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## Committee to pursue action against B.C. Ferries

The Salt Spring Transportation Committee will continue its legal action against B.C. Ferries over the recent increase in ferry fares.

The committee received encouragement to continue at a public meeting held last Thursday.

### Mystery solved

The great *Quinita* mystery has been settled.

The *Quinita* was responsible for damaging a buoy north of Knapp Island on January 5, claimed the Coast Guard.

Never heard of it, responded the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

The *Quinita* damaged the buoy, insisted the Coast Guard.

The *Quinita* hit the buoy, insisted a number of commuters.

That's right, agreed the ferry corporation at the end of last week.

Witnesses stated that the *Quinita* left Fullford on its regular 6:30 am sailing to Swartz Bay. About 7 am the buoy came into the view of passengers in the port-side passenger lounges.

The navigational aid disappeared from view and popped up from under the vessel, said the passengers. The flashing red light was, by this time, flashing white.

The buoy was later reported out of position by the *Vesuvius Queen*.

The corporation stated at the end of the week that the buoy had bumped against the ferry and was sucked under the fender. Coast Guard estimated the cost of repairing and relocating the buoy at between \$500 and \$1,000. Ferry corporation will pick up the tab.

The meeting was attended by about 35 Salt Spring residents.

Arvid Chalmers, representing the Salt Spring Planning Association on the Transportation Committee, told the meeting that the trust fund set up at the credit union contained about \$100 to pay for legal fees.

The law firm engaged by the committee had checked into the matter and concluded that a legal suit could be launched. The lawyers are looking into whether the provincial government could be included in the suit.

B.C. Ferries, as a crown corporation, is the responsibility of the minister of transportation and highways, Alex Fraser. He reports to the legislature on the activities of the ferry corporation and acts in other ways to ensure not only a provincial presence in company affairs but also to ensure that the crown corporation meets its mandate.

Chalmers said the legal action will continue until the cost reaches \$500. At that point the committee will hold another public meeting to gauge opinion about any further action.

The law firm had indicated that to follow the legal course would cost at least \$1,000.

The committee contends that the ferry system serving the Gulf Islands is the highway system for islands residents. As such, residents of the islands should not be expected to make up B.C. Ferries' operating deficit "any more than the most isolated resident of the most isolated B.C. community is asked to pay any more in highway taxes than the city resident is asked to pay."

The lawyers had found two key sections of the Ferry Corporation Act which seemed to cover the situation, Chalmers noted.

One section states that as a crown corporation, the ferry company is expected to run its operations

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Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

### New sidewalk

Traffic Safety is the reason for some changes at the Ganges school complex. New sidewalk seems to please Dorothy Hamer and her daughters Angela, Grade 3, and

Jennifer, kindergarten. With other changes expected to take up to a year to complete, costs are estimated at \$25,000. Fencing around the school board office is

designed to stop students crossing the Mahon Hall parking lot to enter Ganges and re-route them down the sidewalk on to Rainbow Road.

## Homeowners questioned while study conducted

When the engineers were busy checking the Ganges area for their sewage disposal study, they also asked home-owners some questions.

They checked 28 of the approximately 190 developed lots in the village. About 150 of the lots are single-family residences, duplexes or apartments. The remainder are commercial properties.

The engineers looked at some commercial properties but none in the business section on the harbour front.

Of the residences, 10.7% have two bedrooms, 53.6% have three, 17.9% have four and 3.6% have five.

The length of time which people lived at the addresses broke down to: up to five years, 43%; six to 10 years, 28.6%; more than 10 years, 17.9%.

The septic disposal facilities for

the properties checked showed that 10.7% had fixtures which did not empty to the septic fields. The fixtures, such as sinks or laundries, were drained to separate septic systems or into the ground.

The engineers found that 21.4% of the people have problems with the septic systems while 64.3% did not. Some of the residents did not know where the septic fields were located on the property.

The septic tanks were pumped out at least once in three years at 28.6% of the properties, once in four to six years at 7.4% and more than six years ago at 64.3% of the properties.

The engineers asked who would be for and who would be against sewers and got the following answers: 46.4% were for while 28.6% were against. Percentages don't add up to 100 because not everyone answered the questions.

## APC wants submissions on plan

The Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission is currently reviewing the official community plan for Salt Spring.

The group, which represents various organizations on the island, acts as public forum for the Islands Trust on land use matters and other things.

The review is being carried out as a routine matter, ordered every five years by the Municipal Act, to take a close look at the plan to determine how it compares with changes on the island.

Islands Trust representative Nick Gilbert said the APC is looking for public submissions now. He indicated that a public meeting will be held within a few months for further expressions of views on the plan.

The look at the plan takes into consideration only those portions dealing with the island as a whole,

said Gilbert. The official plans for Ganges and Fullford will be dealt with later.

The community plan is a statement of intent which reflects the desires of the community as to the type of development wanted as well as the degree of protection of the rural atmosphere of the island which is considered necessary.

If land use planning is taken back by the government in Victoria, said Gilbert, then the community plan will gain importance as a strong statement of what islanders want for their island.

The plan began back in 1972 as a bylaw of the Capital Region and was adopted by the Islands Trust in 1979 when it took over land use and zoning matters for the islands.

The APC is looking to the public to come forward with ideas, particularly about sensitive areas of the island which need special

protection. The Fullford plan, for instance, mentions trees which have a heritage value to the south-end village.

A rough draft of the revised plan will be presented at a second public meeting.

After that event, the plan goes on to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee for consideration. When the Islands Trust has given the revised bylaw second reading, a public hearing will be held.

After the hearing, the Trust gives the bylaw third reading and the document goes to the minister of municipal affairs for approval. After the minister signs it, the bylaw comes back to the Islands Trust for final approval.

Gilbert said the entire exercise should be completed by the end of this year.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

### Advertising concert

These Salt Spring Island youngsters were delivering signs last week to advertise the concert by Valdy. Robin Coombes, left, and Roseabel Graham are Grade 6

students at Salt Spring Elementary School. Valdy is performing Saturday to help raise money for the Grade 7 field trip program at the school.

# To pursue action against Ferries

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profitably from revenues generated. Another section notes that the minister of transportation could cover any deficit with a subsidy. The subsidy used to be equal to an amount which the highways department paid per mile for highways in rural areas.

The subsidy had been as much as \$76 million until the government began its restraint program. Chalmers said the province now chips in only \$42 million.

The Transportation Committee had met Stuart Hodgson, president of the ferry corporation, and local MLA Hugh Curtis, minister of finance, about the fare increases, said Chalmers.

The meeting had produced an agreement from the corporation to do away with the expiry dates on commuter tickets.

That gives special rates to those who can afford to buy the book of 10 tickets, said Chalmers.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands School District, related that local school officials were checking into how the Gulf Islands district compares to other school districts where children go to school on islands.

Where island schools are served by ferries run by the department of highways, Marshall said, the children can go on field trips without charge for the ferry rides.

In the Gulf Islands, children going on field trips must pay the fare.

Those other school districts also have lines of communication with the highways people, said Marshall, and they are listened to.

But, he noted, that doesn't seem to be the case in the Gulf Islands. The B.C. Ferry Corporation "has become very self-serving," he added.

"They've lost sight of whom they are supposed to be serving."

John Lomas spoke for the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. The chamber is concerned about the impact the fare increases will have on businesses on the island, he said.

The newly imposed charge for travel between islands could affect businesses on Salt Spring. The \$6 return charge, when compared to the commuter ticket price of \$8 return from Vancouver Island, could encourage people from the Outer Islands to shop more in Victoria at the expense of Salt Spring businesses, he said.

The chamber was also concerned about a rumour that the mainland-Gulf Islands run from Long Harbour would be eliminated. B.C. Ferries will be called upon to hold a public meeting before any decision affecting that route is made, Lomas said.

The chamber is also wondering if a federal royal commission could be appointed to examine ferry service on the west coast of Canada.

Chalmers said a sub-committee of the ferry corporation is in the process of looking at service to the Gulf Islands. He said that each time the Transportation Committee meets with ferry officials, the Long Harbour ferry is discussed.

The sub-committee is supposed to have a report on what service is needed and what service can be cut by the end of February, Chalmers said.

Service is of concern to commuters, said a local man who travels daily to Victoria for work. He had talked to other commuters and they were not opposed to increases in fares. They were concerned about the level of service offered by the *Quintisa* on the Fullford-Swartz Bay run, he said.

"The *Quintisa* is not a ship to be proud of," he said.

Another commuter disagreed. He told the meeting that the fare increases were discriminatory and even if the committee settled for a push for better service, the ferry company would look at it as confrontation.

Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring director to the Capital Region, told the meeting that he would support the efforts of the committee. He offered to help with legal costs through his grants-in-aid fund from the CRD.

Chalmers ended the meeting with a promise to have the committee call another public session when the cost of legal action has reached \$500.

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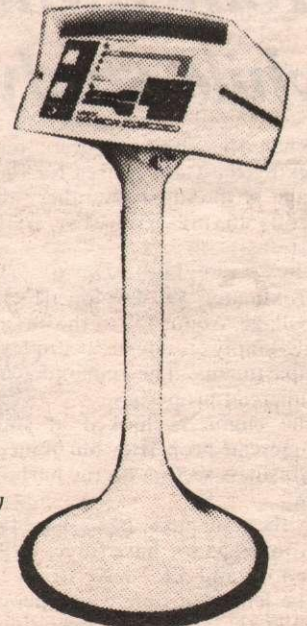
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## Transportation committee plans elections in March

The Salt Spring Transportation Committee will be holding elections of members at a meeting in March.

The chief thrust of activities of the committee concerns ferry service to the islands.

The committee has been around for several years and came into its own about a year ago when the Islands Trust, which had been talking to the B.C. Ferry Corporation, decided to back out of the arrangement.

The Islands Trust decided that adverse publicity which it gained through ferry company decisions

### Meeting dates set

The meetings of the Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission for February have been set for the 7th and 14th.

The APC members will continue discussions of the Salt Spring community plan during the first meeting.

Zoning applications and other business will occupy the second meeting.

The APC meets in the board room of the school board office on Lower Ganges Road in the village.



### Campbell inquiry

# Major recommendations centre on land use controls

Planning and land use controls are the main consideration of the Campbell committee looking into the operation of regional districts in the province. First district to come under the scrutiny of the group was the Capital Regional District and the recommendations are devoted to housekeeping and the transfer of planning decisions from the community to the ministries in Victoria.

The final report of the Campbell inquiry into the operation of the Capital Regional District has called for a cleaning up of many aspects of the internal functioning of the region. New committees are recommended as well as a new approach to personnel procedures, policies and evaluation. The region is called on to overhaul various aspects of its operation, particularly the accountability of committees and operations. The most sweeping recommendations of the inquiry centre on land use controls.

Land use planning has been restrictive and cumbersome, reports the inquiry. The recommendations call for full control of development proposals by the ministries of highways, lands, parks and housing and environment where such proposals are perceived to have a generally desirable provincial or federal purpose in the Islands Trust area.

The regional district, at the present time, has no responsibility for land use in the Islands Trust area.

The committee calls for the establishment of a "general overview guide planning capacity to be put in place through the use of private consultants." The resulting broad-brush plan will then be regularly revised and regularly recommended back to municipal councils and electoral areas for their guidance in determining development strategies.

Some recommendations apply only to the Vancouver Island area of the Capital Region and require a close liaison with the Greater Victoria Water Board.

All projects approved for planning grant money will, in future, be checked out by the ministry of municipal affairs, having regard for their impact on land available for housing.

All settlement plans in the electoral areas of the Capital Region and the Islands Trust shall be reviewed and revised if provision for rezoning is not in place.

Plans for the electoral areas of the region and the Islands Trust will be denied unless the municipal affairs ministry is satisfied that sufficient land has been identified where subdivisions of one acre or less would be entertained if roads, drainage, water supply and sewage disposal are available.

#### NO LOCAL INPUT

There will be no local input into the granting of oyster leases, booming grounds, boat harbours, breakwaters, fish farms, marine parks and foreshore leases for any other purposes. The ministries will be solely responsible for making these decisions in the Capital region and in the Islands Trust.

No local input will be accepted when an application is made for the exclusion of lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve. Whether the exclusion be sought by

a single applicant or by a municipality or regional district, the applications will be made direct to the land commission. Exclusions will be based on agricultural value and development considerations.

The recommendations of the Campbell inquiry consist almost entirely of housekeeping recommendations except in the realm of land use control.

#### NEW COMMITTEE

The sewage and solid wastes committee has already been renamed the sanitation and water commission. It has absorbed local works and services, the engineering advisory committee and the Saanich Peninsula water committee. Its responsibilities include septage disposal, refuse disposal, engineering services, wastewater, View Royal sewer system, Ganges sewer system, Maliview sewer, Magic Lakes sewer and water systems, and Saturna, Highland and Saanich Peninsula water systems.

The regional board must spell out the mandate of the committee by resolution.

The proposal is offered that, if the region or the ministry deem it necessary, the structure of the committee, its powers and legal authority and its budgetary authority could be made absolute by amended letters patent or amendment to the municipal enabling and validation act.

The former minister of municipal affairs did not find fault with all aspects of the region. The Capital Regional District meets the needs of its member municipalities and electoral areas in many functions, he reported in his summary. He cited the community health and regional parks functions.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

Main criticism was over the accountability of committees, management and functional areas.

Among its proposals in other areas, with a smaller bearing on the islands, are the provision of the finance and administration committee, to include all committee chairmen.

The main functions of the committee are budgeting, financial reporting and management, external audit, policy and

procedures, organization, corporate planning, management controls and personnel.

The Campbell committee has recommended the application of three questions before any new function or activity is sought by the district:

- Does the function meet a clearly defined need or aspiration of the participating area?

- Does the activity meet the test of being deliverable at a reasonable cost level?

- Did the region examine all possible alternatives?

Any new function must be approved at the board level and must be within the range of the letters patent.

A new standard presentation method must be evolved for the introduction of any new function.

The new executive committee is examining the Campbell report prior to its consideration by the board.

The inquiry is headed by Dan Campbell, who, as minister of

municipal affairs 15 years ago, established regional districts. All regional districts in the province are to be examined in the same manner.



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## Fined \$350 on three charges

Two separate incidents resulted in three charges and when Anthony Kay entered guilty pleas to them last week in Ganges court, he was fined a total of \$350.

He had been swimming last August and left his driver's licence at home. But RCMP noticed when he ran a stop sign. He was charged with failure to stop at a stop sign as well as failure to produce a driver's licence.

Kay told Judge G.S. Denroche that he had asked the police officer for time to go home to get his licence but the request was refused.

The judge levied fines of \$35 for the first charge and \$15 for the second.

In September, Kay was charged with operating a motor vehicle

which was not insured. Police were called to answer a complaint about a noisy dirt bike from a resident of King's Lane.

Kay told Judge Denroche that he and some friends were riding the bike up and down the driveway. The riders would turn the bike around on the road. The bike did not have registration plates and the police charged Kay with having no insurance on the bike.

He was fined the automatic \$300 fine for the offence.

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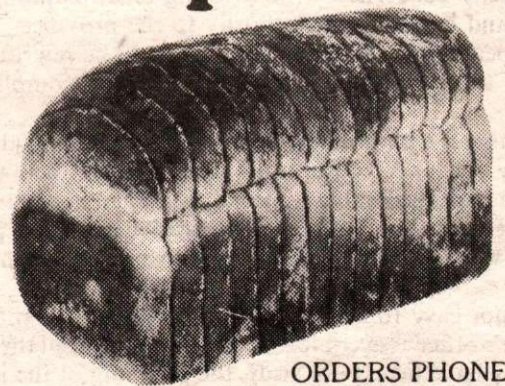
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## The passing of a system of planning

Time was when a man could do what he wanted with his own land. Then came planning and the islands went through a stage of transition which affected every resident and every property owner.

Planning in its raw state was the controlled use of land in accordance with the expert advice of professional planners in the service of the regional district. For several months the islands planning scheme was directed along those lines. The islands people did not want to be directed by anyone, in the first place. And in the second place, if there was to be any planning of their land, they wanted the opportunity of expressing their opinion.

The demand for local input into planning was spearheaded by Jim Campbell of Saturna Island, who was elected on the principle and headed the Capital Regional Board for several terms. Planning and the official community plan should be shaped up at the local level, asserted the outspoken director from the Outer Islands.

For a time it was.

When the Islands Trust assumed responsibility for the planning function the same principle was applied. Planning started at the local level.

Then the provincial government started to concern itself with planning. The minister of municipal affairs at one time was indignant that the community did not submit to his wishes. A number of subsequent ministers made overtures towards planning. The overtures were all to the same planning tune. The minister would, in future, play the pipes and the people of the rural areas would dance to that tune. Decisions on land use were to be reached by the minister who was to have exclusive control over planning in this province.

The appearance of the Campbell report on regional districts was a disappointment when it became rapidly clear that the report was mainly concerned with wresting local planning from local people and handing the authority to the province.

It appears that the Municipal Act is to be rewritten along the lines of the short-lived Land Use Act to accomplish the same results.

Planning is a painful, divisive process whereby only one faction can win and one faction must lose. When it was vested in the region it was intolerable to islanders. When it was transferred to the local community some of the abrasive aspects of planning and control were softened and the anger went out of the program.

It is not easy to accept that the transfer of planning into the minister's office is accomplished for the benefit of the community.

It may have been poor stuff, the planning of the islands in the past. But it was in accordance with the majority rule.

Planning should not be a political instrument and the control of land use should be for the benefit of the community and not for the convenience of the party in power. It was evident last fall that the provincial government was introducing legislation which would ensure that no more property owners would be permitted to stand in its way.

As we see the machinery unwrapped we are left with a nostalgic regret for the passing of a planning system of the people by the people for the people. And with the regret comes an acute sadness that a government elected by a large section of the populace would so eagerly turn its back on the populace.

Planning is dead. Long live the government.



## Letters to the Editor

### Historical project

Sir,  
The Board of Management at the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital has inspired the formation of an historical committee to research and write a comprehensive history of the hospital, and more generally, health care in the Gulf Islands, including accounts of the families and staff involved in its original formation and the various stages of its expansion. We hope to have the project completed in published book form to commemorate the hospital's 75th anniversary (1989).

At the moment the committee is collecting all relevant documents, records, photographs and plans, memorabilia and anecdotes and encourages the community to submit a list of materials or information they may have towards this project. In particular, we would appreciate if past board members (or their families) would contact us, and if possible, direct us to the whereabouts of board minutes prior to 1948.

We also request that Outer Gulf Island residents pass on any helpful and relevant information on early health care in their communities. It would be appreciated if photographs could be loaned for reproduction as we want the book to be visually as well as historically colourful.

Please pass the word on to anyone you know, locally or otherwise, who may be able to enlighten our committee. For further discussion and interest, please contact Diana Hayes at the hospital (mornings: 537-5545) or Mr. Gordon Brown, committee chairman, at his residence (653-4687).

DIANA HAYES,  
Historical Committee,  
Lady Minto Hospital,  
January 12, 1984.

### Thoughtful donation

Sir,  
Members of the Salt Spring Painters' Guild were pleased to notice that Mahon Hall has received venetian blinds which will keep out the daylight for viewing slide projections, etc.

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JOAN FETHERSTON,  
for Salt Spring Painters' Guild,  
Ganges,  
January 1984.

### Beautiful dinner

Sir,  
We wish to convey our thanks to the Community Centre and to the other people of Salt Spring Island responsible for giving us a beautiful Christmas roast chicken dinner, together with all the trimmings and a few extra goodies besides.

We are sure that all others who received one of the very generous food hampers are equally grateful.

MALCOLM, MICHELLE AND MERLIN,  
Fullford Harbour,  
January 14, 1983.

### New fence an eyesore

Following letter to the Gulf Islands School Board was submitted for publication.

Recently, I observed some construction around the school board property in Ganges that, to my eyes, makes a scene an eyesore.

I am referring to the tall iron posts, starting at Mahon Hall and surrounding the school compound replete with chain-link fencing.

The total effect is to make the school area look like a prison in a military camp. For heaven's sake, couldn't you have come up with something less hideous? While I fully realize that you had safety and insurance considerations on your minds, I'm also quite sure that there exist ways and means of preventing students from running into the street without inflicting this eyesore on all of us. Some ideas that come to mind could be the use of cedar fences, hedges or even a picket fence.

It completely amazes me that, as people in charge of education, you can be so oblivious of the effect that the school environment has on the minds and attitudes of children. A school that looks like a prison will feel like a prison.

Cost effectiveness is not the overriding concern when designing an environment for children. I feel that most public schools, especially in urban areas, are as dreary and ugly as what we are about to get here. What a pity!

In addition, imagine the feeling if you were going to some cultural activity in Mahon Hall or to the Aircraft Show, making your way from Rainbow Road and going between six-foot-tall chain-link fencing! Enough said!

URI COGAN,  
Box 2, Fullford Harbour,  
January 12, 1984.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Newly formed Citizens' Council to meet monthly**

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

A short organizational meeting of the Salt Spring Island Citizens' Council was held in early December. It was decided, for now, that meetings will be held monthly, with the location alternating between Fulford and Ganges.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 19 at 3:30 pm in St. Mary's Church Hall, Fulford. Anyone interested may attend.

In order to keep all members of the council fully informed, the minutes of the regional board meetings and all relevant committee meetings will be circulated to the members. The committee was assured by me that if any major decisions concerning the island are to be made, the matter will be discussed with them prior to such a

decision being made.

Although there have been five meetings of the whole board in the past month the only significant development was the Capital Regional District review made by the ministry of municipal affairs and presented on December 7.

It appears, and this will surprise none of you, that although the government doesn't appear to be prepared to "dump" the Islands Trust, they would appear to wish to downgrade it, or overlook it.

A few quotations from the report may be revealing: "Most planning activities in British Columbia, be it those applied by municipalities, regions or the Islands Trust, seem to rest on the following attitudes:

-Maintenance of the status quo through planning regulations.

-No conscious effort to equate zoning and subdivision regulations

with current requirements for new uses and growth.

-No zoning "bank" to accommodate future development plans.

-Confrontational postures with respect to proposed development.

-Application of municipal standards of planning in rural areas.

-Lack of co-operation with development proposals that have general provincial or federal interest and which in whole or in part fall largely within these respective jurisdictions (e.g. oyster leases, boat harbours, etc.).

"In other words planning does not come forward in public perception as a positive guide to development and growth, but as a negative albatross. Much of this planning approach stems of course from the adherents of 'no growth', an attitude which flies in the face of

reality."

As Pat Murphy of the *Times-Colonist* pointed out on one occasion, "whose" reality!

The CRD of course has no responsibility for the functions of the Trust, but since the report has been submitted to the CRD the council will study it, and review it with our Trust members if they so desire. Although the regional board has not yet reviewed this portion of the report, it would appear to be completely outside its jurisdiction.

The report in general suggested that "Notwithstanding the suitability of the regional district structure for some local government services, the implementation process at the CRD requires improved accountability and changes in direction and control."

In particular the report suggested reorganization and naming of committees. I was appointed to the sanitation and water committee, the electoral services committee and the community health committee.

One interesting proposal in the report was re-examination of representation from the electoral areas. The report pointed out that where there was one representative from an area, i.e., one director, there was a tendency for that person to become a "czar" as they described it. One possible solution was to elect a council. Since any such change is probably some time away, we are off to a good start with our own appointed council.

Providing such appointments can

be geared to give all sections of the community some representation there would appear to be some advantage over an elected council that might finish up representing a very narrow segment of society.

An "Objectionable Noise" bylaw exists already in Colwood, Langford and View Royal. One is now being proposed for Sooke and Metchosin. Would it be your wish to have Salt Spring Island included?

I will refer the proposed draft to the council, the Advisory Planning Commission and the Islands Trust. Enforcement of such a bylaw is by the RCMP. If you have any decided views, let any of us know.

The problem of ferry service is being actively pursued by your very busy transportation committee. However we are all fearful of a downgrading of ferry service from Long Harbour. To service alterations we may be able to adapt, but we are particularly concerned for the jobs of the ferry workers.

If you know anyone you can pressure, it's not too early to start. I will arrange to see our M.L.A. again very soon to review our concerns with him, but I'm sure he is aware of the serious impact any major change at Long Harbour would make. We should not hesitate to let Mr. Fraser, Mr. Curtis, and Mr. Hodgson be aware of our concern.

While I won't hold my breath, this may be a good time for the ferry corporation to have some discussion with one or more persons from the island before the fact.

**More Letters to the Editor**

**Let's take first step towards peace**

An open letter to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau:

Long has the conduct of the people and subjects of this nation been governed by laws to the benefit of the whole, and rightly so.

In the interest of the whole, which now must of necessity include all nations and all peoples of our planet, it is now just as necessary that the conduct of our governments be similarly governed by laws to the benefit of the whole.

Therefore we would ask in the interest of all the peoples of this planet, in the interest of world peace, that the following resolution be written into the laws of this nation, to govern the conduct of this nation and its people.

"Now, and for all times, the nation and people of Canada acknowledge, grant and respect the territorial security and integrity of the Soviet Union and its people.

"Henceforth and forever this shall be a binding and irrevocable law of conduct of the nation of Canada and its people. This irrevocable law is herewith extended towards all nations and peoples of the earth.

"Further, the nation and people of Canada will not support or assist any act of aggression against any nation and peoples of this earth, now and for all times to come."

At this moment of high peril for the planet and its peoples, the Canadian nation and its distinguished leadership have a poignant and unique opportunity of great consequence to take this positive and forceful first step towards world peace by introducing this unequivocal commitment to the security and sovereignty of the nations of the earth.

With the adoption of this resolution our nation will serve as a shining beacon of hope and trust, by forever and fundamentally shifting the basis of relations among nations from fear to trust, from destructive to constructive, from despair to hope.

Once and forever we can thus remove any uncertainty of object-

ives, at least about the motives of this nation, mitigate hostility among nations, promote mutual and reciprocal respect, and build an authentic confidence among nations on a basis of trust.

Thus an opportunity will be given to other nations to follow this leading example of Canada in a breakthrough which will release tension, remove suspicion and reflect the will of the people.

The Canadian nation is thus in a unique and favoured position to make this far-reaching contribution and initiative towards world peace, and we are fortunate that in our prime minister we have the initiative, the will and the commitment, in our nation a strong and purposeful record, and in our people the will, service and support for peace and hope.

**Donations higher**

Sir,

On behalf of the British Columbia Lung Association, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your readers for the generous support given to the 1983 Christmas Seal Campaign.

The Campaign does not end officially until January 31, with contributions to date totalling slightly below our goal of \$825,000. Christmas Seal donations this year are higher than last year's returns and with this in mind, we are certain that our goal will be met. We feel that the 1983 Christmas Seal Campaign has been very successful considering the poor economic conditions British Columbians have been faced with during the past year.

The British Columbia Lung Association, through Christmas Seal donations, is able to provide support to vital medical research projects, programs of public and professional education, programs of school education to convince schoolchildren not to take up cigarette smoking, as well as to inform the public about the hazards of air pollution, tobacco and occupational lung disease.

Once again, thank you all very much.

**DR. F.D. MACKENZIE,**  
President,  
British Columbia Lung Association  
January 6, 1984.

Let us now resolve to make it so and take this first step towards peace among mankind.

**PETER H. WEIS,**  
R.R.1 Fulford Harbour,  
January 11, 1984.



**Bill Webster**

**Dream of bridges, cloned *Quinitsas***

Frost nips at the heels of late-night travellers and they move just a bit faster than is normal for the Gulp Isles.

Winter?

Yes, good folk, it is that time of year again. Somewhere in this vast country, snow blankets the ground and thermometer fluid reaches a level where both readings, metricated and otherwise, match.

Here, on the rocks, we experience the frigid grip of Ma Nature trying to be her most nasty. But as with all endeavours in the rocks, reality falls short of expectations.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley invited us up to his mountain retreat to spend an evening in front of his roaring fireplace. We went and sat and talked.

Occasionally we turned around because that fireplace is still outdoors and while the front toasts, the other side cools rapidly.

Louis offered a solution to the problems of rock-sitters.

"We have to get along better than we do," he intoned dramatically.

We settled back knowing that when Louis intones dramatically we have no choice but to listen.

The Reverend Garner leaned on his portable bar—er, pulpit—and adjusted the line of glasses one more time.

Suitcase pretended to pay attention but soft snores gave

quiet indications of sleep.

Louis told us he had returned from a meeting of top executives from across Canada. The results of the meeting were two-fold, said Louis. The executives offered a series of suggestions for bringing harmony to the rocks.

They also denied responsibility for the condition of business in the country.

Harmony on the rocks was needed, Louis said the executives had agreed, because when they bring in their subsidiaries and branch plants, they want a peaceful populace.

Louis explained what they meant.

The ferry company, which runs the liquid highway for the Gulp Isles, had been encouraged to increase levies to new heights. They were also in the process of cloning the *Quinitsa*, the better to spread the joy of using that vessel to all islanders.

"It is," said Louis, "the first salvo in the struggle to link the islands with bridges. But we need harmony first."

He explained that the executives had decided to encourage the provincial government to pass a series of laws which would be needed for the islands.

The laws would require us to be considerate of the feelings, wishes and situations of others.

We would have to be generous, truthful and courteous.

When the laws had become law, anyone who did not obey would be forced to give up his citizenship on the rocks.

"But of course," said Louis, "islanders would obey the laws to the letter, just as they listen with intensity to every pronouncement from off-rock."

Islanders, he continued, realize the importance of bridges in the local scheme of things. The bridges would allow unlimited access to the islands and tourists would flock to view the beauty of acre upon acre of four-lane blacktop.

And the bridges would help the boat people meet the shortcomings of their ledger books. They would have the perfect solution to the bother of transporting islanders from here to there.

The clones of the *Quinitsa* would ply the waters, car decks empty and lounges devoid of passengers. The deficit would be there for sure, but the boat people would not have to face the wrath of islanders for their actions.

No one would complain about the terrible coffee. No one would complain about being left behind or of having to ride the clones.

At that point, I awoke and realized it was all a bad dream. There would be no bridges, no clones of the *Quinitsa*.

Would there?

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# They went fishing with sticks of stumping powder

BY CHUCK HOREL

At the Farmers' Market in Ganges one day last summer, I was chatting to an attractive young lady who kept her blonde hair in long looping braids and she had two bright-eyed, tow-head boys hanging on to her long calico gown. She was in a very serious mood.

"What I would like," she said, "is to be able to raise my children like you were raised on Salt Spring Island in the old days, without television or frozen food."

I thought to myself that there was not so much a generation gap here as a cultural gap, like the one between Ann Murray and Festus. I thought it best to leave the girl in calico with her own concept until there was more time to explain. After all, there were some very decent, church-minded young boys on Salt Spring Island that any mother could be proud of back when I was very young—at least our folks kept telling us they were there.

It seemed that they lived mostly in Ganges and they spent all their time helping their parents out at home

except when they were going to church or helping old ladies out of their Model T's. We were pretty sick of hearing about them, but by all accounts from our folks, those Ganges boys kept on doing good, day and night.

The little band I was part of were different. I will have to set out the true details of a day some 50-odd years ago to help the calico girl understand.

It was a fine summer day and the five of us came out of a hillside trail to cross the road to Shady Acres on Cusheon Lake. Ollie and Ed and Buster were the oldest ones, they were nearly 13, and Al and I were younger by a couple of years. We were going fishing, and we went down the trail past the dog's grave and past the old log house to the wharf by the boathouse.

The man who owned Shady Acres lived in Victoria and since he was known as a very hospitable sort, we often used his wharf. Of course, the main thing was, we told each other, we always took such good care of it.

"There's some gunny sacks in the

woodshed we can borrow to carry the fish home," Ed said.

We were expecting a large catch of trout. In a normal day's fishing with a willow stick, a string and a hook, we could catch 50 or 60 fish apiece out of Cusheon Lake, but Ollie had a new plan and he told us about it while he hauled six sticks of stumping powder out of his shirt.

"Joe says that this end of the lake will be white with belly-up fish," he said, laying the powder sticks on the wharf.

**'It was a pleasure to have our own expert'**

"Now, Buster," he went on, "give me the tar, we have to waterproof this fuse, and you have to be real careful handling this stuff." Then he brought a silvery dynamite cap out of another shirt pocket and went on at some length explaining to us how to time a fuse and how to secure both cap and fuse to the powder, and what size of rock to use for a weight. It was a pleasure to us to have our own expert on such matters.

"Before we set her off," Buster said, "we should have a smoke, because we're going to be busy for a long time picking up fish." So we got out the rollings and passed them around, and sat on the sun-soaked wharf on the end of the lake. We rested and lied to each other and watched the cigarette smoke drift off in the air.

Presently Ollie got up and picked up the neat, tarred packet with the rock tied to it and drew out his storm lighter and said, "Let's not take anything under 18 inches," and he fired up the fuse and threw the packet well out into the lake.

We watched the place where the charge sank for a few minutes and looked around at each other and we gradually edged ashore. Over the

next few minutes we kept looking for a better view and ended up behind an old-growth fir 100 yards up the bank.

For the longest time—we reckoned afterwards it must have been half an hour—we waited for the explosion, but the lake just settled into a summer sheen with a few noisy dragonflies cruising among the reeds.

We gradually made our way back on to the wharf.

"She's not going to go", Ollie said, "and I thought I had that fuse pretty watertight."

"Oh, you did a proper job," Ed said, "some of those caps didn't work."

"That's right," Buster said, "They have to dig the charges out of stumps all the time on account of bad caps."

Al and I agreed. It was pretty clearly a case of bad caps.

"I would have brought another charge," Ollie said, "but it's pretty dangerous carrying that stuff around."

We all agreed with that, too, and we got ready to leave and we cast one last sad look at the place where the packet hit the lake, when suddenly the lake trembled, and a great black mushroom grew out of the water before our fascinated eyes, and it went up higher into the air than the surrounding trees, then

higher again, and when it came down it was sticky, black mud that rained down on us, on the wharf, on the cedar-bark boathouse and on the surrounding trees and on the little vale of grass above the wharf.

The two end boards off the wharf were floating some distance away, and the boards under our feet were loosened.

When the hail of mud stopped and the hole in the water closed up and the lake smoothed over again, there was not a single white belly of a fish in sight. We found a lone three-inch stickleback beside the wharf, but then the water was ink-black with mud as far as we could see around the wharf.

If the calico girl is serious about learning the old ways, she might scout around for survivors of the Ganges lads. A few weeks after our debacle we heard they blew the end of Nose Point and filled a rowboat with salmon.

*The writer is a Salt Spring Island resident who now uses more conventional methods when he goes fishing.*

## More Letters to the Editor

### Scheduling unfortunate

Sir, We would like to clarify and emphasize a point about our respective courses advertised in your paper last week.

For various reasons, we have had to schedule these Continuing Education courses—"Anatomy of the Arms Race" and "Central America in Crisis"—both for Thursday nights.

It is unfortunate that this scheduling conflict exists but it is unavoidable.

However, neither of us want your readers to misconstrue this scheduling. The peace and justice issues which these courses will be addressing are not to be viewed as

**Campaign total \$10,091**

Sir, On behalf of the Pender Islands Lions Club, I wish to extend our thanks for your participation in our 1983 Christmas C.A.R.E. Tree program.

Your articles were very much appreciated and we are pleased to announce that we reached the sum of \$10,091.06.

**DON FAIRWEATHER,** Chairman, C.A.R.E. Christmas Tree January 11, 1983.

separate. On the contrary, both are intricately connected; both represent parts of the complex problem facing the planet today.

The "Anatomy of the Arms Race" which is being offered at St. Mary's Church, Fullford, is a repeat of the course offered in Ganges this past fall. It is being given again at the south end of the island at the request of several Fullford residents who find it difficult to travel to Ganges at night.

"Central America in Crisis" is a Ten Days for World Development program which is being run in the traditional Ten Days period when hundreds of communities across the country will be participating in this social justice program.

Allan Boesak summed up our concerns at the World Council of Churches conference in Vancouver when he said: "Peace is never simply the absence of war; it is the active presence of justice."

We encourage your readers to participate in these programs as they can. We regret the conflict in the scheduling but do not want your readers to misinterpret this unavoidable slating of the courses.

We hope that in the near future we may be able to offer the community some sessions which would explore more fully these peace and justice connections.

**DAVID REID, PETER PENTZ,** Ganges, January 12, 1984.

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# Gasoline Alley complex gets APC approval for zoning change

The first step towards improvements at Gasoline Alley in Ganges was taken last week when the Advisory Planning Commission recommended a change in zoning for the area.

Gasoline Alley is the nickname for the complex beside Centennial Park. It contains a marine engine repair shop, a garage, a gas station and a bookstore.

Owner Jeff Adelman asked for a change of zoning to permit his plans for the building to go through. He wants to put office space on the second floor as well as other commercial and retail businesses on the ground level.

The APC members were told that a Commercial 3 zone for the property with a change to the permitted uses of the zone would accomplish what Adelman had in mind.

As a stipulation of the rezoning, Adelman would have been required to allot shoreline area for a walkway as designated by the Ganges plan. He argued successfully that the stipulation was "blackmail" and that while he agreed with the need for the walkway, he did not see it as part of the rezoning application.

The approximately one-acre lot is currently zoned C3 in the front portion and Industrial 1 at the harbour end.

The proposal which the APC

recommended would have the entire property zoned C3. The zoning would be amended to include offices as a permitted use.

Adelman told the meeting that redevelopment of the property did not require approval for an increase in sewage output. There is an apartment on the second floor of the building and under the current guidelines, he would be permitted a discharge of 250 gallons of sewage per day from the apartment.

In addition, he had reached an agreement with the owner of the gas station that one hose to the gas pumps would be done away with, to add 125 gallons more to the

allotment.

Adelman would then be able to develop the property to allow for the employment of up to 18 more persons than are currently employed there. The guidelines allow for discharge of 20 gallons per day per employee.

Following a lengthy discussion of the requirements of a walkway on the shoreline, an agreement was reached to allow the rezoning to take place, with the walkway not as a requirement, but as a priority.

The complex can be redeveloped but no increase in the current sewage discharge will be allowed until a community sewer is installed.

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## Driver fined \$110

Erratic driving resulted in two charges against a Salt Spring man and in court last week, he was fined a total of \$110 and had his driver's licence suspended for six months.

Scott Fraser appeared before Judge G.S. Denroche to enter guilty pleas to operating a motor vehicle without holding a valid driver's licence and driving without reasonable consideration for other persons using the highway.

The judge fined him \$35 on the first charge and \$75 on the second, which also carries an automatic six-point penalty against Fraser's driving record.

He had been stopped by RCMP on Fulford-Ganges Road December 10. The police had clocked his vehicle at 120 kilometres per hour and had noticed it cross the solid centre line on at least three occasions. The speed limit on most of Fulford-Ganges Road is 80 km per hour.

When the police asked to see Fraser's driver's licence, he produced a learner's permit but it had expired.



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April Curtis

# Acting class begins February 2

Methods used by actors to develop their performing skills will be the topic of a workshop to be offered by the continuing education program.

The class will be given by April Curtis of Salt Spring Island and begins February 2.

Born in California, Curtis began studying drama at Hollywood High School. After graduating from Monterey Peninsula College and San Francisco State University's theatre arts program, she worked in the U.S., England and Thailand, performing various forms and styles of theatre, including contemporary and classic, dramatic and musical.

Upon arriving in Vancouver, she made an appearance at the Arts Club, performed two roles in David Lui's *Godspell* and became a member of the Actors' Workshop, the first professionally-oriented studio on the west coast conducted by professionals.

While coaching movement, beginning acting and scene study she was also a member of the performing wing, doing research on new improvisational techniques, doing workshops of material by new

playwrights and performing ensemble productions.

When the Workshop received a grant for the renovation of the Firehall Theatre, Curtis was active in the organization and completion of the project. She played a central character in the drama that was the premiere production at the new theatre.

After producing and directing some productions in Vancouver, she was invited to San Francisco to direct an original musical and stayed to co-direct and perform some of her favorite material in San Francisco's award-winning Kurt

Weill Cabaret.

Curtis then returned to Canada and became a full-time resident of Salt Spring Island. Her experience includes her performance in *I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road*. Currently she is rehearsing for *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, to be presented in March.

The acting class will start February 2 in room 10 at Gulf Islands Secondary School at 7:30 pm. More information can be obtained from the continuing education office in Mouat's Mall.

## Continuing education

# Classes under way at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Pender Islands Continuing Education classes began the week of January 9 under the direction of Dianne Allison. The deadline for enrolment is Friday.

Jutta Berger is giving her fitness classes again, for three mornings a week. They are so popular that they are usually over-enrolled.

Gay Dill, who lives in Victoria but spends her summers at her home on South Pender, will continue with Yoga, both regular classes and special ones for those over 55.

Advanced and beginners' French classes continue with Jeanne Zacharias, and a new class is Ted Turner's woodworking course. Ted is famous for his beautiful, handmade harpsichords.

Chinese cooking will be given by Joy Lowe of Victoria on Sundays from 10 to 4.

For a change of pace and to keep up with today's fast-moving world one can take computer classes with Derek Christie.

Something that should be of interest to all is Mike Wade's class *How to Know Your Car*, a basic course.

There are creative writing classes with Bill Webster of Ganges, to start at the end of January on Thursday evenings.

Postmaster Bill Bartlett's stamp group, which began last fall and meets on the last Thursday of the month to exchange stamps, will

continue. Many people have donated stamps and young collectors are now setting up meetings to trade stamps.

The Power Squadron will conduct a course starting at the end of January after the 10 trainees from the 1983 course complete their

examination on Thursday. As well, a basic boating safety course will be offered to boys and girls aged 8-13.

Tony Ginley will give a four-week course under the auspices of the Pender Art Group to members and others who are interested. It begins February 7.

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### BOOK REVIEW

## Basic reading for concerned, confused

Reviewed by  
Marg Simons

*The Third Wave* by Alvin Toffler.

*The Third Wave* is basic reading for everyone who is concerned and confused with the state of the world today. This book is for those who would like to think the human story is far from ending but has only just begun.

*The Third Wave* makes sense of the violent changes now battering our world, and points toward new forms of democracy. The author points out that the vast scope of this book has made it necessary to simplify, generalize and compress our concept of civilization into three phases—agricultural, industrial and the phase now beginning. Toffler uses the metaphor "waves" for these

phases, and states we are now in a collision of waves, causing conflict and tension.

Toffler describes the dying industrial civilization and attempts to show the relationship of evolutionary change in today's world of technical, social and political fields and how these changes are affecting our private lives.

Once we understand how these parts, processes and principles are inter-related we gain a better understanding of the world today. We can then choose to either resist or help create the new civilization.

Alvin Toffler's earlier book, *Future Shock*, focused on the process of change, while *Third*

*Wave* shows the directions of change.

Other reading discussing positive approaches to the future: *The Aquarian Conspiracy* by M. Ferguson, *Small is Beautiful* by Schumacher, *Small is Possible* by McRoby, *The Edge of History* by W.I. Thompson and *Focusing* by E. Gendlin.

## Island bands join forces for benefit boogie this Friday

A benefit dance will be staged Friday in aid of a Salt Spring Island couple who lost their home in a fire last week.

A Fire Boogie will be held at Beaver Point Hall to provide help for Nicholas Gaitt and Diane English. Their Burgoyne Valley home was destroyed by fire on Monday of last week. It was uninsured.

The dance begins at 8 pm and will feature the Class of '99, Susan

Cogan, Carolyn Rine and the Wednesday Night Band. Admission is by advance tickets only. They are available at et cetera for \$4 (plus donations).

Donations can also be made to Island Savings Credit Union, where an account has been opened for that purpose.

Gaitt, a local craftsman, said Tuesday he needs deer horns so he can continue working. He can be reached at Morningside Studio in Fulford Harbour.

## Workshops in meditation, mime

Meditation and corporeal mime will be examined in two workshops this month at the Salt Spring Centre.

This weekend, from Friday till Sunday, a workshop entitled *Going Deeper* will include meditation instruction, self massage, yoga postures, guided relaxations and breath relaxation exercises.

On January 27-29 Dean Fogal will instruct a workshop entitled *The Body Mobile*, an introduction to corporeal mime theatre training designed to develop strength, clarity and grace of movement.

Fogal has trained with Marcel Marceau, Etienne Decroux and Thomas Leabhart in France and the

U.S. for over six years. He has been conducting classes in corporeal mime in the Vancouver area for the past eight years and is the director of Room to Move, a dance and theatre studio.

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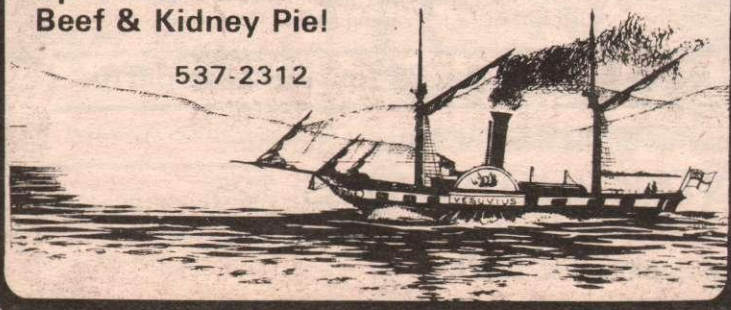
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**School blitzed**

*Driftwood photos by Alice Richards*

Larry Holbrook, Gulf Islands School District supervisor of instruction, was at Fernwood School last Friday to hold an Art Blitz. Children, teachers and parents combined their various

artistic talents to provide a gymnasium full of blitzed art. Kindergarten class members participating are, above, from left, Chelsea Byron, Jennifer Armstrong and Janelle Rondeau. Photo below shows Grade 2 students, from left, Skye Jensen, Lise Rondeau, Katie Campbell and Rita Phillips working on a pastel mural of a Ganges street.

**Compensation awarded**

A Salt Spring Island farmer has been paid compensation for the loss of three sheep killed by marauding dogs in November.

Three two-year-old ewes owned by John and Mary Stepaniuk were valued at \$70 each. Compensation is paid on the basis of three-quarters of the value and the Capital Regional Board last week approved payment of \$157.50.

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**Driver jailed 21 days**

When Robert Barter of Salt Spring, refused to pay a \$500 fine last week, he was sent to jail for 21 days.

Barter was in Ganges provincial court to enter guilty pleas to two charges which resulted from an incident last June. He had been charged with refusing to take a breath test and driving without a valid driver's licence.

The court was told that Barter had knocked over a mail box while turning his vehicle on Cranberry

Road. When police checked the incident they found Barter in Ganges and had reason to believe he was impaired and asked him to take the breath test. He refused.

The driver's licence he was using at the time was an expired Alberta licence.

Judge G.S. Denroche imposed a fine of \$100 for the driver's licence offence and when he added \$500 for the charge of refusing a breath test, Barter refused to pay it. The jail sentence was imposed.

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**GALIANO NEWS**

# From famine to flood: seven eating places on island

**BY KATHLYN BENDER**

A couple of years ago the casual visitor to Galiano would have been hard-pressed to find a place to obtain a meal. Even residents would have had trouble getting a breakfast or lunch, and a dinner at a restaurant had to be booked months ahead.

Now from famine to flood. At present there is a choice of seven eating places and more are planned. Latest to open is Kelly's Place on Madrona between the post office and the Lodge. Attractively planned with booths to accommodate about 30 patrons, Kelly's will start serving breakfasts at 7:30 am and continue through the day with soup and sandwiches.

Peggy Pearson has forsaken her wheel and kiln for a new career and will be preparing meals in the kitchen.

## Objection Raised

At the entrance to the narrow arm of Whaler Bay that leads to the government wharf there is a small rocky islet known by various names (York by older residents) and legally described as part of Lot 145, Section 1, Galiano Island.

The Galiano Historical and Cultural Society had obtained confirmation from the owner that it would be available for one phase of the Sutil Project, namely the building of the deck. It was thought that a film might be made and that members of the public might be interested in viewing the work in progress.

This proposal caused considerable concern to many of the residents whose homes face on to the bay, and they have formed an ad hoc organization to oppose this use of the island. Their objections have been formulated in the form of a motion, copies of which have been forwarded to the islet's owner, the Historical and Cultural Society, the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District and the Galiano Island

Chamber of Commerce.

The society has in the meantime responded that if the proposal does not have public support it can see no reason to continue to pursue the matter.

## Winter residents

There is a similarity between the winter vacation preferences of people and birds. Most birds go south to the warmer parts of the U.S., Mexico or Central America.

A few, however, come west and spend the winter months in B.C. coastal areas.

The thrush family is a case in point. Of the dozen species of thrush found in Canada only two remain in B.C. for the winter. One, the conspicuous robin, needs no comment. The other, much shyer bird, the varied thrush, prefers a woodland habitat, but now that the leaves are off the deciduous trees it is easier to spot.

In size and shape this orange brown bird bears a strong resemblance to a robin but the distinctively orange eye-stripe and wing-band make clear distinguishing marks. It is not such a songster as the robin but its quavering whistle has an attractive if somewhat eerie sound.

Quite large flocks of small twittering birds can now be seen at tree-top level. They are fascinating

in flight, hundreds turning almost simultaneously or alighting together in the crown of a tall fir. Difficult to identify because of their small size and distance from the observer they are probably pine siskins—one of the smallest members of the finch family.

Another small bird seen at this time of the year is the kinglet but it can often be observed on the lower branches of conifers seeking insect eggs or larvae on which it feeds.

## Coming events

The annual general meeting of the Galiano Rod and Gun Club will be held in the Ken Gaylor Gymnasium at the activity centre on Saturday at 8 pm.

Thirty world-class archers will arrive on Sunday morning's boat to stage a first annual Pre-Vegas Shoot beginning at 11 am Sunday in the activity centre and continuing all day up to 6 pm when there will be a wind-up dinner.

This group, which is staging a benefit to help Galiano archers replace expensive equipment lost in the Rod and Gun Club fire, will travel to Las Vegas the following weekend to take part in the World Indoor Archery Championships. This is a unique opportunity to see archery of this standard and also to support the local sportsmen.

The Burns Night Supper

sponsored by the North Galiano Community Association has proved so popular that this year it is to be held in the activity centre on Saturday, Feb. 4. The Gairngorm Dancers will demonstrate Scottish country dancing and attenders will be given a chance to join in. Tickets

are available from Elspeth King, telephone 5340, and Alistair Ross at 2194.

On Saturday a multi-media presentation by Don McLeod will show a six-month voyage from Panama to Tahiti, in the North Galiano Hall at 8 pm.

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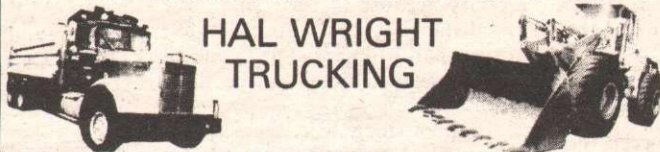
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# DOWN THE GUTTER

# Game a minute too long

**BY TERRY JENKINS**

Not many high scores to report this week. Just one lady over 700, Anne Harrison with 736 (225, 273, 238), making her bowler of the week for the ladies. For the men: Terry Jenkins 754 (296, 235, 223), 707 (276, 211, 220), and Cy Beech 726 (226, 268, 232).

One bowler had 300, Val Hughes with 300 even. Most pins over average: Margaret Mather with 195, Val Hughes 131, Dorothy Graham 124.

This week, bowlers who hold a Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association card can try to qualify to make the team to enter the Export A 5 Pin National Classified Bowling Championships.

This is the competition where bowlers are classified into groups according to average. The person who bowls the highest in his average group makes the team that goes off-island to bowl in the zone finals. Each bowler who enters will bowl in that average class throughout the

competition.

**GOLDEN-AGERS**

Over 250: Geoff Baker 278, Bill Harper 253, Jim Cook 250.

Over 225: Les Giles 243, Dorothy Graham 242, 203, Annie Code 234, 226, Helen Hopper 233, 213, Gladys Harper 223, 203, Fred Jones 220, Flo Kavanagh 218, Wally Edwards 213, Dave Slingsby 212, Dave McRoberts 212, Rusty Hopper 206, Gene Graham 206, Bill Davies 205, Anne Jameski 204, Helen Herron 202, Les Giles 202, Marie Ashley 200.

Over 600: Geoff Baker 659, Helen Hopper 624, Dorothy Graham 621, Annie Code 609, Jim Cook 602.

Bowlers of the week were Helen Hopper 624, and Geoff Baker 659.

**YBC NEWS**

Jets and Pee Wees, (January 14): Alicia Gopp 134, Jenny Neilson 99, Jade Graham 87, Eric Taylor 158, Nathan Helfrich 131, Simon Baines 105.

Bantams (January 14): Candice Miller 181, Loa Mainwaring 180, Becky Stafford 156, Dean Crouse and Jeff Neilson 223, Mark David 193, Adam Baines 178.

Juniors (January 14): Lisa Jorgensen 216, Marnie Shaw 176, Chris Rahtz 176, Martin Wales 105.

Seniors (January 11): Shannon Taylor 231, Jennifer L 194, Melanie Miller 190, Donna G. 242.

## Accident

A motor vehicle accident occurred on Rainbow Road near Jackson Avenue Friday and combined damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$1,000.

Beverly Williams was preparing to make a left turn into a driveway when the collision with a vehicle driven by John Dunn occurred.

Williams was driving a 1981 Mercury and Dunn was the driver of a 1973 Dodge.

No one was injured in the accident.

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**

If regulation soccer games were 89 minutes long instead of 90, Salt Spring Sockeyes would have had a well earned 3-2 win. Instead, they settled for a 3-3 tie with Athletics who scored in the dying seconds.

The women started fast with the local team putting good pressure on the Athletics' goal and getting results.

Brenda Akerman started things with a break-away goal at 20 minutes on a pass from Teresa Byron. Five minutes later she made the score 2-0 on a miscue by their goalie. And only 10 minutes after that Jan Hull slipped a beautiful pass to Joey Moger, who banged in goal number three.

With a 3-0 half-time lead the team became a little complacent and eased up. This allowed Athletics to pick up the tempo as well as a couple of goals.

The Sockeyes then shuffled their

line-up, regained their composure and appeared to have the victory sewn up except for the last-minute surprise by Athletics.

The Sockeyes had a few new faces in their line-up and they added strength to a rapidly improving team.


Goalie Denise de la Franiere was supported by Suzanne Terrick, Maria Betts, Sue Spencer, Irish Graham and Marianne Allan in defence. In mid-field the trio of Teresa Byron, Jan Hall and Joey Moger supported the attackers, Vicki Byron, Brenda Akerman and Donna Mead.

The Sockeyes played very well for their opening game of 1984, showing consistency throughout their play, determination and some excellent ball-work. With more confidence and playing time they will only get better as a team.

Now if we can only get FIFA to make a small adjustment in the length of the games.

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# Free-living bacteria obtain nitrogen from air

In the last two articles we established the methods of growing our fertilizers and our pest controls.

Absolutely essential to this method are the tiny helpers which live in the soil—bacteria, fungi and various other microbiotic life forms.

In this regard a recent discovery of yet another strain of bacteria which obtains nitrogen from the air and supplies this to various plants confirms the importance of a healthy microbiotic population in productive soil.

Often have I wondered how various grasses and other weeds, such as the false dandelion and mullein for instance, could possibly not only survive but produce obviously healthy and abundant green growth in almost barren soil. In vain did I look for the telltale nitrogen nodules of the rhizobacteria, yet abundant nitrogen, phosphorus and potash were evident in the growth of these weeds.

This new discovery has now confirmed what I suspected. A free-living strain of bacteria, which does not form root nodules, supplies the necessary nitrogen. This newly discovered strain is associated mostly with various grasses, some of which are the ancestors of our grains.

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS  
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### SAFE BET

Much remains to be discovered, but one may safely bet that it will be some form of soil life which will be responsible for the availability of nutrients.

Another interesting story in the last issue of *Organic Gardening* points out the importance of microbiotic organisms, albeit from the opposite approach, their absence. Early in spring the writer was called upon to improve his customer's soil, which consisted entirely of sand, as rapidly as possible.

Aware of the value of humus as the difference between barren and productive soil, he raided the green garbage of the nearest supermarket and dug it into his customer's sand. After a two-month waiting period he confidently proceeded to plant the improved soil.

To his utter surprise the bits of lettuce, broccoli and other assorted scraps looked every bit as good as

when dug in. In fact, some looked even better, almost good enough to eat. Thus he confirmed the age-old method of keeping produce fresh in cool, moist sand, which inhibits the growth of decay bacteria, and the all-important difference these bacteria make between well kept scraps and rich humus. Since then he always adds some of his own compost to any organic soil conditioning he undertakes.

It is my intention to lay a solid foundation for a productive and healthy garden with the first three articles of this new year.

### CRUCIAL

A healthy level of soil life is of crucial importance to supply the fertilizers, the disease- and insect resistance, and to turn organic material into humus.

And the best way to grow soil life is in a compost pile, which provides optimum conditions for rapid proliferation of soil organisms. There are almost as many methods of composting as there are gardeners, but one of the easiest methods also provides one of the best forms of finished compost.

It is Dr. Seifert's method and results in "perma-compost", a compost which increases in nutrient value for a considerable period of time. This is due to two factors. One is abundant micro-biotic life, the other is the addition of clay, the richest source of easily available minerals.

Seifert allots about ten percent of his gardening area to his compost making. For a 1000-square-foot garden a 100-square-foot area is devoted to making compost. The base of this permanent compost site should be clay soil and consist of two three-foot-wide rows, which are slightly mounded in the centre to provide ready drainage under the compost.

The first row is begun at one end by alternately layering "something soft and something firm, something wet and something dry, something fine with something coarse" to a height of about 2½ feet, again in a mounded shape. At intervals of about eight to 10 inches a thin sifting of clay is sprinkled on the rising mound, along with a dusting of

hoof- or horn meal. This is incorporated into the compost materials by beating lightly with the flat side of a fork.

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When high enough, the mound is then solidly covered with grass clippings. Thus the row proceeds along its length to its end. By this time, the start of the row may be turned over into the second, parallel row, having first carefully removed the by now matted grass cover, which is used again to cover the turned portion.

Fresh compost can then be placed in the recently vacated portion of the first row, to continue the process. The compost rows are kept moist, without being allowed to get wet or soggy, and the whole thing should be lightly shaded so that temperatures do not exceed about 75°F. It is the easiest method, incorporating only one turning and it has the advantage of an easy continuity of operation. The finished product, humus teeming with life raised under ideal conditions of warmth and moisture, is then lightly sprinkled into the

growing areas and raked lightly into the top two inches of the soil.

Such is his concern for the soil life that Seifert recommends a wooden rake for this. The addition of a bit of seaweed now and then would add important minerals and decay enzymes.

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## Arrests, murder, torture

The Baha'is of Salt Spring Island recently learned of new arrests, a clergy-inspired mob murder and torture of Baha'i prisoners following the Baha'i community's compliance with the regime's late August edict banning Baha'i religious institutions.

Island resident Aileen Neish, spokesman for the Baha'is of Salt Spring, said there has been virtually no news of the fate of the Baha'is since the ban was announced. But Canadian Baha'is are alarmed now at the news that 140 more Baha'is have been imprisoned throughout Iran over the last two months.

Neish explained that many of those newly arrested had served on the elected Baha'i "Assemblies", responsible for the welfare of the community. It is clear that the regime is using the new ban to arrest Baha'is retroactively, contravening all human rights conventions, she said.

In addition to increasing torture of Baha'i prisoners for refusal to recant their faith, word was received that a Baha'i farmer, Akbar Aqiqi, had been beaten to death by a mob instigated by the clergy in the north-west town of Khuy on September

19. The deaths of three elderly Baha'is aged 64 to 81 in the prisons of Isfahan, Shiraz and Teheran were also confirmed.

Canadian Baha'is also learned of two other incidents which were brought to light in the recent communique. One was the execution of a young Baha'i woman, immediately after giving birth to a baby in prison. The fate of the baby is unknown. The other was the public sale of tombstones from the Baha'i cemetery through official newspaper advertisements in Teheran. By removing all markers from graves, the regime is making clear its intention to obliterate the sites of Baha'i cemeteries.

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# KICK-OFF

## Local teams undefeated in weekend soccer action

The soccer scene of 1984 opened on a bright note as our teams came away with an undefeated weekend of games.

On Saturday, the Sounders, only eight men strong, played a very spirited game to defeat Gordon Head 2-1. Paul Hatch scored both goals on set-ups from Aaron McCarthy but the full team deserves accolades for such a fine performance with many players missing.

Also on Saturday the Selects easily defeated Lakehill 4-1 behind their fine passing game and some great individual dribbling.

Sunday saw the Sockeyes open the year in fine form as their victory was snatched away by a last-minute Athletics goal. But the girls will settle for the 3-3 saw-off as the team hopes to have a strong spring session.

The Strikers were supposed to play Sooke on Sunday but their opposition failed to show, giving the locals a default win.

Saturday morning also saw the intra-island division re-open play with cup action and a series of well-played matches.

The Senior level saw close victories for the Stingers and Fury while the Kicks overwhelmed the Lazars.

The junior games were even closer as the Panthers ripped the Leopards 1-0 and both the other games ended in ties.

At both levels we expect a lot of close games as the teams appear to be evenly matched.

Bingo is today (Wednesday) at 7

pm at Kanaka Place Restaurant. Admission is \$2.50 for each person and includes two cards. Additional cards, 50 cents each. Bring your own chips and refreshments will be available.

Men's and women's recreational soccer resumes Sunday and will go every Sunday at 3 pm at Portlock Park. Matt Flanagan will run the women's while the men play a scrimmage game. The sessions are open to all, no matter what your age or skill level.

The only question now is, can our teams remain undefeated through another weekend? Why not get out to Portlock Park, watch some of the action and see if our youngsters can continue the streak.

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  - Div. 6: Salt Spring Sounders 2 (P. Hatch 2), Gordon Head 1.
  - Women's: Salt Spring Sockeyes 3 (B. Akerman 2, J. Moger), Victoria Athletics 3.
- INTRA-ISLAND**
- Senior: Stingers 2 (X. Lam 2), Sharks 0; Kicks 8 (L. Davis 3, D. Marshall 2, T. Cochran 2, J. Neilson), Lazars 0; Fury 2 (J. Byron, D. McCrae), Dodgers 0.
  - Junior: Panthers 1 (R. Ulansky), Leopards 0; Devils 0, Demons 0; Mites 0, Eagles 0.

## Sounders overcome tough odds

BY KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bleak was the right word for Salt Spring Sounders' chances on Saturday as only eight of the team's 13 players showed up to take on the Gordon Head Sambos at Beacon Hill Park.

Our two regular goalies were away so Josh Hart was chosen to do the job. The defensive line was made up of Malcolm Shoolbraid, Justin Norman and Trevor Hardie. Ryan Bradley and Aaron McCarthy took up halfback positions with Curtis Galbraith and Paul Hatch forming the forward line.

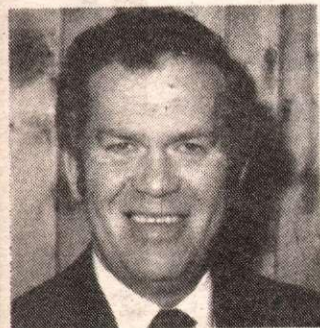
The Sounders took Gordon Head by surprise as they went on the attack, controlling the play and ending the first half with a 2-0 lead with our goalie commenting "I didn't even get to touch the ball once."

Sounders goals came from sure-footed Paul Hatch with assists by Aaron McCarthy. The second half showed increased pressure by the Sambos resulting in their only goal of the game.

Even with the Sounders showing signs of fatigue they still managed to go on the attack, creating numerous scoring chances. Good goal tending by Sambos goalie held the Sounders to a well deserved 2-1 win. Sounders go to Juan De Fuca this Saturday then it's home for three games.



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### Expensive 57 minutes —judge

The fines totalled \$315 to make it, the judge noted, an expensive 57 minutes.

Jonathan Jenkins was stopped by RCMP on Stewart Road November 18 at 9:57 pm. The police had noted that Jenkins' vehicle bore a temporary operating permit which was valid only until 9 pm. He could not produce a driver's licence at that time.

Jenkins had been charged with driving without insurance on the vehicle as well as failure to produce a driver's licence. He entered guilty pleas to both charges.

Conviction on the first charge carries an automatic \$300 fine Judge G.S. Denroche levied a \$15 fine for the second charge.

### Cat wants home

Salt Spring Auxiliary to the SPCA and the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic came to the rescue Monday when this young female cat showed up on the doorstep of a Ganges home. Holding the cat is Chris Wooldridge of the SPCA, who said the cat had a swollen paw and was in great pain when it was found. Its condition is improving now following treatment at the clinic and its owner, or a new home, is being sought. Inquiries may be directed to the SPCA.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Second conviction leads to 14-day jail sentence

A second conviction for impaired driving resulted in a 14-day jail sentence for Peter Pallin of Salt Spring.

Pallin had been charged with impaired driving last May 1 when he was in a van which ran through a police road block. The police yelled for the van to stop, which it did farther down the road.

Pallin was in the driver's seat and when he was given a breath test, he was found to be over the legal limit.

At the time Pallin claimed to be Graham Rodin and police took his fingerprints for a check. He could not produce a driver's licence.

By May 21, the results of the fingerprint check had come back and Pallin was charged with

misleading police. He had also been charged with failure to produce a driver's licence.

Pallin told Judge G.S. Denroche that his friend had been driving when the van went through the roadblock. He had switched seats with his friend because the friend had been drinking and Pallin thought he was impaired.

When Pallin entered guilty pleas to the three charges, Judge Denroche took into consideration a previous impaired driving conviction on the mainland and sentenced Pallin to 14 days in jail. He also imposed a fine of \$50 for the driver's licence charge and a \$300 fine for misleading police.

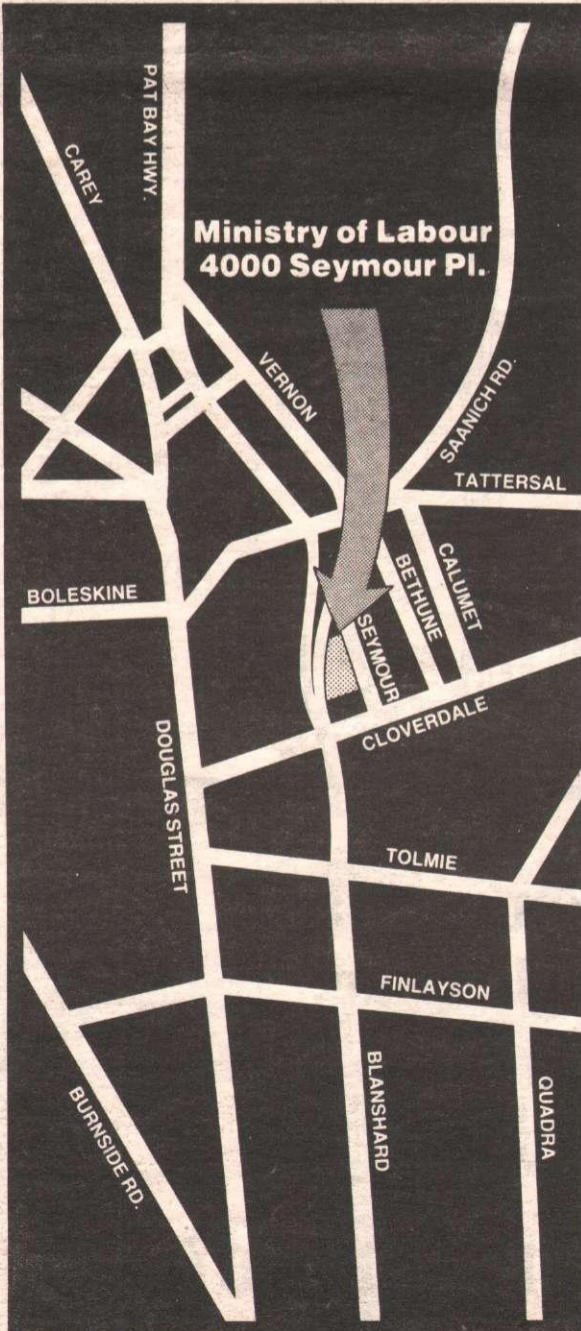
Pallin lost his driver's licence for six months as well.

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