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Hansen donations reach \$10,000 mark

A cheque for \$10,000 was presented to Rick Hansen last Friday on behalf of Salt Spring and Saturna Island residents.

The money, handed over at a Coquitlam ceremony by islanders Sharon Rowe and Clifford Crooks, represents pledges and donations made towards Hansen's *Man In Motion* fund for spinal cord research.

The provincial government is matching each dollar raised for the *Man In Motion* fund by British Columbians, making the local contribution worth \$20,000.

A breakdown of the total is as follows: hospital fun run, \$2,882; Life Skills Program wheelchair relay, \$2,730; bartender pledges from the Harbour House, Fulford Inn and Vesuvius Inn, \$953; donations collected by the hospital, \$1,935; donations collected in a Credit Union account, \$730; Pharmasave outlet, \$300 (representing 50 cents for each outdated prescription handed in); and \$100 from a Valdy 'evening.'

The above breakdown totals \$9,630 — the remaining \$270

needed to bring local contributions to the \$10,000 mark was provided by Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital when its accountant, Fred Lesiuk, saw that the goal was within reach.

The two islanders who presented the cheque to Hansen — Rowe and Crooks — were part of a 12-member class of Life Skills Program students who travelled to Vancouver with six adults to take in the 'welcome home' festivities for Hansen.

Polly Tremblay, co-ordinator of

the program and one of the adults to accompany the class, said the students were impressed with the Coquitlam event and the festivities held later at B.C. Place Stadium in Vancouver, both of which she said were "very emotional."

She also noted that the students were excited to see island resident Valdy at the B.C. Place event. The musician has recorded a song about Hansen and is donating proceeds from sales to the *Man In Motion* fund.

Rainbow Road

Land rezoning bid receives Trust nod

A pair of bylaws designed to allow relocation of the Salt Spring Esso service station were given three readings Friday by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

Bylaws 178 and 179, the topic of heated discussion in March because they will permit construction of a service station at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Rainbow Road, won support of the Trust Committee and will now be sent to the ministry of municipal affairs for further consideration.

School District 64 and a number of private citizens opposed the bylaws when they were introduced in March. At that time, school trustees expressed concern

over the impact a service station might have on traffic in front of its schools, and on student safety in general. Other residents objected to the plan, saying it represented "spot zoning" and would interfere with plans to enhance Ganges Creek and the downtown area.

Bylaw 178, which rezones a pair of lots at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Rainbow Road to Commercial 3 from Multi-Family Residential, has not been amended since brought to public hearing in March. However, as Trust member Pat Byrne pointed out Friday, Bylaw 179 (which amends the Official Community Plan for Ganges) has been changed to include Lots 5 and 6 of Plan 5827 — which extend from the corner of Jackson Avenue west along the south side of Rainbow Road — among those suitable for "automotive service and repair."

"This simply represents a small extension of the zone identified as suitable for automotive service and repair," Byrne noted, adding that the remainder of Block 5 will remain unchanged.

In speaking on the proposed bylaws, Gilbert noted that much of the property bordering on the two lots affected by Bylaws 178 and 179 is already slated for commercial use. He added that a large section of Block 5 is also identified as the possible site of a supermarket.

Gilbert said that until recently, he was one of those who did not want the property in question developed. However, he added that the Trust's Industrial Task Force has discovered there is little available land for businesses in and around the village.

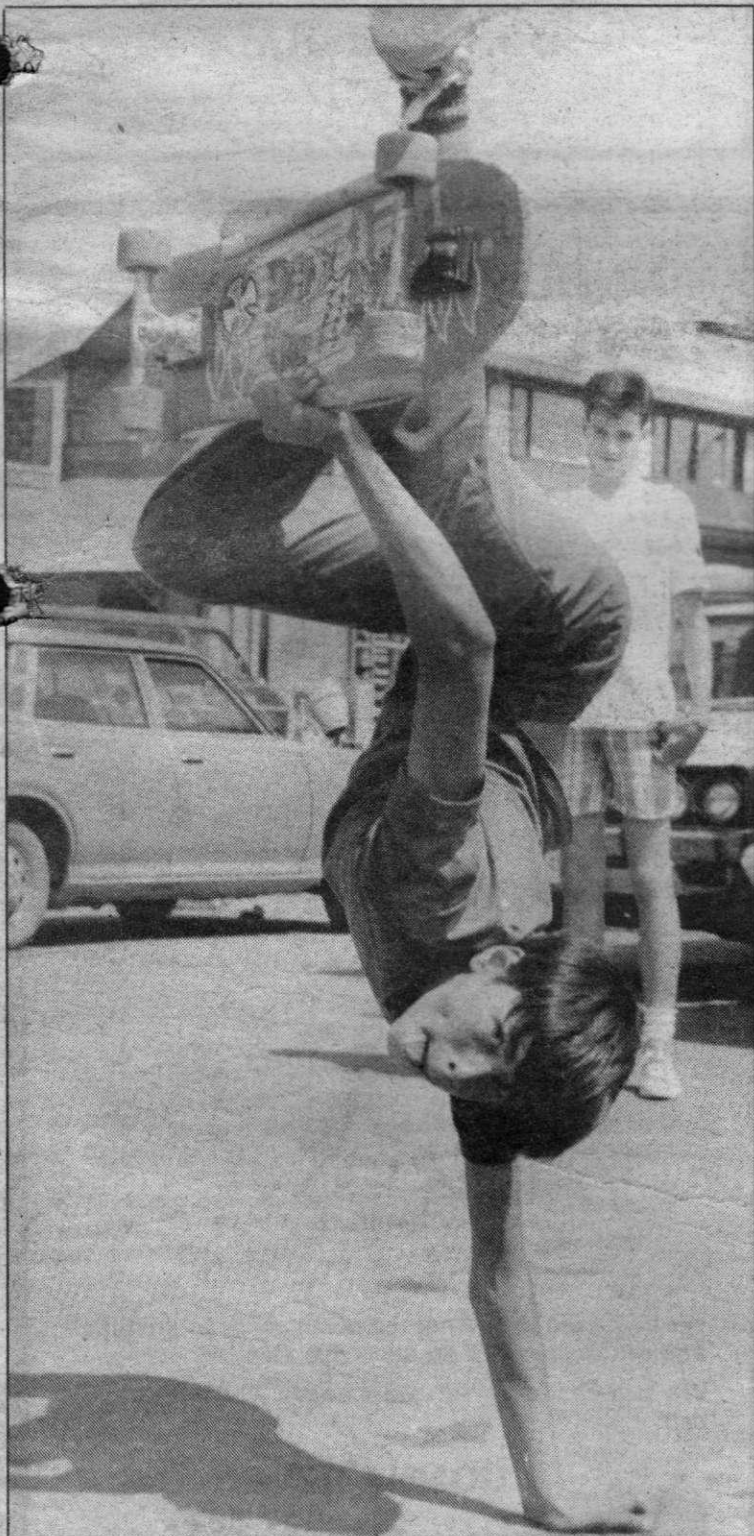
The Trust chairman added he feels relocation of Dennis Beech's Salt Spring Esso service station from its current location along Fulford-Ganges Road is in keeping with plans for the village. He added that in his estimation, the service station's proposed new site is suitable.

Victoria forms committee to study Trust

Municipal affairs minister Rita Johnson announced Friday that a bipartisan standing committee of the Legislature will review the Islands Trust Act and several related issues during the next six months.

The Legislature's select standing committee on economic development, transportation and municipal affairs — consisting of Johnson and MLAs David Mercier (Burnaby-Edmonds), Nick Loenen (Richmond), Mike Harcourt (Vancouver Centre), Cliff Michael (Shuswap-Revelstoke), Robin Blencoe (Victoria), Howard Dirks (Nelson-Creston), Grace McCarthy (Vancouver-Little Mountain) and Dan Miller (Prince Rupert) — will discuss the objectives of the Trust as well as possible mechanisms for providing local services to communities within the Trust area.

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Look ma, one hand

Skateboard enthusiast Yuri Tricys shows his skill during a practice session in downtown Ganges. Tricys and his board

buddies have constructed a ramp for their own use, and regularly practice their stunts in downtown parking lots.

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Donation

A representative of the Royal Canadian Legion was on hand last week to present Meals on Wheels workers with an \$1,800 donation. Page 11.



Walking

Participants in the recent Pender Islands Health Care Society walk-a-thon raised approximately \$2,600 for the group. Page 30.



Cup win

Salt Spring FC got a last-minute goal against Sidetrack to win the Eric Springford Challenge Cup on the Victoria Day weekend. Page 40.

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In Ganges Firms pay for new park

A park developed in downtown Ganges is an example of local business providing a benefit to the community, its backers say.

Manson Park, officially dedicated 10 days ago during a celebration marking the 80th birthday of Mouat's Trading, was created within a former one-way street separating the Bank of Montreal and the Ganges Centre buildings.

Development of the park was initiated and funded by Mouat's and the Bank of Montreal when changes to the downtown street network made the one-way road unnecessary. "We didn't want to see it (the street) turn into a back alley, so we decided to turn it into a park," says Tom Toynbee of Mouat's.

Development of the park cost approximately \$27,000 for walkways, plants, watering systems and other features. The bill was shared by Mouat's and the Bank of Montreal.

At the ceremony officially opening the park, Manson Toynbee dedicated the project to the people of Salt Spring Island, "past, present and future," and to the memory of pioneer families. He made specific mention in his address of Jane Manson Mouat, grandmother of the current owners of Mouat's Trading. To mark their joint involvement in the park project, Mouat's and the Bank of Montreal each sent representatives to share ribbon-cutting duties at the official opening ceremony. Norman Mouat did the honours for the Ganges store, while the bank sent Peter Vale, its vice-president for commercial banking (Pacific Division).

Tom Toynbee noted that creation of the park is but one part of a larger effort being made by both

Memory of youth marked at assembly

A special assembly was held last Friday afternoon at Gulf Islands Secondary School in memory of Grade 10 student Barry Bompas, a Salt Spring Island youth who took his life earlier in the week.

Attending the assembly were high school students, a large number of adults, Bompas' family, school staff and Rev. Al Skinner of Ganges United Church.

Principal John Wellingham opened the assembly by noting that school staff and students were shocked by the "sad and sudden" death of Bompas, and extending sympathies and condolences to his family.

Family members also spoke at the assembly, which was concluded by Rev. Skinner and by Wellingham.



Manson Toynbee of Mouat's Trading and Dodie Marshall of local Bank of Montreal branch

bask in sunshine bathing newly-created downtown Ganges park their companies funded.

firms to beautify their part of the downtown core. Next up is transfer of all overhead wires above Manson Park to underground conduits installed when the park was created, a project that will eventually be extended to the adjoining road.

"It's enormously expensive," Toynbee said, estimating the costs will reach about \$90,000 by the time the job is finished some time next year. The Bank of Montreal is contributing a portion towards that price tag.

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Special committee will analyze Trust

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The committee is also slated to consider matters relating to Section 3 of the Islands Trust Act, which was recently proclaimed by the provincial government. Section 3 enables the Trust to accept donations of land and money.

According to Johnson, the committee is expected to report to the Legislature on or before October 1. It has been given the authority to appoint sub-committees to consider the various issues.

Trust chairman Nick Gilbert is pleased by the government's decision. He said at Friday's Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting that he feels the review is "quite timely."

He continued: "We have two developing communities, Ganges on Salt Spring and Snug Cove on Bowen Island, that are currently experiencing growing pains. The committee will look at how best to provide local government for these areas."

Gilbert said Section 3 of the Trust Act needs "scrutiny." He pointed out that many of the provisions made in the Islands Trust Act are "not completely clear."

"I'm assuming this (review) is a positive, constructive thing," he said. "I have no reason to be fearful at this time."

Gilbert said he expects the committee will seek input from island residents "at some point."

Don's Barber Shop

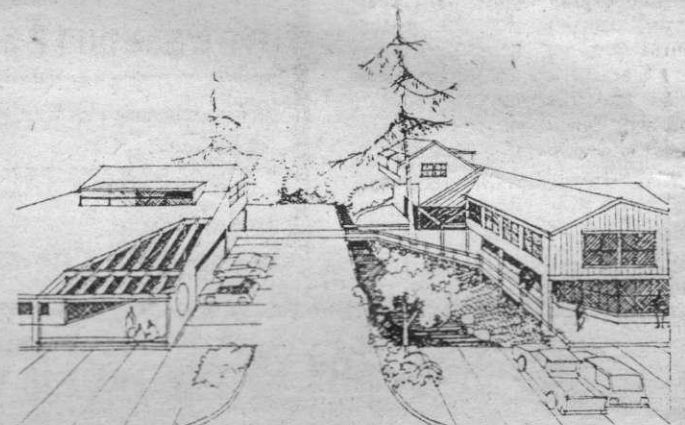
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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Underground

Sure, I knew they were having underground wiring in the new Grace Point project in Ganges, but I never figured how they'd go about it.

We've watched them drive the new power poles into the ground. Only thing that beats me is how they're going to put the cross-bars down there.

The wrong tube

During the Second War the Royal Air Force took a new name from a series of popular advertisements in Britain. They were known as the "Brylcreem Boys".

The hair fixative company published these ads showing an airman with his hair held together by their product. For a few cents a tube the serving airman could look just like the model in the ad.

Many a former airman would have blushed to admit his addiction to that or any product that fixed his hair and gained him a nickname that was, in truth, less than eagerly heard.

The other day I went the whole hog.

Lying in the bathroom were a tube of denture cream and a tube of hair cream. It was horrible. No matter how hard you scrubbed them they wouldn't lather or clean up.

I'm just thankful I didn't try putting toothpaste on my white hair.

How foreign?

The name of *Globe and Mail* is not to be toyed with. At least, not in the news business. There are some among us who don't toy with anything and they are those who wouldn't sneeze at the eastern news medium.

However . . . when an eastern report in an eastern newspaper trips over its own national feet, the fact must be mentioned.

The *Globe and Mail* published a report a month ago in which Consolidated Bathurst spokesmen predicted two good years for the Canadian pulp industry. The company has a 25 per cent interest in a pulp mill in Castlegar, B.C., the reader was told. The Montreal company has been operating the British Columbia mill for six months, shipping its output to China. Power Corporation of Canada has another 25 per cent of the mill, went on the report, with Chinese investors holding the balance.

Its further observations might have been better expressed when the story goes on to announce other developments.

"In another foreign adventure," the company has turned around its newsprint mill in Britain, the *Globe* said. The reader is left to wonder whether the foreign adventure was the part ownership of a far western mill or the sale of newsprint to China.

It is easy to be picky on these things, but for too long there have been too many western Canadians who would readily and eagerly assume that the first foreign adventure cited was the investment in this province.

Hammer them down!

The creeping qualities of that excellent ground cover, St. John's Wort, are never so clear as when it grows in my driveway.

Every spring the little shoots of wort sprout out of the pavement.

Then, like underground wiring, you get a stout hammer and hammer them all back. You can, of course, with less excitement, just cut them off.

**Trust approves
Rainbow Road
rezoning bid**

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"I feel this is for the best," he concluded.

Gilbert and Byrne said residents' concerns for the water-course running through Lots 3 and 4 at the corner of Rainbow Road and Jackson Avenue can and will be addressed when the Development Permit is issued.

Byrne suggested that section of the "creek" or "ditch" could be culverted to remove any possibility of contamination.

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MP calls for inquiry

Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands MP Jim Manly has called on Ottawa to launch a formal public inquiry into the visits made to Canadian ports by nuclear-powered US ships.

In making the call, Manly said he was adding his voice to those of Victoria Mayor Gretchen Brewin and the Capital Regional District (CRD). Both have called

attention to the danger of an accident resulting from the presence of nuclear-powered US ships in Canadian ports.

Manly noted that the CRD represents 250,000 people and 14 municipalities, and has passed a resolution asking Ottawa to convene a public inquiry into all aspects of visits to Canadian ports by US nuclear-powered ships.

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State case again

Lay groundwork for cycling safety arguments

One of the surest signs of spring on the Gulf Islands is the steady arrival of bicyclists sent, it seems, to test the mettle of local motorists. This year is no exception, as fleets of two-wheeled visitors are already a common sight on island roads.

While the cyclists are welcome here, the same cannot be said about road conditions they and motorists must contend with. Our relatively narrow strips of black-top prohibit the creation of safe and proper bicycling lanes, and the arrival of the prime building season adds commercial trucks to the road safety equation—creating a situation which invites mishaps.

(The road network changes in downtown Ganges have improved conditions for cyclists

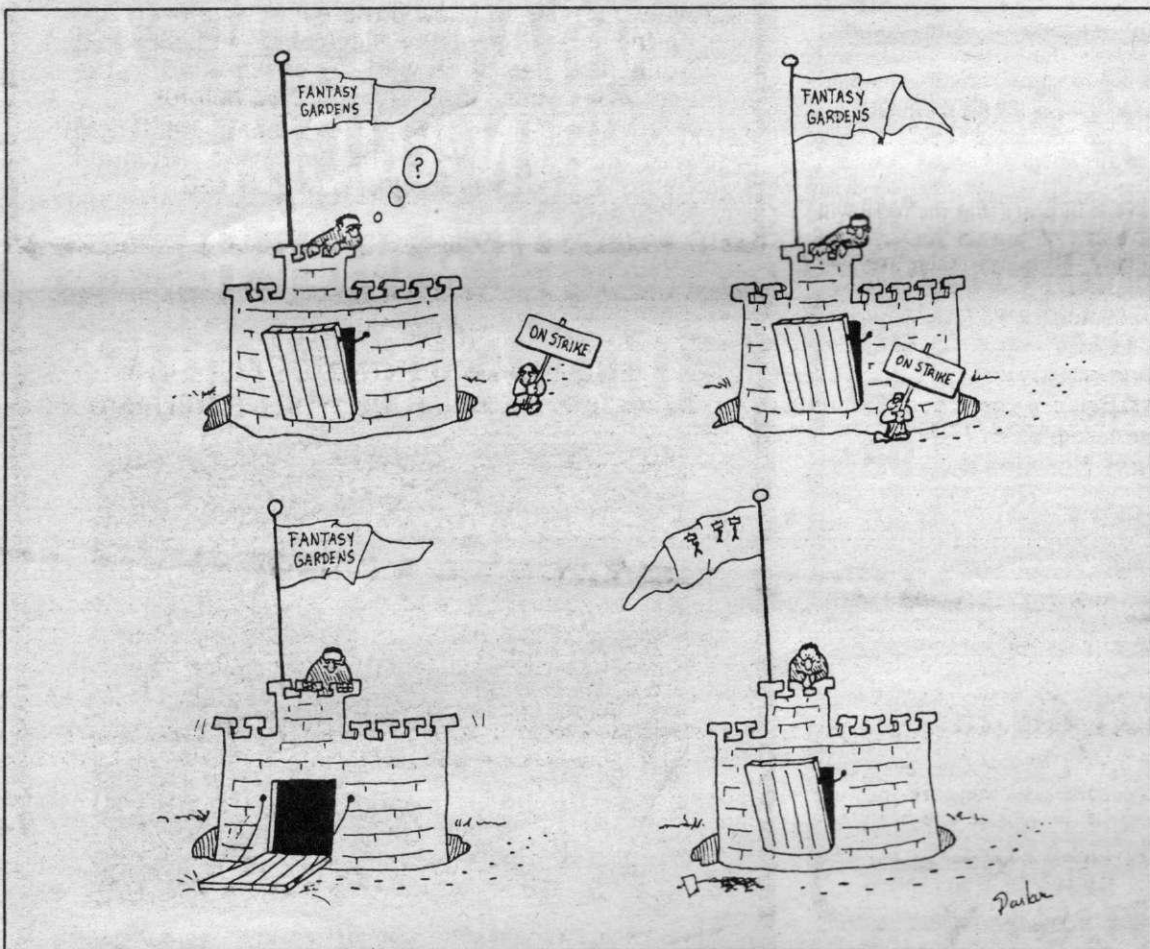
venturing there, but the island contains too many other stretches of thin roadway travelled on two wheels. And while back roads are arguably safer, since they have lower traffic volumes, no markings exist to encourage cyclists to venture those ways. Thus, it is the main thoroughfares which should demand immediate attention.)

The climate created for collisions has been noted before, usually in conjunction with an appeal from islanders to the provincial government to install a cycling lane on local roads. Victoria has yet to offer a favourable reply, and the problem still exists, so we may as well repeat the call.

First, however, we should assemble some ammunition for the argument. As we are just now

entering the cycling visitor season, it would make sense to see a local agency like the Chamber of Commerce keep a running tally of the number of two-wheeled tourists wheeling along our roads throughout this summer. Those counts, along with police and hospital reports about the inevitable mishaps taking place this summer, might go a long way towards convincing the province that a bicycle lane is not just wanted — it's needed.

Compiling, analyzing and 'selling' numbers is a tedious chore, but it should be done. The alternative is to wait for a sure-fire argument in favour of a cycling lane — i.e., a serious mishap — but no one wants to see safety improvements made only after the fact. Act now, before hindsight brings the obvious into sharper focus.



Ceremonies showcase company's contributions

The important role one Ganges business has played in the life of Salt Spring Island for the past 80 years was celebrated and underlined at twin events staged 10 days ago.

The main event was a public cutting and sharing of a birthday cake baked to mark the 80th year Mouat's Trading has been in business on the Ganges waterfront. The span might not seem like much in other, older regions of the globe, but here, where the history of our settlement is barely into its second century, the total of the years means the company has passed from pioneer builder to institution.

Along with serving the merchandise needs of generations of islanders, the firm has contributed in diverse ways to the greater good of the community. An addition to that continuing record of involvement was made at the second event held 10 days ago — the opening of a downtown park created where a road once separated two buildings. Mouat's Trading and the Bank of Montreal financed the project, which was appropriately dedicated to past, present and future Salt Spring residents.

The history of Mouat's Trading is indelibly intertwined with the history of Salt Spring Island, in many areas beyond merchandising. Here's hoping the firm, and islanders, will enjoy more of the same.

Compensation incidents provide false safety picture

Each month, the Workers' Compensation Board issues a news release containing details of awards handed out under the Criminal Injury Compensation Act. In four or five typewritten pages, it tells of vicious acts committed against innocent people, and of the monetary awards paid out from a public fund to those victims.

- Some examples:
• For no apparent reason, a 36-year-old Delta man was attacked and beaten with a club wielded by a male assailant. He was awarded \$1,505.
• A 34-year-old Vancouver man was attacked, beaten and kicked by a male and female assailant. He suffered a fractured jaw and

multiple contusions. He was awarded \$2,055.

My immediate reaction to the list of incidents and awards is to entertain a feeling of smug satisfaction. The attacks and beatings noted in the release always seem to occur in the Lower Mainland area, prompting me to bless the day I left the city and settled down in quieter and safer surroundings.

The sense of security is false, however. An enquiry to the Workers' Compensation Board revealed that the incidents related in the releases are drawn primarily from Lower Mainland files because the administrators of the fund wish to protect the identities of victims.

my word

by Duncan MacDonnell

The Lower Mainland has no more crime, proportionally, than other regions of the province, a WCB spokesman told me, but its larger population protects identities. He explained that if the release contained graphic details of a vicious assault in, say, Hope, everyone in that community would know who was involved and how much compensation was

paid. And that's not the point of the fund or the releases.

However, its desire to protect identities sometimes works against the WCB's push to publicize the Criminal Injuries Compensation fund. Most of the newspapers which receive the releases are, like *Driftwood*, primarily concerned with 'local affairs.' That means a release full of Lower Mainland incidents rarely receives more than a cursory look — and never makes its way into print.

This week's column is an attempt to rectify that oversight. The WCB will tell you there are plenty of incidents occurring in places like ours which would

qualify the victims for compensation. All they have to do is apply.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act was proclaimed in 1972. Since then, it has paid out over \$27 million to innocent victims of crime, in lump sum and periodic awards, including just over \$4 million in 1986. Last year it received 1,659 applications for compensation, and allowed just over 1,000 of those.

Criteria for awards is simple: anyone who is a victim of crime in B.C. may apply for and receive compensation, which is paid out from the provincial government's general revenue coffers. For more information, contact the nearest WCB office.

Time to focus

Sir,
Duncan MacDonnell's column on local contributions to Rick Hansen's *Man in Motion* campaign has prompted me to write regarding the deplorable lack of wheelchair access facilities in the Ganges business area.

As the mother of a stroller-age child, I have often cursed this fact as I've lugged stroller and packages up and down steps and over barriers in the downtown area. But, more importantly, think for a moment how much more difficult it must be to navigate a wheelchair around town.

The flurry of construction has created even more obstacles to wheelchairs and strollers and I have often found myself dangerously close to car traffic in an attempt to avoid these barriers and go about my business. One hopes that all this construction includes plans for proper wheelchair access.

Existing businesses must also upgrade their premises and end this discrimination against those whose independence and mobility depends on wheelchairs. This includes wider aisles and checkouts in stores, ramps, specially-equipped washrooms and, if necessary, elevators.

While it is commendable that local residents have given generously to the *Man in Motion* campaign, it is now time for this community to focus its attention on making Ganges truly accessible to the people Rick Hansen has gone to great lengths to help.
TERRI BRANDMUELLER,
Fulford Harbour.

Interpreted

Sir,
I was surprised to read in your May 20 guest editorial than an article of mine about the PTL spectacle was interpreted as an attack on churches generally.

To ridicule the pretensions of sanctity of these voodoo electronic enterprises is to support the ministering churches which they parasitize.
ANDREW GIBSON,
Ganges.

Pool benefits

Sir,
It is probably well-known that those suffering from degenerative joint disease benefit greatly from exercise carried out in the water.

In Ottawa, we were fortunate to have a pool where exercises were carried out under the direction of a physiotherapist. Twice a week, some 40 arthritics gathered for an hour under the auspices of the Arthritic Society. For many, it provided the only opportunity for joint movement without the usual pain during the week.

I don't miss much of the Ottawa scene these days but I do wish that

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letters

Schedule

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

Sir,
I have been travelling the B.C. Ferry route from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour almost every other Sunday for the past several years. This year the schedule indicates the ferry leaves Tsawwassen at 12:50 pm and arrives at Long Harbour at 2:05 pm. This is the only direct sailing to Salt Spring.

I have come to the conclusion that this must be a misprint for it always leaves at least 30 minutes beyond the listed departure time. This past Victoria Day, which follows the same schedule, the ferry left two hours late. Imagine arriving 30 minutes before the departure time to be told the ferry is 35 minutes late, and then two hours later still waiting to board — and the ferry hasn't even arrived.

I know this is not an isolated incident. This miscalculation happens every weekend. It may not be two hours late every time, though it is always late. Who is accountable for this gross error in judgement? One could easily fly to Calgary in less time. I left Vancouver at 12 noon and arrived on Salt Spring five hours later. If this is indicative of the future I seriously doubt that visitors will bother to come here this summer.

I know I speak for many who sat the two or more hours in the parking lot that holiday Monday when I say *reprint the schedule*. Have it indicate that the ferry will leave at 1:45 pm on Sundays and holiday Mondays, then we will only have to wait one more hour.
ALARRA HEWSTAN,
Ganges.

Complaints

Sir,
I have been using the B.C. Ferries to travel to and from the mainland and Salt Spring Island as a weekend commuter for approximately 20 years. I have seen some things improve, but other things get worse.

I am glad to see a larger ferry being used during tourist season. However, even this ferry cannot always accommodate everyone. Also, some days there are only two ferries a day, hence one has to go

such a facility was available here on Salt Spring Island. For that reason, I strongly support the efforts of the pool society to establish a pool here, to meet not only the needs of arthritics like me but the broader needs of young and old, the healthy and the not-quite-healthy of this island.
LOWELL HICKS,
Ganges.

Day care

Sir,
Thank you so much for the splendid article you wrote on the proposed day care program at Greenwood.

The response was a little disappointing, and I would be grateful if you would publish this letter so that those few who contacted me will be aware that the program has been put on hold for the present.

Perhaps if this letter prompts other enquiries, we may be able to go ahead. We will certainly keep you advised of any progress.

Thank you again.
JONNA MATTIESING,
Administrator,
Greenwoods.

Thanks

Sir,
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My other complaint is the constant tardiness of the ferries. In all the years I have travelled, I don't remember the ferry ever leaving Tsawwassen on time on a Friday night. Surely, with all the

experience your staff has had over the years, they should know how long it takes to load, unload and travel, so that they could schedule the ferry to leave on time.

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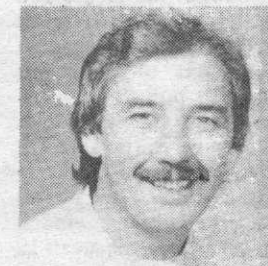
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The pledge for the planet contained in the flyer is a take-off on a pledge initiated by the SAGE team. SAGE's pledge related to Canadian youth and Canadian leaders. Ours is directed towards people all over the world and the leaders of the major nations. More information about SAGE and their admirable activities is given in the flyer.

ROSALIE MILES,
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Goals

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M. GORMICK,
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Faulty logic

Sir,

The editorial about "the example teachers set for children" is a sad example of faulty logic, subtle misinformation, rhetoric and a clutch of clichés: "sabre-rattling strike talk, flaunting of the law" by a group playing "such an important role in the development of a child during his formative years." Oh, sob.

My heart does not bleed for the deprived children who in recent weeks missed one day of school or who may have to go without the extras that teachers put on for them in their own time—i.e., for free. Someone seems to be missing the boat here — an activity common to islands, as we all know, but never a welcome one on pier or paper.

Within living memory, education has been used to: train Nazis and some Albertans to hate Jews; keep Russians ignorant of the Stalinist purges, and to keep Canadians ignorant of their own history. It is still clear in many countries that the state rules over children's minds by ruling the minds and bodies of their teachers, hiring and firing at will so as to keep their slogans on the chalkboard. Many of those teachers have stood up to oppose leaders who distort truth and stir conflict. Amnesty International lists many dead or jailed for their pains. Here we seem to be satisfied with firing them without a reason — see Bill 19. We are civilized, after all.

It's all too easy to yell that teachers are like children, to be seen and not heard. It is all too easy to question their professionalism by whining that no one who cared about children would let them miss a day of school so as to make a protest against legislation that may seriously damage the same children's schools and education for decades. Who else cares enough and understands enough?

Where is our perspective? Where is our commitment to quality education for our children's future, so they can grow up to question and find answers to all the problems of tomorrow? Where is

more letters

this government's commitment to education with adequate staffing and equipping of all our schools? Throwing money at new computers is not enough, even at election time. Remember the cuts to all areas of education, and ask yourself if the problem is really as simple as lots of greedy, radical NDP teachers. And ask yourself who knows best what will happen to schools if we treat them like factories.

Teachers seem well aware of the consequences for tomorrow's Canadians if they graduate from factories, taught by serfs, poorly equipped, poorly taught because professional development time will be cut back and teachers will not learn anything new. Professionalism is more than just being in the classroom all the time and smiling sweetly. It is also a matter of telling the truth and debating the future we want for school and student.

If your writer wishes to add fuel to the fire like this, I suggest he may prefer to write for the B.C. propaganda sheet, *Provincial Report*. As a friend of education and professional action by teachers who care about kids greatly, I hope cooler heads prevail in asinine times, and that it is not a crime in B.C. to protest stupidity. If not teachers, who? If not now, when? If not this, what? So far, so good is what the man said who jumped off the CN tower before he hit the ground.

And since writers have to sign all their letters, how about initials on *Driftwood* editorials? Professional writers sign their columns?

JOHN R. SCOTT,
Ganges.

Dismayed

Sir,

I would like to extend my appreciation to those residents of the Outer Gulf Islands who supported me in the recent by-election for CRD Director. While I am pleased with the extent of your support, I am dismayed at the overall turnout — which was only 16 per cent of eligible voters.

Elections represent our commitment to the political principles of democracy. The opportunity to vote may be our right, but we should recognize it as a privilege rather than an inconvenience. Those we elect will affect our lives sooner or later. I would therefore urge everyone to become aware of upcoming elections and participate in them.

My congratulations to Vern Roddick and my appreciation for the time he spends on our behalf.
STEVE WRIGHT,
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Restraint policies

Labour bill backlash recalls earlier protest

VICTORIA — "Shirrrley, come out here. They're striking. You can now feel rrrright at home."

The scene was the recent rally in front of the Parliament Buildings by about 2,000 trade union members protesting Bill 19, the Industrial Relations Reform Act.

Shirley Brass was still inside the Parliament Buildings, while her husband, Steve, was watching the rally. The two were from London, England. The husband's strong Scottish burr would indicate that he once made his home further north.

Tongue firmly stuck in his cheek, Brass told me that they had been suffering from severe withdrawal symptoms ever since they left England. But seeing the familiar picket signs made them feel right at home.

The rally rang a familiar bell with me, too. It took me back to 1983 when an estimated 25,000 people descended on the legislative lawns to voice their protest over the restraint program.

The difference between now then was the size of the crowd. Somehow, the opponents to Bill 19 haven't been able to muster the same support as did the opponents to restraint.

What the rally lacked in numbers, though, it made up for in determination. Wild applause rewarded the union leaders who addressed the crowd. And the speakers left no doubt as to where the unions stood on Bill 19 and Bill 20, the Teaching Profession Act.

Ken Georgetti, president of the B.C. Federation of Labour, told the cheering protesters the only thing that could diffuse a dangerously explosive situation would be withdrawal of the labour legislation. He warned the government that passage of Bill 19 would cause unprecedented disruptions in labour-management relations.

"The day Bill 19 becomes law will be the day of their worst nightmares," Georgetti said.

John Shields, president of the B.C. Government Employees Union, predicted that the adverse effects of the legislation will dry up investment in B.C.

When I asked B.C. Federation of Labour official Cliff Andstein why the crowd wasn't bigger, he said the federation hadn't gone for numbers. He also pointed out that similar rallies had been scheduled all over the province.

A smiling Bill Vander Zalm, meanwhile, still maintained that opposition to the legislation was not exceeding his expectations. There had been similar protests, he said, when Dave Barrett's NDP government brought down a

capital comment

by **Hubert Beyer**

new labour code. Once the legislation was in place, he said, everything would be wonderful.

Somehow, I don't think so. I don't expect the industrial sabotage or unprecedented disruption of labour-management relations the unions predict. But neither do I expect the legislation to work as well as the present labour code.

As for the relatively small number of protesters, I wasn't surprised. To expect a piece of labour legislation, unpalatable as it may be to trade unions, to rouse the same feelings as did the restraint program is unrealistic.

Restraint, or rather the method of its implementation, touched raw nerves in just about every segment of society. It was viewed as a vicious attack on the very fabric of society. That's why the protest rallies at the time brought out an incredible cross section of citizens from trade union members to bishops, from human rights organizations to teachers, from pensioners' groups to students.

Bill 19 is opposed by one large segment, the trade union members. It is also opposed by a number of smaller groups, including some spokesmen for business and industry. The opposition, however, lacks the wide-spread support it needs to have an effect on the government.

The premier is convinced that the new legislation will improve labour-management relations in British Columbia, and nothing will deter him from seeing it passed in the legislature. He will consent to minor amendments but will resist any changes of substance.

To what extent the unions will go in resisting and boycotting the new legislation, once it's in place, remains to be seen. If they're serious, the government had better be prepared to throw a lot of union leaders in jail, which would make Shirley and Steve Brass feel even more at home, I guess.

One more thing. The unions could have done a better job of telling their members just what it is about the legislation they're supposed to oppose. When I asked a number of protesters what they disliked about Bill 19, most were unable to come up with answers, except to say the whole thing was bad. A little embarrassing, I'd say.

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At annual meeting

Islanders requested to provide transportation committee input

Doesn't anyone care? That's the question Joan Ingram is asking herself after a recent meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee drew an audience of two people to hear about its dealings with the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

The committee, which provides input to the corporation on ferry transportation policies and procedures, greeted the admittedly poor turnout by rescheduling the meeting to June 4 at 4 pm in the school board office, next to Mahon Hall in Ganges.

Ingram said the meeting time was deliberately set for late afternoon in the hope that people conducting other business downtown might be encouraged to attend. If not, she won't know what to think.

"When we have a meeting like this and no one shows up, it leads you to believe everyone is satisfied with the ferry service," she said. "On the other hand, I

receive complaints about the ferry service all the time — about the food, the schedule and everything else but the people on the crews."

Ingram noted that the committee's annual meetings serve two useful purposes: they act as a forum for opinions and information which the committee uses to form its presentations to the ferry corporation, and they serve notice to the corporation that island residents are concerned enough about their transportation service to seek a say in how it is run.

"Don't think the corporation doesn't notice if we only have two people show up at a meeting," Ingram said. "On the other (Gulf) islands, the committees tend to get what they ask for (from the corporation) because people show up for the meetings and show an interest."

She added: "There are over 6,000 people on Salt Spring. There should be someone out

there who cares about the ferry service — unless they figure there's no point."

Ingram refuses to believe that scenario, however. She notes there are a number of relevant issues which might arise in current consultations with the ferry corporation, any one of which could and should spark public concern.

"We could see a phasing-out of the Fulford Harbour terminal, blacktop all the way out Beaver Point, a bridge to Vancouver Island, an end to Long Harbour as the main Gulf Islands terminal, higher fares — a lot of things could happen that I don't think people want," Ingram said. Salt Spring residents should let the committee know the public's stand on those possibilities to better prepare it for discussions with the corporation, she added.

If anyone is unable to attend the June 4 meeting in person, Ingram said, the committee will welcome written submissions.

Chamber of Commerce suggests improvements to island ferry links

Five suggestions for maintaining and improving existing ferry service to and from Salt Spring Island have been submitted to the local transportation committee by the Chamber of Commerce.

The transportation committee, which regularly meets with B.C. Ferry Corporation officials to present local concerns about service, is expected to discuss the suggestions at its annual meeting, scheduled for June 4 at 4 pm in the Gulf Islands School Board office.

The chamber's suggestions include:

- Altering the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen schedule to allow visitors to make day trips to Salt Spring. Ideally, it says, the changes would let visitors arrive at Long Harbour at 10 am and depart at 4 pm.

- Altering the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay schedule to create a Fulford-Swartz-Tsawwassen link that would serve as "a viable alternative" to the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route. "To be truly viable," the chamber adds, "the fare between the island and the mainland would have to be the same whichever route the visitor elected to use."

- Retain the *Quintisa* sailing between Long Harbour and Montague Harbour.

- Ensure that changes to ferry schedules be published and distributed well before the changes

take effect. The chamber notes that information about recent schedule changes arrived in its office after having gone into effect.

- Improve co-ordination of the ferry-bus schedule for islanders going through Tsawwassen to reach downtown Vancouver. "For instance," the chamber says, "the ferry currently leaving Long Harbour at 4:30 pm arrives at Tsawwassen at 7:05 pm. A bus leaves Tsawwassen for Vancouver at 7:02 pm; the next bus leaves at 9:02 pm."

In making its suggestions, the chamber emphasized that it was not criticizing the transportation committee's role or actions in determining the level of ferry service the island receives. It explained that any change to the existing level of service "which suggests a reduction in service" creates "a sense of alarm" throughout the islands.

The chamber also cited statistics showing that economic activi-

ty and tourism visits are both growing on the island but are in danger of being reduced if ferry service cannot meet a surge in demand.

Through the first four months of 1987, the chamber noted, the number of people visiting the island has jumped substantially over the level recorded in the same period of 1986, and building starts are also running ahead of the pace set a year earlier.

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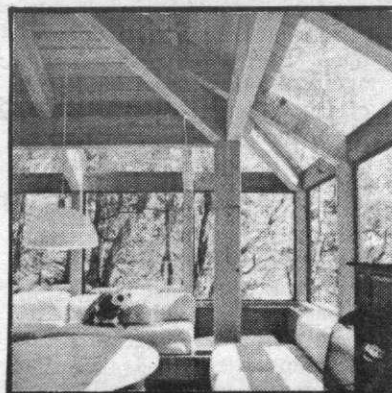
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the tennis club and the parks and recreation commission — is scheduled for completion this summer.

Island Trust registers opposition to proposed B.C. farm tax changes

A provincial government plan to change the requirements farmers must meet to gain agriculture status on their land has met with opposition from the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

The committee, acting on a motion made by Trust representative Pat Byrne and seconded by chairman Nick Gilbert, passed a motion "opposing any change in farm land taxation" at its regular meeting held Friday.

The provincial government has indicated it plans to raise the minimum annual income farmers must generate to receive agriculture status on their property. At present, a farmer with a 10-acre parcel must make at least \$1,600 per year from his land to have it categorized as agricultural for property tax purposes. Finance Minister Mel Couvelier has indicated he plans to raise this minimum annual income level to \$5,000.

The proposal has worried island farmers, many of whom have difficulty meeting the current tax requirements. Farmers fear they will lose the agriculture status on their land under Couvelier's new regulations — and be forced to pay significantly higher property taxes.

At Friday's meeting, Trust

representatives also expressed concern over the provincial government plan and the impact it could have on their efforts to "preserve and protect" the Gulf Islands.

"This change may have serious implications for the Islands Trust area, if not for the rest of the province," Gilbert said, reading from a letter he wrote May 8 to Couvelier. "I suspect that many subsistence farms may not be able to meet the required increase in productivity. The present formula not only encourages the productive use of land for agriculture, but also allows for the retention of larger parcels of land for farm purposes.

"If the proposed increase is effected, the tax burden will likely prove too onerous for many, who will then be tempted to cease their efforts to improve the land to productive standards — and subdivide instead.

"The Trust," Gilbert continued, "relies heavily on legislation and incentives that encourage people to keep large parcels intact. In order to fulfil our mandate 'to preserve and protect,' we are constantly seeking incentives for landowners, and I gravely fear that the proposed legislation will have a detrimental

effect."

Gilbert added the suggested change could have "a potential impact on dozens of small farms" on Salt Spring.

He noted, however, that Couvelier is encouraging those concerned about the plan to contact him on this matter.



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Sea Capers organizers prepared for festivities

Preparations are well in hand for the 10th annual Sea Capers, the organizing committee said last week.

Sea Capers is scheduled to begin June 26 with a dance. The popular land and sea events start Saturday morning (June 27) and conclude with a free concert in Centennial Park that evening. Sunday (June 28) has been selected as the date for a big sand-building contest at Vesuvius Beach.

A spokesman for the Sea Capers organizing committee noted that the event's theme is "Just for Fun." Designed to bring the community together for enjoyment and relaxation, Sea Capers also helps raise money for local charities and other worthy causes.

In the past, more than \$16,000 has been raised through Sea Capers for projects like the restoration of Mahon Hall and the construction of a boardwalk and bandshell in Centennial Park.

The event has been a success in the past largely due to the efforts of many volunteer workers. The organizing committee is still looking for a few helpers, and anyone willing to donate time and energy to the cause is asked to contact Jonathan Oldroyd at 537-2752.

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'Scoop and run' days recalled

B.C. ambulance workers fear privatization talk

By MIKE TURKKI

Local and regional ambulance workers expressed concern last week over word the provincial government may consider privatizing B.C.'s ambulance service.

Gerry Parrott, one of Salt Spring's two full-time ambulance workers, said senior officials have indicated that all government operations are "up on the auction block." This, he added, apparently includes the provincial ambulance service.

"They (provincial politicians) haven't said it is definitely up for sale, just that it is one of the items on the block," Parrott stated. "They are letting private companies make in-roads into it, too. We're concerned this may be a step in a direction we don't want to go."

Parrott is adamantly opposed to privatization of the ambulance service. During his 17 years as an emergency worker, he has been employed by both private ambulance firms and the government-operated Emergency Health Services Commission. He feels sale of B.C.'s ambulance service would harm health care in this province — particularly in small communities such as Salt Spring Island.

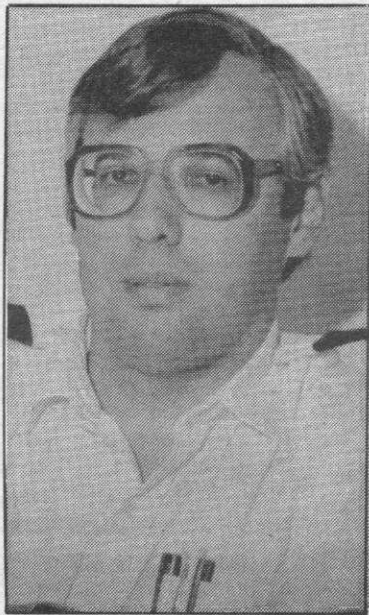
"Private companies used to provide ambulance services in B.C.," he noted. "There was no provincial ambulance service until 1974, and the reason the government took it over in the first place was because they wanted to improve ambulance service in small communities."

Parrott said that when private ambulance companies were responsible for providing emergency services, the standard of care was inconsistent throughout B.C. The establishment of a provincial ambulance service resolved this problem.

"Now, standards are basically the same all across the province," said Parrott, "basically the same in Pouce Coupe as they are in Vancouver."

"We now have the best ambulance service in all Canada. The B.C. provincial ambulance service was the first to be given accreditation by the Canadian Medical Association. We have the best training agency, and the last I heard, the total amount spent on ambulances in the province every year is about two per cent of our total health budget."

Parrott opposes privatization of



Gerry Parrott

the provincial ambulance service for philosophical reasons as well.

"I don't think anyone should profit from the misfortunes of other people," he said, "and if it (the ambulance service is privatized, any money these companies make will go into the owners' bank accounts rather than (towards) additional training and equipment."

Parrott agreed that private companies might be able to serve larger areas, but pointed out that small communities would be adversely affected. "There is money to be made in providing ambulance services in Vancouver and Victoria, but what happens to little places like Salt Spring? There's no money to be made here."

Parrott added that sale of B.C.'s ambulance service to the private sector might also discourage many experienced ambulance workers from continuing their careers.

"I know in my case, I probably wouldn't stay in the service," he said. "That's another point: many people who work in the ambulance service wouldn't want to go back to the way things were — and for that reason, many

trained, experienced people who have maybe five years to go before retirement wouldn't want to stick it out that long. We'd lose them."

Jack Hughesman, national representative for the Canadian Union of Public Employees — which represents ambulance workers — agrees with Parrott.

"They (government officials) have said everything is up for sale," Hughesman said. "Apparently, someone leaked some stuff to the CTV that the ambulance service might be up for sale. This is serious."

Hughesman said CUPE has started a campaign to inform B.C. residents about their ambulance service and the dangers of turning it over to the private sector. It is hoped, he said, that British Columbians will express opposition to sale of the ambulance service.

"We're going to do everything we can to ensure that when the government takes its polls — and this is a government that seems run by polls — the people will have thought about it," he said.

Hughesman said individuals who have worked for private ambulance companies in the United States and Canada can tell "horror stories" about the effectiveness of such a system.

"It's just terrible," the CUPE official said. "When you have two ambulances at an accident scene fighting over who gets to take the person, that's pretty bad, or when they won't take someone to the hospital because he doesn't have any money. A lot of the people (who work for private ambulance companies) are ill-trained. There are some real horror stories. It's just scoop and run. Pre-hospital care goes out the window, and it's so important because it shortens the hospital stay and thereby reduces the end load on the provincial government."

Hughesman said petitions opposing privatization of the B.C. ambulance service are being circulated throughout the province. He urged local residents to sign them when they become available.

A spokesman for the ministry of health said Thursday, however, that he knows of no plan at present to privatize the ambulance service.

"I've received a couple of queries about that in the last couple of days," he said. "But no, there's nothing like that planned at this point, as far as I

know."

The ministry spokesman said all government services are currently up for review, but added that reviews of this type are part of on-going government operations.

"I think people are jumping the gun a bit," he concluded.

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Legion vice-president Steve Wawryk (centre) presents Meals on Wheels officers Louise Conlisk (left) and Vera Lake with two checks totalling \$1,850. The Legion donation will help keep the Salt Spring Meals on Wheels program operating during the coming year.

Sexually-transmitted diseases to be discussed at public forum

A public forum on AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome — and other sexually-transmitted diseases is scheduled for this Thursday in the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium.

The forum, to begin at 7:30 pm, is sponsored by the board of management at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, the hospital's chief of staff and moderator for the forum, said it will focus on a disease which "threatens to be the major health problem of the century."

He explained that if the number of AIDS cases reaches the level scientists and doctors are predicting, "no one will be unaffected — we will all know someone with AIDS."

The format for the forum will see each member of a four-person panel of experts speak to the audience for five or 10 minutes. Following that, a question-and-answer session will invite audience participation.

The first speaker will be Salt Spring Island's Dr. Janet MacPhail, who will discuss sexually-transmitted diseases in general.

"AIDS is the big thing," Dr. Borsman said, "but herpes and other ordinary sexually-

transmitted diseases are still the main problem here."

Following Dr. MacPhail will be Dr. Perry Kendell, the regional health officer, who will deal with AIDS in general terms—i.e., its origins and epidemiology.

Anne Johnston, a microbiologist, will speak next. Johnston works as an infection control consultant to a number of hospitals and speaks on the subject to school students.

The final speaker will be RN

Wayne Cook, a member of the AIDS Vancouver Island team who specializes in public education and the counselling of AIDS sufferers, and their families in friends. He will discuss how to cope when the disease strikes.

The question-and-answer session will follow Cook. Dr. Borsman has asked that, if possible, people intending to ask questions should submit their queries, in writing, to his office at Lady Minto Hospital, in advance of the forum.

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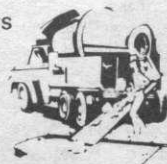
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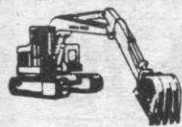
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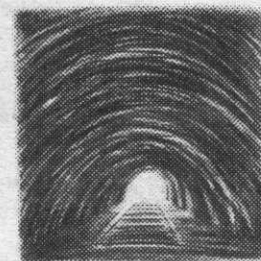
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School cites students for academic excellence

Gulf Islands Secondary School has released its honour roll for the Easter reporting period.

The principal's honour roll, for students who receive straight As, contains three names: Robin Coombes, Odette McCarthy and David Jacquest.

The Life Skills Program honour roll singled out two students for having the most improved atti-

tudes and work habits — Clifford Crooks and Jay Pinchin.

The full honour roll is as follows:

GRADE EIGHT

Adam Baines, Annesley Broadhead, Meggie Coombes, Amrit Crowther, Ryan Davies, Kate Gilbert, Grace Graham, Jennifer Hawkes, Nick Hock, Jennifer Lloyd, Willie McGuire, Alison

Proctor, Kella Sadler, Tanya Tro-ry and Kirsty Walde.

GRADE NINE

Rosemarie Alkoff, Robin Coombes, Julie Cunningham, Rosabel Graham, Sheila Graham, Suzanne Jacquest, Lisa Koski, Tara Martin, Odette McCarthy, Shandra Platta, Juda Shugar, Heather

Thompson and Penny Vanderwekken.

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Jenny Barnes, Joe Cocker, Joanne Hargreaves, Peter Hoe-ber, Tamara Holmes, Melissa Hunt, Lisa Jorgensen, Eva Lam, Kirsten Luker, Tony Marshall, Sandra Nelken, Catrin Roach, Kurt Sadler, Teresa Sutherland and David Wellingham.

GRADE 11

Jennifer Anderson, Kathy Cal-dwell, Jason Cherney, Angela Donnelly, David Jacquest, Pat Melancon, Irene Parkinson, Ali-son Stafford and Lynne Vanderwekken.

GRADE 12

Robert Bradford, Chris Koski, Melanie Marshall and Samantha Wellingham.

IODE presents awards

By ISABEL FITCH

Speeches, music and awards presentations provided a full program for students of Gulf Islands Secondary School at a special assembly on May 19. The vice-principal, Mr. Archer, introduced a guest speaker, Manson Toynbee, who gave an interesting talk on his experiences as a teacher in Borneo and other foreign lands.

Ladies of HMS Ganges Chapter IODE, of whom 12 were present, then made a series of awards. Jean Shopland presented the scholarships for art to Grade Nine student Toby Watson, and to

Grade 10 student Tanya Williams. Anna Worrington presented a scholarship for music to Mary Sinclair, and Dorrie Cherry presented books for the school library.

A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation by the IODE of a framed citizenship award to the local RCMP detachment. This was accepted by Constable Harrison, resplendent in full dress uniform, on behalf of his colleagues.

Throughout the session students and guests were entertained by the school band under the direction of Dwaine Prosk. Later, tea was served in the library.

Convention alters dates of next legion meetings

By TED O'SULLIVAN

Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion has elected its officers for the 1987-88 term. They are: Ron Seymour, president; Arthur Gale, past-president; Steve Wawryk, first vice-president; Daryl Little, second vice-president; and Eileen MacKay, treasurer.

Historical Society names executive

Mary Davidson of Fulford Harbour was elected president of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society for the 1987-88 term.

Other officers elected at the society's annual general meeting, held on May 12, included: Ruby Alton, vice-president; Tom Koppel, secretary; and Mort Stratton, treasurer.

The meeting also named Toni Luton to serve as membership chairman, and selected Olive Clayton, Tony Farr, Tom Holtby, Sabina Leader-Mense and Ivan Mouat as directors-at-large.

The society will commence its next season on Tuesday, September 8.

Other members of the executive include Betty Galt, Vicki Griffin, Ken MacKenzie, Tom Farmer, Ivan Mouat and Bill Webster.

The table officers will attend the convention on the first Monday in June, meaning a change in the local branch's regular meeting dates.

The ladies auxiliary will meet on June 1 at 8 pm, while the branch will meet at 8 pm on June 8.

The June meeting will be the last before the summer recess. The next executive will be installed in September.

The ladies auxiliary to Branch 92 has named its executives for the 1987-88 term. It includes: Freda Maguire, president; Ruth Grant, past-president; Margaret Campbell, first vice-president; Marion de la Franiere, second vice-president; Dorothy Ballantine, secretary; Vicki Griffin, treasurer; and executive members Eve Marcotte and Mary Girrard.



Melanie Marshall, left, and youths David Marshall and David Mouat will model clothes. For Rangers, Pathfinders

Annual fashion show to raise funds

Members of the First Salt Spring Island Pathfinder and Ranger groups will stage their second annual tea and fashion show this Saturday, May 30, in the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium.

The show, to be held from 2 pm

to 4 pm, will feature fashions for all age groups provided by Maggie's Boutique in Mouat's Trading and modelled by 14 youngsters. The models, primarily members of the Rangers, will present the fashions in choreographed sequences.

While the Rangers are modeling, the Pathfinders will serve refreshments. Also on the afternoon's program is musical entertainment, both live and on tape.

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American military planners fail to pass tests

Military Incompetence, by Richard A. Gabriel.

By ANDREW GIBSON

The title of this book, together with the sub-title, *Why the American Military Doesn't Win*, correctly suggests that it is a hard-hitting critical examination of the U.S. armed services.

It is written with style and restraint — the facts are allowed to speak for themselves — but what makes it devastating is that the author is a product of that same military system. He was a professional soldier, is now a consultant to the Armed Services Committees, holds professorships in politics and combat psychiatry, and has written definitive books on military subjects.

The impact of the book is further increased because of its narrow focus — it makes no judgement of the wisdom or the morality of American military adventures, accepting as a given that a great nation needs soldiers, sailors and airmen. Only the efficiency, or lack thereof, with which recent tasks have been performed is examined.

The operations were all relatively small, all were conducted with an overwhelming superiority in intelligence and weaponry resources, all were meticulously planned, all were approved at the highest levels, and all went awry. For each the book gives the background, the planning and the initiation of the action — and then, under the significant headings

Things Go Wrong and *Why Things Went Wrong*, each is dissected.

Five operations are treated:

- A 1970 raid into North Vietnam to release American prisoners-of-war was a tactical success, in that the force shot up a lot of the enemy and got out again, but the camp was empty.
- In the Mayaguez incident, in 1975, Cambodia seized an American cargo ship and an overwhelming rescue force was sent, whereupon the ship and crew were released; because of a total failure of intelligence and communications, however, the attack continued, at a high cost in American lives and equipment.
- The Iran rescue mission in 1979, dispatched to free 53 American hostages in the U.S. Embassy, was a military and political disaster, leading in 1980 to President Carter's defeat by Ronald Reagan.
- Following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, American troops were stationed in Beirut in a totally indefensible position, whereupon they were attacked: 241 were killed, 131 were wounded and all American forces were withdrawn.
- The invasion of Grenada was a success only because it was impossible to fail; a force as large as that sent by the British to the Falklands was used to defeat 679 Cubans, only 50 of them soldiers, and a rag-tag group of bewildered Grenadians armed mostly with rifles; 25 Cubans, 29 Americans and 67 Grenadian civilians were

killed, with 358 being wounded; two dozen helicopters were lost. In apparent obedience to some decoration/efficiency inverse square law, 20,000 medals were distributed.

The author's stark conclusion is: "The American military is so deformed that it cannot produce officers — planners and leaders — who are well-versed in the arts of war."

"Our system of military education fails to educate the whole officer and often produces officers unlearned in the skills of war but remarkably apt at management and the skills required to survive and prosper within the military bureaucracy."

He concludes: "The American military is in serious trouble. Its recent historical record, to say nothing of its disastrous performance in Vietnam, has been marked more often by failure than by success. Its military plans and executions have been unrealistic and unsuccessful. The officer corps by any historical standard is lacking in the spirit and the expertise that have characterized the more successful officer corps in history. The record is clear that (it) has failed the simple test of a successful army, the ability to perform well on the field of battle. Either some program for radical reform is adopted, or future American military operations will meet the same fate as those of the recent past. There is no alternative except defeat."

Surely this book should be required reading by the defense establishment, military and civilian, in not only the U.S. but here in Canada. It is not a reflection on the quality of American servicemen, who proved at Midway, at Guadalcanal and at Arnhem that they are as valourous as any in the world. But it is a truism that there are no bad soldiers — only badly-led ones. Our forces are tied to those of America by treaties, by joint training and by equipment, as well as by the friendship between our countries. But clearly it is dangerous for Canada to identify too closely with a system capable of such debacles.

Some readers may draw additional conclusions. Other free nations have found out the hard way that patriotic appeals and the creation of ideological hobgoblins will not maintain support for foreign adventures which, for misguided national interest reasons, seek to prop up oppressive regimes abroad. When the support is withdrawn, as yesterday in Vietnam and today in Latin America, it is replaced by secrecy, disinformation and covert action. Military efficiency and morale are eroded.

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Negotiations aimed at securing road extension

The ministry of highways must obtain title to a Ganges property before it can complete its proposed Jackson Avenue extension, a ministry spokesman said last week.

Michael Donald, subdivision inspector for the ministry's Saanich district, said Thursday that ministry officials are currently negotiating with the owner of a

piece of Ganges property needed for the project.

The ministry hopes to construct a short road linking Jackson Avenue with Seaview Avenue. Ministry officials hope that when completed, the new road will alleviate traffic congestion problems in Ganges by providing motorists with an alternative route around the downtown area.

Donald could not say how long the negotiations — being conducted by the ministry's property acquisition department — will continue. However, he said funding is available for the project as soon as the required property is obtained.

"We've got the funding," he said. "It's a go if we (the ministry) can obtain that lot (between Jackson Avenue and

Seaview Avenue)."

The cost of the Jackson Avenue extension is estimated at \$60,000, according to Donald, although its final price tag will depend on the cost of bridging Ganges Creek.

The ministry spokesman said that at present, highways technicians hope to install a special arched culvert. This culvert would have a flat base to accommodate a gravel bed. "It's aesthetically more pleasing than a round

pipe," he said.

If negotiations for the property are successfully concluded in the near future, the ministry could have the work completed by this fall, according to Donald.

"Yes, we could see it by this fall, at least I would hope so," Donald noted. "It's not that taxing a job. It's a relatively short stretch of road."

Periodic reviews

Tax assessment team visits Gulf Islands

Officials from the Saanich Capital Assessment Area completed a review of Salt Spring Island properties last week.

Area assessor Don Taylor said Thursday that the project — which involved approximately 10 assessment workers — began approximately two months ago. It was the first major assessment review of island properties in the past five years, and he said it proved time-consuming.

"What we've been doing on Salt Spring is reviewing the assessed value of all properties," Taylor explained. "We've had a team of appraisers working off

and on over there for about two months, taking a look at properties, inspecting them."

Taylor said the assessment authority's review is part of its regular operations. Assessment officials also re-evaluated properties on Saturna and Pender Islands during the past few months.

"It's been some years since we've been over there, and we felt there was a need to review island properties," he said.

"The size (of the assessment roll) proved quite a surprise," the area assessor continued. "There

are about 5,000 parcels over there."

According to Taylor, some changes will be made in the assessment branch's estimation of island property values as a result of the review. However, he stressed most individuals will not notice any change in their assessed property values for some time.

"We found that in some cases, there have been changes," he stated. "However, it's not likely anybody will see any changes (in the assessed value of their homes)

unless they've done some major improvements."

Taylor said current assessed values will remain in effect for 1987 and 1988. Only properties that have received major facelifts will see a change during the next year or two.

"It probably will be 1989 or 1990 before most people see any change," he noted.

Assessed property values play a key role in determining regional and school tax levels. A rise in assessed values does not automatically result in higher property taxes, however.

Recreation director aims to launch local teen group



Sandi Geiger

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring an introductory teen leadership meeting June 8 at 6:30 pm in the library of Salt Spring Elementary School.

Recreation program director Sandi Geiger said Thursday the meeting is designed to help teens between the ages of 12 and 15 years organize their own activities this summer.

"What I hope to do at this initial meeting is form a teen youth group," Geiger said. "It's basically for kids who have nothing to do this summer. I want to talk to the group, see what they want to do . . . I'm hoping to get a core group out of this meeting."

Geiger said she hopes young people will attend the meeting and take the initiative in planning such activities as teen dances. She sees her own role in the program as that of "facilitator."

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Alert Line system serving as model

Salt Spring Island's HEALI Alert Line program is drawing the attention of community groups throughout British Columbia.

Sue Ramsey, volunteer co-ordinator for the HEALI Alert Line Society, said last week that organizations in a number of B.C. communities have called the Salt Spring group to learn how they can establish help line systems for the elderly and infirm in their areas.

The Help Alert Line is a communications system that allows subscribers to contact Lady Minto Hospital quickly in times of medical emergency. Operated on Salt Spring as a pilot project for the Capital Region, it consists of a wireless transmitter worn by the subscriber, a small communications component connected to the homeowner's telephone, and a base unit located in Lady Minto Hospital's extended care ward.

When in need of assistance, subscribers simply activate the wireless transmitter. It triggers the communications component, which automatically contacts the base unit in Lady Minto Hospital. Hospital staff can then take appropriate action — either contact the distressed homeowner directly or his neighbours. If the call warrants it, an ambulance is dispatched to the scene.

Salt Spring's HEALI Alert Line Society has become a model for other B.C. organizations planning to establish similar programs. Ramsey noted that to date, groups on both Vancouver Island and the Mainland have called seeking advice on the system.

"We are, of course, a pilot project for the CRD (Capital Regional District), and on the basis of our work here, they have decided to go ahead with it there," the society co-ordinator noted. "We've had all different communities calling us: the Rotary Club in Fernie, (a group from) Parksville, the recreation director in Courtenay . . . the Rotary in Port Alberni, and the White Rock hospital."

In White Rock, some community members expressed concern that the system being purchased by Peace Arch District Hospital was too expensive. The Peace Arch News, the area's newspaper, contacted HEALI Alert Line Society officials for information on the type of equipment employed on Salt Spring.

At present, the Salt Spring group has 16 telephone compo-



ALERT line co-ordinator, Sue Ramsey (right), accepts a donation from Legion official Ron Seymour. The black box Seymour holds is the communications component that forms an integral part of Salt Spring's ALERT line system.

nents in operation, serving a total of 33 persons. The HEALI Alert Line Society charges its subscribers a \$100 installation fee for the telephone component and a \$20-a-month rental charge.

Although homeowners can purchase their own equipment and simply have it linked to the alert line base unit (which can accommodate 200 home components), this is not always necessary.

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Money donated to the non-profit group makes possible the purchase of new units for those individuals who cannot afford to buy their own.

Recent donors to the non-profit society are the Royal Canadian Legion (\$500), the Golden Age Bowlers, the Golden Age Recreation Club (\$300) and the Salt

Spring Island Ladies' Lions Club (\$100).

Donations and subscriber fees help keep the society financially solvent. However, Ramsey noted the group will have to renew its liability insurance — at a cost of \$1,500.

Although funding continues to be tight, Ramsey is pleased the HEALI Alert Line Society has been such a success.

"We're pioneering the way," she said. "Pender Island is interested in the system now, and we may be hooking them up. We will have a meeting with the island's health committee representative to discuss connecting their people to our system. It's not a fait accompli, but we will be discussing it."

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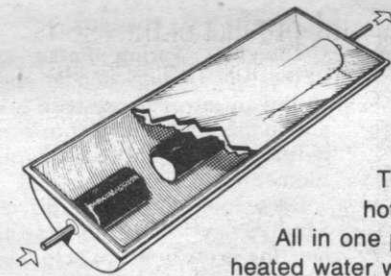
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The program, set to run from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, will feature: Dr. David Wooldrige, clinical director of the geriatric centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria; Gerry Hinton, director of the Fernwood Home Support Service;

and Barbara Noble of the Alzheimer Society of Victoria.
The trio will take part in a panel discussion, after which a question-and-answer session is scheduled. Submission of questions in advance of the event would be

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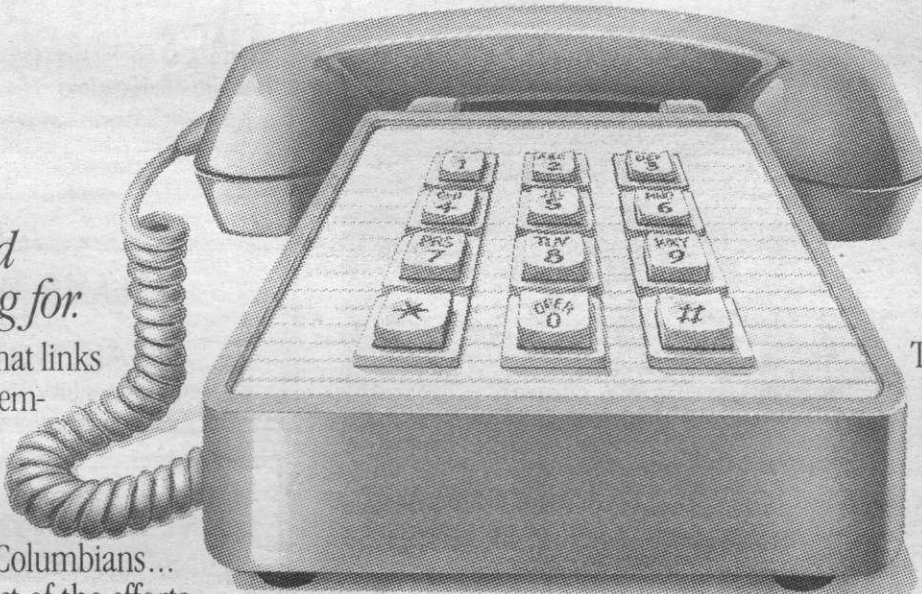


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Employment Action Society happy with progress to date

More than 20 persons found work through the Salt Spring Employment Action Centre during its first month of operation, centre co-ordinator Bill Best said last week.

The employment action centre, operated by volunteers and funded by donations from the community, completed its first month of operation on May 15.

Located in Upper Ganges Centre, the office provides a variety of job-search services to the unemployed and also takes "job orders" from businesses looking to hire additional help.

Best said most of the jobs listed through the centre have been for casual or part-time labour.

"We would like to see more full-time job orders coming into the centre," said Best, "but we're prepared to send people out for even a one-day job."

The employment centre co-ordinator said he is "tremendously pleased" with the response from the community. He noted the society currently has enough funding to "coast into July" — thanks to the generosity of several local businesses and individuals. The Capital Regional District (CRD), Best noted, has provided the organization with an additional \$500 grant-in-aid.

Although the centre has adequate funding at present, Best pointed out that it is still without a long-term source of financial support. He encourages local residents to donate what they can to ensure the centre remains in operation. All contributions are tax-deductible.

A number of people — like Gladys Hills — have also given their time as volunteer staff members at the centre. Best praised these people for their efforts on behalf of the unemployed.

"They are prepared to spend a few minutes with every person who walks in the door, and sometimes we see 18 or 20 people a day," he stated. "Our approach is both direct and personal. We try to find out not only the person's long-term goals, but more importantly, what we at the centre can do right now."

Best noted there are benefits to being a community centre volunteer. In addition to the satisfaction of helping others, volunteers receive:

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Employment Action Centre co-ordinator Bill Best (right) and volunteer work Gladys Hills. Best relies on the assistance of

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- at Gulf Islands Secondary School.
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 - The experience of being part of a caring, friendly and supportive team.
 - The opportunity to meet new people and to experience personal growth through expanded contacts in the community.

More volunteers are always welcome, and anyone interested in donating their services to the centre should call 537-4331.

Best hopes the centre will continue to provide much-needed employment services on the island. He added that Salt Spring

residents can be proud of the centre and its achievements to date.

"We've accomplished something here on Salt Spring that is totally unique to my knowledge," he said. "The Salt Spring Employment Action Society, supported by the community at large, has succeeded in launching a community employment service entirely without provincial or federal government assistance of any kind."

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Barbara Jordan-Knox is director of centre

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Achievement Centre

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- Family Ass't.
- Fruit Cremes

600 g
pkg.

3 38

B.C. NO. 1
White Sugar

SAVE 1.01

10 kg bag

5 98

BICKS
Relishes

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Your Choice

1 38

BRAVO
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1 28

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Bread

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loaf

68¢

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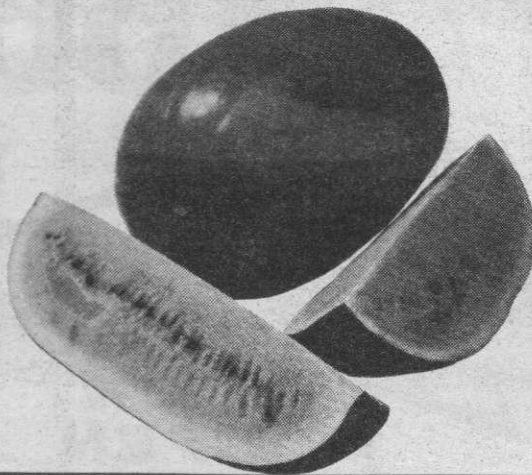
**CRISP GREEN LEAF
LETTUCE**



2 heads
for

99¢

**FRESH WHOLE
WATERMELON**



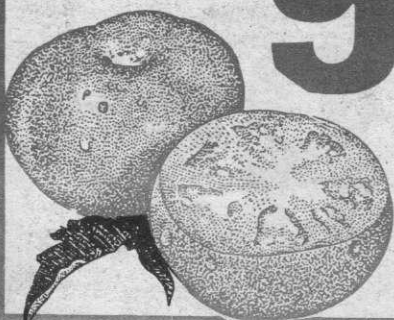
27¢
lb.

SLICED **33¢** lb.

**EXTRA LARGE HOTHOUSE
TOMATOES**

2.18 kg

99¢
lb.



LONG ENGLISH
CUCUMBERS

1 19
ea.

NEW ZEALAND
GALA APPLES

2.62 kg

1 19
lb.

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Dressings

2 29

Avocados

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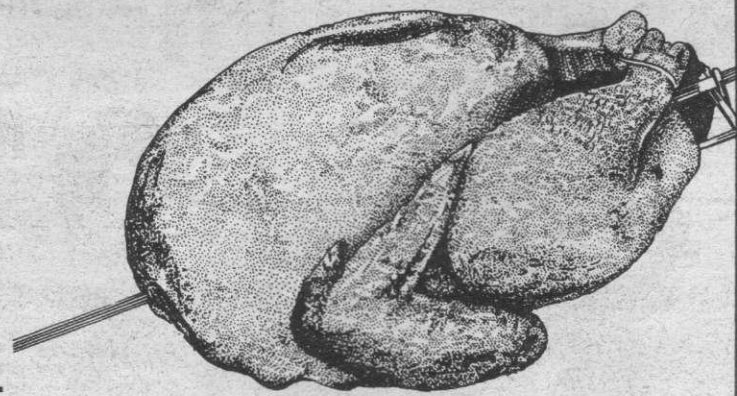
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Cleaning the lily pond can be no easy operation

All of us are well enough aware of the seasonal changes and cyclical nature of life in the garden, taking delight in the blooms and colour changes that serve as markers or indicators of the passage of the seasons, but few of us realize just how much these changes in the garden influence and determine changes in our own day to day lives.

The falling leaves, browning foliage and receding perennials tell us that it's time to bring in the deck furniture and close down the cottage. The blooming wisterias and honeysuckles on the arbour invite us to sit out in their midst and enjoy a cool drink.

With the children, the seasonal changes bring along instinctive changes in behaviour. As soon as the water is warm enough, the lily pool becomes almost charismatic in nature, as they spend hours enthralled by the ripple, splashes and reflections. The way the fish play, the way the sand, rocks and ultimately, toys sink to the bottom, the way the clothes all get wet and dirty, the way the sticks and debris all float around the pool like logs in the ocean, the way the parents get concerned and upset — all serve to entertain and amuse the little dabblers.

Eventually, it all becomes too much for the pool or the fish, and a good cleanout is in order. Most often, I recommend that the pool be cleaned out in the fall or in April, but from experience, I find that the best time to do it is when the water temperatures become warm enough to be tolerable, and it so happens to coincide with the appropriate time to divide the water lilies.

However you choose to do the job, the first thing is to get the water out, so use buckets, a siphon hose or a pool pump that will suck out some of the muck and debris along with the water. If you have fish in the pool, be sure that you aren't throwing them out with the water and mud. As the water level drops, the task of catching the finny fellows becomes easier. Reserve a large bucket of clean pool water, before you start stirring up the muck, so they'll have seasoned or conditioned water for their stay away from the pool.

The aquatic plants will also become exposed and require protection from the sun and drying air. The leaf stems, flower buds and crowns shouldn't be left uncovered for more than a few minutes. Lift the plant tubs out of the pool and cover the plants with a few layers of wet newspaper while you go on with the rest of the job.

Once most of the water is taken out, the muck and organic matter on the bottom will need scooping or shovelling out. Use a plastic bucket or wide-rimmed shovel to get most of it out, and finish the job with a sponge, squeegee or dustpan. All of this muck and organic matter make a great fertilizer for your garden.

Do a thorough wiping out and rinse off the sides, but refrain from using any cleansers or bleaches,

etc., as this will only upset the natural system of pool balancing.

If you wish to reduce the problem of algae buildup, then you can use, at this time, a pale pink solution of potassium permanganate (available from the pharmacy only) using a quarter of a teaspoon of the crystals dissolved in a half gallon of water for every 200 gallons of pool capacity. Brush this onto the concrete or pool liner for rapid effective sterilization, and then as you fill the pool, the solution will be diluted to the correct strength for safe control when fish and plants are present.

Now you can start refilling the pool, using a spray nozzle or sprinkler to give maximum aeration and allow for the release of any toxic gases (not usually a problem in the Gulf Islands) such as chlorine or sulphur gases.

your garden

by

Chris Schmah

As it is filling, you can turn your attention to the clean-up, division, fertilizing and relocating of your pool plants. The oxygenators will appreciate a cutting back, division into new pots of sandy loam soil and a sand top layer. They shouldn't need any fertilization, and can be placed back into the pool right away. The irises, pink flowering rush, arrowhead, Sagittarias, and pickeral rush should also be divided and repotted into loamy soil, but with them add in a teaspoonful of bonemeal and bloodmeal for good flowering. When dividing, use a sharp knife to separate each crown or growing point and locate the cut surface against the knife to separate each crown so that it can grow forward into the pot and develop good roots quickly.

With water lilies, the job of division and replanting is somewhat more laborious and involved. First, remove the plant from the pot and rinse off as much of the upper soil levels as you can, so that the crowns and tubers are fully exposed and visible. The lily grows forward in a branching manner with the tuberous rhizomes branching out and advancing, much the same as irises do. Using a long sharp knife or

even an old saw, cut each crown or growing point away from the older tuber. Each tip should have at least four inches of starchy tuber for a food reserve, and as the soil is separated the thick fleshy roots will tear away as well. Trim back any that are damaged, but those that are still intact should be retained with the soil still on them. The small tuber pieces, and the large tubers without a growing tip, should be discarded as they will never amount to anything.

Next, take your divisions and prepare a large pot (12 inch diameter, minimum — 18 to 24 optimum) of loamy clay soil that has 20 to 25 per cent composted manure added to it (or use compost) for each tuber or piece. This rich soil should fill the bottom two-thirds of the pot, and then less fertile soil should be used for the top third, so that very little fertilizer is released into the water to nourish the algae. Into the richer soil add a quarter-cup of bonemeal and a quarter cup of blood meal for a season's feeding.

Place the tuber piece with the cut surface backed against the pot edge and the growing point facing the middle, set it so the leaves and flower buds are emerging at the soil surface. An inch of soil should cover the back portion of the tuber and a small stone should be set on

top to keep it from floating up to the water's surface. Finally, top off with a half inch of pea gravel or small stones so that the fish cannot stir up the enriched soil and foul the pool.

The repotted lilies are now ready for placing back into the pool, but remember that all this time and all of the time that it will still take for the water to rise and cover the leaves and crown, the plant will have to be sprayed with water, or be covered with wet paper or burlap. If the pool is deep and the plants are weak or small, prop the pot on bricks or stones so that the crown or pot rim is only three to four inches below the water's surface, as the water is warmer here and the plant will develop faster, and have less distance to

travel to get its leaves to the surface. As the plant strengthens, you can drop the pot to deeper water.

After the water has warmed for a few hours, the fish can be reintroduced to the pool, slowly adding the new water to their bucket to allow for the re-adjustment to new water and a slightly different temperature. This acclimatization process should take 30 to 45 minutes so that shock risks will be minimized.

After a few days, you can resume feeding the fish, and the children can resume filling it back in with their favourite pool toys, and additives, and stones and dirt, to prepare for a repeat of the spring pool-cleaning ritual. Until next week, happy gardening.

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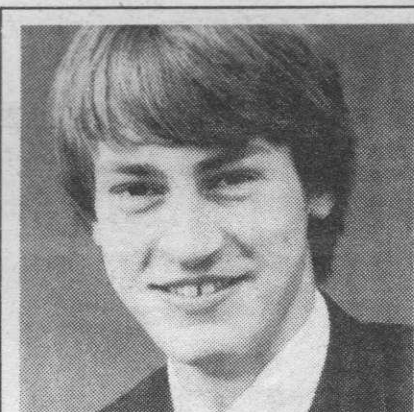
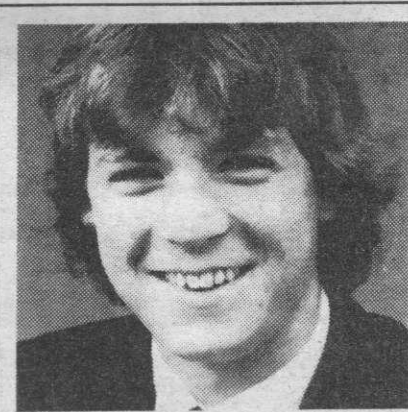
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