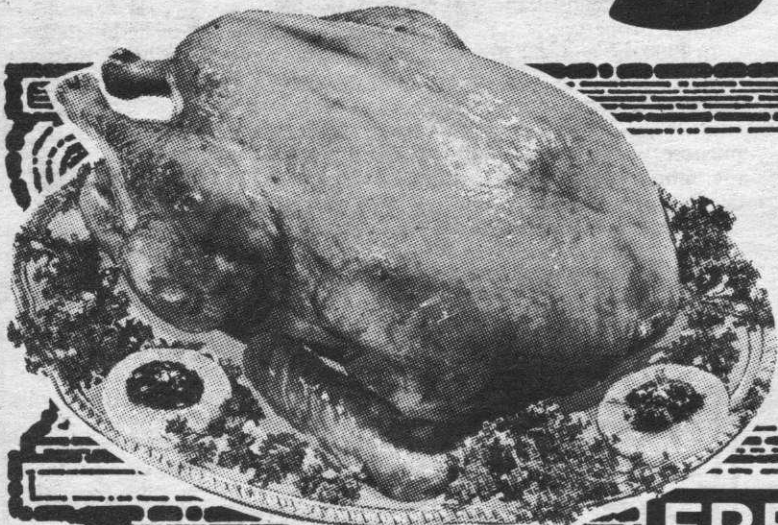
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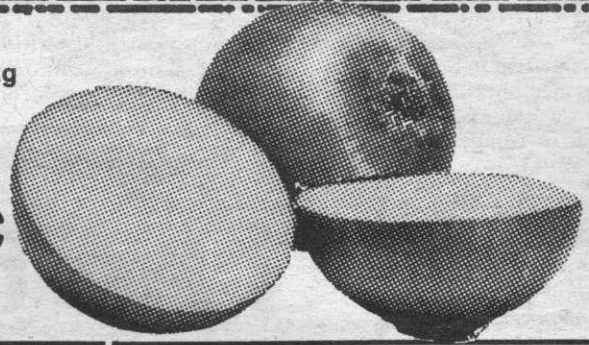
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