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Hey, it does hurt

Capital Region health nurse Jane Cameron gives an injection to a surprised B. J. Basarab. Basarab,

a kindergarten student at the Galiano School, couldn't remember having a "needle"

before. Although the experience wasn't pleasant, it ended so quickly that she didn't have time to cry.

SFU professor looks to Salt Spring

Island archaeological dig planned

A Simon Fraser University (SFU) professor hopes to organize an archeological exploration of Indian middens on Salt Spring Island this summer.

Dr. Roy Carlson has applied to the provincial government's heritage conservation branch for a permit to conduct excavations on three adjoining properties on the island. The location of the site is not being disclosed at present, to guard against anyone disturbing the middens before the archeological team arrives to set up its camp.

Dr. Carlson, who headed up excavations conducted over the past few years at Pender Canal, told *Driftwood* last week that the Salt Spring project would be conducted by one of his graduate students, David Johnston.

Johnston, who worked with Dr. Carlson at Pender Canal, will be assisted by two SFU archeology students and, hopefully, by crews of local volunteers.

Dr. Carlson said he is teaching at the university this summer but intends to visit the Salt Spring site at regular intervals, "or whenever David comes across something unusual."

The Salt Spring middens show evidence of having been used by coastal Indians as a dwelling site about 2,500 to 3,000 years ago, Dr. Carlson said. That time frame means the site would likely yield the same type of artifacts and research information as found at Pender Canal.

Dr. Carlson and Johnston visited Salt Spring 10 days ago to view the prospective excavation site. One property owner, who requested anonymity until Dr. Carlson chooses to identify the dig's location, said the SFU team explored the site by inserting a probe into the ground to depths of up to three metres.

If approved, the Salt Spring dig would be conducted from June 1 to late August, Dr. Carlson said. Before the start-up, the archeological team would visit the island to conduct a lecture and organize volunteers who wish to help with the work.

If volunteers wish to come forward before the SFU team arrives to recruit workers, they should telephone 537-4145 for more information.

Seniors consider protests

Two senior citizens' organizations on Salt Spring will consider protesting changes in B.C.'s Pharmacare program at meetings to be held here during the coming weeks.

The Golden Age Recreation Club and Branch 170 (Fulford) of the B.C. Old Age Pensioners organization will put the issue before their members within the next two weeks. The recreation club meets tomorrow (Thursday) while the Fulford BCOAP is scheduled to discuss the matter at a meeting slated for April 28.

In an effort to save money, the B.C. government has raised the deductible limit to \$275 from \$200 for individuals covered by the provincial Pharmacare program. The ministry of health is also requiring senior citizens — a group that previously paid no drug costs — to pay 75 per cent of the drug dispensing fee (an average of just under \$5) to an annual maximum limit of \$125.

Bill Harper, president of the Gold Age Recreation Club, said Friday he feels the changes in B.C.'s Pharmacare program could hurt quite a few seniors in this area.

"There are quite a few here who are living below the poverty line," he said, "and quite often, it's the ones on low incomes who are also taking prescriptions."

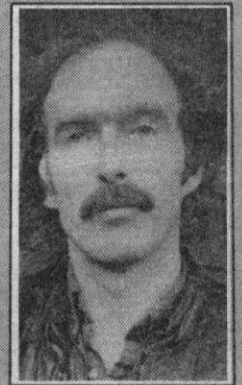
Evelyn Lee, president of the Fulford BCOAP branch, agreed with Harper. Lee said seniors would definitely be affected by the changes, particular the one requiring them to pay 75 per cent of dispensing fees.

Pharmacist Les Ramsey, proprietor of the Pharmasave store in Ganges, also expressed concern over changes in B.C.'s Pharmacare program.

Ramsey said he feels the provincial government is "taxing the wrong people" by raising Pharmacare fees for seniors. He added that he was not opposed to the idea of raising additional money for the program, but felt

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Easter carving

David Halliwell's carving of the crucifixion will be displayed at the United Church over Easter. Page 9.



Sworn in

Salt Spring's Power and Sail Squadron installed a new slate of officers last Friday night. Page 13.



Speaking out

Gulf Islander places third in speech contest which drew participants from all over Vancouver Island. Page 21.

Deadlines

The Easter holiday weekend has forced advancement of regular *Driftwood* advertising deadlines.

All display, classified display and real estate advertisements for the April 22 issue of *Driftwood* must be in our offices by 5 pm tomorrow — Thursday, April 16.

The holiday weekend will not affect normal delivery of *Driftwood*.

New industrial areas proposed

Members of the Industrial Task Force gave final consideration last Thursday to a list of Salt Spring Island areas they feel are suitable for industrial use.

The task force, established last fall by the Islands Trust to develop recommendations on zoning and land-use issues here, has identified several areas it feels may be suitable industrial locations. The list includes:

- The triangle of properties extending from Lower Ganges

Task force offers zoning guidelines

Road south to Rainbow Road, and from the B.C. Hydro transmission line right-of-way east to approximately Atkins Road and the B.C. Hydro sub-station.

This area, zoned primarily

Agriculture 1, would be subject to release from the Agricultural Land Reserve. Use of an access road, task force members felt, could reduce impact on the area.

- Properties along Rainbow Road, from Jackson Avenue to the fish plant, possibly for automotive uses only.

- The area from Pallot Way west to the B.C. Hydro transmission lines.

- Land south of Rainbow Road to

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Task force outlines proposed industrial areas

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Mouat Park, along the proposed ministry of highways' bypass route.

- Norton Road east along King's Lane to Upper Ganges Road.
- Along Long Harbour Road, at level places. (It is suggested that properties at the western end of Long Harbour Road might be most suitable.)

- The corner of Robinson Road and Upper Ganges Road, for Industrial Groups 1, 2 and 3. (Group One industries are those considered to be the least offensive. Group Two includes gasoline stations, auto repair shops, body shops and recycling operations located indoors. Group Three tentatively encompasses

Group requesting input from Salt Spring residents

boat building, wood products, light manufacturing, fish plants and car sales.)

- Musgrave Road and Jones Road near the site of gravel pits.

Task force members said Thursday they used several criteria to select those areas as possible locations for industry.

Trust representative Nick Gilbert said most of the lands are far enough away from high-density residential areas to minimize conflict with these sectors. Most of them are located near or along the B.C. Hydro transmission line. The identified areas are also

outside watersheds, and many are located close to properties already zoned for industrial use. Others are located near areas that have traditionally been used for industrial operations such as gravel pits.

The task force said it made every effort to select areas located outside well-travelled and scenic routes. As one task force member noted, most island residents do not enjoy the sight of industrial operations — and neither do tourists.

Although a significant portion of the land base identified as

suitable for industry is included in the Agricultural Land Reserve, task force members tried to select as possible industrial locations those properties that have little real agricultural potential because of poor soils, steep gradients or other factors. Areas that could not be improved to Class 3 agricultural lands or better were considered as possible future industrial locations.

Task force members stressed at the meeting that the identified areas are merely suggested locations for industry. They encourage residents to attend the public

meeting on April 28 and voice their opinions on task force recommendations. A map outlining all areas proposed as future locations for industry will be displayed at the meeting for the convenience of those attending — although it will only show approximate locations.

Members of the task force also pointed out that although an area may be identified as a possible industrial location, there is no guarantee it will ever become industrial. All areas identified by the task force will retain their current zoning — much of which is agricultural — until someone applies to have them rezoned.

Even if such a rezoning application is made, it will still be subject to a public hearing.

SFU's review of Islands Trust now delayed

Reviews and rewrites will likely delay the release of an academic review of the Islands Trust until early June.

The report, being prepared by Simon Fraser University (SFU) professor Michael McGonnigle and students in his resource management class, was originally expected to be ready for public perusal in late April or early May.

However, McGonnigle said last week he intends to circulate the first draft of the report among many of the people who were interviewed by his students, then incorporate the comments received into a second draft.

The time involved in circulating the first draft and completing a second draft means the report is unlikely to be ready for release until after the May 24 holiday weekend, he said.

The SFU report will be an independent appraisal of the Trust's resource management structure, the support it receives, and its strengths and weaknesses. McGonnigle describes it as "an institutional profile of Islands Trust management."

McGonnigle and 12 of his students began the study in January. Data was collected through a public opinion poll conducted by telephone with 150 Trust-area residents picked at random, a questionnaire sent to all trustees — past and present — and interviews with people knowledgeable about Trust issues.

The people interviewed covered a full spectrum "from developers to self-styled anarchists," McGonnigle said, and produced opinions which fit all interests represented in the Trust area.

"I think the conclusions and recommendations will make a lot of sense," McGonnigle added.

Task force sets date for public meeting

The Islands Trust Industrial Task Force will put its recommendations before the public at a meeting to be held April 28 in the Gulf Islands Secondary School band room.

The meeting, set to start at 7:30 pm, will see task force members outline their recommendations on a variety of Salt Spring Island zoning and land-use issues. Suggested regulations for home occupations and industrial zoning will be presented for public consideration, as well as recommendations relating to rural industries and other matters.

'These are merely suggestions.'

Task force chairman Pat James encourages residents to attend the meeting to voice their opinions and offer suggestions. She stressed that the task force's proposals are designed merely as a framework for public discussion.

"We ask them to bring a pad for taking a few notes on, something they can write their questions down on as the meeting progresses," James said. "Also, if they have a copy of the *Driftwood's* articles on the task force recommendations which appeared April 8 and 15, they could bring them along, too.

"We want to emphasize that these are merely suggestions," she continued. "We want to hear from people."

Meeting to be held April 28

The Industrial Task Force has been meeting every week since last fall. The group — which consists of James, Andy Dietrich, Norm Mouat, Hal Wright, Marge Leckie, Murray Poyntz, Fran Thompson and Don Hickman — was established to give Islands Trust officials a series of recommendations that could be used to draw up a new Salt Spring Island zoning bylaw.

Islands Trust representatives Pat Byrne and Nick Gilbert, as well as Advisory Planning Commission member Tom Wright, serve on the task force as observers.

The Industrial Task Force, James noted, will meet again after the April 28 meeting to collate all suggestions from the public. It will then make its final report to the Islands Trust.

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. . . by Richards

That's Betty Galt!

There was a mistake, incredible as it might appear. Betty Galt was taking part in the affairs of the auxiliary to Lady Minto Hospital.

Alas! When it appeared in ink, she was identified two weeks ago in *Driftwood* as president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion. Which she ain't.

Last week the error was corrected. She was clearly identified as chairman of the Lady Minto Hospital Board. Which she ain't.

Just so that nobody gets confused, least of all Betty herself who must be wondering where she's at, she is president of the hospital auxiliary. And that she is!

Betty is also a member of the Legion executive on Salt Spring Island.

How to cook it

Anne Lauder, in Calgary, has also come to my help. I wrote a few weeks ago of childhood memories of semolina pudding. Where had it gone?

My Alberta correspondent doesn't speak from memory, but from authority. She quotes Mrs. Beeton's Household Management and emphasizes that it is not the original, but the New Edition of 1923.

And to make sure that if there remain other semolina addicts, here is the answer, according to the Lauder-Beeton school of thought:

Ingredients: 1½ pints of milk; three to four tablespoons of semolina; one tablespoon moist sugar; two eggs; bay leaf or other flavouring; salt.

Method: Put the milk, with a good pinch of salt and the bay leaf, into the stewpan. When boiling, sprinkle in the semolina and cook gently for 10 minutes, stirring meanwhile. Cool slightly, remove the bay leaf, stir in the sugar, yolks of eggs and, lastly, the stiff-whisked whites of the eggs. Turn into a buttered pie dish and bake gently from 25 to 30 minutes.

Time: about one hour. Sufficient for five of six persons.

Note: In place of bay leaf, lemon rind or cinnamon may be used.

I must needs try it out!

Saanich man looking for pet falcon

A Saanich man is trying to locate a pet falcon he believes could be on Salt Spring Island.

When John Hitchmough's bird went missing about two months ago, the owner believed it had been shot by a hunter or fallen ill. "I was resigned to the loss," he said Monday. "I considered it dead."

However, Hitchmough later heard a rumour that someone on Salt Spring Island had found a falcon which matched the description of his bird. And he's hoping word of his search printed in *Driftwood* could track his bird down.

"If someone there *did* find a falcon, I'd like them to call me," he said. Hitchmough's number is 652-5062.

The Saanich man's bird is an African falcon. It looks much like a peregrine, he says, and is quite tame. On one leg, it has a gold-coloured band with the legend *Canadian Government*, followed by a serial number.

Victoria Cross

Two distinguished Canadian soldiers have been warm to the hearts of islanders and others in this province. Both men were awarded the greatest of all medals during the First Great War. Both men held elected office after the end of that war.

Major-General George Pearkes was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery under fire. Col. Cy Peck received the same prized decoration from King George V for the same outstanding courage in battle. He was a serving member of parliament at the time.

Cy Peck came to Saanich Peninsula, where he lived for many years and where he was elected to the provincial legislature. George Pearkes came back from the war and was elected to Parliament to represent the islands and the Saanich Peninsula as member for Nanaimo.

In the inter-war period the only island ferry was named in honour of the former war her.

The King had honoured these men and the community echoed that commendation when the sturdy little Cy Peck became a very part of the islands communities.

Last week the final tribute to one of the pair was made posthumously by his family. The Victoria Cross which had been the proud possession of the Peck family for almost 70 years was presented to his old regiment, the Canadian Scottish, by his sons.

It is fitting that both these outstanding soldiers served their communities with distinction in peace and in war.

For as long as there remains a veteran in the islands, the names of Cy Peck and George Pearkes will be remembered.

Clear to view!

You could see clear to the end of the garden. That was at eight o'clock on Sunday evening. It's likely never happened before. It's more than likely that 8 pm of April 5 in past years has still been in the doldrums. But not this year!

It's Pacific and it's daylight and it's time! Let's keep it that way!

setting it straight

An April 8 *Driftwood* article on recycling efforts in the Gulf Islands region indicated — incorrectly — that pesticides and hazardous wastes could be dropped off at the Salt Spring Island recycling centre for disposal.

The centre does *not* handle pesticides or hazardous wastes. Since the building which stores recyclable goods is open and sometimes visited by children,

organizers are concerned about local residents depositing any of those items here.

Anyone wishing to dispose of pesticides or hazardous wastes should contact the nearest Environment Canada office. The local recycling office also notes that Environment Canada sends a crew to pick up such goods in the summer, and that those visits are always advertised well in advance. Watch *Driftwood* for details.

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Druggist concerned

Seniors to discuss Pharmacare change

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Pharmacare fees should be based on each individual's ability to pay.

Ramsey said he felt it would "make good sense" if seniors with higher incomes paid a larger percentage of their prescription costs, while those on middle and low incomes paid less.

At least one pharmacist in the Lower Mainland said last week that changes in the Pharmacare program may discourage low-income seniors from purchasing desperately-needed prescriptions — or force them to reduce recommended dosages so their prescription drugs last longer.

Ramsey said this could indeed happen. "It's conceivable," he noted.

Although the B.C. government

has indicated that the GAIN supplement for seniors will be increased by \$125 to compensate for increased prescriptions costs, Ramsey said he feels there are many seniors who do not "know anything about GAIN."

"I had one old age pensioner come in the other day who said he didn't think it was the government's intention to do this to seniors," Ramsey continued. "But he said he'd never been told anything about GAIN and thought there were many seniors who didn't know anything about it."

Ramsey said neither the B.C. Pharmacists Society nor the B.C. College of Pharmacists has taken a stand on the changes to Pharmacare. He expressed the hope that B.C.'s government would "take another look" at the changes.

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Guidelines should bring order to land-use issue

High marks must go to the Islands Trust task force which recently completed its study into industrial land use on Salt Spring Island. The group, headed by Pat James, has turned in a thorough, well-thought-out set of recommendations aimed at bringing a sense of order to a tangled realm.

Now the real work begins. The recommendations must be held up for public comment and review before all or some of them are enshrined in bylaw form. As bylaws, the acceptable suggestions will act as guidelines for the where, when and how of future industrial development in certain pockets of the island.

When the public sifts through the recommendations, accepting some and rejecting

others, it will perform the most important phase of the task force exercise. It is essential that as many interested people as possible take the time to review the industrial land-use suggestions and turn out to contribute their opinions to the consensus-gathering process.

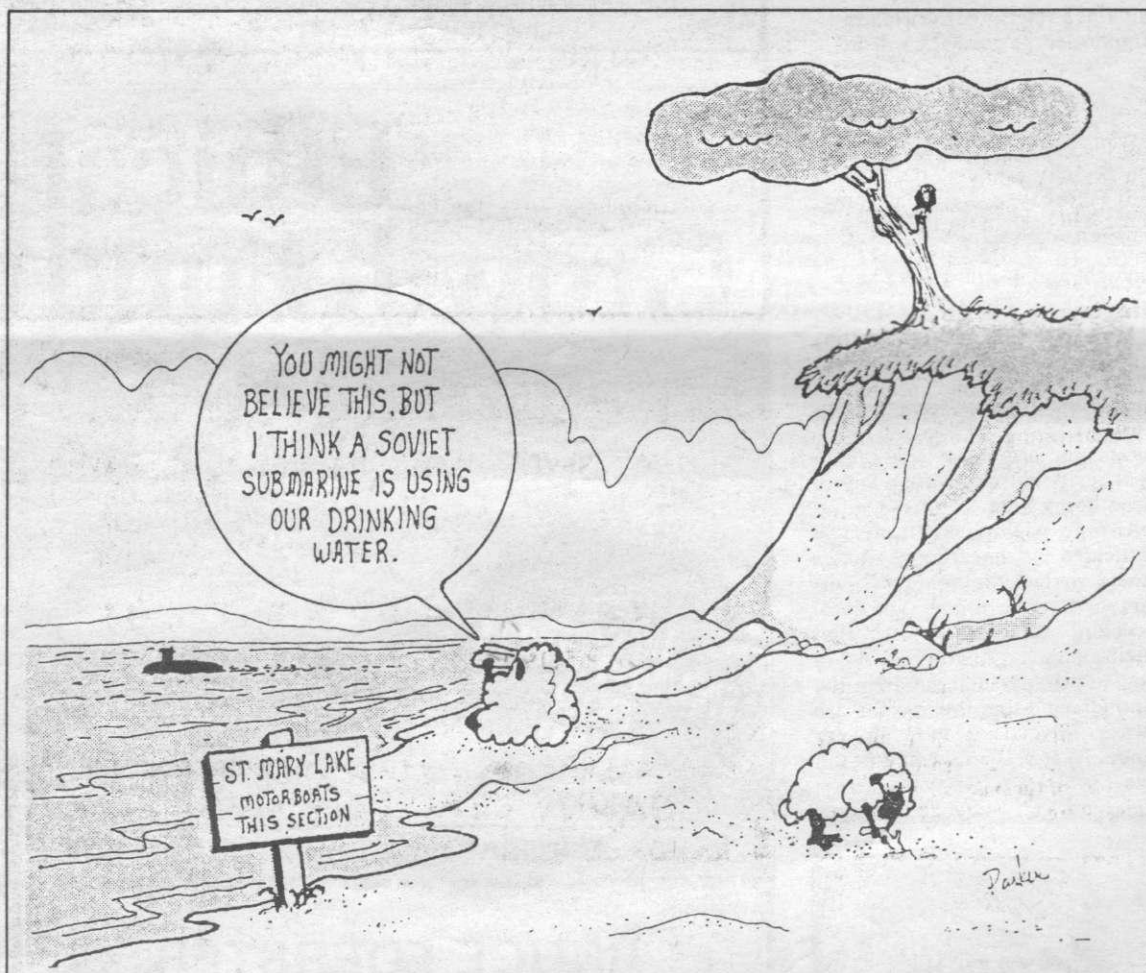
Why? Because industrial land use is a touchy subject on an island known and loved for its relative absence of same. Some of us would rather live without nearby industry of any kind; others say we cannot live here without the jobs and services those industries provide.

Somewhere in between lies the route Salt Spring will inevitably take. If we can chart that course now, dictating how much industry we are willing to accept and where the home occupations and

woodworking shops will be housed, an ongoing source of friction could be removed.

The last thing we need is a repeat of the asphalt plant issue, a classic case of the barn door being pushed shut after the horse had bolted. That the horse was captured and returned home is beside the point — if proper bylaws, guidelines and public consensus had been in place at that time, the plant would never have been an issue.

The recommendations offered us by the industrial task force promise to form the basis of just the type of guidelines needed to bring order to the land-use issue. Public comment will see some of those suggestions shot down, and let allowed to fly, but in the end we should have something enshrined which will tell us where we are going. And that's half the battle.



Hansen, Roberts drives offer extreme contrasts

After two years of hard travel around the world, Rick Hansen is back in B. C. for the last length of his *Man In Motion* tour to raise funds for spinal cord research. The sweat, the toil, the two years of hand-over-hand wheeling has so far netted about \$8 million for his cause.

To the south of us, in Oklahoma, Oral Roberts has ascended once more into his prayer tower to tell his followers that the \$8 million they sent to spare his life isn't enough. God will not call him home right now, Oral indicated, but you'd better send some more money just in case.

It's probably unfair to compare the Rick Hansen campaign to the Oral Roberts appeal for funds: the first is a relatively low-profile, low-budget drive that has as much to do with raising the stature of the disabled as it does with collecting dollars; the second relied on extensive media exposure — and publicity — and raised as many questions about the ethics of TV evangelists as it did cash to save Oral's life.

But comparing apples to oranges, as we are doing in this case, is not always without merit. The contrast between the way the two appeals have been conducted, the similarity between the sums collected, even the publicity each drive has collected, all tell us much about ourselves as a human race — particularly what and how quickly we are willing to donate to keep body and soul together respectively.

Warm climes expected to increase retiree flow

Before the end of this month, the provincial government is expected to announce it is launching a study of the impact an older population will have on health care delivery by the turn of the century.

My information is that the study will be more like an internal review of the health ministry's goals and objectives, looking at ways it can consult with community groups and others to better prepare to deal with the increasing numbers of people who will be in the so-called senior citizens' age bracket by the year 2000.

The province expects our growing-older population will have a significant impact on health care costs before the launch of a new century. In his budget speech last

month, Finance Minister — and Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA — Mel Couvelier noted that "relentless cost pressures" are coming to bear on the health care system, and listed "our rapidly aging population" as one of the chief reasons.

If the pressure is severe now, it will be more so later on. An economic analysis prepared recently by the B.C. Central Credit Union notes that over the past 10 years, the number of people in B.C. over the age of 65 has increased by 49 per cent. One in every eight people now living in B.C. qualifies for old-age pension cheques. Based on present demographic trends, the Credit Union expects that by the year 2025, one in six British Columbians will be age 65

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

or over. In short, retirees are expected to flock to this province, drawn by our warm climes and beautiful natural surroundings.

The economic analysis continues:

One of the most significant areas for planning may be with respect to health care. The cost of medical services for a person over age 65 is about five times the per capita cost for a person under age 65. If more people retire to B.C.

than assumed in the current population projections, health care costs in B.C. could skyrocket relative to the rest of Canada.

... It's too early to tell if the incidence of migration to B.C. among people over the age of 65 points to a significant increase in the rate of inflow. However, even during the recession of the early 1980s, when B.C. experienced net out-migration, net in-migration among the 65-and-over category continued.

Back to the budget. In it, Couvelier warned that unless some control is achieved over growing health care costs, the bill will "gradually eliminate our ability to finance other government services."

Undoubtedly, the concern over

the bottom line had something to do with the health care cost increases outlined in the budget and passed onto users — including two aimed mainly at the over-65 set, one raising the Pharmacare deductible limit and the other asking seniors to pay 75 per cent of the dispensing fee for prescription drugs.

As outlined elsewhere in this week's issue of *Driftwood*, those two budget measures have prompted senior citizens — including those on the Gulf Islands — to fight back. The thread connecting the influx of retirees, a population slowly growing older, rising health care costs and the flexing of political muscles will be continued in this corner next week.

Pool slides

Sir,
The Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society would like to offer the community a unique opportunity to learn about the concept of leisure pools.

A slide presentation, complete with commentators and commentary, is now available for showing to any and all groups and organizations on the islands. The presentation, created by Gary McCartie, is based on slides taken by local photographer Barbara Woodley. The main thrust of the presentation is to explain the leisure pool concept and what is envisioned for our island pool.

We are eager to visit with every group on the island, in order that we can present the slides and the leisure pool concept to as many people as possible. As we get closer to knowing the specific details of our particular pool, the slide show will change and grow accordingly, so that people may keep informed as we progress.

If we can bring the presentation to one of your group meetings, or if you can gather some neighbourhood friends at your home to see it, please call me at 537-9265.

We heartily encourage you to make use of this valuable and exciting resource, developed by local people specifically for our community.

WENDY J. VINE,
Salt Spring Island
Swimming Pool Society.

Caring island

Sir,
David and I always knew how lucky we were to live on Salt Spring, and now that he's dead, I realize even more what it means to live on such a caring island. Thank you to so many for your kindness and sympathy.

VAL KEYS,
Ganges.

Protests

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to MLA Mel Duvelier, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
My family and I would like to register our protest against the 1987 Sacred budget proposal which intends to cut physiotherapy and chiropractor rates of repayment from the MSP by \$5 per patient visit. This, for the physiotherapists, means a cut from \$11.20 for a single patient visit to a ridiculously low of \$6.20.

I am sure I don't need to highlight to you all the economic

hardships these cuts in MSP coverage for these two services imply to lower-income individuals forced to use these services for continued good health. Obviously the patient will be expected to pay the difference between the MSP payment and the charge the professionals will expect for their services. This means every time a patient now visits a physiotherapist or chiropractor, they will pay \$5.

I wonder why the government has forced these two small groups into the position of needing to extra bill for their professional services? I must assume the small number of physiotherapists and chiropractors make them a discreet target to begin introducing the concept of extra billing to the public.

Most people will likely let this one slip by unnoticed. It seems relatively innocuous. How many people use these services, anyway?

Yes, for most of us lucky ones this slight erosion of our health benefits will cause little difficulty. But I would like to suggest that if we have a continued indifferent voting public we will continue to have an indifferent government. If we wish to protect ourselves in the long run, we must protect the weak ones now.

Our socialized medical coverages have been under attack recently. If we want to keep them we must be prepared to fight for all services currently covered and not allow any group or service to be cut back now. Why are you bragging that health care will increase by 8.1 per cent? What does that really mean? Does that keep up with with inflation?

I think you are trying to sell the public something I hope they are too smart to buy!
CAROL JANYK,
Fulford Harbour.

Guild schedule

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the Salt Spring Painters' Guild members, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Some important dates to note on your calendars: on May 16, 17 and 18, the annual spring show will be held at Mahon Hall. This is an opportunity for all guild members to participate in and contribute to

letters

this event. Check your membership renewal. Your ideas, effort and time will make this show the best one yet.

Of special note: April 22, a business meeting will be held to discuss the show and also the program. Please come to share with the executive your ideas and thoughts for future programming. We want to hear from everyone.

April 29 will be a workshop to create small paintings and/or prints to donate to the Guild's workshop fund — everyone should come prepared to work.

Your effort will ensure the continuance of the high level of instruction that we have enjoyed.

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Join

Sir,
I am writing on behalf of Fulford OAPO Branch 170. We recently had Wayne Taylor and Josie Clements speak to us. Quite a number of us joined the swimming pool society that day, which shows we are in favour of the project. We wish the society every success.

EVELYN M. LEE,
President,
Fulford OAPO.

Smoking lounge

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the Salt Spring Transportation Committee, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
My excitement at finally getting the *Bowen Queen* back on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run was quickly "dulled" the first day by the penetrating reminder that the cafeteria lounge, with its beautiful panorama, is a smoking area. Sure, one end is designated "non-smoking," but it takes only five minutes for the smoke cloud to roll over from the "smoking" end to the other.

The two half-size lower lounges on the *Bowen Queen* are completely separate and are quite reasonably designated as one for smoking and one for non-smoking passengers. Since these lounges are also part of the passage ways to the upper lounge, these designations

also enable passengers to choose to walk through a smoke-free corridor.

The full-size upper lounge however, is effectively a smoking area, so about three-quarters of the lounge space on the ferry is smoke-filled and only one-quarter is "non-smoking." I think the reverse would be a more reasonable designation and would reflect the healthy trend in society to acknowledge the rights of the ever-increasing, non-smoking majority.

Please consider designating the entire upper lounge as *non-smoking*.

I live on Salt Spring and commute five days a week to

Victoria. I love the ferry ride but detest breathing smoke and carrying the smell of smoke on my clothes. There are a lot of other non-smoking commuters who share this concern.
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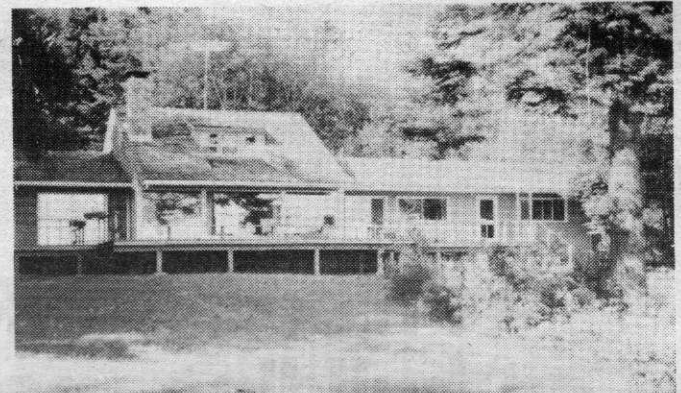
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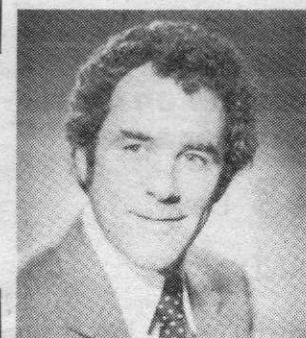
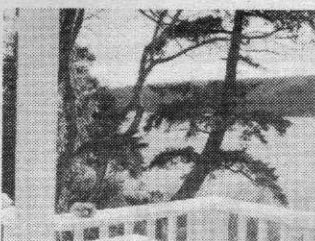
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Sir,
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The envelopes came to my address and the money was forwarded to the central office in Vancouver by Island Savings Credit Union. Official receipts which could not be given in person were mailed from the Victoria unit office.

Efforts will also be made to ensure that, in future, all the Gulf Islands will receive mail drop contribution envelopes: unfortunately that was not the case this year. However, this year's contributions will be more than \$4,500.

A thank you also goes to all those volunteers who made the two-day information display both on February 13 and 14 a success. Thanks go to Mouat's Mall, for the space; the Rotary Club, for sponsoring the poster contest at GISS; the students, who did the great posters; the ambulance unit and Gerry Parrot; the Registered Nurses Association, for taking blood pressures for free; Salty Sweaters, for promoting healthy hearts through exercise; the volunteers, who handed out information and coaxed change into the collection cans; and of course, *Driftwood*, for good publicity.

As a result of these efforts, a lot of information was given out, several hundred dollars taken in at the booth, and I believe a cardiac support group may be formed on Salt Spring — watch *Driftwood* for further information.

February is Heart Month in Canada but contributions can be made to the B.C. Heart Foundation at any time. In *Memoriam* contributions may be made through the Victoria unit at 1008 Blanshard Street, Victoria, V8W 2H5.

Your contributions help the B.C. Heart Foundation towards its goal of eliminating heart attacks and strokes through research and education.
GERRY LAYARD,
Ganges.

Ferry service

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the B.C. Ferries Corporation, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
This is a note to let you know what I think of your recent fare increases. I don't like them. Most often, people don't mind paying more if their service is increased, but in this case, the service has dropped. In my business, driving a

delivery van, every minute counts, as I have to get as many as 30 stops done, and still make the return ferry.

The problem is that your schedule says the ferry from Long Harbour gets to Tsawwassen at 9:20 am. It has not made that time once since your rate increase. Granted, we may have different ideas of time and arrival. I take the time of arrival to be the moment when the dock ramp begins to descend to the deck of the ferry. There are times when I feel your time of arrival is the moment when land is sighted by the bridge.

It seems to me that there is something wrong when a ferry is consistently late. Either an adjustment should be made somewhere to allow the ferry to be on time (my suggestion is to load earlier), or you should revise your schedules so they don't lie.

On another note, it seems curious that the only time I can remember that you have actually had a schedule distributed before the date the schedule changed, you managed to screw up the timing of your rate increases — and made necessary another (expensive) publication explaining the new prices.

Finally, the new schedules are larger than the previous ones, and do not fit the special folder we have for them.

DAN EVANISHEN,
Ganges.

Heartfelt thanks

Sir,
On behalf of the Variety Club of B.C. I would like to thank you and the people of the Gulf Islands for your generous support of the Variety Club Telethon. With the assistance of *Driftwood* and the contributions from many individuals on the islands we were able to raise \$2,645,270.

Please convey Variety Club's heartfelt thanks to your readership. They have made a very real difference in the lives of hundreds of disabled and disadvantaged youngsters in this province.

BARBARA STEWART,
Variety Club of B.C.,
Vancouver.

Joint project

Sir,
Thank you for running the story about Gloria, the Salvadoran refugee whose revelations inspired Salt Spring women to pledge continuing support for her group in Mexico. We members of Voice

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of Women want to emphasize that this is a joint project between us and Gulf Islands Women's Place Society. Though we brought her from Mexico, the project took concrete form at their event and it is a happy collaboration.
MAGGIE SCHUBART,
Ganges.

Error made

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to CRD director Hugh Borsman and rec commission member Phil Hume, filed with this newspaper for publication.

You've made an error in forcing the Farmers' Market to move; I think the time has come to admit your blunder and put things back the way they were.

In pushing ahead with your park "beautification" (contrary to public opinion) you've managed to turn a healthy, spontaneous community event into utter chaos. You've made vendors angry and distrustful, you've toyed with the livelihood of Gasoline Alley merchants and have now succeeded in forcing confrontation between the two groups.

Maybe the biggest loss has been to the people, who made the event the success it was. Both locals and tourists alike are left asking "what happened?" Apparently even yourselves and the proprietor of Gasoline Alley are confused as to who has what property, and when.

The situation is out of hand and I ask you to rethink your "damn the torpedos" attitude. Reinstate the market to its former position and let's get back to the "island harmony" one of you was elected to achieve.

STEPHEN BALL,
Ganges.

New beginnings

Sir,
Easter is a time of new life and new beginnings. But for the 40 million destitute blind of the Third World there are few new beginnings. Poverty has doomed them to darkness and despair.

There is an all-Canadian organization, Operation Eyesight Universal, which brings eye treatment and educational programs to the destitute blind of Asia, Africa, Bangladesh and many other countries where there is a need.

Operation Eyesight Universal started about 25 years ago and I have been an admirer of them for many years. They manage donations so well that 90 cents out

of every dollar of income is used in curing the remedial blind.

A tax-deductible donation of \$25 covers the cost of surgery, food, hospital stay, post-operative care and glasses. It's a real miracle. Operation Eyesight, along with the co-operation of dedicated doctors and nurses in the developing world, can accomplish so much for so little money. And for every \$25 donation, you receive a patient identification card indicating who it was you restored to sight.

Miracles can happen and are

happening. We in Canada can help to make those blind eyes see again. Donations may be sent to Operation Eyesight Universal, P.O. Box 123, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2H6. They issue receipts for income tax purposes. What better way to celebrate Easter than to give someone a new life and a new beginning.

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New labour laws not what expected

VICTORIA — Those who expected Premier Vander Zalm to declare all-out war on trade unions by replacing the Labour Code with right-to-work legislation either breathe a sigh of relief now or are disappointed, depending on their political views.

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

Nevertheless, the new labor legislation constitutes the most radical surgery, by far, on the province's labour laws in decades. Among other things it gives a government-appointed commissioner the super powers to end strikes deemed harmful to the public interest.

But the legislative package placed before MLAs last week contains some highly explosive land mines that will produce a lot of opposition. It may, for instance, trigger the demise of the B.C. Teachers Federation (BCTF) by giving teachers a choice of opting out of the federation.

Membership in the BCTF will no longer be compulsory. Teachers in each school district will now have the option of either belonging to an association with full bargaining rights but without the right to strike, or forming a union with the resulting right to strike. This move will, no doubt, have the federation up in arms.

A college will be established to control the quality of entrants into the teaching profession and act as a self-disciplinary body for the

dispute. The mediation officer must report back within 20 days with recommended terms of settlement. He can also intervene in a labour dispute by conferring with the parties himself and recommending solutions, and by permitting a vote of employees on the employer's last offer.

If the commissioner believes that a dispute poses a threat to the public interest, he may order a 40-day cooling-off period during which no strikes or lockouts are allowed. He may also direct a panel of outsiders to designate essential services and he may appoint a Public Inquiry Board to look after the interests of the public.

A Public Inquiry Board will be able to hold public hearings and accept submissions from the public. It will have the power to bring about a settlement. If it fails to do so within 30 days, it must make recommendations to the commissioner for a settlement.

If the commissioner decides that a dispute threatens the public interest, he must submit a report to the legislature which may order a settlement, but not the terms of the settlement. If the legislature isn't sitting, cabinet may order a settlement, but must refer the decision to the legislature as soon as it is in session again.

Once the commissioner has received the recommendations from the Public Inquiry Board, the two disputing parties have 10 days to accept or reject the package. If one or both parties reject the recommendations, the commissioner can direct either the employer or employees to vote on them.

The commissioner also has the power to order arbitration proceedings, including a final offer selection. The latter will result in the acceptance of either management's offer or the union's demands with no changes. That section is intended to prevent outrageously low offers by management or extravagantly high union demands. Faced with a Russian roulette choice, both parties are expected to take more realistic positions.

The changes will trigger outcries. Unions will not be thrilled. Neither will teachers. Nor will the NDP. But unless I'm misreading the signs, there will be no mass rallies and protest marches.

On the whole, I believe the changes don't represent an assault on trade unions. They may, indeed, bring about better labour relations. In any case, things could hardly get worse than they have been.

'A new Industrial Relations Council will have sweeping powers.'

profession. The college will take part in bargaining, but membership will be compulsory for all teachers and administrators in the school system.

A new Industrial Relations Council will have sweeping powers to act in both public and private sector disputes that threaten the public interest. The council will be headed by Ed Peck, former Compensation Stabilization Commissioner.

It will have two operating divisions. The Industrial Relations Adjudication Division (IRAD) will be modelled after the existing Labour Relations Board with equal representation from both management and labour. It will deal with legal issues involving bargaining rights, unfair labour practices, strikes and picketing issues.

The Dispute Resolution Division (DRD) will mediate and monitor all labour disputes as well as designate essential services.

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Eat crow

Sir,

There will be many people eating crow if the parks commission is permitted to finish the market as per its plan. When the job is complete the market will be back where it has always been, except there will be trees and benches in place of trucks and vans.

This appears to be the only change they are making, except moving the large vehicles and those few vendors who must sell from a truck just around the corner.

Give your parks and recreation volunteers a chance and we will have a much nicer Saturday market.

ARTHUR S. HOPPING,
Ganges.

End result

Sir,

When the parks and recreation commission (PRC) closed the front of Centennial Park to vehicles, it had hoped the vendors would abandon their cars and use what was formerly the parking lot. Instead, all vendors chose the area alongside Gasoline Alley. There was confusion and eventual conflict with the tenants of Gasoline Alley. The tenants claimed their business was seriously affected and took steps to protect their territory.

The fact remains, however, that the CRD and the owner of Gasoline Alley, Bill McBay, have a legal contract that gives the Saturday market the right to use the whole area between the park and Gasoline Alley from 6 am to 2 pm each Saturday. We will try to work out some sort of compromise.

As far as the front of the park is concerned, we only await some preliminary paving and curbing before starting on the re-surfacing. The market, sans vehicles, will then take over again on a permanent basis. There appear to be a few who believe the front of the park should be a permanent parking lot. There are several reasons why this is not feasible, even though parking in the village is in short supply.

When the community-minded persons, calling themselves the Centennial Society, spent their time, energy and money to reclaim land from the sea and dedicated the resulting park to the pioneers, they didn't plan on creating a parking lot. The representatives of that group, the present Centennial Society trustees (which includes a Legion representative), agree that the park is for people, not for cars.

Secondly, a large number of persons have already donated their time, labour, materials and money to help see that Centennial Park becomes a centrepiece for the village, and a starting point for

beautification of the whole area. PRC is now taking steps that will assure a high level of maintenance for the whole park.

It is reasonable to conclude that the market should fit the park, rather than for half a day a week, have the park fit the market. But the market badly needed some alternative to what has been happening these past few summers, and most of the vendors recognize it. At a meeting of vendors and the commission last summer, in complaining about the difficulty in finding space for vending, the vendors maintained that about half of the vehicles were from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. What used to be a characteristic Island farmers' market has become big business, for the outsiders at least. Many of our local people have just given up during the busy summer months. Some, because of family responsibilities or other reasons, are unable to spare the time to go to the market on Friday and sleep in their cars overnight to protect their space. When the front of the park is finished, there will be ample room for everyone, with cars or trucks — if still used — around the corner.

The overall plan for the renovation of Centennial Park was done by a group of persons who were certainly sympathetic to the market and vendors. The PRC was only one of the many groups the committee approached and, like all the others, gave their blessing to the project; that was three years ago. However, due to the eventual transfer last year of the park from the province to the CRD (i.e., the Salt Spring community), the PRC became totally responsible. They also inherited overall responsibility for the renovations and all the accompanying problems. The commission requires its members to devote a great deal of their time to their duties, and the park problems they face are additional.

The commission is making every effort to sort out the problems, and they are confident that the end result will satisfy everyone, or almost everyone. If you have any

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comments, suggestions, or criticisms, why don't you phone one of the commission members. As you should know, you are certainly welcome to phone me at 537-2669.

HUGH BORSMAN,
Regional Director,
Ganges.

A reminder: The engineering department of the CRD is holding an open house at Mahon Hall from 1 pm to 6 pm on Tuesday, April 21. The reason, to discuss alternate ways of disposing of solid waste — i.e., garbage.

Attraction

Sir,

Having been visitors to Salt Spring Island for many years, we are greatly interested in the renovations being made in the market space in the town.

We noted with some dismay the present controversy over the temporary facilities while improvements are being made. It is apparent to us that when landscaping is finished, and the space for the new stalls is completed, that Salt Spring's market will be an attraction to the island, comparable to many of the fascinating markets we have visited in Europe.

SUSAN SIMONSON,
Shelandowan, Ontario.

Thanks

Sir,

Spirit of the West fans who arrived early at the Farmers' Institute on Saturday night, April 4, must have questioned our judgement in presenting such a hot band in such a cold building. The fact is, it was the only venue available that was large enough to accommodate the band's growing popularity.

By 11 pm, almost 300 people of all ages were warming up — some even working up a sweat — to one of Canada's fastest-rising bands. Although they were slated to perform at two benefits on the following day in Vancouver, *Spirit of the West* raged on until way past

bedtime. We applaud them and their crew for a sound victory over the elements.

We would like to thank the Community Arts Council, Video Ranch, Patterson's Store, *et cetera*, Vesuvius General Store, Molson's, *Driftwood*, Robert Brownsword, Al Black, Linda Laushway, Carol Young, Catherine Faulkner, John and Cathy Akehurst, Patricia Nobile,

Greg Pauker, Valdemar Horsdal, Simon Walker, Barney Walker, Luke Maron, Paul Beauvais, Paul Hart and Michael Armstrong. Special thanks to Ray Stewart and Jock Stewart at the Farmers' Institute and to the RCMP for their co-operation and assistance.

We are pleased that the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts was able to benefit from this event in their fund-raising drive.

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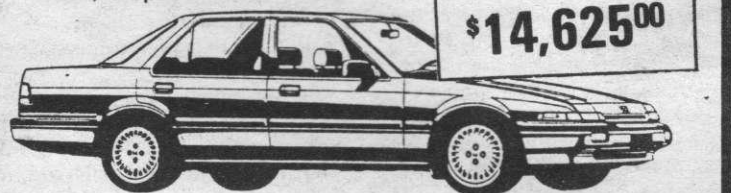
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Island man's carved creation on display for Easter services

This weekend's Easter services at Ganges United Church will be highlighted by the display of a section of juniper tree carved to depict the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The six-foot-tall carving is the work of Salt Spring resident David Halliwell, who has devoted five years of "on-again, off-again" effort to the work.

"It's my pet project, the one I turn to when I'm not busy doing something else," says Halliwell, whose pursuit of creativity has taken him into several artistic fields.

Carving is one field he entered seven years ago, one year before the section of juniper tree that now bears the likeness of Christ was found on Galiano Island and turned over to Halliwell by a friend.

"It was the stem of a tree with this weird, flatten-out branch just sticking way out, and I put it into a corner," he says. "One year later, it clicked — it was a one-armed cross."

After cleaning the wood, Halliwell found his inspiration was in sync with the branch's grain pattern and abnormalities.

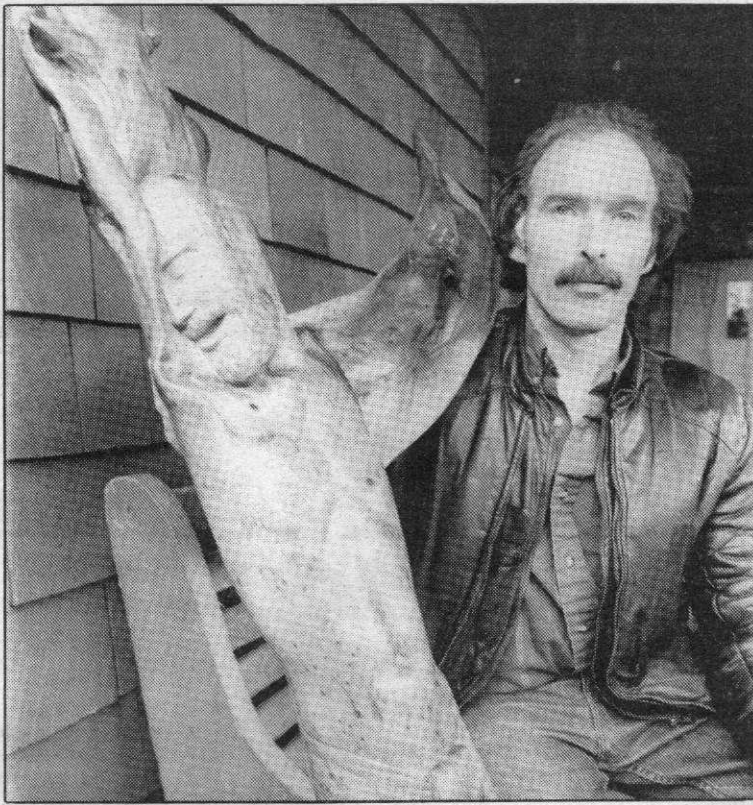
"There was no two ways about what was in that piece of wood. It was Jesus on the cross, already in the grain," he says. "The lines that were already there led me to what it is."

Not without five years of sweat and effort, however. Halliwell made the crucifixion carving a personal project, devoting a longer attention span to it than time limits and client demands usually allow for the commission work that takes up most of time he devotes to artistic projects.

"It was a gradual thing, a week here and a week there, which was good for the carving process," he says. "I didn't have to cut any corners or meet any deadlines. I could pay a lot of attention to detail and give it the touches of affection I wanted to put in."

"It was nice to have a project where I could put in all of my energy and aim for perfection. You're aiming for perfection in commission work as well, but there you're tied to a time limit. With this, I had five years — and even now, I'm not sure it's really finished."

However, Halliwell realizes there is a fine line to tread



David Halliwell with his carving that depicts the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Carved from a piece of Juniper, the work

between improving a carving and doing too much, and is thus ready to accept that the piece is finished. Still, he is always discovering something new in the wood, like the abnormalities of grain that were enhanced to represent flecks of blood and whip scars on Jesus' back.

"I had to go with the distortions in the wood," he says, "because I found they accented the agony and constriction of the crucifixion."

There is more to the carving than an accommodating grain and odd distortions, however. Halliwell has given and built up details in the wood which symbolize the crucifixion and the resurrection, like a rose instead of a nail in the hand.

Rev. Al Skinner of Ganges United Church finds the carving fascinating. He first saw it at Halliwell's house, when a recent Sunday afternoon party was held to celebrate the baptism of the carver's child, and "dared to ask if we could use it in our church on Good Friday and Easter Sunday." Halliwell agreed, and the carving

took Halliwell five years of "on again, off again" effort. It will be on display at the Ganges United Church during Easter services.

is now the centerpiece. "To me," Rev. Skinner says, "the carving says there is always hope, that new hope and new life is always emerging. I also find it interesting that the flower in the hand of Christ is a rose — because the rose is an ancient symbol of Christ as the messiah."

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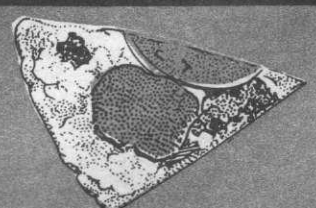
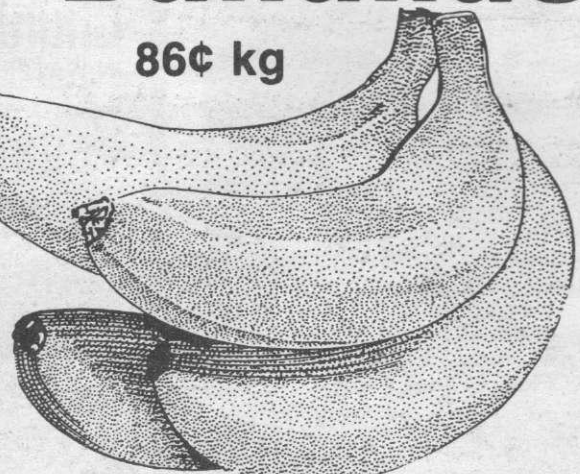
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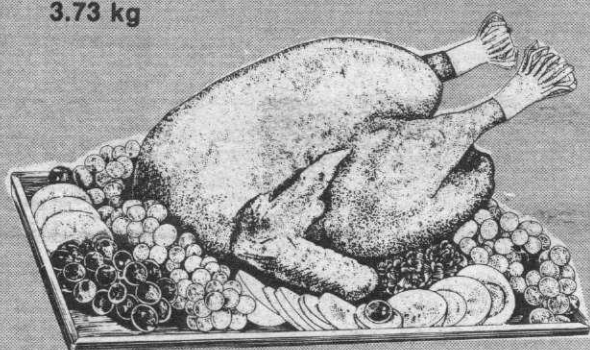
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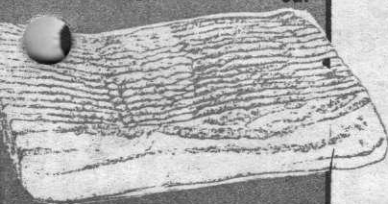


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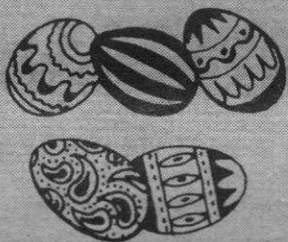
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School district setting up peer counselling program

School District 64 hopes to have a new peer counselling program operating in all district elementary schools by the end of October, according to Fernwood Elementary School Principal Glenn Woodley.

The program, known as *Kids Helping Kids*, involves older students in school counselling programs and is currently in the third and final implementation stage throughout the district.

In a memorandum to district officials, Woodley explained that Grades Five through Seven students throughout the district can become peer counsellors — provided their parents approve. Students selected for the program receive training in leadership, problem-solving and other aspects of counselling in a one-day retreat, as well as eight 45-minute classroom training sessions involving instruction in listening, communication, decision-making and conflict resolution.

"Peer counselling is a way for students to learn how to care about others and put their caring into practice," the Fernwood Elementary School principal said. "It relies strongly on communication skills to facilitate self-exploration and decision-making."

"Peer counsellors are not professional counsellors or therapists. They are students who provide supervised assistance to other students to help them think through and reflect on concerns they might be experiencing."

According to Woodley, students involved in *Kids Helping Kids* can serve their schools in a variety of ways.

For example, peer counsellor training prepares students to act as tutors for their fellow schoolmates. "Research has shown initial benefits occur for both tutor and tutee," Woodley said in his memorandum. "The process of tutoring is as helpful for the tutor as for the tutee."

Peer counsellors can also serve as special friends to new students. "(They) can be assigned a 'buddy' or special friend with whom they can play and work," explained Woodley. "Sharing lunch, talking, playing games, teaching social skills by modelling behaviour, helps the child through the friendship stage — it allows the child to feel cared about and worthwhile."

Woodley added that school 'drop-in centres' could be organized in classrooms for the convenience of students. Peer counsellors could serve in these centres. By working with fellow students in small support groups, trained student volunteers could

also help schoolmates develop "an understanding of self and others."

"Peer counsellors, through learning conflict resolution skills, can adequately mediate student problems, clarifying issues, exploring options and work toward a win/win situation for all concerned," he added.

Woodley and other elementary school teachers feel the program will be of benefit to district students.

"Research indicates that both the younger students and the older peer counsellors benefit from their interaction," he said. "They achieve important gains in self-confidence and self-esteem, which therefore result in a positive impact on academic performance."

Woodley said that at Fulford Elementary School, Susan Underwood and Jacqueline Taylor will be training Grades Six and Seven students in peer counselling with the help of Ralph Miller.

'Research indicates that both the younger students and the older peer counsellors benefit.'

A one-day retreat and follow-up training sessions are being organized this month and next at Fernwood Elementary for Grades Six and Seven students, while at Salt Spring Elementary School, a group of Grade Six students will be trained.

Outer Islands schools will also be involved in the program. Woodley said all Outer Island schools have been represented at planning meetings and workshops, and have received training manuals. He will be working with staff members at these schools to set up a training program this spring or early next fall.

Woodley is pleased with the progress made on the program to date — and the response from district schools.

"Everyone has been very positive about the program so far, and we see *Kids Helping Kids* improving the quality of life in our elementary schools, plus providing some very valuable skills for our Grade Six and Seven students — now and in the future."

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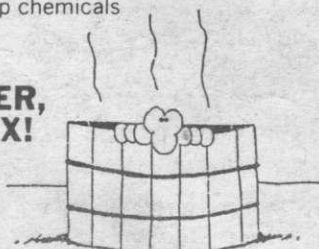
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The Salt Spring Island Power and Sail Squadron held its 14th annual installation of officers Friday at the golf and country club. District Commander Bill Fluskey (third from left) was on hand to swear in executives (from left) Dick Young, Jim Ballantyne, Jim Eastman, Max Fitch, Walter Swing, Jock McManus and Frank Leigh-Spencer. Missing from photo are Training Officer Jim Napper, Supply Officer Jerry McNulty, and Chief Proctor Catherine Melstrom.

Driftwood photo by Mike Turkki

Max Fitch chosen commander

Island power and sail squadron swears in new slate of executives

By FRANK LEIGH-SPENCER

Max Fitch was elected and sworn in as commander of the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron at the 14th annual general meeting and change of watch dinner and dance held at the Salt Spring Golf Club last Friday evening.

(The annual general meeting and the change of watch ceremonies, normally separate business and social functions of the squadron, were held jointly this year so that one or the other would not conflict with the Vancouver Island District Power and Sail Squadron's annual general meeting, which the squadron is hosting this year. That convention is scheduled for June 5, 6 and 7 at the Harbour House Hotel and is expected to bring 125 to 150 visitors to the island for the three-day period.)

Fitch succeeds Ian Waterlow, who is retiring after serving as squadron commander for the past year. Fitch has been active with the squadron since his arrival on Salt Spring five years ago, serving as treasurer and, for two years, as training officer. Prior to coming to the island, he had been active in the Oakville, Ontario, squadron for 10 years.

Others elected to the squadron bridge for the ensuing year are: Jim Ballantyne, executive officer; Jim Eastman, secretary; Walter Swing, treasurer; Jim Napper, training officer; Gerald McNulty, supply officer; Frank Leigh-Spencer, public relations officer and editor; cruise master and MAREP officer, Dick Young; Jock McManus,

assistant training officer; and Katherine Melstrom, chief proctor.

The new bridge was pledged to office by District Commander Bill Fluskey of Victoria who, accompanied by his wife, Gay, were guests of the squadron for the evening of ceremonies and festivities.

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Those receiving merit marks in the Salt Spring Island squadron this year are: Harold Helm, 23; Jim Napper, 10; Ian Waterlow, 9; Jim

Eastman, 8; Morton Stratton, 8; Frank Leigh-Spencer, 8; Max Fitch, 6; Gloria Simpson, 3; Lionel Ray, 3; Jim Brooker, 2; Ernest Withers, Dick Young and Walter Swing each received their first.

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Amnesty International fighting capital punishment

Death penalty won't stop murder in Canada

By ANDREW GIBSON

"Distrust all in whom the impulse to punish is powerful. — Nietzsche.

Amnesty International is there when people in any part of the world are taken, tortured or killed for their peaceful political or religious beliefs. We all know that, and rely on AI to speak against such crimes. Perhaps we haven't yet been made aware of its other crusade — its abhorrence for and efforts to eliminate the death penalty. This has particular relevance in Canada today.

We all feel revulsion when we hear of a brutal or sadistic or planned murder, and we all want to do something to prevent such horrors, but there the consensus ends. For some the Mosaic eye-for-an-eye law is still valid. It is argued that a hanged man will certainly never kill again, and others maintain that since our prisons can be snake pits of sexual and psychological abuse, death is more merciful than long imprisonment.

Others would with equal fervour echo the words of Andrei Sakharov: "I regard the death penalty as a savage and immoral institution that undermines the moral and legal foundations of a society. I reject the notion that the death penalty has any essential deterrent effect on potential offenders. I am convinced that the contrary is true — that savagery begets only savagery." That also sums up AI's position.

Canada, which has not carried out a state killing for 25 years, will, if she resumes it, be parting company with, among other nations, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Australia. These have all concluded that its imposition is inherently cruel and unusual, that it is not a deterrent, and that it fouls the law with the very brutality that it is charged to eradicate. To be sure, we would be in lock-step with our neighbour, and so perhaps some study would be useful of how justice in the U.S. has been served since the re-imposition of the death penalty option in 1976.

After 10 years, 66 people have been electrocuted, gassed, poisoned, hanged or shot, four in the first four years and the rest during the Reagan terms. Some were mentally ill, some were retarded, some were juveniles

guest column

when their crimes were committed, nearly half were black, sometimes convicted by all-white juries, and 90 per cent of those they had killed were white (in Louisiana all of the blacks executed were tried by all-white juries).

More than two-thirds of the executions were in Florida, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana. For some, even a merciful death was denied, particularly in the states which permit immolation by electrocution. Some of the documentation of what can only be described as official torture is horrifying. Further, the law seemed to operate with "a brutal whimsy," the term used to describe the execution, after 10 years on death row, of a man whose IQ was so low that he would have been entitled to a full disability pension; a retarded man who at 17 had killed under the influence of an older man, and who was later found to have a degenerative mental disease, was electrocuted after nine years; some were represented by court-appointed lawyers who spent as little as eight hours on their case.

A total of 1,788 prisoners are on U.S. death rows, including 32 who were between 15 and 17 when their crimes were committed. Many spend years in 30-to-50-square-foot cells, with only a few hours per week of contact with anybody, and many who will never be executed will always suffer mentally and psychologically from their ordeals. All this happened in one of the

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most enlightened countries in the world; we have been spared some of her tensions but even-handed justice is beyond our reach, too. Would Wilbur Coffin have been executed elsewhere than in Quebec? Would an Alberta jury necessarily reach the same verdict as one in Vancouver?

Capital punishment has no identifiable deterrence value —



that's what the Association of Chiefs of Police of Canada said a few months ago, and AI's studies support that conclusion. But if it's a failure there, perhaps it would be a success in other ways — the bottom line, for instance. Surely, to imprison a murderer for life would cost a lot more than throwing a switch, or even constructing a gallows, and indeed

appeals process is similar, so it would cost us the same, and that doesn't include the cost of dragging our legislators yet again through the rope wringer, when they should be studying the improvement, not the ending of human life. Clearly, from an accountancy point of view, the whole ghastly edifice of state killing is not cost-effective in this

public is said to favour it, but the American experience is that if the choice is between the death penalty and a life sentence without parole with the earnings going to a victim's fund, 70 per cent would choose the latter.

Polls taken when people are aroused by a brutal crime (and sometimes further aroused by political opportunism) may not necessarily show what Canada really thinks about state-inflicted killing. The fact that we didn't have a single execution during the 14 years before abolition, the fact that even during mankind's darkest ages the hangman has always been shunned as a leper — these are far more valid indicators.

We've had 25 years without an execution. Let's go for perpetuity.

These matters, with video presentations, will be discussed at an Amnesty International public meeting at the Salt Spring Elementary School library on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

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Salt Spring, Peninsula

Singers' groups give performance

Editor's note: The following review was sent to this newspaper by a Sidney resident who wishes to remain anonymous.

Sidney and Peninsula-area residents were favoured with a dual choir concert on April 5 when the Salt Spring Singers shared a lively program with the Peninsula Singers. The event marked the Salt Spring group's first public appearance away from home.

The Peninsula Singers, who opened the show, delivered a credible performance despite a

rather small male section compared with the distaff side. *This Land Of Ours*, which led off, was probably their best number and typified the enthusiasm a leader can instill in his singers.

Their octet numbers were precise, polished and well-balanced. The versatility of director Don Turner was shown by a delightful Stanley Holloway turn (featuring Albert Ramsbottom's encounter with a Beefeater ghost).

The Sidney and Salt Spring groups joined ranks on the crowd-

ed risers and, after a powerful massed choir offering, Joy Johnson took the podium to direct the Salt Spring group through a too-brief program.

The performance brought hearty applause for each member, and a standing ovation at the end — but, alas, no encore.

From the thunderous double-fortes of *Oklahoma!* to the near-whispering triple piano of *Rain and Rivers* (tops on my program), the group's mastery of dynamics reflects great credit on the con-

ductor and each singer. We await, with eager anticipation, an announcement of their next concert.

Listeners and music lovers were not the only beneficiaries of the April 5 concert — all proceeds are to be directed to the local food bank.

The Royal Canadian Legion deserves mention for its help in staging the concert. The branch provided its hall free of charge for the show, and should receive credit for this significant contribution.

Summer concerts planned for park

A summer-long series of Sunday afternoon concerts in Centennial Park is being planned under the direction of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The series would feature local musicians — professional and non-professional — performing for about two to four hours each Sunday between June 28 and Labour Day.

A meeting has been called for tomorrow (Thursday) night at 7 pm in the school board office to "sign and seal" arrangements for the series, which the chamber estimates will require funding of about \$2,200 to cover the fees for professional musicians.

Most of the money has already been lined up. Organizers are confident they will receive \$1,100 requested from a musicians' union trust fund and an equal amount in donations from local clubs and individuals.

The union trust fund, administered from New York City, pays up to 50 per cent of the cost of such projects, so long as the concerts promote music and are staged at no cost to the public, says islander Gary Greico, a chamber member helping to organize the concert series.

Commitments have been received locally for most — if not all — of the \$1,100 that must be raised to match the union's contribution. Pledges of financial support have been received from Santy Fuoco on behalf of the

Meeting called to discuss idea

Lions Club, Dick Toynbee from Rotary, Phil Hume from the Parks and Recreation Commission, Linda Jensen from the Community Arts Council, and Tom Toynbee of Mouat's Store.

Greico said the concert series should benefit all parties concerned — "it's all pro and no cons" — by giving exposure and payment to professional musicians who live on the island,

summer Sundays once churchgoers return home in early afternoon. The concerts, he said, could keep those people downtown, draw others on the island into Ganges and give visitors something to do on a normally-quiet afternoon.

The series, he said, could even be expanded beyond professional and non-professional musicians to include representation from the summer Festival of the Arts or Off Centre Stage. The format is undecided but Greico suggested each concert might see professionals on stage for the first two hours, followed by a two-hour program orchestrated by others in the community.

Tomorrow night's meeting at the school board office is also expected to deal with any and all arrangements that should be made before the series is staged. "There might be someone inter-

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providing performance experience to non-professional musicians who will also take part in the series (but who would not be paid), and creating a Sunday afternoon focal point for residents and visitors.

"This could electrify the atmosphere down there on Sundays," said Greico, who noted that downtown Ganges is quiet on

sted in vending food at the concerts, and we may as well get that out in the open and dealt with at the start," said Dodie Marshall of the chamber's retail merchants' committee, who will chair the meeting.

Anyone interested in further information should contact Greico at 537-5577 (work) or 537-2086 (home).



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Artcraft to open doors on June 12

Artcraft will open earlier this year.

The annual show and sale of locally-produced arts and crafts, entering its 20th year, will be held this year from June 12 until Labour Day.

June 12 is an early opening for Artcraft, which says it moved up the date in response to greater interest in the show and sale, and a trend by visitors to arrive earlier in the tourism season.

The Community Arts Council (CAC), which sponsors Artcraft, reminds participants that an earlier opening means their applications to display wares must be filed sooner.

Registration forms have already been mailed out to anyone who participated in last year's Artcraft. Newcomers, and 1986 participants who have changed addresses and may not receive the mailout, can pick up forms at the Salt Spring Island Community Centre, the Continuing Education office in Moutat's Mall, or from the Waterfront Gallery.

It is expected that an earlier opening for Artcraft will help it continue a recent trend of higher and higher sales figures. In each of the last five years, Artcraft has averaged gains of 20 to 25 per cent in gross sales over the figures posted in the previous year.

(In 1986, Artcraft sales topped the \$225,000 mark. By comparison, the 1982 take was \$100,000).

Eighty per cent of revenues are returned to the artist, with the CAC keeping a 20 per cent commission. Of that 20 per cent, CAC channels half towards the costs of staging Artcraft and the remainder is directed to the community in the form of bursaries to individuals pursuing studies in the arts, grants to groups involved in community arts projects, and art and craft programs.

Lineup announced

Players to host festival

The Salt Spring Players will host Theatre B.C.'s south island zone drama festival at Mahon Hall later this month.

Billed as *Highlights '87*, the festival will be held Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1.

Susan Wyatt, a Players member chairing the committee organizing the festival, said both evenings will feature one-act plays.

"It promises to be an exciting event," she said. "The Salt Spring Players is privileged to be hosting this festival and trusts the community will show its support."

Theatre groups entering works in the competition will be the Salt Spring Players, Shawnigan Players, Stage II — last year's winner — and Charles Whonnock.

Also in the lineup is an entry that will not be judged locally. A work by the WHOS Society — inmates at William Head Correctional Centre in Victoria — will be staged and adjudicated at the institution on April 29, before an invited audience.

The adjudicator for this year's festival is Edward Price, described by Wyatt as a free-lance writer and director who has starred in many plays and who was recently seen in the American television series, *Airwolf*.

The production judged the best in the zone festival will advance to the Theatre B.C. finals to be held in Victoria's McPherson Playhouse during the week of May 25.

Full details on the works to be performed on Salt Spring will be presented in next week's *Driftwood*.

Concert Society ends season

By JEAN KNIGHT

The Salt Spring Island Concert Society's season finale, staged April 5, featured the choir and dancers from the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific.

The college's student body includes representatives from 60 countries — there are 50 Canadians — who live, work and study together on their campus near Victoria. Ninety of the students came to Salt Spring to perform under the guidance of Edgar Samuel.

The show, operating under a 'one world' theme, featured songs from eight nations —

including Japan, Sweden, Argentina, Scandinavia, Wales, England and the Soviet Union. Dancers represented China, Mexico, Japan and the Ukraine.

The performers, who appeared in dress traditional to their country of origin, earned a spontaneous standing ovation from the appreciative audience.

The Lester B. Pearson choir has appeared on Salt Spring before, but their latest visit saw what was their finest performance here to date.

The concert society concluded its season with the performance. A new program will begin this fall.



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Deadlines approaching for two Vancouver art exhibits

By GARY CHERNEFF

Deadlines are approaching for two art exhibitions to be held in Vancouver in the fall and winter.

First on the priority list is the first annual Christmas show and sale at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, i.e., the Canada Pavilion at Expo. This show is jointly presented by Circle Craft Co-op and The Canadian Craft Show Ltd.

The show dates are December 2 through December 6, and the application deadline is May 1.

This will be a large fair with space for 200 booths featuring a wide range of quality crafts from across Canada. All applicants will be juried and must submit photos or slides of the specific items they intend to exhibit. More information is available from Pacific Canadian Craft Shows Ltd. at 1386 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, V6H 3R8.

The second big event is *Artropolis — an exhibition of contemporary B.C. art*. This will be a large curated show in the tradition of the *October Show* (1983) and the *Warehouse Show* (1984). Deadline for submissions is May 30 and the exhibition will be held in the fall. More information is available at *Artropolis*, 397, W. 5th Avenue, Vancouver, V5Y 1J6.

About this time of year information begins to drift in, offering up temptations in the form of summer art schools. One which is close at hand is the Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts. It is located at

the campus of the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific and offers a diverse range of activities from July 19 to August 1. Among the instructors are well-known Victoria artists Carole Sabiston, Fleming Jorgenson, Jack Wise and Robin Hopper.

One of the workshops will focus on the techniques of Japanese woodcut printmaking. The guide for this session is Noburo Sawai, who is currently with the department of art at the University of Calgary. He is also a past student of Toshi Yoshida of the International Hanga Academy in Tokyo. "All the basic techniques, multiple block printing, experimental surfaces and processes and colour potential will be studied ... the unique expressiveness of the medium will be stressed throughout."

Another intriguing course offered at the school will be *Basketry as a Sculptural Idiom*. The instructor for this one is Len Bentham, who was born in Victoria and received a Canada Council explorations grant to investigate the sculptural possibilities of basket-making.

art seen

Basic techniques will be taught "and the possibilities of placing the finished baskets or fragments into new contexts by such means as crushing, encasing, painting, altering or destroying will be explored."

A sample of other course offerings would include: Carole Sabiston's textile course, Rona Murray with poetry, Flemming Jorgensen instructing *Water-colour and Painting* and Robin Hopper teaching *Ceramics — Glaze and Colour Development*. Enquiries should be addressed to 4611 William Head Road, R.R.#1,

Victoria, V8X 3W9, or phone 478-1558.

For all the potters who don't think I care about them, here is a little tidbit. In September, for five days, Hollyhock Farm on Cortes Island will be offering *Fire by the Sea: A Practicum in Ceramics* by Paul Soldner.

This educator and master potter will share his recent work in low temperature salt firing. Pieces will be steam dried and kilns will be built by the sea. This sounds like a once in a lifetime opportunity.

More information is available from Hollyhock Farm, Box 127, Manson's Landing, Cortes Island, B.C. V0P 1K0, or look for the spring issue of *Common Ground* magazine.

Puppet workshop set

Off Centre Stage is inviting children to "take an inanimate object and bring it to life."

On April 18, Off Centre Stage will host a hands-on — hands-in? — puppet-making workshop for children between the ages of six and 12 years.

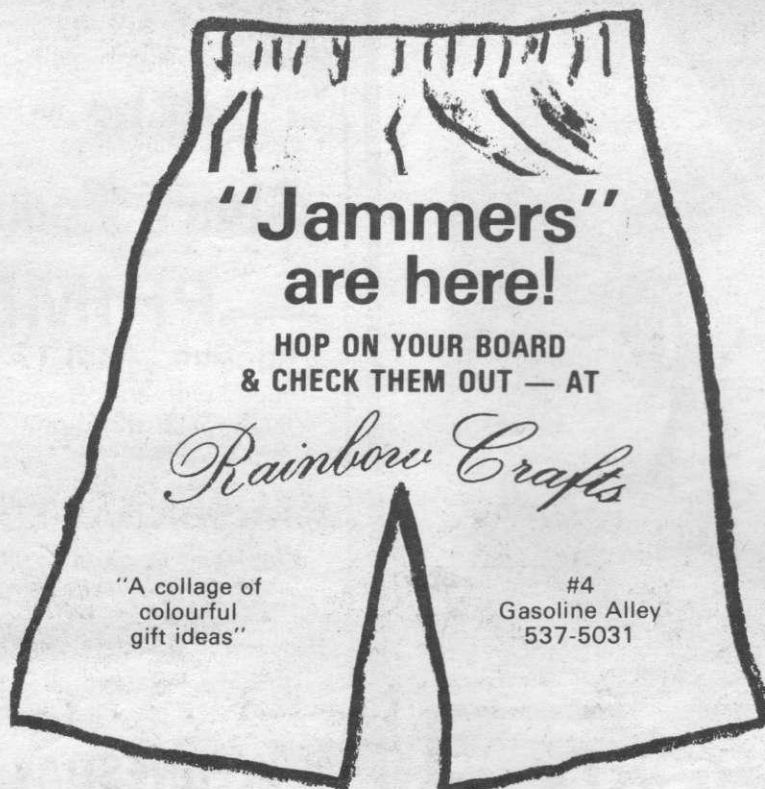
Hosted by puppet master and maker Trudy Pauluth-Penner, the workshop will invite children to construct puppets which will be used later in the day as the basis for a play.

The workshop will be held from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on April 18. The play will be presented at 4 pm.

Pauluth-Penner, a resident of Yellow Point, near Ladysmith on Vancouver Island, says the workshop will give children the chance "to breathe life into scraps of wool, paper bags and sticks."

She adds: "Children naturally imagine that the things around them are as animate as people. Adults, who know what reality is, tolerate this to a certain degree — but eventually, they admonish little Allison to stop playing with her food, or tell little Nick to take the kindling out of the laundry basket."

Pre-registration is required for the workshop. Cost is \$8. Contact Off-Centre Stage at 537-5211 for information and registration.



Off Centre Stage plans official grand opening

The grand opening of Off Centre Stage is set for the last weekend of April, on Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th.

A celebration to mark the occasion will feature a group art show with works by Michael Aronoff, Gary Cherneff, Diana Dean, Sharada Filkow, Anna Hawthorne, Leroy Jensen, Gordon McQuaid and Adrien Town.

Also scheduled Friday, April 24, is the performance of two plays being presented under the title, *Killing Time*. The plays, produced by Active PASS and directed by Lynda Jensen, get underway at 10 am.

Killing Time will be presented again on Saturday, April 25, at 11 pm, following the 'grand opening edition' of Off Centre Stage's comedy night. To be hosted by Arvid Chalmers, comedy night

will also feature belly dancer Corinne Greenbaum.

Advance tickets for comedy night and *Killing Time* are available by reservation. Cost for both events is \$6. Tickets for *Killing Time* are also available at *et cetera*.

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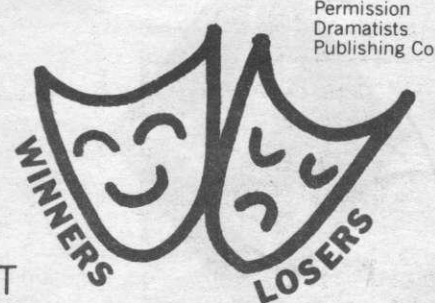
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Children's enthusiasm useful in helping to improve gardens

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by
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The arrival of spring always seems to bring out fresh, new, untapped energy in all of us. Gardeners extend their working days as the daylight increases, and plants burst into growth — but nowhere is spring-induced enthusiasm and energy as boundless as it is with children.

As the weather warms and the days become longer, children are drawn out of doors and instinctively commence with the enjoyment of nature. Picking bouquets of dandelions (helpful activity), raking and digging in the soil and gathering stones and pine cones are just a few of the exploring, discovering activities that young children will engage in without any assistance as they play out in the garden or yard. It doesn't take very long before they become interested in what mom, dad, grandpa or grandma are up to having so much fun out there in the garden, and then, they too want to become involved.

Children and gardening are a natural, enjoyable combination, both of them full of energy, ever-changing and growing. If you don't force them to work in the garden, it will become a life-long involvement, a pleasure and a relaxing, fulfilling activity, just as it has developed for many of us.

Initially young children will be happy to watch and help with digging (usually in the wrong places), weeding all of your best flowers and seedlings, watering the plants (and the shoes and the pants and the cat and ...), and best of all, flower-picking (just the petals or the blooms, no stems required). With patience and perseverance this period will pass and genuine productive interest will develop.

Everyone is fascinated by the process of plant growth, from the germination of a seed, to growth, flowering and fruit development, every day brings changes, discoveries, new questions and more information and knowledge. For younger children, the key is to keep it downscaled, smaller and simpler so that the project won't be overwhelming, ponderous and too heavy on the work aspects. In order to appreciate the intricate beauty of nasturtiums, only four or five seeds need to be sown and cared for.

Each child should have his or her own mini-garden for experimenting in, and for developing a sense of achievement — "these radishes are from my garden." For the ease of care (weeding, thinning and watering) a raised bed or planter box about four feet square is idea. If it's raised they won't be tempted to get in and walk amongst (and on) the plants, and it will raise the plants closer to their eyeline (as if they needed much help in this department), getting them more engrossed and involved.

If space is short, even a half-barrel will do an admirable job, and if you don't have the time to make them an individual bed, then

rope off or use rocks to divide off a section of one of your own raised beds or boxes.

The key to success here is small and simple: involve them in building up the soil, explaining the values of manures, compost and composting processes, cover crops, fertilizing, soil textures, drainage and more, as they demonstrate the interest. The complexity of the explanation will depend on the age of the children, but let them lead the way with questions, and be prepared for a few that you won't know the answers to, and a couple that may make you rethink what you already took for granted; gardening through the eyes of a child.

In this situation, gardening with pesticides, potentially toxic chemicals and compounds, and using any toxic plants is out of the question. Teach and use organic approaches to gardening (they

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may even end up challenging you in your garden if you use pesticides, etc.) as life cycles, small-scale ecology, the micro-environment and concepts of Integrated Pest Management are all valuable lessons that will help to develop a better understanding of the world around us. During the younger years use only plants that are entirely edible or non-toxic and as a cautionary note, don't let your children eat any garden-grown plant unless it has been checked out and approved by you.

It isn't a good habit to let your children or grandchildren eat plants out in the garden at all, as in your absence they may become callous and inquisitive and try to expand their plant selection and menu without knowing what is poisonous. So remember, it's safe plants only, harvested bounty all taken to the kitchen, washed and inspected (for commendation and

praise) prior to consumption. In addition, it does the child's pride some good to know that they're able to grow delicious food and contribute their efforts for the family to enjoy.

When it comes to patience, children are often in need of acquiring some, and while gardening can certainly go a long way toward helping to develop patience, you should help them to choose flowers and veggies that will give fairly rapid, trouble-free results. If time permits, let them make their own choices of seed, either from your selections on hand or from the seed racks at the garden centre or nursery. Certain plants are easy favourites and most suited for enjoyment by children. For small spaces, best vegetables include carrots, radishes (fast results), tomatoes, lettuce, peas, cucumbers, beans and spinach. Perhaps growing them will help to develop a child's appetite for less-than-favourite vegetables. A small salad-oriented garden will give almost daily rewards and harvests.

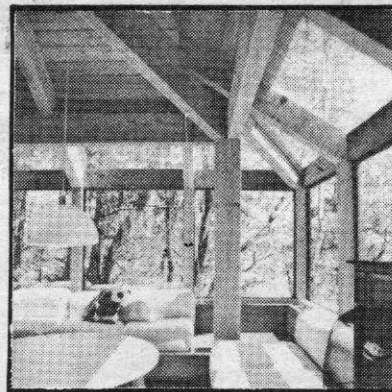
For a larger plot or in a shared space, some really rewarding, fascinating plants include corn, scarlet runner beans, pumpkins, the giant sunflower seeds for the birds and children, and that really rewarding cropper, zucchini. A large-scale plant gives large-scale rewards.

These selections give a range of growth habits, texture, shapes, forms and bountiful harvests to enjoy. They will also provide lots of material for learning about gardening. For a more permanent study, consider a strawberry planter or an asparagus plot.

As no garden is complete without some flowers, consider sowings of sweet alyssum, fast and fragrant sweet peas, marigolds, aiding in pest control, California poppies (unique seed capsules and easy care), calendulas (a.k.a. pot marigolds for their edible blooms) and nasturtiums (for showy, unique leaves, edible flowers for the salads, and large seeds that may be collected for use the next year).

These plants will all provide some useful lessons in the growing and care of flowers and vegetables, as well as serving to stimulate the inquiring minds of children and adults alike. In a broader sense, it all makes us more aware of the weather, rainfall, temperature, sunshine, wind and exposure, and the effects of the environment on plants, our gardens and the world around us.

It's good for children to be stimulated by plants and encouraged to develop an interest in gardening, a life-long source of pleasure, enjoyment and learning. Until next week, happy gardening.



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'Tools for Peace' warehouse organizes goods for Nicaragua

By DONALD KREYE

The Vancouver home for *Tools for Peace* is a large warehouse at the foot of Main Street, near the Fraser River. It is the receiving station for a variety of goods donated by British Columbians and now on their way to the needy in Nicaragua.

Under one high warehouse ceiling is a 30-metres-square space with two enclosed offices in one corner, a construction and packaging area along one side, a middle area for unloading and staging, and rows of sewing machines, bicycles, tools and boxes along the other wall — items that will not be sent to Nicaragua.

In an adjoining section to the rear of the first room is a larger, dimly-lit space — about 50-metres-square — that was recently piled two and three metres high with boxes and crates all nearly stacked and labelled in Spanish. In them were 'national priority project' items: i.e., pencils and notebooks, hammers and saws, boots, sanitary napkins, blankets.

Moving through the warehouse, I thought of the impressive pile of boxes that filled the end of my Salt Spring workshop in December, and of the exhausting amount of work needed to collect, repair and package those goods. Efforts like that were multiplied thousands of times, by people in communities all across Canada, and resulted in the huge stack of boxes in the Vancouver warehouse.

Taken together, the boxes represented millions of dollars worth of goods — and thousands of hours of volunteer work. More than that, they are a gesture of goodwill from the 25 million residents of a large, prosperous nation to the three million people in a small, struggling country.

Tom Henkle, manager of the Vancouver warehouse, explained that because of shipping costs and distribution problems in Nicaragua, the focus of this year's *Tools For Peace* campaign was to send only specifically-requested, like-new items in light, well-labelled and organized cartons.

The ship was loaded in late March and is due to arrive in Nicaragua at the end of this month. Canadians from all over Nicaragua will meet it to help unload the shipping containers — by hand — and redirect the goods to groups, individuals and co-ops throughout the country.



Donations pack warehouse

I left the warehouse feeling inspired — and a bit dismayed at the scale of international aid projects. The whole of the *Tools for Peace* effort is dwarfed by the hundreds of millions of dollars the U.S. gives to the Contra forces, and by the millions needed by Nicaraguans to defend their country and bolster their sagging economy.

Still, the *Tools for Peace* campaign puts tools and supplies where they are most needed and appreciated, and is important as a symbol of international peace and co-operation.

The 1986 campaign collected \$1.8 million in goods and \$300,000 in cash—the money going to shipping, advertising, lobbying, administration and the bulk purchase of required goods.

Salt Spring Islanders alone raised over \$11,000 in money and goods.

Tools for Peace is presently focusing on lobbying Ottawa to increase this country's non-military aid to Nicaragua, establish an embassy in Managua, provide further support for the Contadora peace process, and take a firm stand against U.S. intervention in the area. A campaign of letter-writing, public education and media attention focused on the Mulroney-Reagan summit in Ottawa on April 5 and 6.

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