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Market returns to former location

Gasoline Alley merchants closed off half the parking lot between their stores and Centennial Park last Saturday morning to remedy a vehicle crunch they say is bad for business.

Merchants set up a sawhorse-and-rope barrier at 4 am Saturday to allocate one side of the lot to the Farmers' Market while keeping the other side clear for their customers.

In response, Saturday vendors arriving at 6 am moved their stalls and vehicles into the market's former location at the front of Centennial Park. Only Eric Donnelly's produce operation and a van selling fish were left in the Gasoline Alley space.

The merchants said Saturday they decided to block off their half of the parking lot because the market had been encroaching on that space since it relocated there

last month. The result, they said, was no place for their customers to park — and that, in turn, meant abysmal business on recent Saturdays.

Merchants and vendors said Saturday no flare-ups were caused by the parking lot barrier. Both sides said they preferred the market's move back to its former location — a sentiment reportedly echoed by patrons of stores and the market.

Not coincidentally, the Gasoline Alley merchants said Monday their stores were busy again on Saturday, and that business was good.

"We can't find anyone who's happy with this situation," said Rainbow's End owner Lenora Outerbridge, pointing out that customers and vendors shared the merchants' liking for the

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Now that's coverage!

Diane Cook is a believer in the slogan: "It pays to advertise."

Cook, proprietor of The Cottage Resort, received a long-distance telephone call March 30 from an individual wishing to book rooms at the resort in July. Such calls are normally routine — unless they come from Saudi Arabia.

Cook said the person telephoning from the Middle East had a copy of *Driftwood's* 1986 summer supplement, *The Beautiful Islands*, and had seen the resort's advertisement. He booked a two-week stay there for July.

This year's *Driftwood* summer supplement, *The Gulf Islander*, is slated for publication April 22.

Industrial task force prepares final report

By MIKE TURKKI

The Islands Trust Industrial Task Force is nearing the end of its deliberations on Salt Spring Island zoning and land-use issues.

Task force chairman Pat James announced Friday the task force — appointed last September by the Islands Trust to consider a variety of land-use issues — will hold its final meeting Thursday, then present its suggestions to the public at a meeting tentatively scheduled for the end of this month.

James said the task force has come up with a number of suggestions on home occupations, industrial zoning and a variety of other issues. She stressed, however, that the task force's proposals are designed merely as a framework for public discussion.

"It's very important that people realize we want their response to these suggestions," she explained. "We're looking to hold a

public meeting towards the end of the month. Then, we'll probably have one or two meetings afterward to collate all the suggestions before presenting them to the the Islands Trust."

Under its terms of reference established by the Islands Trust, the task force was requested to:

- prepare a list of industries likely to locate on Salt Spring and to set up a reasonable classification of those industries for zoning purposes;
- prepare a set of general principles aimed at guiding the development of regulation of home occupations;
- recommend appropriate rules for home occupations; and
- recommend specific sites that may be suitable for various types of industries.

After considerable discussion, James said, the task force has come up with four industrial groupings. Group One (the least offensive, according to task force

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Fascinating fun

Students at Ferrowood Elementary held their annual science fair in late March, inviting public to drop into gymnasium filled with experiments and other exhibits.

In top photo, five-year-old Judy Heath examines terrarium built by a student. In bottom photo, four-year-old Hannah Addison-Berry views model of futuristic vehicle.

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Shipping out

B. C. Ferry Corporation vessels serving Salt Spring and the Outer Islands carried more passengers last year than in 1985. Page 2.



Dinner time

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Ferries carried greater loads in 1986

Traffic on B.C. Ferry Corporation vessels serving Salt Spring and the Outer Islands increased substantially in 1986.

Last year, vessels on the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands route carried 260,952 vehicles and 554,468 passengers — an increase of 9.4 per cent. According to Erin Caldwell, a spokesman for the ferry corporation, 48,053 more passengers travelled the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands route in 1986 than did the previous year.

Traffic increased more than 14 per cent on the Swartz Bay-Gulf Islands run. According to Caldwell, 56,640 vehicles and 122,774 people left the Swartz Bay terminal bound for Salt Spring and the Outer Islands in 1986, an increase of 8,264 vehicles and 15,897 passengers over the previous year.

Total traffic on the Gulf Islands-Swartz Bay route was 139,329 vehicles and 298,581 passengers during the year, in-



Traffic was up on Vesuvius route

creases of 17.6 and 11.1 per cent respectively.

More people and vehicles also used the Crofton-Vesuvius ferry in 1986 than in the previous year,

Caldwell said. Last year, 91,888 vehicles and 187,289 passengers travelled the route, an increase of 4,716 vehicles and 10,608 passengers over 1985 figures.

The passenger and vehicle increases on BCFC vessels serving the Gulf Islands were typical of those recorded throughout the B.C. Ferry system last year, when Expo 86 brought a rush of visitors to the province.

In a press release issued in late March, Transportation and Highways Minister Cliff Michael noted that during the 1986 calendar year, BCFC vessels transported 14,722,760 passengers and 5,119,868 vehicles over 26 routes — a 22.52 per cent increase in passenger traffic and a 14.63 per cent increase in vehicle traffic.

"The numbers are impressive," said Michael. "I think everyone at B.C. Ferries can feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment when they look back on 1986. It was a record year. They carried more passengers and vehicles, sold more food, placed more vessels in service and hired more crews than ever before in their 26-year history."

setting it straight

An article in last week's *Driftwood* incorrectly identified Betty Galt as president of the Legion ladies' auxiliary. Galt is president of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Board and, as a veteran, is a full member of the Legion.

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Vendors, merchants welcome market's 'relocation' in park

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market's move back to its former location.

Wolfgang Krantz emphasized that the parking lot blockade was not aimed at causing trouble for market vendors, but to point out to Parks and Recreation Commission officials that the parking lot crunch was getting out of hand.

"I think what we did here today put pressure on them, and made them realize this is a mess — the old location is the best spot for the market," he said, adding that everyone but the commission seems to share that opinion.

Glenn Woodley, chairman of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission, said he felt Saturday's action by Gasoline Alley merchants was "unfortunate."

Woodley expressed disappointment over the store owners' decision to block off a portion of the parking lot. He noted that now, when Saturday vendors were co-operating with the commission, another group had appeared on the scene and was fighting the re-development proposals.

Woodley indicated the recreation commission is doing its best to cater to all parties' interests. He said that if it weren't for the recreation commission, there would be no parking lot on the east side of Gasoline Alley at all.

"Without the recreation commission's permission in the first place, there would be no parking lot and no access to those shops," he said. "It would appear what

they're doing is going back on the agreement (between Gasoline Alley owner Bill McBay and the recreation commission)."

Woodley said he felt that as soon as the park improvements were completed, most vendors currently setting up in the Gasoline Alley parking lot each Satur-

'I think what we did here today put pressure on them, and made them realize this is a mess.'

day would move back to the original market location.

The recreation commission chairman added that he felt Gasoline Alley customers would soon learn the market utilizes the parking lot on Saturday, and would begin walking to the shops rather than turning away.

Krantz said Gasoline Alley merchants would have no qualms

about letting the market share their parking area for the time being, so long as it was understood that the vendors would move back to the front of Centennial Park once that area has been upgraded, parking their vehicles in the area facing Gasoline Alley stores.

The upgrading work is to see installation of paving bricks in the former Centennial Park parking lot. Some blacktopping work will also be done in the park, and the ministry of highways has indicated it will construct a curb along the park's boundary where it borders on Fulford-Ganges Road.

The paving and curb construction will likely be done in the near future. Woodley said it was hoped the south end of the old parking area would be bricked in by summer. However, he added that completion of the remaining brick work would likely depend on the availability of funding.

"It's all dependent on raising some money," he said, adding that it was possible a Buy-a-Brick program would be launched to raise money for the work.

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Market vending contravenes Trust, CRD bylaws

By MIKE TURKKI

Salt Spring Island Market Association president Terry Owen expressed concern last week that vending in Centennial Park contravenes two Islands Trust zoning regulations and several sections of the Health Act.

Owen told the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission the vendors are concerned that the park's zoning does not permit vending. He added that use of the Gasoline Alley parking lot on Saturdays also eliminates parking spaces required for the park and Gasoline Alley businesses by Islands Trust bylaws.

Owen expressed the hope that the matter could be resolved quickly.

"It could quite possibly be a problem," he added in an interview with *Driftwood* on Thursday.

Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's representative to the Capital Regional District (CRD) and a recreation commission member, corroborated Owen's statements. However, he stressed that he does not feel a problem exists.

"The park is zoned park-recreational by the Islands Trust and has never been rezoned," he explained. "So in effect, for 10 or 12 years it has been breaking the law."

Borsman said the parks and recreation commission has urged the Islands Trust to rezone Centennial Park to permit a limited amount of vending. This, he noted, would require the Trust to "manufacture a new (zoning) term," but added the request has never been granted.

Borsman added that until now, the Trust has not enforced its zoning bylaw with regards to Centennial Park. He noted, though, that it may have to react to complaints made recently by Gasoline Alley tenants who have been "understandably upset" by a lack of parking in front of their shops on Saturdays.

Borsman said he didn't think the Trust would choose to enforce its bylaws and "do away" with the market.

The CRD director agreed that the sale of food by some park vendors also contravenes sections of the Health Act. He indicated at the meeting that CRD health officials have asked to meet with parks and recreation commission officials to discuss the matter.

The CRD director stressed in an interview Friday, however, that it would be up to health officials to resolve that issue.

Borsman concluded by saying that the problems with parking in the Gasoline Alley lot are only

temporary. He suggested that as soon as lines are painted on the pavement — giving vendors a guide to where they can set up their stalls and park their vehicles — many of the problems will likely disappear.

He added that once re-development work is completed at the north end of Centennial Park, vendors will again begin using the area.

"We're going through growing pains," he stated at the March 30 meeting. "It's a matter of hanging fire until everything is under control. And I think that in the final analysis, McBAY's tenants will profit (from the new plan)."



to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Do-it-yourself?

I bought a cheap dictionary. I paid \$6, but its original cost was a bit more: probably about 150 Egyptian pounds. Not that the dictionary is Egyptian! It's just that all famous journalists now use foreign currencies to indicate values. It shows they're erudite.

This dictionary by the famous Webster is a loose-leaf dictionary. The covers are bound together by nuts and bolts and pages fit like a year's supply of magazines.

Now, I wasn't around when the publication first appeared, in 1965. I was busy. But if I had bought a dictionary in so many instalments it would have stunted my references.

The first month would have had me fluent in reference as far as "attain." The first meaning of the word, a stain, etc., would have been clear. But the second meaning and the third meaning would have awaited next month's instalment.

Maybe it was published that way and, if so, more power to the publisher, but there must have been some frustrations.

The boss calls out to spell "garbage" and you reply that you'll know next month. Miracle? You'll know it in August.

But imagine the long, long lonely wait if you've forgotten how to spell "zyxomma." All that waiting

for the last word in the book!

And I can tell you authoritatively that the unpronounceable name is a dragon-fly. I'm an authority because I've got everything neatly bolted together.

Never twice again!

Heard on radio: "...again and agen."
It's like a mixed metaphor.

Whether!

That's been a good winter and the summer was quite good, as well!

Service calls!

The griddle came with its own information pamphlets. These interesting pieces of paper included everything except how to use it. One slip explained how to get it fixed: ominous!

The list of service centres starts off with a kind of chummy, matey listing. Us customers may get it fixed in Illinois. But why us?

Then the penny dropped. The lists are in capitals and the "S" is intended to be so. It wasn't "us customers" they were addressing. It was those customers whose residence is in the United S. of A.

Fund-raisers to be joined

Efforts are being made to hold both the Rick Hansen wheelchair relay race and the Lady Minto Gulf Island Hospital board fun run on May 2 in Ganges.

A spokesman for the hospital said Monday that co-ordinators of both events now hope to hold them on the same day in May.

The wheelchair relay race, being sponsored by the life skills program at Gulf Islands Secondary School, was tentatively planned for May 15. Co-ordinator Polly Tremblay encourages local residents to build home-made wheelchairs for the upcoming event and obtain sponsors for the race. All funds raised will go to

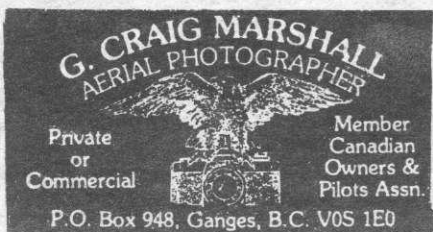
Hansen's *Man in Motion* fund for spinal cord research.

Additional information is available from Tremblay at GISS (telephone 537-2213).

The hospital spokesman said Monday the fun run for the *Man in Motion* campaign is tentatively scheduled to start and end at Salt Spring Elementary School. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the event by walking, running or wheeling three, five, or 10 kilometres.

"The emphasis is that this is not a competitive run, more like Salt Spring Island in motion," said the hospital representative.

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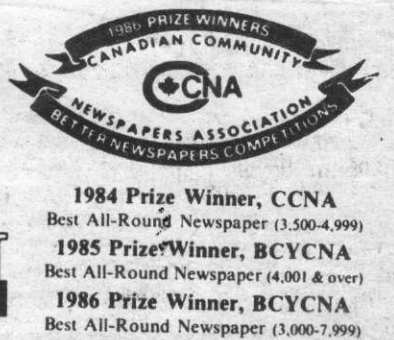
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Headaches make current market site untenable

Last weekend's move by Farmers' Market vendors to reclaim their traditional location in the front of Centennial Park is perhaps the most sensible thing to happen there in the past month. The only wonder is that it didn't occur sooner.

Hindsight tells us the problems which arose when the market was relocated to the east side of the park, facing Gasoline Alley merchants across a parking lot, should have been expected. With parking stalls already at a premium in Ganges every Saturday, it should have been obvious that taking some away would set sparks flying.

Parks and recreation commission members were not blessed with the luxury of hindsight when plans for the move were formulated. It should also be noted that the move itself was dictated by a greater consideration — the overall plan for park improvements — and, as such, could not be avoided.

However, now the commission must also agree that the headaches the relocation has caused for Gasoline Alley merchants and market vendors — not to mention the parking lot chaos endured by the public — makes continuation of the present situation untenable. Merchants, vendors and public all agree the 'new' market causes more problems than it solves.

It may be, as the commission has suggested, that the flare-up is nothing more than growing pains which will fade once everyone adjusts to the new arrangement. It may also be that everything will be just fine once work to the front of the park is complete and vendors — sans vehicles — are permitted back there.

But no one involved with the market, be he merchant, vendor or strolling pedestrian, shows any sign of accepting what is obviously a bad situation, and should not be expected to do so. As

to the situation being brought under control once improvement work to the front of the park is completed, that could be a long way off — long enough that the market's new location will likely be with us through the summer, when peak visitor and vehicle traffic around the market will make the current chaos seem like a picnic.

The solution would seem to be to allow the market to return to its traditional location, with the parking lot area across from Gasoline Alley being retained for their vehicles. This could be done easily enough, even when brickwork or other improvements are being applied to the front of the park, since work crews are unlikely to be on duty on Saturdays.

If a solution isn't found, we can expect traffic nightmares in Ganges on summer Saturdays — or repeated moves by vendors to reclaim the space. Which is preferable?



Brian should listen to Don Getty's call

Alberta Premier Don Getty's call for discussion of an elected Senate deserves to be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming First Ministers' conference. Even if the idea's time has not yet arrived, official discussion of the proposal is long overdue.

Getty wants to see the current Senate, whose members are appointed for life, replaced by an elected body which he feels will be more representative of Canada as a whole and — most important of all, to him — give Western Canada a stronger voice in Ottawa.

The idea has much merit and, you would think, a good chance of ending up on the agenda, given Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's 1984 election campaign promises to initiate Senate reform. At this writing, however, there is no indication that Getty's proposal will be given a hearing at the conference, which has been called to discuss bringing Quebec into the constitutional fold.

Getty's call comes at an interesting time. A fellow Conservative, Edmonton MP David Kilgour, is threatening to leave the party and sit as an independent because, one newspaper report, he is "furious over the government's preferential treatment of Ontario." Are you listening, Brian?

Welsh-Indian legends have basis in history

When Off Centre Stage produced *King of America* here last month, it was widely believed that the play's mention of Welsh-speaking Indians was a flight of the author's fertile imagination. Too far-fetched to be anything else, right?

Wrong, says Fulford Harbour resident Maurice Walford, who mailed me a photocopied series of pages from Richard Deacon's 1966 book, *Madoc and the Discovery of America*, which sets down the known history of a race of Welsh-speaking Indians who lived in central North America until the 19th century.

It's a fascinating account. Early North American explorers documented their meetings with the race, noting that the Indians were

fair-skinned and mostly red-haired, that they had knowledge of Christianity prior to contact with the explorers, that their villages were laid out along Northern European lines, and that Welshmen who met the Indians could converse with them in the Welsh tongue.

Where did they come from? Explorers were told by the Indians that they had arrived in North America from a foreign country, had landed on the east side of the Mississippi River around Florida and then fled north at about the time the Spaniards took possession of Mexico.

In 1755, when a New York missionary named Charles Beatty was investigating reports about the Indians, he was told they

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

counted the passing of each spring by attaching a black bead to a long belt. At the time, there were 370 beads on belts, prompting historians to now suspect that the Indians had arrived in North America in the late 1300s.

But did they arrive from Wales? We'll never really know because, as Maurice Walford notes, the tribe was wiped out by

smallpox in the 1800s, and contacts with the white man had been infrequent and brief up to that point. The circumstantial evidence — particularly as to language and social customs — is convincing enough to cast doubt in the most skeptical mind, however.

I've covered that evidence briefly in the above paragraphs. Anyone interested in learning more should hunt for Deacon's book. Walford, by the way, says the book is one of many to include references to the Welsh-speaking Indians, so you may want to try the index file in the library for a complete list of accounts.

In the meantime, we should thank Walford for bringing this slice of history to our attention. At

the very least, and as far as *King of America* is concerned, it points out that truth can be stranger than fiction... and gives further weight to the art-imitates-life credo.

In closing, a word or two about the spring training piece we did back in March. Unfortunately, 'pure' baseball took a back seat to continuing news of contract hold-outs and hassles.

The final straw came Monday, the opening day of a new season, when a radio sportscast led with news that the average major-leaguer now makes \$425,000 a season — down from \$431,000 a year ago. Never mind telling us who's scheduled to pitch the opener for the Expos.

Ridiculous

Sir,
In response to your front page article regarding once again re-locating the Farmers' Market, I can't think of anything more ridiculous than utilizing a barge. The boats would need gangplanks and, of course, life preservers for each man, woman and child, not to mention a fishing licence for the danglers. The day the proposal was published was apropos — April Fools' Day. All of this for a gas station.
F. HAWORTH,
Vesuvius Bay.

Fantastic

Sir,
I want to thank *Driftwood* and its readers for their part in our *Binoculars for Schools* appeal for the Monteverde Cloud Forest preserve in Costa Rica. We were able to take seven pairs of binoculars and one scope for the project. The idea is to make the children more aware of the natural treasures that surround them.

The conservationists are undertaking a buy-back program from the smallholders on the margins of the preserve, giving a fair price to people who have squatted nearby over recent years. Those who have been there longest are encouraged to move first, and paid on a basis of their years of effort in cutting and burning the surrounding rain forest. Then, the more recent squatters are paid off and relocated.

In most cases the vegetation moves back by natural process, although the largest trees are gone for generations.

Our group was given a slide show about the delights of the mountainous forest area and the collection taken afterwards was enough to buy back between three and four acres. Then we spent a day and a half walking around in the jungle enjoying the fantastic bird and plant life.
JOAN LOTT,
Ganges.

Train oil

Congratulations, the *Deadwood* page was great.

I particularly enjoyed the lead article about the continuing uncertainty surrounding the week-end market because, as they say, "many a true word is spoken in jest."

It should now be clear that those burghers and bureaucrats behind whatever it is that is happening at the Centennial Park market are, to quote an old grandfather I knew, "sleeping their brains into train oil."

I get the feeling that the closely-held motivations behind the present shamozzle are covert and Machiavellian, worthy of the deadliest of Neapolitan stiletto-bearers, skilfully and darkly drawing the life-blood out of what was once a free, noble, happy, *laissez-faire*, loosely-knit yet integrated human enterprise.

I believe it is not too late to restore the market to its former place in our hearts. There is obviously no other place on Salt Spring Island better situated for friendly exchanges; for satisfying our need for crafts, art, pottery, delight, debate, junk, surprise, argument, food, natural beauty and loving hugs.

What a pity that our lovely spring finds the market in such disarray. What a pity that, once again, something simple and unique has been victimized in the name of God knows what.

There is no good reason why we should continue to absorb such authoritarian abuses of our right to have and enjoy the kind of week-end market we want. To hell with interlocking brick, narrow asphalted parking spaces and regimentation.

The past, in this case, is clearly preferable to the present; the future can be vibrant, not hollow and colourless.

LOWELL HICKS,
Ganges.

Horrifying

Sir,
While I have every sympathy for Dennis Beech and his relocation problems, I feel that our main concern with situating a garage and gas station opposite the Ganges school playground should be the inevitable increase of lead in the atmosphere, rather than the increase in traffic, per se.

There have been many studies of the effects of lead poisoning, and their findings are summarized in the quite horrifying article on atmospheric pollution in the April issue of *National Geographic*.

I quote from page 525: "Between 75 and 95 per cent of the lead inhaled or ingested accumulates in bones and other tissues, threatening to cause irreversible brain and kidney damage. *Young children are most vulnerable* (my italics) because their nervous systems are still developing. Excessive lead can decrease a child's intelligence, shorten his/her attention span, create learning disabilities, or cause hyperactivity."

While leaded gas is gradually being phased out, a great many

island vehicles — the majority of them, maybe — need it, so I hope an alternative site can be found for Mr. Beech's business (the obvious one would seem to be the vacant 'barn' next to the bulk foods outlet), and a very real threat to our children and grandchildren kept to a minimum.
CONHOR HUNT,
Ganges.

Chocolate only

Sir,
The SPCA would like to request your assistance in bringing to the attention of the public our concern regarding the purchase of bunnies and chicks as Easter gifts for children.

As cute as these animals may be, it is our experience that the novelty for the children wears off quickly. In many cases the family is not able to provide suitable accommodations for animals of this type, and a few weeks after Easter we find ourselves dealing with unwanted rabbits and chickens. Additionally, young children can be unintentionally rough, causing injuries and even death to newborn chicks and rabbits.

It is the hope of the Society that this Easter the purchase of bunnies and chicks will be confined to the chocolate variety.

LYNN WEST,
SPCA,
Victoria.

Alarmed

Sir,
Having already approached Mr. J. Wellingham, the principal of the Gulf Islands Secondary School, concerning the exclusion of Grade Eights from the school's sex education program, I was alarmed — not to mention angry — to discover that now the school district is going to present David Suzuki's film, *AIDS — A Report to Grades Seven to 12*.

A great idea, you may say, and I agree: a good informative film that many many have already had the opportunity to view with their families at home on television.

However, why then are the Grade Eights, who were considered not mature enough to participate in the sex education program, suddenly mature enough to view this film, which addresses this important sexual and social issue? Should they be shown the horrific possible consequences of casual sexual relations and not be given the opportunity to also learn

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about sexual relations as an important and healthy part of their lives? As an educational opportunity, it feels important that this issue be addressed not only in the home — and it may not be in many homes, but also in the company of the children's peers.

Watching and discussing this film, and others like it, should be a strong part of the family life program, not a substitute for it. Grade Eight children have as great a need as the children in the upper high school years to take part in all aspects of a responsible sex education program.

BONNIE KREYE,
Ganges.

Don't pave

Sir,
To the movers and shakers
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LOU CONLISK,
Ganges.

A classic

Sir,
Almost every time I read *Driftwood* I have an impulse, usually resisted, to write to say how much I enjoy it. Having edited a weekly newspaper myself, I know

something of the problems you face and can appreciate the results. Your issue of March 18 should be submitted for the various competitions (CWNA, CCNA, BCYCNA, WRN) because it is something of a classic.

Your editorial blasts the Islands Trust for not protecting rural charm; Mike O'Brien's report on the inquest for the diver lost in Active Pass was worthy of a large daily; Mike Turkki's feature on Linda Goddu's soap factory is a fine piece of writing, and the *Letters to the Editor* — always interesting — were particularly well done. Patricia Massy's description of the stocking of St. Mary Lake was beautiful, the open letter by several residents urging Mulroney to protest Reagan's support of the Nicaraguan Contras was worth writing, K. Butler's complaint about almost being knocked off his (or her) motorcycle deserves huzzahs, especially the closing comment ("When you hit me, make it good because you get one shot, then it's my turn") and Ray Newman's plaintive defence of Star Wars was impressive, though he has apparently accepted at face value the statement that SDI is purely for defence — a dangerous thing to do (believing words) where any politician is concerned.

Though I don't wish to compete with George Bain's excellent *Maclean's* column, *Media Watch*, I do think the high quality of your paper deserves recognition — and sometimes gets it. How about sending Bain an issue? Obviously, Salt Springers already think well of you — they might be interested to know they're not the only ones. But I promise not to bore them with this theme again.

FERGUS CRONIN,
Palgrave, Ontario.

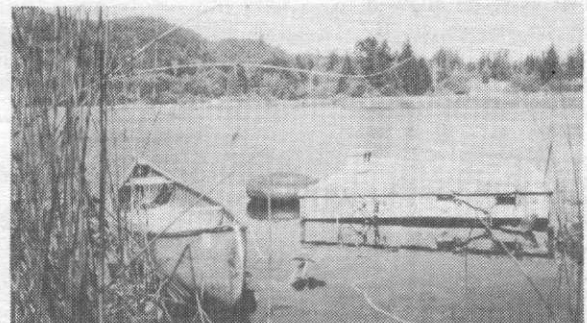
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Indoctrinated

Sir,
Congratulations to our CRD director and his troupe of trained, but not elected, performing seals who have at last succeeded in creating the monstrous Farmers' Market problem out of a benign and happy situation. It has taken them only about four years of hard, dedicated work to overcome the wishes of 90 per cent of the island.

What can we look forward to next? Perhaps the Community Centre, with all those unauthorized people happily doing their own thing, would be a good subject for a little bureaucratic boot-stomping, or perhaps our younger citizens could be better indoctrinated to be good little consumers — always shopping at the right stores, of course.

Let's not stop now.
DAVID LOTT,
Ganges.

Hard-hit

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to B.C. premier Bill Vander Zalm, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
Well, there you go (*Et tu, Brute?*). I give you absolutely free, and out of the graciousness of my Irish heart, solid advice on how to tackle and perhaps even solve B.C.'s tangled labour-management problems. And then you go ahead and use my group of citizens for target practice. For shame, sir. And why, for God's sake?

Do you not think you should re-think the \$3-to-\$5 dispensing fees you are now loading onto the bent shoulders of B.C.'s poor elderly — the majority of whom are on pitiful fixed incomes (the so-called 'senior' citizen).

What are your Social Crediters thinking, for Heaven's sake? Why not get needed revenues from those who can best afford to pay — not from those of us already loaded with all sorts of things, and many who have to have prescriptions and find your latest move hard to swallow, Bill.

Cannot we seniors have at least some measure of a kind of belief left to us (albeit shallow it might be, due to life's trials) that here's a leader who *does* understand, as you've so stated yourself?

Higher ferry fares have also hit us seniors terribly hard. We over 65 should at least be allowed to travel free on ferries in B.C., including any cars we may be driving in at the time. We have

dearly earned such practice, I would say.

When you and Queen (headband) Lillian are peering down from your castle at all the greying heads, would you kindly think about what I write here?
CHARLES CROSBY,
Ganges.

Moral claim

Sir,
Your April 1 front page was hilarious. The report that the Farmers' Market is to be moved to a barge reeled me in while I was in the Trading Post checkout line. Only the prompt action of a lady saved me — when she heard my shouts and saw smoke billowing from my ears she pointed out that it was April Fools' Day.

Embarrassing — but in view of what really has happened to the market we are ready to believe anything. Sending it to sea makes about as much sense as to its present location.

Of course the market in its superb former place had some effect on established local business, but what seems to have been forgotten is that it brought far more than it took. As market, public forum, village green and meeting place, it was one of the attractions of the island and one of the reasons that people have come back again and again and in many cases settled here.

Let's hear it for the market in the perfect location to which, after so many years, it has staked a moral, if not a legal, claim. It should go back once and for all.

ANDREW GIBSON,
Ganges.

Unfair

Sir,
I would like to inform your readers of what I consider a most unfair situation. In January, Mahon Hall users' rents were raised by the recreation commission, to \$5 and \$6 per hour. For instance, the Painters' Guild, which has the hall for three hours every Wednesday and the holiday weekend in May for its spring show, will have to find over \$600 in 1987 to pay the rent.

The Salt Spring Players have been trying to solve the problem by rehearsing in people's living rooms until just before production time — a dismal business. Fortunately, the rec commission has decided to lower the rent again for rehearsal

more letters

time only. This is the only concession it is willing to make. The Players are allowed by the Fire Marshal to set up only 120 chairs in Mahon Hall, so they must put on more performances and pay more rent and more in royalties. Good plays have high royalties.

The Community Arts Council has poured thousands of dollars into Mahon Hall since the rec commission leased it from the school board for \$1 in 1979. The CAC bought the tables, the chairs, the piano, the linoleum and lights in the side rooms, and paid for the first paint job. A dedicated volunteer committee, headed by Al Pike of the Weavers' Guild, spent more CAC money and public donations on a new roof, new wiring, new porch, sink and hot water tank. CAC money comes mostly from commissions on sales in Artcraft, which rents Mahon Hall for the summer months.

No reason has been given for the rent increase. As furnace oil went down 10 cents a litre to 29 cents and we had a mild winter, fuel costs couldn't be the reason.

At the same time that we received the bad news of higher rents, there was a report in *Driftwood* that the rec commission is prepared to put \$5,500 into a new tennis court, although there are already four public courts on the island, and quite a few private ones. I realize that the rec commission has succumbed to the psychology of a bargain — a tennis enthusiast is donating \$11,000 to the cost of the court, the Lottery Fund will meet that amount, the Tennis Association is asking for donations of \$5,500 and the rec commission considers it a good deal to pay \$5,500 now instead of the whole shot a few years down the road.

Is the commission robbing Peter to pay Paul? Is it living up to its reputation of not considering anything "recreation" except sport?

OLIVE CLAYTON,
Ganges.

Now a chip

Sir,
I do not wish to renew my subscription. As one of the 'original' Galianoites, I find the brief news of Galiano merely filled with strangers' names — occasional references are made to the Scoones tribe, but what of the Georgesons, Stevens, Bellhouses, Denroches, Bambricks, Bells, Humes, Stewards, News, etc.?

Our beautiful island is now an essentially "uglified" chip from the bureaucratic block. Where we roamed free as children, there are now gates and fences, and *No Trespassing* and *Keep Out* signs put up by strangers. Change, no progress.

I love Galiano. My parents are buried there. I could weep at what it has become.

C. TAIT,
Franklin, Penn.

Inequities

Sir,
Thank you for the excellent article in the March 25 paper *Guest* gives audience lesson in world affairs.

Most of us are really unaware of why there are such inequities in the world, but when we do become aware we want to be able to do

something constructive about it. You listed some really good suggestions, but it still leaves a person feeling, *how do I do these things*. May I point out that people should ask for Bridgehead products, produced by co-ops in the Third World, at local stores. At least one is beginning to stock them.

When people buy Bridgehead products, the money goes directly to the people who did the work and grew the crops, not to a big company or absentee landlord. Also, the people growing these crops live a life of self-determination and dignity. This should matter to all of us.

Also, more information about positive ways in which we can act to promote justice and peace are available at local churches and at the Continuing Education Centre in Mouat's Mall.

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Kempf first victim of new standards

VICTORIA — You've got to hand it to Wolfman Jack, he went out with a bang, not a whimper.

Within hours of Premier Vander Zalm's announcement that Jack Kempf wouldn't be accepted back into the ranks of his cabinet, the blunt MLA for Omineca rose in the legislature to disown his party.

Far from being subdued by the results of the investigation which cost him his job as forest minister, Kempf told the legislature that he could no longer serve a party and caucus, the leader of which didn't support a colleague "in the face of frivolous accusations," and that he would, therefore, sit as an independent.

Whether or not the findings of the investigation warranted Kempf's downfall depends on how tightly you expect your MLAs to adhere to a myriad of rules and regulations that govern the spending of public money. It is obvious that Vander Zalm isn't prepared to tolerate the slightest deviance from the highest-possible standards. Kempf was the first victim of those new standards.

I say standards because there is nothing in the report by Comptroller General Brian Marson stating that anything Kempf did was against the law.

The report leaves no doubt that Kempf was extremely sloppy in the administration of his office's financial affairs. Some of the things he did could even be called

'All he stands to be accused of is sloppiness and a glaring inability to run a tight ship.'

dumb. Sloppy? yes; dumb? yes; perhaps even irresponsible. But not illegal. The report showed Kempf as a free-wheeling politician who doesn't give a damn for rules and regulations.

Some aspects of Kempf's activities are still under investigation, and it's anybody's guess what the outcome will be, but from what we've been shown so far, Kempf broke rules, but not laws, an important distinction when a man's reputation is at stake.

Let's take the findings of the investigation one by one. First, there is the airline bonus point affair. In June last year, Kempf wanted his wife to accompany him on a trip to Ottawa. A return ticket for her was first purchased with cash, then cancelled and bought with bonus points Kempf had accumulated during his travels as a minister.

After some inquiries, his secretary told him he couldn't do that. Kempf grumbled about not knowing what the hell the rules were, but eventually reimbursed the government for the ticket. He did so before the matter was raised by the media.

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

Another issue raised in the report was Kempf's hiring of a ghost writer, Carol Popp, whom he employed on contract to write columns for his home turf newspapers and the Omineca constituency newsletter.

Although I don't like it, there is basically nothing wrong with that practice. The premier doesn't write his own column either. Few MLAs do. There are flacks to do that. Kempf's mistake was to pay his ghost writer out of ministry funds, rather than the constituency fund. To make matters worse, Popp didn't confine her writings to forest ministry issues which, according to her contract, she was supposed to do. One column dealt with parole policies and the death sentence.

The report also dealt at length with Kempf's liberal use of travel advances. Travel advances are available to cabinet ministers and public servants to relieve them of having to shell out the money for travel themselves and then having to wait for the reimbursement.

The rules state that travel advances must be accounted for at the completion of a trip as part of the overall claim for expenses. Kempf didn't do that. He racked up more than \$13,000 worth of travel advances, an impressive record.

Throughout the report, there was mention of missing records and a lack of adherence to rules, all pointing to less than meticulous administrative procedures in Kempf's office. For an accountant, it must have looked like a nightmare. And obviously, it had the same effect on the premier or he wouldn't have sacked Kempf.

If I were in Vander Zalm's shoes, I probably would have done the same thing, particularly if I had been as vociferous as the premier about the importance of appearances. And that's important to mention. Vander Zalm gave clear notice of his expectations, and if Kempf fell short of them, he's only got himself to blame.

But I thought it was important to stress that nothing we have been told about Kempf points to anything illegal. All he stands to be accused of is sloppiness and a glaring inability to run a tight and efficient ship, reasons, perhaps, for dismissal from cabinet, but not an aspersion on his character.

It's regrettable that Kempf got himself into this mess. He was the first forest minister in some time who dared stand up to the industry which, no doubt, greets his demise with glee.

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Market rep requests copy of agreement

A representative of the recently-established Salt Spring Island Market Association approached parks and recreation commission members March 30 with several requests.

Terry Owen, president of the market association which represents Centennial Park vendors, requested a copy of the agreement between the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission and Gasoline Alley owner Bill McBay concerning use of the Gasoline Alley parking lot by Saturday vendors.

Owen said vendors wanted clarification of their obligations in terms of setbacks from Gasoline Alley on Saturdays.

At the meeting, recreation commission member Hugh Borsman — Salt Spring's representative to the Capital Regional District (CRD) — gave Owen his copy of the agreement. However, Owen said in an interview Thursday that the document given to him was not a photocopy of the signed agreement between McBay and the commission, but an unsigned draft copy.

Owen said he hopes to obtain copies of schedules and diagrams showing where vending is permitted in the Gasoline Alley parking lot. He added that vendors want to "play by the rules, if someone would just give us the rules."

At the March 30 recreation commission meeting, Owen also asked that all further negotiations between the parks commission and market vendors be conducted in "written format" to prevent either party from forgetting the points agreed upon.

The market association presi-

dent concluded his brief address by noting that vendors agreed with the commission on a number of points, including the need to maintain Centennial Park. He added that vendors are "basically happy" with park re-development plans, and stressed the organization wished to work with the commission to resolve any problems relating to park use by vendors.

In Thursday's interview with *Driftwood*, Owen said he felt the parks and recreation commission now saw the vendors as a

responsible group. He said vendors are more than willing to sit down with commission members and discuss park issues in a non-confrontation atmosphere "as long as that good will (on the part of commission members) is there."

At the March 30 meeting, recreation commission members unanimously passed a motion thanking Owen and his committee of market vendors for their work in attempting to resolve the Centennial Park issue.

Rec commission sets goals for 1987

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission members reported March 30 on the goals of various committees.

Commission member Jocelyn Holmes said the sports committee hoped to expand programs in 1987, and also made a request for more funding. Considerable discussion was given to island tennis facilities, and commission members agreed to charge private tennis instructors \$2.50 for each adult taking a half-hour tennis lesson (per court) and \$1.50 per half hour for children. The recreation commission will book instruction time.

Commission chairman Glenn Woodley reported on the goals of the Mahon Hall committee. He said the primary objective of the committee is to have the hall's exterior painted in 1987.

The cost of renting the hall for Players' productions was also discussed. The committee has decided to give the Players a 20-per-cent discount on hall rental fees for rehearsals. Instead of the usual \$5-per-hour rate, the Players will be charged \$4 an hour for rehearsals conducted in the hall.

Woodley also reported on the planning committee, which has established more than a half-dozen goals for 1987. These include:

- Hiring a recreation director.
- Informing government agencies of the recreation commission's desire for bike paths on the island.
- Meeting with the pool society to plan a referendum on a proposed indoor swimming pool.
- Continuing investigation of

Pool, bike paths high on list

beach accesses. (This has been referred to another committee.)

- Searching for other boat ramp locations.
- Establishing a joint-use agreement with School District 64 concerning interior and exterior facilities.

The committee also hopes to consider the Fulford baseball diamond lease and compile an inventory of park facilities and properties.

Recreation commission member Jim Ballantyne gave a brief synopsis of the grant committee's

'One major thrust is to improve maintenance of our fields.'

work. He said that although the group had not yet held a "full meeting," an application has been made under the Challenge 87 program for funding to hire several students this summer.

Ballantyne also reported on the Centennial Park committee's work. He noted that the ministry of highways has agreed to install a curb around the north end of the park. He said the new crosswalk on Fulford-Ganges Road is scheduled for painting soon, and added that committee members are investigating the cost of installing paving brick in the old

Centennial Park parking lot.

The commission's fields committee did not report at the meeting. However, Woodley indicated he felt "one major thrust is to improve maintenance of our fields."

In his report, Pat Tiernan said he felt all access trails on the island should be clearly marked and publicized for the convenience of local residents and tourists.

He also urged the recreation commission to officially indicate an interest in the development of access trails. He said it is possible that federal or provincial government funding may be available for a project designed to develop the routes.

In other matters, the commission intends to write a letter asking members of the public to support the re-development of Centennial Park.

Capital Regional District (CRD)

director Hugh Borsman noted that \$5,000 worth of trees were recently planted as part of the improvement project. He urged the public to watch over the park to ensure the trees are not vandalized.

And finally, the commission agreed to write a letter to *Driftwood* supporting the construction of a leisure pool here.

The letter will be one of several appearing in *Driftwood* during the coming weeks as part of a letter-writing campaign organized by the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society.

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Under cover

Boats stored at Ross and Ganges are protected from elements by covers. Storage area was cited at Trust meeting (see story below).

Limits unfair, Trust told

Area bylaw draws criticism

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee members met opposition to Bylaw 177 at a public hearing held March 20.

The proposed bylaw would set out minimum average area and minimum parcel area sizes in Comprehensive Development 2 and Uplands and Forest Retreat zones. It was opposed by the owners of Ross and Ganges Marine and Equipment Limited.

Ross McIlvenna, co-owner of Ross and Ganges, told Trust Committee members the bylaw would prevent him from subdividing his CD2 property at the end of Ganges Harbour because the one-acre lot is smaller than the two-hectare minimum parcel and minimum average areas proposed in the bylaw.

McIlvenna said his firm has no wish to construct a restaurant or other service operation on the one-acre property, but someone else might.

"We might at some time want to sell off half the property to someone interested in developing a service to complement the marina," he said.

McIlvenna said his firm's waterfront property, though less than the proposed minimum area size of two hectares, is large enough to accommodate another business. "Right now, we're storing boats on it, but it's really too expensive for that," he explained.

The Ganges businessman ad-

ded that when the sewer system was constructed to serve the lot, a "bigger-than-normal" sewer line was extended to the property because it was thought the area might be developed at a later date.

"If we wanted to sell part of it off to someone who wanted to develop something else on the acre or half of it, I think we should be allowed to," McIlvenna said. "It (the property) is sewered for it."

McIlvenna added that only three properties in the Ganges area would be affected by the proposed zoning bylaw amendment: Ross and Ganges' lot, Grace Point and the Hastings House acreage. He noted that before any additional development can proceed on these lots, they will both have to be rezoned — making his lot the only one

'stuck' with the prohibitive CD2 zoning.

"It just wouldn't be fair," he added.

Trust Committee members said they understood McIlvenna's concerns. Chairman Nick Gilbert said the two-hectare minimum area requirements to be incorporated in the bylaw were simply "carried forward" from a previous document.

Gilbert added that the Trust Committee had "no intention to limit" McIlvenna's use of the property. He proposed that the public hearing into Bylaw 177 be adjourned until May 22 to give Trust officials time to review it.

McIlvenna said recently he is confident the issue can and will be resolved.

"They (Trust officials) are going to take a look at it," he noted.

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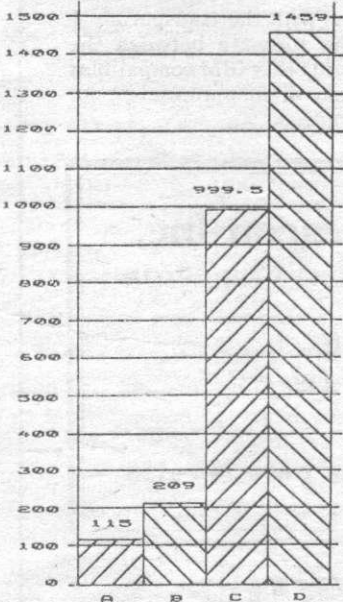
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Three-stage plan describes school district computer use

The board of trustees for School District 64 adopted a three-stage plan March 12 for the instructional use of computers in local schools.

The plan, developed over several months by district 64's computer committee and outlined in a 16-page document presented to the board at its March 12 meeting, proposes the placement of IBM-compatible computers in all district schools and use of the machines in local curriculum.

Entitled *Three-Stage Plan for Instructional Use of Computers*, the proposal was introduced by district computer co-ordinator Tom McKeachie, who noted that it met all criteria of board resolution 431 (passed in December, 1986) relating to developing policies, flexibility of use and equitable access to equipment.

Using this proposal as a guide, School District 64 hopes to place 185 IBM-compatible computers in district schools between January, 1987, and June, 1990, at a cost of approximately \$300,000. Additional funding will be required to purchase software, provide in-service training for teachers and computer maintenance.

It is hoped at least some of the funding for the program will be obtained through the provincial government's *Fund for Excellence in Education* program. The district has already been allotted approximately \$67,000 through FEE for this year.

The introduction of computer laboratories in Gulf Islands Secondary and Fernwood Elementary Schools has been given top priority by the district. In the second phase of the plan, Salt Spring Elementary and Fulford Elementary are expected to receive their computers. The introduction of computer labs in all four Outer Islands schools is seen as the district's third priority.

As new equipment is purchased for local schools, existing hardware — Commodore and Apple-style machines — will be relocated to "maintain as equitable a situation as possible" in the district. One original machine will, however, be retained by each school receiving new equipment to assist students and teachers in "converting to the new format."

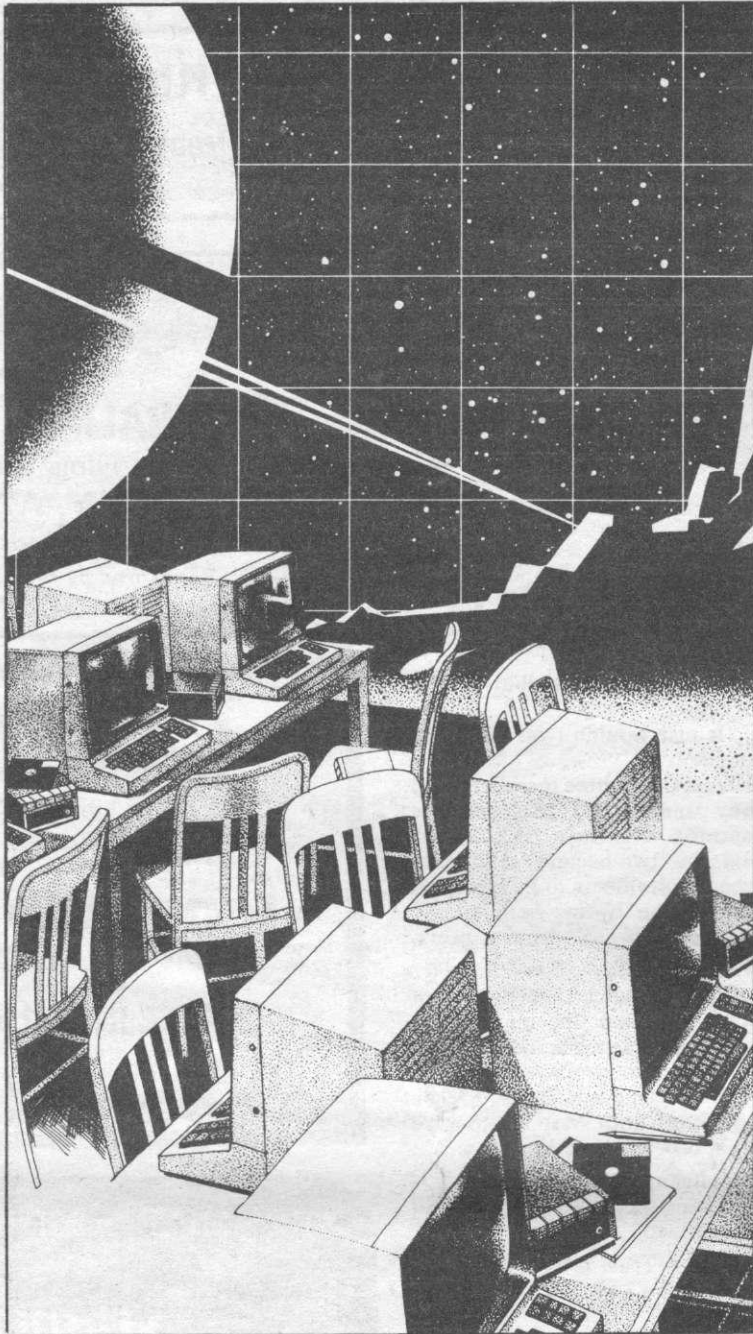
The plan also recognizes the licensing agreements of all software used in the schools. School District 64 intends to utilize a "shareware" policy when obtaining software, and a single copy of special utility software will be purchased for each school.

In-service training for all teaching staff is also proposed. When new computers are purchased for a school, all teachers and affected staff will be familiarized with the equipment and its uses. Additional workshops on use of the computers will follow.

The goal of the program is to give all local students exposure to computers and their many uses. School District 64 officials plan to involve the use of computers in all areas of curriculum, thus ensuring students become proficient in their use.

The plan also proposes that the district computer co-ordinator's position be upgraded to full-time status. A district lab technician-aide will also be hired. It is proposed that the costs of funding both positions be handled "within the regular staffing section of the (district) budget."

School district officials gave the



plan their full support at the March 12 meeting.

The three-stage plan also outlines a maintenance program for all district computer equipment.

"The point is, we're living in a technological society," Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall said, "and we're getting essentially no help from the ministry of education (in providing students with computer instruction)."

Marshall said he felt the three-stage computer plan was a good one. "This particular plan has the potential to benefit the children of this district at all levels directly, and indirectly by improving the skills of teachers."

In recognizing the financial implications of adopting the plan, Marshall noted that every effort will be made to "get the maximum computers and back-up

equipment at the best dollar price.

"For the dollars involved, this is the best thought-out, most comprehensive computer plan of any district in B.C.," Marshall concluded.

In conjunction with adoption of the district computer plan, trustees passed a motion against purchasing the Tandy 1000 SX computer package recently tested in the district.

McKeachie told the board that "preliminary indications are that while the technical operation (of the Tandy 1000) and dealer support are very good, some problems with the transportability of the software between the Tandy and other IBM compatibles may make it inappropriate" for district needs.

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\$15,000 sought from CRD

Commission requests pool study grant

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission will ask the Capital Regional District (CRD) for \$15,000 to study the feasibility of building a leisure pool here.

Commission members made the decision at their regular meeting March 30. The proposed study would provide the commission with a design of the leisure pool, an accurate estimate of its costs and an opinion on the feasibility of building such a facility.

The Salt Spring Island Swimming Pool Society has proposed building an indoor leisure pool, and the recreation commission hopes to hold a public referendum on the issue this fall. Construction costs are estimated at between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million.

In commenting on the decision to seek funding for a pool feasibility study, commission chairman Glenn Woodley said:

"If we're going to go to referendum, we have to know exactly what we're going to referendum with. People have to know what they're voting on."

Woodley said he feels \$15,000 is a maximum amount the commission would spend on the study. "I feel that's an 'up to' figure," he explained.

CRD director Hugh Borsman, a member of the commission, will now take the request before the regional district's board of directors. Borsman said there is \$45,000 left in the CRD's feasibility study fund — more than enough to cover a pool study.

He noted, however, that the commission obtained \$16,000 from the CRD several years ago to conduct a study of the proposed recreation centre on Salt Spring, and said that debt still remains "on the books." He explained that if the commission receives another \$15,000 from the CRD, then takes the pool proposal to

referendum and has it approved, the money used to conduct both feasibility studies must be repaid during the pool's first year of operation.

"That means the pool will have a first-year deficit starting at \$31,000," Borsman pointed out. He added, however, that the commission will not be required to repay the debt if the referendum fails.

Pool society president Wendy Vine indicated Wednesday the possibility of having to repay \$31,000 to the CRD does not represent a major problem. She pointed out that if island residents approve construction of a leisure pool, the costs of both feasibility studies will be shared by all taxpayers. "It (the cost per household) would be almost negligible, I would think," she said.

Vine said she was pleased with the recreation commission's decision to conduct a feasibility study of the pool.

"I'm glad the decision was made to go to a study," she said. "The pool society's main thrust will still be public support and education. Ultimately, the pool proposal will be the responsibility of the recreation commission, because they're the ones who will be running the pool if it's built. The pool society will maintain an advisory role."

According to Vine, the \$15,000 sought by recreation commission members would permit the hiring of an architect to design a pool based on the community's wants and needs. She noted that the study will provide local officials with enough information to decide if they should proceed with a referendum on the proposal.

"The pool society would never suggest a proposal that the island can't afford," she stressed. "If the study determines that we can't afford it, then we won't do it."

New crosswalks, stalls painted in Ganges core

Ministry of highways crews were busy in Ganges last week painting new crosswalks and parking slots throughout the village.

The existing crosswalk on Lower Ganges Road near the tourist information centre was repainted, while the Fulford-Ganges Road crosswalk in Ganges was moved approximately 20 feet east to improve safety. A new crosswalk was also painted across Lower Ganges Road from the firehall to McColl's Shell service station.

Local roads foreman John Stepaniuk said the ministry also hoped "to do something" along Rainbow Road to improve safety for students leaving the school area.

New parallel and angle parking slots were painted in various

areas within the village. The older parking and crosswalk lines will be removed by either sandblasting or a line eradicator. Stepaniuk said it is hoped a sandblaster will remove the old and considerably-faded lines, as it leaves "less of a scar" than the highways' line eradicator.

During the coming weeks, Stepaniuk said, the ministry also hopes to install a curb along the northern boundary of Centennial Park. The ministry will also be paving a strip near the Gasoline Alley parking lot and Centennial Park.

Stepaniuk said most — if not all — of the line painting work would likely be completed this week. He estimated the cost of the upgrading at between \$500 and \$600 per day.

Show draws small audience

Turnout at the Friends of Strathcona Park slide show presented March 30 in Salt Spring Elementary School's library was small, according to island resident Donald Kreye.

But Kreye, a member of the organization fighting provincially-approved changes to the Vancouver Island park, said those who attended the slide show were not disappointed by the presentation.

Kreye, who has attempted to raise local awareness of Strath-

cona Park and the B.C. government's plan to open some sections to mining and logging activity, said he intends to obtain a copy of the slides and show them again to interested groups on Salt Spring.

Kreye has also been at the Saturday farmers' market recently collecting signatures on a petition opposing the changes to Strathcona Park. To date, several hundred residents and visitors to the island have signed the document, he said.

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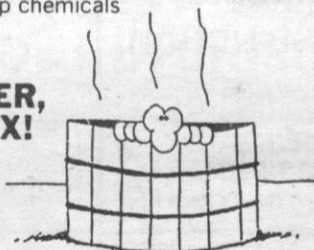
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Candy Stripers deliver report on conference

The regular monthly meeting of the auxiliary to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was held March 23 at 2 pm in the United Church Upper Hall. Forty-five members were present.

President Betty Galt opened the meeting and members read the auxiliary prayer.

Various reports were read and discussed, after which two Candy Stripers were introduced and gave an informal report on the Candy Stripers conference held recently at Surrey Memorial Hospital. Three local Candy Stripers attended, accompanied by Mrs. Alicia Anderson and Miss M. Sitton.

Judging from the report, it was a super conference, with the emphasis on food.

The meeting adjourned with the announcement that the next one will be on April 27. Tea was served and members had a chance to talk to the Candy Stripers.

The membership committee is asking members whose addresses have changed from a box number to a rural route number, or who have left the island, to advise them as soon as possible. Notification will help the committee keep its address list up to date.



Growing season

Sundeck of Bill and Agnes Bacon's Salt Spring home is filled with clematis armandii growing up trellis from lawn two stories below.

Flowers, open in response to warming temperatures, run the length of the sundeck—about 35 yards.

School teaches salmon-rearing

"West Vancouver is a funny place for salmon."

The nearby mountains hinder spawning, and development has eroded the creeks. Yet the fish are there, spawning in West Vancouver creeks and the Capilano River.

That picture was painted for members of the Salt Spring Island Stream and Salmonid Enhancement Society who turned out March 19 to hear guest speaker Mike Arnott explain how West Vancouver's streams were stocked with fish by school children. Arnott is vice-principal of Sentinel high school in West Vancouver.

Arnott's school was able to adopt salmonid enhancement as part of its program in the late 1970s because enhancement was a popular issue and the government had not yet begun fiscal restraint measures, he explained.

"We were forced into it by a kid in one of the (West Vancouver) high schools going to a Capilano hatchery and saying *I want some eggs.*"

The boy put the young cohoes into a Capilano stream. Four years later, a woman living on the creek's bank delivered an excited call to the school. "There's a salmon in the creek," she said.

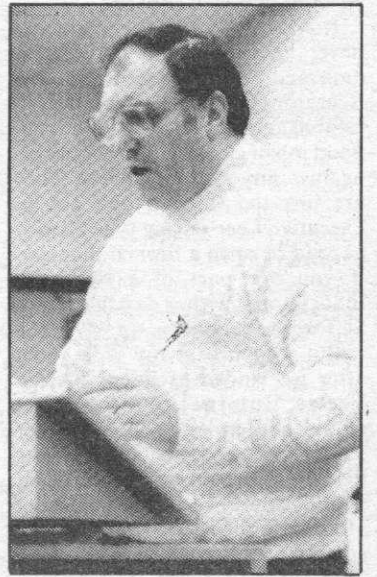
School officials then realized they had better get in on a potentially successful environmental plan.

In 1978 the district hired a science co-ordinator to direct the enhancement project. "That was the key," Arnott told the 20 people in attendance.

The first step was removing man's imprint from the creeks, he explained. School children joined outdoor clubs and community employees in a stream cleanup. "We pulled everything out."

Each year, every elementary school dumped over 100 eggs into the streams. The high schools oversaw the activities of their respective neighbouring elementary schools.

"We realized very soon that coho was the wrong fish for us," Arnott explained. Coho spend their first year in the river, and West Van's topography isn't a gracious host. So the district switched to chum.



Mike Arnott

The program's official caretakers were members of the high school's alternate education class. Forty students were always on hand to feed the streams, install baffles to reduce the current during spawning, and to do whatever maintenance was necessary.

"These kids, rain or shine, if we called them, they were there."

As a result, students became interested in enhancement and related issues. "Kids were asking about herring catch quotas."

'These kids, rain or shine, if we called them, they were there.'

Salt Spring has a geographical advantage over West Vancouver, Arnott reminded the audience. "Your creeks run much farther inland and with much less gradient."

The payoff to all this work came when a dozen salmon came struggling back up the stream, four years after the school's first "launching." The fish were small, but this wasn't important, Arnott said.

"It was the fact that it had happened. The salmon had come back."

Garden show entries sought

Local residents are being invited to take out memberships in the Salt Spring Island Garden Club and display their blooms in an upcoming show.

The club's annual spring flower show and tea is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, at the United Church Hall. The show is open to the public from 1 pm to 4 pm; admission is \$1, and tea and snacks will be available.

The club notes that no fees are charged for entries in any of the 21 classes open to exhibitors. However, participants will be asked to join the club when they arrive at the hall to bench their entries.

The annual charge for a garden club membership is \$3 a person or \$5 a family. "There is no better bargain on the island," the club says in a release.

"You receive the newsletter, *The Grapevine*, each month, attend regular meetings, see and hear guest speakers, enter the shows, and attend the annual dinner.

"It's fun, it's educational, and you know what they say about gardeners: they are such nice people."

The club notes that current members are already in possession of show schedules, lists of classes and prizes, the times of judgments and other particulars. Copies of the schedule may be picked up at the Flowers and Wine store next to the Post Office in Ganges; further information is available at 537-5477.

The club urges any non-members who "have some favourite blossoms you would like to show and share" to take part in the April 11 show.

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Bus travel, modest hotels best way to 'see' Argentina

By ANDREW GIBSON

It is easy to travel the world and never be without the comforting embrace of the Hilton, the Sheraton or the Holiday Inn — establishments which do a very good job of cushioning their clients against any culture shock. They are just the thing if you are an executive Lear-jet type headed abroad to open a branch plant, or if you are part of a two-week luxury tour, with a day in each of 14 foreign capitals.

But a glance at my wife and I after we landed at Buenos Aires' Ezeiza International Airport would have ruled us out of either category — we had that dishevelled, compressed look of people who have just been sprung after several hours pinioned in economy class seats. Waving away all efforts to assist us with the motley collection of bags with which we were festooned, we staggered to the information desk where we enquired if there was a bus service to the centre of town, 30 kilometres away. There being none, we reluctantly boarded a cab, and told the driver to take us to a certain hotel which our 1987 South American Handbook said would cost \$24 a day, thus comparing favourably with the Sheraton at \$160.

The handbook was mistaken. We were bowed into a hostelry so opulent that our financial alarm bells immediately went off.

"What," I asked in Spanish, "is the room rate?"

He assumed the haughty expression peculiar to royalty-in-exile and hotel clerks.

"Do you require, *senor*," he answered in faultless English, "a honeymoon suite, a luxury suite, or a standard room, with or without special services?"

I deliberated for a thousandth of a second, and asked for a standard room, without the intriguing special services. He mentioned a figure which made us turn pale but, rendered almost immobile by jet lag, we took it.

The next morning, refreshed, we discussed the situation.

"Pleasant as this place is," I ventured, "we should try to live as if we were an Argentine couple on holiday, so as to get the flavour of the country . . ."

"And save *mucho bucks*," my wife interrupted. "If we stay here, we'll go broke." She was never one to make a virtue of necessity.

So within the hour we had moved to the Tres Sargentos Hotel, a modest establishment each of whose rooms has a view — ours featured a brick wall. But it was central, handy to the buses and the subway, there was effective if noisy airconditioning and, since one was as likely to hear Mandarin Chinese spoken as English, there was a free Spanish immersion course.

Argentina can hardly be imagined without Buenos Aires. It was called the Paris of the south, but the comparison hardly does it justice. It has eight million people — a third of the country — plus a superb seaport, and is in the middle of a vast and varied fertile area, midway between the Bolivian border to the north and Cape Horn to the south.

There is no comparison between Buenos Aires and other South American cities, with their five per cent of glass and granite central towers and luxury enclaves, and their 95 per cent of teeming and often pitiful hovels. This is a modern city, as efficiently run as

London, but with Latin colour and style.

There are dozens of commercial theatres — including the great Teatro Colon — and scores of museums, libraries and art exhibitions: in short, there is culture galore. But our time was spent in other ways, partly in the frenetic city centre, partly on or waiting for the 'colectivos,' as the buses are called, and partly (for relief) in the many beautiful parks

'The ones from out-of-town can be identified by their popping eyes and vertical hair.'

and gardens. So, rather than a cultural report, we are able to provide only glimpses of Buenos Aires as seen through the eyes of a pair of hot, bewildered but fascinated travellers.

The traffic, for instance. We've never been to Rome, but we would be astonished if the vehicle anarchy there surpasses that of Buenos Aires, at least in the huge city core. The narrow, mostly one-way streets squeeze in two driving

lanes with a couple of ribbons either side for pedestrians, who have no rights at all when they venture off the curb. Since there are lights only at main intersections, and no stop streets at all, the right of way is determined by which driver can psych-out the best. The taxi and bus drivers usually beat the ordinary citizens, especially the ones from out of town, who can be identified by their popping eyes and vertical hair.

The bus drivers amazed us. They are as skilful as Indy racers, they never smile, and they are all young — after two or three years they are surely burnt out.

The currency situation in Argentina at the moment is chaotic, with two systems of bills and coins, yet the bus drivers make change for the dozens of fares (for example, 17 centavos) with one hand while, with the other, they are dodging, weaving and bluffing their way through the maelstrom. We were consumed with admiration.

There are lots of car rental places, but one glance at this was enough to scotch any idea of driving ourselves. As pedestrians we got so used to looking anxiously in all directions that back in B.C. it would take a very determined driver to hit us.

— to be continued.

University teacher reviews Islands Trust performance

A review of the Islands Trust, focusing on resource management, is being prepared by a Simon Fraser University professor and several of his students.

Michael McGorrigle and 12 members of his resource management class began the study in January. McGorrigle said last week he expects the report to be released to the public in late April or early May.

"It's pretty well finished now," he said of the report, "but we want to fine-tune it before the release. We want it to be a quality report."

McGorrigle described the report's thrust as "an institutional profile of Islands Trust management." It focuses, he said, on the Trust's resource management, the support it receives, and its strengths and weaknesses.

- Three approaches were taken to gather data for the report:
- a public opinion poll was conducted by telephone to gather impressions of the Islands Trust from 150 residents picked at random from a telephone book;
 - a questionnaire was sent to all trustees, past and present; and
 - extensive interviews were held with people familiar with the Trust and the issues it faces.

Judging the report from what he has seen to date, McGorrigle said the finished version will offer original information and conclusions about the Trust.

Notice to the Ratepayers of the NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

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Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 27th day of April, 1987, one trustee is to be elected to serve for a term of three years.

Nominations of candidates for this position must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Monday the 13th day of April, 1987.

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.

To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian citizen, 19 years of age or older and a ratepayer of the District in good standing.

Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

M. LARMOUR, Secretary

New hunting card unveiled

A new provincial licencing system for resident hunters was introduced Wednesday by the B.C. ministry of environment and parks.

The new B.C. resident hunting licences are designed in booklet form to fit readily inside pockets and wallets. In addition to a basic hunting licence, each booklet contains five species licences. When a hunter purchases a particular species tag, ministry officials or their delegates will validate the appropriate licence with a new "species stamp."

Ministry officials hope the new licencing system will help hunters by "doing away with the necessity of . . . carrying several loose licences."

This year, the ministry is also introducing separate species licences for mule and whitetail deer, as well as for deer taken on the Queen Charlotte Islands (where the bag limit is 10). Mule deer licences will also be valid for fallow deer.

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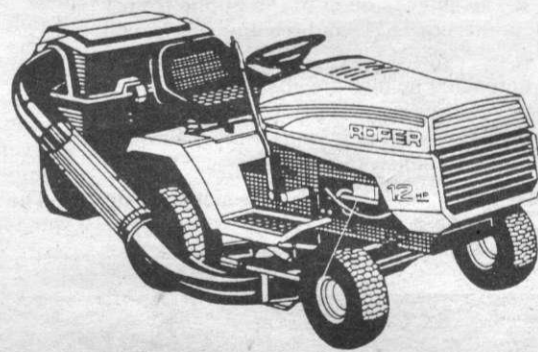
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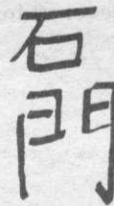
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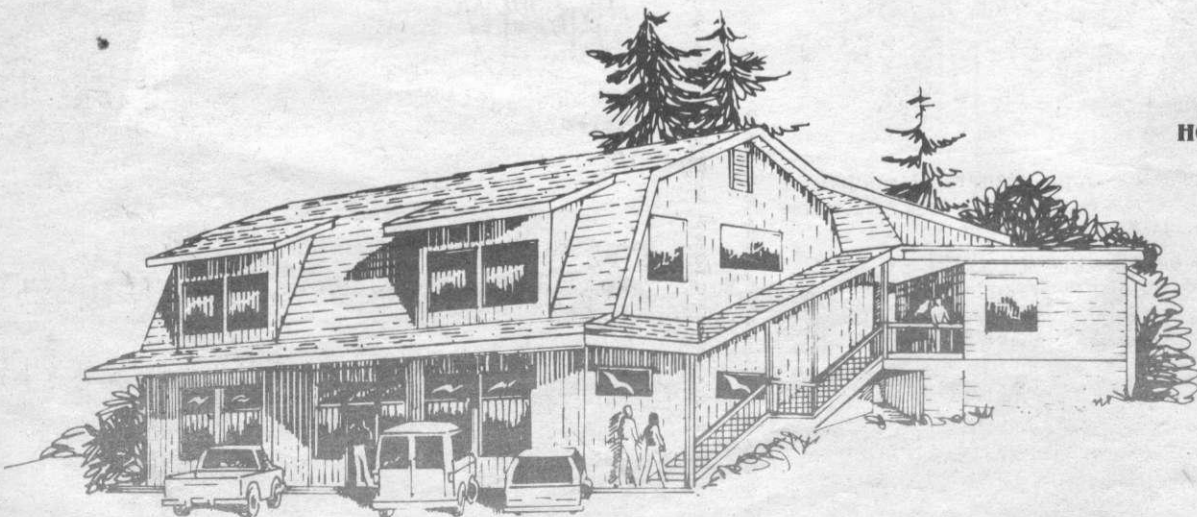
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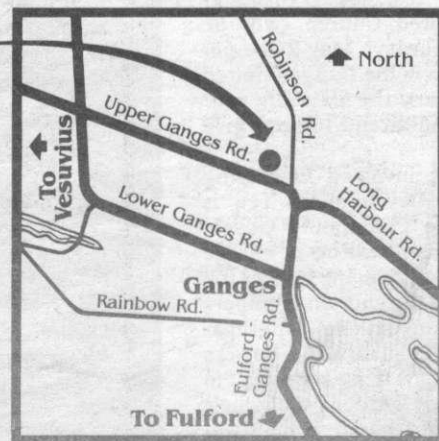


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Local funds will support Third World projects

World tea to collect donations

By OLIVE MOUAT

Are Salt Spring Islanders unselfish?

That question concerned a group of women who gathered two Wednesdays ago in the United Church Hall. They represented the island's three Anglican churches, the Community Gospel Church, the Roman Catholic members of the community, and the United Church.

Under discussion was the planning of a tea to raise funds to help starving people in underdeveloped corners of the world. Last year's version of the event — the World Development Tea — raised \$2,715.09 plus \$30 contributed a few days later.

Is the money still in the bank? No — in many places of the world, the need is too urgent to wait. One example of the ways the money was used is contained in a photograph sent to Salt Spring from Zimbabwe. The \$500 given immediately from World Development Tea proceeds to the Save The Children Fund was matched by a three-for-one grant from the Canadian International Development Corporation (CIDA) and used to bring clean, safe drinking water to families in Zimbabwe.

By October, all the money raised at the 1986 tea was directed to projects like the one in Zimbabwe. Individually, the contributions were relatively small and for small projects — but the better health that each brings will make a difference far into the future.

The 1987 tea, hosted this year by the United Church, will be held on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 1 pm in the Ganges United Church. Mark the date on your calendar and attend to buy, give and help.

The work involved in staging the World Development Tea is shared. The Community Gospel Church women will be in charge of the White Elephant stall in the lower hall of the church; members of the Roman Catholic congregation will offer plants and flowers (just in time for those who wish to perk up their gardens at home); the Anglican Church women will preside over the home-baking sale; and the United Church members will serve tea.

bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge club winners on March 30 were: (north-south) Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon; Bunny Jordan and Helen Shandro; Robert Bradford and Dawn Scarfe; Alan Steward and Marguerite Hall; (east-west) Jean Herring and Anne McConnell; Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton; Fran and Dick Tipple; Vivian Storr and Marion Ashmore; Wim and Ima

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Tuesday night winners were: (north-south) Mary Clements and Isabelle Richardson; June Knowles and Fred Struve; Helen Shandro and Dorothy Crofton; Jim Bradford and Conhor Hunt; (east-west) Mike Testart and Noel Fowles; Peter Jacquest and Tom David; Jean Herring and Dorothy Sneddon; Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton.

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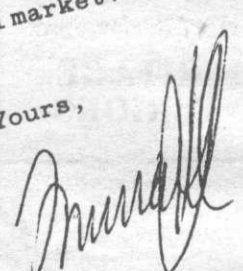
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Three blind...cats?

The mice come much later for this trio of week-old kittens from a

Salt Spring Island litter. Immediate job is to find homes for

latest spring arrivals.

Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

● Voice of Women to support refugee co-op in Mexico

The Salt Spring Island chapter of *Voice of Women* brought a Salvadoran refugee to Canada in late February to participate in a Canadian-Latin American women's solidarity conference.

Gloria Valencia, who fled her native country to live in Mexico as a refugee, visited Salt Spring while in Canada. Here, she was the guest of honour at a potluck dinner sponsored by the local *Voice of Women* chapter, and a featured speaker at an International Women's Day celebration staged by the Gulf Islands Women's Place Society.

Valencia's visit, *Voice of Women* says, "has given many islanders a more vivid perception of the consequences of the new refugee regulations in both Canada and the United States."

Voice of Women said that, while on Salt Spring, Valencia told islanders of the Salvadoran government's intimidation of ordinary citizens of the capital city — San Salvador — when they attempted to rescue victims of the earthquake there last year.

They noted she also discussed the forced removal of peasants from their land into "protected

settlements where they are under constant surveillance," and that she narrowly escaped the death squads operating in her native country.

In Mexico, Valencia "is one of thousands of Salvadorans who face barely-veiled hostility from the Mexican poor among whom they live, because their 'hosts' fear they will increase problems of shelter and employment."

The plight facing refugees in Mexico includes having no way to obtain documents which would enable them to hold jobs or emigrate to other countries. It was also noted that new immigration laws in effect in the U.S. mean more than a million Mexicans are expected to be deported to their home country, intensifying job, shelter and money problems there. New immigration measures in Canada, meanwhile, mean the door is closed for many

refugees who had hoped to come here.

Members of the Salt Spring Island *Voice of Women* chapter responded to word of the refugees' plight by creating a fund to help Valencia and others in Mexico rent a place to meet and work. The refugees, especially the women, are trying to establish a co-operative sewing workshop for products that might be sold abroad.

Ten members of the Salt Spring group each pledged \$10 a month to pay for the rent on a building to house the workshop, and efforts to help market the products are underway.

Voice of Women says anyone else who would like to participate in its international link are welcome. Brooke Holdack of the Rare Find is managing the fund, while Sheila Reid is acting as Latin American contact person.

Final card party held

The Fulford OAPO branch held its last card party of the season on Saturday, March 28. There were four tables of bridge and four tables playing 500, and two people playing Crib.

Bridge winners were Heddie Andersen for the ladies and Bob Patterson for the men. Low scores went to Mr. Minten and to Gladys Harper.

Winners of 500 were Ann Jameski for the ladies and George Catlin for the men. Low scores

went to Gladys Slingsby and Chester Reynolds.

The crib game was won by Edna Fraser, and the runner-up was Virginia Reynolds.

A hamper was won by Kay Catlin, and a second prize by Mary Mollet.

A stuffed toy dog, donated by Norah Craig, was won by Ellen Bennett.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the card-playing.

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Mild weather means plants ahead of schedule

Last week's article covered some of the multitude of things in the garden that need attention during April, and this time around, we had better finish off the list of timely chores.

With the weather having been so mild, plants are at least a couple of weeks ahead of where they would be during an average year, and this tends to compress some of the gardening activities into a shorter time frame — i.e., things are about to get hectic.

The first thing to deal with is the return of the dreaded tent caterpillar, as some of the warmer, sunnier gardens have now hatched out groups of young, small caterpillars, making their way up and down the stems in search of fresh new leaves to eat. While considerable control may have been achieved with the use of a lime sulphur-dormant oil spray, some of the vast number of egg bands will, no doubt, have been missed.

For treatment measures, the best choice is to use *Bacillus thuringiensis* sprays, *B.t.*, sold as *Dipel*, *Thuricide* or *Organic Crawling Insect Killer*, is effective against leafrollers, cutworms, loopers, tent caterpillars, and all other caterpillars that are the larval stages of moths and butterflies.

Since it is harmless to other insects, you will not injure or kill any bees, parasitic insects or other beneficial bugs in your garden. Using Diazinon or any other insecticide at this time of year will jeopardize the well-being of a whole host of welcome, helpful insects in your yard.

If you follow recommended rates and application instructions, the small tent caterpillars will stop eating the same day and will die in a few days. Small spot treatments are effective and you don't have to spray the insects directly, only the tents, leaves and stems that they will frequent. Mix up only what you will need and use while it's fresh, as old solutions lose their effectiveness.

Try to avoid pruning, picking or burning off the caterpillar nests, as you will detrimentally alter the form of the tree and the succulent, new plant tissues are sensitive and easily damaged.

Many of the daffodils, narcissi and some of the early tulips have finished their blooming and should now have their flower heads removed to keep the plant energies

your garden

by
Chris Schmah

from going into seed production. Leave the green tops for several more weeks, until they start to yellow, before cutting the tops off. Tying up the leaves in a knot helps to tidy them and hastens the dying back of the foliage, but it does little or nothing at this time to promote the health and vigour of the plants. To give them a helping hand, topdress or broadcast a bulb food, bonemeal or 4-10-10 around the bulbs, rake it lightly and water in well.

Since the season is so advanced, many annuals and bedding plants are available now, and may be planted out if you feel confident that we won't be getting any more frosts. Don't even attempt to plant out begonias, impatiens, brouwallia, fuchsias, geraniums, trailing verbenas or zinnia plants until the end of the month, or even early May (preferable). Pinch out the growing tips of almost all of your annuals when they reach four to six inches in height, to stimulate branching and more bushy plants. Refrain from pinching our nicotianas, poppies or asters.

This is a good month for planting any perennials that have been purchased or grown in pots. Most of the late summer-fall blooming perennials such as fall aster, *Anemone japonica*, michaelmas daisies, hardy phlox, *Helenium*, shasta daisies and even delphiniums may still be divided this month. As the *Aubretias*, and *Arabis* finish blooming, cut them

back fairly hard to develop fuller, healthier plants.

In the orchard, you may still carry out pruning, but spraying will have to be limited to *B.t.* for those caterpillars, as all other insecticides will kill the bees during the blooming season. Dormant sprays are too late, and will damage the young, unfolding bud tissues.

This is still good weather for planting strawberries, raspberries and other small fruit and berry bushes. Keep up with weeding around and amongst the plants, using a mulch to keep the stems and crowns clear so you won't have to use a weedeater too close to the shrubs' and trees' bark where you might do damage. If you have a fig tree, the green buds are flushing and you should prune the 1986 growth back to leave only three or four buds per stem, for optimal growth and fig production.

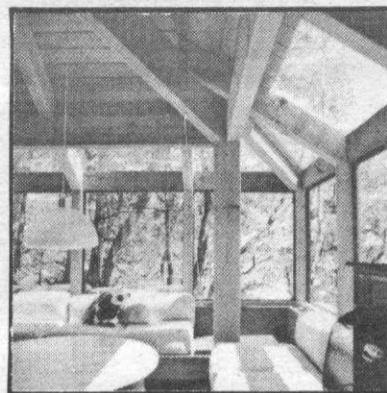
Several shrubs in the garden that require pruning immediately after blooming has finished include: red flowering currant, forsythia, varieties of *Viburnum tinus*, *Viburnum bodnantense*, winter heathers, early spring blooming white spiraea, flowering quince, camellias, and the lily of the valley shrubs (*Pieris*). As a general rule,

remove those portions of the wood that have flowered, and one third of the oldest wood to keep the plant vigorous and healthy. You should also be pruning or shearing your boxwood plants or hedges, cotoneaster and pyracanthas to induce new wood for this coming season's show.

In two to three weeks, it will be time to fertilize your rhododendrons, azaleas (deciduous and evergreen), camellias, skimmias, leucothoes, pieris and kalmias, all of them being acid soil lovers. You can either feed them with a single dose of rhodo-azalea food (acid-generating upon breakdown) late this month, or you can give them

half of the recommended dose as the flower buds break and the other half in mid-to-late-June when the plants are actively growing and starting to set up buds for next year. The choice is yours.

That about wraps it up for fun things to do in the garden in April. Until next week, happy gardening.



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Task force winds down with list of suggestions

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members) includes outdoor storage. Group Two, which could conceivably be combined with Group One, covers gasoline stations, auto repair shops, body shops and recycling operations located indoors.

Group Three tentatively includes boat building, wood products, light manufacturing, fish plants and car sales. The fourth group suggested by the task force would include storage of resource products, sand and gravel screening plants, sawmills, aggregate crushing and other similar uses.

The task force has also proposed establishment of a Rural Industrial classification, which includes seven sub-categories of rural industrial land use. James said the Rural Industrial classification is designed as a "bridge between home occupations and industrial" use of island properties.

Occupations and land uses that the task force proposes to permit under the Rural Industrial classification are: gas-powered motor repair; welding; auto-repair (including heavy machinery); contractors' yards (no regular retail sales); boat-building; wrought iron, sheet metal work; and pet boarding kennels.

In addition to grouping and classifying these industries, task force members considered the controversial issue of home occupations. After weeks of discussion, a set of seven principles relating to home occupations was established by the task force. They are:

- any regulation of home occupations should be directly aimed at mitigating or eliminating expected negative impact on the community;
- different categories for home occupations should be established, based on the level of regulation required;
- consideration should be given to the effect of home occupations on full-scale business;
- restrictions or prohibitions should be used to ensure that home occupations do not degrade environmentally-sensitive areas;
- regulations should minimize the potential for home occupations to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of nearby properties;
- the official Community Plan should address the issue of expanding home occupations and should include: a statement on the intent of home occupations; a statement on the need to protect neighbours from possible negative effects; an explanation of the process for dealing with expanding home occupations; and possible sites where types of home occupations which are no longer compatible with adjacent uses may relocate to, or locational criteria which should be considered for proposing alternative sites; and
- all home occupation regulations should be legally sound and practical to enforce.

The task force has proposed seven home occupation "groups."

It is suggested that all property zones could accommodate private offices and studios, personal services (such as hairdressing and dog-grooming), bed and breakfast operations, day care, and small appliance repair as home occupations.

The task force has proposed, however, that retail and restaurant services not be permitted as home occupations under a new Islands Trust zoning bylaw. The committee has also suggested that the new zoning bylaw include the "legal non-conforming" paragraph found in the preamble to most provincial zoning bylaws.


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The Industrial Task Force has also wrestled with the issue of industrial operations and where they should be permitted on the island. The group's recommendations with regards to suggested "sites" will be announced later this week.


The Industrial Task Force currently consists of James, Andy Dietrich, Norm Mouat, Hal Wright, Tom Wright, Marge Leckie, Murray Poyntz, Fran Thompson and Don Hickman. Islands Trust members Pat Byrne and Nick Gilbert sat in on the group's deliberations as observers.

The task force has been meeting every week since last fall. The group was established to give Islands Trust officials a series of recommendations that could be used to draw up a new zoning bylaw for Salt Spring Island.



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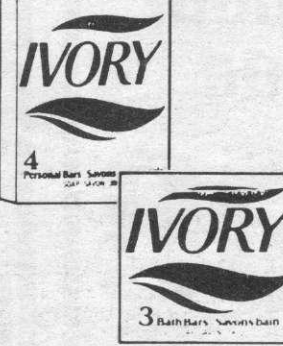
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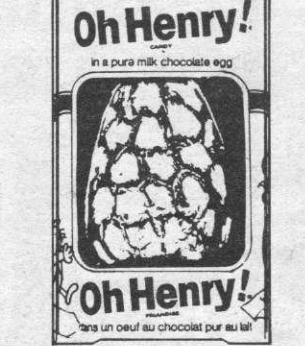


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