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## Spring start expected on seniors' housing

Planning for the 20-unit seniors' housing project on Salt Spring has taken three years, but construction should begin this spring.

Fred Brookbanks, chairman of the project committee, told *Driftwood* last week that a meeting with contractors will be held shortly to discuss design and costs. The call for tenders should be out by the end of March, he said.

The housing project, similar to Pioneer Village, is a joint effort of the Lions and Rotary Clubs and the Salt Spring Legion.

Brookbanks said that two or three of the units will be designed for handicapped people.

Costs of the project will run to just under \$1 million, he said. The province will cover a quarter of that amount and the remainder will come under a mortgage guaranteed by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Doubts about sewage disposal on the property had been raised by the Underwood McLellan report on sewage disposal for Ganges.

A permit for ground disposal has been issued, said Brookbanks, and if the sewer proposal goes forward, the housing project will be part of it.

The engineers tested the ground near the property and found the area unsuitable. Brookbanks said the entire property had been tested subsequently and an area large enough to cope with septic disposal had been found.

The new units will need about the same amount of water as is used by Pioneer Village. It has a daily use of close to 1,200 gallons.

Brookbanks expressed satisfaction that the project was close to the construction stage. He described the task over the past three years as "very frustrating" at times.

But with the project at this stage, he added, "We don't foresee any difficult problems."



## Artists stage demonstration

Marcia Jeanne and daughter Francesca of Salt Spring Island were among those on hand at Mahon Hall Saturday for crafts demonstrations by local artists. The affair was staged by Salt Spring Fibres, an arts and crafts cooperative, to introduce the public to

local craftspeople. Francesca Jeanne is wearing a wreath of dried flowers that her mother made. Jeanne grows the flowers in her garden and dries them for use in wreaths, nosegays and other arrangements. More photos—Page 10.

*Driftwood* photo by Alice Richards

## Stolen silver recovered

The stolen silverware had a value of \$17,000 but the thieves decided to dump it.

Jurgen Engelhardt found the silver plates and candlesticks in four plastic garbage bags on a farm on Long Harbour Road February 7.

When he checked the bags, he discovered the silver. Engelhardt, known to islanders as the Tinkerer, called police.

RCMP determined that most of the silverware had been stolen from a Salt Spring residence in 1980. The owners of the merchandise asked not to be identified.

Police will have the crime laboratory in Victoria check the silverware for clues. The remainder of the silver had been taken from other homes on the island in subsequent years.

## Valcourt wins order to have poll books, voters list checked

If a check of the poll books used at the November civic elections on Salt Spring reveals too many irregularities, the elections for the island may be declared invalid.

Yvette Valcourt appealed successfully to the B.C. Supreme Court last week to have the executive director of the Capital Region check the names signed in the poll books against the names on the voters' list.

The check, said Valcourt's lawyer Jonathan Oldroyd, will be made in Victoria soon. In addition to the executive director, each candidate or a representative can be present.

Hugh Borsman defeated Valcourt in the election for Salt Spring director on the Capital Regional Board.

If the examination shows that anyone voted more than once, and if a sufficient number of names appear in more than one poll book, the results could be declared invalid.

The elections of four school trustees and the water district improvement referendum could also be thrown out.

Valcourt had earlier been successful in obtaining a Supreme Court order for a recount of ballots. That recount, held December 13, did not change significantly the results of the election.

The latest challenge was filed January 20 and the order to check the poll books against the voters' list was made last Thursday.

In her affidavit asking for the cross-check, Valcourt said, "Voters of Salt Spring are not given the same safeguards that other regions are accorded during the regional district elections as there are no designated polls indicated to voters that they must vote at one specific polling station."

"Accordingly, because there are three polling stations with three poll books, only a reconciliation of the three poll books with the voters' list can determine whether or not a

person voted more than once...."

Each of the seven electoral areas of the CRD follows the same pattern with the voters' lists. The names appear alphabetically and are numbered. The address of each voter is noted.

In the case of the Outer Islands voters list, the island of residence is noted.

Oldroyd said that Judge Peter Millward agreed with his submission that while the Municipal

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## Local man dead following shooting

A Galiano Island man died of gunshot wounds at Porlier Pass last Thursday.

RCMP released few details of the incident which is being investigated by the Ganges detachment with help from special units out of Victoria.

Rodney Allan Kirkpatrick, 35, was found dead on the old wharf at Porlier Pass Marina. He was shot with a shotgun.

At least two other men were involved in the death. They travelled by boat to Thetis Island and called the police.

Coroner John Davidge of Sidney will be holding either an inquest or an inquiry into the death.

About 17 years ago, an elderly man was robbed and killed at North Galiano and his body was dumped into the sea. A Galiano resident was subsequently tried and convicted of murder and served time in penitentiary for the crime.

## Smoking ban under consideration by region

Smokers beware!

The Capital Region is catching up with smoking in public places and a new smoking bylaw has been prepared. It will prohibit smoking in stores, in public assemblies and even in swimming pools, in the islands, in the city; anywhere in the Capital Regional District.

The smoker who buys a kilo of smokes with a cigarette dangling from his lips is in trouble under the proposed bylaw: serious trouble. If the regulations go through there will be a warning sign in a retail store calling attention to the maximum \$500 penalty for smoking.

It'll be "Butt out! Or pay up!"

The law will apply throughout the Capital

Region.

What's behind the proposal to limit smoking? Says the bylaw draft, "Whereas it has been determined that second-hand tobacco smoke (exhaled smoke and the smoke from idling cigarettes, cigars and pipes) is a health hazard or discomfort for many inhabitants of the Capital Regional District, now therefore the regional board enacts" the bylaw.

No smoking is the name of the game if the bylaw goes through:

- No smoking in retail stores;
- no smoking in a bank or government office at the service counter;
- no smoking in hospitals or health clinics except at designated points;

- no smoking in places of public assembly except in designated areas;
- no smoking in swimming pools;
- no smoking in restaurants except beyond the non-smoking designated areas in those establishments with 30 or more seats;
- no smoking in a reception area except at designated points;
- no smoking in elevators or escalators;
- no smoking in taxis except with the consent of all passengers and the driver;
- no smoking in school or other buses;
- no smoking in service line-ups.

The bylaw is the project of the medical officer of health, Dr. A.S. Arniel. If smoking in public places is harmful to some and offensive to others, the Capital Regional

District will be less harmful and less offensive if the bylaw gains popular acceptance. Residents are invited to examine the proposals and to offer an opinion to the Capital Region in order to guide the board on its final adoption of the regulations.

There is one exception. If a ventilation system is in use which maintains an air flow of 26 cubic metres per hour per patron there is no objection to smoking.

And, just in case someone forgets, the bylaw requires a sign to be placed prominently in all controlled establishments warning the public that they obey the bylaw or pay a fine of up to \$500.



Joyce, Sandra and Horst Klein with Safe Boating Award

# Islanders awarded at Boat Show Thursday

Horst Klein, his wife Joyce and daughter Sandra of Pender Island were honoured at the Vancouver International Boat and Sportsmen's Show last week when they were given the Lemon Hart Safe Boating Award.

Co-ordination of the national awards program is handled by the Canadian Power Squadrons.

Sandra Klein received a certificate of merit for courageous lifesaving activities while assisting her parents in search and rescue missions. Several years ago Sandra was cited for valour by Governor-General Ed Shreyer for saving a life in a stormy January night off Galiano Island.

Horst Klein spearheaded the formation of the B.C. Lifeboat Society and the Coast Watchers group. In this he has the help of his wife Joyce, who handles all the paper work. In a few short years the BCLS has grown to 11 chapters.

At the presentation to the Kleins, Commander John Howell of the Pender Island Power Squadron said that "in seven years the BCLS has acquired seven active lifeboat stations and 1,000 supporting members and the Kleins have given unstintingly of their time and money in rescue work, plus educational programs in boat handling, radio usage, and general marine safety for power squadrons, yacht clubs, and the general public, for which they have received no monetary compensation.

"The Pender Islands Power Squadron believes there is no person in Canada more deserving of this award."

Klein, in accepting the award, said community awareness of the importance of the volunteer is very valuable.

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# Teacher layoffs may be avoided

When the trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board took a look at the amount which the ministry of education said they could spend, they came up with a slightly different figure.

The trustees have hammered out a preliminary operating budget which calls for spending of \$4,747,381 from total revenues to the school district of \$5,187,615.

The \$440,234 difference will be put to use in several ways.

Part of the sum will be used to encourage some teachers to take early retirement. Other amounts will go to augment water taxi service to Salt Spring from the Outer Islands for high school students.

When the budget restriction exercise began last July, the Gulf Islands School District was facing the need to cut up to 18 teachers from the payroll by 1986.

But various talks with the ministry of education on aspects of the budget proposals put forward have resulted in the number of teachers to go being reduced to six.

By setting up an early retirement fund, the trustees hope to reduce the number to zero.

The water taxi service from the Outer Islands could result in more students from Pender Island attending high school in the district rather than commuting to Sidney.

Part of the revenue for the school district will come from the federal government through various grants and totals \$98,300 for the year.

Provincial grants will total \$2,799,700. Fees and other revenues account for \$90,820 with rentals and leases bringing in \$17,200. Investment revenue will total \$315,128 for the year.

The final \$1,866,467 will come from residential taxes.

The money goes out in various ways. Salaries of school district employees will account for \$3,582,547. The benefits and allowances for the employees comes to \$181,851.

Supplies and materials will cost \$415,566 while services purchased or contracted will require \$484,882.

The school trustees have also set up an account to cover such items as fringe benefits on the contracts. They allocated \$82,535 to the account.

The actual surplus from 1983 comes to \$295,128 and is included in the revenue part of the budget.

In addition to the operating accounts, the budget contains a

section for non-shareable capital expenditures and a section for debt services.

The non-shareable capital account has been set at \$84,245 which is the same amount for the account in the 1983 budget.

Debt services will cost a further \$767,063.

The preliminary budget as prepared by the school board had to be sent into the ministry of education for final approval by Wednesday. When the budget proposal clears all the hurdles in the ministry, the Gulf Islands school trustees have until May 1 to give it final adoption.

While some cuts may be needed in the school system, the trustees agreed that any final decisions will be made before the end of March for implementation in September.

They do not want any "last-minute surprises" for school district employees.

# Valcourt wins order

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Act sets out procedures for voting, it takes for granted that designated polls with separate voters lists would be available.

Section 71 of the Act details that a corrected list of electors should be "in alphabetical order with the names numbered consecutively throughout the list."

Section 62 states that the council of a city or district "may" divide the municipality into polling divisions.

The section goes on to state: "The clerk may designate the actual polling station for an elector and assign him to the polling division area or ward where he resides."

The school trustees whose elections could be declared invalid are Charles Hingston, Ron McQuiggan, David Williams and David Eyles.

The results of the Highland Water District's referendum for improvements to that system would also be in question.

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**SPRING 1984**

## Schedule

Effective Friday, February 17 to Thursday, May 31, 1984 inclusive:

**MAINLAND-GULF ISLANDS**

**TSAWWASSEN-LONG HBR., SALTSPRING ISLAND OTTER BAY, PENDER ISLAND VILLAGE BAY, MAYNE ISLAND (transfer to Saturna, Saturna Island) STURDIES BAY, GALIANO ISLAND**

Note that with the introduction of this schedule, an extra stop is made at Tsawwassen on Friday and Saturday mornings and on Friday evenings.

Copies of the Spring Gulf Islands schedules, giving full details, are available at any BC Ferries office or terminal, or onboard the Ferry.

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**VANCOUVER ISL.-OUTER GULF ISLS.**

**SWARTZ BAY-SATURNA, SATURNA ISLAND VILLAGE BAY, MAYNE ISLAND MONTAGUE HBR., GALIANO ISLAND OTTER BAY, PENDER ISLAND**

Please note the following changes with the introduction of the Spring schedule:

- A separate **Friday pm** schedule is now in effect.
- The **Saturday mid-morning** schedule is revised as follows:

Lv	Swartz Bay	9:30 am
	Otter Bay	10:10
	Village Bay	10:30*
	Saturna	11:10
	Otter Bay	11:50
Arr	Swartz Bay	12:30 pm

\* Saturna passengers transfer to or from Tsawwassen.

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To Be

Frank



by richards

**It was a good breakfast**

It was early and the intrepid travellers were happy to get out and away without breakfast. They reached Long Harbour and thankfully sat in the dining room of the Queen. They had a good breakfast and the meal went faster than the ship. They were still tied up to the dock when the last vestige of egg was gone. Having finished their breakfast, Bruce and Connie Hardy learned that the Long Harbour ferry was stormbound and they had to leave and find alternative means of getting to the mainland. But it was a good breakfast!

**No transportation!**

It was in a Vancouver newspaper. Air Canada announced in a *Sun* advertisement that a transportation ad appearing in January was incorrect. New York Lovers Love Our Seat Sale, Air Canada had told Vancouver lovers. The original message should have stated the conditions and these were listed. Fares were for travel on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between January 16 and March 31. No travel would be accepted during the Easter break. Reservations were necessary 14 days ahead. There were other specifics. Then came the blow: "TRANSPORTATION NOT INCLUDED." Seats were limited. Some flights could be sold out. But no transportation. The waiting for another message was almost too much for Roy Lamont and his friends who couldn't fathom how they could buy a seat without including transportation. A check, however, with another daily newspaper revealed that the seats were there, alright, but *TRANSPORTATION TAX NOT INCLUDED*. Never did like that word, but a little tax cleans up a big, big puzzlement.

**Collector's items by now**

I had two calendars for Christmas. One depicted marine scenes from the pen and brush of Art Simons. I enjoy the prospect of travelling the coast in somebody else's boat. The other came from Saanich Peninsula and shows page-by-page the ancient airplanes of Canada. The Aviation Calendar is put out by the Canadian Military Aviation Museum on West Saanich Road at Patricia Bay Airport. I had it from David Maude, who is, I think, the fourth generation of Island Maudes, although his home is at North Saanich. The museum is devoted to the collection, reconstruction and refurbishing of wartime planes and even other historic planes. It is a reminder that the Hampdens and Harvards and Ansons and Oxfords and Lysanders and Beechcraft and Dakotas that were at Patricia Bay when I was are, like me, collectors' items by now.

**I love metric**

Tom Wright gained the impression from something I wrote several weeks ago that I was opposed to the metric program. Far from it. Unlike some clod-headed members of my family, I figure that the metric system is the only way to go. It clears the path for quick and convenient mensuration and be damned the size of a gone-and-forgotten king's foot or any of his other physical features. The metric system is an effective route to quick calculation although it may prove in the future to be a political obsession.

**This is that same year**

Don't knock the way things are looking this spring! This is the happy new year most of us were ranting about in the middle of the night only a matter of six weeks or so ago.

**That's how the names came about**

Young historian was enquiring last week about the origin of names on the island. How did Fulford, Ganges and Vesuvius Bay on Salt Spring Island get their names, she asked. Ganges was named after the Royal Navy's *HMS Ganges*, a Bombay-built, 74-gun sailing ship of teak. Walbran says she was an 84-gun vessel and is, presumably, right although I was crediting her with 10 guns less. *HMS Ganges* was triply notable. She was the last sailing vessel in the Royal Navy to fly an admiral's flag; she was the last sailing, line-of-battle ship in active commission on foreign service and she gave her name to the Salt Spring Island harbour and the community at its head.

Neither Captain John Fullord nor Rear-Admiral Robert L. Baynes, whose flag she flew, named the community. *HMS Ganges* left the coastal waters in 1860 and the harbour was named in her honour by Capt. George H. Richards when he commanded the survey vessel, *HMS Plumper*, in 1859. Until that time the harbour had been tentatively known as Admiralty Bay. Fullord took its name from the skipper of *Ganges*. Capt. Fullord was born in 1810 and entered the navy when he was 11 years of age. He retired as an admiral 56 years later and died in 1888.

Vesuvius Bay was also named by Richards but in token of the service on the coast of another vessel. *HMS Vesuvius* was armed with a mere six guns. A vessel of 976 tons, *Vesuvius* was a paddle-sloop, driven by her 280-hp engine. She had been built at Sheerness in 1840. The *Vesuvius* came to the west coast from the Russian war in 1854-6. What more would a youthful historian want to know?

**Fernwood awaits government word**

Expansion of Fernwood School on Salt Spring is needed but the Gulf Islands School Board can do nothing at this time.

School board chairman Charles Hingston had talked with officials at the ministry of education about a request for funds to built two additional classrooms at Fernwood.

But, he said, "we've not been able to get a clear picture of what's going on."

The board had requested \$182,800 to build the two-room addition. The request was included in a \$20 million capital expense package submitted to the treasury board for approval.

The cabinet, however, put a freeze on construction money and there will be no action by the treasury board until a review of such spending is made.

The money for Fernwood had been part of a \$1.5 million capital expense approval granted for the building of the new school in Fulford.

The treasury board and the ministry of education had decreed that the building of the Fulford school be put to tender. They said, at that time, that any difference between the allotted cost and the

tender price could be applied to the expansion at Fernwood.

Talks with local MLA and Finance Minister Hugh Curtis have resulted in an agreement that the two projects were linked. But the ministry of education has not co-operated.

The school trustees agreed that a letter should be sent to the ministry of education to repeat, "firmly", that the money for Fernwood had

been available at one time.

Frank Sutherland, supervisor of works for the school district, told the trustees that if construction began on the two-room addition by June at the latest, the rooms could be available for classes in September.

Meanwhile, the school board will continue efforts to get the needed money.

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 Sun. Feb. 26: Community Centre, noon: "Canadian ties w/US,NATO, NORAD: do they defend or threaten Canadian independence/survival?"  
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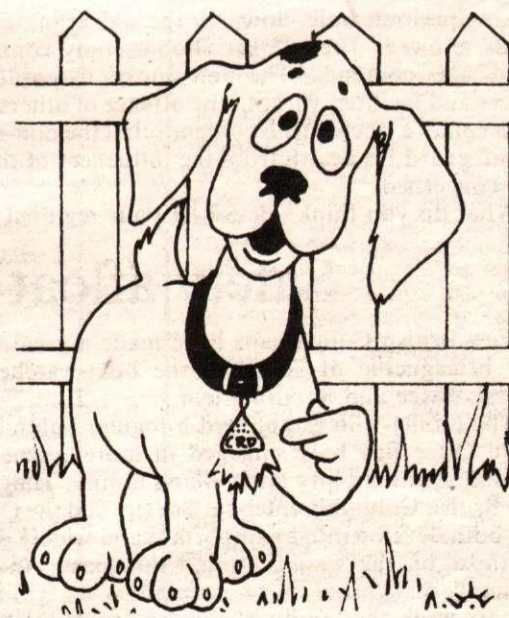
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- Patterson's Store, Fulford
- Vesuvius Bay Store
- Ceidwad Kennels, 325 Rainbow Rd., Ganges
- Mayne Island Centre Store

- Saturna Post Office
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## The smoke signals

Every resident of the Capital Regional District is invited to consider the proposed new legislation to ban smoking from retail stores and public places and to require non-smoking areas in restaurants and other establishments. The regional board is awaiting public reaction to its proposal before acting upon it.

Do you approve of a law which will prohibit you from smoking in many public places? Do you approve of a law which will protect you from other people's tobacco habit?

Since Sir Walter Raleigh found North Americans smoking tobacco the habit has gained force. When Sir Walter was the only European to smoke a pipe, there may well have been those to object to the odour or the danger from fire or the stains from tobacco. It required another 300 years or so before concern was to be expressed over the nicotine content and the hazard to health of smoking.

When the objections to tobacco smoke were solely on the grounds of distaste, the question of whether or not to smoke was a matter of courtesy. The smoker asked permission of his companions before lighting a cigarette. He, and at one time it was always "he", would not light up if any person present expressed objection. For many years it was not customary to smoke at table until all had finished their meal. But these polite customs were based on courtesy and concern for others.

With the announcement by medical researchers that the smoke from another's tobacco habit is even more harmful to the neighbour than it was to the originator, the concern for smoking in public places pivots no longer on good manners, but on good health.

It is this influence which has prompted the regional medical officer of health, Dr. A.S. Arneil, to submit the proposed legislation.

The question boils down to the old argument, but with new holds allowed. The smoker should enjoy complete freedom to smoke, he contends. The non-smoker is entitled to use public places and facilities without the offence of others' smoking habits.

In comes a doctor who contends that the non-smoker is entitled to safeguard his health from the influences of the smoker who is less concerned.

What do you think? Better let your regional director know.

## Safety afloat

Few British Columbians have made a greater contribution to the beleaguered at sea than the boat-watchers from Pender, Horst, Joyce and Sandra Klein.

The family who established a regular volunteer rescue service from Otter Bay have engaged in more rescue work in stormy coastal seas than any other island family. They have established the British Columbia Lifeboat Society and the Coast Watchers, to see both develop into an important and widely recognized service to those on the waters around the coast. And they have been formally recognized on two occasions.

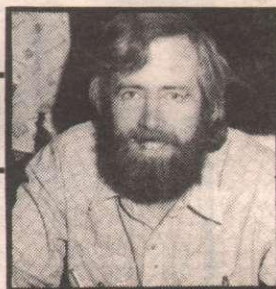
Last week the family of three received the Lemon Hart Safe Boating Award as a public recognition of their contribution to the safer use of coastal waters.

Sandra Klein was awarded a certificate of merit in token of her courageous life-saving activities while assisting her parents in their search and rescue missions.

She already holds a citation for valour which she received from Governor-General Ed Schreyer in gratitude for rescuing a sailor from drowning one stormy January night off Galiano Island.

If the Pender Island family have every occasion to feel gratified with their awards, no less might their friends and associates throughout the islands share their pride in the awards.

And most of all, the people around the coast of Canada who owe their lives or their rescue to the Klein family will be the first to commend the selection of Horst, Joyce and Sandra Klein as meriting recognition of a lifetime of service to those who sail on the sea.



Tony Richards

**THE HOWLS OF DISAPPROVAL** have been heard from across the North American continent but does anybody—including provincial government wildlife biologists—really know what he's talking about?

The fish and wildlife branch's plan to kill a few hundred wolves in northeastern B.C. has raised a furore—even in New York City, where wolves are about as common as caribou.

It's unlikely that Project Wolf organizer Paul Watson knows much about either wildlife management or wolves. A jack of all protests, Watson is probably trying to attract financial support (including valuable American dollars from New York) for his beleaguered Sea Shepherd Society. Last I heard, this group was \$50,000 in debt and no amount of protesting is going to erase that.

In a recent interview on CBC Radio's *Early Edition*, Watson insulted the intelligence of every hunter in the province. He seems unaware of the fact that a large number of hunters belong to fish and game club groups that are active in conservation projects.

But Watson is a professional placard-waver, and would have no time for such activities.

And Farley Mowat? A storyteller, and a good one at that. But having read a few of his books, including *Never Cry Wolf*, I am hard pressed to believe a lot of what he says. His yarns are an entertaining mixture of fact and fiction.

After spending a few years in a sparsely populated area of the central coast of B.C., I came to my own conclusions on wildlife management. Living on a diet that consisted largely of venison and fish, it became obvious that a certain balance was necessary if we wished to continue eating.

We lost two or three dogs and at least one goat to wolves, but the most serious loss was in deer. One could hunt for days and days without seeing a single deer but the sound of wolves howling was often a nightly occurrence. The wolves seemed to be keeping the deer population down to a point nearing extinction.

So it became readily apparent, then, that a few wolves would have to be shot if we wanted to maintain a balance that would enable us to put food on the table.

It should be borne in mind that very few hunters were active in the area; far fewer than on Salt Spring Island where if a week passes by without your

having seen a deer, you've had blinkers on.

Like most observers of the current wolf kill, I have insufficient information to pass judgment on its merits. But my own experience leads me to doubt the motives of Watson and company.

Perhaps he would be better employed joining his fellow protesters in New York, where they could stage demonstrations against mugging. That, I understand, poses a much more serious problem for New Yorkers than wolves in northern B.C.

**I DON'T KNOW** if they have a problem with wolves in Sarajevo, but I do know there's a good hockey team playing there this week.

No, it's not Team Slug, but Team Canada, who had a 4-0 win-loss record as of Monday at the XIV Winter Olympics. They played a good game Saturday against Finland, coming from behind a 2-1 score to win 4-2.

But I'm glad I didn't hear the final score earlier. Monday morning I learned that the game hadn't been live, at least not in Western Canada, despite the announcer's assurance to the contrary.

There's little enjoyment in watching a game whose outcome you already know.

**WE'VE HAD ONE RESPONSE** to Chuck Horel's recollections (*Driftwood*, January 18) of freshwater fishing in earlier days on Salt Spring Island.

"A Ganges lad" writes: "Chuck Horel's article on early island fishing methods was most elucidating. Now I know why mother would never let me play with that bunch."

**VIRGINIA NEWMAN'S** lifelong dream to be an opera singer has been triply fulfilled.

The director of the Gulf Islands School District's continuing education program is a member of the chorus in *Carmen*, the newest production by Victoria's Pacific Opera Co.

Virginia's not alone. Her daughter Amy is also in the chorus.

This is Virginia's third time in an opera. She was on the cast of the same company's production of *Tosca* and *The Elixir of Love*.

*Carmen* will be presented at the McPherson Playhouse in Victoria beginning Thursday, with performances scheduled for February 18, 20, 23 and 25.

Well known Canadian singer Janet Stubbs has the lead role.

# Letters to the Editor

## Shocked at cartoon

Sir,  
I was shocked and disgusted at the cartoon in this week's *Driftwood* (February 8). Would we rather have our Prime Minister out selling bombs? or just helplessly sitting there saying "the U.S. and Russia are too big and there's nothing anyone can do to change the situation"?

I, for one, am proud of Trudeau for trying. It has to start somewhere, and if there is support and approval for his peace initiative he will have more encouragement and more strength to take even a firmer and more positive stand for peace. And not just a stand, an initiative to do the positive things that make peace in the world a possibility and then a reality.

In any relationship if you constantly find fault and criticize you bring negative results. But if you support and encourage the good things you get positive results. I am positive I want peace in the world, and not just for me, not just for Canada, but for all people. We can't undo the past, but we could shape the future. We can't start any sooner than now.

And if anyone has ever lived in a situation of constant criticism and fault-finding they know how destructive and discouraging it is. Christians are told to pray for their political leaders and those in authority: "bless and curse not", not necessarily because they are doing a good job, but so that they will do a good job, and the people will be able to live in freedom and peace. How many of us do that? And if we don't, maybe this messy world is more our fault than we'd like to believe.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
Fulford Harbour,  
February 10, 1984.

## Park meeting Thursday

Sir,  
The Centennial Park Committee was struck at the public meeting called by the Parks and Recreation Commission and held in October 1983. The purpose of the Committee is to establish tenure of the Centennial Park property on behalf of the residents of Salt Spring Island.

We have met several times towards this end. Our most recent deliberations followed a lengthy and cordial meeting with the Regional Director of the Lands Branch from the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing. The Ministry is eager to receive our views and recommendations.

Consequently we have scheduled further meetings to discuss what forms of tenure might be most suitable to this unique property.

Before making any recommendations to the Ministry we will be seeking the views of all residents concerning the nature of tenure to the park and related issues. Interested persons should contact the writer or any other member of the committee.

Finally everyone should note on their calendar a public meeting which has been set for Thursday, Feb. 16, 1984, at 7:30 pm in the Ganges Elementary School Activity Centre for the purpose of expressing the views of members of the public.

**GORDON B. SLOAN,**  
Chairman,  
Centennial Park Committee,  
February 1984.

## Call for Paul Watson

Sir,  
What say we call in Paul Watson to save the trees?  
**EDWARD ARMSTRONG,**  
R.R.1, Maliview Dr.,  
Ganges,  
February 8, 1984.

## Which tapes are pornographic?

Sir,  
Several letters have been recently received by Ganges Video Ranch, signed by ones who are concerned about pornographic videotapes. As part-owner and operator, and as a member of the community, I would like to respond with the following comments.

I am glad to know that there are some people who care about the content of videotapes available on Salt Spring Island. Since the B.C. Film Classification Branch only deals with films and tapes shown in public places, there are no regulations (other than vague federal laws) that restrict the content of videotapes distributed for viewing in private homes. This means that it is the responsibility of those in the community to be aware of the material available and to provide feedback to the supplier.

However, I would like to know the definition of "pornographic videos" that is shared by all who signed the letters. Video Ranch has always displayed all movies for all to see. Which ones are pornographic and what makes them pornographic?

We do rent some movies that contain erotic scenes. These are scenes that portray the beauty of sex and maintain the dignity and respect of those involved. I am not opposed to renting this type of material.

I agree with Helen E. Longino, who defines pornography as material that explicitly represents or describes degrading or abusive sexual behaviour so as to endorse and/or recommend the behaviour as described. Do we tend to imitate the people and actions we see in movies, or do they act as "release valves" so the viewer is less likely to act out negative fantasies? Or do they affect the viewer at all?

I believe that they do affect us and that, generally speaking, the "imitation" school of thought is more likely to be true, especially for the young. I therefore hesitate to rent and propagate material that contains blatant untruths and which endorses self-defeating behaviour. Obviously, what I see as worthless material another may see as valuable, but film has always been a controversial medium, which in turn makes it an exciting field to be involved with.

If the owners of Video Ranch are to be sensitive in regards to the selection of videos, we must know what movies are wanted and unwanted, and why they are so. I hope in the future there will be further communication, but in a more constructive and specific nature, ensuring that video grows to be a valuable and positive influence in our community.

**NORMAN PELLOW,**  
Box 525,  
Ganges,  
February 11, 1984.

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be in our office by 3 pm Monday for Wednesday publication. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and legality.

## Time to take charge

Sir,  
Most of us feel helpless in this time of economic hardship and drastic unemployment. It is time we took charge of our own future.

On Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18 there will be a workshop dedicated to promoting the exploration of community self-reliance. Friday evening there will be a Town Hall Meeting at Mahon Hall with several off-island speakers. Saturday will be a day filled with activities leading up to a discussion on the possibility of forming a Community Economic Development Corporation on Salt Spring.

For information call Virginia Newman at the Continuing Education office at 537-2822 or the Community Centre at 537-9212.

See you there!  
**JO-ANNA LOGAN,**  
Community Worker,  
February, 1984.

## Legal aid cuts discussed

Sir,  
Thank you to Monna Huscroft, director of the Law Centre in Victoria, and to our three local lawyers, Sid Filkow, Jonathan Oldroyd and Gordon Sloan, all of whom donated their time and expertise last Wednesday evening to participate in a panel discussion of B.C.'s legal aid system.

Over 20 people attended this discussion which outlined the history of the Legal Services Society Act and the effect of cutbacks on services offered by the legal aid system. Panel members discussed the function of services such as duty counsel, lawyers who are available to give advice and information to citizens about to appear in court. These duty counsel have been reduced in number since the cutbacks; our own access to this service has been curtailed as a result of concentration of duty counsel in Victoria.

The main concern expressed by participants in the discussion is that due to changes in legislation and/or funding, some individuals will be denied legal aid and will not be able or informed enough either to conduct their own defense or to seek legal advice from such sources as the Lawyer Referral service. Another concern expressed is that citizens who could not afford legal representation might not seek legal aid because of lack of awareness of their eligibility.

The evening presentation not only addressed these concerns but also offered an opportunity to have input into their solution. A Task

Force on Legal Aid has been commissioned by the Attorney-General and Salt Spring Island residents are encouraged to participate. Although the Attorney-General has already announced plans to change the Legal Services Society Act before the results of the Task Force are reported, the Task Force does provide the best chance for the ordinary person to be heard. If anyone wishes to present a brief on March 16 in Victoria, information and tips are available in a package prepared by the Law Centre. For copies of this kit, phone 537-9391 or 537-4127.

**SUSAN UNDERWOOD,**  
Box 1023, Ganges,  
February 1984.

## Lowest percentage

Sir,  
According to a recent publication of Statistics Canada, once again British Columbia has spent the lowest percentage of its budget on education of any province in Canada.

The national average for all provinces is 21.2%, with a high of 25.4% in Quebec and a low of 15.5% here in B.C. Is this any way to prepare for a brighter future?

**RALPH D. MILLER, Ph.D.,**  
School Psychologist,  
Ganges,  
February 10, 1984.

This week's exchange rate on US\$:

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says S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce.



**Bill Webster**

## New mansion tranquil for now

Flowers begin to push their way into a Gulp Isles spring.

And guess what the rest of Canader suffers from. Besides Pierre of the One Finger.

February, with Valentines and whatnot, brings notice that summer isn't that far away. The local movie star was walking in the rain the other day and commented upon the rather dry winter we've had.

"If you notice the rain," he said dramatically, "you know it's been a dry winter."

He is nothing, if not astute. But then again, he's a friend of Louis Bolivar-Finchley. When the two of them get together, conversations follow strange paths.

"Nice day," says Louis. "Went to Vancouver last week," says the star.

"Pierre isn't going to get anyone to listen," was Louis' comeback.

"Granville Market is a neat place to visit," replies the star.

"He might as well stay home and swim in his pool, while he can," says Louis.

"But I wouldn't want to live there," returned the star.

"That's the island under the

bridge, isn't it?" asks Louis.

"Yeah, Mulroney will be splashing in that pool as soon as we get a chance to vote," noted the star.

"I knew someone who sold fresh bellybutton lint in the market," said Louis.

"Nobody listens to him but nobody would be stupid enough to drop the bomb," shot back the star.

"I went to Vancouver about two weeks ago," says Louis.

"If it doesn't rain," replied the star.

At that point my head was spinning like a top. I had to walk away just to preserve what small portion of sanity I call my own.

They confuse me when they get together.

Which is one of the reasons why me and Rat and Fink have moved so much. Louis and the star always find out where home is and insist upon dropping in for endless evenings of such conversation.

The most recent move, but don't tell either of them, brings me and the cat crew to within walking distance of the North Salt Spring Ferry Turnaround waiting room.

The new mansion offers a splendid view of the bay and is within earshot of the sea lion chorus which echoes from the rocks on most evenings.

The truth of the matter is the benign phone folks are subsidizing the new mansion for us. They figured it was easier to have home within walking distance of the waiting room than to risk damage to their property if the Patriotic Pick-up was used for evening adventures.

Nice folks, the phone bunch. They have allowed me to test the strength of two of their poles and the resilience of the bumper of a truck. And now they help pay my rent.

Rat and Fink enjoy the change. They are able to visit with other cats in the area for midnight conversations. Not that it would do either any good, they both sing soprano.

But soon, as has been the case, Louis and the star will discover where home for us is. Then the spinning conversations will commence again.

Guess I should just enjoy the newest mansion while the tranquility lasts.

They'll find me sooner or later.

# More Letters to the Editor

## Childhood enriched

Sir,  
As I lay awakening in the luxury of a no-rush Saturday morning, my daughter Eva, a precious nine, bounced in unabashedly informing, "Mom, there won't be any more zucchini or apples or crisp lemon cucumbers—at least not from Mr. Bennett. Granny Spencer says he's gone—yesterday. Did you know she says he was born July 1, 1888—Mom? The neighbourhood feels kind of empty."

Pulling myself from a near dream state, still unable to answer, she further announced, "I'm going to visit the Brookers, Mom." She bounced out as quickly as she'd bounced in. The child's concentration span is still livelier than mine and I suppose visiting the Brookers was a reassuring and comfortable move for her to make at that moment.

Eva admires and loves older folks. She was the first in our family to meet all our Cranberry neighbours. During our 3½ years here she has always made her rounds on Saturdays and Sundays, returning with stories that delight, amazing facts and little kid treats generously bestowed upon her by the Skuces, Mr. Bennett, the Brookers and the Spencers.

What an enriching way to spend much of her childhood. Well, she watched the Skuces go, and now Mr. Bennett. He was 96. Eva has learned a lot. So have I.

### Ode To A Neighbour

And as I lay waking newly informed by the Child  
Beloved images of One I hardly knew,  
one image, then another...

Oh I knew him, from across the way  
from my garden, from my kitchen window  
How things change—and neighbourhoods,

First, Mr. Skuce, now Mr. Bennett  
And we are not nearly old enough  
nor wise enough  
To move as they have,

So gracefully influencing all around  
With compendium of gardening wisdom,  
compendium of nature's secrets  
Gosh, we barely knew you, and yet

Your quiet influence felt so brave,  
so large  
Here on Cranberry  
Somehow your existence across the way gave us hope, strength  
Pausing with hands in dish suds  
To watch you teeter and toil about your garden  
All about your slope, faithfully, persistently  
Watching the smoke twirl from your chimney  
Knowing your nap must be done

My wonderment at your great knowledge and years  
Admiration  
Pulling me gently from my kitchen window,  
from my petty thoughts, my petty reality  
Watching patiently,  
Making sure your journey to mailbox is safely accomplished  
Glancing into your stream as you go,  
Cane and all,  
Back up that slope now!

Yet still, plain empty little house,  
Bulbs shining through unadorned windows  
I can see You  
Tinkering in that garden so rich with your secrets over the years  
Subtly, You taught us so much  
About Independence  
Freedom  
Loneliness

We had only to watch you to learn  
We'll miss the elephant garlic, the lemon cucumber  
Your secrets now a slumber  
Much later in the day, Eva tells me  
With the dance and charm of her nine years  
that she's sure that you—yourself—decided

It was time to go  
O Procrastination  
How I wish I had not delayed  
May I still offer you that piece of my chocolate wheat germ cake?  
**ROBIN CHERNEY,**  
R.R. 2, Ganges.  
February 13, 1984.

## Small enterprises more efficient

Sir,  
I have just finished reading *Small is Beautiful* by E.F. Schumacher. He points out the many ways in which small enterprises are more efficient and generally less destructive of the environment than larger, more profitable organizations.

Recently, I attended the Nesbitt Thomson Tax Planning Course in which details of "The Indexed Security Investment Plan" (ISIP) were the evening highlight. This new government plan allows untaxed inflationary profits when investments are made in the common shares of large Canadian companies. It is intended that Canadians should take their money out of banks to invest in "Big Business". Supposedly, this will help us out of the recession.

In Canada, more than 95% of all businesses are small businesses and they employ the bulk of the labour force. If the objective of the ISIP is to help the country's economy, investment should be encouraged in small business. E.F. Schumacher is not the only economist who has pointed out that small business employs people whereas big business invests in machinery to reduce employees.

If you feel that the government's Indexed Security Investment Plan is misdirected, write your M.P. The February 17 and 18 Island Futures Conference will be addressing the employment possibilities of small business in the Gulf Islands. Contact Virginia Newman at 537-2822. The book, *Small is Beautiful* is available at the Ganges Library.  
**CEDRIC J. BARKER,**  
Business Information Officer,  
Salt Spring Island  
Chamber of Commerce,  
February 11, 1984.

## Peace camp needs money

Sir,  
The Kipichisichakanisik Women's Peace Camp is at Cole Bay, Saskatchewan, on the eastern border of Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range, where the U.S. Government plans to test Cruise missiles.

Initially 100 women from Western Canada and Germany met and attended workshops at Cole Bay for a women's gathering to stop the cruise missile in August 1983. Native women from the area joined in and they realized it would be possible to continue as an on-going peace camp. There are four women there full-time and all women are invited to go at any time either to visit or to camp.

These women are protesting the military mentality that makes

people starve in order to build weapons of destruction and condones the use of violence as a way to deal with personal, national and international differences.

On behalf of the local Women for Peace, I phoned the Peace Camp recently to give support and find out their current needs. I spoke to a woman from Vancouver who said their most urgent need is money. Any support you are able to offer will be gratefully received. The address is:

Kipichisichakanisik Women's Peace Camp, General Delivery, Cole Bay, Saskatchewan S0M 0M0.  
**CATHERINE FAULKNER,**  
For Women for Peace,  
Ganges.  
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
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# Island Futures conference begins with three speakers on Friday

Three keynote speakers will kick off this weekend's Island Futures conference at Ganges. Don McMillan of the Nanaimo Community Development Advisory Society, Clive Dayson of the National Research Council and Bill Warren of the B.C. Research Council will speak at the conference's opening session Friday at 7:30 pm in Mahon Hall.

Two videos will be shown during the workshop, the BBC film about the Mondragon workers' co-

operatives in Spain and *Living on Commercial Drive*, a film on private enterprise.

The conference, which will examine the theme *Local Production for Local Use*, will continue Saturday with registration between 9 and 9:30 am at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill.

Workshops during the day will consider possible projects for Salt Spring Island. Panelists will include Charles Bazzard, Ted Baker, Dan Jason, Kirstie Shoolbraid, the

Fraser family, Paul Newman, Jean Hogan, Tom Hall, Kathleen Huebner-Clark, Paul Minvielle and Linda Goddu.

Financial and organizational strategies will be examined during the afternoon. Panel members will be Jeremy Hewett of the ministry of industry and small business development, Kathryn Ruff and Ross Gentleman of the Community Congress for Economic Change Credit Union, Dan Weber, a co-operatives consultant, John Olsen of the Community Business Development and Don McMillan of Nanaimo.

The conference will conclude with a wrap-up session to decide whether a community economic development corporation would be feasible on the island.

Further details can be obtained from the Community Centre or the continuing education office in Mouat's Mall.

# Camosun College week

It's Camosun College Week next week.

From February 20 to 25 will be thus proclaimed by the Capital Regional Board.

Last week the board approved a resolution to make the proclamation in token of the link between the college and the region.

The college looks after the adult

training and education needs of the region and provides access to more than 50 careers, general education and upgrading in academic, technical trades, business, health and arts studies. More than 20,000 residents of the region are served every year by the college and it has "contributed substantially to the quality of life in the Capital Region," read the resolution.

# Peace conference discusses national petition campaign

One hundred and eighty peace workers representing eight provinces and the two territories gathered in Winnipeg recently for a peace conference.

Two major themes were discussed: building a national peace coalition and organization of the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign (PPCC).

The campaign, set to begin during the first week of March, will focus on all 282 federal ridings. During the next few months hundreds of thousands of Canadians are expected to sign petitions calling for an end to cruise missile testing and the creation of Canada as a nuclear weapons-free zone.

Creation of such a zone, say its proponents, will enable Canada to join countries that have already taken that step to form an international peace coalition that would attempt to influence the arms policies of the United States and the Soviet Union.

Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Japan and Mexico are among the countries that have declared themselves nuclear weapons-free zones.

Petitions obtained by the

campaign will be presented to members of parliament, who will be asked to vote for a nuclear weapons-free Canada.

The Winnipeg meeting concluded that formation of a structured national body was not warranted at the present time. Instead, support was given to the concept of an ongoing national network similar to that which has begun with the PPCC.

A task force was formed to study such a network over the next few months.

## SALT SPRING CINEMA CLUB

Monday, Feb. 20:

### The Last Wave

Australia-1977 \*\*\*½  
Richard Chamberlain, David Gulpilil, Olivia Hamnett. 106 min.

Director Peter Weir's disquieting mood piece about an Australian lawyer who takes a *pro bono* assignment defending some aborigines charged with ritual murder. Despite some obscure claptrap, the movie is eerily effective & impeccably controlled.

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*The Last Wave* 8:30 pm

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BY IRA LEVINE

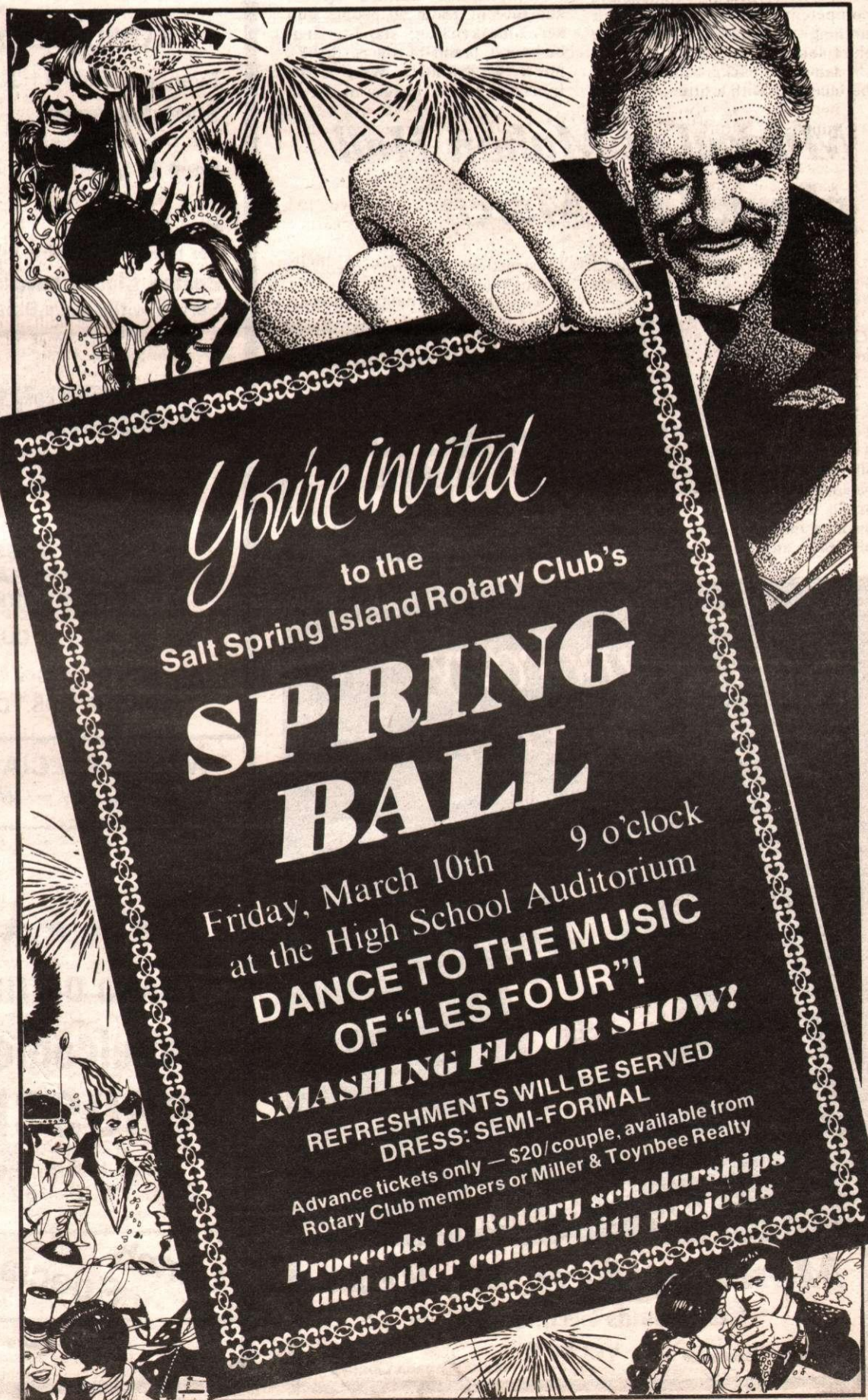
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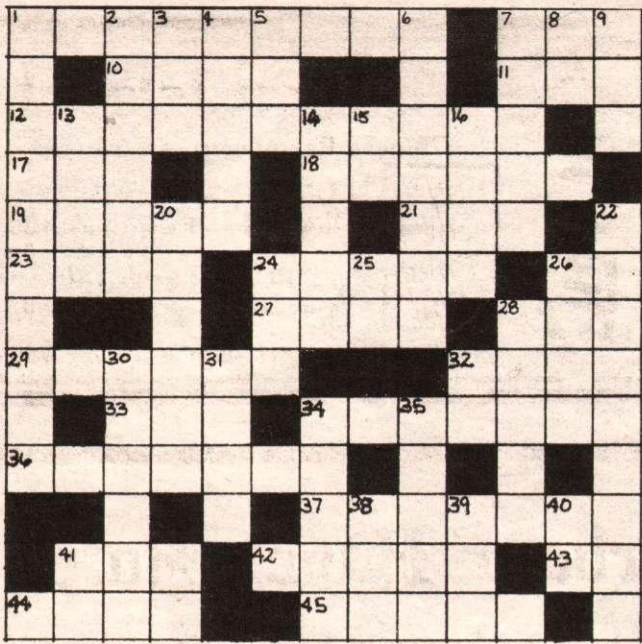
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## A THEATRE-GOER'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

BY CARLA REID

### ACROSS:

1. Salt Spring Players' next play
7. The date
10. Aft
11. Girl's name
12. See 7 across
17. Forever
18. To sow again
19. Vulgar
21. Strange
23. Examination
24. Aches
26. Greek letter
27. Beggar's wish
28. Music term (abbrev.)
29. The unfortunate
32. Youth
33. Bone
34. Gruesome
36. Act of depression
37. Undertaker's acts
41. Garland
42. Leading roles
43. You (arch.)
44. Short
45. Twitch

(Answers next week)

### DOWN:

1. Sleuths
2. Roman showgrounds
3. Half a score
4. Detests
5. Attempt
6. Confinements
7. Waned
8. Weight
9. Cricket term
13. Eroded
14. Before the verdict
15. Male (pronoun)
16. Hues
20. Electric
22. They saw it
24. Fem. name
25. I am (Abbrev.)
26. Dock
28. Fight
30. Wrongs
31. Bird
32. Baby's thanks
34. Sporting event
35. Deadly snake
38. Chart
39. Equine
40. Pronoun
41. French pronoun

## Curtain up on *Deathtrap* next week

*Deathtrap* is a play which asks the mysterious question: who did it? And that will be the next production by Salt Spring Players, to be staged at the end of this month. Director Arnie Farrel has mixed some old blood with some new to assemble a cast which will keep the audience intrigued with the mystery on stage.

Sidney Bruhl (John Lomas) is an aging playwright with a series of failures on his hands. Add his ex-student Clifford Anderson (Michael Armstrong) who has written a potential money-making play and the action begins.

Myra Bruhl (Lillian Slanina) watches with mounting terror as her husband allows jealousy to eat away his morals. Helga ten Dorp (Diane Corkum), the neighbourhood psychic, keeps popping in to forecast doom in every corner, the better to keep the pot boiling.

Porter Milgrim (Hugh Cummings) tries to keep things sorted out in his capacity as the family attorney.

The script, by Ira Levine, promises fascinating twists at every turn.

Stage manager for the production is Tony Desbottes while the back stage crew is made up of Ron Dunbar, Bill Goddu, Anne Prosk and Sharada Filkow.

The Players present *Deathtrap* February 23 to 25 and again March 1 to 3.



Neighbourhood psychic Helga ten Dorp (Diane Corkum) gives advice to playwright Sidney Bruhl (John Lomas). Rehearsals for *Deathtrap* are in their final week. Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

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## OTTAWA REPORT

# Problems with Revenue Canada

BY JIM MANLY, MP

We have had a number of calls about the film commissioned by Revenue Canada on tax collection. Every caller has rightly deplored the "Big Brother" approach championed in the film.

What angered people most, however, was the underlying assumption that the average working Canadian would, if he thought he could, cheat. In fact, this is not the case. Most Canadians pay their taxes honestly and on time.

Over the last several years many people have approached my offices when they have experienced problems with Revenue Canada. We have found that well over 90% of these people have legitimate complaints or concerns; that problems are at least as likely to originate with the tax department as with the taxpayer, and that there are a number of "gray areas" in the tax regulations.

We encourage people to bring problems they are experiencing to us and are often able to provide substantial help. For instance we can often aid people whose income tax rebates have bogged down because more information is needed, because there is a confusion about tax numbers, or because the claim has simply been lost or dead-ended in the computer system.

In other cases we have been able to help people who, often because of a business failure or a misinterpretation of a regulation, have ended up with a large payment. We have been successful in helping a number of people in this situation make arrangements for orderly payment of their tax debt, thus heading off some of the more extreme measures used by Revenue Canada.

We have, too, been able to help people who find themselves in the "gray areas" of the tax regulations receive clarification. We do this at first through phone calls then, if interpretations seem unfair or disputable, we approach the minister on the constituent's behalf. A common type of problem here is a dispute over whether a partially supported relative can be classified as a dependent.

Sometimes we are approached by constituents who point out tax regulations which they see as treating them unfairly. Here, too, a high percent have legitimate complaints.

We use this information to press for changes through such means as raising the issue in the House or contacting the minister involved. Because of a call recently made to my office, for instance, we are currently pressing for alterations to regulations holding back money when people with a very low income have to make withdrawals from their RRSP to help them through hard times. We have, too, made

representation on behalf of home daycare providers who now have to cope with a prohibitive amount of red tape because of Revenue Canada regulations.

This sort of information, then, is a valuable resource and I encourage people who feel that they are being treated unfairly, or who feel they have information that might be of use, to phone my office in Duncan or Langford or to write to me.

## Fulford school construction slightly behind schedule

Construction on the Fulford school is running behind schedule but not enough to delay the planned September opening.

Frank Sutherland, supervisor of

works for the school district, reported several reasons for the delay to the school board last week.

Rain and frost had caused problems on the roadway leading to the school and the department of highways had imposed a half-load limit for trucks. The load limit meant construction supplies were not getting to the building site on time.

The recent strike by Hydro workers also pushed construction back. The settlement of the strike came just in time to avoid further delays in the building project.

Sutherland told the trustees that he had urged the contractor to concentrate on the classrooms for now and leave the gymnasium work until later.

## Vandals busy at church, school

Vandals were busy on Salt Spring last week.

On February 7 someone entered St. Paul's Catholic Church in Fulford. Two of the front pews were overturned, a vase of flowers was dumped on the floor and the contents of a beer bottle were splashed on the altar cloth.

RCMP are checking the incident and report nothing was missing from the church.

On Monday the staff at Fernwood School discovered a visitor had been in the school sometime over the weekend.

Ketchup was smeared on windows and the classrooms were in disarray.

RCMP are investigating that incident as well.

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## Search for principal begins

A search for a principal for the new Fulford school is on.

The Gulf Islands School Board announced competition for the job will begin immediately and a choice is to be made by April 1.

The trustees will be looking at applicants from within the school district. If a qualified person cannot be found here, the search will expand across the province.

The school, scheduled for opening in September, will be a full elementary school with grades ranging from kindergarten to Grade 7.

The trustees also decided to include a representative of the Fulford Parents' Advisory Committee in the selection process. The selection committee will also

have representatives of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association and Local 788 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Membership of the committee will be rounded out by representation from the administrative staff of the school district and the school trustees.

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### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS TO THE REVIEW OF THE SALT SPRING ISLAND OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee is conducting a preliminary review of Part One of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan with the aid of advisory groups. Part One of the Plan contains goals and policies pertaining to the Island as a whole, excluding Ganges and the Fulford Harbour Village area.

The Committee would like to receive submissions from individuals or groups for possible changes to the Plan. Written submissions may be sent to the ISLANDS TRUST, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C. V8W 3E1. Verbal and written submissions may be presented at a Public Meeting sponsored by the Local Trustees, Mrs. B. Unger and Mr. N. Gilbert, on February 21, 1984, at 7:00 pm at Central Hall.

Part Two of the Plan, which contains goals and policies pertaining to Ganges, is to be reviewed at a later date. Public submissions for this part of the Plan will be requested at that time.

Richard McKellar,  
Planner

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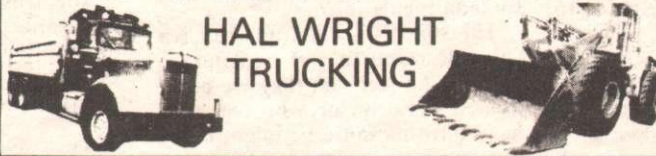
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## Cosmos handed 3-0 defeat

BY ROB TRANTER

The outcome of last weekend's game between Salt Spring Cosmos and the Panthers was an unexpected one for the Panthers, top team in the girls' division. The Panthers won 3-0 but the last time they met the Cosmos they were soundly defeated 9-0.

The Cosmos came out of the first half with exceptional play-making, headed by Trina Wight. And when Trina was not stopping the play goalkeeper Jennifer Anderson was having another good game.

Going into the second half with the Panthers leading 2-0, the Cosmos were doing well but their

opponents had too many aggressive plays.

The game ended with the Panthers pushing one more shot behind Jennifer Anderson.

Cosmos' forward line consists of Suzanne Burch (centre), Sheila Graham, Shanti Ford and Grace Graham (wings). On the halfback line are Trina Wight, Nikki Kerrigan and Rose Graham, and defenders are Christine Tranter, Melanie Marshall and Lisa Guthrie.

Absent from the game were Jane Cunningham, defender, Diana Beech, centre-half, Michelle Watson, wing and Tara Martin, halfback.







## Scheduling made easier

The large number of events that take place weekly on Salt Spring Island can make scheduling difficult for local groups. But the Fulford Hall committee's Carol Walde is ensuring that events planned by her

group don't conflict with others by marking the calendar at the Driftwood office. Organizations are invited to make use of the calendar, located inside the office next to the front counter.

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# Heat-loving tomatoes find summer nights chilly

Tomatoes are heat-loving: the more heat we provide for them, the more vine-ripened tomatoes we shall be able to enjoy. And there is absolutely nothing that compares to a tomato fresh from the vine.

I suppose my liking for this luscious fruit, more than anything, set me on my gardening career. If I remember correctly, I planted 70 tomato plants that first year. As you may imagine, we had lots of tomatoes and I found that 70 plants are a bit much. I have cut down to 40 since then.

But it also seems that we had longer, hotter summers then. Tomatoes and peppers just grew and produced and when we first came to the island we sold peppers at the Farmers' Market, nice, big green ones for 10 cents apiece. Well, those were the good, old times.

Since then it seems that our summers followed our economy, first into strikes, then recession and recently, into restraint, yet my liking for tomatoes has not abated. Further, our location at the bottom of a bowl, as it were, with the lake being the bottom, draws all the cool air at night and piles it up around my tomato plants. Sometimes, I believe, I can see them shiver.

While we sweltered in those hot, humid Ontario nights the tomatoes soaked up all that heat and actually ripened in the time stated in the catalogues.

## MORE LIKE 90

Here, it is different. While our cool summer nights let us sleep in comfort, our tomatoes shiver and shake and their leaves chatter in the chill. Hence we find that a 60-day tomato maturity date is more like 90 days here. And unless you have a very favourable mini-climate, such as our Vesuvius area, any tomato which takes longer than 70 days from transplanting to ripen fruit would be purely a platonic affair. Lots of leaf, nice shrubs, and perhaps a few, small green tomatoes, if you are lucky.

I wish they would heat-index tomatoes as the department of agriculture does for corn. It would make things a lot easier, especially for commercial growers. Until then we need to stick to those tomatoes which mature in less than 70 days. Our own "Salt Spring Sunrise" (50 days) and "Fantastic" (70 days) encompass the suitable range.

Start your favourite tomatoes around the beginning of March at 80°F (27°C) soil temperature, for six to 12 days. Then grow them at 60°F (16°C) fairly dry to encourage good root development. It would be best to transplant when about four inches (10 cm) high to one-gallon pots.

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS  
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

Rapid early growth in rich soil under shelter is the key to obtaining a sturdy tomato factory. This then may be transplanted outdoors in early June. Again, the soil should be rich in nutrients to continue rapid growth.

### DON'T BE STINGY

Do not be stingy with bonemeal. A good handful under each transplant will provide the necessary phosphorus for fruit production. Any type of shelter in our cool June weather will help. Any type of clear plastic lean-to, draping or cloches in June and again in September will be of great benefit.

My favourite method is to grow our tomatoes in wire cages, about two feet (60 cm) in diameter and about four or five feet tall (120-150 cm). Old wire fence, with holes large enough to admit a hand clutching a tomato, is ideal for this. I do not

pinch either; every shoot produces blossoms, and tomatoes.

I had hoped to avoid staking and tying that way. That first year I found myself eye to eye with caged five-foot (150 cm) tomato shrubs and I had to stake the cages to keep them from falling over. The combination of wind and a heavy load of fruit proved too much for the cages.

This year I am planning on fashioning a clear plastic hood or drape for each cage for a mini-greenhouse as it were. Black plastic mulch over the soil, after it has warmed up, seems to be working well for a lot of folks, by all accounts.

### CUT ROOTS WITH SPADE

In my reading another method of obtaining early, ripe tomatoes came

to my attention. An experienced market gardener, after the first good fruit set, cut through all the roots with a spade in a one-foot (30 cm) diameter area around the plant. This stresses the plant, and plants under stress direct all their energy into seed production, resulting in early, ripe tomatoes. The plants recovered in about three weeks, set new fruit, and were stressed again in the same manner.

However, this method comes from the north central U.S.A. with a hotter summer climate than ours. It might be worth a try on a plant or two, though. Raised beds definitely help, as the soil heats up faster and drains better. Withholding moisture

in the ripening stage is another form of stressing, which will ripen tomatoes faster.

The often observed deep purple tint of tomato seedlings indicates a lack of phosphorus, so make sure there is plenty of bonemeal in your starter flats as well. Grow your tomatoes three to four feet apart (90 to 120 cm) in a three-foot (90 cm) wide bed, sheltered from the north and fully exposed to the south.

It all helps to grow an abundant crop of those luscious tomatoes, and this is what we want, right? And anything we may do to help our tomatoes through a restrained summer will bear much fruit.

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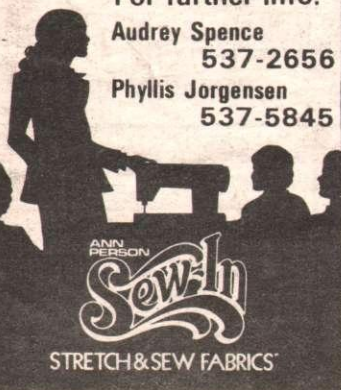
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**GALIANO NEWS**

# Scottish dancers travel to Mayne for Burns Night

**BY KATHLYN BENDER**

One hundred years ago the first school was established on Mayne and it was not until several years later that there were enough children on Galiano to justify a separate school.

The school on Mayne had as one of its three trustees Finlay Murcheson of Galiano and every day, weather permitting, four Galiano children rowed themselves from Georgeson's Landing across Active Pass to go to the Mayne school. A century ago there was much boat travel between the two islands, for mail, for groceries and equipment as well as for social occasions.

Last Saturday evening, following this long established pattern, 20 Scottish country dancers were ferried from Sturdies Bay to Miners Bay by skipper Bob George and first mate Carol, where they were met by Ian Cocker with the school bus to transport them to Mayne School for a Burns Night celebration organized by the staff and friends of the school.

The festivities began with the ceremonial entry of the haggis led by piper Glen McLeod. Burns' address to the haggis was delivered by John Mundie and his Selkirk grace spoken by Rev. George Morrison. After an ample meal Jim Ross toasted the lassies and Larry Holbrook, supervising principal, proposed the toast to the immortal memory with a speech indicating a long acquaintanceship with and appreciation for the poetry and significance of Burns.

Ian Cocker proposed a toast to all

the helpers who had made the success of the occasion possible under the direction of supper organizer Joan Werrun.

The evening's dancing began with the Gay Gordons, demonstrated by the Galiano dancers who then invited the Mayne Islanders to join with them in the dance. A judicious mix of demonstrations, invitations and ballroom dances followed. The Galiano dancers showed two dances composed by Jane Edwards, *St. John River* and *Tour through the Islands*, and Alistair Ross soloed in a "reel of five" with four of the ladies. The evening ended with the community singing of Scottish songs.

## Garden Club

The first meeting of the 1984 season of the Galiano Garden Club on February 8 heard Thomas Hall of Hallman Nurseries of Salt Spring on a most timely topic, pruning.

After hearing last year's financial report read by secretary Tom Liddell, the club decided to set its annual dues at \$3 with a fee of \$1 for guests. President Edith Wishart handed the members the draft of a proposed constitution for study so that it can be discussed at the next meeting. Revised Show Bench schedules are now available.

Thomas Hall's topic was presented clearly and was illustrated by well chosen slides and graphic, hand-out diagrams. He stressed that it is important to prune when necessary and to have a reason for pruning. All decayed wood must be taken out, and where branches are parallel, one must always be

removed. Cuts must be made carefully with the aim of increasing light distribution into the tree's centre where it will improve growth and fruit production.

Crotches on young trees may be widened by using spring-type clothes-pins or simple wooden spreaders made from short pieces of 1x4 lumber whose ends have been cut into a V. Tree wounds should never be painted but left open to heal.

The next Garden Club meeting, on Wednesday, Mar. 14, will have as its feature speaker Dr. Gerald Straley, professor of Botany at UBC. Dr. Straley will speak about the plants and gardens of Australia, and illustrate his talk with slides.

## Chimney fire

Rosemary Georgeson wishes to thank all members of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department for their prompt attention to the chimney fire which threatened her home on February 7. She is full of admiration for the efficient work of the volunteers, and the fact that in half an hour she and her two young children were saved from a potentially dangerous situation.

## Sequel

It is probably merely a coincidence that following a reference to inspections in this column three weeks ago the neighbourhood pub has had its septic field proposal approved and the produce market has received clearance for its parking lot.

## Coming events

Tickets for Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood* can still be purchased for Friday's performance but Saturday is completely sold out. Tickets are available at Burrill Bros., The Corner Store and Spanish Hills Store or from members of the cast.

Curtain goes up Friday and Saturday evening at 8 pm at the South Community Hall.

The Women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department will hold its regular monthly book sale at the fire hall between 2 and 4 pm on Saturday.

On Sunday Jim McAlonan of Coastal Mission will conduct two ecumenical services on Galiano, at St. Margaret's at 10 am and in the North Community Hall at 2 pm. All islanders are welcome.

The annual general meeting of the Galiano Island Housing Society will

be held in the lounge at Page Drive at 2 pm on Sunday. A proposal from the senior citizens association to build an extension to the lounge will be discussed.

Although Ralph Brine did present a paper at the B.C. Historical Association convention four years ago, next Monday's meeting of the Gulf Islands branch will be the first time Ralph will air his theory as to where exactly Simon Fraser reached at the end of his epic transcontinental journey. All islanders are welcome to hear Ralph's views from 6:20 to 8 pm in the senior classroom of Galiano School.

Three important items of concern to many residents will be on the agenda of the Chamber of Commerce meeting next Thursday, Feb. 23. Details will be given of a residential calling plan, hitherto unpublicized, from B.C. Tel. Action by the chamber to alleviate residents' problems with B.C. Hydro will be discussed and

formulated. A proposal to have a banking service on Galiano at least one day a week will be aired. Islanders should plan to attend this important meeting.

The Peace Group announces an important meeting this evening (Wednesday) at Galiano School at 7:30 pm to organize a group able to go to Cold Lake, Alberta, during the first and second week in March. For further details phone 2040.

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## Bus inspections questioned

The school buses are safe but trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board want to make sure.

They decided to ask the operators of school buses under contract to the district to show the maintenance records for the buses. The trustees would also like the school district mechanic to look at the vehicles.

The school district has contracts for one bus on Salt Spring and two buses in the Outer Islands.

School board chairman Charles Hingston said of the buses under contract that "there is no reason to believe they are not safe."

But the trustees have questions about the standards of inspection carried out by the ministry of transportation and want to make sure that the contract buses meet requirements of the local school district.

Under terms of the contracts with the bus operators, they must maintain their own vehicles and require a ministry of transportation inspection every six months.

## Principals named

Head teacher positions will be eliminated and the schools at Mayne and Galiano Islands will have principals as of September.

The Gulf Islands School Board announced last week the appointments of Elizabeth Brinson to Galiano School and Larry Holbrook to Mayne School.

Brinson had been head teacher at Galiano while Ian Cocker had been head teacher for the Mayne elementary and junior secondary schools. Holbrook had been supervising principal of both schools.

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**Folk Society concert**

Vancouver-based band Under the Moss will perform at this month's Salt Spring Folk Society concert, 8 pm Friday at St. George's Hall. The group plays acoustic music with a

Celtic flavour using flute, fiddle, Celtic harp, guitar, tin whistle, mandolin, recorder and bass. Under the Moss released a single last year

containing *Edmund on the Hill*, part of the sound track for the motion picture *Harry Tracy*, starring Gordon Lightfoot.

**Haighs' sailing adventures in slide show next week**

Almost 30 years ago Val and Ernest Haigh, newly arrived from England, found Salt Spring Island, fell in love with it, and decided that it was a great place to bring up their children.

They bought property at Southey Point and proceeded to make roots, but after several years they found that their roots were still inclined to wander.

A slide show at Central Hall on Thursday, Feb. 23, will tell the story of their sailing adventures in *Tryste*, the trimaran they built. Since 1969 they have made three long voyages, two of which were circumnavigations of the world. Their four youngest daughters sailed with them

on their first voyage but for the last two Val and Ernest sailed by themselves.

Last July *Tryste* was almost lost when her starboard float broke off 450 miles north of Hawaii. She was dismantled at the same time.

However, she survived thanks to the timely arrival of the U.S. Naval tanker *Hudson* which took Val and Ernest aboard and then towed *Tryste* to Alaska. *Tryste* survived the tow of over 1,700 miles at more than 15 knots.

"No yacht has ever been towed as far and as fast," claims Ernest.

Pictures of the tow are included in the slide show along with a selection of the many places the Haigh family have visited in their yacht.

**Officers save two in Ganges Harbour**

Quick action by Ganges RCMP saved two men from the cold water of Ganges Harbour Saturday.

Constables Dave Warren and

Warren Muttersbach were at the police office on Ganges Hill at 6 pm when they heard loud cries for help. The two officers decided the cries were coming from the harbour and rushed to the Salt Spring Sailing Club.

Don Wagner, 66, had been in a small boat but had fallen overboard. Paul Saunders, 59, saw the incident and rowed out in a dinghy to attempt to rescue Wagner.

But the dinghy overturned, dumping Saunders into the water.

Saunders climbed on to the other boat and grabbed Wagner. Both

men started yelling for help.

After he arrived at the scene, Warren rowed out to the pair in a dinghy and climbed on to the smaller vessel to help the men. He managed to get Wagner out of the water and into a rowboat which had been rowed out to the overturned boats. Wagner was taken to Lady Minto Hospital.

Meanwhile, the Ganges Coast Guard arrived and fished Saunders from the cold water. He was taken to hospital as well.

Both men were treated for shock and later released.

**Federal money received**

The interim grants-in-lieu of taxes from the federal government for 1983 were received by the Gulf Islands School Board at the beginning of February.

Provincial Finance Minister Hugh Curtis sent a cheque for \$20,034.90 which also included final grants for the years 1978 and 1979.

The money represents municipal taxes on property which the federal government holds in the Gulf Islands.

The money can be applied to the 1984 budget.

**Telephone directory in mail**

The 1984 Salt Spring Island telephone directory was mailed to local households Tuesday morning.

The directory, now in its third year, is published by the island Lions Club. In addition to telephone listings, it contains a business directory, professional listings, a directory of societies and clubs and other information.

It also contains an updated map of Fulford Harbour.

Fred Brookbanks, Carol Simpson and William Toulmin were responsible for compiling the information and publishing the directory.

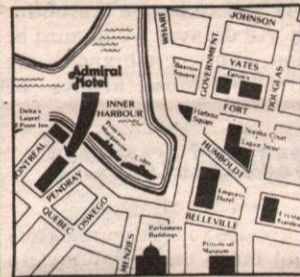
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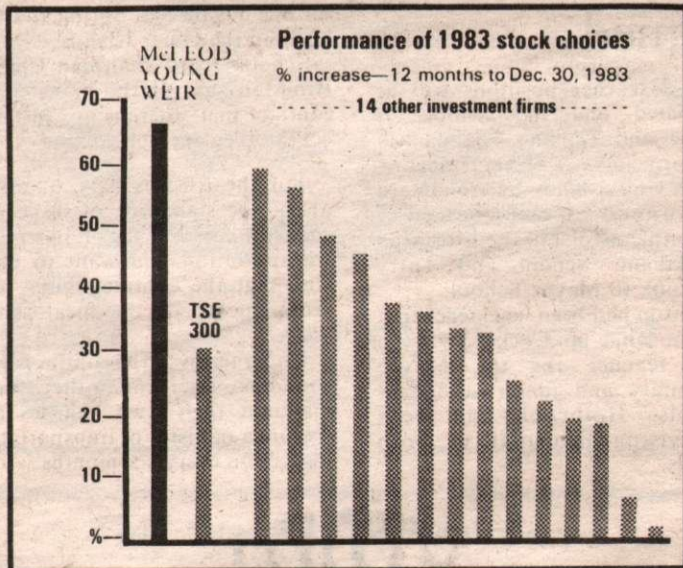
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