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## Automation suggested for island lighthouse

Georgina Point lighthouse on Mayne Island is one of 10 light stations on the B.C. coast recommended for immediate and complete unmanning in a report commissioned by the Coast Guard.

The report, written by UBC oceanographer and physics professor Paul LeBlond and released last week by Transport Canada, was prepared after opposition was voiced to early plans by Ottawa to automate even more than the 10 light stations now designated for unmanning.

LeBlond could not be reached by *Driftwood* for comment on his report.

Don DeRousie, keeper of the Active Pass light for the past four years and a lighthouse keeper for the past 30, said that although he believed the inquiry leading to the report was impartial, the severity of its conclusions came as a shock.

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Georgina Point station

## Terry Fox Run raises over \$5,000

The amount raised in last Sunday's Terry Fox Run on Salt Spring Island is about \$5,500 — and it's rising.

Immediately after the last of the event's 123 participants crossed the finish line at Salt Spring Elementary School, a tabulation showed they had amassed pledges totalling \$5,444.

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## Tender call lists damage at Crofton

Repairs to the Crofton ferry dock on Vancouver Island will include a new electrical system, removal of the running surface and its supports, possible replacement of pilings and installation of a new deck.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation listed that repair list last week in calling for tenders for the repair work, which it estimates will cost \$700,000. However, the corporation notes that the full price will not be known until tenders are opened and the repair contract awarded on September 24.

The wharf suffered extensive damage in a July 24 fire later classified as arson. The fire caused regular ferry service between Crofton and Vesuvius Bay on Salt Spring Island to be cancelled. Service for foot passengers only is currently being offered by Gulf Islands Water Taxi, under contract to the ferry corporation.

Repairs to the dock will involve replacing or restoring marine components damaged in the fire, the corporation said. "The running surface and its supports will be removed, pilings checked and replaced if necessary, and finally the decking will be rebuilt."

After the fire, the corporation called in the Electrical Safety Branch of the labour ministry to assess the electrical damage. It was found that the total system must be replaced.

The corporation says the Crofton dock will be disassembled while construction materials are on order. Those materials are expected to be at the site by the end of October — "depending on availability" — and the work is set to be completed by Christmas.



## Fighting flames

Fire at the refuse dump on Blackburn Road drew Salt Spring

volunteer firemen from the Ganges and Fulford stations last Wednesday afternoon. There was

more smoke than fire, however, and situation was quickly brought under control. Story, page 11.

## Esquimalt-Saanich MP

# Crofton to seek nomination

Progressive Conservative MP Pat Crofton (Esquimalt-Saanich) confirmed the expected Saturday by announcing his intention to run in the new Saanich-Gulf Islands riding in the next federal election.

Crofton, born and raised on Salt Spring, made the announcement last Saturday at a breakfast meeting held in Ganges for local Tory supporters and the general public. In doing so, he confirmed

rumours about his intentions which had been circulating for the past few months.

Crofton will make the switch because changes are pending to both his Esquimalt-Saanich riding and the Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands riding which includes the Gulf Island. A federal riding boundary redistribution plan, expected to be in place by next July, will carve the Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands constituency into

three sections, adding the Gulf Islands to a new riding which replaces Esquimalt-Saanich.

The pending change has already been felt at the local level. Salt Spring resident John Crofton, a first cousin of Pat Crofton, told the meeting that the Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands Progressive Conservative constituency association folded in August.

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# Active Pass light to be automated?

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"The Coast Guard will be making recommendations of their own in October, so I'm more interested in their final decision," DeRousie said.

Transport Canada, through the Coast Guard, announced last year it intended to completely automate some west coast lighthouses, as has been done on the east coast. Opposition from commercial fishermen, recreational boaters, other marine groups and the union representing lighthouse keepers led to public hearings and LeBlond's report.

LeBlond divides coastal lighthouses into four categories: 10 that may be considered for complete unmanning; seven that may be partially unmanning; 13 that should be kept manned for now — pending improvements in technology — and 11 stations which should remain manned "for the foreseeable future."

Marine users have criticized the report, saying that not only is the manning of lighthouses indispensable to marine safety but that automation would not save the government money in the long run. The Coast Guard hopes to save about \$1.8 million over the next 15 years with its automation plan.

## Critics cite safety considerations

Dr. Robert Somerville of Campbell River, an ex-power squadron commander, specialist in helicopter rescue and involved in over 5,000 marine rescues over the past 22 years, said lighthouse keepers are vital to marine safety and that LeBlond's report contained "some very serious errors."

He explained: "Human observation is still needed for aviation and weather reporting. We need these people out there — there is no substitute for a pair of eyes and ears combined with a human brain." He also complained that "no data in the report is used from 1986-87, when keepers started to keep detailed records of incidents involving search and rescue."

Somerville's comments have been echoed by other marine users, who fear automation of light stations will remove a much-needed safety factor for boaters.

Don Graham, junior lightkeeper at Point Atkinson and author of two books on B.C. lighthouses, said that he does not believe the automation plan will go through, especially in light of Transport Minister John Crosbie's assertion that no lightstation would be automated if the move would pose a threat to life.

## Report singles out 10 stations

"We don't see this purely as an issue of jobs: machines can't save lives," he said. "Machines are passive and are not infallible."

He added: "Many people at the hearings owed their lives to lighthouse keepers — this is why the entire marine community is in shock. No one came forward to advocate the curtailment of services."

The 10 lighthouses being considered for complete unmanning are: Active Pass, Amphitrite Point, Chrome Island, Green Island, Lawyer Island, Lucy Island, Pachena Point, Point Atkinson, Pointer Island and Pulteney Point.

Coast Guard records show that, between 1979 and 1985, lightkeepers at those 10 stations reported 108 emergency sightings to Victoria's Rescue Co-ordination Centre and rescued four persons from the sea.



'Salt Spring Queen' on Fulford-Swartz route

## Schedule drawn up

Two B.C. Ferry Corporation vessels will carry out scheduled service between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay this fall.

Last week, the corporation replaced the *Bowen Queen* with the *Quinitsa*, and drew up a supplementary route schedule for the *Salt Spring Queen*.

The latter vessel is normally used on sailings between Crofton and Vesuvius Bay. Since the Crofton dock and regular service were knocked out of commission by a July 24 fire, however, it has been operating as a back-up ship to handle overloads on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route.

This fall, the *Salt Spring Queen* will follow a regular schedule on the run. The corporation said last week the vessel will leave Fulford Harbour each day but Sunday at 8:05 am, 9:45 am, 11:25 am, 2:20 pm and 4 pm. Sailings from Swartz Bay will be at 8:55 am, 10:35 am, 12:15 pm, 3:10 pm and 4:40 pm.

The *Bowen Queen*, taken off the route as of September 10, is headed for its annual re-fit. The ship could carry 70 vehicles, compared to the combined 90 vehicles that can be accommodated by the *Quinitsa* and *Salt Spring Queen*. The former ship can carry 60 vehicles, while the latter's capacity is 30 vehicles.

## Fall season brings ferry fleet changes

A smaller vessel will serve the Gulf Islands from Swartz Bay over this winter.

On September 9, the B.C. Ferry Corporation removed the *Queen of Tsawwassen* from the Outer Islands route, replacing it with the *Mayne Queen*.

The *Queen of Tsawwassen* carries a maximum of 138 vehicles, while the *Mayne Queen* can accommodate 70 cars.

The change in vessels was made to allow the *Queen of Tsawwassen* to undergo its annual refit, the ferry corporation says. It notes that each vessel in its fleet — there are 38 serving 27 routes — is briefly taken out of service each year to permit refits.

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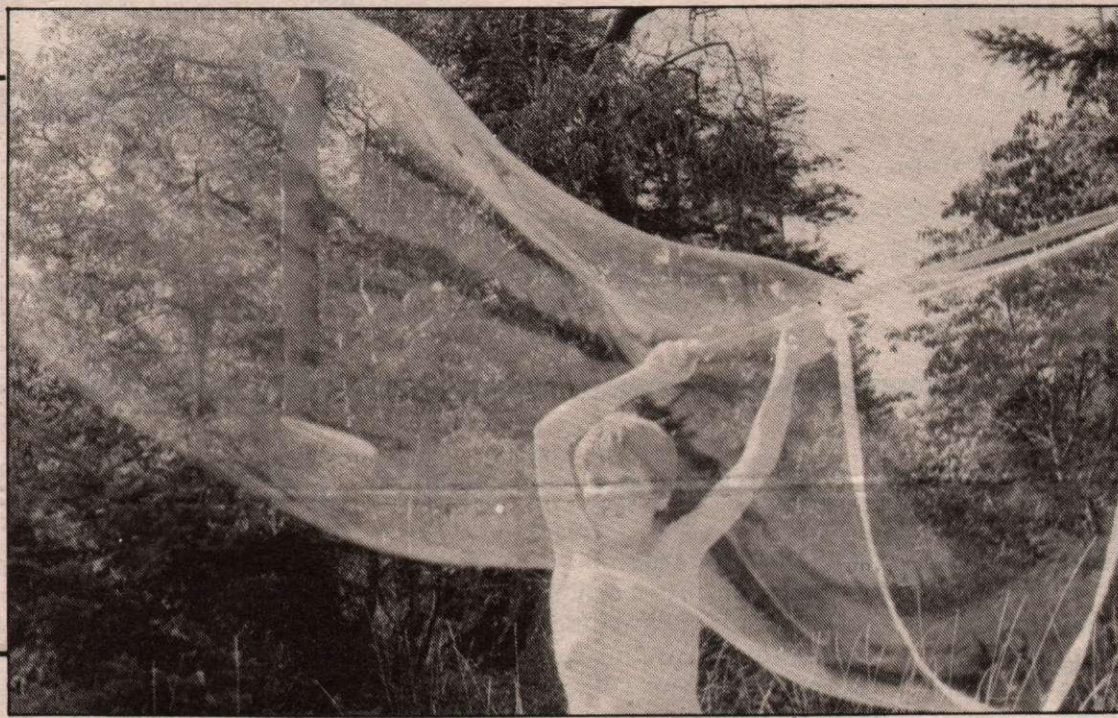
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## Big bubbles, no troubles

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## Applicants look at reducing scope of Job-Trac project

The Cy Peck memorial and Ganges seawalk portions of the community's proposed Job-Trac project may be delayed until 1988.

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce — which has applied to the provincial government for Job-Trac funding to cover 19 local projects worth about \$420,000 — said Monday there are legal technicalities involved with the Cy Peck and seawalk projects and the obstacles might not be removed in time to launch work this fall.

"The more we look at it, the more we would be comfortable leaving those two projects until next year," Chamber president Jack Cherry said. "We have every reason to believe the Job-Trac program will continue next year, and we could apply in April."

Benefits of a delay would include better working weather in the spring and more time to refine design work, he added.

Dropping the Cy Peck and seawalk projects would drop the numbers in the Job-Trac application. The community would be applying to launch projects worth \$257,000 instead of \$420,000 and the number of workers to be hired would fall to 19 from 34.

Also reduced would be the amount of money needed to be raised in the community to make up a shortfall between what the provincial government would supply in funding and what the total cost of the projects would reach. At present, the community is trying to raise about \$60,000 to cover all of the projects involved; dropping the Cy Peck and seawalk components would reduce that total to about \$31,000.

About \$20,000 has already been committed, Cherry said, meaning \$11,000 more would be needed under the revised project lineup.

The provincial government, which had already set aside Job-Trac funding for Salt Spring

Island pending review of the application, has been advised not to consider the Cy Peck and seawalk portions, which were listed separately. The government's consideration of the application is to reach the committee stage today (Wednesday).

## Ferry complaints sought

Anyone who has suffered as a result of the loss of the regular Crofton-Vesuvius ferry service is being asked to contact the Chamber of Commerce this week.

In conjunction with the Salt Spring Island transportation committee, the chamber will be compiling a list of service-related grievances to be presented to MLAs Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts.

"We're looking to compile a strong statistical presentation, to press our MLAs for alternatives," says transportation committee chairman David Clegg. "We need more weight to validate our concerns."

The chamber's number is 537-5252. Clegg urges everyone who has experienced difficulties as a result of the service loss to call this week, leaving their name, telephone number and a brief account of their grievance. People who have already lodged complaints are asked to call again.

A call for tenders to repair the Crofton wharf was made last week. Clegg welcomed that move but said his committee and the chamber are still seeking interim solutions and are concerned that their suggestions have produced "nothing in return" from the provincial government.

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# False perceptions should have been expected

According to representatives of both the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservatives, the public's false perceptions and unfair expectations are as much to blame for a politician's or a government's problems with part or electorate as almost anything else you'd care to name. While we agree there is much truth to those comments — which are contained elsewhere in this issue of *Driftwood* — we feel they paint only a part of the story.

If hopes for a politician's performances are too high, or perception of a government based on too much attention being paid to but half of the signals, the cause of the gap between illusion and reality lies as much with the techniques used to elect our representatives as it does with how the public later interprets the product it has just been

induced to purchase.

The recent provincial election in Ontario, for instance, saw each political machine create and merchandise a specific image of its party leader to lay before voters. Formation of that image, through orchestrated 'media opportunities' and emphasis on or down-playing of particular issues depending on how that would enhance the desired perception, was deliberate.

That's the way the game is played in this fast-paced television age, of course: as we've seen in virtually every recent campaign here and elsewhere, it is image — and not substance — which affords the quickest and most effective route to a vote.

It is also true that the public, by its demands for simplifications of campaign issues and

personalities, has forced politicians to take the easy-to-digest approach to campaigning. While it is the path of least resistance, however, it leads to problems later on, as our two party representatives relate elsewhere this week.

Trying to apportion blame is like arguing about whether the chicken preceded the egg, or vice versa. What matters is not who or what is at fault for the unfair fallout from false expectations or conceptions, but what can be done to bring a dose of reality back to the proceedings.

Someone has to make the first move, and since it is the politicians who seem to be most upset about some of the consequences of today's image-building process, we suggest they lead the way to a better day by taking a long and hard look at their sales techniques.



## Thanks, Salt Spring

Take a bow, Salt Spring.

The level of public participation realized in last Sunday's Terry Fox run was better than *Driftwood* — the event sponsors — could have reasonably expected. In all, 130 people turned out to raise several thousands of dollars in aid of cancer research, and each and every one of them completed the nine kilometre course.

It's no surprise, really. Islanders have consistently shown their financial and spiritual generosity in aid of worthy causes. Last Sunday's turnout was simply another in a long line of efforts showcasing those attributes.

Still, everyone who walked, ran and cycled over the course, the Ganges businesses which helped out by donating refreshments and, most of all, everyone who dug deep into their pockets to sponsor an entrant or make a contribution, deserves a pat on the back for supporting cancer research and the spirit of Terry Fox.

Here's to community participation and effort. And here's hoping we see all of you again next year, at the 1988 version of Salt Spring Island's Terry Fox Run.

# Comfort zone is one key— but there are several

The current swimming pool question facing Salt Spring Island is the fifth of sixth cases I've been directly involved with. In communities up and down the B.C. coast, and in the interior of the province, I've watched as different groups of voters pondered the same question of tax load versus public benefit.

George Goodwin has enjoyed the same experience. The consultant helping the Salt Spring Island Swimming Pool Society prepare its cost and revenue projections for referendum has watched the process evolve at the same time and in some of the same places as I have.

Goodwin is the first to point out — and I'm the first to agree — that as much as the details of

recreation referendums vary from place to place, a few essential questions remain the same no matter where you live or vote.

A central factor in any referendum is establishing what Goodwin calls the "comfort zone" — that is, pegging the homeowner's tax levy at a level he or she feels is affordable. The current projection being used on Salt Spring is a levy of 73 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which Goodwin says falls within the zone's acceptable limits.

There's more to it than that, however. As much as dollars and cents and comfort zones are important, Goodwin feels gut feelings play an equally-large role in any recreation facility referendum.

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word

by  
Duncan MacDonnell

"If people want it, money won't determine a yes or no vote," he says. "It won't be a case of people believing they can or can't afford a facility — it will be a case of people believing that they do or don't feel they need the facility."

As an example, Goodwin points to an interior sawmill town that is currently grappling with the same question facing Salt Spring. There, the tax base is so low that residents

would pay twice the Salt Spring load, yet the chances of a yes vote look good.

"There are two camps of people," Goodwin says. "There are some who don't want amenities or believe they need them, no matter what the cost, and those who are willing to pay any reasonable amount."

Two factors, then. The 'comfort zone' has to be affordable, and enough residents must want the recreation facility.

Are those factors in place on Salt Spring? Goodwin hedges, saying the last thing he wants to do is tell islanders what they can or cannot afford, and that he cannot tell how many people believe the pool is something they want and need.

However.

"You have to look at affordable in relative terms, in comparison to what other places are paying," he says. "There are some communities in the province paying much more for recreation facilities, on a mill rate basis. They feel they can afford it."

Which brings us back to the perception of want and need. The Salt Spring Island Swimming Pool Society agrees with Goodwin that the most important factor in any referendum equation is whether the voters want a facility, not necessarily what it will cost.

"We think it's feasible," says society chairman Wendy Vine, "but it's not up to us or to an outside consultant. It's up to the people to say it's feasible."

letters

Diverse

Sir,  
Why does the community need a pool? Because when bones are weak, legs stiff and backs ache, a pool provides relief. Because when the young and those frightened of the water live on an island, safety demands that they learn to swim. Do we want our young families who supply the life force to older islanders to remain on the island?

A community pool provides incentive, where do our teenagers hang out now? Would a community pool provide a focus for those emerging energies?

Pleasure, therapy, educational skills, recreation—many needs for many diverse groups can be met by a community pool. All ages will benefit.

Support yourself and your future well-being through support of the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society.

**BEV UNGER,**  
Fulford Harbour.

Citizens

Sir,  
I would like to take this opportunity to pass on some good news. The good news is that it is that time of the year when the seeds of good citizenship, international fellowship, and friendship are sown. Now I realize that this is the harvest season, but it is never too late for sowing of these seeds. It should be started at an early age and continued throughout a lifetime.

If you are interested in involving your little girl in crafts, nature walks, camping, group participation and just plain old fun then we in the Guiding movement have just the right recipe. Brownies is the first step in the rewarding sisterhood of Guiding. The next steps are Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers. These steps are all available on Saltspring. Girls may join at any level.

There are also a limited number of positions for parents as leaders and assistants for the Fulford and Fernwood Brownies. Please contact Doreen Davidson at 537-4075.

Registration for the First Ganges Brownie Pack will take place at St. Georges Church Hall on September 21 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Girls who are six years old before January 4, 1988, may enrol at this time.

We are looking forward to another fine crop of young citizens for the future.

**TRUDY SLOAN,**  
Ganges.

Shattered

Sir,  
It is 4 am, Thursday morning. My dreams have been shattered by the noise coming from the Crofton mill.

I find it incredible, if not naive, that officials from the mill "can't understand what could be causing the noise." Mrs. Lawson is correct: the noise started about two years ago and could create serious health problems.

There is absolutely, absolutely no doubt that the noise comes from the mill. The noise is intermittent since it is propagated according to the wind's direction.

What a nuisance. Somebody must do something.

**D. R. TWAMLEY,**  
Vesuvius Bay.

Peace

Sir,  
I often wonder why the peace activists don't number 50 per cent or 75 per cent of the population instead of perhaps 10 per cent...especially when we're talking about survival for ourselves and our children and grandchildren. Is it because it's too radical to protest? Too political?

Haven't the war-makers heard the news? In the nuclear age, war can't be used any more as a tool of foreign policy. The U. S. *Beyond War* movement says war is obsolete. *Physicians for Social Responsibility* say modern war is too great a threat to human health. *World Federalists* say the existence of nuclear weapons violate international law.

Even the *Raging Grannies of Salt Spring Island* sing (to the tune of *Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-Ay*) "War doesn't work no more; it could go nuclear!"

Let's join together and put a stop to this runaway arms race; after all, it can't continue unless we go on funding it...or voting for politicians who use our hard-won taxes to fund it.

**VIRGINIA NEWMAN,**  
Ganges.

Feasibility

Sir,  
As most of your readers are no doubt aware, and due to the overwhelming request of Salt Spring Islanders, the Swimming Pool Society and the Recreation Commission have spent long hours with several experts on the feasibility of building an indoor swimming pool for Salt Spring.

Besides wanting to build the best quality pool for the island, the major concern has been for the taxpayer. The feasibility study results, along with a taxation explanation and descriptions of at least two possible sites, will soon be available for public scrutiny. We hope the public will acknowledge the hard work of these volunteers and will inform themselves by studying the documents when they become available.

There will be public meetings as well as newspaper coverage to inform the public of the proposal details. The various committees are unable to answer every question in the *Letters to the Editor* column of the *Driftwood*, but the Pool Society will shortly begin a weekly information section in this newspaper where pertinent issues will be dealt with.

Thank you for your continuing support.

**THE EXECUTIVE OF THE SALT SPRING SWIMMING POOL SOCIETY.**

Think

Sir,  
To weekend pilots:

When you're high in the sky, where your problems all shrink, Think of those on the ground, who can't hear themselves think.

**IRIS WARNER,**  
Ganges.

Dreaming

Sir,  
Who is dreaming and who is fooling whom?

A swimming pool complete on Salt Spring for a mere \$1.3 million? Hah! The town of Grand Forks cannot give me a total cost of the pool constructed there because the bills are still coming in to be paid.

Innisfail, Alberta, in July of this year had spent \$1.715 million on a pool and the parking lot was not paved, the pool cleaning equipment had not been purchased and the office furniture still had to be obtained.

The pool society figures that income to the proposed pool will be in the neighbourhood of \$140,000 and the operating deficit will be \$127,500 per year. In my opinion they are asking far too much of the taxpayers to subsidize swimmers to this amount. Swimming does not need to go on a full 12 months of the year.

Dedicated golfers pay their own way, as do dedicated fishermen, hunters, hikers, gardeners, trap shooters and a host of other people carrying out their choice of recreation. Are swimmers different that they need so much help?

Some time ago Wayne Taylor stated in *Driftwood* that the impact of pool taxes would hardly be noticed by the average homeowner. Well, I will certainly notice an increase of \$63 on mine after the increase this year of almost \$100 and the increase in income tax coming up again, as well as the likely hefty garbage disposal tax as outlined by Hugh Borsman in column one on page six of last week's *Driftwood*. In comparison, my disability pension increased by about \$20 this year.

Where is it all going to end?  
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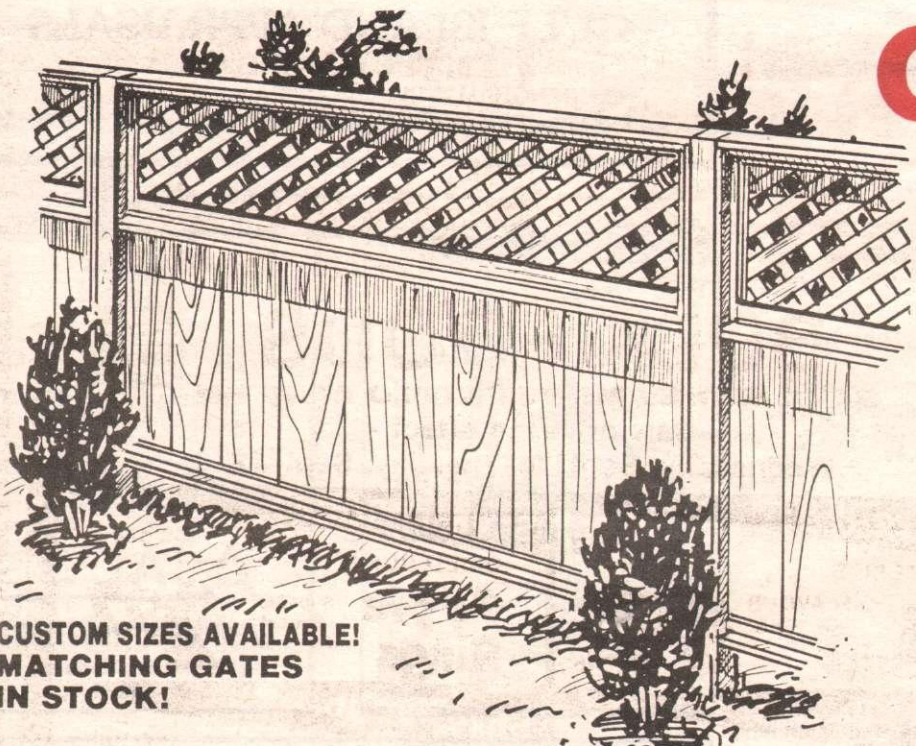
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# Education system in need of repairs

VICTORIA — If you wanted to wrap up the state of affairs British Columbia's education system is in, rotten is the word that comes to mind.

The entire education system is overloaded and under-financed. Universities can't handle the demand, leaving students stranded in mid-education, and there aren't enough computers in schools to give the new generation the training it needs to cope with the information age. Hell, the government doesn't even provide enough money for textbooks, forcing schools to violate copyrights by photocopying books.

Meanwhile, unemployment remains at an atrocious level, prompting a lot of young people to go back to school — but with rising tuition fees and an inadequate student assistance program, who can afford a higher education?

This fall, thousands of students were unable to enroll in courses they wanted to take. Sorry, the courses are fully subscribed to. Try again next year. The situation was so bad that Stan Hagen, the minister responsible for advanced education and job training, felt compelled to make a public statement.

The inability of students to be enrolled in each and every course they applied for was not a new phenomenon, but the numbers appeared to be increased this year, the minister astutely observed.

The reason for the run on universities, Hagen said, was a realization on the part of students that there is a need for skilled and trained people in the workforce. Another factor, he said, was the new financial aid program for students. He called it "the finest in Canada."

I consider Hagen the best of Premier Vander Zalm's cabinet, but with all due respect, he's talking through his hat. The primary reason so many young people are going back to university is the inability to either find jobs or to make a decent living in this minimum-wage economy.

As for the student assistance program, it may be the finest in Canada — although I'm not convinced of that, either — but a truly advanced society, one that is determined to be on top of the world's economic heap, would make free education universal, not just in primary and secondary schools but in colleges and universities.

Hagen's solution? Monitor the situation. As an interim measure, he wants the colleges and universities to evaluate the courses they offer to determine whether they really prepare students for the workforce. That's like appointing a royal commission. A lot will be evaluated and the outcome will be

## capital comment

by  
**Hubert Beyer**

retention of the status quo.

So much for the post-secondary education system. At the primary and secondary level, the system is in an even worse quagmire.

About a year ago, I wrote a column condemning the government for turning out a computer-illiterate generation of students. All my efforts got me at the time was an angry letter from the education minister, telling me I didn't know what I was talking about.

A few months later, however, a light bulb must have gone on in the cabinet room because the government appointed an advisory committee on computers in the school system. The committee's report was released a few weeks ago.

One statement in the report caught my immediate attention. "The ultimate goal is to ensure that all students, at graduation, will have the skills necessary to function effectively and confidently in an increasingly complex technological environment." The committee urged the achievement of that goal by 1992.

I wonder if the government believes this goal can be reached as long as schools depend on bake sales and bottle drives for the acquisition of computers. It certainly seems so. Not only has the government, so far, failed to implement or even announce a major computer-acquisition program, but it continues to erode the budget for text books.

Schools throughout the province, but particularly in the large urban centres, are forced to break the law by photocopying text books. If they didn't, students would be left without even the most rudimentary tools of learning.

While other countries are investing in the future by providing the next generation with the skills essential for economic survival in the information age, our government is still trying to figure out whether Gutenberg's invention can be applied to the education system.

And speaking of Gutenberg, it bodes ill for education in this province when the advisory committee on computers can't even spell the chap's name properly. It's Gutenberg, not Gutenberg.

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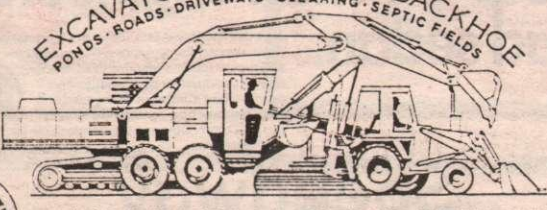
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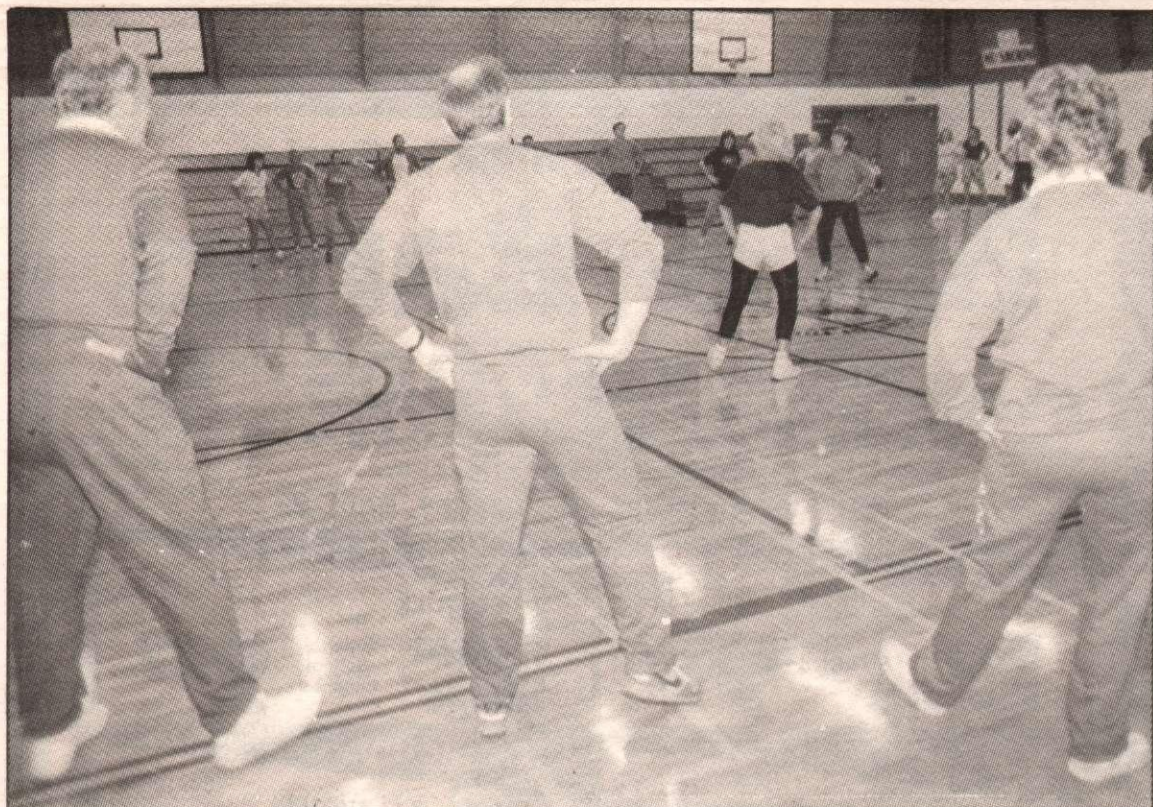
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Peter Grant tackles hill

# Salt Spring Island's Fox Run aims for \$6,000 in receipts

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However, several of the registration forms filled out contained no listing of the total amount pledged by sponsors. As of Monday, the amount of money raised locally for cancer research had passed the \$5,500 mark and appeared certain to reach the \$6,000 level.

Driftwood publisher Tony Richards, sponsor of the local Terry Fox run, was overwhelmed by the response to the event.

"I was the happiest guy on Salt Spring at 10 am Sunday," he said, "and on Monday I was the sorest."

Richards joined the run's other 122 entrants when the field set off from Gulf Islands Secondary School at 10 am to cover a nine-kilometre course which took them up Rainbow Road to Booth Canal Road, then to Lower Ganges Road and Central, and finally down Upper Ganges Road and back to the schoolgrounds.

First entrant to cross the finish line was Ben Cooper of Mansell Road, who covered the course in 33 minutes. Next was Bruce Flexman, who recorded a time of 36 minutes.

The top entrant in terms of

pledges was Driftwood advertising sales representative Jeff Outerbridge, whose completion of the course will cost his backers a combined \$1,000. Next highest total was listed by Driftwood's accountant Terra Tepper, who collected sponsorship worth about \$500.

Driftwood was not so successful in a participation competition, however. Publisher Richards had bet several local firms \$25 each that his company would field the highest percentage of employees in the run; however, that honour went to Salt Spring Lands, which had a 100 per cent employee turnout. Pharmasave, Embe Bak-

ery and Driftwood all had employee participation rates of about 80 per cent.

As far as organizers know, every person who entered the event completed the course, whether by running, jogging or cycling.

With the Fox Run over, attention now turns to collecting pledges made to entrants. Entrants are asked to collect those sums and deposit the money at either of the two banks in Ganges, or at the Credit Union.

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# 'Red tide' closes shellfish harvest

Beaches on the southwest shore of Salt Spring Island were among portions of the region closed to shellfish harvesting last week.

The closure, announced by the Duncan office of Fisheries and Oceans and in effect until further notice, was made after a high level of toxins was found in shellfish in the area.

Areas affected by the closure are Maple Bay, Sansum Narrows as far north as Erskine Point, Burgoyne Bay, Satellite Channel,

Swartz Bay, Fulford Harbour, Coal Island and Portland Island.

The closure prohibits the commercial and recreational harvesting of all bivalves — i.e., clams, oysters, mussels, geoduck and scallops. The level of toxins found in the shellfish makes them unsafe for human consumption, the Fisheries and Oceans office explained.

Consumption of shellfish contaminated by toxins can lead to paralysis, then death.

Fisheries office spokesman

Trevor Field said Friday that the toxins are believed to have resulted from a bloom of algae in Saanich Inlet, and that the closure area covers the furthest points the bloom can reach.

"We expect the toxins in those outer areas are peripheral to Saanich, and we expect to see the (toxin) levels come down in the next tests," he said. "If the next tests are higher, though, we could say the toxins are continuing to spread and we might shut other areas down."

Tests conducted to date throughout the Gulf Islands have not indicated the presence of toxins elsewhere. Field said the sighting of a 'red tide' in Ganges Harbour late last week does not indicate toxins.

"There are 20 to 22 algae on the coast that can cause a red tide, but only one or two of those are toxic," he said. "We see a red tide in Ganges Harbour pretty well all year around, but just because it's red doesn't necessarily mean it's toxic."

## Cause pondered

# Measles outbreak concerned district

A serious outbreak of measles was the major health concern of 1986, the annual report of the Capital Regional District (CRD) community health service noted.

Measles is a disease which theoretically should have been eliminated from the area years ago due to an extensive immunization program, the report said, adding that 100 years ago measles was prevalent among the population, with deaths commonly occurring from the disease — chiefly among Indians.

The outbreak of measles in the region in 1986 affected over 1,100 people but resulted in no deaths.

The epidemic — which began in November, 1985, and continued until June, 1986 — raised CRD concerns over the efficacy of the measles immunization program, since 77 per cent of those cases with a known immunization history had been immunized against measles.

Although no one theory has satisfactorily explained the reappearance of measles, the CRD said, it is thought that cold storage problems in the transportation of the vaccine, "a build-up of susceptibles in the community," or inadequate vaccination in the early years of the program could have been responsible.

The measles outbreak in the CRD area was part of a nationwide increase in measles, especially in B.C. and Manitoba. The report noted that 68 per cent of cases were in the 10-19 year age group, with 40 per cent in the 10-14 year age group, and 28 per cent in the 15-19 year age group. Seven per cent of cases involved those younger than five years of age, and three per cent affected those over 20 years of age. The overall incidence was 13.7 cases per 1,000 population aged 1-24 years.

The report added that AIDS continues to be a major concern. Although the total number of AIDS patients in the region numbered three in 1986 — down from five a year earlier — "this

does not reflect the real trend and should not allow any feelings of complacency," the CRD said.

The report added: "There is no doubt that 1987 and 1988 will see real upswings in the number of cases."

The latter part of 1986 also saw a "dramatic and alarming increase" in the number of cases of Penicillinaise producing niesseria gonorrhoea (P.P.N.G.) — a sexually transmissible disease.

One case of PPNG was reported during the first seven months of 1986, in comparison to 11 cases from September to December, 1986. Prior to 1986, PPNG had appeared sporadically in the Capital Regional District.

In 1986 there were 101 cases of Hepatitis B (increased from 66 in 1983 and zero in 1981) and 208 cases of Herpes Genitalis (up from 175 the previous year).

Ninety-five cases of Giardiasis — a gastro-intestinal disease — were reported in 1986, up from 81 in 1985. The report called the continuing increase in Giardiasis "disturbing."

Infections that declined were: Hepatitis A with but four cases, the lowest ever recorded; and Gonorrhoea with 281 cases — the lowest number recorded since 1971.

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**Despite slight deficit**

# Auditor gives stamp of approval to school district's performance

The Gulf Islands school district ended up in a 'break even position' in the 1986-87 fiscal school year, an auditor told last Friday's school board meeting in Ganges.

Jim Pringle and Glen Crawford — of the Thorne, Ernst and Whinney accounting firm — conducted the annual audit required by the education ministry and prepared a report of the district's finances for that year.

Pringle commented favourably on the district's "small deficit" of \$31,115 realized from a budget totalling approximately \$6.75 million in 1986-87.

About \$28,000 of the \$31,115 deficit represented the cost of the portable classroom required on Galiano during the school's expansion. The expenditure was

required after the district's operating budget had been set.

Considering that, Pringle said he would "challenge anybody to do better than that in their own personal finances."

The accountant said he was pleased with the school district's financial management and how well the records had been kept by assistant secretary treasurer Gordon McCrea.

"We think they're in very good shape and haven't noticed anything to comment on from a control point of view," Pringle said.

The 1986-87 ministry-approved budget of \$6.75 million was composed of an operating section of \$5.745 million and debt service of \$1.013 million. Only \$5.757 million was spent that year, however, mostly due to an unex-

pected decrease in students which resulted in the ministry cutting the expected amount of funding by \$50,000.

The school district was able to generate additional funds in the area of investments, resulting in a net shortfall of \$31,115. The deficit will be funded by the ministry in the subsequent year.

Last year, the district received over \$12,000 in donations to its new trust fund. Because the fund is a registered charity, donors receive tax deduction receipts for donations given.

The purpose of the trust is to "enhance and further the educational opportunities available to the students living within the boundaries of School District 64." Donations received are spent on a wide variety of educational projects and materials.

# Parent requests board to install seat restraints on school buses

Salt Spring parent Anna Hawthorne appeared at last Friday's school board meeting to protest the lack of seat restraints in school buses in the district.

Hawthorne said she had taught her five-year-old son to "belt up" when travelling in a vehicle and will not allow her child to ride on buses without a restraint.

Board chairman David Eyles assured Hawthorne that the board had already studied the issue of seat belt protection aboard school buses and, after reviewing all available evidence, had come to the conclusion that having no seatbelts were safer than having seatbelts in a school bus situation.

"The safety of children is the paramount concern of this board and we have looked at this previously. The safety of children has no price," the chairman said.

Trustee Charles Hingston added that research had resulted in "grave concerns" that children being fixed into position by lap

belts on school buses were in a more dangerous situation than if no restraints were used.

Hawthorne said that it was not so much lap belts that she wanted, as "an entire re-vamping of the buses," including the installation of shoulder harnesses and head rests.

Schools superintendent Mike Marshall said that the board's research into the subject a couple of years ago found that University of West Ontario researchers favour a no-seatbelt situation in school buses.

"There is no apparent benefit to restraining children," he said.

School buses are different from other vehicles on the road, he said, in that they are involved in very few accidents. Bus drivers are professional drivers, and dedicated, the buses themselves are constructed for safety, and they are extremely visible, he noted.

"I can't buy it," said Hawthorne. "I won't send my child on

the bus."

The board concurred that it was Hawthorne's perfect right to refuse to send her child on the school bus, but invited her to review the district's "extensive" bus policy and to go over the research material compiled by the district on the topic.

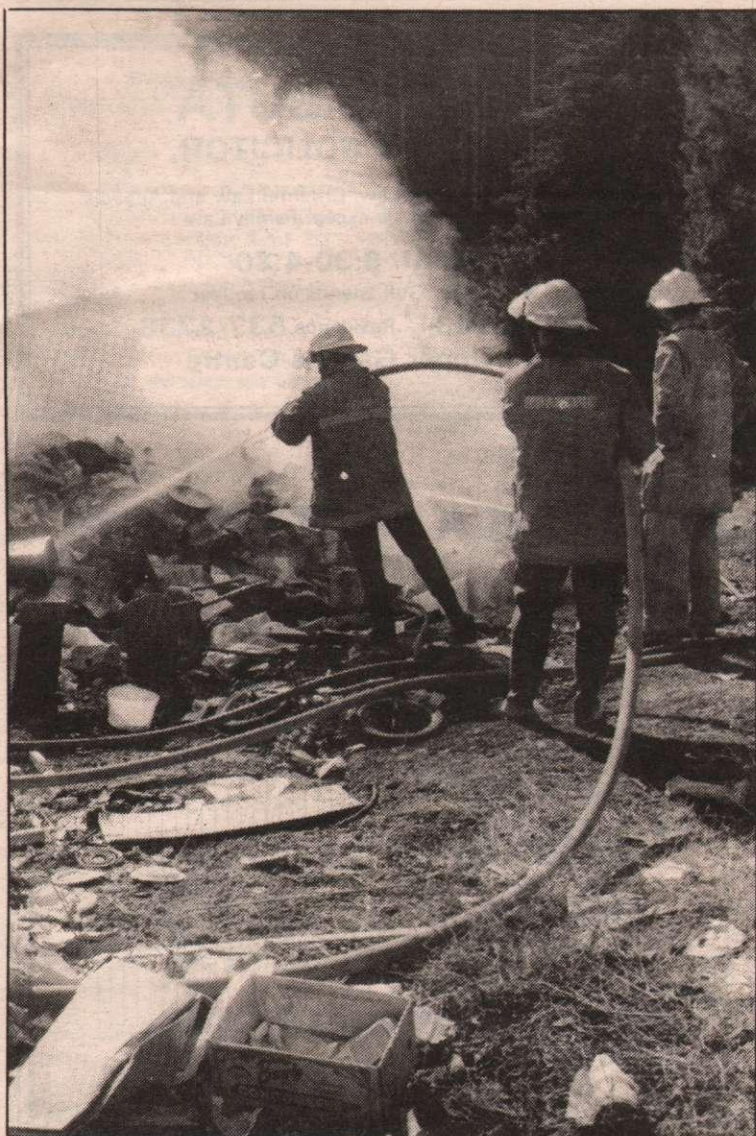
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## Firemen called to quell flames at garbage dump

A neighbour who noticed ash on her doorstep and heard cans popping in the distance called out the Salt Spring volunteer fire department to a fire at the Blackburn Road garbage dump last Wednesday afternoon.

Assistant Fire Chief Les Wagg said one corner of the bush bordering the dump had caught fire. Eighteen firemen turned out to extinguish the flames, assisted by Norman Twa and his machinery.

"I really can't say what caused it," Wagg said. "We suspect that possibly someone dumped their backyard incinerator with still-live ashes, but that's just a guess."

No injuries resulted from the

incident. After about five hours of monitoring the smoldering debris, the fire department went home.

## Schools bulging at seams

The Gulf Islands school district has pressing capital needs ("bricks and mortar") that must be addressed soon, Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall told the board last Friday.

Marshall listed several broad categories: the "serious overpopulation" of Fernwood elementary; the inadequacy of facilities at the high school on Salt Spring; the fact that Fulford, Saturna, Galiano and Pender schools are at "near capacity"; the lack of water at Galiano school; and a situation where the same number of buses (four) are used on Salt Spring as were being used five years ago — despite enrolment being up 30 per cent since then.

The district's capital budget proposal for 1988-89 will focus on these problems, he said, adding that the difficulty was in determining the amount of the proposal.

After discussion, the board passed a motion to put forward the figure of \$1.766 million as a capital proposal to the provincial government for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

"This district is going through the highest growth of any district in the province and this growth has been going on for years," said Marshall. "This message must be taken to all: we're looking at big, big growth — when most districts are looking at big, big reduction."

He added: "More than any other district, we deserve a share (of provincial money earmarked for needs and equipment for growing districts) for expanding programs."

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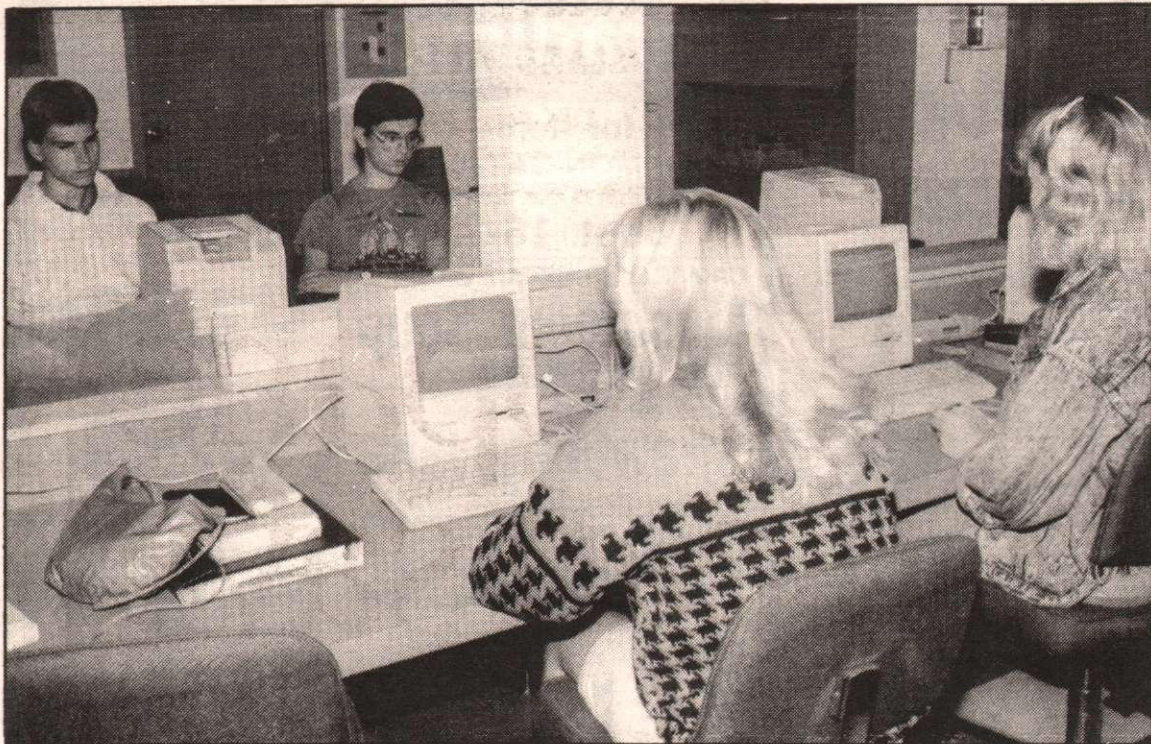


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GISS students tackle computers in new lab

## Curriculum, teacher changes characterize new school year

Gulf Islands Secondary School has some new courses, new teachers, a new computer lab, and "a really nice, really industrious tone in the school this year," according to Principal John Wellingham.

There has been a marked increase in the number of students taking science courses, as well as a growing interest in the arts and computer programs, he said.

A total of 37 new students enrolled at the high school, making a net gain of 20 students once students who left the district are taken into account. The principal said that "a most generous staffing for the school" resulted in all students being able to obtain the programs they selected.

Two new career preparation courses offered this year are Business Education (students will gain 100 hours of work experience under the wing of local businesses) and art education. "We hope to have some local artists help" in the latter program, Wellingham said.

Other new courses are Family Management, Linear Physics and Linear Biology. Semester Physics and Biology courses will be replaced at the end of the year by the linear science courses.

A new counselling office has been created for a new counselor, John Bergsma, who comes from the Nachako school district. Bergsma will teach two math classes, organize and deliver the family life program and spend the remainder of his time counselling.

A Gifted program is now in place, taught by Clive Prior. Upwards of 12 students in the high school will follow the regular school program but elect to take specialized study in a number of

areas. Richard Tallboy transferred from Pender Island to become the full-time Learning Assistance instructor at GISS. Tallboy will help students in all subject areas and grades, as well as provide support to students taking correspondence courses.

Stephen Barry has returned to his position teaching three blocks of Industrial Education and Mary Rockliffe teaches drama and acting this year. Mark Trimbee from Toronto joins the school as the new French Immersion teacher.

Mike Byron, who retired this year, was persuaded to return on a part-time basis to teach Agriculture — no one else in the province

could be found with Byron's particular skills, the principal said.

Wellingham said the school also welcomes five international students to its classrooms: Veronique Van Beneden, a Rotary student from Belgium; sisters Visuttida and Sushada Prayoonvech from Thailand; Hiroko Nishikawa from Japan; and Florian Satzinger from Germany.

The principal said that an increase in specialized courses and a growing student population are placing strains on the school building itself.

"We just need more space," he said.

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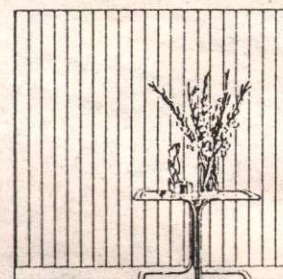
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Congratulations to Salt Spring Lands, who won the participation challenge with 100% of their staff turning out for the Run. The efforts by Ganges Pharmasave, Embe Bakery and Mouat's Trading Co. were also a major factor in the Run's success.

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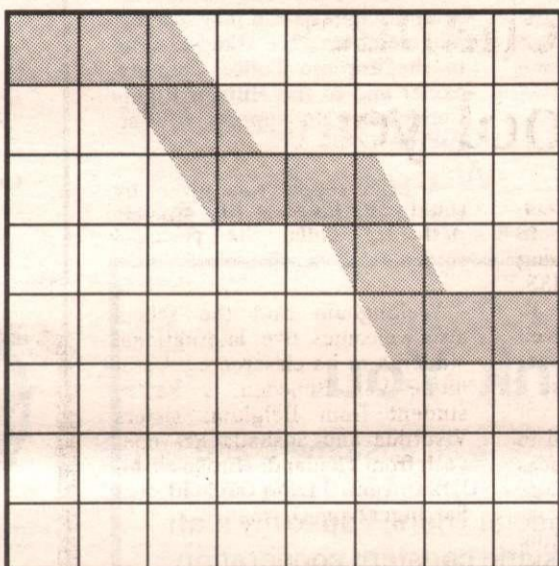
Capital Regional District (CRD) fecal coliform counts show Gulf Islands beaches well within acceptable sewage pollution limits. Readings as of September 3, in parts per 100 millilitres of water,

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### Catholic Women's League

## September launches new season

The Salt Spring Island council of the Catholic Women's League opened its new season with a meeting on Wednesday, September 9.

Members assembled for mass in Our Lady of Grace Church at 1 pm, during which time their spiritual director, Father Bergin, spoke on the importance of standing up to the truth of their faith in these days of dissent and immorality.

The business meeting followed in the church hall with president Val Gyves in the chair. Prospective new member Mary Whelan was welcomed.

Family life convenor Ruth Liston brought to the members' attention the plight of Constable Packer, a 10-year member of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force who, because of his pro-life stand, has refused duty at Dr. Henry Morgentaler's abortion clinic in that city. Cst. Packer has been disciplined and may lose his job; members were asked to write to the Toronto Police Commissioner and to the Human Rights Commission in support of Cst. Packer.

A brief report was given by Ursula McEwan on the projects

funded by money raised at the World Development Tea in April by the women of the Anglican, Community Gospel, United and Catholic churches on Salt Spring Island.

Lucille Campbell read a letter from Father John Porter of the Salesian seminary in Ecuador, telling of the ordination on June 29 of Father Alejandro Munoz, who had received financial help from the Salt Spring Island council during his years in the

seminary. Members voted to send Father Munoz a cash gift in honour of his ordination, and also to continue to support young seminarians in South America.

Plans were finalized for a garage sale to be held on Saturday, October 3, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Catholic Church Hall on Drake Road. There will be a bake sale, and coffee and doughnuts will be available. General convenor for the sale is Jeanne Anderson.

### August wedding held in garden

Dan Harvey and Leah Bergham were married August 1, 1987, in a garden ceremony conducted by Rev. Hildebrandt and held at the groom's Salt Spring Island home.

The bride's twin sister, Jean, was Maid of Honour while best man was Jim Clark. Jennifer and Ronnie Smith acted as flower girl and ring-bearer, respectively.

Guests attending the wedding were served dinner on the deck of the Harvey home and later danced into the evening under the light of Tiki lamps.

Numerous out-of-town guests attended the event, including Leah's parents, who have been cruising the world in their sailboat.

The newlywed couple left for a brief honeymoon in the San Juan Islands before returning to their home in New Westminster.

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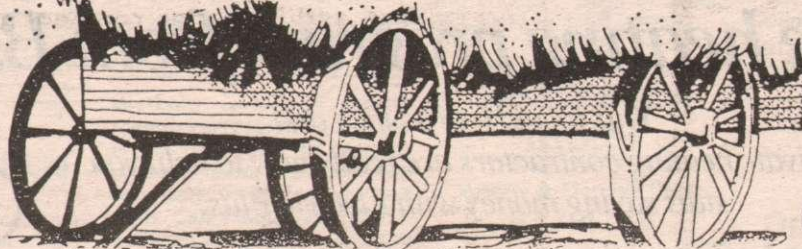
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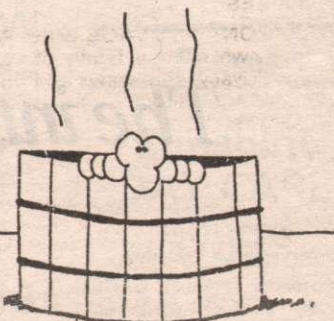


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# Ceremony to honour Fred, Iola Brookbanks

Two Salt Spring residents — not one — will be honoured this year as the island's citizen of the year.

Fred and Iola Brookbanks will receive the honour at an October 1 dinner at the Harbour House Hotel.

The event, co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club, will see the couple "feted by all the major organizations" on the island, Chamber member Gary Greico said last week.

Rann Emmerson of the Lions added that representation by all main groups is appropriate, since the Brookbanks "have been involved with every major organization on the island."

The event agenda calls for cocktails at 6:30 pm with dinner to be served at 7:15 pm. Ticket details have yet to be worked out for the Thursday night affair: contact Emmerson (537-4291), Greico (537-2086 or 537-5577) or the Chamber of Commerce office (537-5252) for information as the date approaches.

The Citizen of the Year award, revived last year by the Chamber of Commerce after a long lapse, will be given to the Brookbanks in recognition of their years of service to various island causes and organizations.

Fred Brookbanks, 77, retired to Salt Spring Island in 1974 after a varied business career in Ontario. Once settled, he became active in a number of organizations, serving for five years as chairman of the Pioneer Village operating committee, for three years as chairman of Croftonbrook before that project was completed, and as president and in other capacities

with the local Lions Club, for whom he also edited the Lions' telephone directory and map of Salt Spring.

He also served on numerous local committees dealing with issues like the sewer and community planning.

Iola, Fred's wife of 52 years, has served as a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Lady Minto Hospital, as chairman of the hospital's board of management, as chairman of its building committee, and as permanent member of the hospital society's nomination committee. She is an honorary life member of the society and of the B.C. Hospital Association.

In addition, Iola has represented the hospital at the Capital Regional District (CRD) board, was a member of the CRD acute care committee, and was founding chairman of the Alert-Line system introduced last year on Salt Spring.

The couple's accomplishments do not start and end on Salt Spring, however.

In Ontario, Iola served as a Sunday School teacher — for 24 years — and superintendent, as a schools treasurer, as president of a Home and School Association, and as founding member and first treasurer of the North York recreation commission.

She was also elected to the board of education in North York, was chairman of its building committee and later of the board itself. In 1955, she was runner-up in nominations held in North York for a seat in the House of Commons.

Later, Iola was active as first chairman of Family Service Cen-

tre, an organization serving 350,000 people, and founding chairman of the Northern Etobicoke YM-YWCA. She also served the auxiliary of Humber Memorial Hospital as president and as a member of the board of governors.

For her efforts in her Ontario community, Iola has had a street, school, library, park and shopping plaza graced with her name.

Fred, meanwhile, served in a variety of business and community organizations while in Ontario. Among them were the North York recreation commission, as president of the Ontario Recreation Directors Association, director of the Canadian Purchasing Management Association, president of the Toronto branch of the organization, president of the Paint and Varnish Association, director of the Canadian Chemical Society and a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, England. He was also co-founder of a University of Toronto course in purchasing management now carried by 21 universities and colleges in Canada.



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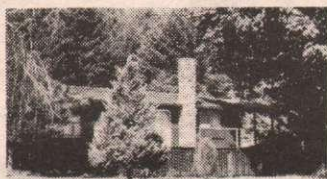
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## Legion members concentrating on raising money for new hall

The advent of September enables the members of Salt Spring Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion to begin activities for autumn and winter.

Progress on construction of the new Legion hall, to be located on the Meaden property on Blain Road, has been slow but sure. Following the sod-turning ceremony in early August, the foundation hole was dug and a tender let for the building. Work should begin soon.

With the sale of the Hereford Avenue building all but completed, a debenture committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Stan Wakelyn. The committee is endeavouring to raise upwards to \$125,000 to help defray some of the expenses of the new home for Branch 92.

Debentures may be purchased only by members — ordinary, associate and fraternal — of the

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In other Legion news, the familiar and favourite Friday suppers begin again this month. The end-of-month smorgasbord

will also continue.

The Legion golf tourney tees off on September 26. Sign up and dig divots with the other duffers.

Bridge, cribbage and shuffleboard also kick off this month for the regular season. The dart league plans a fun darts night on September 20. Potential throwers are asked to attend to sign up for league play, which resumes on the first Wednesday in October.

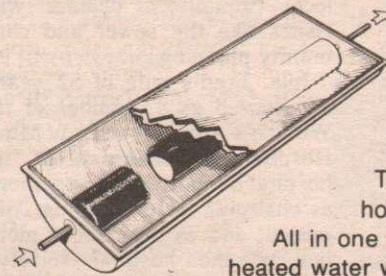
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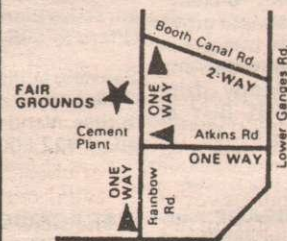
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**Disturbing trend?**

# Canadians seek perfection from party leaders

I find something dangerous and very unsettling in the current debate about John Turner's leadership of the Liberal party.

The danger to Turner himself is obvious. The continuing criticism, alternating with qualified endorsements, may force Turner to resign, both for his own good and for the good of the party.

Most political observers recognize that this process also threatens the long-term prospects of the Liberal party. A party which constantly attacks its own leaders cannot hope to win the loyalty of the general public. Attacks on the leader also encourage deep splits among party activists; when the time comes to unite for an election fight, the party is too splintered for cohesive action.

But I also worry about what the leadership debate might do to Canada and to our idea of democracy. The demands on Turner's leadership signifies an unhealthy shift in the Canadian idea of political leadership. Turner faces revolt in the Liberal party, not because he hasn't been a reasonable leader, but because he hasn't performed the expected miracle.

**ottawa report**

by jim manly

The decimation of the Liberal Caucus on September 4, 1984, when their membership dropped from 147 to 40, cannot be blamed entirely on John Turner. He made mistakes, but he had also inherited a party which was in very bad odour with the Canadian electorate.

The new caucus was a mixed lot and included Jean Chretien and Don Johnston, both of whom had also run for the Liberal leadership.

In addition, Turner's caucus included 74 senators, many of whom owed their lucrative appointments to Trudeau. For years, Allan McEachen had masterminded Liberal strategy in the House of Commons. He has shown no inclination to forsake the arts of political manoeuvring just because he has been appointed to the Senate. In the same way, Senator Keith Davey, "The

Rainmaker", was not willing to abandon his long held influence over Liberal political strategy.

As Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau could crack the whip and party discipline was a matter of rewards and punishment. Cabinet ministers who publicly disagreed with Trudeau did not remain in cabinet, as John Turner himself found out in 1975.

As Opposition Leader, Turner had neither carrots nor stick to keep caucus members in line, and some of the long-festering divisions within the Liberal party came into the open. Disagreements on the issues of Free Trade, testing of the Cruise Missile, and the Meech Lake Accord reflect deep and genuine differences of opinion within the Liberal party. Can John Turner be blamed for not being able to paper over these in order to give the appearance of unity?

Instead of recognizing and accepting the problems inherent in leading the post-Trudeau Liberal party, some Liberals unaccustomed to being out of power have called for Mr. Turner's resignation. Canadians watching the political soap opera are being

led to expect that unless their political leaders can deliver miracles, they should be fired.

This creates a dangerous climate in which Canadians begin to look for a take-charge leader who will not be concerned with democratic niceties—a leader who will get things done, regardless of opposition.

The leader of a political party in Canada should not be some kind of *Fuehrer* who dictates a policy and enforces his own vision of the nation upon the party. Rather, the leader should be a person who can

work with the caucus, party structures and the general public to articulate a shared vision of what Canada can be.

Perhaps all of us—press, politicians and public—should think about a paraphrase of one of the sayings of Lao Tso:

*A leader is best when people barely know that he exists.*

*Not so good when people obey and acclaim him,*

*worst when they despise him.*

*"Fail to honour people  
They fail to honour you."*

## Park outdoor education sessions posted strong attendance figures

Close to 9,000 people attended outdoor information programs presented this summer at provincial parks in the Gulf Islands.

The programs — sponsored by the ministry of environment and parks and co-ordinated by Salt Spring Island resident Dave Fraser — were staged at Ruckle Park on Salt Spring, Montague Harbour Marine Park on Galiano Island, and Sidney Spit Marine Park offshore from Sidney. Sessions covered topics like bird-watching and marine life.

Statistics tabulated last week by the ministry give the following park-by-park breakdowns:

- Ruckle Park — 58 programs staged, attendance of 2,383.
- Montague Harbour — 66 pro-

grams held, attendance of 2,657.

- Sidney Spit — 32 programs held, attendance of 1,507.

In addition to the three parks program, Fraser staged 16 programs on B. C. Ferry Corporation vessels sailing between Galiano Island and Tsawwassen. Those sessions drew 1,841 people, bring the full attendance figure to 8,388 people.

Those numbers represent a tabulation to the end of August only. The ministry says that when figures for sessions held in early September are added to the total, the final attendance figure will be close to 9,000.

"Those are good numbers," ministry spokesman Cathy Mackin said last week.

This year's parks programs

were a first for the Gulf Islands region. By the end of this month, when attendance statistics and other figures — primarily financial — are tallied, the ministry says it will know whether it will recommend continuing the program again next summer.

A recommendation for continuance will not automatically mean another round of outdoor education sessions next summer, however. The ministry stresses that everything depends on the size of its budget, which will be determined next April.

The ministry has said that anyone who wishes to see the program continue could help the cause by writing letters of support to the environment minister in Victoria.

## Provincial parks user rate shows jump over last year

Use of provincial parks in the Gulf Islands surged this summer.

Figures made available last week by the provincial ministry of environment and parks show the number of campers using Ruckle Park on Salt Spring Island was up 37 per cent over 1986 totals, while the use of Montague Harbour Marine Park on Galiano Island increased 42 per cent over the 1986 level.

Those percentage figures cover campers and day-users during the period from January to the end of July; full tabulations for August have not yet been added to the year-to-date figures.

However, the ministry notes that camping use of Ruckle Park this August was up seven per cent over the total of a year ago, while figures for Montague Harbour Marine Park were virtually the same this August as last.

Province-wide, meanwhile, the ministry says a record number of people used B.C.'s provincial

parks this year. Year-to-date use is up 17 per cent over 1986, while camping is up 12 per cent.

Should the trend continue to the end of the year, the ministry says, the provincial parks system will record 20 million visitors — "more than any provincial system and equal to the total logged for the entire federal parks system."

Credit for the increased number of users has been given to "a revitalized service philosophy." The ministry says a customer-oriented approach to parks management was emphasized in 1986, in keeping with the "festive spirit of Expo," and that the focus has carried over into 1987.



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# Post-modernism recognizes a 'plurality of perspectives'

By GARY CHERNEFF  
Dear Reader,

The following is the third in a series of letters on Post-modernism and art written to me by Barbara Drennan. Read carefully—it should provide some valuable insights into how some contemporary art is conceived and realized.

Theories, like definitions, are artificial limitations which enclose something. Their "rightness" is relative; they represent only the viewpoint of the person who is stating his case. They are mere tools for testing, guidelines for measuring ingredients, not recipes to be followed verbatim. How ironic that I should be theorizing Post-modernism.

Irony is much a part of our contemporary experience. We are aware that reality is different for everyone. Our perspective depends on where we are, who we are. Ironically, we are many individuals and yet we are all human.

When we speak of irony we realize that reality is being compared from several sources. It is as if we were holding flashlights on an object. The more lights we have, the better we see it. Yes, we have greater candle power but we also direct our beams from different angles, causing us to see our object as it takes its space.

Post-modernism recognizes plurality of perspectives, possibilities and voices. Consequently, artistic expression offers several viewpoints, simultaneously using mixed genres (e.g. fiction equals poetry plus narrative plus cartoon), disciplines (theatre equals dance plus video plus soundscape), styles (architecture equals baroque plus classical Greek plus art deco) or material (visual art equals Marilyn Munroe plus McDonald's Golden Arches plus scripted Shakespearean sonnet).

The eclectic borrowing from our cultural memory bank operates on the level of a round table discussion, each commenting on the other and on the complete work in form and meaning.

Some would label this technique "imitation," as if the artist, under a cloud of pretense, wished to be the originator of a cliché. Not so; this is obvious and intentional borrowing.

Others call it "kitsch" to see the nostalgic arrangement of cultural things. This only reflects a materialist view.

Serious critics agree that eclectic blending is a form of parody. Like irony, parody is not always

**art seen**

humorous. In Post-modernism it falls more closely to that fine line when laughter turns to tears or sadness is bittersweet.

Within the parody, the artist is asking the viewer many questions: Do you remember where and when you saw this? Is "this" another reason/possibility/consequence? What do they mean to us? Can we see common ground that makes it possible to include many views in one form?

Each time we borrow from another reality we present a different fictional world. We examine experience by comparing these hypothetical situations with our perceived reality.

Scientific positivists object to the make-believe inherent in this concept. However, it is possible to demonstrate that this is a basic human strategy for understanding. We establish fictional worlds for all imaginative play and games.

As well, it is the structure through which we conduct mathematical and scientific explorations. We give ourselves quite an advantage: the ability to work out consequences to our actions without actually paying a penalty for failure. Yet we vicariously reap emotional rewards from every success.

Post-modernists take from all worlds and reorganize them to establish a dialogue. They presume a level of cultural sophistication in their viewers, that they will appreciate the references they are making. Contrary to previous avant-garde movements, there is no attempt to remain aloof elite. Post-modernists wish to embrace the masses, seeking accessibility through multi-levels of meaning.

It would seem there could be nothing unique in recycled culture, but a moment's consideration and we realize that the possibilities are limitless. Combinations are as open as our imaginations. The medium is the message. We are rearranging those messages to create our own artistic statement. To borrow a phrase, it is "innovation through renovation".

— Barbara Drennan

## Works by 'cafe' artist showcased at gallery

Victoria playwright Stephen White will bring his latest drama piece, *Buildings*, to Off Centre Stage this September 25 and 26.

The drama, about a man and a woman coming to terms with their relationship during a night spent together in a deserted building, had its premier at Victoria's Open Space Gallery last April.

White is best known as one of the creators — and the basic head writer — of *Beacon Hill*, the satiric soap opera which poked fun at the Victoria establishment and played to packed houses during a 24-week run.

He also wrote and directed *The*

*Invisible Man*, a spoof of 1940s and 1950s crime films.

In addition to writing plays, White has taught for Theatre B.C. and Kaleidoscope Theatre. He was director of the Kaleidoscope Theatre school in 1985 and 1986, and managed the company's tour of Japan last fall.

White is currently the Belfry Theatre's dramatic and artistic association in charge of *Sunday Scripts*, the play development series.

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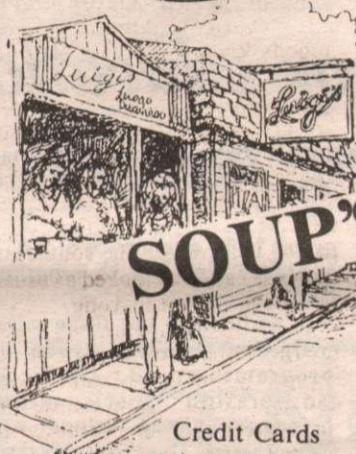
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# Make preparations to witness next 'scheduled' solar eclipse

By ANDREW GIBSON

Skywise, the Chinese were way ahead of our Druid heavy thinkers. They could predict eclipses when our ancestors were shuffling around Stonehenge painted blue. They even had astronomers whose job was to warn the citizens about eclipses, so on October 22, 2137 B.C., when eclipse forecasters Hsi and Ho got drunk and failed to have the bells rung, it was taken very seriously. The error was not repeated, at least not by that pair, who were not only hungover but hung.

In other parts of the world, ignorance was astronomical and daytime darkness was terrifying. The gods must be angry—then as now, there was no shortage of vile deeds which might have infuriated them, nor, then as now, any lack of opportunistic charlatans claiming to have a direct line to the management upstairs. Their incantations worked; the sun came back.

Having figured out the relationship between the sun, the moon and the earth, we now know that they are sometimes on line. When we're in the middle our shadow falls on the moon for a lunar eclipse, and when the moon is there we have the much more spectacular solar variety.

The sun has 400 times the diameter of the moon, but since it is 400 times as far away, they appear to be about the same size in the sky. The moon is very slightly larger, so a total eclipse is barely possible, but its path across the earth is only 100 miles wide. At any one place this happens only once in 360 years—usually we have to be content with observing only a bite being taken out of the sun.

Total eclipses used to be very important, and scientists would mount tremendous expeditions to remote locations to observe them. Notably, such an eclipse confirmed

## island sky

Einstein's general theory of relativity, which had upset the Newtonian appletart by stating that light is bent in a gravitational field. During a total eclipse a star whose light barely grazes the sun's surface becomes visible. Sure enough, its position was displaced by exactly the predicted amount.

For all of our knowledge, an eclipse is still an awesome event, and few of us are so far removed from our Neanderthal ancestors that we don't feel a little uneasy. I

*'An eclipse is still an awesome event.'*

remember an eerie experience in the South Atlantic off Pernambuco when the navigator neglected to read the fine print in the Nautical Almanac, and nobody knew that an almost total eclipse was due. Gradually all of the workaday sounds of the ship stopped, and all that was left was the beat of the engines and the sigh of the bow wave. The watch on deck stood looking uneasily at each other, the third mate stopped pacing the bridge. The southeast-trades sea and sky looked as usual, but something was wrong.

Then the navigator, who was taking his noon sun-shot, sheepishly put his sextant down and announced that an eclipse was in progress. The ship returned to normal. The captain had a few caustic words for the navigator who, had he been treated in the

ancient Chinese manner, would not now be writing these words.

Our eyes are so adaptive to light levels that consciously we had seen nothing, although 80 per cent of the sun's disc was obscured—but some mechanism in our subconscious was on watch, as it was when our ancestors called on their gods to stop devouring the sun.

We now have six months lead time for the next eclipse, on March 18, 1988, and should you be overwhelmed by eclipse fever, you may need that much time to prepare for it. The narrow path of totality arcs from the Indian Ocean to a point a few hundred miles off the Queen Charlottes, crossing Sumatra, Borneo, the Philippines and many thousands of miles of ocean.

The chance of clear skies off the Charlottes in March is not good, nor is it any better further west, off the Aleutians. Clearly, to bob around in the ocean in these latitudes is not likely to be productive. If you're short on time but long on money there will surely be air entrepreneurs who will whisk you west above the clouds, and if you're long on both there should be cruise ships making eclipse runs. But if you'd rather see it from a firm footing, your choices are limited. The Philippine island of Mindanao has a delightful climate in March, but politically it is chaotic. The east coast of Borneo is hard to get to—a better bet would be Palembang, a good-sized city in Sumatra, which has air connections with Singapore and Jakarta.

Looking over all of these choices I do not predict a mass exodus from this area to be on hand for the three minute duration of the eclipse. But, as the rooster remarked to the chicken, anything is possible if you have the interest and the scratch.

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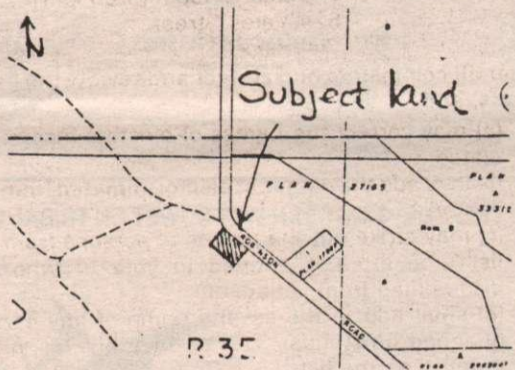
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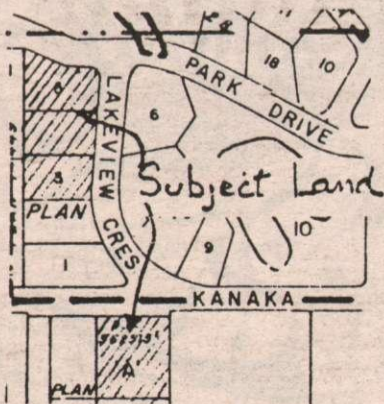
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In general terms the intents of the following proposed bylaws are as follows:

- a) Proposed Bylaw No. 183 cited as "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area "F" - Salt Spring Island) Bylaw, 1972, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1987" is a bylaw to amend Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 118 by deleting from Inset Plan No. 1, Ganges, the proposed "Outer Road."
- b) Proposed Bylaw No. 190 cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 18, 1987" is a bylaw to amend Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaw No. 123 by adding a new zoning classification - Industrial 3A Zone (I3A). Motor vehicle repairs and parts sales, machinery repairs and parts sales, and indoor and outdoor storage are permitted uses in the zone. Site coverage, building height, and setback from property line regulations are the same as those for the Industrial 3 Zone (I3). The minimum area for subdivision purposes is proposed to be 0.6 ha (1½ acres). The bylaw also changes the zoning classification of Parts of Parcel "D" (DD47530') of Section 8, Range 2 East, and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island from the Rural Zone (R) to the Industrial 3A Zone (I3A) as shown on Plan No. 1 attached to and forming part of the bylaw. The general location of the subject land is shown on the following sketch.



- c) Proposed Bylaw No. 191 cited as Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 19, 1987" is a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 123 by changing the zoning classification of Lots 3, 4 and 5, Plan 14710 and Lot A (DD362513), all of Section 2, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island from the Residential 1 Zone (R1) to the Multiple Family 2 Zone (MF2). The general location of the subject land is shown on the following sketch.



A copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 747 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays.

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True to its name, *Headlines Theatre* has looked at the Lyell Island and fisheries controversies and court cases prominent in today's news coverages and come up with a play about aboriginal land claims.

The company, which earlier produced *The Enemy Within* and *Under The Gun*, will appear October 11 on Salt Spring Island to present its latest production, *Our Footprints*.

Co-produced by the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Tribal Council, the play is a rich blend of Native dance, story-telling and the kind of hard-hitting issue-based theatre that has built *Headline's* reputation.

To be staged at the Activity Centre in Ganges at 7:30 pm on October 11, the performance be followed by a discussion session with the cast and a member of the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Tribal Council. Tickets are available at *et cetera* or at the door.

A number of local organizations and residents have pitched in to sponsor the company's performance on Salt Spring. Among there are the Continuing Education department, the Salt Spring Island *Friends of Headlines*, Off Centre Stage, and the Community Arts Council.

Pegasus Gallery will loan some choice pieces from its collection of B.C. Native art for a celebration of Native Indian culture sponsored by Continuing Education and set to take place at Off Centre Stage from 1pm to 5 pm on October 11.

Also scheduled in connection with the *Headlines* visit is a panel discussion titled *Aboriginal land rights: threat or opportunity for change?* It will feature lawyer Jack Woodward and Morris Sutherland, a Nuu-Chah-Nulth from Ahousat and a Project North representative. The discussion will be held at 3 pm and be followed at 4 pm by a new NFB film, *On Indian Land*.

Any Salt Spring resident who may wish to add a favourite piece of Native art for afternoon viewing could contact the Continuing Education office in Mouat's Mall (537-2822).

The *Headlines* appearance on Salt Spring will be the company's 20th stop in a 27-city tour of B.C. communities. It opened September 9 in Kispiox, closes November 14 in Vancouver, and in between will have visited centres from Kitimat to Victoria and from Cranbrook to Courtenay. A Mayne Island stop is slated for Thursday, October 8.

The performance features traditional Native Indian dance by Gitksan dancer and singer Hal B. Blackwater, music by Ray Cournoyer, mask work (masks and traditional instruments produced by Art Wilson), and sets designed and produced by Vernon Stephens.

The play explores the current controversy surrounding the court case between the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs and the province of B.C., and "a time when a system of self-government existed in the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en territory unhindered by outside forces; a system of giving back to the Earth more than was taken away."

The script, produced in Hazelton over a nine-week period, is by *Headlines* artistic director David Diamond. Also contributing were Hazelton residents Hal B. Blackwater, Lois G. Shannon and Marie Wilson. Ongoing consultation was provided by the Wet'suwet'en and Gitksan chiefs, and by the tribal council executive.

Cast members are Edward Astley, Hal B. Blackwater, Sylvia-Anne George and Sherri-Lee Guilbert. Stage manager is Marian Brant, and director is David Diamond.

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# Choir slates visit to Salt Spring



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Its visit is being sponsored by the Madrona Club, Daughters of the Nile of Salt Spring, who work to provide comforts and assistance to outpatients of hospitals

for burned and crippled children.

Since its inception, the Arion Male Voice Choir has performed in music festivals in Canada and Great Britain, including the prestigious international *Eistoddfoed* held in Llangollen, Wales — considered by many as the Olympics of choral music.

In addition, the choir has given numerous concerts throughout the year in various B.C., Oregon and Washington State centres.

The choir is conducted by Harold Treloar, an outstanding

musician who was conductor of the St. Dennis Male Chorus — one of Britain's finest — before coming to Canada from Cornwall, England. Treloar also plays piano, trumpet and saxophone.

Comprising approximately 45 voices, the choir is accompanied by Ursula Thomas, well known in Victoria music circles as both pianist and organist at the Metropolitan United Church for several years. She is currently at the United Church in Sidney.

# Cinema Club will present classic 1960's comedy film

By SHILO ZYLBERGOLD

The Salt Spring Community Cinema Club will mark the beginning of its 10th year of operation this Monday, September 21, with the screening of the comedy classic, *A Thousand Clowns*.

The 1965 film stars Jason Roberts Jr. as Murray Burns, a happy-go-lucky eccentric New York City existentialist who suddenly finds himself at odds with the City Welfare Department over the custody of his 13-year-old nephew, Nick.

Barry Gordon gives a brilliant debut performance as the youngster, and in the tradition of the child star jinx, has never gone on to anything more substantial than Maytag washer commercials.

The film also features: Martin Balsam, who won an Academy Award for his role as Murray's successful businessman brother; Barbara Harris as the social worker who gets personally involved in her cases; and Gene Saks as the neurotic Chuckles the Clown, a children's television personality who hates kids.

Based on the Broadway play by Herb Gardner, the film boasts scintillatingly clever and hilarious dialogue. The director, Fred Coe, uses innovative camera angles and pacing to breathe new life into the standard New York landmarks.

Most likely, if you know some-

one who has seen *A Thousand Clowns* before, they have probably seen it three or four times. Funny without resorting to slap-

**'Director Fred Coe uses innovative camera angles and pacing to breathe new life into the standard New York landmarks.'**

stick, touching without getting sentimental, relevant yet irrelevant, *A Thousand Clowns* is a "must-see" — and a fitting

opening presentation for the Cinema Club's 10th year.

(Islanders with as diverse interests and tastes as Glen Miles, Danny Evanishen and this writer rate *A Thousand Clowns* among their all-time favourites.)

The Cinema Club, a non-profit society run by volunteer staff, was born on Friday, the 13th of October, 1978, with the screening of *Annie Hall*. The films are open to the public, although club members are given a \$1 discount per film. Memberships can be bought at the door for reasonable prices: \$5 for a single membership, \$8 per family.

The Cinema Club has a presentation every second Monday, starting September 21. Check the ad in this week's *Driftwood* for the upcoming schedule of films.

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- (b) may add the names of electors omitted from the list; or,
- (c) may strike out the names of persons from the list who are not entitled to vote or who are disqualified from voting; or
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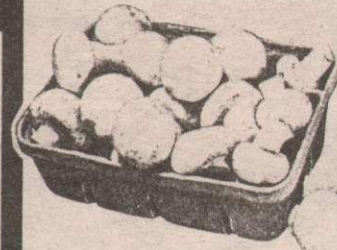
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# Perception of Mulroney worries party members

Is the Progressive Conservative party suffering with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney as party leader? Yes and no, according to Tory MP Pat Crofton (Esquimalt-Saanich).

Crofton, speaking in Ganges last Saturday, said the public has a poor impression of Mulroney as a leader — which might harm its chances in the next federal election — but that the perception of the Prime Minister is wrong.

Still, Crofton acknowledged that his constituents have questioned Mulroney's leadership and indicated that Crofton might not get their votes in the next election if Mulroney is still at the helm.

"But don't be too hasty to condemn the prime minister," he said. "The prime minister has leadership skills — they may not be the ones you perceive, but they're there. Over time, you will see those skills."

Crofton said the public has forgotten the "animosity" which plagued Canada before the Tories were elected in 1984, particular the sour relations between the federal and provincial governments. Mulroney, whose background includes labour relations negotiation, has ended the Ottawa-bashing which characterized the Trudeau era, he continued.

"I suggest you would have to go a long ways back (in history) to find another prime minister with the conciliation skills and leadership qualities of Brian Mulroney," he said. "This is a difficult country to run, and no prime minister has ever been all bad. Besides, for anyone elected, voting day is the height of popularity. After that, it's straight down."

For a proper impression of Mulroney, the MP said, Canadians should see the prime minister in the weekly two-hour national caucus meetings held whenever Parliament is in session. "He speaks for the last half-hour, off the cuff, and he's masterful. I've often thought we should film that and show it to Canadians because that's the real Mulroney, not the one you see."

The relative inexperience of the prime minister and his staff has also hurt Mulroney's image, Crofton said, but improvements are being made in those areas, albeit slowly.

There is no problem with the reality of Mulroney's leadership, the MP concluded, only with the

## But public doesn't see the 'real' leader, MP says

public's false impression of those abilities.

However, the Ganges audience pointed out that the public's false perception may be the number one problem facing the party in the next election and wondered what could be done to correct the disparity.

Crofton replied that the Tories must do a better job of presenting the real Brian Mulroney, and lamented a 1984 decision not to hire public relations experts who might have negated the need to undertake that job now.

Questioned about the chances for a change in leadership, Crofton

said there has "not been one word in caucus" about a leadership review but that the matter could be addressed at the party's next national convention.

"If problems continue, it may come under scrutiny," he said. "Perception is everything. We will have to take a long look at the

question if only 210 people in Canada — those of us in caucus — think the prime minister is doing a good job."

Crofton suggested this Christmas might be "judgement day." If party fortunes have not improved by then, he indicated more attention would be paid to the leadership question.

### Pat Crofton:

## Next federal election due late '88, early '89

The most likely date for the next federal election is the spring of 1989, MP Pat Crofton (PC, Esquimalt-Saanich) said Saturday.

Crofton, on Salt Spring Island to address a breakfast meeting, said the second choice for an election is probably late 1988.

Those dates are important because they would fall after the time new federal riding boundaries are due to come into effect next July. An election called before July would mean campaigning in current ridings; any election called after that date would be under new boundaries.

The new boundary lines have carved up Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands — which includes Salt

Spring and the Outer Islands — and added the Gulf Islands portion to a new riding which includes Saanich.

Jim Manly (NDP), the current Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands representative, has said he will not seek to retain his seat if the next election is held under the new ridings. Crofton said Saturday he will contest the Progressive Conservative nomination in the new Saanich-Gulf Islands riding.

Reg Lane, vice-president of the Esquimalt-Saanich Progressive Conservative constituency association, was named Saturday to direct Crofton's election campaign.

## Crofton announces intention to contest riding nomination

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"We're in limbo now," he said. "There's uncertainty about memberships, about who we belong to."

Pat Crofton indicated the audience should expect to see the next federal election conducted within the boundaries of the new riding. The administrative work needed to be carried out to confirm the new boundaries has already been launched and should be completed by next July, he said, and no one should expect another federal election before then.

Should a federal election be

called before July, 1988, it would be conducted within the old boundaries.

"I would be against that happening," Pat Crofton told the audience. "Redistribution is long overdue now, and we would set the clock back 10 years if we held an election under the old ridings."



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