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## Market motions passed

Two motions concerning the Saturday farmers' market in Ganges were passed at a parks and recreation commission meeting held last week.

The meeting saw commission members vote to ask market vendors to organize an association, and to work with that association in the same way as with the Community Arts Council (CAC); and to give vendors some leeway in setting up their stalls.

Commission chairman Glenn Woodley said the CAC and members of the parks and recreation commission meet monthly to discuss the art council's use of Mahon Hall. The CAC provides maintenance for the hall and, according to Woodley, there is "no problem" with the system.

The second motion dealt with overcrowding at the market. Vendors may now move around the corner and sell their goods from

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## Documentation finalized

### Grace Point sale deal pending?

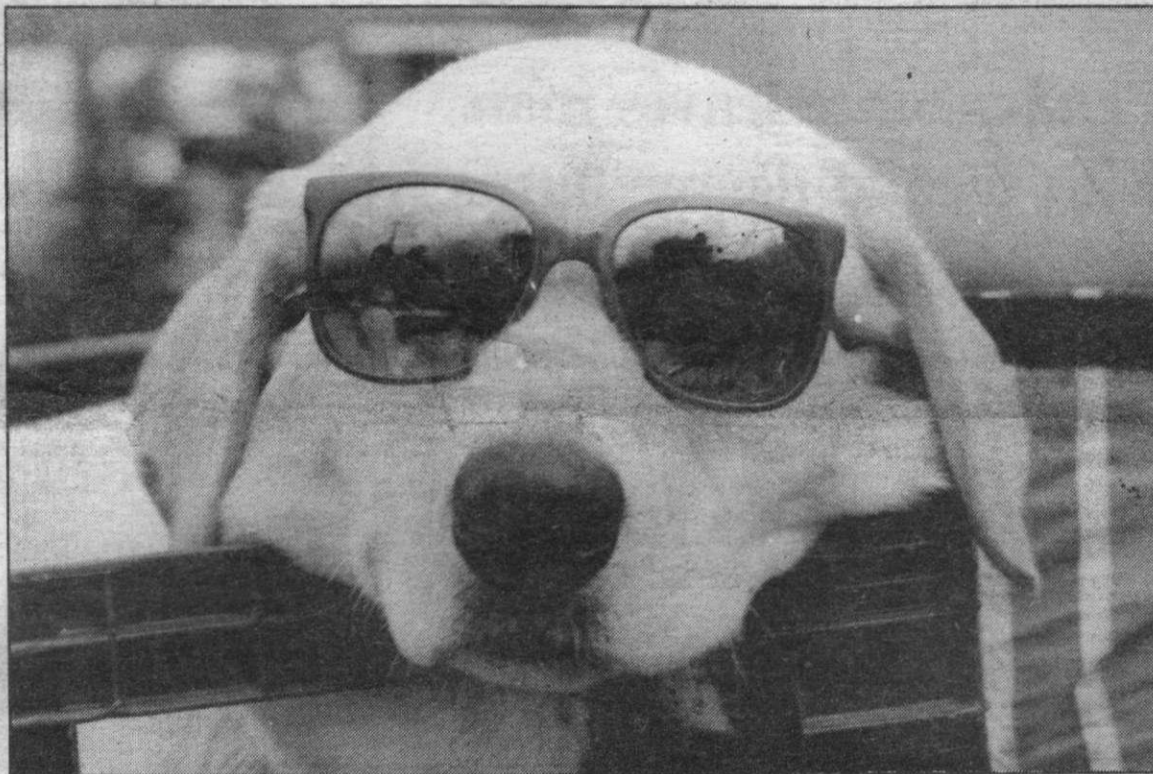
Grace Point in Ganges is in the process of being sold to a group which includes Peter C. Newman as a member.

Norman Mouat, whose company presented a development plan for Grace Point to the Islands Trust late last year, said Tuesday that documentation relating to the sale has been finalized.

Finalization of those documents does not mean the sale is finalized, Mouat added. "Four months down the way, they (the prospective buyers) may decide not to go through with it."

Along with Newman, the group of buyers includes David Questo.

The point, which juts into Ganges Harbour, was to have been the site of a low-density housing development that would tie in with re-development of adjacent properties, including the



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## Pooch's preference

Summer visitor to Salt Spring developed dependence on

sunglasses while enjoying our sunny weather. Owner claims the

dog's acceptance of shades is not joke: story, page 25.

Salt Spring Lands office. According to Mouat, the group hopes to buy the entire package, including Grace Point Island and

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the development plans already drawn up.

As far as the development project goes, Mouat said he

knows the group has some of its own ideas and he suspects there may be some changes to the concept presented to the Trust late last year.

When those plans were presented, Mouat and designer Jonathan Yardley stressed that they were rough concept drawings only, and that the finished development could differ. At that time, the Trust process was only concerned with parking and siting permits.

Island Trustee Nick Gilbert said Tuesday he did not know whether a sale would mean substantial changes to the original concept. He said his understanding is that new owners may wish to prepare new development plans, but that those plans would not involve "very substantial changes" to what has been proposed to date.

## 'Wasp' fire leaves man with burns

South Pender residents helped fire warden Russ Pomahac stamp out an August 28 blaze that came within a foot of wooded areas on a Gowlland Point property on Pender Island.

Steve Harris, a Parksville man holidaying with his wife and two children on Kloshe Road, suffered second degree burns to his forearms from flames that blew up when he lit a gasoline fire to extinguish a wasp nest.

Harris' wife, Barbara, contacted Pomahac from a neighbour's phone at about 1 pm when her husband realized he couldn't fight the fire alone. Within 15 minutes, Pomahac was at the scene operating a portable pump and tank holding 160 gallons of water.

After trying to extinguish the source of the fire — where wasps continued to swarm — Pomahac worked along the edge of the fire to prevent it from spreading to a nearby cabin and into forested areas.

Pomahac said the flames were about one and a half feet high in the dry grassy area, and that in a matter of minutes, he could have been faced with a serious fire and inadequate equipment to combat flames in the wooded thickets.

"Five minutes more and it would have been game over," said Pomahac as he pointed to the edges around the burned area where the fire had come within inches of fir and ponderosa pine trees.

If the flames had spread, he said, waterbombers from the Duncan forestry service would have been the only hope of bringing the fire under control.

About five neighbouring homes were threatened by the blaze, and if waterbombers had been necessary, Pomahac said they would have had to evacuate the area. He added that the homes could have suffered extensive water — as well as fire — damage.

As Pomahac worked the portable pump, other volunteers assisted by beating the flames with

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## Mail quirks ironed out

While the changeover took longer than anticipated, computerization of *Driftwood's* circulation system is virtually complete.

And that's why a number of subscribers found no paper in their mailbox last Wednesday.

Computer-generated adhesive labels were first used August 20 without any difficulty. But last week was a different story. Type lice are now suspected of having entered the computer to put a glitch in the sorting process. Labels were printed but they failed to appear in the proper order and had to be hand-sorted.

The offending lice have since been apprehended and the glitch has been removed. And a trial run early this week proved successful.

Subscribers who don't receive their paper on time are urged to contact *Driftwood* right away.

Location, association

Commission endorses market vending motions

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the park side of the Gasoline Alley parking lot.

The parks and recreation commission is preparing a letter

addressed to Jon Ellis, the contact person for a group of youths which has asked for a skateboarding location.

The letter will indicate that the

commission is checking into its position concerning liability for injuries.

Earlier this summer, seven youths had approached the com-

mission and asked it to designate an area to be used for skateboarding. The request came in response to complaints about skateboarders from pedestrians and

motorists.

Chairman Glenn Woodley said the commission appreciates the manner in which the request was made.

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EXCHANGE RATE: The suggested exchange on American dollars is 36 per cent this week.

In-camera session leaves meeting audience rankled

The Parks and Recreation Commission drew opposition from the public last week when its meeting at the school board office ended with an in-camera session.

Spectator Barbara Caves said she was "shocked" when the commission asked the public to leave and conducted the rest of the meeting in private. She said that she and several others attending the meeting had waited throughout the evening to hear commission members discuss the controversial bylaw.

"And then," Caves said, "they talked about it in secret."

According to Capital Regional District (CRD) regional director Hugh Borsman, however, the

subject of the bylaw was hardly touched in the in-camera session. "In actual fact," he said, "we talked about the farmers' market."

Commission chairman Glenn Woodley said the decision to hold an in-camera session was tied to his recent appointment as chairman: Woodley took over from John Crofton "midstream," when Crofton's health prevented him from continuing in that position.

"I haven't had a chance to talk about problems with the other members," Woodley said. "I wanted to talk frankly."

The "problems" discussed did not involve the new parks bylaw, Borsman said.

Pender blaze leaves man with second-degree burns

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shovels. Harris, in spite of his injuries, also worked hard to help put the fire out.

Barbara Harris, Caroline Pomahac, Ian Davey, Chris Watson and nearby residents Al Vey, Joan Noble, Bill Thompson, Deryck Christy and Gary Haskins all lent a hand.

Some helped Pomahac lay out hoses and clear debris, while others chopped off a flaming fir tree limb. Those beating with shovels had to battle with an old barbed wire fence strewn about the 100 square-foot area.

It took Pomahac about 15 minutes to fight the fire along the perimeter of the grassy area, and he and his crew then worked for another hour to thoroughly extinguish all the hot spots.

Meanwhile, Betty Glover alerted South Pender volunteer firemen and North Pender fire officials. Dave Auchterlonie and Ted Bowerman called the Duncan

forestry office and, within a half hour, a crew arrived by helicopter to assess the situation. Pomahac and his helpers had extinguished the border edges of the fire by the time the crew and volunteer firemen arrived.

About 2 pm, Harris was taken to the health clinic where he was treated for his burns. The visiting family cut their holiday short to return to Vancouver Island the next day. Pomahac said Harris would likely require extensive medical treatment for some time.

"When I got there (at the scene of the fire), you could see the skin just hanging off his arms," he said, noting the danger of infection from such severe burns.

Health clinic staff declined to comment on Harris' condition.

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**I went to the political fair**

Last weekend brought to Saanichton the 118th annual Saanich Fair. During the past years I have attended many of those fairs, but I lay no claim to attending the first, nor yet even the second. It was a long time since I had wandered the dusty Saanich fields of the fall fair and I expected to find old familiar faces. The which I did.

I found it was no fall fair for my visit. It was a political fair.

Almost around the corner from the entrance gate was the trailer office of Hugh Curtis, member of the legislature for the Islands, as well as Saanich, and provincial secretary. Hugh appeared to be enjoying the fair hugh-gely. On top of the world, he was there on holiday. He even showed me a pamphlet published by himself as provincial secretary the last time he held that office, 11 years ago.

Facing the Curtis Social Credit presentation was Ottawa. Another trailer wore the Progressive Conservative banner as Pat Crofton, member of parliament for Esquimalt-Saanich, also met his friends at the fair. Cheerful as always, Pat was busy discussing riding affairs with riding residents.

There was a Liberal booth beyond the immediate field and Pat directed my footsteps in that direction.

Before I could get as far as a Grit banner I found the New Democrats, ably represented by former islander, Ken Arnott. He was holding the NDP fort with Dave Vickers, who will represent the New Democrats in the next provincial election.

I never did find the Liberals. By that time it was time to retrieve my family and get on my way home. But I did find time to look back down the years and review the earlier politicians I had known in connection with the Saanich Fair.

There was George Pearkes, V.C., at the head of the list. He was the Conservative member for Nanaimo when it included the islands and Saanich, federally. I recall Arthur Ash, Liberal member of the legislature for Saanich after the second war. Tommy Douglas was a familiar figure there, if not a regular one. Most were members from Saanich unconnected with the islands. John Tisdalle, who held the Saanich provincial seat for Social Credit from the first days of the Socred era, had also spoken for the islands in and out of the fair grounds.

David Groos had been at the fair during his term in Esquimalt-Saanich as had George Chatterton, but their words were for the southern riding.

It was just like the song:  
"I went to the annual fair;  
All the MPs and MLAs were there ..."

**Quite a retirement!**

What does an island storekeeper do when he retires? Easiest way to find out is to ask Doug Thomas, of Surrey.

A few years ago Doug was the proprietor of the Trading Company in Ganges. That was in the days when Grant and Binda Carignan had not yet learned of the attractions of Salt Spring Island.

He retired the smart way when he and Mary K. moved to the mainland. On July 17 Doug won a \$50,000 lottery. The Right Stuff Lottery in Surrey was in aid of the mentally handicapped.

Doug and Mary K. are moving from White Rock to Crescent Beach. They have missed Salt Spring Island and all their friends, reports the latter, but they don't miss the ferry travel.

A keen yachtsman, Doug headed up the island yacht club at the time during the years he devoted to the club. Both were busy in island organizations during the years they lived here.

**A brief respite**

When a photograph was published in *Driftwood* recently, readers were invited to identify the vessel. It showed a Royal Canadian Navy ship sailing through Active Pass.

It has since been reported that the vessel was HMCS *Aurora*, a former Royal Navy ship. A light cruiser of 3,500 tons, two six-inch guns and six four-inch guns, she was oil-fired.

In 1920, *Aurora* was given to the Canadian Navy by the Royal Navy, but her new status was briefly maintained. In 1922 she was disposed of by the Canadian government due to lack of funds and shortage of trained crews.

**Christmas trees**

Salt Spring Island roads are like a Christmas tree when you go out at night. The highways crews have installed cats' eyes on the main ferry routes and you can find your way even on parking lights.

These highways are looking more and more like real highways!

**Plum stupid!**

How many kinds of plum are there? And how do you tell one breed of plum from another?

We had a bowl of plums grown in a Victoria garden where they have real soil and lots of water from a tap.

Were they prune plums, enquired one of the Welsh Witches who are gracing our hovel on a holiday. Or Victoria plums, echoed her sister witch. They might be egg plums, offered a further choice.

All I know is that they were big and purple and sweet.

**Must be a record!**

I am, I admit, a very reasonable fellow, and I've been that way all my life.

Looking back I recall that my grandfather, who went to his reward before I arrived to plague him, was reputed to be a very difficult man and nothing like me.

My father was a difficult man and only towards the end of his long life did I begin to remotely understand him.

When I was valiantly striving to take my place in society I found my brothers not so much difficult as impossible.

I still don't completely understand my children after 30 years and more of paternity despite my great patience with all those around me.

And now I am busy trying to understand my grandchildren. What a hope!

That makes five generations out of step: at least, out of step with me. It must be a record.

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## Search for silver cloud dashes most hopes

Anyone who was ever optimistic about job creation possibilities on Salt Spring Island had to have those hopes dashed by what can only be called an absurdly poor turnout to an employment opportunities workshop held here recently.

In case you missed it (and most people did), the day-long workshop was staged by a representative of the Peninsula Employment Project to explain job creation and federal funding initiatives currently available to employers, and to impart creative job-seeking techniques to the unemployed.

Counting people who contacted organizer Chris Brown for information but could not attend the sessions themselves, the workshop drew attention from seven local employers and nine Unemployment Insurance claimants. Brown professed satisfaction with the turnout—and he's correct, in the sense that anything is better than nothing—but the numbers are, to us, a disappointment.

To put the turnout in perspective, a quick count of the businesses listed in the Salt Spring Island telephone directory shows 272 firms; coincidentally, that is also the number of

registered Unemployment Insurance recipients on the island. From their fields, seven businesses (.025 per cent of the total) and nine unemployed people (.033 per cent) showed interest in the sessions.

There are reasons why some could not be expected to attend, of course. For many firms, this time of the year is the close of the peak business season; any hirings they might consider would take place in the spring. Many other businesses operate as little more than one or two people who employ themselves and, as such, have neither the scope nor the incentive to expand.

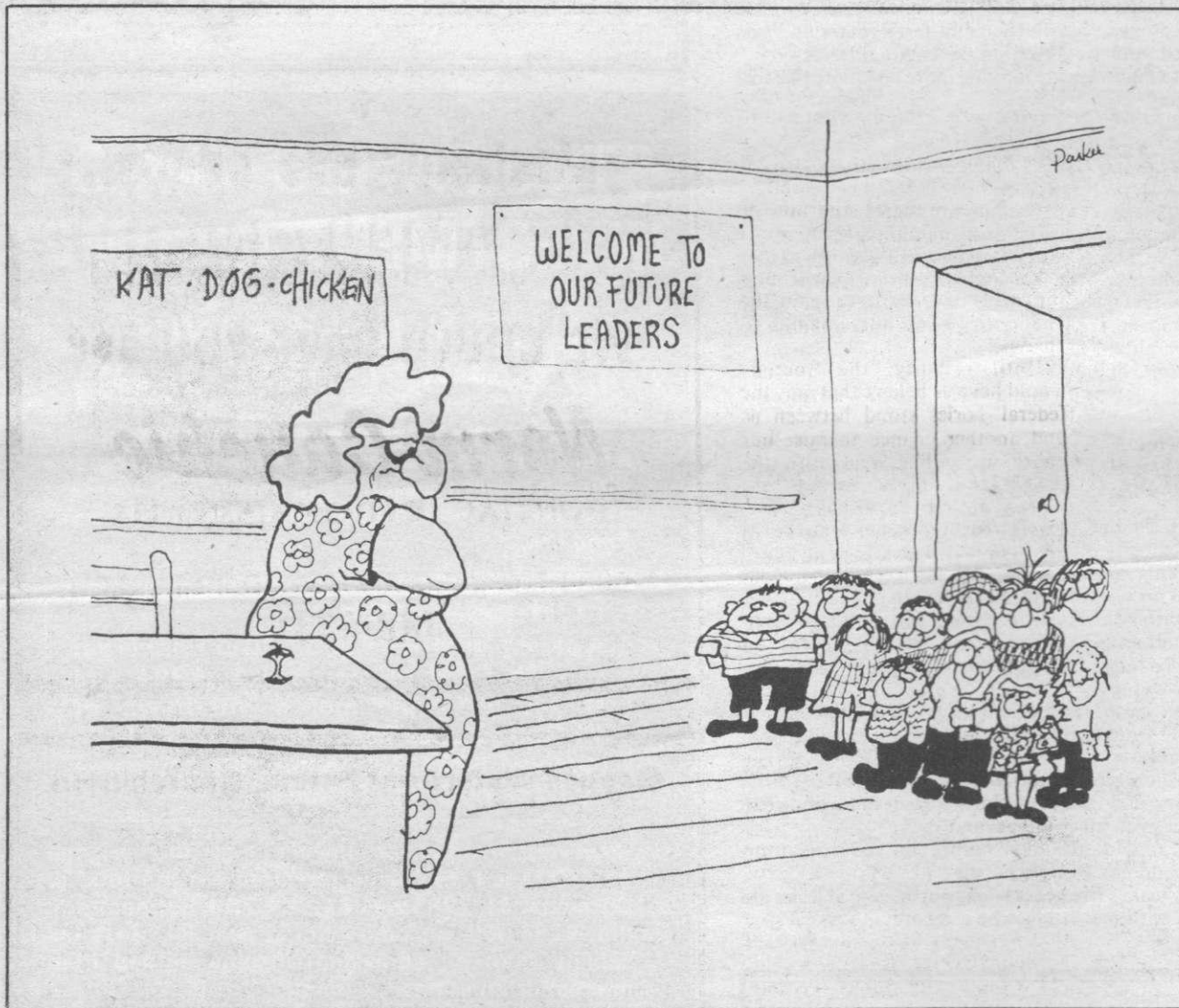
For the unemployed, a session stressing creative job-seeking techniques must seem redundant on an island where work is relatively scarce and word-of-mouth produces most opportunities. In fact, it might be fair to say that anyone who can find employment on Salt Spring is creative to begin with.

(Also to be considered was the fine August weather, which is conducive to anything but an indoor meeting.)

And yet...the fact of the matter is that seven employers were sufficiently interested in job creation strategies to attend the workshop and press for details, which should put an end to arguments that employment is a completely unknown quality here. At least some opportunities, it would seem, are there for anyone with the perseverance and initiative to seek them out.

The suspicion, then, is that unemployment figures do not reflect reality; that for every person actively seeking a job but truly unable to find a niche in the workplace, there is a percentage unwilling to make the effort. Whether the absence of incentive is linked to under-the-table jobs, the convenience of seasonal employment or pure apathy is a moot point: what matters most is the appearance of a couldn't-care-less attitude.

Perhaps, like Chris Brown, we should find a silver lining in the nine unemployed people out of 272 who attended the workshop to investigate job possibilities. However, it's a sad state of affairs when praise is handed out for something—actually looking for work—that should be a matter of course.



## Bierce's irreverence stands the test of time

In 1913, American writer Ambrose Bierce vanished in Mexico. Thankfully, he wrote *The Devil's Dictionary* before he left.

The book is an irreverent list of definitions for turn-of-the-century social institutions and practices. And while 80-odd years have passed since Bierce penned his entries, the book still contains much that is fresh and insightful.

I find it particularly appropriate to current affairs, and often read it with this week's headlines in mind. Following, then, are a few of my favourite definitions:

- Conservative, *n.* A statesman who is enamored of existing evils, as distinguished from the Liberal, who wishes to replace them with others.
- Contempt, *n.* The feeling of a

prudent man for an enemy who is too formidable safely to be opposed.

• Controversy, *n.* A battle in which spittle or ink replaces the injurious cannonball and the inconsiderate bayonet.

• Cynic, *n.* A blackguard whose faulty vision sees things as they are, not as they ought to be. Hence the custom among the Scythians of plucking out a cynic's eyes to improve his vision.

• Discussion, *n.* A method of confirming others in their errors.

• Distance, *n.* The only thing that the rich are willing for the poor to call theirs to keep.

• Gunpowder, *n.* An agency employed by civilized nations for the settlement of disputes which might become troublesome if left

### my word

by  
Duncan MacDonnell

unadjusted.

• Heaven, *n.* A place where the wicked cease from troubling you with talk of their personal affairs, and the good listen with attention while you expound on your own.

• Noise, *n.* A stench in the ear. Undomesticated music. The chief product and authenticating sign of civilization.

• Patience, *n.* A minor form of despair, disguised as a virtue.

• Plan, *v.t.* To bother about the

best method of accomplishing an accidental end.

• Politics, *n.* A strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles.

• Politician, *n.* An eel in the fundamental mud upon which the superstructure of organized society is reared. When he wriggles he mistakes the agitation of his tail for the trembling of the edifice. As compared with the statesman, he suffers the disadvantage of being alive.

• Positive, *adj.* Mistaken at the top of one's voice.

• Publish, *v.* To become the fundamental element in a cone of critics.

• Radicalism, *n.* The conservatism of tomorrow injected into the affairs of today.

• Rational, *adj.* Devoid of all delusions save those of observation, experience and reflection.

• Reason, *v.i.* To weigh probabilities in the scales of desire.

• Referendum, *n.* A law for submission of proposed legislation to a popular vote to learn the nonsensus of public opinion.

• Representative, *n.* In national politics, a member of the Lower House in this world, and without discernible hope of promotion in the next.

• Resident, *adj.* Unable to leave.

• Senate, *n.* A body of elderly gentlemen charged with high duties and misdemeanors.

• Vote, *n.* The instrument and symbol of a freeman's power to make a fool of himself and a wreck of his country.

## New range

Sir,  
Who said community spirit was dead? Thanks to the hard work and support of our members, friends, local contractors, the business community and other organizations of Salt Spring Island, the new trap range at the rod and gun club was ready for our big Luau weekend trap shoot. Without this generous support we never could have made it.

Donations of equipment, labour and material were supplied by the following contractors and businessmen: Ken Tara Excavating, Fred Howard Logging, Hal Wright Trucking, Danny O'Donnell Logging, Chester Reynolds Holdings, Dave's Blasting, Guilbalt Electric, Bruce Fiander Esso, S.S. Petroleum Products, Gulf Island Trucking and Aggregates, Danny Akerman Trucking, Luke Harrison Trucking, Pharmasave, Mouat's Trading Co. and Wolfe-Milner & Associates.

Small equipment such as power saws, trucks, tractors and logging tools, plus the many hours of labour it took to put them to use, were donated in total by club members and friends. Also donated were materials such as gravel, drain tile and cash.

So it is with much gratitude that the executive of the Salt Spring Island rod and gun club gives a tip of the hat for a job well done to one and all who were, in any way, involved in this project. The club also says thank you to the Lottery Foundation for the grant of \$20,000 which we received to help meet the costs of this \$60,000 project.

**ELLEN BENNETT,**  
Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club,  
Ganges.

## Not gutless

Sir,  
In the August 27 letters to the editor, Harry Harris of Galiano takes issue with an ad in the August 6 *Driftwood*, placed by the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Group.

In brief, the ad presented information regarding the decision of the Truman administration of the United States to bomb Hiroshima and Nagasaki with the newly-developed uranium and plutonium (so-called "atom") bomb for reasons other than to effect a Japanese surrender.

Mr. Harris is outraged that such an ad was allowed to print, but I suggest that his outrage is mis-directed. I, too, am outraged that it has taken some 40 years for the truth to come out.

Many papers, transcripts of meetings and private papers of Mr. Truman finally have been declassified: the ad presents a truthful summary of facts in those documents. There is no "gross insult to the memory of missing comrades," not any disregard for the human suffering resulting from injury to body and mind, or for the degradation of humanity that is the result of any conflict.

Looking back, we recall the intense emotion at that point in history: Mr. Harris does, and so do all of the survivors of the time. Those actively engaged in the military aspects of the war and those who carried on at home, waiting for the news, remember it most vividly, and with the most anguish.

However, it remains that, for whatever reasons, most of us, military personnel and civilians

alike, were kept in ignorance of much of the behind-the-scenes policy-making by the high-level strategists. We were expected to accept what came from our leaders and act accordingly: generally, we did.

The times have changed. We have less confidence in leaders now because we find too many cases of being led down the wrong path. Mortal enemies of the past have become trading partners in the present. People from all strata of societies are demanding truth and justice, a fair shake, the right to live decently in harmony with nature and neighbours. Even ex-servicemen like Mr. Harris — many of them, from top-level generals and admirals down to the lowest ranks, have joined organizations devoted to peaceful resolutions to conflicts. Persons from the professions of medicine, law, science, education, the arts and trades are involved in activist groups world-wide.

Ours, on Salt Spring, is typical. The ad was submitted by a consensus of this group whose meetings are always publicized and open to the public, and whose membership ebbs and flows as in most groups: we are neither "gutless" or "faceless."

I invite Harry Harris and all others to attend our next meeting, which will be advertised in the Coming Events of *Driftwood*, in the next issue.  
**RAY NEWMAN,**  
Ganges.

## Overdue

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Capital Regional District (CRD) chairman Howard Sturrock; filed with this newspaper for publication.*

Sir,  
With reference to your letter published in *Driftwood*, where you say that the CRD wishes to see the problems of Salt Spring Island resolved at the local level: May I point out to you that is exactly what the people of Salt Spring have been trying hard to do for the last dozen years.

We were denied this right in the Ganges Sewer Project, not only by the CRD but also by the provincial government, and with regard to the present parks bylaw, we were presented with a 'fait accompli' with absolutely no public input by the CRD and a self-appointed recreation commission which represents nobody but themselves.

Is this what you mean by solving problems at the local level?  
**DR. DAVID LOTT,**  
Ganges.

## Right denied

Sir,  
People who drive the Upper and Lower Ganges roads at night must surely know that something new has been added to our highway system. The department of highways has put cat's eyes on the roads which shine in fog, rain and other times when the yellow lines are obliterated.

This innovation, long overdue, was not originally the idea of the ministry. It came about because an irate citizen, who had to drive the Fulford-Ganges road one terrible night last winter and encountered waving cars coming at him because drivers could not see the lines, and he himself almost drove into a ditch, next morning sat down and

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wrote a letter to his MLA, Hugh Curtis. A bit of research revealed that many people had slipped off the road on dark nights, and a few were killed.

Mr. Curtis passed the letter onto the highways minister Alex Fraser, who took a long time to do something. But he did it. However, the job is not complete because the letter writer suggested that side reflectors must also be added. As yet, no side reflectors.

So, the moral is that when you feel strongly about the island's needs write to the MLA and keep writing if you get no answer. Only in this way will you get action, especially if an election is coming up.

**ANTHONY NETBOY,**  
Ganges.

## No substance

Sir,  
Apart from "let the private sector do it," has anyone heard a single policy commitment from those Socreds who would seek a mandate to govern our lives after the next election? Did anyone hear a single policy commitment before the last election ... just one resembling anything that occurred after the election? That political party has a chameleon-like ability to change colours at the most opportune moments.

An election must be just around the corner because, once again, the chameleon's colours begin to change.

Until recently, the Socreds would have us believe that only the federal Tories stood between us and another chance to raise our enormous public debt with the construction of a natural gas pipeline to Vancouver Island. Mr. Davis now says that is not to be. In addition, Mr. Davis says no site C dam, spoken as if he's memorized what New Democrats have been saying for a number of years. An election must be just around the corner, signaled by the chameleon's colour change.

Mr. Curtis is reported as saying, "I have confidence in the (Island) Trust" .. the very Trust earlier threatened with extinction. The first fall hues begin to show on the chameleon.

"No confrontation," says the premier as we await a new, peaceful accord with labour. Indeed, a \$50 million of money that was never there, appears as if by divine decree, to settle a year-old dispute with public servants. "More open, democratic government," he says. The very man who quit the cabinet in 1983 because his colleagues would not let him centralize controls over municipal government after he had presided over the destruction of democratically elected Community Resource Boards. The colour change is more perceptible.

Colour, like charisma, is no substitute for substance. Indeed, it can be a dangerous thing.

I challenge the premier to recall the legislature immediately, before an election, to deal with the following items. The need to do so is occasioned by earlier Socred legislation or decrees, without mandate. If that were done, we could then judge if there was any real change made at Whistler:

- A Residential Tenancy Act that would replace access to protective mechanisms for low-income people;
- New education finance legislation which would restore the power to supervise budgets and expenditure to local school boards;

- New human rights legislation that would restore adequate protection for minority groups;
- New legislation that would require provincial support for small business;
- Restoration of reforestation and silviculture projects;
- Restoration of employment training programs;
- New health legislation reaffirming our commitment to universal medicare;
- Restoration of provincial research and development grants to B.C.-based research projects;
- Restoration of family support workers and child care counsellors.

The list could go on. The important point is that the electorate be offered, before an

election, a detailed set of proposals which will rebuild the economy of British Columbia.

New Democrats have already made written proposals. In particular, apart from provincial policy, there exists an economic strategy for Vancouver Island, a proposal by Vancouver Island New Democrat MLAs and candidates that would bring an immediate increase in employment to this region.

The chameleon's change in colour is not a change of substance.

For New Democrats, written policy and thus commitment is no stranger. Is it too much to ask the chameleon for written policy and thus commitment, if only for the sake of comparison?

**DAVID H. VICKERS,**  
Victoria.

*Editor's note: Mr. Vickers is an NDP nominee for election in the Saanich-and-the-Islands riding.*

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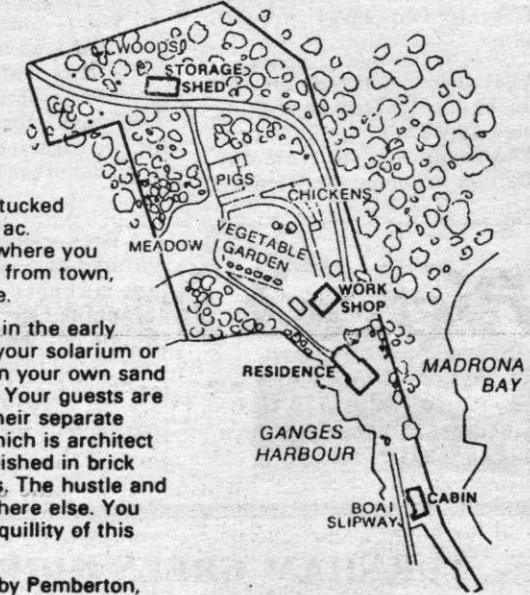
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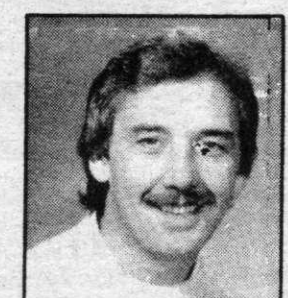
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# Infractions

Sir,  
The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is concerned about the dumping of sewage and illegal camping on the island, reports of which have been heard several times during the past few months.

We would like to urge islanders to report any such infractions to the RCMP. The danger posed by open campfires at this time of year is one of which we should all be aware.

The indiscriminate dumping of sewage by campers and other recreational vehicles also poses a danger, in terms of the health hazard.

Littering, too, is a problem on Salt Spring these days, particularly in Centennial Park. Perhaps when we're done debating park bylaws and vending controls we can take a look at garbage control. Meanwhile, let's do what we can to keep it clean.

**TONY RICHARDS,**  
President,  
Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

# Bad laws

Sir,  
My parents and grandparents were born and raised in northern Europe. In the late 1930s the ruling powers in Germany (which, incidentally, were democratically elected) passed laws forbidding Jews from holding public office, voting, owning property, and marrying non-Jews. Not long after, legislation was passed which made it mandatory for all Jews to wear Star of David armbands so that they could easily be identified.

Protests of these laws were stifled with assurances that no danger would ensue; these laws were merely bureaucratic technicalities and were only created to protect the state in case of insurgence and to maintain order. Within 10 years, my grandparents were corpses, victims of the crematoriums and gas chambers of Auschwitz and Buchenwald. My parents, after four years of slave labour, came out of the nightmare with nothing but their bare lives. Each of them was the sole survivor from what had been two large pre-war families.

What does this have to do with life in the mid-1980s on Salt Spring Island? Obviously, I would be a fool to imply that there are any similarities in content between the

legal atrocities of Nazi Germany and the recent railroading through of the park bylaw. The process, however, by which the bylaw has been foisted on the public (again, by a democratically-elected public official) and the manner in which dissent has been poo-pooed and dissenters discredited and personally attacked as part of some minority lunatic fringe group, draws some interesting parallels to the case in pre-war Europe.

Once again the public is being given some nebulous assurances that the bylaw is a mere formality designed to protect the parks of Salt Spring and its users from hooliganism, vandalism, and possible litigation from insurance claims. All us good law-abiding citizens have nothing to fear as the bylaw will only be enforced against the evil intentions of the slimy undercurrent of our society.

Let us take a closer look at some of these fears and assurances. Mention has been made of the act of vandalism in which the flagpole in Centennial Park was cut down on Christmas day. Although I don't know any of those involved, the act was obviously a symbolic gesture of grief for the poor tortured soul who had hung himself from the pole. The presence or absence of a bylaw would have had about as much an effect on the "act of vandalism" as charging the body of the sad victim with vagrancy.

The insurance-litigation controversy is the biggest red herring in this whole affair. A child who is injured from a fall from the park swing can give rise to a lawsuit. Are we to close down the children's playground? The railing around the park promenade is another possible hazard. Fencing the park with 10-foot high fences and making sure that no one enters would eliminate all possible chance of lawsuit. Is this what we want? Fortunately for us, the courts of this country still look for evidence of gross negligence in rulings on public liability cases.

And finally, why have laws that "probably" won't be enforced? Either the law is necessary or it is not. If it is unnecessary, it is a bad law. Bad laws usually give rise to worse laws and at the same time reinforce (especially in our young) a disrespect for the law. Besides, the two hardest things in the world to get rid of are bad debts and bad laws.

A free society is maintained and nurtured by a vigilant public. Our law-makers are ultimately answerable to us, not just on election day, but every day. Never trust a politician who say "trust me."

**SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,**  
Fulford Harbour.

# more letters

## Great splash

Sir,  
The swimming lessons sponsored by the Salt Spring Island parks and recreation commission are over for the summer, and what a great splash it's been. We've had excellent weather since the second week and seen lots of super talented and enthusiastic swimmers.

Many roses to Terry Jenkins and family for allowing us the use of their pool facility. Their generosity permitted almost 150 local kids (big and little) to take their Red Cross swimming lessons.

Special thanks also to my assistant, Megan Bryn-Jones, and two part-time helpers, Robbyn Scott McLeod and Lois Phillips.

And finally a message to all the great swimmers and their support and transport crew: tummies up, chairs on the green part, blow it all up, and keep in the swim.

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## Sound-proofing

Sir,  
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**KEITH MacHATTIE,**  
Ganges.

## No place

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the environment ministry, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

Sir,  
A copy of *Driftwood*, dated July 23, 1986, came to me via my daughter in Vancouver. I desired to study the real estate columns. Of course, I became absorbed in the general reading matter and in particular the asphalt plant controversy.

First, let me say that I am no stranger to Salt Spring Island, having stayed one year from July 1982 to July 1983, when the lifestyle and environment has constantly held my thoughts towards relocating there.

Secondly, having previously experienced living in the near vicinity of an asphalt producing plant, it is my opinion that such a

plant, no matter what its size, production capacity, or emission controls, has no place in the setting of Salt Spring Island.

In the late 1920s and early 1930s when living close to the river Thames at Greenwich, England, at a time when pollution meant prosperity and profit, the now well-known company of Wimpey set up an asphalt plant. It comprised a stone crushing system, bitumens heater and mixing machinery.

My parents' house was less than a quarter-mile from this plant and the prevailing winds drifted dust, odours and noise towards us six days a week for a number of years. Mother was in a constant battle to keep the house presentable. Only



**Happy 16th,**  
**Angela**

when the plant shut down could the windows be opened.

Few would choose to live in the near vicinity of such a plant, especially Salt Spring Islanders dwelling in a jewel-like setting, opting away from so-called benefits.

**WALLACE DOVER,**  
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**Smug Canadians**

**Tamil affair exposes minority prejudices**

VICTORIA — Tolerance, it sometimes seems, is skin-deep at best and gives way to bigotry for the flimsiest of reasons.

It takes an incident, such as the recent arrival of a ship-load of Tamils at our shores, to expose the prejudice that lurks behind the smug and self-congratulatory pride Canadians profess to have in their ethnic mosaic.

The sad truth is that even a society such as ours, built by people from every conceivable foreign land, feels threatened by newcomers, particularly if their skin is a colour other than white.

And if you think Canada's history of racial tolerance is unblemished, think again.

It wasn't until after the Second World War that Chinese were allowed to swim in Victoria's Crystal Garden. Until then, a city bylaw prevented 'Orientals' from entering the indoor saltwater swimming pool, operated by the CPR.

When Oak Bay developed Up-lands — to this day, the poshest area in Greater Victoria — the lots were marketed with restrictive covenants that prohibited their sale to Orientals.

Golf clubs and service organizations all over the land once refused to accept Jews as members. In fact, when I immigrated to Canada from my native Germany in late 1957, only 12 years after the holocaust had ended, I found more discrimination against Jews than against Germans.

Every society, it seems, has a

*'History has many examples of nasty little minorities lording it over the silent majority.'*

whipping boy: a target for collective scorn, a victim on which to unleash pent-up frustrations, someone to blame for every social and economic ill.

The Tamils are the latest victims of that phenomenon. True, they made it easy for the bigots to crawl out of the woodwork. After all, they lied to Canadian immigration authorities, claiming at first to have come directly from Sri Lanka rather than via West Germany.

The Tamils had barely settled into their temporary quarters when a chorus of nasty voices from coast to coast demanded to know why Canada was accepting liars and cheats who would only take jobs away from Canadians.

They gave no consideration to the fact that these people were members of a persecuted minori-

**capital comment**

by

**Hubert Beyer**

ty back home. They ignored the obvious reason why the Tamils lied about their port of departure: they were afraid they would be sent back. The detractors also disregarded the fact that West Germany, their first destination, has no policy of integrating political refugees into their society, at least not on short order.

It can take years for political refugees to get a work permit in West Germany. In the meantime, they live in limbo. They are fed, clothed and housed, but they are denied the opportunity to become useful members of society.

In many ways, such an existence parallels that of welfare recipients. They, too, don't freeze or starve to death, but they are relegated to society's basement.

Who can blame the Tamils for seizing the opportunity to come to Canada, a land which they believed welcomes the downtrodden and oppressed, a land that gives those who seek freedom and self-determination a chance to find both?

Don't get me wrong. I don't believe that the bigots are in the majority. But they certainly are a vocal and persistent minority. And history has many examples of nasty little minorities lording it over the silent majority. The outcome of such deviations from tolerance has always been tragic for some segments of society.

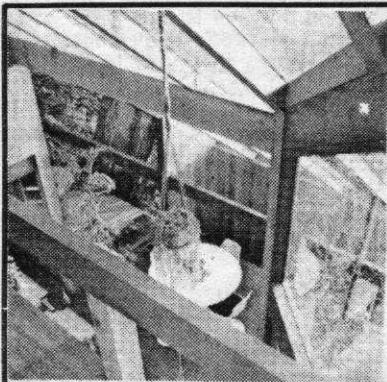
Prime Minister Mulroney deserves full marks for his eloquent and sincere rebuke of the bigots. But then, perhaps he knows better than most other Canadians. He's an immigrant himself. Come to think of it, so is our premier, Bill Vander Zalm.

True, the Vander Zalm and Mulroneys have one thing over the Chinese who weren't allowed to swim in the CPR's Crystal Garden, the Japanese who had their property confiscated and were sent to internment camps, and the Tamils who are accused of taking jobs away from Canadians — their skin is white.

Still, 50 years ago, a Dutch immigrant wouldn't have had a snowball's chance in hell to become premier. Nor would Dave Barrett have had the chance to become Canada's first Jewish premier, in 1972.

It should also be mentioned that there is virtually no discrimination anymore against Canadians of Chinese and Japanese origin.

Why, then, can't Canadians display the same tolerance towards the Tamils?



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# Trust, forest company talks open lines of communication

A meeting held last week between Island trustees and MacMillan-Bloedel representatives was the first in what is hoped will be discussions with all owners of registered tree farms on Salt Spring Island.

Trustee Nick Gilbert said the meeting was intended to explain development concerns with the forest company. The Trust's feeling, he explained, is that certified tree farms should retain their status — but if they are sold and the land use is to be changed, it would be best for all parties if a sense of development plans could be established first.

"We wanted to come up with proposals that would be waiting in the wings if the properties were sold," Gilbert said. "We wanted to discuss what will happen to the land in the future."

The discussion with MacMillan-Bloedel is a process Gilbert said he would like to see repeated with other holders of certified tree farms on the island.

"There are areas the Trust would like to protect," he said.

Of all the certified tree farms on Salt Spring, MacMillan-Bloedel holds the largest single chunk — a total of 4,800 acres contained in seven blocks, mostly located in the southern portion of the island.

The forest company has placed those lands on the block and is currently considering one offer to purchase. MacMillan-Bloedel's Gary Kadatz said late last week the two parties "should come to some conclusion" before too long.

It is not known who has entered a bid for the properties, or what

the selling price and other conditions of sale might be.

As for the meeting with trustees, Kadatz echoed Gilbert's assessment that the session was valuable in opening lines of communications between the Trust and the forest company.

"There was a positive feeling, and you can't measure the value of that," he said.

Gilbert said the Trust and MacMillan-Bloedel will "continue to share concerns if anything comes up relating to those (forest company) lands."

The meeting followed a submission made by MacMillan-Bloedel at a Trust public hearing called to consider a bylaw laying down policies and guidelines for development of forest and upland areas. However, Gilbert said the meeting did not discuss that proposed bylaw.

## Downtown Ganges struck

# Vandalism sparks reward offer

The Flowers and Wine Shoppe in Ganges is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for vandalism inflicted on its hanging baskets last week.

Several of the store's flower baskets were wilfully damaged sometime during the night of August 26.

"I imagine the Flower and Wine people are just getting tired of it," says RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks, noting it is not the first time the Ganges Centre store has suffered the effects of vandalism.

According to Hanks, vandalism

has been on the increase this summer, with flower baskets being ruined and signs removed.

"We've had it in the past, but not as much," Hanks says. Still, he feels the incidents are "not out of hand or anything."

Hanks notes that one would not leave a basket out in Vancouver, for example. He says Ganges is unique in that more vandalism doesn't occur. "There are just some people destroying the quaintness of the town by vandalizing things set out to beautify it."

A car stereo valued at approximately \$300 has been reported stolen from a vehicle parked on

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by  
Jim Manly

Recently, the Electoral Boundaries Commission for B.C. again proposed new constituency boundaries for federal elections. This proposal has more serious implications for our riding than for any other in the province, since it slices Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands into three different parts to be included in three proposed new ridings: Nanaimo-Cowichan, Esquimalt Juan de Fuca and Saanich-Gulf Islands.

From a national point of view the changes are long overdue. Because of increased population, B.C.'s share of seats will increase from 28 to 32. This increase is based on the 1981 census which showed a B.C. population of 2.7 million. The census reflected population growth in the 1970s, so that by rights B.C. should have had the increased representation in the 1979 and 1980 elections, and certainly in the 1984 election. The same holds true for Alberta.

*'It is long past time that B. C. should have increased representation.'*

With their large centres of population, Quebec has 75 seats and Ontario has 95. Although their populations have also increased they will not gain as much, proportionally, as B.C. and Alberta.

The law requires that redistribution take place after every decennial census but, in order to avoid gerrymandering, the process is slow and cumbersome. An Electoral Boundaries Commission must first be appointed for each province, and it must then redraw the boundaries.

After proposals are made public there is a period when the public can make objections and suggestions. Proposals are then sent to Parliament for approval, after which the Chief Electoral Officer is able to set up election machinery. The summer of 1988 is the earliest time by which we could have an election with the new boundaries.

We went through part of this process once before in 1983 but never got beyond the beginning of debate in Parliament, largely because Liberals, with their eastern majority, feared an increased in western seats. After the 1984 election the Conservative government changed the election law to provide for slower growth in the number of new seats. As a result, B.C. got four new seats instead of the five proposed under the old law and the Boundaries Commission had to start again from scratch.

It is long past time that B.C. should have the increased representation that redistribution will give. But it is an open question whether the process will be completed before the next election. In my opinion there is a strong possibility that we will be fighting the next election campaign within the present boundaries.

In B.C. two new ridings have been created in the lower mainland, and one new one each in the Okanagan and on Vancouver Island. The present boundaries of Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands are rather arbitrary and, from that point of view, some of the proposed changes make sense. There is no logical reason why Ladysmith, Colwood, and Mayne Island should be together.

Ladysmith can go very well with Nanaimo. Colwood and other parts of the Western Community fit naturally with Esquimalt. The Gulf Islands can be included with Saanich. This is what the new boundaries propose and what already happens in provincial elections.

Unfortunately, the Cowichan Valley has been split down the centre. Duncan and North Cowichan will be part of the Nanaimo-Cowichan riding, while Cowichan Bay, Cobble Hill, Shawnigan and Mill Bay will be included with Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca. The new Nanaimo riding will have the largest population of any in the province, while Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca will have the second smallest. Perhaps a better place could be found to draw the boundary between these two.

Personally I think Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands is one of the most diverse, interesting and beautiful ridings in Canada. I don't really want to see it divided even though there are compelling reasons for this to happen. But redistribution will come, and it will benefit B.C. and Vancouver Island even though it chops up my favorite riding. Until that happens I will continue doing my best to serve all areas of the present constituency.

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# Argument over bylaw sidesteps several points

At the expense of inviting another deluge of critical letters, there are a few matters I should address before giving my full attention to other things. Firstly I could comment on some of the less cogent arguments against the park use bylaw.

Some apparently thought that with a community like ours that is just one big happy family, no rules are necessary. Some might respond by pointing out that the happiest families are the ones with rules that protect the rights of each member of the family. Some thought that all games in the park were now banned; most of us hadn't noticed that this was the case.

Most people had obviously little or no knowledge of bylaws in general, not recognizing that bylaws are the building blocks of local government. This I can understand, since until three years ago I had never seen one that I could recall. At any one regional board meeting, there may be from six to 12 bylaws of various kinds to consider. But there was no doubt that the main complaint concerned "process", and this deserves comment.

The first thing to understand is how our system of local government operates. In 1965, 95 per cent of all land in B. C. was still unorganized territory and people living in these places had no local government except for some rudimentary improvement districts. The formation of regional districts was designed, among other things, to give everyone access to local government.

At a recent meeting of the three lower Island regional districts and the department of municipal affairs, a number of changes in the system were proposed. Among these was a new proposal for areas like SSI; in fact, we were particularly mentioned as one of five areas in the province that might wish to consider a sort of half-way house to incorporation without some of the disadvantages. I'm sure that the community would at least like to hear about it, and this can be arranged.

In the meantime we are still in the position where one person makes the decisions for a two-year period. If he, or she, doesn't accurately gauge the wishes of the majority, then the next election will take care of it.

As it happens the public had a chance to rule on this principle only a few months ago. During the last election the major difference between my opponent and myself

was the quite different views on how a regional director should operate. My opponent spoke of an "elected council," "committees in an advisory role," "community mediation panels," and so on. My concept was that this would result in spirited debate with deferred or absent decisions.

After 20 years of debate about the sewer and five years at least of discussion regarding mid-week vending and the noise bylaw, history suggests that this would not be an effective way to serve the community. On the day before the election I sent a letter to everyone on the island explaining how I would conduct the island's business, and I believe that this was a critical factor in my very substantial majority.

Some people suggest that every time there is a dispute, a referendum should be held. In purely discretionary matters, like the noise bylaw, where debate is inconclusive, I agree. But in the case of the park use bylaw, once the Parks and Recreation Commission agreed, I judged this to be a housekeeping item which should have been introduced when the Parks and Recreation Commission first took over the management of Centennial Park in 1976.

I think the recent letters to the editor would convince anyone that consensus would never have been reached by debate on this issue. I, rightly or wrongly, looked upon it as a decision I was required to make. Nor does the CRD, at least, consider that referendums should be necessary, except in special cases. They are also very expensive.

It should not now be considered unreasonable if I were allowed a rebuttal to the recent letters to the editor. The irony of the recent situation cannot have been lost on too many; I was repeatedly accused of personal and vicious attacks by those making such attacks. Was I guilty as charged?

The recent discussions regarding St. Mary Lake were mentioned. I was indeed critical of Mike Larmour and Tom Gossett, but there were no personal attacks. I disagreed with them, but I happen to have high regard for them both. With the more recent issue my total contribution to the letters to the editor was one response to Gordon Sloan.

I did, in the process of suggesting that persons addressing the Regional Board were doing themselves a disservice, quote from two letters which were addressed to the Regional Board

## director's report

by

Hugh Borsman

and had had wide distribution in Victoria. I used only the writers' own words without further comment. By no stretch of the imagination could my letter concerning Gordon Sloan be considered an "attack." Since I have a great many friends who are lawyers, I have always thought them to be very responsive to criticism; they usually enjoy being challenged.

Obviously not so with Mr. Sloan. At the very outset of this debate he jumped in with both feet, on the radio and in print. When he wrote his first letter he must have

considered that his words should have been considered sacrosanct; such was his reaction when questioned.

In his first letter he tore into the intent and the wording of the bylaw, knowing that it would have been prepared by one of his legal colleagues in Victoria, and being reasonably sure that that lawyer would be regularly preparing municipal documents. In order to evaluate his opinion it was not unreasonable, or improper, or critical to ask him how much experience he had had with municipal law. It was certainly no reflection on his ability; in fact until recently I respected him as a person and as a lawyer.

No general practitioner of medicine would feel affronted if his expertise on endocrinology or oncology, for example, was questioned. Why should a person in the general practice of law be considered to be all things to all

people?

Without referring to other points he raised with which I disagree, in his second letter he made one statement that was quite incorrect. He explained that the park use bylaw was unnecessary because the Criminal Code "gives all the clout we need." This is just not so. For wilful damage to property, mischief and criminal trespass, of course it does. But that isn't what a park use bylaw is all about. Until this bylaw was passed the police had no authority over all but one or two of the provisions in the bylaw. This inaccurate statement was picked up and repeated by others; it was very misleading.

There were several other letters to which I would have liked to respond, but it is just not practical, nor probably would it be very useful. As always, however, I welcome any telephone calls on this or any other subject.

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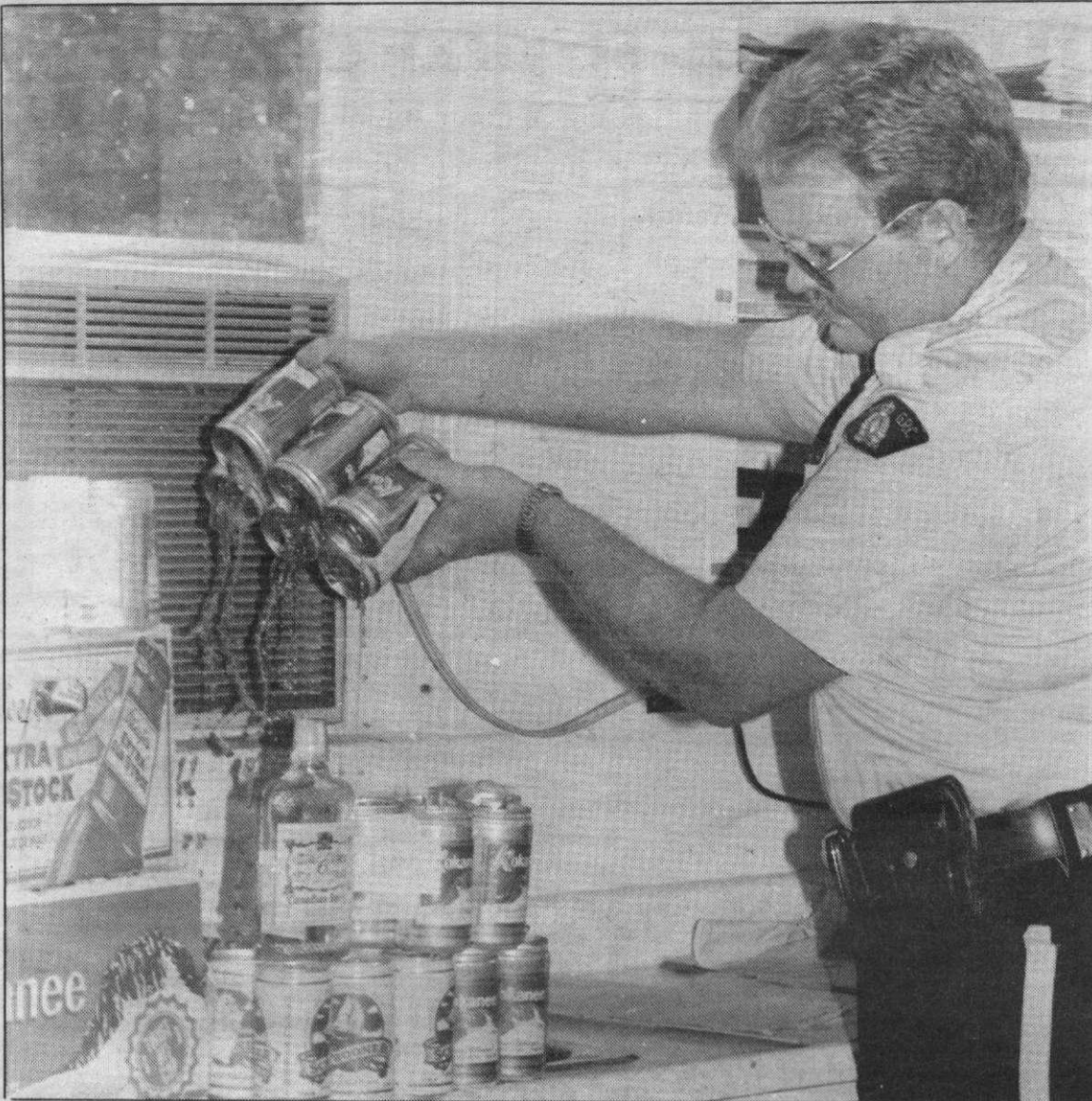
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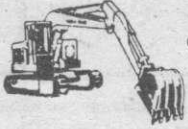
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Ten men and four women participated in the closing-off ceremonies which mark the beginning of a three-year, three-month and three-day period of meditation at Clear Light Park on Mt. Tuam.

The trainees will spend time undergoing purification — clearing their karma, from past and present lives, of negative qualities — taking part in yoga meditation and mind training.

As part of their retreat from "worldly activity," the students have taken five vows, promising not to lie, steal or kill, and to abstain from intoxication and sexual intercourse.

The trinity of threes found in the length of the retreat stems from the three facets emerging from Buddhist beliefs: Buddha, Sangoha and Dharma. The Buddha is an enlightened being; the Sangoha marks a community of monks and nuns; and Dharma represents the Buddhist teachings.

The Very Venerable Kalu Rinpoche, leader of one of four lineages in Tibetan Buddhism, conducted a protection ceremony before the trainees went into retreat, blessing and sealing the area. Some 200 people attended the ceremony, which took place late Sunday afternoon.

Speaking earlier in the day — and through an interpreter — on the value of the three-year retreat, Rinpoche outlined the Buddhist goal of cultivating Dharma to a gathering of approximately 175 people.

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Driftwood photo by Susan Dicker

## The Very Venerable Kalu Rinpoche arrives at Clear Light Park

spirit, the Buddhists believe, nothing accomplished in life will be carried into death; one will not attain a higher state of rebirth.

It is not the point to give up all worldly activity, when practicing Dharma and virtue, Rinpoche said, but to blend Dharma with mundane daily existence. The three-year retreat gives the trainees the opportunity to put aside worldly concerns for a period of time, and to focus their energies on the practice and understanding of Dharma.

On returning to the worldly situation, the trainee takes with him the advantage of a solid understanding, and the ability to integrate his worldly lifestyle with spiritual enlightenment. Rinpoche described the analogy of two rivers merging into one river which becomes twice as large and powerful.

Some people, he said, consider the training period childish, pretentious or as something distorted and negative. The trainees, however, are representative of people motivated towards wishing them-

selves their own personal happiness, Rinpoche explained.

The unenlightened mind, he said, is subject to emotional confusion and suffering, due to blind and misguided activity. After a period geared towards understanding Dharma, the trainee will be overwhelmed with compassion towards those still suffering from emotional confusion.

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The *Mull of Kintyre* provided the group with access to the sea for fishing, and Lynn Denton volunteered the horses which all but two campers took the opportunity to ride.

All staff members and clients at the Achievement Centre took six days in July for camping at Ruckle Park. Although the weather was wet, a spokesman for the centre says everyone enjoyed the experience.



Achievement Centre client Jim Beck (centre) enjoys horseback ride at annual summer camp, thanks to help of Lynn Denton (left) and Wendy Hughes.

## Internal, external

# Body must adjust to changes

*Editor's note: On October 4, the Salt Spring Community Centre and the local chapter of the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. will sponsor a health fair in Ganges to discuss various aspects and methods of care. Each week between now and then, an aspect of the fair's agenda will be covered in the following column, submitted by the Community Centre.*

We are all sensitive to our surroundings. We react to heat and cold, food and drink. Our body adjusts to such changes from the outside and the inside in order to function well. An allergic person is excessively sensitive to external and internal factors and reacts more intensely. This over-reaction causes "allergic symptoms." Allergies can occur anywhere in the body. Factors causing allergies are in three general classes:

- Substances: what we breathe in with the air; what we take in by mouth; injections, and body contact with plants, etc.
- Physical: cold, heat, light, mechanical irritations.

- Emotional: tension, fear, depression, hatred, etc.

The B.C. Lung Association will be at the Health Fair on October 4 to discuss lung diseases and give help to the smoker who wants to quit.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw which bans smoking in public places has a great significance which may not be obvious to those who do not know that tobacco smoking is the most common single cause of a score of diseases. When a non-smoker has to breathe the cast-off smoke of someone else's burning cigarette, he inhales some 30 toxic substances that harm virtually every organ of the body. Tobacco smoke contributes to the discomfort of non-smokers by its irritative action on the eyes and the

mucosal membrane of people who suffer from pulmonary disease (asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, allergies) and who wear contact lenses.

In July, 1975, the World Health Organization stated in its report that "control of cigarette smoking could do more to improve health and prolong life than any other single action in the field of preventative medicine."

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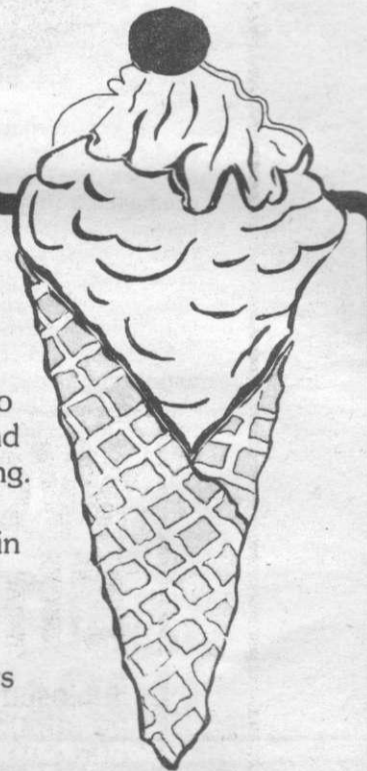
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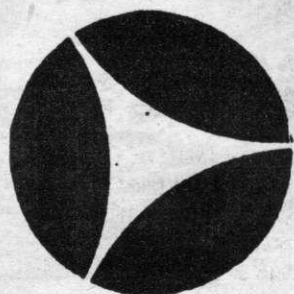
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Fall program also has new approaches

# Variety of adult education courses available

Some new approaches and classes are on the agenda for the Salt Spring Island Continuing Education department's fall schedule.

One example of a new approach, says Continuing Education director Virginia Newman, is a dance class to be offered this year.

"Our four dancing teachers have come up with a carousel, or potpurri, approach," she said, noting that the *Joy of Dancing* class will see instructors Alice Friedman, Robyn Scott, Lottie Devindisch and Yarrow Sheehan each teach three units of the 12-week class.

"This will allow the students to have a sample of each teacher's techniques, as well as permit the teachers to attend each other's classes," Newman said.

*Joy of Dancing* will be held on Wednesday nights at Mahon Hall.

The same 'carousel' approach will be used in a dance class for children, beginning early in the fall. Newman said Sue Bowler will return for two Wednesday afternoons to work with young dancers, joining the resident teachers. The class will be held in

Mahon Hall.

Another highlight on the fall schedule is a small business clinic to be staged in October with the help of Camosun College instructor Al Leavitt.

Leavitt also teaches at intensive three-day workshops organized through Victoria's newly-formed Business Development Centre.

For people who like to putter in their homes and yards, the fall agenda will also feature information on tent caterpillars, carpenter ants and other creatures known to threaten houses and gardens.

The session will be handled by "an agency from Victoria, recommended by the ministry of agriculture," Newman said, adding that it is scheduled to take the form of an evening talk scheduled for the Salt Spring Elementary School library on Thursday, October 16.

Continuing Education's fall calendar has also scheduled a discussion course led by Beth Hill which will look at past utopias, present experiments in new age living, and the future as described in some science fiction works. It will also examine the economic theories of Andre Gorz



Adrien Town

and James Robertson.

The theme of the course is that most people are turning away from the future — thanks to events like the Chernobyl disaster — on the assumption that it can only be worse than the future.

"However, the green shoots of a possible new age are appearing

in the wasteland of the present. We make the future by our choices right now," says Hill, a Salt Spring resident who is the author of *Petroglyphs of the Pacific Northwest, The Remarkable World of Frances Barkley, and The Upcoast Summers*. She is currently working on a book about the Royal Engineers in B.C.

Another local resident who will teach a Continuing Education course is pianist Chris Kodaly, who found a high degree of interest in contemporary classical music when he performed at Salt Spring Summer Festival of the Arts. This fall, Kodaly has planned an evening class based on the music of today. It will also involve discussion and examples of the influence of Eastern music on composers of the Western world.

The arts will also be represented by an oil painting class taught by Adrien Town, who paints in that medium and has already instructed both adults and children.

Town, who began her artistic career as a fashion designer in Toronto, switched to painting after studying with Robert Markle and Gordon Rayner in the east

with Allan Edwards, Elizabeth Smiley and others in Vancouver.

"Adult education," Newman said in summing up this fall's calendar, "should reflect the needs and wishes of the community." She urged that residents should continue to express their interests in the program.

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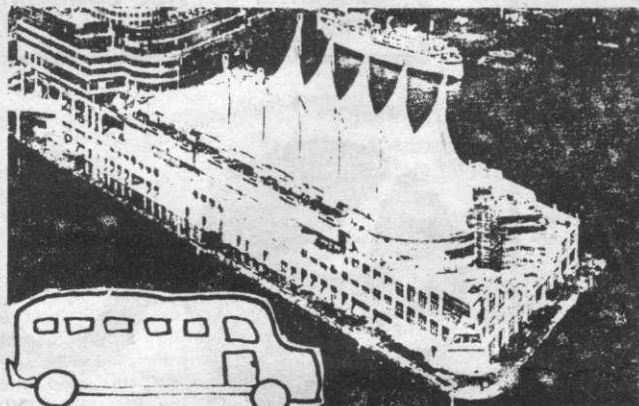
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**A COUPLES ENRICHMENT WEEKEND**

is being planned for Late Fall on Salt Spring Island. For more information, call Jo Logan at the Community Centre, Al Skinner at the United Church, or the Continuing Education Office in Mout's Mall.

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## University student wins recognition

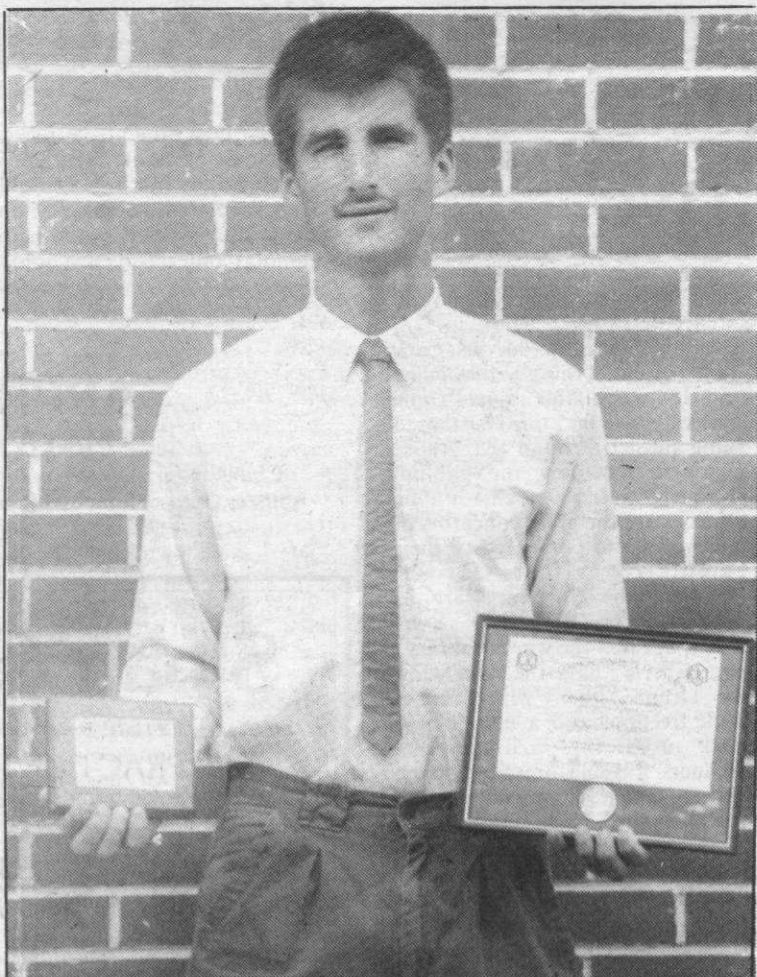
A Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate has been recognized for his "outstanding" academic performance at the University of Victoria.

For the second year in a row, 22-year-old David Hanks finished his school term with the highest grade average in the university's chemistry department.

In recognition of that performance, the Society of Chemical Industry (Canadian Section) recently presented Hanks with an award and will add his name to a plaque located at the university.

The society says its award is more than an indication of the recipient's academic standing: "It is recognized by the members of the Society of Chemical Industry as a distinction and recorded in the files of the Society."

Hanks' interests lay in bio-organic chemistry, and he intends to perform medical research upon graduation. In addition to the award from the Society of Chemical Research, Hanks' received two \$500 scholarships and a government award of \$600 to go towards his tuition fees next year.



David Hanks

## Workshop to offer writing skills tips

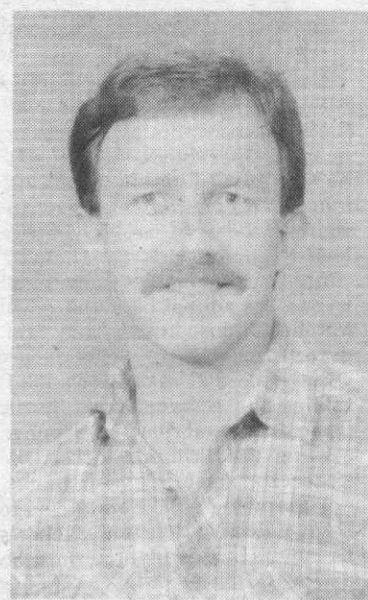
An effective writing skills workshop has been scheduled by the Salt Spring Continuing Education office for people who have difficulty with written communications.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday evenings, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, throughout the fall. It will be taught by Jim Flynn, a 27-year-old teacher, magazine writer and newspaper columnist.

Flynn, formerly of St. John's, Newfoundland, has taught in the education systems of his home province and in B.C. He has written extensively on the subjects of education, social science, humour and creative writing skills, and been published across Canada.

Flynn says the workshop will be conducted in "a friendly and supportive atmosphere" and be geared to the specific needs and interests of participants.

Students will focus on such concepts as simplicity, style, clarity and unity as they relate to non-fiction forms of writing. Suggestions on how to develop and enhance other, more effective communications skills will also be



Jim Flynn

given full and careful consideration.

For further information on course times and fees, contact Newman at 537-2822 or Flynn at 537-4161.

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#### MICROWAVE COOKING

SUSAN CALDER  
Foods Rm.; Each session \$5 plus food  
Beginners: Sat., Oct. 25, 11:30-2:30; or Tues., Dec. 9, 4:15-7:15  
Experienced: Tues., Oct. 28, 4:15-7:15; or Sat., Dec. 6, 11:30-2:30  
These are popular classes. Register early to assure a place in class.

#### LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE

BETH HILL  
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Thursday evening slides & talk: tidal patterns, shorelines, intertidal flora & fauna specimens, awareness of marine issues. Sunday morning explore lower & middle tidal zones, scuba diver retrieves sub-tidal animals for examination, clam chowder bake, etc.

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### TYPING, DICTA-TYPING, WORD PROCESSING

JUDY BOYLAN  
5 Tuesdays, 5 Thursdays, Sept. 23-Oct. 23; Typing Rm.; 7-9; \$30  
Beginner, brush-up, or new machine instruction.

### OPEN SHOP

ILLTYD PERKINS  
6 Mondays; Sept. 22-Oct. 27; Wood Shop, 7-9:30; \$35  
Individual instruction as needed. Another 6-week session will follow. Class will be limited to 10 people in the interests of safety & sharing of tools.

### EFFECTIVE WRITING SKILLS

JIM FLYNN  
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NOTE: The Cont. Ed. dept. is investigating the possibility of two trips for our language classes at the end of this school year, 86-87: Cuernavaca, Mexico and Quebec City & Ile D'Orleans, Que.

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Beginners 7-8:30; Intermediates 8-9:30

#### FRENCH

CLAUDE CONTANT  
8 Mondays, Sept. 29-Nov. 24; Foods Rm.; \$32  
Beginners 7-8:30; Intermediates 8-9:30

### Registration

- Registration & payment of fees may be done by mail, or at Continuing Education office in Mouat's Mall, 10:30-3:30 Monday-Thursday, or at first class session if there is room.
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### Power of thoughts

# Trip to 'humble library' generates sense of awe

By ANDREW GIBSON

A visit to any one of the world's cathedrals brings a sense of awe. The slabs worn thin by the feet or the knees of devotees, the statuary, the imagery, the heaven-seeking domes all remind us that to whatever God we are dedicated, these are monuments to the human spirit in search of something beyond the animal here and now. We hush our voices and are respectful.

But it needn't take the vaulted ceilings and roseate glass-filtered light of these shrines to bring a spiritual genuflection. All that is needed for some is a visit to the most humble public library.

The adjective is as important as the noun. In this favored part of the world we should remind ourselves that the freedom to know, the freedom to self-educate is in global terms a rare freedom, carefully suppressed in many literate parts of the world, beyond the reach of the illiterate and under constant attack even in our Western civilizations. For that freedom we should fight, because without it we are face to face with spiritual, if not physical slavery.

If we in our comfortable niches forget how essential reading is to our liberties, we can be sure that no tyrant is unaware that his enemy is not in the hills, but on the bookshelves of his country. Six years before it started, the Second World War was foretold in the flames of the Nazi book burnings; such ceremonial burning of heretics has been required by every dictatorship.

What terrifies a tyrant is not the puny physical resistance of the oppressed — it is the clandestine leaflets, the underground press, the secretly circulated books. Look at a dictatorship, whether of the right or the left, atheist or theocratic, Chile or China or Paraguay or



Poland and you will find Big Brother laboriously seeking out prohibited thoughts in what is printed. If you want to see a gauleiter turn pale, have him visit one of the public libraries that we take for granted.

It has always been easy for the leaders of any smelly orthodoxy to rationalize that public order and the happiness of the people would be threatened by ideas not officially approved. Only the most far-seeing rulers realize that the true wealth of a nation is in the yield from the ferment of freely-available knowledge; most of our forebears lived and died in

ignorance of all but their own small part of the physical and intellectual world.

Public libraries do just one simple essential thing — they make knowledge available to us. People who know are far more resistant to being pushed around than those who are fed only the pabulum considered safe by the elite. Public libraries are the great educators of our world and compared to their cumulative effect Oxford, Harvard, the Sorbonne are as nothing.

It is apt that the words "library" and "liberty" have the same root, the Latin "liber" which means both freedom and a certain tree bark used for writing. One wonders if some prescient scribe realized the eventual connection between the marks he was so laboriously making and the liberty of people.

Such a derivation shows how far we have come in the technology of communication. The bark and the papyrus and the scrolls and the slates have been so transformed that in our public library there is far more knowledge than was dreamed of by the scholars who travelled for months to be allowed reverent access to the great ancient library at Alexandria, the burning of which was considered one of the tragedies of the age. Available to us by walking in the door are tens of thousands of books with the best writing, the freshest ideas and the most up-to-date knowledge in all disciplines. Someday, perhaps, and it is only perhaps, the whole world will have the benefit of such institutions. Right now we are part of the one per cent of people so favoured.

Our public library graces our island. However opulent the cathedrals or convention centres, it is by its library that a vital, caring, aware community is best revealed.

# Students earn awards

Two Gulf Islands students have received scholarships from the provincial government.

Debbie Cruikshank was given a senior award by the B.C. Cultural Fund's scholarship advisory committee; while Brad Prevedoros of Galiano Island received a junior award.

Cruikshank will have \$900 to

apply towards the cost of studies at the institution of her choice in 1986-87, while Prevedoros will have \$400.

The awards were announced last week by Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Hugh Curtis, whose provincial secretary and government services office oversees the scholarship fund.

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Motorists are reminded that school zones are in effect from 8 am to 5 pm on each day that school is regularly held, and that posted speed limits must be

observed.

The Duncan highway patrol, meanwhile, will be assisting the Ganges department in enforcing school zone policies.

In a prepared statement, Sgt. Mitch Hanks said Ganges RCMP are requesting the co-operation of all motorists to help make this an accident-free school year.

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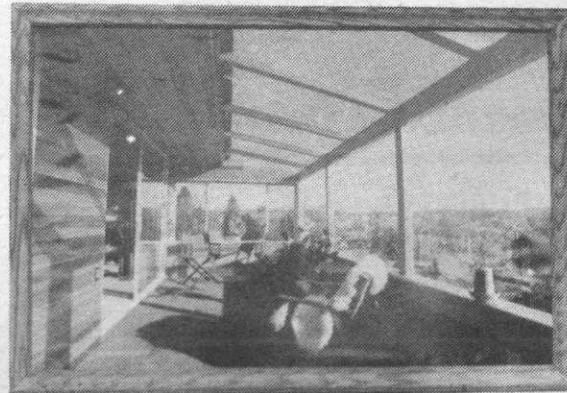
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## United Church of Canada

# Inclusive language change seen as 'non-issue'

The United Church of Canada's recent decision to expand the terminology it uses in reference to God has been incorrectly interpreted as a response to feminist pressures, a Salt Spring Island minister says.

Rev. Al Skinner of Ganges United Church says the change does not mean God will be referred to as female as well as male, but in non-sexist terms. The move, he adds, was made in response to concerns about any and all exclusive language used in church worship, liturgy and documents — and not to pressure about sexist terms.

"It has nothing to do with the

**'What they want is the feeling that they are included, that they are not second-rate.'**

women's liberation movement — it's about people liberation," he said.

Rev. Skinner explained that most of the "imagery" used by churches evolved from a patriarchal era "when women and children were seen as possessions in a male-dominated society.

The use of terms coined in the patriarchal era, he continued, prevents women, children and minority groups from feeling included in the church.

"What they want is the feeling that they are included, that they are not second-rate," Rev. Skinner said. "People may wonder about the point or need for the change, but if you've ever been among people who feel second-rate, it opens up a new meaning."

As an example, Rev. Skinner cites a hymn which calls for worshippers to "stand up for Jesus" and notes that the words would seem to exclude wheelchair-bound parishioners. He has broached the subject with the handicapped, he adds, and found that most are bothered by such language.

The church's acceptance of inclusive language is, most of all, "a renewal of the fellowship movement in the church," Rev. Skinner continued. "It's not just a Canadian issue — it's a global issue, related to all people, their responses to God and how we relate to others. It's also part of the 'liberation theology' move-

ment and how the Third World wants to feel included, not second-rate."

The concept of inclusive language is nothing new, Rev. Skinner said, noting that the United Church has debated the move "for decades."

As for observers who feel uncomfortable with the perception of inclusive terminology for God, Rev. Skinner pointed out that such terms "go back centuries, to the Old Testament."

He said that one of the first references to God, contained in Genesis, was the word *Elohim*, which refers to the spirit of God. It is an ancient Hebrew term with both male and female connotations, "and the Hebrews were very deliberate in the words they used."

Rev. Skinner also pointed out that there are several passages in the Bible which attach female characteristics to God — i.e., one in which God is likened to a hen with a brood of chicks.

The United Church's acceptance of inclusive language, then, is a recovery of traditions that were subdued when the language of religion began to reflect a paternalistic society, Rev. Skinner indicated. "The beauty of tradition," he continued, "is that it is something you can build on, add to and expand for future generations."

The alternative, he said, is to live with a strict terminology which limits the understanding of God. As *The United Church Observer* notes, the church's

**'Tradition is something you can build on, add to and expand for future generations.'**

committee on theology and faith "regards the (inclusive language) question as a justice issue and documents the need not to eliminate the image of *Father* but to add others that deepen and widen the perception of God."

Examples of how the switch to inclusive language may be made are contained in a church booklet, *Daughters and Sons of God*. The phrase *His sovereign power without aid ... would become God's sovereign power without our aid; He brought us into the fold again ... becomes God brought us back into the way; and ... made us of clay and formed us men ... is*



Rev. Al Skinner

changed to ... *formed and created us of clay.*

Inclusive language, Rev. Skinner concluded, is "a non-issue" within the church. He noted that the change was not imposed from above but is a direct result of a "grassroots" movement presenting the suggestion to the church's general council, which meets every two years to consider resolutions.

Salt Spring residents will have a chance in October to understand the processes for change, Rev. Skinner said. That's when a workshop, titled *Who speaks for the United Church in Canada?* will be held for the Ganges congregation.

"I hope that workshop will help people understand how democratic we are, and how long and difficult the process of change can be," he said.

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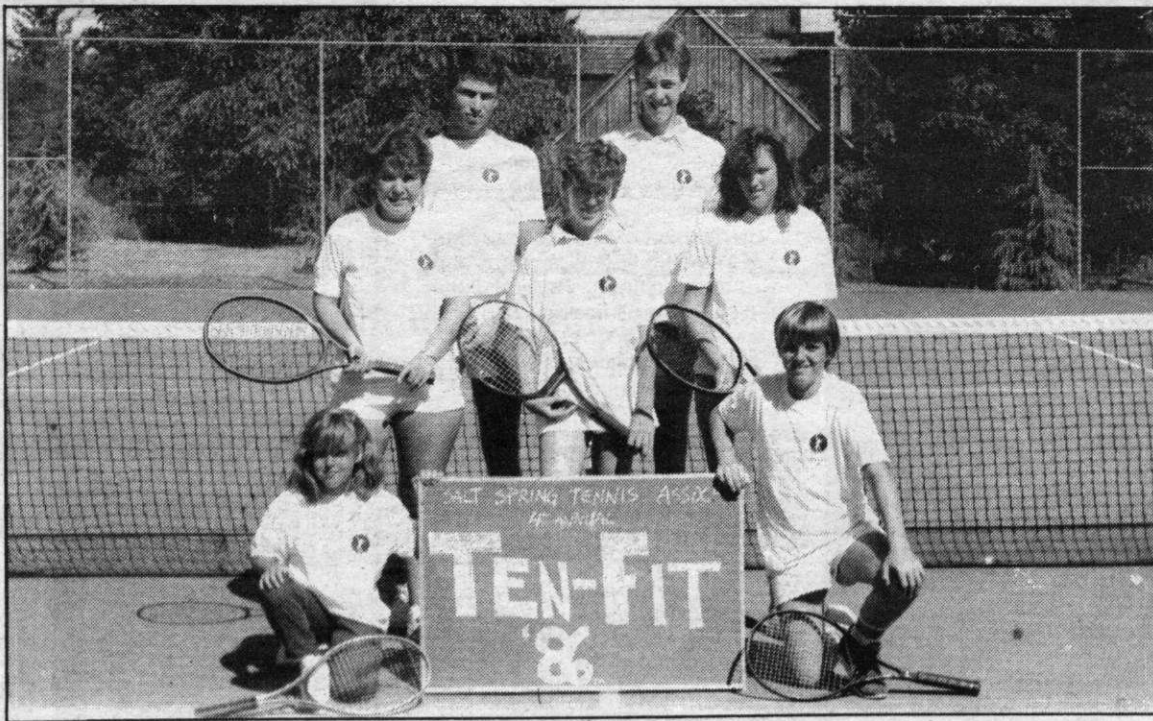
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## Clinic combines tennis, fitness

Six youths took part in the fourth annual Tennis-Fitness Clinic (Ten-Fit), held on Salt Spring in early August.

The sessions, which took place over about three and a half hours a day for four days, were sponsored by the Salt Spring Tennis Association and coached by John

Wooldridge.

Ten-Fit included about two and a half hours of tennis each day, with the remaining hour devoted to fitness.

The clinic was followed by the Salt Spring Junior championships on August 9.

Included in the program were Darren Lee (winner of the boys 14-years-and-under category at the junior championships), Sian Bollee, Megan Combes, Debbie Topping (winner of the girls 18-and-under series), Anna Hughes and Geoffrey Davidson.

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# Pubs toast Sunday hours; hope change to stay in effect

Pub owners across the Gulf Islands like the new policy which allows for Sunday bar openings — so much, in fact, that they hope the system continues after Expo concludes.

Last spring, the provincial government amended B.C.'s liquor control laws for the duration of Expo, thus allowing Expo visitors to enjoy the Sunday drinking privileges available in many other countries.

According to many local pub owners, Sunday has turned out one of the busier days of their week.

"This way we get all the weekend traffic," says Vera Harris at Galiano's Hummingbird Inn. "It's such a nuisance to have it closed."

While much of the traffic is a result of tourism, Harris feels locals will continue to make Sunday openings worthwhile. She says residents would prefer to see the pubs close on Mondays should a day off become necessary.

"Sundays have always been a little bit of a pain not being open," says Gloria Silverberg at the Saturna Point Store. "Now we're relatively busy on Sundays."

Although they do not push



John Steele

Sunday openings at Pender Lodge — Jim Watters says he would "just as soon take a few hours off" — they like the idea because it allows them the opportunity to serve those who do appear.

On Salt Spring Island, kitchen

worker Anne Sinclair at the Fulford Inn notes that Sunday openings have led to increased food sales as well as liquor sales.

"We're all hoping it will be able to stay open — that way we won't have to lay anyone off," she says.

John Steele at Vesuvius Inn agrees job creation is an important factor, noting that Sunday opening at the Vesuvius alone is creating an extra 40 working hours for staff. "Imagine what the big places are doing," he added.

According to Steele, Sunday is the third-busiest day at the pub, behind Friday and Saturday, even though Sunday's closing time is two hours earlier than on any other day.

While the pub is presently catering to a large number of visitors on Sunday, Steele feels that local residents — many of whom come for lunch — will carry the Sunday openings through the off-season, should the policy be continued.

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## Golf notes

In recent ladies nine-hole play, Vi Austin and Norah Ray had the low nets, while Pauline Elliott took the putt pot. Chip-ins were scored by Maryalice Burford on the first hole and by Joyce McLean on number nine.

The ladies 18-hole division played irons only. Chris LaGrow was the low net winner with a score of 73. Runner up was Shirley Parsons at 74. The putt pot was shared by Helen Welliver and Lou Wolfe-Milner.

In team play, Salt Spring travelled to Glen Meadows and came away winners of the two-game series.

Off-island, several local golfers competed in the senior ladies field day at Royal Colwood. The Salt Spring team of Kas Black, Marie Hopkins and Ada Woodley won the team competition.

Kas Black was also runner up for the grandmother's trophy.

Tied for second low net in field prizes was Kathy Darling. Marie Hopkins and Ada Woodley also won low net prizes.

Kas Black and Marie Hopkins

were presented with gold pins for winning the senior button competition this season, being the only team to go undefeated in five matches.

On men's day, the honey pot winner was Nester Wilkie with a net 62. Tom Butt is leading in the ringer net competition with a score of net 23. Brian King, Eric Bracher and Art Botham are tied at 33 in the ringer gross competition.

In twilight golf, the low net foursome was Charlotte Cooper, Alice Fraser, Archie Black and Gordon Parsons. Tied for second low net were Chris LaGrow, Pidge Reinecke, John LaGrow, Gordon Hutton and Kas Black, Shirley Parsons, Gary Coulter, Jack Fraser. Irene Hawksworth and Gary Coulter won closest to the pin on the second hole.

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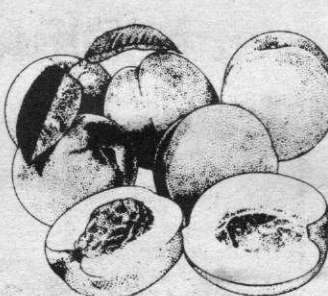
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### Revamped Ganges course welcomed weekend shooters

### Noise, safety concerns

## Gun club changes answer critics

A "great" shoot and the absence of detrimental comments about noise indicates success after two months of renovations to the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club facility, its members say.

The club, which faced recent complaints over noise and safety precautions, has now completed the first stage of a \$60,000 renovation project designed to answer those criticisms.

After last weekend's shooting competition, club president Ian Fraser says, a check with a number of people living in the surrounding area turned up no detrimental comments about noise.

"And, it (the range) is 100 per cent safe now," he added.

The project, which involved 30 to 40 gun club members, began at the end of June and called for moving approximately 20,000 feet of dirt and stone. According to immediate past-president Louie Lorentsen, the work amounted to the second-largest earth moving project ever attempted on the island, aside from highways construction projects.

Controversy surrounding the club began with a change in the ownership of a property bordering on the gun club's land. At that time, members were shooting down valley at the targets, in the direction of that property. "It was obvious something drastic had to be done," Lorentsen says.

For three years, the club has slowly been renovating the area, removing the running deer target

and the steel, military-style frames. When the controversy erupted, "we decided to go whole hog, mortgage the property and do total renovations," says Lorentsen.

Competitors are now shooting directly into the hillside, thus breaking up the noise. An eight-foot berm on the right hand side serves to further muffle the sound which, according to Lorentsen, has been reduced by 50 per cent. The club may also build a solid fence to "satisfy (its) own desire to do the utmost" to further reduce noise.

Still left in the project plan are changes to eliminate dust by planting grass around the area. Members also hope to place an "extremely good" lawn in front of the clubhouse, enabling spouses and children to play croquet or

lawn bowling while shooting competitions are underway.

Lorentsen says the renovations are a result of a "fantastic" community effort. Club members planned, engineered and worked on the project, and a number of local businesses donated time and equipment. According to Fraser, Lorentsen and "right-hand man" John Bennett deserve much of the credit for the completion of the facilities in time for the weekend competition.

A list of the businesses which donated time, effort and machinery to bring about the changes is contained in a letter to the editor published in today's *Driftwood*. Additions which arrived too late to be included with that letter are listed in the classified section of today's edition.

## Hunting rules to be enforced

Ganges RCMP say charges will be laid against two Lower Mainland men accused of poaching on Galiano, and warn that extra patrols will be established to ensure that hunting laws are enforced.

As a result of information obtained, and with the help of the Delta police department and Fish and Wildlife (F&W) Branch officials, Ganges RCMP apprehended two persons who were allegedly found to have a deer in their vehicle. The deer was shot out of season.

The hunting season opens this week, and police wish to remind all hunters that controls have been set out to prevent illegal hunting. They note it is illegal to shoot off the highway and that a hunter must be a certain distance from it, before an animal can be taken.

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