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A Ganges RCMP constable stands before the island's cenotaph.

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Legion member Jake Javorski, a member of the Legion's colour party, bows his head in remembrance during November 11 ceremonies at

Centennial Park. Remembrance Day was certainly not forgotten on Salt Spring; a large crowd turned out to remember those who died for this country.



Members of Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 92) march back to the Legion hall following Wednesday's Remembrance Day ceremonies in

Ganges. This year's parade was one of the largest held on the island in recent memory.

Driftwood photos by Mike Turkki

Isabella Point plan rejected at meeting

A clear message for the B.C. Ferry Corporation was voiced by 170 Salt Spring residents who discussed transportation concerns at a public meeting in Ganges on Monday.

How clear? They don't want a new terminal at Isabella Point, and they expect to be consulted by the corporation on all matters relating to ferry service.

Islanders at the meeting — called by the Salt Spring transportation committee to gain input on a variety of transportation-related issues — were unanimous in their

support of a motion "opposing the closure of the Long Harbour and Fulford ferry terminals, and the relocation of those terminals to Isabella Point."

Although many felt they lacked adequate information on the Isabella Point proposal, everyone supported the motion after Salt Spring resident Cliff Carey, a spokesman for unionized ferry workers on the island, expressed concern over what elimination of the Long Harbour terminal could mean for the island.

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Pool put to vote

Salt Spring residents go to the polls this Saturday (November 21) to decide the fate of a \$1.3 million swimming pool proposal put forward by the island's pool committee.

Months of effort by the recreation commission, and more than a year's research by the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society, will climax Saturday with the long-awaited swimming pool referendum. Homeowners are being asked to approve a tax levy of 78 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for construction and maintenance of the facility.

The polls — located at Salt Spring Elementary School, Central Community Hall and Fulford Harbour Community Hall — will open at 8 am and remain open until 8 pm. Advance polls are open today (Wednesday) at the Capital Regional District (CRD) office in Victoria and the School District 64 office in Ganges.

Anyone who has been a resident of Salt Spring for three months, a B.C. resident for six months, and a resident of Canada for 12 months — and is a Canadian citizen — is eligible to vote in Saturday's referendum.

Funds given for improved fish hatchery

The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society has received \$10,000 from the federal department of fisheries and oceans' salmonid enhancement program to construct a new hatchery on Cusheon Creek.

The funding, four times greater than the average allocation made through the program, will enable the Salt Spring group to erect the shell of a 20-foot by 32-foot hatchery building, as well as purchase the necessary water pump, society members Kathy Reimer and Deb Nostdal said Friday.

The society, which already operates a smaller facility on Cusheon Creek, hopes to build the new, larger hatchery on property located at the corner of Stewart and Cusheon Lake roads. However, some technical problems remain to be solved.

If the society solves the problems and obtains a lease on its

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Islanders condemn Isabella Point proposal

Carey pointed out that BCFC has indicated most employees working at the Long Harbour terminal would likely be able to live on Salt Spring and commute to work at Swartz Bay if the Isabella Point project proceeded. He said, however, that island ferry employees have indicated that if their jobs are transferred to Swartz Bay, they will likely move there as well.

This, he pointed out, would mean the loss of nearly \$5 million in gross income to the island, as well as many spinoff jobs in

Corporation officials, MLAs no-shows for meeting

education and other areas.

Carey added that while the ferry corporation claims that construction of a new terminal is only a proposal, he has seen a BCFC document that lists it as "five per cent complete."

"The ferry corporation is dangling this carrot of great ferry service, and saying that the only way it can be obtained is if the Long Harbour and Fulford ter-

minals are eliminated," Carey said. "We (employees) don't see it as necessary."

"I hear several people saying they do not have enough information to make a decision," Carey added later in the meeting. "I think that if we wait until we have all the information to take a stand on this, they (ferry corporation officials) will already have sunk the first piling down there."

Islanders' frustration over ferry service and the difficulty of obtaining information from BCFC was aggravated by the fact that although invited, no representatives of the ferry corporation or the provincial government attended Monday's meeting. Residents who came to the meeting armed with a barrage of questions found no one there who could answer them.

In a motion made by committee chairman David Clegg and seconded by Bis Whitby, residents invited "B.C. Ferry Corporation executives to attend a public meeting to discuss islanders' concerns." In another motion made by school trustee and BCFC employee Charles Hingston, all those in attendance endorsed "the concept of meetings between the B.C. Ferry Corporation, the Islands Trust, the island's transportation committee and the people of Salt Spring to consider any proposals relating to ferry service on Salt Spring."

Enhancement group given funds for building of new fish hatchery

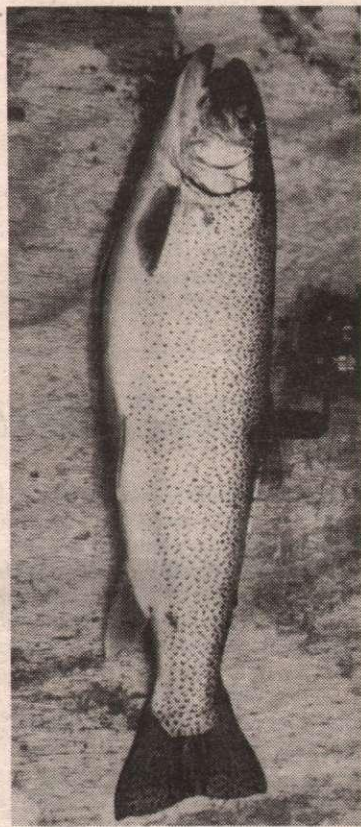
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preferred site, Reimer said construction on the facility could begin this winter. The group also plans to create additional water storage areas on the creek, which will ensure that all fish — including sea-run cutthroat trout — will have adequate water all summer.

The group will have to rely a great deal on volunteer labour and donations to complete the facility, and is hoping Salt Spring Island residents will respond. Reimer noted the society will continue its fund-raising efforts, and plans to make a "substantial donation" to the Ganges linear park.

Society members are excited about the new hatchery, which may be completed by next fall. When completed, it will be identical to the one currently operating in Goldstream. In addition to the hatching area, it will feature a complete "wet lab" where students from local schools can go to learn about the environment and the life cycle of salmon. It will also contain a small office where the salmon enhancement society can store its records, which will be available for public perusal.

Nostdal, who serves as the group's education co-ordinator, noted that the new facility is



community — is one of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society's primary goals.

"It will have trays to scale, and the benches will be lower for children," Nostdal said. "Children will be able to conduct experiments there. They'll be able to do water testing, estimate flow rates, everything."

Students who visit the hatchery will learn about more than just fish, however. As Nostdal noted, the goal is to teach children about the natural resource. They will be involved in stream rehabilitation work, and conduct stream surveys.

"We want the kids to feel an ownership of the resource," she said. "In 20 years, after all, these 'kids' will be working in logging and mining. We want them to value the natural resource, to feel responsible for it. That's why we place a priority on education."

"The thing is, when the kids learn, they turn their parents on to this," added Reimer.

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Would I answer her labour force enquiries on the telephone? She asked me various questions and I offered her various answers. I made a deal with her.

If she would send me her card I would rest content. If I received no card in the mail confirming her questions I would be on the phone to the minister.

A few days later I had her card. I would hasten to add that the young lady was courteous and co-operative. I don't really care who knows how hard I don't work and whether I am looking for employment, but I would be hostile if the caller had not been authorized. I reckon if everyone who receives a phone call purporting to come from a government agency were to check up on its authority, there would be less dubious phone calls that didn't carry the stamp of government. Always check up!

I'm not really!

If my parents had had their way I wouldn't be Frank. It all happened when I was christened. Off to church I went with various members of my family accompanying me and my twin brother. They didn't just go with us: they carried us.

My great-aunt was the responsible officer. She officiated as godmother and to her hands were committed the future names of twin great-nephews.

My sainted aunt was not addicted to strong drink, yet she blew it as soon as she got to church. According to my late mother, I was to be called Philip and my brother, Bill was destined to be Frank. Alas! At the critical moment she confused the issue and we finished up to a lifetime of Frank and Bill. Tell me, who the heck am I?

It wasn't me!

There was this egg on my great coat. And I don't figure how it got there. I mean, who eats egg in his heavy, outdoors winter coat? And who would borrow my coat in order to eat an egg in it?

All I know for sure is that there was egg on the lapel and it wasn't me, I'll swear!

Advertising!

There's this advertisement that every TV viewer must have seen.

The vendor was so sold on his shave that he bought the razor, the ad goes. The razor has two blades and the first shaves incredibly close, but the second is even closer.

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I mean: if you're not going to believe how close the first one does it, you're surely not going to believe the second!

More bureaucracy!

I'm not trying to outbid others on reminiscences of the Second World War, but the letter to the editor from R. S. Holcroft last week reminded me of yet another odd tale from the days of rationing.

A resident of the English Midlands started work in the wee hours and the buses weren't running when he came out of the family home. He submitted an application for a ration of petrol sufficient to enable him to drive to work.

In due course he appeared before a tribunal. At what hour did he leave for work? At what hour did the city buses start? When did he quit in the afternoon? When did the buses quit?

The tribunal deliberated carefully and authorized half the quantity he had asked for. He could drive to work in the morning, the dignified commission ruled, and return home on the bus.

In Beaver Point

Police probe car stereo thefts

Ganges RCMP officers are currently investigating a series of thefts that occurred last weekend on Salt Spring.

Cst. Jim Harrison said Monday that sometime between the hours of 9 pm November 13 and 1 am November 14, three cars were broken into while parked at the junction of Beaver Point and Kings Roads.

In all three instances, the thieves removed stereo and radio equipment from the vehicles. A stereo valued at \$277 and speakers valued at \$93 were removed from one vehicle, while the culprits stole an AM/FM stereo and speakers from another. A third vehicle had a Sony AM/FM stereo and amplifier stolen.

Another stereo and set of speakers were also removed from a vehicle parked along Tripp Road during the weekend. The value of the stereo is not yet known, but

the value of the speakers is estimated at \$150.

Two thefts have also been reported at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Sometime during the weekend, persons unknown illegally entered the high school and made off with two microphones and a guitar chord.

On the night of November 12, a JVC video-tape recorder valued at \$508 was also stolen from the school.

Police are also looking for a 300-watt Honda generator stolen from the Musgrave Landing area on November 8.

In a separate incident, the theft of a Husqvarna chainsaw was

reported to police November 16.

The theft occurred along Fulford-Ganges Road sometime near the end of October. The chainsaw is valued in excess of \$400.

In another matter, police are asking for the public's assistance in finding the persons responsible for an incident of vandalism that occurred November 9.

On the night in question, someone entered Beddis Road resident John Inglin's barn and cut the straps on 50 bales of hay.

Anyone with any information relating to this or any other incident reported here is asked to contact the Ganges RCMP detachment (telephone 537-5555). Anonymous calls will be accepted.

Charges laid in wake of car crash

A Ganges resident was charged last week with two offences following a single-vehicle accident November 7 on Cranberry Road.


Scott James Fraser has been charged with driving too fast for road conditions, and with failing to report a motor-vehicle accident.

Fraser, driver of the vehicle in question, sustained minor injuries to his face and head in the crash. He was treated at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and released.

RCMP Cst. Jim Harrison noted that on Salt Spring, drivers are required to report — within 48 hours — all vehicle accidents in which damages resulting from the crash exceed \$400.

Accidents resulting in death or death must be reported immediately, he added.

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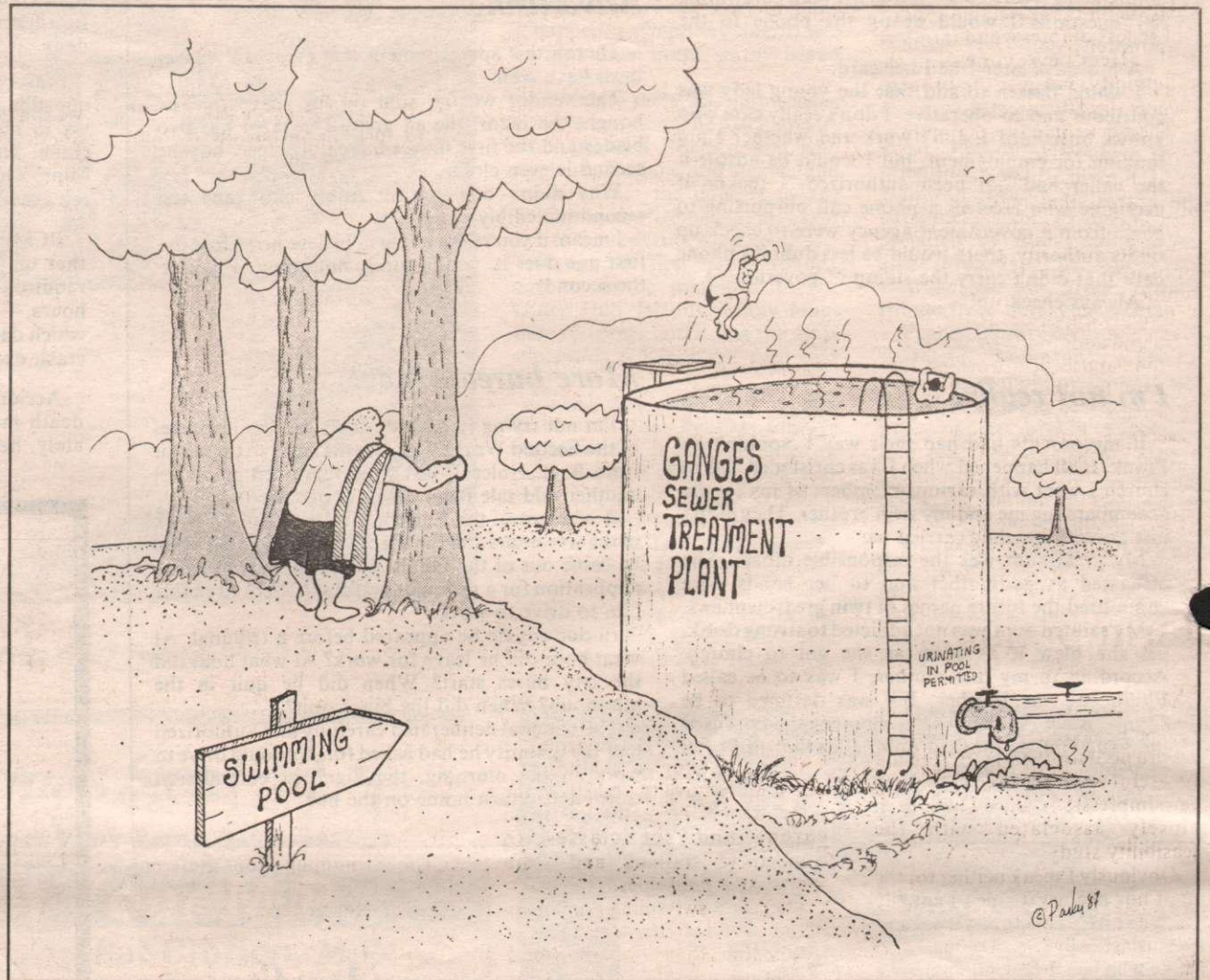
Be informed before pool ballots cast

Two points should be stressed as Salt Spring residents approach the home stretch in the swimming pool debate: voter turnout to the polls this Saturday — November 21 — must be high, and ballots should be cast according to the information at hand, not on rumour or hearsay.

The second point first. Despite the exhaustive efforts of the Swimming Pool Society and the Parks and Recreation Commission to analyze and answer all of the bare-bones questions surrounding the proposed swimming pool project — i.e., financing arrangements and their impacts — a number of island residents are apparently still unclear about the arrangements.

Voting for or against a pool on the basis of gut feeling alone is not quite good enough. The pool question, being the closest thing the island has had to a landmark choice for quite some time, is important enough that it must be answered by an informed electorate — one that has been exposed to, weighed and clarified all of the numbers and arguments presented to date.

There's one good way to close that gap. The last of four scheduled public meetings called to discuss the proposal will be held tonight (Wednesday, November 18) at Salt Spring Elementary School in Ganges, beginning at 7:30 pm. Anyone who has even the slightest doubt about how the proposal is



structured should attend that meeting and ask enough questions to settle those doubts.

Whether that meeting, and what you might hear there, confirms or contradicts your gut feeling is a moot point. All that matters is that it should make you an informed voter before ballots are cast.

As for referendum day itself, let's see a record

turnout. As our letters to the editor section has shown in recent weeks, the pool issue has given rise to strong sentiments on both sides. To settle the arguments once and for all, to ensure that no bitter taste is left once all the ballots are tallied, it's imperative that the question be decided by a majority of voters, not just a majority vote.

letters

Appeal

Sir,
Before the people go to the polls on November 21, I want to appeal to each and every one to do some soul searching and ask themselves some questions.

Who has the right to determine a person's ability to pay taxes by looking at the home and property that person owns? Don't forget, the property and home may be the result of a person's lifetime of work and raising a family, and there may be no other assets. That person may also be on a fixed pension. The property may also be mortgaged.

Another person may have a nice bank account and live in a home lower in value and no mortgage or encumbrance. Who has the right to point a finger and say which one has the ability to pay higher taxes for any reason?

Before people vote on November 21 they should ask themselves, "Who is going to be hurt by the higher taxes?" I don't believe the Pool Society members have given any thought to people being hurt, as long as the average person doesn't have to pay beyond

a certain figure — which is an average between terribly high, high, medium, low and nothing. Obviously, the ones who will pay nothing will not be hurt, but think about the others.

I also ask all people to come out and vote regardless of their conviction, pro or con, because only a large turnout will settle it one way or the other.

I have done my soul searching and I am voting *no*. How about you?

J. BENNETT,
Ganges.

Reality

Sir,
I was enjoying this swimming pool referendum until just recently.

A group of community-minded people put an incredible amount of work into translating a community need (clearly identified by an extensive Parks and Recreation survey) into a carefully researched, exhaustively detailed and rigorously costed proposal. They raised thousands of dollars from memberships and book sales to finance the planning and

advertising. They've done everything they could to give people the facts, so they could make an intelligent decision.

Some people looked at the facts and said no, we can't afford this. Many people looked at the facts and said yes, this is well worth the money. It seemed there would be a fair vote, based on a careful calculation of people's ability to pay for a needed facility.

But now I see that an appalling number of people have not looked at the facts at all. Judging from the letters to the editor, people will be basing their votes on general paranoia, or on their allergy to chlorine (which will not be noticeable with the ozonation system proposed), or on how much more they're paying for their sewer hookup than they expected, or on what their cousin said happened to the ice arena in Sooke.

Some even write from hundreds of miles away, or from the big city, to argue for preservation of their rural paradise.

For those of us living, working and raising our children here, Salt Spring is not an escape from reality. It is reality. And it is a reality that would be greatly

improved economically, socially and medically by the addition of a swimming pool.

I urge all voters to take the time to check the facts. The costs have been verified by the CRD, who have no vested interest in installing a swimming pool. There is one last public information meeting tonight (Wednesday), where any last questions you may have can be answered.

And then make your decision, based on those facts. Then whatever the majority chooses, we can all look each other in the eye afterwards, knowing we've made a good try at democracy.

ANNE LYON,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
The Salt Spring Island Jazz Society wishes to thank all those who made our Harvest Dance and Box Lunch Social a success this year. Special thanks to May and Vern Densmore, Dennis McMaster, Pat Duke, Gary Greico, Cece Webb, Wilf Tyler and all the other volunteers that worked so hard to make it a success.

We would also like to thank all the businesses that contributed dance prizes and offset costs for us. We appreciate your assistance and hope that next year more of you can attend.

Watch for our Sunday Brunch early in the New Year, and those of you who have ideas to further promote good music on Salt Spring Island please call me at 537-2923.

The men say that the food was great, the women that the dance music was great with Second Wind (our local band), and next year it will be the women's privilege to bid on the box lunches with an earlier dinner giving more time to dancing afterwards.

We are again looking forward to presenting a Jazz Festival to be held in August and we need your support. Last summer's event was a success, drawing many people from off-island and, as our main resource here on this island is tourism, we like to think we have supported this community in our own small way.

Here's to good listening music.
LIBBY JONES,
President,
Salt Spring Island Jazz Society.

Impacts

Sir,
Undoubtedly, a swimming pool would be a desirable addition to the community and many people have worked hard toward that goal.

But I can't help thinking of the impact that the ongoing maintenance and debt repayment costs will have on the community, year after year.

Higher taxes on both farm and forest land in the face of low economic returns, will be an important factor in forcing the sale of these properties with subdivision the inevitable result.

The loss of forests and farmland will affect everyone in the community, not just the property owners directly affected.

The benefits of maintaining large areas of forestland include protection of water supplies and green areas that make the island beautiful, habitat preservation for wildlife, and the provision of outdoor recreational opportunities.

Equally important to the island, farmland adds to the attractiveness of the landscape, provides food security for the future, and the opportunity to grow and eat fresh vegetables, fruit and meat.

I do not believe the community can have all the urban amenities it wishes, and still maintain its rural, unspoiled character.

MIKE LARMOUR,
Ganges.

Firm outline

Sir,
On Saturday the referendum will be held concerning a possible leisure pool for the island. It might be useful to you if I recounted my own impressions, since I have been closely associated with the feasibility study.

Obviously I speak neither for the pool nor against it since I equally represent those who are enthusiastically in favour, and those who feel they would not use a pool or feel it would be an unaffordable extravagance.

I have had ample opportunity to deal with the Pool Society and am convinced that they have, along with the Parks and Recreation Commission, conducted a most thorough feasibility study, including visits to other similar facilities in the province. The capital cost they propose is firm (see below). The estimated expenses they provide should be as accurate as it is possible to be. They have closely studied the expenses associated with similar pools.

The unknown figure is to what extent the pool will be used — i.e., what revenue can be generated. I questioned the consultant's figures and arranged for another independent opinion. The second consultant estimated the revenue to be less, but he also pared the expenses. His net operating deficit therefore was almost identical to the previous estimate, the one with which you were provided. I do not believe that further time or study could materially alter these figures.

There is the problem of the anticipated \$400,000 from the lottery fund, now shrunk to \$100,000. Previous government officials had certainly indicated that the older Recreation Facilities Grant for such recreational purposes would, or could, be replaced by lotteries grants. This policy has obviously changed, although I suspect that in addition to paying off the Expo debt, lottery money is probably going into general revenue where it faces great competition. All that can be done at this point is to see what the voters have to say and then seek additional capital funding until

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such time as the commitment the sponsors are making to you can be met. Obviously no pool will, or can, start until that point has been reached. The society and the Parks and Recreation Commission also face the added cost of inflation if the pool is not started in 1988, for which the estimates were made.

I agree with the pool sponsors in deciding to hold the referendum regardless. If Salt Spring is to have a pool in the reasonably near future, this is a first step. Whether the Pool Society and the Parks and Recreation Commission can get the needed capital together, only time will tell. In the meantime there will be no cost to anyone; nothing can be done until the required capital is acquired.

It can be assumed that those favouring the pool will vote. My concern is that those opposing the pool may not. Approval for the pool with a poor voter turnout could be very disruptive to what at this point is a very peaceful and harmonious community. Everyone please vote. Providing there is a heavy vote, we should all be prepared to live with the result.

DR. HUGH BORSMAN,
Regional Director,
Ganges.

Ice is nice

Sir,
On November 21, I will be among those voting against the pool referendum. For cultural and recreational purposes, I support the construction of a proper auditorium and a skating rink.

In my opinion, a skating rink offers more novelty and spans the same range of activities from parent and tot classes to competitive training and team sports, as a pool does.

I believe a swimming pool on an island of 11 freshwater lakes is redundant. Many of the older people who would benefit from some therapy, leave for the winter. This age group has, for its own reasons, helped to defeat this motion twice before.

I feel a skating rink offers the same level of enjoyment for the young families who are the main proponents of the pool idea. Finally, a skating rink could be

converted to a roller skating rink in the summer, providing some of the "real fun" and community participation we seem to be looking for.

SANDRA NOORE BLACK,
Ganges.

Water use

Sir,
Some of the facts I found interesting on the proposed swimming pool at the recent meeting were that the pool uses the same amount of water as that of six households; it would require an average of 210 users per day at \$1.75 per head to meet daily operating costs; and the pool design is quite flexible — four lanes opening to whirlpool area on the side (with a wheelchair access), so that many activities can go on at the same time. The water is purified by an ozone process — which actually returns ozone to the ozone layer!

The panel, which included the designer, said the pool serves as a draw for tourists and resorts as well as providing employment to the island. If anyone has any reservations or questions on the financing or the design, please call the pool society and check it out.

SUE HISCOCKS,
Ganges.

P.S. (Apologies to Grace Point Development for misinformation. I was told the liquor store was to be located right on the waterfront, which was incorrect!)

Four days

Sir,
The Swimming Pool Referendum is four days away. We are asked to vote yes. Yet, how can we when there are so many uncertainties? With the plans and finances still unsettled and the whole proposal lacking final form.

We read that the pool is to be built on the Brinkworthy property. But, we understand that the zoning of the land does not allow a pool to be built there. It would be unlawful.

We were told that the financing was assured, but \$400,000 is still to

be found from somewhere.
We have heard that the Waterworks District will not provide water to new construction which has not been granted a prior permit. Has the Swimming Pool Society a permit and an assured supply of water?

We are told that the residents of Brinkworthy, which we understand is a private profit-making enterprise, will receive free admission to the pool. Is this to be in perpetuity at the taxpayers' expense? We read that this is still to be settled, but then again not until after the vote.

Our no vote will be the only way we can say to the Swimming Pool Society: "We will give the proposal sympathetic consideration, but only when it is lawful, comprehensive and financially determined."

How will you vote?
JILL AND MICHAEL WHEATON,
Vesuvius.

Senseless

Sir,
The proposed pool can only be classified as desirable, not essential. It is a luxury the taxpayers of Salt Spring Island simply cannot afford.

Essential needs include: a proper garbage disposal program; boat launching ramps at the North End, Vesuvius, Burgoyne Bay, Fulford and Long Harbour; the opening of existing public rights-of-way to public beaches; and upgrading public access to swimming (as has been done at Stowe Lake) at Blackburn, Cusheon and St. Mary Lakes.

This is where essential added tax money should go — for the benefit of the many, not just the few.

The \$261,000 proposed pool tax cost per year amounts to \$40 per year for every man, woman and child on Salt Spring (on the projected basis of 6500 population as of January, 1989). Then this

goes on for 15 years for the benefit of pool users only.

The pool society's estimated operating revenues per year of \$182,500 — or \$500 per day for 365 days per year — is far too high and obviously ridiculous. The anticipated building costs are similarly out of line with reality.

Nevertheless a referendum will be held on Saturday, November 21. Noone can afford to say "what the hell" and stay home. Votes are precious — more so this time than ever before. The yes voters are well organized. The no voting taxpayers are not.

It's up to you to act and avoid being "soaked by the pool". Please vote no on November 21 and avoid this senseless added tax burden.

NORMAN F. BEST,
Ganges.

Rationale?

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Health Minister Peter Dueck, filed with this newspaper for publication.


Sir,
I am writing as a senior citizen who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis. I spend considerable time and money travelling to Vancouver Island for its swim and whirlpool facilities, and hope we will soon have these here on Salt Spring Island. I have also nearly exhausted my allotted number of physiotherapy treatments for this calendar year.

I am told that your rationale for curtailing and possibly eliminating physio, massage and chiropractic services from the B. C. Medical Plan is that your government has found acute care cheaper than preventive care.

As this runs contrary to any statistical report I have ever read or heard about, I would be glad if you would furnish the data to support this argument.


While you are researching this matter, please remember that your party used dental care as one of its strongest election planks. Did you get your figures wrong then, too?
MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Ganges.

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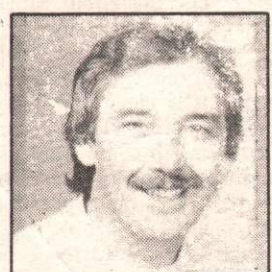


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4. Financial Reports
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Unrealistic

Sir,
En route to our cottage on Salt Spring Island I picked up an October 28 copy of the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*. I was surprised to read that a referendum would be held on November 21 for a swimming pool to be built on Salt Spring. After examining the detailed costs of the project I would like to make the following comments.

It will be unlikely that the capital cost or budgeted estimate of the pool will be realistic. Today, very few projects are built on budget.

As for the gross tax increase of 78 cents per \$1,000 of assessed residential land value to cover maintenance and cost of borrowing, I feel that the inflation rate of four per cent plus has not been taken into account. The figure of 78 cents is therefore not realistic and will increase dramatically in the years to come. And do I assume correctly that "assessed residential land value" means that industry will not be taxed for the pool costs?

The burden of paying for the project will fall most heavily on those taxpayers with nice homes and attractive property, and particularly on those taxpayers who do not qualify for the Homeowner grant. Incidentally, I feel that those who will be forced to pay the heaviest increase in taxes will be those most unlikely to make use of the pool.

It would have been much fairer if an equal assessment had been applied to all taxable properties to cover the cost of borrowing money. Maintenance costs should rightfully be covered by user fees, not by taxpayers who do not use the pool.

I do not feel that the widespread population of Salt Spring Island is large enough to support a project of this magnitude. Therefore, I feel that the referendum deserves to go down to defeat.

ARTHUR C. ROBINSON,
North Vancouver.

Not here

Sir,
I feel I must express my feelings about the proposal to build a community swimming pool on Salt Spring Island. Although I presently live and work off-island, I retain my home there and intend to raise my family there. Island issues such as this one which affect me now, and will affect my future, greatly concern me.

In a nutshell, I dislike very much the idea of constructing a community pool on Salt Spring.

A subjective, personal reason for this is that I instinctively resent well-organized pressure groups that go to a great deal of trouble and money to convince me that I "need" something. If I really "need" it, I think I can figure it out on my own. I don't need a pool; and I don't need carefully crafted ad campaigns to get the message of "necessity" through to me.

Two reasons of greater importance for my opposition are:

- Economics. Times are not yet that good. The economic and social facets of our society are in a state of turmoil as a result of recent global, national, and provincial events and pressures. I do not want my tax burden increased to support a facility that is a luxury. Furthermore, the pool's proponents cannot guarantee that it won't cause my tax load (directly or indirectly) to increase even further in future years.

- Quality of Life. I moved to Salt Spring and love living there because of its unique location and attributes. It is rural. There is a strong sentiment for self-sufficiency, particularly in matters

agricultural. There is a distinct streak of individualism, of intelligent expression in a variety of ways through a wide range of human endeavours. There is still a feeling of "pioneering" — cutting your own firewood, tending a woodlot, some hunting and fishing, gardening, having a few chickens, lambing in the spring. There are many people from all walks of life — island born or, like myself, privileged to move there — who seem attracted to (and contribute to) the rural ambience that enables me to really live.

I feel that on Salt Spring we have a high quality lifestyle, made possible because we are protected from — yet have ready access to — all the amenities, the problems, the services, the conveniences, and the hassles that are found in the urban and suburban centres that surround us.

A community swimming pool belongs in those urban and suburban centres — not on Salt Spring. To build one on the island would be to signal that we wish to evolve into a suburban community.

In order to retain our Gulf Island way of life we need to suffer some "disadvantages". We need to go without some of those things that the majority can't or won't do without (drive-in banks, drive-in restaurants, 24-hour 7-Elevens, curling rinks, pools, skating rinks, etc.). If we don't want to do without them, we should move to where they are already an integral part of the urban social and economic ecosystem.

Well, it's evident that I'm against the pool. What am I for? Bush.

Green stuff and brown stuff — trees, grass, weeds, shrubs, nettles, windfalls, salal, rotten stumps, ferns and all the wildlife that good old bush (not a manicured park) will support. As opposed to a community tax drain, Salt Spring Island really needs bush. It is the conduit that magically turns rain into groundwater. Those of us who use water have some appreciation for it, and for the work that is involved in supplying it. We can't live without potable water; it is a necessity — not a luxury.

On Salt Spring we have, staring us in the face, a unique opportunity to buy a good chunk of our own future — the MacMillan-Blodel lands that are up for sale. If the pool society leaders could be aimed at this type of project, I'd fall right into line behind them. They wouldn't need to solicit well-meaning but illogical letters to convince me. Successful acquisition and preservation of large acreages of Salt Spring Island greenbelt — now *that's* a project worth tackling and worth funding. Not trendy, nor as much fun, perhaps, but meaningful. Pulling it off would be an honest, lasting monument to all who made it happen. A roofed-over concrete tankful of chlorinated water for a few people to splash around in just doesn't measure up.

Over to you, fellow voters.
NEIL L. TODD,
Merritt.

Opportunities

Sir,
Last week, there was yet again another letter decrying the lack of recreational facilities on Salt Spring and urging support for the leisure pool complex.

While there may not be many large, expensive recreational facilities on Salt Spring, there is certainly no lack of recreational opportunity. To name a few, there is boating, fishing, swimming (all three in lake or ocean), hiking,

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jogging, running, softball, baseball, golf, tennis, bowling, target shooting, soccer, cycling, volleyball, basketball, badminton, fitness classes of all types for all shapes and sizes, adventure playgrounds for the children, etc.

If we need to spend more money on recreational facilities, let's improve the ones we already have. Let's increase the Parks and Recreation Commission budget so that we can start building proper bicycle paths; or open up and improve designated public accesses at beaches and lakes; or properly maintain soccer fields and baseball diamonds; or provide more equipment for volleyball, basketball and badminton; or put more funding into fitness classes; or fund golf lessons; or expand the adventure playgrounds; or ... why not all of the above?

This is an issue of importance and concern to all islanders. We had a similar referendum a few years ago on a swimming pool complex and it was defeated. Neither side of this issue has reason to be complacent about the outcome this time. Whatever your feeling about the swimming pool, please, get out and vote on November 21.

C. SIMPSON,
Fulford Harbour.

Strong sense

Sir,
Shilo Zylbergold's *guest column* last issue was, in my view, the best dissertation about the pool building and community spirit put forward to date. The only regret I have is that the column didn't appear months earlier.

Shilo points out the possibility of building a strong sense of community, through the building of a pool by "the human resources of the people on this island". This base of human resources here has always astounded me, both in its size and strength and in its lack of community-oriented function.

Just how badly do 2,000 (or more) people want a pool? A simple extrapolation of mathematics (in which this pool building business seems to be obsessed) could have the 2,000 pool members donating 10 hours volunteer time each to produce 20,000 hours of building time.

So, as a carpenter (and an aquaculturist) I do also hereby pledge 10 hours of work towards building a "community" pool.

Thanks, Shilo.
ROBERT ANDREW,
Fulford Harbour.

Luxuries

Sir,
I honestly believe that the people who are proposing a luxury swimming-hole, with attached meeting hall for their OAP, VFW and Loyal Order of Moose, are out of their minds.

People who are not content with island life and rural amenities — in some cases, lack of same — should consider returning to West Vancouver. The blackmail which is implicit in the suggestion that young people will vandalize less if they can swim more, is repulsive.

Now that it is clear that every single cent of the \$1.3 million capital cost has to come from us, the island taxpayers, it should be obvious that the only possible decision is *no!*

The place — Brinkworthy — is wrong (and it was not chosen by public meeting, but rather in someone's kitchen). The site is too far from the village and does not belong to the Pool Society, nor to

the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Finally it is astounding that an island should be thought to need a pool in order that its inhabitants may learn how to swim. My vote will be *no!*

COLIN NICHOLSON,
Ganges.

Unfair

Sir,
If the proposed pool was a viable proposition, a referendum wouldn't be necessary. The pool could still be built if users were prepared to pay the costs. Golfers do, as do fishermen, boaters, skiers, horseback riders, and players of most racquet sports, for example. To force unwillingly taxpayers to pay for the pool is unfair.

To question the cost of a pool is probably guaranteed to alienate some friends. I respect the hard work put in by the pool society, and the generous offer of land by the owners of Brinkworthy.

Sure, we all like the idea of a pool. But regardless of cost? The estimated cost of \$310,000 per year amounts to \$6,000 per week. For a lot less money than that, buses could be chartered daily to other facilities on Vancouver Island. Or perhaps private pool owners could be subsidized. Ten pools at as much as \$500 per week each would still be less costly than a single large pool. They would be scattered throughout the Island, and be more convenient for users, plus restore a degree of neighbourliness to the community.

Vote no. Better alternatives can be found for less money.
ROBERT W. RUSH,
Vancouver.

No stand

Sir,
For the information of K. Butler and any other interested readers, the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has taken no official stand on the B.C. Ferry Corporation's Isabella Point proposal, nor will it until such time as the Ferry Corporation releases

sufficient information on the proposal as to make a considered judgement possible.

J. W. CHERRY,
Acting President,
Salt Spring Island
Chamber of Commerce.

Love

Sir,
Two recent letters to *Driftwood* call attention to the fact that St. Francis of Assisi loved birds and flowers and lambs — and he did, but his love went beyond them to all creatures and the whole of creation. That love was inseparable from his love for the Creator.

It is true he found lambs special, because (and I quote from Jorgensen's biography of St. Francis of Assisi), "he could never bear to see a lamb led to the slaughter-house; it reminded him of Jesus, as he was led to Golgotha, and he always tried, when he could, to obtain its freedom."

We should always remember that Francis' actions and attitudes were reflections of his faith.

MADELINE FRANTZ,
Ganges.

Mortgages

Sir,
Whatever happened to the idea of saving to pay for something you want?

If all the members of the Pool Society (2,000) put up \$650 each, they would have their \$1,300,000 to build their pool. I am not against the pool but I am against asking the CRD to borrow the money for it. Borrowing is equivalent to adding an extra mortgage to each and every property owner of Salt Spring.

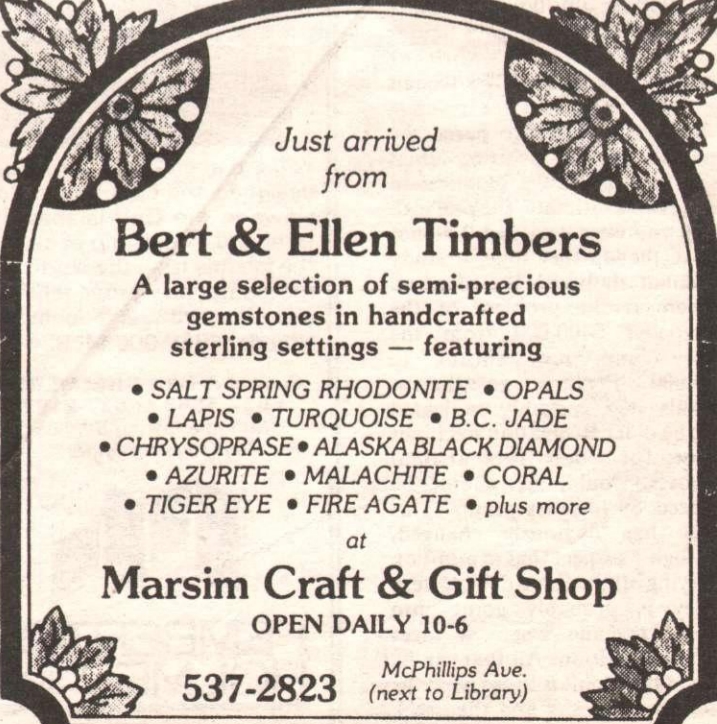
Instead of all the advertising and forums, the Pool Society should be saving their money. Why should everyone have to pay? I really don't feel the people of Salt Spring should go into debt for a pool.

I. HEFFERNAN,
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Highways changes 'will cause chaos'

VICTORIA — Turning over responsibility for the maintenance of British Columbia's highways to the private sector will cause chaos on the roads this winter and will probably cost the taxpayers more in the long run than it does now.

That grim prediction comes not from the Official Opposition but from two high-ranking former civil servants.

Al Rhodes was acting deputy minister of transportation and highways when he retired for health reasons in 1985. Fraser McLean retired in 1980 as assistant deputy minister. In a recent interview, the two men said they felt compelled to speak out against the folly the Vander Zalm government is about to commit.

"We think we have an obligation to point out the problems that will occur as a result of privatizing the highways maintenance function," Rhodes said. There was no way, according to Rhodes, the private sector could look after the province's highways as effectively as the ministry has done.

"The private sector simply doesn't have the expertise. This isn't just a job, like clearing the local supermarket lot of snow," Rhodes said.

"A private contractor cannot respond as quickly to emergencies, such as floods, mudslides, avalanches and washouts," he added.

'The people had better take a good look at what the premier is doing.'

"The people in the remote areas of the province have come to rely on the highways crews. They depend on them. Highways are usually the first on the scene whenever something bad happens," Rhodes said.

"Highways has always been the biggest government presence in the remote communities. The MLAs got more credit for any activity by the highways ministry than any cabinet minister ever got for anything done in Victoria," he explained.

When things start going wrong, Rhodes said, the MLAs will no longer be able to get on the phone to the ministry to get some action.

McLean warned that the cost of letting the private sector maintain the province's highways might turn out to be prohibitive. The first problem, he said, was the question of how contracts would be awarded. Unit pricing wasn't feasible. Who would supervise how many graders and trucks a contractor had working at what location, and for how many hours?

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

"You'd need a government supervisor checking up on the contractor for just about every piece of equipment," he said.

That leaves payment by lump sum — i.e., so much money for the maintenance of so many miles of road. But the problem with that, according to McLean, is that contractors might gamble on a mild winter and submit inordinately low bids. Since winters aren't always mild, especially in northern B.C., the result would be badly-maintained highways.

"And what about legal responsibilities? What if a contractor goes bankrupt? Who's left holding the bag? The province. The taxpayers," McLean said.

There will be other problems that may result in costing the taxpayers dearly, according to Rhodes. The ministry had a facility in Langford, near Victoria, where heavy highways machinery was developed and modified to ministry specifications. That shop has already closed its doors.

"In that shop we produced equipment that was on the leading edge of technology. The equipment you can buy off the shelf doesn't work worth a tinker's damn. The stuff we turned out lasted 10 years, was overhauled and sent out for another 10 years' of service. That's gone down the tube," Rhodes said.

Rhodes also isn't stumped for an answer when someone suggests that governments, by nature, operate ineffectively.

"The federal government desperately wanted us to take over the maintenance of the Alaska Highway because our cost of maintaining the Stewart-Cassiar Highway was about half of what the feds spent on the Alaska Highway. We operated very cost-effectively," he said.

Both Rhodes and McLean feel it's probably too late to change Premier Vander Zalm's mind, but they felt they had to try.

"The people had better take a good look at what the premier is doing. Unfortunately, by the time we find out that it was a disastrous decision, it'll be too late," Rhodes said.

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Crazy ideas

Sir,
The Vander Zalm administration has a genius for dreaming up crazy solutions for critical problems on the Gulf Islands. Now it wants to abandon the Long Harbour and Fulford terminals for the ferries and build a new setup on Isabella Point, which is so obscure that it isn't even on the island map produced by Gulf Islands Realty.

Long Harbour is a natural terminal for the ferry. It was built at great expense with connecting roads. It made possible the development of Scott Point and the area adjacent to Long Harbour Road. If abandoned, it would greatly reduce the value of properties in these areas, leaving a monument to the folly of the Sacred government.

There isn't anything wrong with Fulford terminal except the need for parking in the village. This could be remedied if the B.C. Ferry Corporation would build a parking lot, as it did at Vesuvius.

Isabella Point (where is it?) would need access roads, a terminal, etc., at vast expense. It's hard to believe the B.C. Ferry Corporation isn't joking about this idea. If it is serious, one can only say, how crazy can the Vander Zalm administration get?
ANTHONY NETBOY,
Ganges.

Unsuitable

Sir,
This is to express qualified support for the pool proposal as such, but an unqualified opposition to the way the proposal has been shamelessly wedded to a most unsuitable location at the lower corner of the Brinkworthy property.

Of course, a public pool would benefit community social life and enhance the health and well-being of individuals and community alike — but not if it is located a mere stone's throw from a major hydro transmission line. This is supposed to be a health facility — not an irradiation centre.

Despite a massive coverup and distortion as to the precise biological effects of electromagnetic radiation generally, including radiation from hydro transmission lines — as detailed in *The Zapping of America* (Brodeur-Toronto, McLeod, 1977) — a large, well-documented body of evidence points to hazards from this form of invisible pollution — including cancer, birth defects, miscarriages, heart problems (watch your pacemaker), cataracts, brain disorders, genetic mutations, headaches, nausea, listlessness and impotence, to name a few.

Despite assurances that these installations are safe, many

citizens' groups have mobilized to oppose construction of powerlines near or over their land; many studies and articles have appeared that point to these hidden dangers.

Recent *Times-Colonist* articles referred to University of Colorado conclusions that there is a two-times-higher than normal incidence of leukemia in children born into families living near main powerlines. The Colorado scientists ruled out factors such as economic and social class and also determined a similar relationship for adult citizens.

What creates a problem from transmission lines is the radio-frequency electromagnetic fields that extend far beyond the wire itself.

Quoting from an article by L. d'Easum, *Are Microwaves Killing Us?*:

"In the popular mind the energy transported in these lines is visualized as moving through the wires, but research Scientist R. Becker tells us (*Environment*, November, 1978) that the energy moves in the direction of the wires through the space surrounding them, and they show (in diagram) the energy flux, composed of both an electric and magnetic field extending both to the ground and beyond the utility's right of way. They say that available scientific literature indicates that a variety of biological organisms including man, are sensitive to these magnetic fields, which are potentially hazardous and should be avoided."

We should learn from the Eastern Block countries (Poland, Czechoslovakia, Russia), which have meticulously researched the biological effects of electromagnetic radiation since 1933 and concluded that it is dangerous stuff. They have published and put into practice the results of this research and protect their citizens from the kind of high doses to which North Americans are routinely exposed on a daily basis.

They keep people away from power lines — approximately one quarter mile is the clearance required for people to live safely, according to their safety standards. The safe dosage level for exposure to low level radiation from all sources (i.e., power lines, TV and radio transmitting towers, microwave towers and ovens, CBs, TV sets, radar, etc.) is one-thousandth of the US and Canadian level. Our so-called "safe level" of 10 millivolts/sq. cm. is not so safe at all; exposure to only 40 milliwatts for 30 minutes will kill a dog, for example.

This kind of radiation works on a cumulative basis — each dose brings us closer to cancer — so it

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behoves us to avoid a naive blunder such as causing people to be irradiated just because they want to use the swimming pool.

It is unfortunate that the pool referendum has been spoiled by the pool concept having been linked with this piece of property so that voting yes for the pool equals voting to locate the pool in this irradiated area.

I consider that democracy has been compromised due to lack of information by the Pool Committee; it is admittedly hard to find information on these subjects, as it has been suppressed, but the result is an impossible situation. Taking the "what we don't know can't hurt us" approach would be to avoid making an informed decision.

I would hope that the pool committee will study some of the available literature on the subject of hydro line radiation and seek another location for this excellent pool concept.

In conscience, how could one endorse such an expensive mistake, which is and would create far more health disorders than a pool could ever alleviate?
C. H. ANDERSON,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
May we through the medium of *Driftwood* congratulate Joan Raeside for her well-written musical, *Rose Red and Snow White*? Also to the cast and the number of helpers who worked so hard to give us such a good and wholesome production.

How refreshing it was to be taken to "Fantasy Lane" and see a fairy-story unfold before our eyes. What a complete change from some of the material put out so often, not only on TV but in some literature.

Whilst we have people and children of the calibre who put on the performance of *Rose Red and Snow White*, we feel there is still some hope for future generations in a world fraught with wars, violence and other situations sadly lacking in morality.
MARJORIE AND ERNEST W. BENNETT,
Ganges.

Outstanding

Sir,
Herewith an example of what I consider to be an outstanding service from our local highways people:

I recently became concerned about what I thought was a potentially hazardous situation at

an intersection. I wrote to the road foreman about it, and within a few days the problem was efficiently and economically resolved. A few days after that I had a letter from the District Highways Manager acknowledging my letter, and outlining the resolution of the concern.

To exchange this kind of responsible and responsive local service for the — alas — too familiar bottom-line cost overrun low-bidder variety is unacceptable.

With highways, as with our other utilities, including, apparently, ferries, this government is taking us at full speed backward to the pre-W.A.C. Bennett doldrums, before the province got moving. What on earth does the word 'Sacred' mean? Does it now include zealots without the wit to know which public services are safely left to private enterprise, and which aren't?

ANDREW GIBSON,
Ganges.

User pay?

Sir,
If members of the Swimming Pool Society want a pool, why expect all Salt Spring taxpayers to pay for it? Last week's *The Leisure Pool Concept* bulletin, in our opinion, requires more information on the subject. A few items requiring clarification follow:

- Nowhere in the data presented is any mention made of the legal entity of the party financially responsible for the pool.

- Does the pool go ahead if the acceptable tendered bids for capital costs come in higher than the estimated \$1,300,000?

- If the pool goes ahead despite capital costs exceeding \$1,300,000 what will be the source of the funds? In our opinion the only indicated source of funds would be an increase in long term borrowing exceeding the \$800,000 indicated. Any increase would add, for each \$100,000, approximately \$15,000

annually to the debt repayment listed at \$121,000.

- Net operating costs and the cushion total \$140,000. What is the source of funds to cover amounts in excess? The tax levy is only authorized at \$261,000 of which \$121,000 is required for debt requirement.

- In respect to the indicated 78 cents per \$1,000 tax levy the *Concept* makes reference to both "assessed residential land value" and "1987 actual value". The latter, which is the total of land plus improvements, certainly results in a much higher tax increase than would result under a calculation based on assessed land value only. We would point out that any individual assessment for "pool facilities" will not necessarily be a constant amount.

- Can the pool legally go ahead, despite a favourable vote, if all facets of the financing cannot be met on an individual basis?

- It is certainly ironic that some of the people eligible to vote will have no obligation to provide part of the financing.

- When the annual capital cost portion of the financing (\$121,000) is not required, will the levy of \$261,000 be restricted to \$140,000?

According to Shilo Zylbergold (*Driftwood*, November 11) the Community Pool Society has a membership in excess of 2,000. Accordingly, if 1,600 members put up \$500 each, the portion of the capital costs of \$800,000 would not have to be borrowed, thus saving \$121,000 annually. Also, if each of the 1,600 members was assessed an average of \$87.50 annually the net operating costs plus cushion totalling \$140,000 would be covered. A usage fee assessment might be necessary to cover any annual shortfall in revenue. The more paying memberships that are sold the less the individual cost.

Any figures presented fail to disclose any funds put up by the over 2000 members of the Society.

In our opinion the Community Pool Society is expecting too much to have all Salt Spring taxpayers pay for their recreation.

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Society outlines projected pool operating costs

The person hired to manage Salt Spring's proposed leisure pool would also act as recreation director for the island's parks and recreation commission, a member of the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society and the recreation commission said Friday.

Wayne Taylor, a pool society official and member of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission, noted that the pool feasibility study conducted by Vic Davies Architect Ltd. indicates the pool manager's salary will likely totally approximately \$26,000. He added that Salt Spring residents — who go to

Twin role projected for leisure pool's manager

the polls this Saturday to vote on the swimming pool proposal — have asked for more details on staffing and other expenditures.

"We will need to hire a top-notch pool manager-recreation director," said Taylor. "That person will not only be responsible for pool programs, but marketing of the pool. (He or she) would also oversee maintenance of the facility, and be

responsible for other commission programs — including the recreation's fields and other facilities."

The pool manager-rec director would be one of four full-time staff members hired to oversee the proposed pool's operation.

Taylor noted that two senior aquatics instructors will also have to be hired if the pool is built here. These individuals, whose salaries have been estimated at

\$19,500 by pool consultants, would focus on training other pool staff. They would also help market and develop new pool programs, as well as handle other duties.

A senior cashier would also be hired, at an estimated cost of \$19,500 per year, to handle the pool's accounts. The cashier would also handle other miscellaneous administrative functions

of the rec commission.

In addition to these full-time staff members, the proposed pool would also require more than a dozen part-time instructors, lifeguards and other workers. The cost of hiring all these employees has been estimated at \$90,750 per year — \$33,150 for the aquatic instructors, and \$57,600 for the remaining staff members.

Benefits and payroll costs will add another 15 per cent (\$26,300) to the salary and wage costs.

Other operating costs include utilities (\$40,000); water, sewer and garbage (\$5,000); office,

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Below-value purchase bids made for Salt Spring Island properties

Islanders should 'beware' of a Vancouver realty firm's attempts to purchase property at prices significantly below market value, two local residents involved in the real estate business said last week.

A number of Gulf Islands property owners, some of whom do not live in the region, have received letters in recent weeks from Anson Realty Ltd. of Vancouver. The firm has offered to buy property at what amounts to approximately 20 per cent of its current market value.

Ron McQuiggan, notary public and real estate appraiser on Salt Spring, said he has seen four such letters from the firm in recent weeks.

In one letter, Anson Realty offered \$3,100 for a lot with a market value of between \$15,000 and \$20,000. In another, an offer of \$6,200 was made on a Richard Flack Road property originally purchased for \$35,000.

This is not the first time a realty firm has made what amounts to ridiculously low offers on Gulf Islands properties. McQuiggan says that in 1981, when the real estate market on Salt Spring was "really heated," another firm

sent a similar letter to the owner of some lots on Pender, and offered to purchase the properties for 40 per cent of their market value.

McQuiggan stressed that while such activities are not illegal, property owners should make themselves aware of property values before they accept any offer of this type.

"When people get a letter like this, they should see someone who knows property values," he said. "Go see the government agent and ask to see the property's assessment (value), or talk to some realtors. But don't just accept the offer."

A spokesman for the Real Estate Council of B.C. echoed McQuiggan's statements. He asked for a copy of the letter, and indicated that buyers should not accept any real estate deal without knowing property values.

"It's buyer beware," he stressed.

Although affected Salt Spring property owners suggest that Anson Realty hopes to make a quick profit on properties by sending out the letters, a spokes-

men for the firm said Friday that the entire incident "is a mistake."

Albrecht T. Mayer, whose signature appears on the bottom of the letters sent out by Anson Realty, says he never intended to send the correspondence to Salt Spring property owners.

Mayer claims that the client his firm represents — a land holding company — hopes to buy "cheap land." He said the letters were meant for people who are currently holding land that has not been developed and has not attracted the interest of any buyers for some time.

"They weren't supposed to be sent to Salt Spring, where all the lots are serviced," he said.

Mayer said his client he uses a specific formula when making offers to property owners. He added that the land holding company has bought some property on Gabriola and Saturna, as well as a large amount of land in the Shuswap Lake area.

"I don't know why the letters were sent to Salt Spring," he said. "It was a mistake. I'm not mad, just stupid, I guess. Please convey my apologies to the residents of Salt Spring."

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Operating costs, revenues detailed for proposed pool

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program and other supplies (\$10,000); concession supplies (\$10,000); repairs and maintenance (\$10,000); and miscellaneous others — including Capital Region District (CRD) administrative fees, telephone costs, and annual capital upgrading — totaling \$16,000.

Taylor noted that the pool committee has applied for water and has been put on the waiting list. The organization is confident that once the North Salt Spring Waterworks District lifts its moratorium on supplying water to uncommitted properties, the pool will be granted the water it needs.

He added that the pool committee is also having its engineer look into the feasibility of using clean waste water from the pool for landscape watering. This, he noted, would also reduce sewer costs (a dual-metered system is under consideration).

"Water is a valuable resource," he said. "We might even find it (water used in the facility) to be a potential source of revenue. One idea I had, but we haven't really done anything about, is that we could possibly use this water to grow grass for the recreation commission's fields."

Although the committee has budgeted \$10,000 for pool chemicals, Taylor explained that this amount will only be needed if the pool utilizes a fully-chlorinated system. The ozonation system planned for the facility, he said, would greatly reduce the amount of chemicals used in the facility. The process uses 85 per cent less chlorine than standard systems.

Taylor added that another topic of concern among residents is insurance. At present, \$8,000 is budgeted for this protection. Liability insurance would be obtained through the CRD, which participates in a joint insurance program with other B.C. municipalities.

Total annual operating costs for the pool — including all the above expenditures — have been estimated at \$310,000.

Salt Spring residents whose homes are valued at \$70,000 or less likely won't pay a dime in extra taxes next year if the proposed leisure swimming pool is constructed here.

To meet the costs of constructing and maintaining the \$1.3 million leisure pool — which residents will vote on this Saturday (November 21) — an annual residential tax levy on Salt Spring of 78 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value will have to be established. Yet according to swimming pool society officials, the provincial homeowners' grant would reduce, if not eliminate, this increase for many island residents.

Construction and maintenance costs of the \$1.3 million leisure pool would require an annual residential tax levy on Salt Spring of 78 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Yet according to swimming pool society officials, the provincial homeowners' grant would cover this increase for many island residents.

According to figures released recently by the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society, island residents whose properties are valued at \$70,000 or less would not see any increase in their tax bills if the pool is constructed — provided they receive the provincial homeowners' grant of either \$380 or \$630.

Formula figures tax share

A home valued at \$79,750, meanwhile, would be hit with a tax increase for pool purposes of \$32.59. A \$99,000 home would be charged an additional \$77.22 if the pool was built.

These examples were taken from 1987 tax rolls. Pool society members used properties located outside the Maliview, Ganges and Highlands waterworks districts, where homeowners pay additional sewer and water taxes.

Property owners not eligible for the grant can calculate their tax increase by multiplying the assessed value of their homes by .00078.

Businessmen on Salt Spring will definitely see a tax increase if the proposed pool is built. Commercial tax rates for the pool have been set at \$1.91 per \$1,000 of assessed value. As a result, a business with property assessed at \$100,000 would pay \$191 in additional taxes once the pool is constructed.

Yearly pool revenues, meanwhile, have been conservatively estimated at \$182,500. This figure includes: \$122,500 generated through admission fees (70,000 admissions at an average of \$1.75 each); \$25,000 generated from swimming lessons; \$10,000 from school usage (200 hours annually at \$50 per hour); \$15,000 from concession sales, \$5,000 from rentals to private groups; and \$5,000 from the rental of coin lockers.

Based on these operating costs and revenue projections, the pool is expected to have an annual net operating cost of \$127,500. An-

nual debt payments will total \$121,000.

An additional \$12,500 has been added to net costs by the CRD as a "cushion," bringing the total annual cost of the swimming pool to a maximum of \$261,000.

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Long-range planning launched for school

School District 64's board of trustees passed two motions last Thursday dealing with long-term planning at its Ganges school site.

The board, through the two motions, indicated that its Ganges property will definitely be developed as a secondary school site in the future.

Trustees also stressed that development of the property should include a thorough assessment of the site and existing buildings, the development of long-term plans for educational facilities, and the planning for community use of the site "through community input."

Planning to meet the district's needs will now proceed on this basis. School District 64 is the fastest-growing district in the province, and its high school facility is already overcrowded. The board hopes to obtain enough funding to remedy the situation at Gulf Islands Secondary School, either by building a new high school on the property or by adding to its existing facility.

Board chairman David Eyles said the two motions passed at the meeting were significant in that they indicate, for the record, the board's intention to utilize its Ganges property as a high school site.

"What we have decided is to keep the secondary school on that site," he explained. "The main reason is, of course, that it has to be close to the water taxi.

Perhaps the elementary school should be there in the future as well, and if it can possibly be accommodated, it will be. But what we're saying is that if one of them has to move to another site, it will be the elementary school that goes."

Eyles said the board is trying to plan for future. He added the two motions are also designed to show the public that the board is not yet in a position to offer portions of its Ganges property for community facilities.

"Some people have suggested that our property would be a good site for a pool, or tennis courts, or racquetball courts," he said. "Right now, it's just too early to say we can provide a site for pool or any other community facility . . . the main thing is that we first have to see what the situation is with our own facilities."

Schools superintendent Mike Marshall added Friday that as soon as funding can be arranged through the ministry of education, the district will likely go to tender to obtain the services of a professional planner.

At the same meeting, trustees passed a motion to "pursue the feasibility of the closing of Kanaka Road through the (Ganges) school grounds." Eyles explained that closure of Kanaka Road would give the district more flexibility in using its Ganges property.

"Whether we can close off that road will determine how we can utilize the site," he said.





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Wawryk noted that street and counter sales of poppies generated approximately \$2,650 this year, with the remainder being supplied by businesses and other organizations.

In recent years, the Salt Spring Meals on Wheels organization — which provides hot, nutritious meals to the elderly — has been a major beneficiary of the poppy campaign. This year, the Legion donated \$1,500 to the organiza-

tions.

Another group receiving donations from the Legion is the HEALI Alert Line Society, which operates an alert line service for elderly homeowners. In the event of a medical emergency, a subscriber to the service can simply activate a device worn around his neck to obtain assistance through Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

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School board surprised by '87 bill for sewer service

Salt Spring homeowners aren't the only islanders concerned about higher-than-expected costs for sewer service.

Gulf Islands school trustees learned last week that the district's bill for 1987 sewer service is more than \$3,000 higher than the amount budgeted.

Trustee Grace Byrne noted at the board's regular meeting Thursday that the district's bill for sewer service is \$15,431.38. District officials had budgeted \$12,000 for sewer services, however.

Sewer charges are based on the amount of water used during the most recent eight-month winter period (September-April). Using these figures, the CRD estimates the amount of water used during the remaining four months. Water used during the summer irrigation season is not counted.

Trustees were surprised by the size of the sewer bill. District officials will continue their efforts to reduce school water consumption.

Schools superintendent Mike Marshall indicated he feels the district is not getting a 'fair shake' from the CRD. He noted that Ganges schools are not operated during the summer months, and thus use little or no water.

Marshall said the board will pursue the matter.

In other school district business, trustees heard from two delegations.

Anna Hawthorne, a Salt Spring mother who would like to see seat belts installed on district school buses, provided the board with information relating to seat belts and their use in buses.

Jonathon Yardley also asked the board to make a statement on the appropriateness of choosing Brinkworthy Estates as a site for the proposed pool. Yardley said that although he supports construction of a swimming pool on Salt Spring, he feels the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission's decision to hold a referendum on the proposal this year might have been made "too hastily."

Yardley said he felt the board should consider how construction of a pool at Brinkworthy will affect its use of the facility, and perhaps give pool planners some input. He noted that it might eventually be possible to build the pool on school district property in Ganges.

"I feel the pool society should know where the board stands on this," he said.

Trustees indicated they felt they could not commit any prop-

erty for a community facility such as a pool until they know the extent of their future facility requirements. Some said, however, that they might be willing to sit down with pool committee members at some time in the future and discuss further possibilities for constructing such a facility on district property.

"Our basic mandate is education," noted Eyles on Friday. "I feel it is not appropriate for us to make a statement on the suitability of the proposed pool site."

Eyles said the board didn't want to tell the pool committee to "hold off" on constructing such a facility, simply on the basis that School District 64 might be able to accommodate a community facility on its property in the future. He noted that long-term planning may reveal that all of the Ganges school site is needed for educational facilities.

District trustees also approved five locally-developed courses — Foods 11-A, Foods 12-A, Physical Education Aide program, Franciscan Communication 12 and Life

Skills Tutoring 11 and 12 — for this year.

The course outlines and the board's motion approving them will now be submitted to the ministry of education, where they will be placed on file to ensure that local students get credit for the courses.

The board also plans to take a much closer look at locally-developed courses in the future.

Policy committee members reported on the progress being made to develop district guidelines in a variety of matters.

Notice of motion was given for a district policy on the use of microcomputer software programs.

In the policy, the board affirmed its intent "to adhere to the provisions of the copyright laws in the area of microcomputer programs." The document also outlined a series of procedures designed to ensure that copyright laws are adhered to by school staff and students.

Board members are also developing a policy dealing with child abuse.

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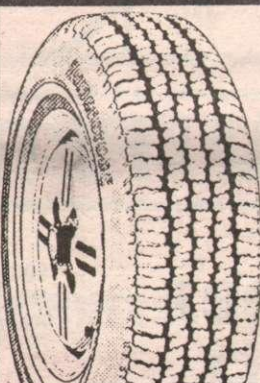
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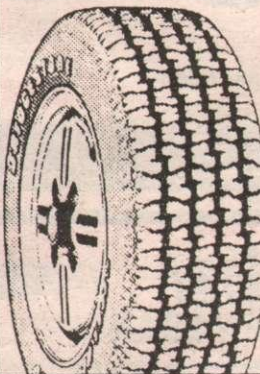
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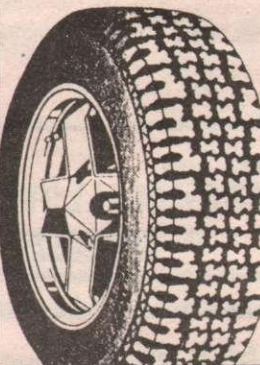
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Highways ministry agrees to two crosswalks

Salt Spring Elementary School principal Glenn Woodley said last week that the ministry of highways has indicated it will paint crosswalks on roads bordering the school.

Woodley said Friday he met with a ministry official recently to discuss the need for crosswalks along Rainbow Road, and that the ministry has agreed to place crosswalks on Kanaka Road and at Rainbow Road, near its intersection with Jackson Avenue.

Teachers, district staff members and parents have been lobbying the ministry of highways for some time in an effort to obtain crosswalks on roads bordering the Ganges school complex. Until now, however, their efforts have been unsuccessful. Ministry officials have said they feel crosswalks give pedestrians

"a false sense of security."

Although the ministry has agreed to paint two crosswalks, Woodley said he was given no indication when the work would be done.

The principal said district officials have requested that children be informed of safe routes to school. He added that when the crosswalks are painted, each elementary school class will likely be taken out to the crosswalks and have the purpose explained to them.

"We'll probably take them out class by class and explain to them, for example, that there aren't walls around the crosswalks," he noted.

School District 64 trustees briefly discussed the crosswalk issue at their Thursday meeting after receiving a response to their

recent letter asking the ministry of highways for crosswalks on roads bordering Ganges schools.

In that letter, district highways manager Joe Jensen indicated the matter should be pursued by individual school principals. Once maps were received from each school showing where students cross major roads — and the *Safe Route to School* program is operating here — the district would be more than willing to consider establishing crosswalks.

Trustees expressed a desire to see crosswalks painted on local roads. Board Chairman David Eyles added that he felt "frustrated" by the ministry's attitude.

"We've been trying to get crosswalks for years," he said. "I have never heard of *Safe Route to School*."

Pender Island trustee Joy Ridley said she feels a crosswalk should be painted on Lower Ganges Road so Outer Islands children can have a place to cross the road after riding the water taxi.

On a related matter, trustee Ian Fraser reported that in response to requests from island residents, School District 64 is seeking information from districts utilizing crossing guard programs.

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Wagg, Ward married in double-ring ceremony

Maria Colleen Wagg exchanged marriage vows with William Michael Ward at a double-ring ceremony held August 22, 1987, at the Church of Our Lord in Victoria.

The bride is the daughter of Les and Lavinia Wagg of Ganges, while the groom is the son of Stanley and Rosemary Ward of Victoria.

Honoured guests at the wedding ceremony were Jessie Wagg, the bride's grandmother, Ada Ross, grandmother of the groom, and William Ward, the groom's grandfather.

The bride entered the church, on the arms of her father, to the strains of *Trumpette Voluntary*. She wore her mother's wedding dress, a classic floor-length design of white organza over taffeta. Her fitted bodice was fashioned with rose lace appliques at the neckline, lily point sleeves and a large bow at the back waistline. The full skirt with train was worn over a hooped crinoline and featured rose lace appliques on the front panel.

Instead of the traditional veil, the bride wore a white organza hat with a veil, pearls and beaded flower. She carried a bouquet of white and teal-tipped carnations, baby's breath, stephanotis and ivy with a large orchid as the centre.

Bridesmaids were Teresa and Leanna Wagg, sisters of the bride. They wore identical gowns of teal satin with teal rose garden lace overskirts, with bows at the back waistline. Each also wore matching teal satin shoes, had white flowers and pearls in their hair, and carried bouquets similar to that of the bride.

Seven-year-old Laura Engler, niece of the groom, was the flower girl. She wore a teal satin dress with teal rose garden lace on the bodice, and a teal ribbon in her hair. She carried a basket of flowers, the same type as those of the bridesmaids.

Five-year-old Matthew Frygel, second cousin of the bride, was the ring-bearer. Best man was Scott Germa, and ushers were Stephen Ward, brother of the groom, and Russel Germa.



Maria and Michael Ward

The groom wore a dark grey herringbone tuxedo with two white miniature carnations. His attendants, including the ring-bearer, wore dark grey herringbone tuxedos with black trousers and white teal-tipped carnations.

The mother of the bride wore a

two-piece pink silk suit with pearly-grey accessories, and a pink rose and pearl corsage.

The groom's mother chose an aqua afternoon dress with white accessories and an orchid corsage.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Laurel Point Inn in Victoria. There was an afternoon tea, followed by a smorgasbord dinner. Grace was said by Lana Bodenham, the groom's cousin.

The three-tiered wedding cake, made by the bride and her mother, was topped with a blown crystal heart and doves.

Master of ceremonies at the reception was Russel Germa. The toast to the bride was proposed by Fred Haywood, a friend of the family. The bridesmaids were toasted by best man Scott Germa.

An evening of dancing followed, with music by Gord Wilson and Sound Station Music.

For her going-away outfit, the bride chose a peach and white dress with lace and pearls, and white accessories.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Vancouver and on the Outer Gulf Islands. They now reside in Victoria.

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Documentary film on Nicaragua to be shown

A full-length documentary film on Nicaragua will be shown next Monday at Central Hall.

The November 23 screening, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island chapter of Tools for Peace, will begin at 8 pm.

Nicaragua: No Pasaran (Nicaragua: They Will Not Enter) was prepared by award-winning Australian filmmaker David Bradbury after a six-month stay in the Central American country.

"What he experienced there, and captured on film, was the human face of a troubled revolution," Tools for Peace says.

The colour film carefully explores the answers to several questions raised about Nicaragua:

- Are the Sandinistas puppets who dance to Moscow's tune, intent—as Ronald Reagan charges—on destabilizing all of Central America?

- Why did tens of thousands of angry Nicaraguans shout down the Pope at his mass rally in Managua in 1983?

- What is the place of the Catholic Church in the revolution?

- Will Nicaragua become another Vietnam?

As with his previous films, Bradbury concentrates on a central character to best illustrate Nicaragua's complex story.

Tomas Borge is the only surviving founder of the revolutionary

Sandinista movement which overthrew dictator Anastasio Somoza. While Somoza held onto power, Borge lived the life of a fugitive for 19 years. His wife was raped, tortured and murdered by Somoza's National Guard, many members of which are now leaders of the *contras* trained and funded by the US to oppose the Nicaraguan government.

Borge was also tortured and spent six years in prison. After the war, in an act perhaps unique in revolutionary history, Borge

confronted his torturer and rather than perpetuate the tired old cycle of violence by offering torture in return, forgave him with an empty-handed embrace.

Now, as Nicaragua's minister of the interior, in charge of police and state security, Borge is at the centre of his country's fight against the *contras*. Through Borge's charismatic personality, Bradbury gives dramatic voice to the history and spirit of Nicaragua's unique revolution.

—Article contributed

Good direction, inspired acting make Chilean play 'intense hour'

The Secret Obscenities of Each Day, presented by the Puente Theatre Group recently at Off Centre Stage, was written in Chile, by Marco Antonio de la Parra, a Chilean psychiatrist. But it is set, the program tells us, in "a country under military dictatorship." Not necessarily Chile, then. Not necessarily anywhere at all.

The set offers few clues: a park bench and a school crossing sign. And who are these two men, the only characters in the play, who suddenly appear, dressed only in long overcoats, gaiters and clunky old boots? Initially, they present themselves as flashers, drawn there by the girls gathering at the private school across the street. Each one tries to drive the other man away with insults and abuse. Each wants the bench for himself. But why? And who are they, really?

Their identities start to shift. They allude to a common training as torturers, secret police. They embark on a bewildering series of routines and personae, impersonations and *shticks*, as drunks, madmen, jugglers and magicians before they settle into what appear to be their true identities. One admits to being Sigmund Freud. The other insists on being analyzed on the spot, in the course of which he confesses that he is really Karl Marx.

Well, at least we know who they are now. Don't we? Sigmund and Karl try to pin each other down with the question: What did you do when you worked for *them*? Everyone, it seems, has worked for *them*.

Periodically, their dialogue is interrupted by the sound of cars. Very important government officials, cabinet ministers, will arrive soon at the school across the street. They respond with fear, and new disguises. Karl complains: They've turned us into caricatures of ourselves. Sigmund wants to "go back to what we were," but it's too late. It seems too late for anything but more pretending, more *shticks*, more routines. Only by pretending can they say what they really think. Until the play's sudden climax, when the cabinet ministers arrive, and the two men spring into action, suddenly drop their disguises, reveal their true identities, "flash" briefly into existence as who they really are: two isolated men — and we still don't know if they are acting

together or alone — determined to strike back at their oppressors.

The play's two actors, Martin Twocock as "Mr. K," and John Gilliland as "Mr. S," were brilliant in the bewildering, rapid changes of identity called for by their parts. Confusing as their shifting personas were at times for the audience, they never lost their hold on our attention. The play's

'It seems too late for anything but more pretending, more shticks, more routines.'

momentum never slipped. There were even moments when they broke through the play's formal distancing devices to move us deeply with the strength of their true emotions.

After the performance, in dialogue with the audience, Lina de Guevara, the play's director, remarked that she staged the play

as a kind of challenge, an exercise in healthy confusion, in which the audience is thrown one obstacle after another to prevent us from resting in our usual channels and thinking that we know what's going on. We are forced to continually rethink the situation.

In an article on life in Chile in the November 2 *New Yorker*, Jacobo Timerman presents a lengthy list of repressive laws that prohibit or restrict almost anything one can imagine. He goes on to say that however much time a Chilean may spend studying these legal formulations, "it is impossible for him to organize his days so that he can avoid moments of panic. He can never hope to guess what interpretation actually be given these laws ..."

So too, to some degree, with the experience of watching this play. We have to struggle. A Chilean's only alternative, Timerman claims, is to reduce as far as possible the space in which he leads his life. Two men in overcoats, a park bench, a sign. Thanks to Ms de Guevara's direction, and two inspired performances, for an intense and memorable hour that reduced space becomes ours too, and we find it crammed with possibilities we could never have imagined.

— Murray Reiss

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Show slated for Saturday

Salt Spring's performers plan a benefit for Nicaragua

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Nicaragua was not so lucky. It got the Spanish instead of the English and along with it an archaic feudal system in which peasants have been manipulated and oppressed. Now against great resistance it is attempting to change its institutions, creating a new attitude to ensure dignity for its people.

On Saturday night, performing artists of Salt Spring will join at Off Centre Stage for an evening of comedy, satire, and music to benefit the Tools for Peace project for Nicaragua. This will be no ordinary evening but will feature notable celebrities Sid Filkow, direct from CBC's *Danger Bay* TV series, and the notorious realtor, Arvid "Expose" Chalmers as hosts.

Equal time will be offered to Contra opposition leader, Commandante Adolfo Callero, who in peaceful times was rumoured to be the bottler of el grande Coca Cola.

There is more surreptitious scat that somebody known as "Dancing Bear" will present. Could this be a defector from the Moscow Circus?

For a long time I thought Shilo Zylbergold was a nom de plume. But nope, he's real folks, as the picture in last week's *Driftwood* proves. He will be there too, cajoling guffaws, rattling your funny bone and jabbing prickly barbs into your well-padded complacency.

The act that really has me stumped are a bunch of old babes called The Raging Grannies. Retired and ready to go — but where, is the big question. What are you gals trying to do, change attitudes or something?

Keeping things moving will be musical interludes by Susan Cogan, Chris Kodaly, Dwaine Prosk and Phil Vernon.

If you're looking for a date calendar for the new year, I suggest you have a look at the one available through Tools for Peace

art seen

on Saturday evening. It features the images of Vancouver painter Claire Kujundzic. Claire is one of a growing number of North Americans who have visited this war-torn country and been invited by the Nicaraguan government to design postage stamps. Her paintings have a simple documentary style that avoids the picturesque romanticization of tropical peoples so commonly vomitted up by some ethnocentric artists of developed nations. It's good value at \$10.

On the Vancouver scene, for the

fifth year the Robson Square Media Centre will host an exhibition of works by B.C. Artists. The exhibit, *Artists in the Square '88*, runs from January 5 to 19 and is co-ordinated by Sinclair Healy, professor emeritus of Art Education at U.B.C.

Curator Hugh McLennan will assemble the collection of drawings and paintings. If you wish to be included you must submit no less than two and no more than five slides of work to be considered. Slides must be received before November 24.

Admission fee is \$20. Application forms are available at Robson Square Media Centre, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2C5, or phone 660-2830.

Suzuki's autobiography new arrival at library

A large selection of new books has arrived at the Salt Spring Island public library in recent weeks. Among the new offerings are:

- **NON-FICTION** — *Metamorphosis*, David Suzuki's autobiography; *Man in Motion*, by Rick Hansen and Jim Taylor; *Caesars of the Wilderness*, by Peter C. Newman, which continues the saga begun in his previous book, *Company of Adventurers*; *Your Child is a Person*, by Drs. Chess, Birch and Thomas; *The Russian Album*, by Michael Ignatieff, which traces the tumultuous lives of his grandparents from the palaces of White Russia to a rural cottage in Quebec; and an authoritative book on the Korean War by Max Hastings.

- **FICTION** — *The Honorary Patron*, by Vancouver Island author Jack Hodgins; *Moon Tiger*, winner of the prestigious Booker Prize, by Penelope Lively; *The Colour of Blood*, runner-up for the Booker Prize, by Brian Moore; *Patriot Games*, a new thriller by Tom Clancy; *In The Skin Of A Lion*, a highly-praised new novel by Michael Ondaatje; and *Empire*, Gore Vidal's new novel.

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Sollitt president of guild

Lee Sollitt was chosen president of the Salt Spring Island Potters Guild at the organization's recent annual general meeting. Sollitt, who succeeds Harry Pickstone, is joined in office by Evelyn Battell (vice-president) and Maggie Schubart (secretary-treasurer). Susan Cunningham continues as editor of the potters' newsletter.

workshops during the coming season with Sue Hara, Gordon Hutchings and Mas Funo. Merle Box volunteered to share material from the Knowledge Network on two internationally-recognized clay artists: Joe Faffard and

Wayne Ngan. The guild intends to continue subscribing to potting magazines and to make them available at Salt Spring Community Library. Binders are on order to preserve these publications. The group has

also budgeted money for the purchase of new books to add to the collection in the library; Kate Nonesuch is in charge of the purchase program.

Over the years, several members have volunteered to work with

children in the schools to provide an informative and enjoyable clay experience; that activity will continue if there is a demand for it. Meanwhile, the potters are preparing for the multi-guild Christmas sale to be held in Mahon Hall November 20, 21 and 22.

New members are welcome to join the guild: they may phone Lee Sollitt at 537-4173, or Maggie Schubart at 537-9804.

Tentative plans were made for



Ilse Leader, Bunty Gonzalez advertise fair

Work on display

Weavers represented at show

A pre-Christmas show and sale of locals arts and crafts will include a strong representation of works by the Salt Spring Island Weavers' and Spinners' Guild.

Guild members have assembled a wide variety of hand-woven, hand-spun and hand-dyed items for the show and sale, which will be held this weekend — November 20, 21 and 22 — at Mahon Hall in Ganges. Times are from 10 am to 9 pm on Friday, and from 10 am to 5 pm on the following two days.

The show and sale will present for sale items made by members of five island art and craft guilds — potters, painters, woodworkers, jewellers and spinners and weavers.

The latter group says it will have something on hand for everyone. Items will include pot-holders, wall-hangings, Christmas decorations, table linen, toques and scarves, and high-fashion garments.

Some specialized works to look for are Aino Tamm's transparency weaving, Bunty Gonzalez' delicate pine needle baskets, Wynn MacLachlan's silk scarves, designer garments by Donna Vanderwekken and Ilse Leader,

Odette McCaffrey's hand-woven kitchen towels and potholders, Kay Avison's Fairisle sweaters, Peggy Grim's hand-spun and hand-dyed mohair sweaters, and a myriad of other creations ranging from dolls to cats to sheep.

A new feature this year will be a Scandanavian Tea Shop serving refreshments and displaying a

gingerbread house — three gingerbread houses, in fact; one will be awarded each day in a draw.

A preview party and fashion show will be held on Thursday, November 19, at 7:30 pm. Viewers will be able to examine some of the garments and accessories to be offered when the sale opens on Friday.

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Harpists slated to perform this weekend on Salt Spring

Two different harpists have scheduled performances this weekend on Salt Spring Island.

On Saturday, November 21, Theodore Gabriel will play an afternoon and an evening concert at the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road. On Sunday, November 22, Rita Costanzi will present an afternoon recital in Ganges United Church.

• Gabriel performs for CBC Radio and is resident harpist at the Vancouver Maritime Museum and the Burnaby Village Museum. He will play original compositions and well-known songs in two performances — one for children, at 3 pm, and another for adults, at 8 pm.

Gabriel, who is adept with a wide range of instruments — including Celtic harp, fiddle, concertina and guitar — has led a number of children's concerts in B.C. schools. He will present his audience with a variety of instruments and encourage participation from the children while intermingling songs with storytelling.

The evening concert will concentrate on the Celtic harp, exploring traditional folk-music use of the instrument and Gabriel's compositions for harp and harp and voice.

• Rita Costanzi, whose 2:30 pm Sunday recital is sponsored by the Salt Spring Concert Society, will include in her performance the playing of a Celtic harp made for her by island resident Lawrie Neish.

Costanzi began her musical training at an early age — under the influence of her father, renowned violist Francis Tursi.

The harpist later studied with Eileen Malone at the Eastman School of Music, graduating with highest distinction, and went on to receive instruction from Marcel



Rita Costanzi

Grandjany and Bernard Zighera. A scholarship later allowed Costanzi to continue her studies in Paris, with Jacqueline Borot.

A participant in both the Tanglemwood and Marlboro music festivals, Costanzi is highly acclaimed as a soloist and chamber music recitalist. She twice won the American Harp Society's national competition, and recently received the Lily Laskine Award given by Beaux Arts Concerts of

New York for the most outstanding solo harp recital. In 1988, she is scheduled to perform in Denver as concerto soloist in conjunction with the annual conference of the American Harp Society.

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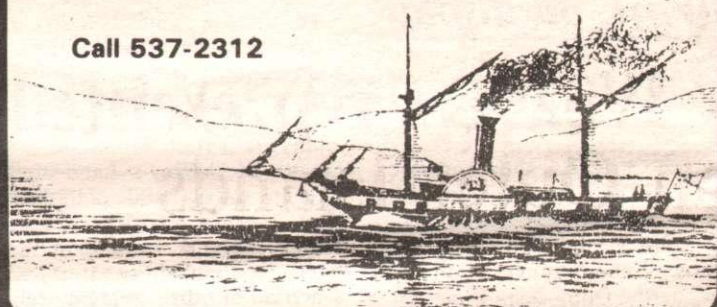
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- from 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday, December 6.

The bulk of the fair will be centred in the Beaver Point Hall, with additional stalls being set up

in the schoolhouse nearby. Admission to both venues is free.

Robert Rustad, chairman of the Beaver Point Hall committee, said most of the stalls have already been claimed — for a \$5 registration fee — but "a few" remain to be booked. Contact Christine Donnelly (653-4320) to register.

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Craft fair planned on Mayne Island

MAYNE ISLAND — The Gulf Islands are known as both a haven for artists and as a refuge from the hustle and bustle of big-city life. Those two elements will come together on November 28 and 29 at the old-fashioned country Christmas craft fair held in the school gymnasium on Mayne Island.

The event is sponsored by the Mayne Island Artists' and Craftsmen's Guild, which was formed one year ago to promote art and craftsmanship on the island. Though small, the group has been active in hosting and funding three workshops — including 'Wool Focus,' which featured sheep shearing, carding, spinning and weaving, and two sessions in basket-weaving.

In February, the guild plans to hold a stained glass workshop to touch on the basic methods of cutting and leading glass, plus

fusing, painting, acid etching and design.)

This year's craft fair — to be open from 11 am to 5 pm November 28, and from 11 am to 3 pm November 29 — will operate under the theme, 'an old-fashioned country Christmas.' It will offer, in all price ranges, a selection of quality, country-crafted gifts like clay sculpture, fused glass, toys, tree ornaments, art glass, woodworking, knitting, needlework, stuffed toys, culinary delights, weaving, whale bone inlay, carvings, hand-painted glass, objects d'art and much more.

In connection with the fair, special weekend rates have been posted by two Mayne Island establishments. Contact the Fernhill Lodge (539-2544) or the Blue Vista Resort (539-2463) for details.

Building activity up on Outer Islands

Despite a slight drop in September, current construction activity on the Outer Islands continues to march ahead of the pace established in 1986.

Statistics released recently by the Capital Regional District (CRD) building permits office show that work carried out on the Outer Islands in the first nine months of 1987 was worth \$3.555 million, up slightly from the \$3.334 million registered in the same period of 1986. Figures also show 291 permits issued on the islands to date in 1987, compared to 226 in the first nine months of 1986.

The Outer Islands pace slowed somewhat in September, however. In that month in 1987, the islands took out 27 permits for work worth \$296,088. A year earlier, the CRD issued 27 permits for projects valued at \$543,101.

Island-by-island totals for the year-to-date to September, with comparable 1986 figures in parentheses, are as follows:

• **PENDER** — permits, 153 (86),

value of work, \$1.52 million (\$1.20 million). Permit breakdowns include: single-family dwellings 21 (11); commercial or industrial buildings, 3 (4); plumbing, 63 (35); chimney, 30 (19); other, 34 (17).

• **GALIANO** — permits, 58 (65), value of work, \$1.06 million (\$1.09 million). Permit breakdowns include: single-family dwellings, 10 (15); commercial or industrial buildings, 5 (2); plumbing, 20 (21); chimney, 13 (13); other, 9 (13).

• **MAYNE** — permits, 58 (51), value of work, \$743,994 (\$659,800). Permit breakdowns include: single-family dwellings, 14 (10); commercial or industrial buildings, 2 (0); plumbing, 19 (18); chimney, 14 (11); other, 9 (11).

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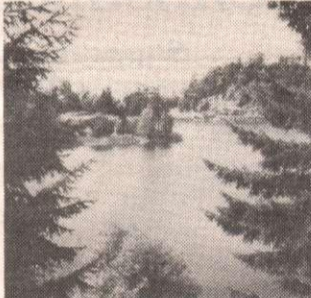
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Jaycees set for Yuletide

The Bellingham Jaycees' Christmas Ship will enjoy clear sailing into Gulf Islands waters this year.

The vessel and its annual cargo of Christmas presents faced extinction in 1986, due to rising insurance costs, but organizers said from Bellingham last week that this year's visit — the 37th annual — will proceed without funding worries.

Trip Costello, who will soon make his 26th consecutive stop on the Gulf Islands as the ship's Santa, said a year of extensive fund-raising has removed any financial concerns that may have scuttled the 1987 trip.

The Christmas Ship — the *Discovery* — is operated as a training vessel for Sea Scouts in the Bellingham area. Last year, when the cost of insuring the *Discovery* jumped to \$6,190 from \$648 and the Sea Scouts could not cover the bill, it looked as though the vessel would be idled — leaving the Jaycees without a ship suitable for their Christmas trip through the Gulf Islands.

Fund-raising on the Gulf Islands and elsewhere helped the Sea Scouts cover their insurance premium, however, and the 1986 visit was carried out as planned. And this year, Costello said, local efforts were such that no financial plight faces the Scouts or their ship.

"The ship still costs a lot of money but we had three or four organizations down here that pitched in and made up the slack," he said. "The Sea Scouts themselves had a number of fund-raising projects that came up with money as well." Donations of materials like fuel has also helped, Costello added.

Although outside funding is not required this year, Costello said that any contributions from Gulf Islanders would be appreciated and should come in the form of cheques made out to the Sea Scouts.

Already this year, the Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has set aside \$152.87 for the Christmas Ship organizers.

The Bellingham Christmas Ship's 1987 visit to the Gulf Islands will follow the same schedule used last year.

The ship will stop at all five major Gulf Islands on December 12 to deliver presents to children and shut-ins. The itinerary is as follows:

- SATURNA ISLAND — arrive 10:45 am, depart 11 am.
- PENDER ISLAND — arrive 12:15 pm, depart 1:15 pm.
- MAYNE ISLAND — arrive 2 pm, depart 3:15 pm.
- GALIANO ISLAND — arrive 4 pm, depart 5:15 pm.
- SALT SPRING ISLAND — arrive 6 pm, depart 6:30 am December 13.

The ship, making its 37th annual trip, will make 12 stops altogether. After leaving the Gulf Islands, it will visit ports of call in the San Juan Islands.



Christmas Ship visits Gulf Islands

Symphony's concert considered a success

By RON THORNER

PENDER ISLAND — The good news is that the Sunday, November 15, concert on Pender by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra was a hand-clapping, standing-ovation, "howling" success.

Even more significant, to the extent the sponsoring Pender Lender Library can work to make it happen, a symphony concert will be an annual event on this island from now on.

Certainly there was enthusiastic consensus among the 330 islanders who attended Sunday, and who applauded again and again, and happily, that the concert by the VSO was too wonderful an event not to be repeated each year.

It was the first full symphony concert to be presented in the Outer Gulf Islands. Many long-time residents said it was the most successful public event ever held on Pender.

It was also a success in other terms for the Pender Library organization. It had gambled on public support of an event that had never happened before. It was a case of faith justified. The concert was a sell-out. Ticket sales covered the VSO's \$3,000 fee and incidental expenses.

"It was a soul-stirring experience for all of us," said library president June Hall. "Now

we want to give something back — the priceless gift of a symphony concert each year."

Symphony Society manager Steve Smith said there is no doubt the orchestra will return, with 1988 and future dates to be set later.

"I don't think this orchestra and its members have ever played to a more appreciative audience. Never have we received a more warm-hearted reception, or met with such genuine friendliness." His sentiments were echoed by Conductor Glen Fast.

Mr. Fast, near the end of the program, was presented by Mrs. Hall with a beautifully-illuminated parchment scroll of appreciation prepared by island calligrapher-artist Miss Jan Ede, while Mrs. Hall herself was given a floral tribute from library members.

Pender Library is entirely an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. The symphony concert was the latest event to be organized as part of its highly successful Outreach lecture and special events program, and the last for this year. The full spring program is to be announced shortly.

Orchestra manager Steve Smith said the VSO has now received an invitation to present a concert on Salt Spring Island, possibly March. "Pender," he said, "seems to have started something."

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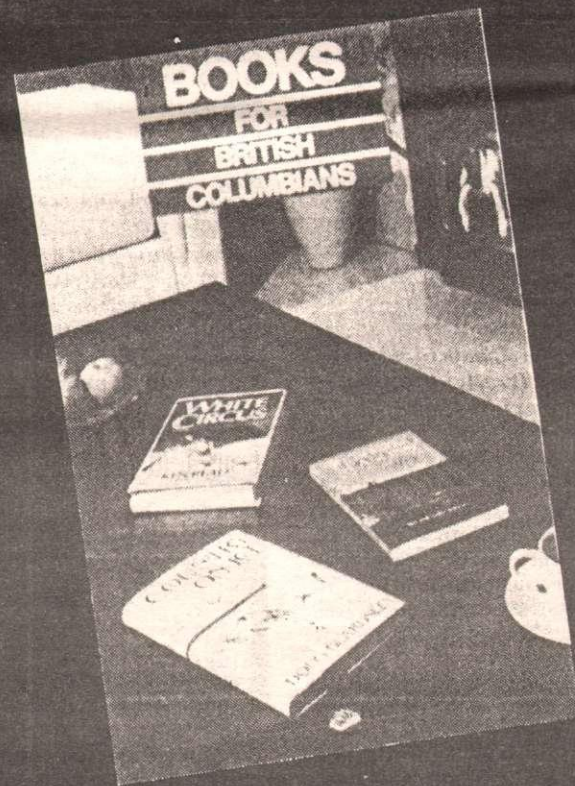
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Fire hazard still a concern on Galiano

By KATHLYN AND BASIL BENDER

Although the rains have started and fires in enclosed domestic incinerators are permitted, the risk of fire is still considerable. The ground is still very dry a few inches below the surface. Decayed tree roots make excellent conduits for fire to move considerable distances below ground and break to the surface days later and yards away. Chimneys unused for months may catch fire if a roaring fire is lit.

Last Monday South Galiano Fire Chief Chester Williams visited the school to show films on fire safety and to speak to the children. Later he addressed the members of the baby-sitting course being taught by Kirsten Gaylor. He stressed that each occupant of a house should co-operate in devising an escape plan should there be a house fire. Every member of the family must be involved, familiar with every possible escape route and able to follow these even in darkness or smoke. Each room should have two escape routes even if one is a window. Baby-sitters must know the escape plan for the house where they are baby-sitting.

On leaving a room, the door should be closed. Before opening a door test the surface by placing your hand on the door. If it is hot seek another route or, if there is one, open the door very cautiously. As smoke and poisonous gas rise it may be necessary to crawl so as to breathe the air close to the floor. If smoke and fumes are very dense, cover the mouth and nose with a dampened cloth.

Practice frequently the escape routes and thus minimize the risk of panic in the event of a real emergency. Never return to a burning building once outside — not even for a cherished pet or valuables. The first duty on escaping from the building is to call the Fire Department — 539-2122, a number which should be posted on or near every Galiano telephone, together with the emergency numbers for ambulance and police. The caller should identify himself and state the location of the fire by reporting the road name and the name of the property owner. As there are no street numbers, property owners are advised to have their name displayed at the head of their drive. This will reduce the response time of the Fire Department. Fire protection is the duty of everyone, particularly in a scattered community such as Galiano.

Winners

One of the most popular fund-raising devices is the raffle. The pre-Christmas season produces a glut of these. Winners at the Weavers and Spinners Sale were: heritage doll, Janet Sutherland; stole, Peggy Sellars. On November 14 at the Ladies Service Club Bazaar, winners were: turkey, Lisa Anthony; hampers, Dora Jones and Shirley Coulter; Christmas cake, Dorothy Ross.

Thrift Shop

At the AGM of St. Margaret's of Scotland Thrift Shop held on Tuesday, November 10, the new executive was named: president, Florence Wike; vice-president, Mary Harding; secretary,

Marguerite McIntosh; treasurer, Marian Michelson; and publicity, Ena Hooley. Donations were made to St. Margaret's Church, the Salvation Army, Oxfam, the Victoria Mustard Seed Food Bank, Tools for Peace in Nicaragua, the U.S.C. and the Anglican Church Army's program for 'street kids'.

Past president Mary Reader wishes to thank all Galiano residents and their visitors for their donations of good, clean, used clothing and household items. Their generosity has helped the less fortunate in many ways. Thanks also to the tireless help of that dedicated group of volunteers who man the Thrift Shop every Friday and Saturday. During the Christmas season the shop will be closed from December 20 to January 8.

Remembrance Day

Nearly 100 residents of Galiano gathered at the Golf Club on November 11 to take part in a Service of Remembrance conducted by members of the Canadian Legion. The age of the participants and the medals worn showed that most of the veterans were from the Second World War, but the service was ably conducted by 'young' Jim Ripley, veteran of the Korean War, and island postmaster.

Although there were many ladies present, none could be found to take part in the service and give the address. That women played a significant role in Canada's wars is acknowledged, but perhaps not sufficiently stressed. Women may not have suffered the casualties that men did, but the psychological traumas of separation and loss of loved ones can be just as devastating.

For those who served and survived, or waited and hoped, the passage of the years does not dim the sorrow nor the anger at man's folly, evoked by the haunting bugle call *Last Post* and the recitation of "They shall not grow old...."

Coming Events

The Galiano Island Trust Committee will meet at 1:30 pm in the South Community Hall on Thursday, November 19. For most readers this is **today!**
 • This Saturday, November 21, the North Galiano Craft Fair will be

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held from 1 until 3:30 pm in the North Community Hall, while in the South Galiano Fire Hall the Women's Auxiliary will be holding their monthly Book Sale from 2 to 4 pm. In the evening at 8 pm. Walter Z. Armstrong plays flute and clarinet in a Jazz Concert at the South Community Hall.

• On Sunday, November 22, Rev. Stuart McLeod will lead a United Church service at St. Margaret's beginning at 11 am.

• Those who have booked podiatrist appointments are reminded that Dr. Brian Inglis will be holding a foot-clinic at Page Drive Lounge next Tuesday, November 24.

• There will be an Altar Guild 'brown bag lunch' followed by a meeting Wednesday, November 26 at 12:30 pm in the Meeting Room at the Activity Centre.

• The fourth annual Christmas Tea organized by the Galiano Parents Advisory Committee will take place in the South Community Hall on Wednesday, December 9 between 12:30 and 3 pm. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, November 27, at the Corner Store and Burrill Brothers.

• The Gulf Islands Branch of the Historical Federation will meet in Galiano School on Thursday, December 3, as soon as possible after the 5:45 pm ferry arrives at Sturdies Bay bringing members from the other Outer Islands.

Acupuncture

Just over two years ago the Bengers returned from six months living in Zhengzhou in North Central China and off the beaten tourist track. As employees of the Yellow River Conservancy Commission, we were entitled to free medical treatment. This was available only in the commission's hospital, as there were no private doctors' offices. At this hospital a choice could be made between Western medicine or the traditional Chinese methods with emphasis on herbal medicines. There were parallel lines of staff and close co-operation between the two disciplines. One of us, interested in growing and using

herbs, tried to find out all she could about the connection between Western herbal medicine and the traditional use of herbs by the Chinese, and in doing so made friends with many doctors and nurses, both Western and traditional. A special interest was the Acupuncture Department at the hospital, visited many times.

Simply put, acupuncture is the use of small needles to stimulate points that correspond to the body's nervous system. Accepted medical theory in the West is that this stimulation leads to the release of **endorphins**, the body's natural 'well-being' chemical (also responsible for the good feeling that results from vigorous exercise). Classical acupuncturists, not all of whom are Chinese, believe that acupuncture is a complex, holistic art involving ancient Chinese concepts, for example the inter-balance of yin and yang — the feminine and masculine parts of one's personality.

In the West medical doctors, dentists and physiotherapists are increasingly looking upon it as a science that can be used to alleviate certain symptoms, for example pain such as occurs with chronic arthritis and migraine. Classical acupuncturists go further and list it as a help for allergies, asthma and high blood pressure.

Last weekend Dr. Maurice Yen, a Chinese traditional physician and acupuncturist from Vancouver visited Galiano. Dr. Yen, who left Shanghai seven years ago as a fully qualified doctor and endocrinologist, is now a

Canadian citizen who has applied to practise here, but has not so far been granted a licence. He is willing to give Galiano people the benefit of his considerable experience and expertise by holding a weekend clinic here on a two or four week schedule if they so wish. For details phone Mithra at 2887 or 5084.

Pre-school

The Galiano pre-school has started up again under the creative and enthusiastic leadership of Pam Welch. Parents of the 17 students pay fees for the twice-weekly sessions. However, as is usual with Canadian educational institutions, there is a shortage of funds and the school operates with a deficit. Public support is sought for the school's fund-raising efforts. The pre-school is now registered as a non-profit society. Donations of money, toys and equipment will be gratefully received. Please contact president Jocelyn Bourque (2157), teacher Pam Welch (2860), or come to one of the sessions of the school held in the cottage on Manzanita Road behind Burrill Bros.



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Here are the facts:

- Yes!** ★ The government *has* committed over half of the requested Lottery Grant; voter support will assist us in securing the remainder of the \$400,000. We have *NOT* been denied the grant as headlines implied.
- Yes!** ★ The referendum will authorize a gross residential property tax increase of up to 78¢/\$1000 of assessment. Depending on actual operating costs for the pool, this figure could be *LESS* than 78¢ but *NO GREATER* without a second referendum.
- Yes!** ★ We are proposing a *financial package* consisting of three parts: lottery grant, community fund-raising and taxes. Your taxes will *NOT* be used to cover shortfalls in either of the other two parts of the \$1.3 million package. Your taxes will not be automatically increased to cover future rising costs: a *SECOND* referendum will be necessary to authorize any increase over the 78¢.
- Yes!** ★ You can vote if • you are a Canadian citizen and • 19 years of age or over and • resident of Salt Spring for the preceding 3 months, B.C. for the past 6 months, and Canada for the past 12 months — *OR* • You meet the above qualifications except for residency and you own property on Salt Spring.
- Yes!** ★ You can vote at • Central Hall, • Salt Spring Elementary School and • Fulford Hall.
- Yes!** ★ You can vote from 8 am to 8 pm.
- Yes!** ★ You can phone us at 537-2618 for a ride to the poll this Saturday.
- Yes!** ★ You *can* vote if your name does not appear on the voters' list. If you qualify according to the above-cited requirements, you can present identification and be sworn in at the polling station.
- Yes!** ★ The pool water will be *ozonated* with minimal chlorine levels, resulting in reduced chemical costs.
- Yes!** ★ The Brinkworthy residents will have *some access* free of charge to the pool; at the same time, the public will not be denied admission in favour of those residents.
- Yes!** ★ *Seniors* will have *special privileges*: lower rates and preferred hours.
- Yes!** ★ The pool is *designed* with *seniors* and *disabled* in mind: double railings allow wheelchair or walking access into swimming depth and shallow steps are to be built into the whirlpool.
- Yes!** ★ The pool will be serviced by the community sewer to the site.
- Yes!** ★ The pool site at Brinkworthy will *belong to the CRD* and will *not be subject to land taxes* once the donation has been made official.
- Yes!** ★ We have applied for permission to hook up the facility to the North Salt Spring Waterworks service.
- Yes!** ★ Adequate *parking* will be provided on the Hydro easement.
- Yes!** ★ Salt Spring has a sufficient population (over 6,000) and tax base (over \$300,000,000) to support the pool.
- Yes!** ★ The island indicated strongly in the 1986 survey that the pool was a *RECREATION PRIORITY*.
- Yes!** ★ The leisure pool concept has been tried and proven successful in other B.C. communities of our size. A leisure pool is a *WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT*, and a pool for *EVERYONE*.

FEASIBILITY STUDY SALT SPRING ISLAND LEISURE POOL OPERATING COSTS & REVENUES PROJECTIONS

OPERATING COSTS

1. SALARIES AND WAGES	
1 x Recreation Director/ Pool Manager	\$26,000
2 x Senior Aquatic Staff @ \$19,500	39,000
1 x Senior Cashier/ Receptionist/ Secretary @ \$19,500	19,500
Aquatic Instructors (part-time)	33,150
Numerous part-time staff for a total of 7,680 hours @ average \$7.50/hour	57,600
Benefits & payroll costs @ 15%	26,300
TOTAL (approx.)	\$201,000
2. Utilities (hydro and oil)	
3. Water, sewer and garbage	5,000
4. Office, program & building supplies	10,000
5. Concession supplies	10,000
6. Chemicals	10,000
7. Insurance	8,000
8. Repairs and maintenance	10,000
9. CRD administration	5,000
10. Telephone	2,000
11. Advertising and tickets	3,000
12. Annual capital upgrading	4,000
13. Miscellaneous	2,000
TOTAL	\$310,000

REVENUES

1. Admissions: 70,000 @ average \$1.75	\$122,500
2. Lesson Fees: 1,250 @ average \$20	25,000
3. School Program: 200 hours @ \$50/hour	10,000
4. Concession: 150% return on costs	15,000
5. Rentals: Swim Club, Hawaiian Nights, Birthday Parties, Private Groups	5,000
6. Coin Lockers	5,000
TOTAL	\$182,500
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$310,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$182,500
NET ANNUAL OPERATING COST	\$127,500
10% OPERATING CUSHION	\$12,500
TOTAL	\$140,000
ANNUAL DEBT PAYMENT	\$121,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL COST OF FUNCTION ...	\$261,000

What will the ballot say?

"Are you in favour of the Board of the Capital Regional District adopting By-law No. 1567, cited as "Salt Spring Island Swimming Pool Facility Specified Area Establishment and Loan Authorization By-law No. 1, 1987" authorizing the District to levy up to \$261,000.00 annually for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a swimming pool and related facilities?"

Yes

No

CHECK THE FACTS: the answer to the Pool Question is YES.

**November 21 is OUR CHANCE FOR A
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