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Singing for the children

Members of the Fulford Primary School Choir at work on a number for the annual Children Helping Children concert. Noni

Prosk, Becket Forbes, Anna Puhky, Breanna Prosk and Jenny Storey will be just some of the island children participating in the

upcoming benefit for the Save the Children Fund. (See story, Page 32).

Communication helps island cope with influx of visitors

Communication in the local accommodation industry helped Salt Spring Island cope with the influx of visitors over the Easter holiday weekend.

Local hotels, motels, resorts and bed-and-breakfast operations were filled to near-capacity as a large throng of off-island visitors stepped ashore to enjoy what was for many a four-day weekend.

Although the weekend rush looked like it might strain the local accommodation industry, rooms were found for everyone, according to Travel InfoCentre manager Spencer Marr and bed-and-breakfast operator Pearl Graham.

Graham co-ordinated a communications network which linked visitors without accommodation to available rooms. The effort was successful, she said, because

"the accommodations people networked well to make sure everyone had a room."

Marr and Graham stressed that while island hotels, motels, resorts and bed-and-breakfast businesses were running close to capacity — the majority were full — there was still space available.

"We were pretty close to full, but there was still some breathing space," Graham said.

Indications are the local accommodation industry might have had more guests if not for people who couldn't make it to Salt Spring Island. Reports are that vehicles bound for Salt Spring were left behind in Tsawwassen on Wednesday and Thursday, that some off-island residents booked rooms here but had to cancel because space could not be confirmed on ferries, and that

others were forced to reach Salt Spring from the Lower Mainland by way of Swartz Bay.

Those reports could not be confirmed, however, as the B.C. Ferry Corporation's head office in Victoria was closed Monday as *Driftwood* was preparing to go to press.

Marr and Graham said the Easter holiday weekend is becoming Salt Spring's busiest time of the year for visitors — ahead of the more traditional May 24 and B.C. Day long weekends.

The RCMP detachments at Ganges and Pender Island, meanwhile, reported busy weekends but no unusual problems with the influx of visitors. Ganges police added, however, that they ticketed several vehicles for parking violations in Ganges on Saturday. The downtown core was crowded virtually all day.

Teachers to protest legislation

B.C. teachers, including those in School District 64, could take job action as early as next week in their campaign against the provincial government's proposed Teaching Profession Act.

At a press conference held late Monday afternoon, B. C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) representatives announced they will delay implementation of a planned province-wide job action campaign for one week, to see if the B. C. government is serious about its offer to consult with teachers on possible changes to Bill 20.

However, BCTF spokesmen stressed that "unless the government satisfies the teachers that it is prepared to withdraw or modify the legislation substantially to meet the teachers' main objections, the federation will proceed next week with the program of job action mandated by its province-wide membership."

The federation's proposed job-action campaign — labelled the Bargaining and Professional Rights Action Plan — could involve a withdrawal of services by teachers. Other forms of job action proposed are the withdrawal of teachers from all ministry of education committees, a one-day study session that would take teachers out of the classroom to consider the impact of Bills 19 (the Industrial Relations Act) and 20, and an instruction-only program.

Teachers in School District 64 have given their full support to the BCTF in its battle against the legislation.

Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Barb Aust said Monday that although job action by teachers won't be popular, she feels it may be necessary.

"While we do not expect our actions to be popular, our future as professionals and the delivery of service we can offer to the children will be forever altered if

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Wright, Roddick to contest Outer Islands seat

An election will be held May 2 to fill the Outer Islands seat on the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Pender Islanders Vern Roddick and Steve Wright last week filed nomination papers to contest the seat left vacant earlier this year by the resignation of Kelly Scott. Scott, elected to the post in November, 1985, was forced to withdraw when business interests caused his relocation from Pender Island to the Lower Mainland.

The two candidates for the Outer Islands seat are no stran-

gers to local government. Wright is one of two members on the South Pender Islands Trust Committee — and General Trust vice-chairman — while Roddick held the Outer Islands CRD seat for four years before Scott's election, then served as Scott's alternate to the board.

Wright, who was not available for comment earlier this week, is in his third Islands Trust term after finishing second in a three-person race last October. He contested the seat on his record, which included negotiating the

transfer of acreage from South Island Estates for a regional park.

Roddick, meanwhile, has been a Pender resident for 21 years. Retired after a 30-year career with the military, he lives on South Pender with his wife, Mary.

Roddick's background in community affairs includes seven years spent on the board of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, an equal number of years with Greenwoods — including a term as vice-president — and membership with the Pender Island Hall

Committee, South Pender Island Property Owners Association, Pender Island Health Care Society and the Pender Island Golf and Country Club. As well, he is currently involved in a project to construct a senior citizens' low-cost housing project on the island.

Roddick told *Driftwood* that his campaign for election to the CRD will focus on the record he authored during his terms as director and alternate director, on his history of involvement in community affairs, and on his

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Now open

The Salt Spring Island Employment Action Society opened its new employment centre last week. Page 8.



It's magic

Salt Spring Island artist Carol Evans creates magic with her paintbrush and watercolours. Page 21.



Mad Hatter

Fulford Elementary School students studying Alice in Wonderland have created some colourful costumes. Page 13.

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Salt Spring ferry run proposals

Summer schedule pondered

Salt Spring Island's Transportation Committee has released for public consideration a copy of the B.C. Ferry Corporation's proposed summer schedule.

Joan Ingram, chairman of the transportation committee, said Monday the schedule is "basically the same for Salt Spring Island as it was last year."

Under the proposed schedule, the ferry corporation vessel operating on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen run will leave Long Harbour on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at 6:45 am, making stops at Otter Bay, Village Bay and Sturdies Bay before arriving in Tsawwassen at 9:20 am.

After making a mid-day run to the Outer Islands, the vessel will leave Tsawwassen at 12:40 pm and arrive in Long Harbour at 2:25 pm. It would leave Long Harbour

again at 4 pm, arriving in Tsawwassen at 6:35 pm.

The final Monday, Wednesday and Friday sailing from Tsawwassen will leave at 9:40 pm, arriving on Salt Spring at 11:15 pm.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the morning sailing from Long Harbour leaves Salt Spring for Tsawwassen at 6:45 am. After arriving in Tsawwassen at 9:20 am, the vessel will make a return run to Long Harbour at 9:50 am, arriving on Salt Spring at 12:25 pm. The evening sailing will leave Long Harbour at 4 pm, arriving on the mainland at 6:35 pm. The vessel will leave Tsawwassen on its return trip to Salt Spring at 7 pm, arriving in Long Harbour at 9:35 pm.

On Sundays and holiday Mondays, the vessel will leave Long Harbour at 6:45 am and make one stop at Village Bay before arriv-

ing in Tsawwassen at 8:30 am. The vessel will make a mid-day run to the Gulf Islands at 9 am, arriving in Long Harbour at 11:20 am. Another sailing will leave Tsawwassen for Long Harbour at 1:40 pm, arriving at its destination at 2:50 pm and returning to Tsawwassen at 1:20 pm. It will leave Tsawwassen for Long Harbour again at 1:40 pm, arriving at its destination at 2:50 pm.

The final Sunday and holiday Monday evening sailing will leave Long Harbour at 4 pm, arriving in Tsawwassen at 5:50 pm. The return trip to Salt Spring leaves Tsawwassen at 10:10 pm, arriving in Long Harbour at 11:20 pm.

Ingram stressed that the schedule is tentative.

Island residents with concerns or questions about the proposed summer schedule should contact her at 653-4418.

setting it straight

Last week, in a report on the Industrial Task Force, it was reported that "Norton Road east along King's Lane to Upper Ganges Road" was one proposed location for industry.

We erred. The sentence should have read: "King's Lane east along Leisure Lane to Upper Ganges Road."

We apologize for this error, and any inconvenience or embarrass-

ment it may have caused members of the Islands Trust Industrial Task Force.

Last week's golf report incorrectly noted that a film on Australia shown April 16 at the clubhouse was provided by Eaton's Travel Agency in Victoria. It was the Eaton's Travel Agency in Duncan which provided the film.



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Man's hunt for pet falcon rewarded on Salt Spring

The falcon has been found — or at least located.

Tripp Road resident Kathy Reimer said last Thursday that the trained African falcon lost by John Hitchmough of Saanich approximately two months ago is alive and apparently well on Salt Spring.

An article concerning the missing bird and Hitchmough's belief that it might be on Salt Spring Island was carried in last week's *Driftwood*.

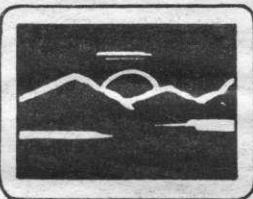
Reimer said the African falcon, which resembles a peregrine, "hung around" her family's property for several days. She has

also sighted the bird as far south as Beddis Road.

Reimer has contacted Hitchmough and has been told how to catch the falcon, which is quite tame. She is trying to catch the animal so it can be returned to its Saanich owner.

"It's a beautiful bird," she said. "It almost came to me."

Hitchmough's falcon, Reimer said, appears to be wearing at least one leather legging. The owner said last week the bird has a gold-coloured band on one leg, bearing the legend *Canadian Government* and a serial number.



Gulf Islands Teachers' Association
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We MUST speak out against the government's proposed Bills 19 and 20.

If passed, school boards will be able to give any teacher 30 days' notice for such reasons as **IMMORALITY, MENTAL INCAPACITY** or **ANY OTHER CAUSE** which, in the opinion of the board, renders the teacher unsuitable for the position (page 18).

Principals move into management roles. School boards will be able to fire principals at any time by a simple majority vote. Their only recourse is through the courts.

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. . . by Richards

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Let's get back to those honest old horse-traders! There was never a horse trader who sold you a second-hand horse or a used horse and if he'd offered you a pre-owned horse you'd have run a mile for fear of catching it.

Incidentally, I have a re-circulated car that I'm quite fond of!

An ancient pen

It was old, said Dawn Luker, and I had to agree. It was a Flair pen made in the days before Flair was a branch of a larger pen company. You can't expect parts for an outdated product. Except I wanted a refill for my Flair.

There was nothing around that old. But Dawn found an older model filler for an older model pen. "That refill has been in the store since I bought it," she told me.

It has moved three times and still remained in stock. So what?

So it hadn't many owners. Dawn bought the stationery store from *Driftwood* and the 59 cent refill was part of the stock. It had been mine until Dawn bought it and now I wanted it back.

I bought it better than wholesale. She gave it to me in token of its long association with the store. Besides, after years and years, who else would have wanted a pen filler from the middle ages? Even the pen bears a different logo from its modern successors.

Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny was working overtime at Lady Minto Hospital over the holiday. There were more eggs than bonnets as flowers and sweetmeats were showered on patients.

One young visitor cooked a treat for breakfast and, clad whitely, she arrived in a patient's room complete with breakfast waffles.

So many changes!

For four years, from 1964 until 1968, Fred Rhodes served as Corporal in charge of Ganges RCMP Detachment. He was active in the Lions Club and in the affairs of the Catholic Church as was his wife, Anne-Marie.

This week they came back to Salt Spring Island and watched in wonderment at the changes wrought in so short a time.

It was a brief encounter with old friends and familiar places.

Fred Rhodes completed his service with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and is now engaged in transportation in Hinton, Alberta.

After a flying visit to the island, the visitors made a profound discovery. The island has undoubtedly changed. But the surprising aspect is the fact that life on the island and even the island itself have changed so little.

Heavenly food

My idea of heaven is a peaceful haven where they can't grow zucchinis. I'd never heard of a zucchini until a decade ago, but I must admit to some confusion.

Like at the weekend when I was preparing a salad. The cucumber was "off". It was tasteless and sweet. But manfully, I ate it.

Following day my family arrived and, as usual, arrived at the fridge.

"I thought you didn't eat zucchini," commented my needling daughter.

That's the last time I try to buy a cucumber!

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desire to see the completion of current projects like a new animal control bylaw.

In the past, Roddick noted, he

has worked to establish a program for the control and disposition of solid waste according to the needs of individual islands, and to create a parks program throughout the islands, under which Mayne Island founded a

parks and recreation commission. He also pointed out that, because he is retired, he has plenty of time to devote to the job and is quite prepared to function as a full-time representative for Outer Islanders.

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New labour measures could use some changes

It is ironic that the provincial government's attempt to cool B. C.'s traditional business-labour tensions has set a myriad of sparks flying — to who knows what end — before the rest of us have a chance to see if the legislation has a chance of working.

Not that the appearance of sparks, accompanied by a war of words and thoughts, is difficult to understand. The legislation in question, Bills 19 and 20, effectively re-write the rules of conduct for business and labour groups in this province, including teachers. A lot of people are affected, many adversely, and some fallout has to be expected.

In some cases, criticism of the two bills is more than justified. Like others, we too are concerned with certain sections of each Act which appear to give too much power into too few hands, or strike

too wide a swath in terms of reference which are too vague.

A few examples should suffice:

We are uneasy, for instance, about the broad authority handed the so-called Czar of labour relations, Ed Peck. We feel those powers are too great to be trusted to one set of hands, no matter whose they are, and should either be tempered or shared.

On the same point, the commission operating under Mr. Peck enjoys a sweeping mandate to step into business-labour disputes, if it believes that action is "in the public's interest." We believe a tighter definition should be given to the board's terms of reference.

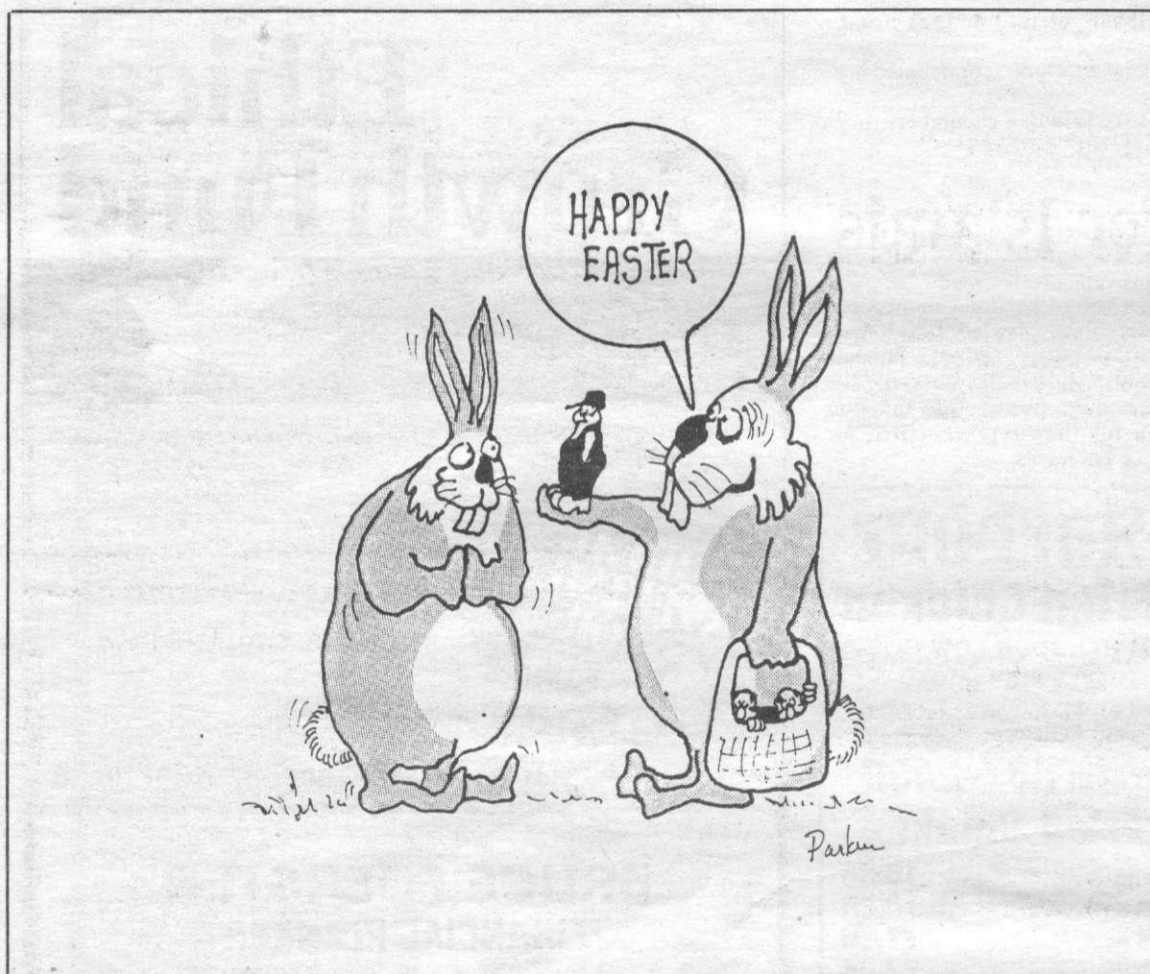
Another example concerns the Bill affecting teachers. It, too, suffers in parts from an absence of clarity and definition, particularly in sections

giving school boards considerable discretionary power to fire teachers. The wording is too vague to guarantee that those powers will not be misused.

Having said all of that, however, we must point out that the overall intent of the two Bills is such that it should be welcomed for possible tinkering, instead of being dismissed as a complete hatchet job.

The aim of the new legislation, to calm the troubled waters of business-labour relations in this province, is admirable. If the war of words now erupting over some of the content can be channeled into a re-working of the sections which should be tempered and if Victoria can be convinced it must take those steps, we just might find ourselves with a document worth enshrining.

But, if none of that happens, we will likely find that the new legislation will fan the same flames of discontent it had hoped to quell. Ironic, isn't it?



Display of harmony earns appreciation

A round of applause goes out this week to the players who harmonized to bring Salt Spring Islanders a summer program of music in Centennial Park.

The series of free Sunday afternoon concerts, to begin on Sea Capers weekend, was made possible by:

- a 50 per cent grant by the professional musicians' union;
- \$1,100 in matching funds from the Rotary and Lions clubs, Community Arts Council, Parks and Recreation Commission and businessman Tom Toynbee; and
- the spadework of the Chamber of Commerce.

The neat result of this joint effort is a program which takes full advantage of the Centennial Park bandshell while giving something pleasurable to island residents — who contributed to the park project — and visitors alike.

The list of people who will benefit from this program is long, ranging from island musicians and other residents to Sunday strollers and summer visitors. In fact, everyone involved seems to have won something...and when was the last time we could say that?

Florida experience offers glimpse of B. C.'s future

An examination of the threads connecting rising health care costs to political muscle-flexing and a population slowly growing older — begun last week in this corner — takes us to St. Petersburg, Florida.

The city's current demographics are interesting. The proportion of St. Petersburg citizens aged 65 years and over is now just over one in five — which is roughly where B.C. is expected to be in another 20 years.

As noted last week, the B.C. government is expected to soon launch a review of the health ministry's terms of reference, with an eye to preparing to deal with the increased number of

senior citizens who will live here at the turn of the century and beyond. For what it's worth, that city in Florida can provide some hints.

Two interesting things, of interest to B.C., have occurred in St. Petersburg in recent years. The first has been a backlash against senior citizens by interest groups which blame rising public costs — like health care — on the elderly. The nut of their stand is that the problems of the non-seniors, particularly those of the taxation kind, can be traced to the progress of the elderly.

The director of St. Petersburg's Office of Aging explained the trend this way: "Any time you get

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

into an era of having limited resources, the people opposed to social services are going to try to divide and conquer, to pit people who want services for children against those who want services for seniors."

The second interesting development, however, is that the St. Petersburg seniors fought back.

Believing they were being made out to be scapegoats, the over-65 set organized their numbers and found they had enough to generate some clout.

Naturally enough, the political opponents of the elderly believed seniors were too fractured as a group, too inclined to follow their traditional party affiliations, to be seen as a potentially-powerful single block of voters. They soon learned, however, that when the self-interest of seniors was on the line, cohesion followed.

So what does all of this have to do with B.C., particularly in the here and now? Not much, except it puts a new frame of reference on the two new taxation measures, contained in the recent provincial

budget, which seniors are currently fighting.

Those measures include a raising of the Pharmacare deductible limit and a requirement that seniors pay 75 per cent of the dispensing fee for prescription drugs. Low-income seniors receive a break, however.

The elderly may lose their campaign to have those measures reduced or rescinded, but the province should realize that seniors are growing in number, and any lessons they learn now about the realities of political clout will come in handy when B. C. reaches a demographic profile like that of St. Petersburg.

That day isn't so very far away, either.

In defence

Sir,
The premier and the minister of education seem to be gearing up for an information campaign to win public acceptance of their proposed new labour legislation.

This legislation has been universally opposed by teachers at meetings throughout B.C., including the Gulf Islands. Yet the media, particularly television, seems prepared to allow Vander Zalm and Brummet to say whatever outrageous things they please, without significant critical comment or analysis. Teachers must, therefore, speak out in their own defence.

The government continues to claim that the complex package of changes introduced on April 2 gives teachers basically what they asked for, with special — and unnecessary — emphasis on that perennial bogeyman *strike*. That claim does not hold up under examination.

Nobody, not the teachers, the BCSTA or the public, asked for the ill-conceived and discredited college of teachers concept. That proposal came right out of the blue. And it is of great concern to teachers that this profound change in their professional status appears to be destined (like the new labour law, Bill 19) to be pushed through the legislature without professional or public consultation.

Nobody, not the BCTF, not the BCSTA nor the Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association took the position that administrators should be taken out of the teachers' organization, be stripped of bargaining and job security rights and be assigned managerial functions that set them apart from their teaching colleagues.

This proposal will destroy any attempt at building a co-operative school management system which can best serve children and schools. This proposal is an ill-conceived transplant from a business model which sees the workplace divided into camps of bosses and workers. It does not serve private industry well and it will destroy the co-operative learning environment in schools.

Nobody, and most especially not educators, asked for the removal of job security and due process rights for teachers. Giving to school boards the power to dismiss teachers with 30 days notice for "professional incompetency, unprofessional conduct, immorality, mental incapacity or any other cause which, in the opinion of the board, renders the teacher unsuitable," is bound to create an atmosphere of insecurity and fear.

This is particularly true because none of the terms used to describe these sweeping powers come with definitions to prescribe or limit what they mean. Will teachers continue to be creative and innovative risk-takers? It is not very likely. Will our children be well served by these new "factory-like," authoritarian schools?

Nobody, not the BCSTA and especially not teachers, asked to be denied the opportunity for teachers and boards to come to agreement on "the selection and appointment of teachers, the courses of study, the program of studies or the professional methods and techniques employed by a teacher." Clearly, teachers are to have no say in the who, what, where, when, how of teaching. Teachers are to do as they are told or face dismissal. It will be the government that says what is taught, how it is taught and how success will be evaluated. It poses the prospect of a frightening "new reality."

Nobody, not teachers and especially not parents, asked for another round of fear, disruption, acrimony and dispute in our

school system. But that is what we have, and that is what we will continue to have, if the normal democratic process of consultation and debate is not followed by this government before these sweeping changes become law.

Please speak to your MLA. Ask the government to slow down. Ask the government to talk to the people who will be most affected by these new laws. Ask the government to talk with parents, with trustees and with teachers. And if you are perhaps still confused by the claims and counter-claims in the battle of words over these two bills, talk to a teacher. We are not extremists or radicals. We are workers in a difficult and delicate occupation, where the product is not a concrete object (tulip, a stick of wood) but a person. And that person is precious to all of us, because that person is a child who will be tomorrow's adult.
MICHAEL HAYES,
Ganges.

Implications

Sir,
With the introduction of the new Teaching Profession Act, many new rights, responsibilities and options have been given to teachers in British Columbia.

The government has tried to respond in a positive way to the concerns and recommendations of teachers and others in the school system, while at the same time protecting the rights of individual teachers, students and parents. Some information that is circulating indicates otherwise.

It has been implied, for example, that there was no consultation with teachers. In fact, the ministers of labour consulted widely with union and business leaders and I have met with the B.C. Teachers' Federation and other groups and individuals in education on many occasions since I became minister. The legislation reflects the vast majority of the recommendations made by the BCTF in its brief to the minister of labour.

Teachers have asked for and been given the same bargaining rights as other unions in the province. To protect the rights of individuals, however, the legislation requires teachers wanting full union status, including the right to strike, to organize locally first like any other union in the province. Those who choose not to form a union but who choose to bargain through a non-union association, still receive full bargaining rights but do not have the right to strike. Their disputes can be settled by voluntary binding arbitration.

Because teachers have the option of full union status, a College of Teachers has been created to act as the professional organization responsible for certification, professional development and disciplinary matters. Union activities will remain separate because a union's main responsibility is to protect the interests of its members.

The legislation has been introduced quickly because that's what the teachers and school officials asked the government to do.

I would urge those with an interest in education to study the

new legislation carefully and to look at all aspects of it before making a judgment. An information package with a copy of the Act has been sent to every school, school board office and government agent in the province. More copies will be made available on request.

The government believes that with a modicum of goodwill, the new labour reforms can result in a more stable industrial relations climate that will be good for all British Columbians.

TONY BRUMMET,
Education Minister,
Victoria.

Tough time

Sir,
Last week I was in Santa Barbara, California. The biggest news for the weekend was the Saturday farmers' market. Even though President Reagan was at his ranch in Santa Barbara, and making a nationwide TV newscast from there, it was secondary in importance.

Why is it that our little Farmers' Market has to have such a tough time just staying together in pleasant surroundings, in our park, for everyone to enjoy and support? Success is obvious; the crowds prove it. Please, let's just keep it where it has always been.
PHYLLIS COLEMAN,
Ganges.

It's a start

Sir,
Brooms, garbage bags and eager workers were out on the streets two Sundays ago — and what a big improvement it made to our image.

Many got an earlier start on the spring cleanup. The efforts of the schools, in particular, in tidying up their areas and placing new garbage cans is most noticeable and appreciated.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked on the cleanup, whether it was in downtown Ganges or out in your little corner of the world.

Special thanks to the Farmers' Institute, S.S.I. Garbage, John Stepaniuk and the department of highways, Dale and Lois Codd, Dave and Lynn Mathews, Kay Catlin, Lawrence Lang, Tom Gossett, Tom Toynbee, Les and Sue Ramsey, Geoff and Bev Swift, Marguerite and Pat Lee, the Girl Guides and Boy Scout groups, and the school students.

Let's consider this a start to an ongoing, everyday effort to keep our surroundings clean and tidy — if we all do a little it will add up to a whole lot!

DODIE MARSHALL,
Chamber of Commerce Cleanup Committee.

Perspective

Sir,
I'm sitting here looking out the window of our trailer at all the snow, patiently waiting for it to be melted by the bright Alberta sun, thinking about and missing our beautiful Salt Spring Island and everything it holds for us.

I'm compelled to write this letter with a message in mind for the

people on the island. When you find yourself just living from day to day, taking people, surroundings and life for granted and thinking that they'll always be there, make an effort to stop and take inventory of your life on the island.

Since moving to the small northern community of High Level, Alberta, in December, 1985, I've taken inventory many times of our life on the island. I think about the difference between these two communities, and knowing we'll be able to come home in a few years keeps me going. It's difficult sometimes, especially when I think about all the special things on the island that we haven't got here like: the trees, flowers and birds; the smell of cedar after rain; peace and quiet when walking in the woods or sitting by the ocean; the privacy

when needed; the Jellyfish team and the get-togethers; the special warmth of Acheson House; good times with friends at the local pubs; the time people always have to talk and share; the public involvement in community activities; concerts in the park; the warmth of extended families; Sunday dinners with mom and dad; short winters and long summers with no mosquitoes; and knowing there will always be someone to have morning coffee with at Kanaka.


I could go on and on but there are a few people we would like to give special thanks to for helping us while we're away: Mom and Dad (Kit and Art Moulton), Jimmy and Connie, John and Carla Hartman, Pat and Herb; Molly Acheson (for her frequent letters), our tenants for caring about our home, all our friends for the memories, *Driftwood* for keeping us informed.

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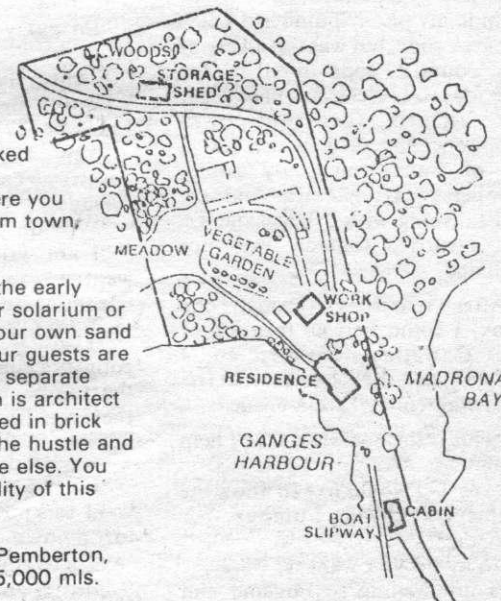
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"Look, David, the note says to follow the balloons!"

Disagree on process

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

Sirs,
Many thanks for taking the time to listen to our concerns. This is as much a philosophical debate as it is pragmatic. Obviously, we disagree on process. I simply cannot agree that a system where one needs "power over" another group is more beneficial than having "power with" a group.

This, of course, is becoming an issue of our times and is evident in many areas.

In her book *Peace is Possible*, Sister Mary Alban Bouchard (CSJ) defines this philosophical difference in the following manner:

Power "Over"	Power "With"
domination of people and nature	interdependence
profit from competition	share with
exploitation	co-operation
strength, violence or force	nurture
	nonviolence, negotiation, agreement
division, specialization	unity, synthesis, wholeness
rationality, power by knowledge	connatural and intuitive as well as rational knowledge
elite decision-making	participatory decision-making, consensus
exclusivity	inclusivity

Although harder to achieve, the model on the right creates problem-solving, creative, innovative, decision-making human beings; certainly a major goal fostered among all the teachers I know.

As a profession, we, too, are concerned with the competency issue. However, a process is currently in place to deal with it. It is within the domain of senior administrative staff to deal with the problem. It is unnecessarily punitive to tar all teachers with the same brush by instituting these harsh measures in order to weed out unsatisfactory performers.

In addition, may I reiterate that taking the principals off the "team" will create a divisive atmosphere in schools. There is no place for 'us versus them' in an environment where the number one commodity is children. I would challenge the writers of Bill 20 to spend a week in my school to see how a consultative, co-operative approach can, and does, work.

I look forward to taking you for lunch and a water taxi ride on April 24. It will give me great pleasure to show you how the current system is working well and, further, to demonstrate why the Gulf Islands teachers have found the new legislation insulting to their professional and personal integrity.

BARB AUST,
President,
Gulf Islands Teachers Association.

more letters

Prices

Sir,
If I may I would like to reply to a recent letter from Muzz Holmes in which she chides Frank Richards for having some auto repair work done off island. Has anyone noticed that the prices for goods and services on Salt Spring seem to be priced way out of line compared to Sidney or Duncan? Let me cite a few cases in point:

- I was told upon asking for an estimate on a TV repair that "I don't take the back off the set for less than \$25!" I had the set fixed in Sidney for less than \$20, including parts.
- A local shop asked \$12 to sew a moccasin that had unravelled. A shop in Sidney did it for \$4.
- A repair manual for my car sells for \$19.95 at a local auto supply store. The same manual in Victoria cost me \$9.95.
- Has anyone bothered to compare the prices of either lumber or groceries here and off island. I have, and lumber products are cheaper in Sidney, and no charge for delivery as there is here.
- As for groceries — I now buy most of my food supplies in Sidney or Duncan. I actually save enough to pay the round trip ferry fare and have money left over.

Sure, I still buy some items here, but the bulk of my shopping is done elsewhere. I don't mind paying a little more to purchase here, but I'm darned if I'll be gouged. It doesn't cost that much more to do business on this island, so why is everything so overpriced here?

C.J. MORGAN,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
Ross McLeod and Mark Meredith would like to thank all those who contributed their works to the International Plaza Hotel's Salt Spring Island promotion last weekend.

Those who contributed were Art Simons, Marguerite Pearce, Margaret Threlfall, Adrien Towne, Warren Langley, June Mitchell, Gwen Ruckle, Sharon Volkommer, Emil Socher, Lee Sollitt, Gary Cherneff, Mark Meredith, Terry Warbey, Brien Foerster, Michael Aronoff, Nell Bushby, Howard McDonald, Watershed Studios, Chicadee Pine Products, Vui's Foods Ltd., Gulf Islands Seafood, Seawoods Studio, Jacquelyn Doyle, Elsie Campbell, Lionhead Farms and Olde Tyme Kitchen.

MARK MEREDITH,
ROSS McLEOD,
Ganges.

Regrets

Sir,
Have you ever participated in a peace march? Your chance comes this Saturday, April 25, at noon in two locations — Vancouver and Victoria.

The Vancouver march will begin at Kitsilano Beach, progress across the Burrard Street Bridge and end with a brief rally at Sunset Beach.

In Victoria, the march will commence in the square near the McPherson Playhouse and proceed down Douglas Street to the Parliament lawn.

First-time marchers see that there are, literally, thousands of others concerned about efforts to achieve peaceful solutions to problems, and are working at it in various ways.

Old-time marchers reaffirm a commitment and realize that as the struggle goes on, progress is being made — if only a step at a time.

On the following Friday (May

1), four teenagers from the Youth Nuclear Disarmament Tour will be speaking to students at Gulf Islands Secondary School, at a mid-morning assembly. The tour, youth-conceived, planned and executed, has been working its way westward since last fall. The presentation will include a short film and a discussion period. There will be limited seating for the public.

RAY NEWMAN,
Ganges.

A chance

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to members of Off Centre Stage, filed with this newspaper for publication.

I regret to inform you that I will no longer be employed by Off Centre Stage.

The executive board, or the working board, has decided to terminate my employment. It is unfortunate to say this was done, in my opinion, without due process, as is normal in any working or business environment. Regardless of the details I believe it would have been only good practice and courteous to do so.

Holding a job such as mine, which is very visible and a public-oriented position, I feel it would at least have merited the option of handing in my resignation and thus sparing me the humiliation and disgrace I now feel.

I think my involvement with Off Centre has spoken for itself. I will not lower myself to justify or

defend this situation. Whatever the working board's reasons were, this scenario has become redundant.

I wish the staff and new manager success in working for such a board.

The people I have met through Off Centre in the past eight months I will treasure for the most part. It was a fascinating experience. Please drop a line or stop by if in Vancouver.

MICHAEL HYDE,
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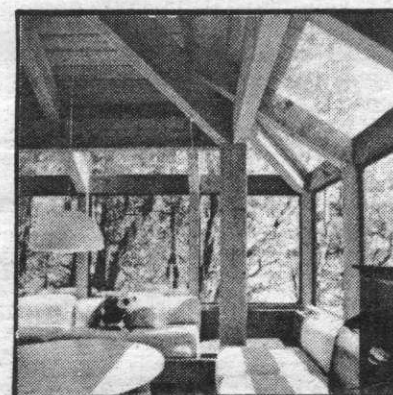
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Incredible

Sir,
This seems incredible, but it is true, and as it happened on Salt Spring Island, it may be of interest to your readers.

A few days ago, I was writing to a friend in England and decided to include my phone number. I knew my area code, but was not aware of the country code number for Canada, so I referred to page 15 of the Victoria (and our own) telephone directory, which has a list of country and city calling numbers, starting with Andorra and finishing with Yugoslavia. To my surprise, Canada was not included.

After searching through the book, I could find no mention of the Canada number, so I telephoned the operator. The following conversation ensued:

"This is the operator. Can I help you?"

"Yes — I would like to know the country calling number for Canada."

"Why do you want it?"

"I am writing to England and want to include my full telephone number." "There is no need to send that. Just send the area code, and they can look the country calling number up in their own directory."

"I would rather include the country calling number in my letter."

"There is no need to do that, just give the area code and they can ... etc., etc."

"I am a Canadian and I want to send my complete number. What is the calling number for Canada?"

"There is no need, etc., etc."
"Please tell me what the calling number for Canada is."

"There is no need, etc., etc."

"Please tell me what the calling number for Canada is. I am a Canadian citizen and want to know the calling number for my own country."

"I am sorry — I do not know it."
"Please put me onto someone who does."

"I'll put you onto the business office."

Silence, then:
"This is the business office. Can I help you?"

"Yes, I want to know the country calling number for Canada."

"Why do you want it?"

"I am writing to England and want to include my Canadian telephone number."

"There is no need to send the country calling number. Just send the number and the area code and they can find the country calling number in their own directory."

"I am a Canadian citizen and want to know the calling number for my own country."

"There is no need, etc., etc."

"But operator, I want to know what it is."

"I don't know."

"Who can tell me?"

"I don't know."

I am now awaiting the information to be sent by my friend in England, who will look it up in his directory. When I do get the information, it is my intention to send it to the telephone company, headed *To Whom It May Concern*.

BEVIS WALTERS,
Ganges.

Law's author has sense of humour

VICTORIA — Whoever is responsible for writing the changes in the labour laws with respect to teachers has a sense of humour, even if the teachers aren't laughing.

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

The provincial government has given the teachers everything they asked for — including the right to strike — but the B.C. Teachers Federation (BCTF) may not have a membership left to make use of that right.

According to the recently introduced changes in B.C.'s labour laws, membership in the BCTF will no longer be mandatory. Instead, teachers in each of the province's 75 school districts will have the choice of forming a union or a professional staff association.

Teachers choosing the union option will have the right to strike. Teachers going the staff association route will have full bargaining rights but cannot strike and, consequently, cannot be locked out.

The big question now is: which way will the various districts go? The answer to that, I believe, depends on how successful the BCTF will be in firing up the troops. If the federation can convince its members that the

even a day.

The BCTF has, of course, offered services other than providing a common front against all who would attack the profession. The federation has been a watchdog of the profession. It set standards. It encourages professional conduct.

Well, the teachers will no longer need the federation for that purpose. A college, similar to the Bar Association for lawyers and the College of Physicians and Surgeons for doctors, will assume that function.

The college will monitor the qualifications for entrants into the profession. It will deal with the conduct of its members. It will be a self-disciplinary body. And membership in the college will be compulsory for all teachers.

That, I would say, neatly pulls the carpet out from under the BCTF. Not only may it lose its membership; it lost its main reason for existence.

During the next few months, the federation will break into feverish activity. Faced with the enormous task of having to organize each school district, the federation will use every weapon it can find.

There will be loud and repeated denunciations of the legislation that threatens the survival of the federation. There will be a lot of propaganda. There will be warnings that the education system is going to hell in a hand basket if the legislation is passed.

B.C. will be treated to a union organizing drive on a grand scale. The BCTF will literally be fighting for its life.

What makes matters worse for the federation is that other unions also have the right to organize the teachers in each school district. Teachers would be a fat prize for any union. Millions of dollars in union dues are to be had.

And whatever the outcome, the BCTF will be changed forever. No longer will it be that curious cross between a union and a professional organization. It will either be dead or it will have become a bona fide union.

'Teachers choosing the union option will no longer be able to hide behind a smug professional superiority.'

legislation's sole aim is to divide and conquer, the majority of teachers may get angry enough to form unions.

If, on the other hand, it turns out that the frequent posturing of the federation's leadership is not representative of the membership, there will be a mass desertion to staff associations, and the BCTF might as well close down.

For many teachers the choice won't be easy. They've had the best of two worlds for so long, they won't know which side to choose. With the right to form a union also comes responsibilities.

First off, teachers choosing the union option will no longer be able to hide behind a smug professional superiority. Many teachers may not relish the thought of pounding the pavement with a picket sign in their hands. People might think they're plumbers or construction workers.

But, by God, if they want to be trade unionists, they had better be prepared for the less esoteric aspects of their new status.

Then there are those who believe that teachers shouldn't go on strike under any circumstances. Not so much because they consider teaching an essential service — which it is — but because they can't envision any reason that would justify depriving students of their education for

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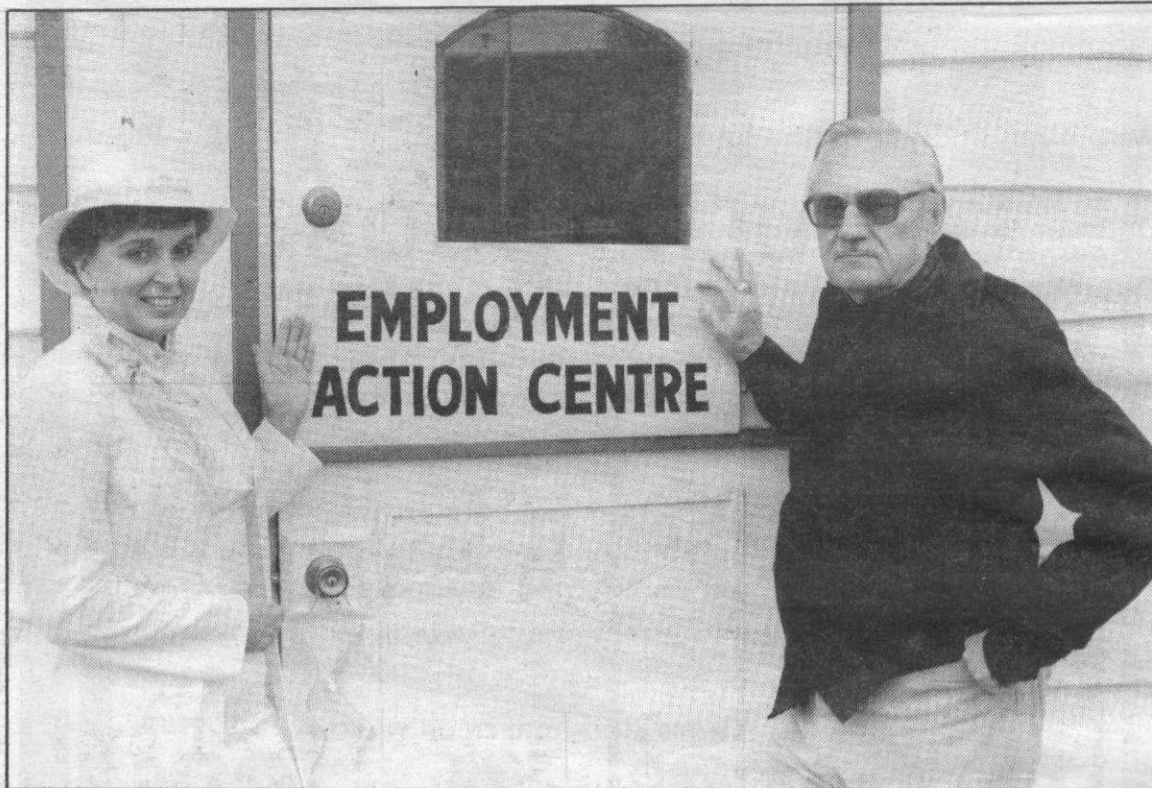
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Employment action centre volunteers Maggie Simms (left) and Bill Best outside the organization's new offices in Upper Ganges Centre. The action centre opened last week, but is still searching for additional long-term funding. Driftwood photo by Mike Turkki

Job-search services office opened by Action Society

The Salt Spring Island Employment Action Society opened its office in Upper Ganges Centre last week.

The centre, designed to help alleviate unemployment on Salt Spring, began operations Wednesday. With the aid of a volunteer staff, it offers a variety of job-search services to individuals actively seeking employment on the island.

Society co-ordinator Bill Best and fund-raising volunteer Maggie Simms were on hand to open the new centre. By early morning, seven job orders had already been placed and six individuals had registered with the organization.

Persons interested in obtaining employment are encouraged to visit the centre between 10 am and 4 pm weekdays. "The coffee pot is on," noted Simms.

Although coffee and doughnuts were available Wednesday, an official opening ceremony is planned for a future date.

Society officials are pleased with public response to the centre. "We've definitely known the need for it," Best said.

He added, however, that although the employment action society has obtained enough money to launch the centre, it is still

searching for an on-going source of funding.

Simms and Best encourage businesses and organizations to donate "whatever they can manage" to ensure the centre remains open. All donations are tax-deductible.

In addition to the fund-raising campaign, Simms said, the society hopes to hold a charity casino here in the future.

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Early rate of tourism flow running ahead of 1986 pace

The large influx of Easter weekend visitors to Salt Spring Island is part of an upswing in local tourism evident since early in the year, Spencer Marr at the Travel InfoCentre in Ganges said Monday the number of visitors signing the guest book in his office is running well ahead of the pace of a year ago.

"We had 350 people just on the weekend," he said, "and 988 for the month so far, with 12 days to go. Last year, for the whole of April, we had 1,000 people."

Marr also noted that the office guest book received 1,005 signatures in March and 406 in February of this year, compared with 879 and 241, respectively, in the same period of 1986.

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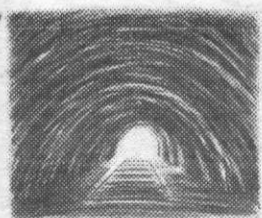
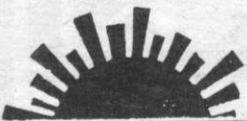
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To accommodate market

Road-closure plan proposed

A new location for the Salt Spring Farmers' Market was to have been discussed at a meeting yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon.

The meeting, held after Driftwood went to press, was called to discuss a market location proposed by Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Rick Rockcliffe.

Rockcliffe said Monday his plan would involve Saturday closings of the street in front of Centennial Park, from the eastern corner of the park to the traffic island at the intersection of Fulford-Ganges and Lower Ganges roads.

Vendors in vehicles would set up in the street, while those with stalls could operate from the front part of Centennial Park, where the full market has traditionally located, Rockcliffe said.

The proposal would be implemented by the granting of a special-use permit from the department of highways, allowing the street to be blocked from 7 am to 2 pm on Saturdays, Rockcliffe continued.

The chamber president sees a number of positive benefits in his proposal. He says it would:

- eliminate overnight parking by market vendors competing for space, because the market location would not be blocked off until 7 am on Saturdays;
- allow for orderly dissolution of the market, since the street would

have to be opened again at 2 pm;

- keep the front of the park open to pedestrians and pedestrian vendors by limiting vehicles to the street;
- eliminate the parking lot crowding which took place in the market location shared by vendors and Gasoline Alley merchants;
- link the market with the pedestrian thoroughway being developed between the banks of Montreal and Commerce; and
- give vendors more square-footage of market space than is available to them at present.

At the same time, Rockcliffe said, the location would not impede vehicular traffic headed for Mouat's Mall, the federal government wharf or Dennis Beech's Esso service station, since an alternative route is available through the northern entrance to the mall.

"This plan recognizes that the Farmers' Market is an island institution, and that Centennial

Park is a people place and, as such, shouldn't be used as a parking lot," Rockcliffe said.

He added that all parties he had contacted by noon Monday were supportive of the idea. Among those not contacted at that time were the department of highways and the market vendors' association.

"I've been getting a positive response from everyone," Rockcliffe continued, adding that he expected the meeting would involve Capital Regional District (CRD) director Hugh Borsman and representatives from highways, the market vendors, the parks and recreation commission and any other affected parties.

If the proposal meets approval, Rockcliffe said, the meeting would have to decide which local group or agency would be responsible for setting up and taking down the street barriers. "If we get permission, we'll address who does what," Rockcliffe said.

Sports seminar slated

A seminar on performance-enhancing techniques for athletics will be held at the Salt Spring Elementary School library on April 30.

The seminar, to be held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, will explain and discuss techniques used by world-class athletes to get the most from their games. Included

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police report

A two-vehicle accident last Thursday on Fulford-Ganges Road injured one person and caused an estimated \$5,000 damage to the cars involved.

Ganges RCMP say the collision was between vehicles driven by Marki Jonker of Burnaby and Robert Bruce of the Cowichan Valley. Jonker suffered a bump to the head and was taken to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, where she was treated and released.

Police added that charges of failing to confine her vehicle to the right-hand side of the road have been laid against Jonker.

Ganges RCMP have recovered a red plastic dinghy found floating in Booth Bay last weekend. Anyone missing a dinghy matching that description is asked to contact the detachment.

Police issued a number of traffic tickets in Ganges last weekend. All were for transgression of *No Parking* regulations.

Police remind residents and visitors that they intend to uphold parking regulations in the village core, particularly with visitor traffic now increasing.

"The public is advised to stay

out of *No Parking* zones," an RCMP spokesman said Monday.

Ganges RCMP also issued a note to motorists that the bicycling season is again underway on Salt Spring Island. With roads expected to bear a good deal of two-wheeled traffic in the months ahead, police advise motorists to be aware of cyclists.

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Annual general meeting told

Community Society program slate maintained, expanded in past year

Approximately 35 people attended the Salt Spring Island Community Society's annual general meeting last Wednesday.

At the meeting, several society members were elected to the service organization's board, which now consists of: Walter Swing (chairman); Karen Reiss (vice-chairman); Jim Fogerty (treasurer); and Jane Woodward (secretary).

The society's list of directors now includes Jan McPhail, David Williams, Charles Hingston, Chuck Alsberg, Kathy Caldwell, Wendy Vine, Richard Atwood, Marie Dale, Sam Evans, Alisa Pearse and Margaret Morris.

Those in attendance received the reports of various society officials. Barbara Jordan-Knox indicated in her administrative report that "the 1986-87 operating year has been most successful for the SSI Community Society. The society has continued to maintain all on-going programs funded by grants and has expanded services."

Jordan-Knox listed a total of 15 programs and grants maintained by the society, as well as six new ones. She noted that two students were hired to complete a survey of 400 island residents to determine the level of awareness of community society services, and the level of satisfaction with these services. The survey provided the society with suggestions on the direction its programs should take in the future.

It was also noted at the meeting that the community society accomplished several goals during the year.

"One of the most exciting goals accomplished this year was the addition of a volunteer to act as volunteer co-ordinator," indicated Jordan-Knox. "Mary Toynbee has assumed responsibility of advertising for and selection, training, placement and support of the centre's valuable volunteers. This means that volunteers have a person identified to represent their concerns and to develop activities and projects of interest to them."

According to society officials, other goals accomplished in 1986 were: the establishment of an ad hoc committee to review the needs of teens and recommend a

plan of action to the society; the "opening" of the community centre; the improvement of relations between community centre staff and the police; the organization of a cancer support group; and several successful fund-raising events.

In the report on volunteer activities, it was noted that the society currently has 48 registered volunteers assisting in everything from office work to building and grounds maintenance. It was volunteers who organized the successful health fair in October, as well as the November crafts fair and December's dinner and auction for the food bank.

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"Few names are mentioned in this report, because once begun, there would be no end to giving credit where credit is due," it was noted. "However, it is apparent that volunteers form an important pillar in the structure of this society, and their continued participation is to be strongly encouraged."

Community workers Gail Retalack and Jo-Anna Logan were responsible for a number of programs during the past year. In addition to emergency services and some short-term counselling, they oversaw operation of the community society food bank.

"The food bank continues to

help many families during the year," stated community society officials. "Approximately 84 individuals and families visited the food bank 279 times from January to December, 1986. Our community is generous in supporting the food bank and therefore the shortages known to many other areas have not been experienced here."

Martin Bach continued as co-ordinator of the society's community counselling services during the past year. He noted 92 cases were handled by the society's six counsellors during the past year — an increase in caseload of 39 per cent over the 1985-86 period.

The Achievement Centre, headed by Louise Doucet, had a busy and productive year as well. It was noted that a Job Development grant was obtained to hire a project manager and train three individuals as handicap service workers.

"The program proved successful in a variety of ways," society officials said in the report. "One trainee has opened his own group home and all are working on a part-time basis in this field. The grant also made it possible to open the Achievement Centre for five days a week, thus increasing both the quality and quantity of service to clients."

The local mental health group, another of Doucet's responsibilities, has been meeting since last June. The program has also proved successful, and the society hopes to extend it this year.

Other programs operated by the society in 1986 were the Life program, the Gulf Islands Program Serving Youth (GIPSY), and the recycling operation.

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Macintosh equipment picked

School District computer buy approved by board of trustees

School District 64 trustees approved the purchase of 24 Apple Macintosh computers for Fernwood Elementary School at their regular meeting, held April 2 at the Galiano Activity Centre.

Under the motion, made by trustee Ian Fraser and seconded by trustee Grace Byrne, the district will purchase a complete laboratory of Macintosh computers for Fernwood "as soon as a fair price is established."

The computers are likely to cost somewhere between \$1,700 and \$1,800 each. Funding will come from the district's Fund for Excellence in Education grant. The B.C. government has allotted School District 64 approximately \$67,000 for the purchase of computers and computer-related items in 1987.

The board's decision to purchase the Apple Macintosh computers was based on analysis and recommendations made by the district computer committee, the same organization that prepared the computer program approved by trustees at their March meeting.

Fraser said that after testing and analyzing a number of computers, School District 64 officials concluded that in terms of "networking, clarity and simplicity," the Apple Macintosh was "probably the best machine for students in the lower grades."

Fraser said, however, that teachers in Gulf Islands Secondary School were not totally sold on the new machines. He said the committee decided that before purchasing another set of Apple Mac's for GISS, the district should allow teachers at the high school to visit Fernwood and test the new machines.

Fraser explained that some of the high school teachers favoured IBM-compatible computers. He noted that some GISS participants felt IBM-compatibles performed some functions better than Apple Macintoshes. He added that it was possible the high school might opt for the purchase of IBM-compatibles.

Trustee Charles Hingston expressed concern over that possible move. Hingston said he thought the computer committee planned to recommend one brand of computer for the entire district.

Hingston and fellow board member Joy Ridley both noted that the more time it took to decide on a computer for GISS, the longer students there would have to wait for computer instruction. "Let's get on with it," Ridley exclaimed.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall said he felt that to provide GISS with Apple Macin-



School district will set up computer laboratory at Fernwood School.

senior high school level for which IBM-compatibles may be better suited. But the bulk of the district — seven of eight schools — will definitely be on Apple Macs."

Both Fraser and Marshall said they didn't feel allowing GISS to obtain a type of computer other than Apple Macintosh would create problems within the district. Fraser pointed out that companies producing IBM-compatibles were incorporating many of the same features into their computers that were first introduced in machines made by Apple Computer, Inc.

The purchase of 24 new computers by School District 64 is part of the first phase of a plan to incorporate computers and their use in school curriculums here.

Under its computer plan, entitled *A Three-Stage Plan for Instructional Use of Computers*, School District 64 plans to place either MS-DOS (IBM-compatible) or Apple Macintosh computers in all district schools by 1990. The first schools slated to receive the new machines are Fernwood Elementary and GISS.

toshes without allowing some input from the school would "offend them (school officials)."

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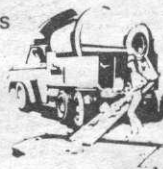
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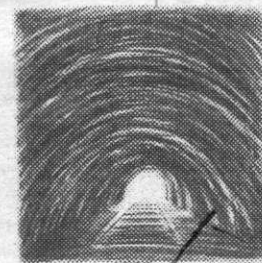
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At open houses

Solid waste issue topic of discussion

Public meetings are scheduled throughout the Gulf Islands this month and next to give residents of the region input into a new 30-year solid waste management plan for the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The first open house in the series was held last night (April 21) on Salt Spring. Others are planned for Mayne Island (April 25 at 1 pm in the Agriculture Centre), Pender Island (April 27 at noon in the Pender Island School), Galiano Island (May 16 at 12:30 pm in the Galiano Community Hall) and Saturna Island (date, time and location to be announced).

According to the CRD's engineering department, the open house sessions are part of an ongoing process to encourage public participation in the production of a new solid waste management plan for the region.

The disposal of solid waste — garbage — is a growing problem in many parts of B.C., the CRD says in a release outlining the matters to be discussed at the public meetings.

Gulf Islanders and others in the Capital Region are being asked to consider a series of options for solid waste disposal outlined in a 'concepts' report presented to the CRD's sanitation and water committee on February 4. The document was the summary of five technical subcommittee reports on different aspects of solid waste management in the region.

The subcommittees studied landfilling, recycling and composting, incineration and materials recovery, satellite facilities, and solid waste management in the Gulf Islands.

The Gulf Islands component of the concepts report deals specifically with the needs and circumstances of the islands. Several solid waste management options have been studied and, coupled with the wishes of island residents, they will provide CRD officials with the information needed to choose the most appropriate waste disposal option for each island.

According to the CRD's engineering department, "Gulf Islanders have several options available to them, both with a CRD-

administered system or an islands-administered system. In either case, a complete disposal plan must be put in place."

CRD representatives say that under a regionally-funded solid waste disposal system, Gulf Islanders have the following options:

- Landfill. (At either a new or an existing site.)
 - Transfer off-island. (People would drop their garbage off at one or more central locations for weekly transfer off-island by a private contractor. Garbage would then be disposed of at a regional facility.)
 - Direct haul. (A contracted residential collection service would haul refuse off the island for disposal at a regional facility.)
- Under an islands-funded disposal scheme, the options would be:
- Landfill. (At either a new or existing landfill site.)
 - Incineration and landfill.
 - Transfer or direct haul to another island.

Islands residents are also being asked to help select waste reduction and disposal methods for the entire Capital Region. Some possible methods for reduction include increased recycling, incineration, composting, and materials recovery.

CRD officials stress, however, that no matter which method of waste disposal is chosen, some garbage or residue will have to go to a landfill site. UMA Engineering and Gartner Lee Associates have assessed each of the Gulf Islands for suitable landfill locations, and these will be presented at the upcoming open house meetings. The technical and social impact of the suggested sites will also be discussed at that time.

Residents attending the open house meetings will be asked to complete a questionnaire so their thoughts and selections can be recorded and included in a report to the CRD's sanitation and water committee.

Based on technical and economic information, and the public's wishes, the regional board will adopt a plan for waste disposal in the Capital Region. This plan will then be submitted to the provincial ministries of environment and municipal affairs for approval.



Wonderland characters

Students at Fulford Elementary School were studying the book *Alice in Wonderland* and created costumes. Some came as playing cards, while others — such as Grade 4 student Howie Spencer (left) — preferred to be the Mad Hatter or another character. Fulford teacher Susan Underwood says the children enjoyed the exercise.

Indian chiefs to visit local event

Salt Spring residents are invited to learn about the island's first inhabitants — Native Indians — at an event to be held this Saturday in Fulford Elementary School.

Joan Erickson, co-ordinator of the event, said a group of Native Indian leaders and their families from Saanich will visit the island on Saturday, from 3 pm to 8 pm. The Native leaders will discuss Salt Spring's early history, lead a discussion of native culture, and

show a film.

Those attending Saturday's event will be encouraged to join in a tribal circle dance with native dancers from the region. Erickson noted that following the festivities, a potluck supper will be held at the school. Those planning to attend are asked to bring their own cutlery, as well as some food to share with others. Baby-sitting services will be available.

The visit by Native leaders is being sponsored by Project

North. Erickson, who has worked with Native people in Saanich, said Thursday she feels there has "not been much communication" between whites and Natives in the region.

"This gathering provides a unique opportunity to communicate and share with Native Indian people," she said.

Erickson is particularly pleased the Native leaders are bringing their families with them to the island.

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Event to be held April 30

IODE readies for fashion show

The main topic of discussion at the most recent meeting of HMS Ganges chapter of the IODE concerned plans for the forthcoming fashion show.

The meeting, held April 10 in the United Church Hall under the direction of Regent Joyce Parsons, noted that the lunch and fashion show is a popular annual event which channels proceeds to Operation Eyesight and the Cystic Fibrosis Fund.

The show, sponsored by Carolee's Fashions, will be held this year on April 30 in the Harbour Harbour House Hotel. Tickets are

available from Helen Hopper only (537-2479); none will be sold at the door.

The meeting also heard an interesting talk on colour and colour co-ordination, delivered by guest speaker Margaret R. Simms.

In other business, members decided to hold the annual coffee party at the home of Dorrie Cherry, at 130 Arnell Way, on June 10. Roma Aston will be general convener for the event, which will raise money for the education fund.

The Salt Spring IODE chapter

earned a double distinction at the 74th annual meeting of the provincial chapter, held in Nanaimo on April 12, 13 and 14. HMS Ganges had the most members present — 13 — and won a prize for having installed the greatest number of new members during the past year.

The meeting also saw money from the Mary Emerson Trust Fund granted to the Island zone chapters — which includes HMS Ganges — to equip a program room in the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) building in Victoria.

bridge winners

The Mayne Island Duplicate Bridge Club recently threw a party — and what a party. Members invited the duplicate players from Salt Spring, 30 of whom were able to accept.

The Salt Spring players were wine and dined and billeted, and had a rousing game of duplicate bridge — 13 tables directed by Kay Sinclair.

Winners were: (north-south) John Coates and Fred Mitchell; Helen Shandro and Dorothy Crofton; Fran and Dick Tipple; Mary Clements and Isabelle Richardson; Lorna and Peter Pentz; (east-west) Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; Dawny Scarfe and Kay Sinclair; Margaret Ellison and May Whiten; Anne and Norm McConnell; Vivian Storr and Marion Ashmore.

ACBL membership winners on April 13 were: (north-south) Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon; Jean Herring and Anne McConnell; Marguerite Hall and Bee Thompson; (east-west) Kay Sinclair and Alan Steward; June Knowles and Gordon Hutton; Betsy Minten and John Noakes; Shirley Love and Marion Ashmore.

Side game winners were: Vivian Storr and Phyllis Henderson; Bill Minten and Conhor Hunt; Mildred Gurney and Kay Javorski.

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on April 14 were: (north-south) Don Nemeth and Chuck Beasley; Gordon Parsons and Bud Keech; Mike Testart and Noel Fowles; Helen Shandro and Dorothy Crofton; (east-west) Anne and Norm McConnell; Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; Norma Keech and Shirley Parsons; Peter Jacques and Tom David.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your Executive members have unanimously voted to oppose Bill 19 including a boycott of the legislation if necessary.

We ask all members to support the Union in this resolve. You will soon receive a ballot. Please vote 'yes' to a boycott of this confrontational legislation.

If Bill 19 is passed it is likely that our next contract will be imposed by the government rather than negotiated. This bill threatens to severely undermine your future wages and working conditions and limit your democratic right to self-determination.

Bill 19 is hardball legislation and it calls for immovable, unwavering opposition. We cannot afford to be indecisive or irresolute in our determination. Can you afford to join the working poor in this province? This bill paves the way for right to work legislation that would make British Columbia the Alabama of Canada. It is not honest legislation complete with consultation and public debate; it is an economic and political agenda intended to create a low paid, docile workforce countered by a small, rich elite class.

I urge you to vote yes to a boycott of Bill 19.

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Lee Cochran
President

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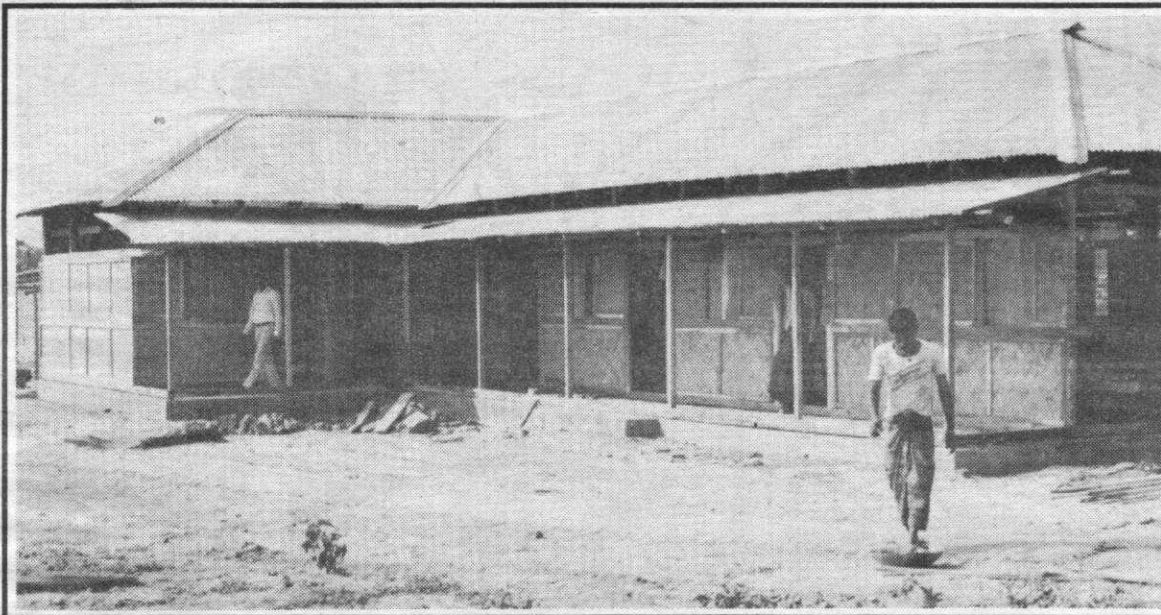


Photo at left shows a school in Dakka, Bangladesh, where a school was constructed recently using funds provided in part by proceeds from the annual World Development Tea held on Salt Spring Island. Georgina Gibbs, chairman of the Inter-church World Development committee sponsoring this year's tea, notes the Bangladesh community had never had a school for the poor before this one was built. "Poverty is a way of life for most people there," she said. Additional funds for projects like the Dakka school will be raised at this year's tea, to be held Saturday, May 2, in the United Church Hall in Ganges, beginning at 1 pm.

New CWL officers announced at meet

The Salt Spring Island Council of the Catholic Women's League met on Wednesday, April 8, in Our Lady of Grace Church for Mass at 1 pm. Afterwards, the members congregated in the parish hall for a business meeting.

Plans were finalized for the Communion Sunday to be held on April 26, at the 10:30 am Mass. After Mass, all parishioners are invited to join the CWL for muffins and coffee in the parish hall.

There was some discussion of the Diocesan Annual Meeting being held on Monday, May 11. It is being hosted by St. Peter's Council in Nanaimo and several people from Salt Spring will be attending.

The president announced that the proposed amendments to the CWL constitution have been received for study by the members.

She also reported on the meeting held March 25 to plan for the annual World Relief Tea being hosted this year by the United

Church Ladies. It is an ecumenical event involving the Anglican, Community Gospel and Roman Catholic women of the island. The tea will be from 1 pm to 3 pm and there will be a home baking table, white elephant, plants and silent auction. The CWL are in charge of the plants.

At the end of the business meeting, outgoing president Alicia Anderson thanked the members for their support during the past year. Committee chairman Elsa Drummond took the floor to give the results of the election of officers.

The 1987-88 executive are: Valerie Gyves, president; Joy Johnsen, first vice-president; Pat Beitel, second vice-president; Shirley Graham, secretary; Dorrie Cherry, treasurer; conveners — Fordene Kavanagh, organization; Joy Johnsen, spiritual life; Pat Beitel, education; Ruth Liston, Christian family life; Pat Smith, community life.

Salt Spring golfers tie Mount Brenton ladies

By PAT DOHERTY

In recent nine-hole ladies play, the game was bingo, bango, bongo. Winner was Marguerite Mehery. Putt pot winner was Margaret Fisher.

Salt Spring Island golfers finished in a tie in their match against Mount Brenton ladies.

The rest of the 18-hole golfers played a four ball best ball. Winners were Mona Coulter, Dolly Whorley, Jean Jeffries and Cathy Darling, with net 60. Runners up were Lil Rayner, Jean Cunningham, Dorothy Sneddon and Joan McCauley. Putt pot was won by Marie Hopkins with 26 putts.

The ladies need spotters for the open on May 7 and 8. Volunteer spotters are essential to keep the tournament moving along and

running smoothly.

Men's day ringer and best ball started on Thursday with 42 participating.

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Kiwi fruit can be cultivated by enterprising gardeners

The cooler weather we've been having these past several days is not typical for our area, as we are usually protected from extremes by the tempering influences of the warm Japanese current.

Since their arrival on the fruit and vegetable stands several years ago, kiwi fruit popularity and demand has grown, and with the premium prices they bring, commercial growers have wanted to get a piece of the action ever since. Several trial plantings carried out three years ago resulted in near total disaster however, as the extremely cold winters killed 12 acres planted with kiwi vines on the mainland and Vancouver Island.

On Salt Spring, a one-acre trial planting was killed back to the ground and re-grafting was necessary but in areas where cold-air drainage was very good and some protection was provided by shelterbelts or adjacent trees, the vines survived.

Plantings done in 1977 in Saanichton have withstood extreme cold (-14 Celcius) and home garden plantings with the protection of homes or other plantings have survived the severe cold and gone on to fruit.

In its infancy, the mistakes and problems appear great, but with careful site selection and proper shelterbelt provision, there is a bright future for kiwi fruit production in B.C. With anticipated yields of from nine to 15 tons per acre, and the good prices they fetch, it is a goal worth pursuing.

For the home gardener, those juicy delicious fuzz-covered fruit are an attainable reality, provided sunshine, water and space are available. The kiwi fruit, originally called Chinese gooseberry, after the country of its origin, is but one of several species of the *Actinidia* genus which will produce edible fruit. A hardier species *A. arguta*, now being marketed for colder areas and high elevations, produces smaller, fuzzless fruit with a less tangy flavour. Two other ornamental species, *A. kolomikta* and *A. eriantha*, also produce smaller, less appealing fruit, but without question the focus of research effort and our article will be directed toward the familiar fuzzy kiwi fruit, *A. chinensis*.

In order to be productive and healthy, a sunny location is vital, and in choosing the site you should avoid frost hollows, depressions, exposed spots or areas that have poor cold-air drainage. Kiwi vines

your garden

by
Chris Schmah

resume growth early in the spring and ripen their fruits fairly late in the fall, so they need to be in a location that is not susceptible to late spring frosts or early fall frosts.

The vines also benefit from some wind protection during the blooming and bud-setting periods. They bloom in June, so frost damage is no problem, and bees are usually around at this time of year, so pollination is not generally a problem, but if you have to do the job, due to the lack of bees, a paintbrush will do just fine.

Kiwi vines need to have a well-drained, fairly deep soil, and will not tolerate a clay soil. While they like ample water during the growing season, they will not survive excess water on the roots, as root rots will set in quickly and kill the vine. A deep, shady loam is ideal, and you should endeavor to apply lime on an annual basis to keep the pH between 6.0 and 7.0.

Kiwi plants are either male or female and you require both in order to produce fruit. One male will pollinate up to eight female vines and each bearing plant should be given at least 10 and preferably 15 to 20 feet of room for full growth and development. Since these vines bear heavy crops they need a strong support system of wires or wood in a trellis, pergola, arbor or espallier structure.

For the home gardener, ingenuity and space are key factors but if you want to do it up right, layout publications are available. They need lots of room and substantial support. Once the site and the layout/support system has been worked out, you can choose your plants and commence with the growing.

The most popular, productive and tested varieties are Chico and Hayward, but there are several others being tested for this area. Kiwi vines are available as plants grafted onto hardier rootstocks, budded plants or as rooted cuttings. The last type is the only one which will regrow true to sex and type after freezing back. Kiwi vines may be propagated from stem cuttings, root cuttings or from seeds. The seed approach means a four-to-seven-year delay before they flower for gender identification, and worst of all they

will be highly variable in the type (size, shape and flavour) of fruit they produce.

However you choose to procure your planting stock, the planting technique is the same. Plant the vine on the sheltered side of the post or support, ensure that it isn't twisted or vining around anything and, most importantly, don't plant it any deeper than it has been grown in the pot. Deep planting will only invite root rots to attack and kill your plants. Water the plants in well after planting and ensure that they receive ample water throughout the growing season.

For the first year, refrain from applying any nitrogen-containing fertilizer, but do use phosphate and potassium-containing plant food which will keep growth strong and healthy.

Pruning and training of kiwi vines is involved and necessary, as the wood needs to be thinned, headed back and renewed to keep up production. Like grapes, kiwi vines bear their crop on new wood (produced during the current season) that develops from one-year-old wood (last year's growth). The first four to six buds are the fruit-bearing ones, and these are the types of bearing wood that must be continually produced. A grape pruning system such as is used for spur or cordon producing types, is similarly adaptable for kiwis.

Fertilization of mature plantings should be fairly heavy. B.C. recommendations call for one pound of actual nitrogen for a five-year-old plant. This is five pounds of 21-0-0 to be spread over the total ground area under the vine. In New Zealand, the rule is one pound of general granular fertilizer for each year of age up to 17.6 pounds, spread over the total area and three feet more in radius. For both, the feeding is to be spread one-half to two-thirds in spring at bud break, and the remainder after the fruit set in June. For younger plantings use proportionately less — i.e. two years, use 2/5ths.

Harvesting is usually done in October, just before the fruit ripens on the vine so storage at 32 degrees F. will keep the fruit for several months. A mature producing vine can be expected to yield from 200 to 400 fruits, a more than ample crop, even for the kiwi fruit aficionado.

While I've mentioned wind protection and frost protection, I've got to caution you about one more protection; deer, for just like you, deer love kiwis, too. Until next week, happy gardening.



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