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## Pool question defeated in strong voter turnout

Salt Spring won't be getting a public swimming pool — at least not in the near future.

In Saturday's referendum, island residents voted against accepting a tax increase for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a \$1.3 million leisure pool. More than 59 per cent of Salt Spring's eligible voters indicated at the polls that they do not

favour the proposal at this time.

Approximately 70 per cent of the island's eligible voters cast ballots in the referendum. A total of 1,621 residents voted against the proposal, while 1,113 voted in favour of it.

Nay votes out-numbered Yays at all three island polling stations.

At Fulford, 199 residents cast ballots in favour of the proposal,

while 271 voted against. Of the 1,030 islanders who voted at Salt Spring Elementary School, 601 were opposed to the pool tax levy, while 429 supported it. At Central Hall, 675 residents voted against the proposal, while 411 supported it. Balloting was close in the advance poll, where the number of Yays and Nay votes both totalled 74.

Pool society officials, many of whom devoted nearly two years of effort developing the pool proposal, expressed disappointment at the results of Saturday's referendum. However, a spokesman for the group indicated that she was pleased so many islanders had turned out to cast their ballots.

"Yes, we're disappointed," Wendy Vine, president of the

pool society, said Monday. "However, we've always said that it was a case of each individual having to weigh it, and determine if it (the proposal tax increase) is worth it to him or her."

Vine said she is convinced that there exists a "core" of people who, though not vocal opponents

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## Road crews supported by local petition

Two Salt Spring residents are circulating a petition calling on the provincial government to retain direct control over road maintenance operations on the island.

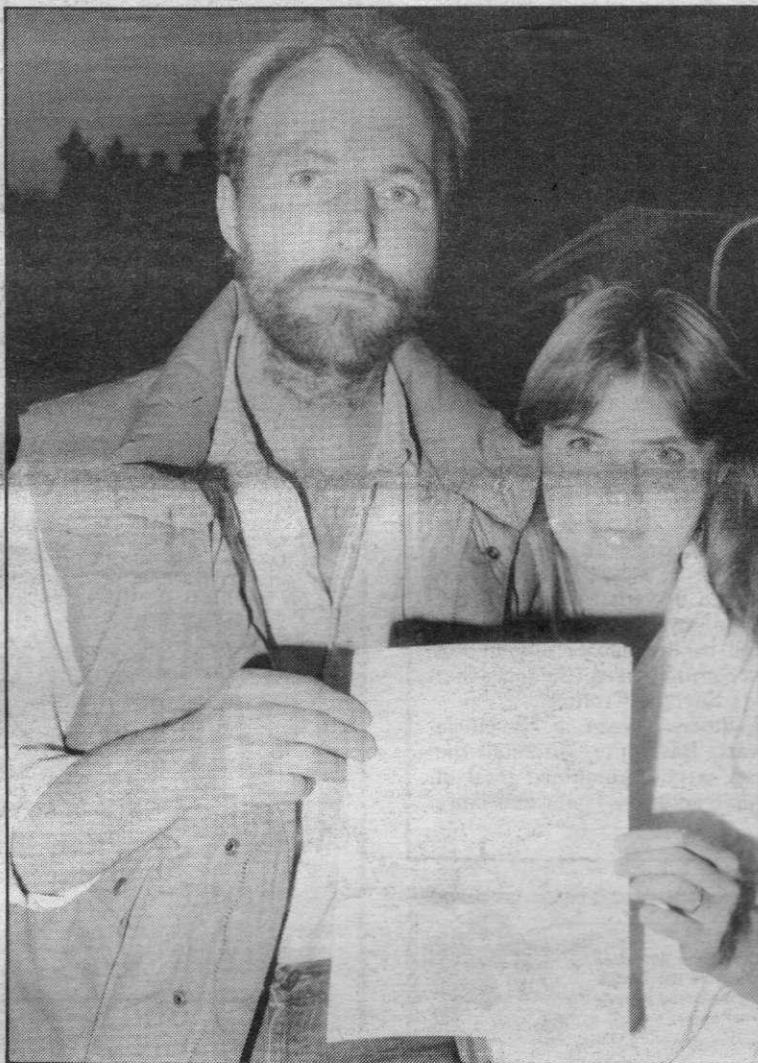
Andrew and Caroline Hickman want the provincial government to reconsider its decision to sell off road maintenance operations in British Columbia — particularly those in the Gulf Islands.

They hope their petition, a copy of which is posted in the Continuing Education Centre in Mouat's Mall, will garner enough local support to convince provincial officials that the jobs of Gulf Islands highways employees should not be privatized.

The Hickmans said last week they are convinced Premier Bill Vander Zalm's plan to privatize road and bridge maintenance operations will not benefit the community.

"We want them (government officials) to maintain the status quo," said Andrew, who has 20 years of experience in road maintenance work and once worked for the ministry. "If they want to fine-tune things, cut wastage, that's fine. After all, I pay a lot of taxes, too. But I know that it

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Andrew and Caroline Hickman with a copy of their petition to Premier Bill Vander Zalm. The Hickmans want the Premier to reconsider his decision to privatize ministry of highways road and bridge maintenance operation in the Gulf Islands.

## Vesuvius-Crofton link to return in December

Work at the Crofton dock is on schedule and will be completed sometime during the week of December 7, B.C. Ferry Corporation spokesman Betty Nicholson said Thursday.

Nicholson said the corporation is convinced the dock — which sustained serious damage in a July 24 fire — will be back in service by early December.

"The thing is, it could be December 7, December 8 or any day that week," she added. "But it will be ready by then."

Pacific Piledriving of Sidney was awarded the contract to repair the Crofton dock. After some initial difficulties in obtaining materials and a specialized crane, the company has made great progress on the repair work.

## Planning process draws criticism of corporation

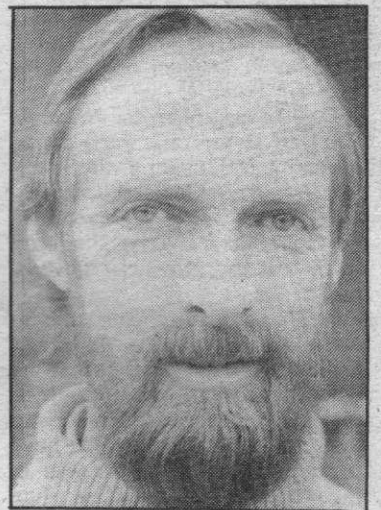
It is imperative that the B.C. Ferry Corporation allow locally-elected officials more say in major ferry schedule and route changes, Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert told residents at meeting here November 16.

Gilbert, who spoke briefly November 16 on the ferry corporation's proposal to build a new terminal at Isabella Point, indicated that the Trust is "frustrated" by the ferry corporation's failure to consult with governing bodies on matter relating to ferry service.

"Traditionally, there has been no consultation with the Trust by the ferry corporation," he stated. "The Trust has been on the islands for 13 years, and put hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours into creating community plans and zoning bylaws. Extreme care has to be taken in making these plans, and we're in a situation where the work that Trust members have spent a lot of their lives on can be upset by one backroom decision by the ferry corporation."

Gilbert said he sees "no reason" why BCFC executives and those in the ministry of highways can't work through the islands' locally-elected representatives. "These are people who are ready and willing to consider these matters, but the government has seen fit not to discuss these things with us."

Gilbert stressed that location of a new terminal at Isabella Point



Nick Gilbert

— or any other major proposal — could have a serious impact on planning as well as the local economy.

Community leaders attending the meeting, and the Salt Spring Transportation Committee, agreed with Gilbert's assessment of the situation and the fact that BCFC must allow islanders input into decisions relating to ferry service.

Island resident Tom Toynbee indicated he also feels BCFC should consult the Trust on matters relating to ferry service. The corporation's proposal to build a new terminal at Isabella Point — and eliminate the Long Harbour and Fulford Harbour

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### Craft sale

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### Go for it!

The Salt Spring Flames earned a 5-2 win over Esquimalt Inn on Sunday. Page 18.

# Voters turn down pool referendum

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of the pool, were unwilling to support it. She added that other factors — such as uncertainty over school taxes, and North Salt Spring Waterworks' moratorium on the supply of water to uncommitted developments — played a role in convincing islanders not to support the proposal.

"There was a core of people, I think, that we were never going to convince — no matter what information we gave them," she said. "We knew we had opposition, but they weren't really vocal until the end."

Vine said although the pool society's proposal was defeated Saturday, she is proud of the organization and its membership.

"We're proud of what we did, and we don't make any apologies for our campaign or proposal," she continued. "We are still convinced that the design was



People, vehicles crowd polling station

right for Salt Spring Island. We feel we gave it our best shot.

"We made people think, and I'm glad of that. People stood in the rain for a half an hour or more to vote, because they considered it an important issue."

Vine said the pool society still maintains that Salt Spring can

support a leisure pool.

"It's a matter of the island choosing not to afford it, rather than a case of not being able to afford it," she said. "If the island wanted it, it could afford it. It's not a case of couldn't or can't, but won't."

Vine said the pool society has

not yet decided its next move in its campaign to bring a leisure pool to the island.

"As far as where we go from here, we don't really know yet," she said. "People have been speaking to us, giving us ideas, but we will have to assess the situation. This is two decisive No votes in seven years."

Individuals who campaigned openly against the pool, members of the Committee for Sensible Taxation, were happy with the outcome of Saturday's vote.

John Bennett, a vocal opponent of pool proposal, said he was "very pleased" by islanders' decision not to support a leisure pool. He also commented on the large turnout for the vote.

"It was a good turnout," he said. "This represents the will of Salt Spring, not just a few people."

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## Corporation criticized for planning tack

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terminals — is something that ferry corporation officials should be discussing with the Trust, he suggested.

"I do agree that there's something basically wrong with the approach (taken by the ferry corporation)," said Toynbee. "We should be looking at planning on a long-term basis, at the needs of islanders as well as visitors. The Trust should play a major role in this... Let's go back to the drawing board and structure service to meet these needs. In the past, the ferry corporation's tendency has been to create a service, and then have islanders adapt to that service. They've not done it maliciously, but just without forethought."

"We're into major planning here, and the impact is huge," he added. "Planning is directly within the mandate of the Islands Trust. I think we should press the corporation to open negotiations with the Trust."

Dale Lovick, MLA for Nanaimo and New Democratic Party transportation critic, said at the meeting that the B.C. Ferry Corporation's approach to decision-making bears a striking similarity to that of the provincial government.

"This approach Victoria has to decision-making scares me," Lovick said. He added that he recently served on the committee reviewing the Islands Trust, and thought then that he would have such input. "The report was in the process of being written when we discovered announcements were being made about changes in corporation policy. They are now talking about new fees, user fees up in the northern islands, and a link to Gabriola... These decisions are being made ad hoc, in an almost off-hand and unplanned manner."

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has stated that construction of a new terminal at Isabella Point would provide Salt Spring Island with better service. BCFC general manager Rod Morrison has promised that islanders will be consulted fully on the proposal in meetings to be held early in the New Year.

## Ferry fleet placements to change in December

The B.C. Ferry Corporation had some good news for Salt Spring residents last week.

Corporation spokesman Betty Nicholson said Friday the *Bowen Queen* will return to the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay run sometime on December 2 or December 3. The vessel will remain in service there until January 4, when it will relieve the *Mayne Queen* on the Outer Islands run while the latter ferry is undergoing its annual refit.

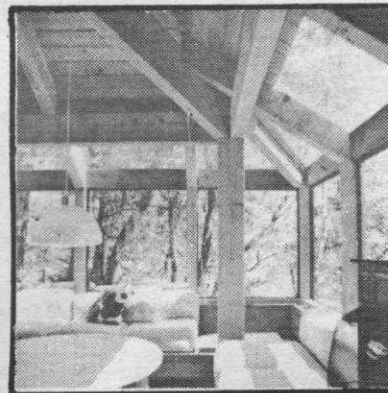
Nicholson said the ferry corporation expects the *Mayne Queen* will be ready to resume operation on the Outer Islands run sometime in late January. The *Bowen Queen*, she said, will likely return to serve Salt Spring on January 22 or January 23 and remain in operation here for the spring and summer.

### Bowen Queen back on route

"The big thing is that the *Bowen Queen* will be back this year in time for people on Salt Spring to do their Christmas shopping," noted Nicholson.

Salt Spring residents have expressed dissatisfaction with the service currently offered between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay. At present, the run is serviced by the former ministry of highways' ferry *Quinitisa* and the *Salt Spring Queen* (the ferry that generally operates between Vesuvius Bay and Crofton).

Islanders would rather have the *Bowen Queen*, a 70-vehicle capacity vessel, on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route. Although the *Quinitisa* and *Salt Spring Queen* can carry a combined total of approximately 90 vehicles, the *Bowen Queen* is a faster and more reliable vessel.



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Please ignore this comment if my obituary should appear next week!

**Honest Joe!**

An excerpt from an advertisement in a Victoria paper: "... this car is in excellent condition and will not last long."

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**Did you know?**

Of course you know what a jitney is: you've probably ridden on one many a time! I bet you didn't know!

A jitney is a nickel, or a five-cent piece. When a Model T Ford went into business in California shortly after the Great War the driver offered rides downtown for "a jitney", or five cents.

The vehicle providing the jitney ride became known for many years as a jitney.

That's about the only link between a jitney stage and a chamber pot. In the days before indoor plumbing when every bedroom, or sleeping chamber, was provided with a pot the fundamental vessel was known as a chamber pot. Within a few decades it had been reduced to "chamber" and millions of users would refer to the pot as a chamber.

The translation was the same kind of adoption by carelessness as the jitney's move into transportation.

**Is it a trend?**

Christmas is coming. But Christmas is going. Like everyone else on this vast continent, I receive innumerable catalogues as Christmas approaches, urging me to buy a specific product or a specific brand or from a specific source. For years such catalogues have made a splash about Christmas and Christmas gifts.

But that was in the past. I read through a catalogue of nearly 100 pages. The word "Christmas" occurred 13 times in display type. It could have been mentioned in the body type but my quick check did not afford me time to count them.

*by richards*

The in-word for merchandisers of vast inventories is "holiday." The reader is invited to buy holiday gifts and to place them beneath the holiday tree..

I assume that the advertiser seeks the sympathy of non-Christians by slurring over the meaning of the season.

Why not give it a number? Every public holiday could be designated by numbers. New Year's Day could be No. 1 Holiday. Then midwinter break could be No. 2, with Good Friday in third place and so on during the year.

That way we could eliminate all traditions and settle down to a merchandising calendar to please everyone.

Except me. I'll just wish you a Merry Holiday No. 15 and Happy New No. 1.

**Averaging out**

Driving through Ganges the other night I met a driver who scorned dim lights. He compromised. He drove with three headlights burning and thus avoided blinding anybody moving in the opposite direction.

Within minutes I met the driver who was out to set up the other fellow's average.

He drove with just one headlight, which left them with an average of four headlights between them and that's all the law requires of us.

**Lovely accompaniment!**

I was starting dinner and I decided to hear the news according to the nation's own service.

As I commenced my repast a loud voice explained to me how his preparation would loosen the phlegm in my throat. It was a start, anyway!

I stolidly ate my way through the dinner I had prepared myself when the next announcement went into some interesting details on how an excellent unguent would take the stink out of sweating.

Funny thing, but I wasn't really hungry any more!

**Some tomato!**

It's a long time ago, but a lot of islanders are still happily eating up their accumulated supplies of tomatoes.

Before they accumulated, Ken Farina of Ganges took one of his little tomatoes into a Ganges store and persuaded the staff to weigh it. It weighed in at something better than 3 lbs. And he grew a scad of tomatoes of similar size, he reports.

**Petition drive launched to support road crews**

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(privatizing road maintenance) just won't work."

Although complete details of the privatization program — dubbed *Opportunities B.C.* — have not yet been released, the provincial government has said it will consider proposals from employees wishing to go into business for themselves. Despite this assurance, however, many union officials and B.C. residents are convinced that only large companies will have the financial resources to successfully bid on ministry of highways road maintenance operations.

The Hickmans agree with this assessment, and say the privatization program simply "won't work."

It is unlikely, the Salt Spring couple states, that a large, profit-oriented, off-island construction firm — the organization most likely to obtain a maintenance contract for Gulf Islands roads — will serve islanders as well as the ministry's locally-based employees have in the past.

"When bad weather closes in, our local road crews know where senior citizens who may need a little extra help are located, and as neighbours as well as able representatives of the public service, they always make special efforts to see that these seniors' access to roads and driveways is insured on a priority basis," notes Andrew in the petition. "They are available 24 hours a day to lend a hand when it is most needed."

According to the Hickmans, Salt Spring could suffer economically from the B.C. government's decision to privatize road maintenance as well. They say that in addition to the direct loss of eight ministry of highways' jobs here, island equipment owners who sometimes work for the ministry might also suffer under the privatization program.

Andrew points out that the ministry currently contracts out a lot of work to local equipment owners. After privatization, he said, there is no guarantee this practice will continue.

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**setting it straight**

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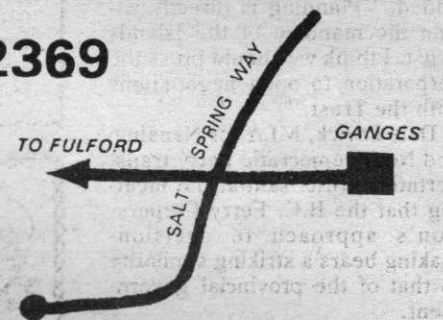
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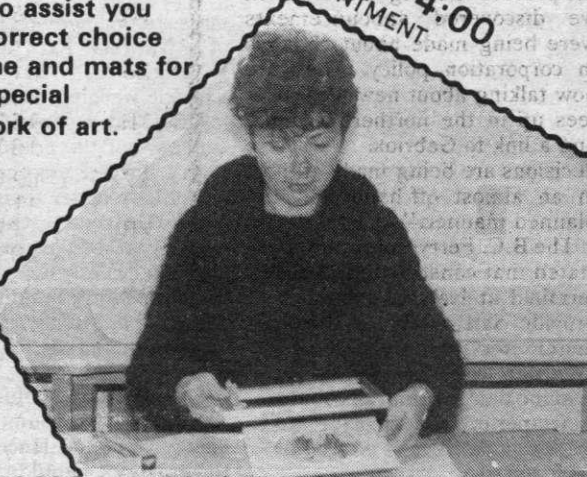
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## Vote result should fuel search for alternatives

Saturday's defeat of a referendum proposal to raise tax dollars for the construction and operation of a swimming pool on Salt Spring Island should not spell the end of efforts to bring such a facility to these shores.

The referendum result, viewed in the context of the high voter turnout it attracted, was that a strong majority of the island electorate is opposed to the levying of tax dollars for building and operating a swimming pool here — especially for the number of dollars spelled out in the question.

But there are other ways to provide swimming pool facilities. For instance, a common thread running through many of the *Letters to the Editor* received by *Driftwood* on the pool proposal

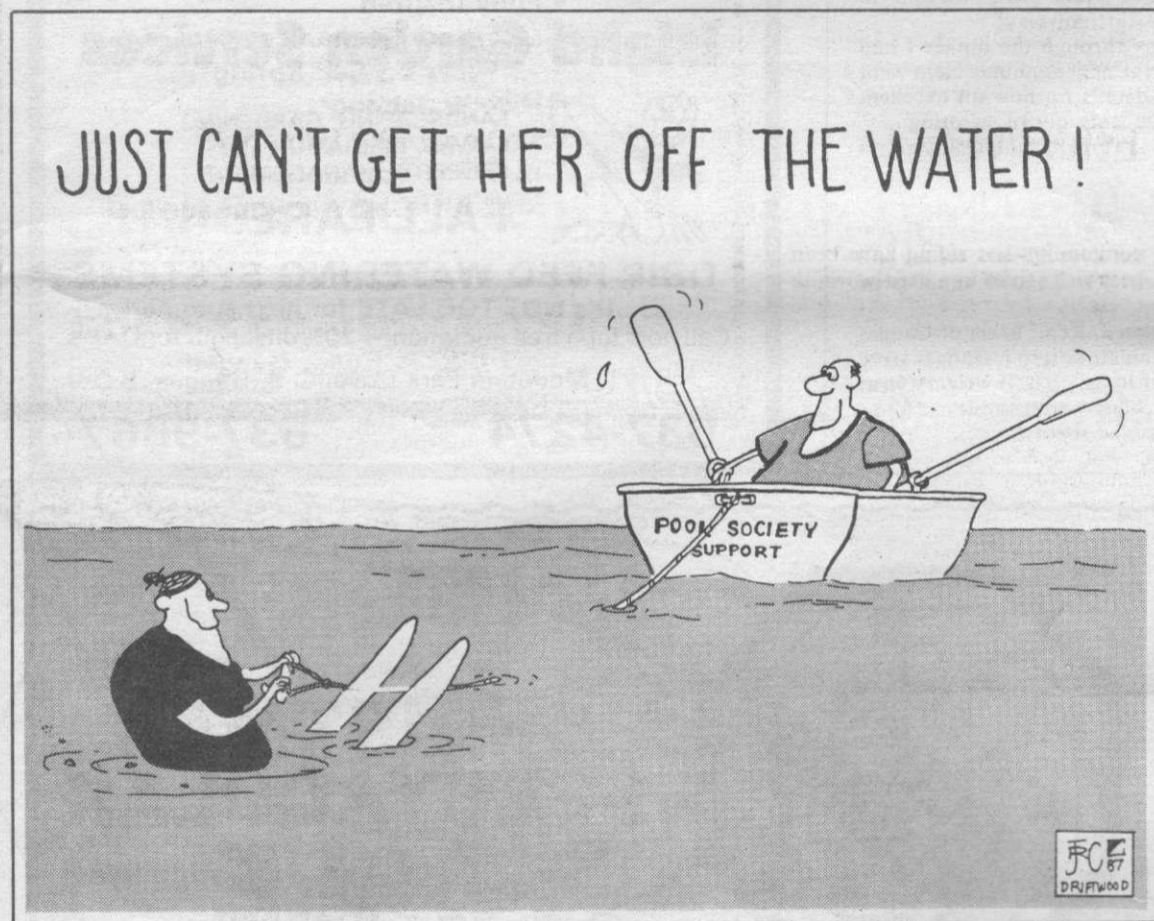
implied that an approach involving tangible community effort might have been a more appropriate way to approach the project. The most notable suggestion was one calling for contributions of volunteer expertise and labour to construct and operate a pool, thereby reducing the amount of money that would have to be raised for a pool through taxation.

That idea and others should now be revived and reconsidered in light of the referendum result. Different concepts and approaches could again be weighed and assessed in hopes that a more acceptable proposal would be forthcoming.

That's right — back to the drawing board. But why not? The Swimming Pool Society is a 2,000-

member body that, in terms of sheer numbers alone, shows there is strong support for its goal. It was a specific proposal aimed at reaching that goal that was shot down by a majority of voters, who said they are opposed to the path to be taken and the cost to be incurred. That does not mean another approach, another proposal, might not succeed.

Any alternatives presented would have to be drawn up in the context of Saturday's referendum result, however. That would seem to mean a pool built and operated at a minimal cost and subject to minimal — if any — tax levy. Not an easy task, but according to our letter writers, not an impossible one, either.



### letters

#### Appropriate

Sir,  
Congratulations to the Steller's Jay, nicknamed "the campground thief," on being voted B.C.'s provincial bird. At last, the provincial government has a representative of the environment which it can do business with.  
**SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,**  
Fulford Harbour.

#### New goals

Sir,  
It feels like winter has arrived on Salt Spring, and judging by the coat on my resident house cat it's going to be a long, cold one. I dislike winter because of the potential for becoming unwillingly shut-in; I am a timid winter driver. In fact, icy and snowy road conditions terrify me.  
My home is on Canal Road, a road with a sharp turn on a hill at either end, and I regularly start work at 6 am at Long Harbour. In winters past, the highways department maintenance crews were obviously up and busy long

before I was, because the roads were salted, sanded and even ploughed before I had to venture out on them. Every winter I was grateful to the highways workers for doing their job, and I'm sure people who caught early-hour ferries off Salt Spring appreciated their efforts as much as I did.

This will be the last winter that highways department employees will keep us all mobile, no matter what the weather. I fear that next winter we all might wish that the highways department still existed on Salt Spring. But by next winter it will be too late.

Privatization results in profit becoming the goal of the operation, with concepts of service often secondary. And if, in the case of the highways maintenance on Salt Spring, a profit is made, where will it be spent? Probably not on Salt Spring. Bill Vander Zalm's decision to sell off the highways maintenance operations could have a long-term negative effect on our Salt Spring community in terms of local economy and mobility.

**CHRISTINE BAINES,**  
Ganges.

## Door-choice quandary bound for tragic resolution

By ANDREW GIBSON

I don't know when I'll depart this earth, but I think I know how and where. I'll drop dead from a heart attack at the open door of a ladies' washroom.

Let me explain. My generation was brought up to have a horror of admitting to the possession of any natural functions. We apparently hoped that we could thereby pose as human epiphytes, sustained by air. We still use the old euphemisms — when we're asked if we want to wash our hands we seldom look at them and announce they are perfectly clean. Nor are there large quantities of powder in powder rooms.

This prudery is on its way out, but it lingers for many in my age group. Not long ago I was part of a

mass stampede by older males out of a National Park washroom in Alberta, when it was invaded without warning by a phlegmatic female cleaning crew. Thereafter I kept one of the grandchildren on sentry duty. I am therefore only marginally better than when, as a 10-year-old at the Toronto Exhibition with my sisters and girl cousins, I nearly did my plumbing a serious injury because I couldn't divulge that I badly needed to ... er ... wash my hands.

I am terrified of blundering into the wrong washroom, and my air of studied nonchalance as I saunter towards one wouldn't deceive a child. In fact, I have several times heard children remark to each other, "That guy's air of studied

### guest column

nonchalance looks suspicious, wouldn't you say?"

Being at the best of times somewhat absent-minded, I know that I am a prime candidate for such a mishap, so when I reach the door, I scrutinize it with the intensity of a laser probe. Even on the few occasions when its sign shouts **MEN** in big bold letters, I look to see if some wag has obliterated the **WO** in front. If not, I enter, cautiously.

If I'm so careful, what's the problem? It's this compulsion in the designers of washroom artifacts to avoid simple words, in either official language, proclaiming human gender. They're all picture freaks. They have a passion for pictographs, which wouldn't be so bad were the representations unmistakably either male or female, perhaps silhouettes of Mr. Universe and Dolly Parton. But no, they've got to dress them up, a skirt for women, pants for men.

That's useless these days. Pants are now unisex. A spaced-out male may interpret the image as a lady in a pantsuit, and opt for the other door, with possibly fatal results. And a preoccupied Highlander

may find himself in the wrong place, sporan, bagpipes and all. For travellers, the skirts-pants pictures are even less reliable, especially in the Mediterranean.

Even if the genders are spelled out, there are problems. Some of the words are so cute that they are understandable only to initiates — toros and vacas, rams and ewes, colts and fillies, jacks and jennies. These are found mostly in taverns. Who, after a few drinks, needs this? One is reduced to loitering about until somebody up on fauna nomenclature can be followed.

My luck has held — until now. But it's going to run out. I know it. One day I'll absentmindedly open the door to the wrong head. It'll be the Gorgon's head. And I'll turn to stone.

more letters

Delights

Sir,  
As a newcomer to Salt Spring one year ago, I rejoiced in many of the fragile delights which attract and sustain the cheerful populace of this place: the countrification of it, the beauty, the gentle air of the superannuated hippies, the giddy delights of Social Credit government, the quaint ferry service. But there was one quality which went straight to the core and set Salt Spring above all other places. It was the kind of place where people took their grocery buggies back to the store.

Imagine my moral nostalgia, the upwelling of faith in my newfound fellow citizenry, when I saw that Salt Springers routinely and innocently kept their island unbuggied. I was brought up to return buggies. My parents did it, everyone around us did it. Then, my fellow Canadians descended, buggy by buggy, into the lower realms of TV addiction, urban violence, jogging and indifference to their fellow man.

I was not quick enough to act when the rot set in last summer. I reasoned it must be the tourists who were littering the place with buggies. Why fight them? The uncluttered life would return in September. The inner man and his fellow Salt Spring communicants could once more contemplate uncluttered parking beginning at Mouat's water tap, rolling gently down to the Post Office, thence clear half-way up to Glad's Ice Cream parlour in an undulating rhythm of empty simplicity (I'm a prairie boy, myself). But this has not happened.

What kind of person leaves a grocery buggy in the parking lot, fastidiously placed at the corner of a parking space so as not really to be in the way, but thereby blocking four parking spaces? Is this the kind of person who would vote for or against the pool? Does this person floss daily? I doubt it. And we all know where that leads — either to having a pool or not having a pool, and then where will we be? Should such people be tested for AIDS? Is the presence and growing influence of this inferior class on Salt Spring an indication that the Ferry Corporation will take over Isabella Point, and MacBlo will decide that we are after all log-able? Can free trade be far behind? Is it too late to save Salt Spring?

Think about it. Dare to imagine. Salt Spring could still be the kind of place where people return grocery buggies to the store.  
**J. D. BORROWMAN,**  
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,  
I would like to say a big thank you to all those people involved in putting on the *Rose Red and Snow White* opera. Without them it would still be languishing in my filing cabinet.

My thanks go first to the Salt Spring Players and Shari Lomas, then the two stalwart directors (music and choreographers — Willo Stevenson and Bea Salmon) who licked it all into shape. Then of course, the players themselves who did a tremendous job, in particular the two girls, Rose Red and Snow White. The energetic dwarves under their leader Dominic (my "five-foot-dwarf", I called him), the "creatures" who spent a lot of their time in the wings listening for their musical cues, the lumbering ol' Bear who, so mysteriously turns into the feckless Father who left his

wife so cru-e-lly, all alone ... but most of all the people I am always most conscious of, the backstage crew under the able Don Kreye — Dana, Chuck and Chris. A nice thought, Murray, as lighting man, could have plunged us into stygian gloom if he so felt like it!

And I can't sew (won't?) so I am always in awe of our costumiers. They did such a grand job and finally the Rumsey team with their hammers and saw and paint work. Did I forget the paint job done by the make-up artists? That must have been quite an effort, painting and making up those wriggling and excited tads.

I sometimes wish I was a plain old artist who can hang up the finished article after work and step back and admire it. It appears I need at least half a hundred people to see and hear whatever it is I have been working on so long. Oh well, Berloiz needed 10 times more people so I shouldn't complain.

I love Salt Spring and Salt Spring's people. They are willing to take a chance and try out new things. Lucky for me. Is this the place to mention I have two more singing plays that would be fun to do?

**JOAN RAESIDE,**  
Ganges.

Exchange

Sir,  
Apparently another great cultural exchange is on the agenda for China, not too far into the future.

The Chinese army, two years ago, was 150 million strong. The program has it that "an army of 200 million called the yellow peril" moves into the Middle East. That could explain why "the blood will be up to the horses' bellies". But that's only prophecy and we know better don't we?

**TERRY GRAHAM,**  
Salt Spring Island.

Onslaughts

Sir,  
In spite of the bonanza of the seniors' health care premiums in this province (Ontario, for one, makes all health services available to seniors free of charge),

onslaughts on the system continue. We've heard of the kids who have to go out of province for treatment of leukemia, of the women who have to wait up to four weeks for a breast biopsy, of the closing of some emergency facilities. Now it is revealed that patients requiring heart surgery are waiting, at considerable risk, for months for their operation.

We, as taxpayers, have the right to ask, "where is the money going?" Why, in the province with the largest population of seniors, all contributing regular premiums, cannot the health ministry give us better service? May we not demand an explanation of this sorry state of affairs, in which we pay more and get less? For starters, how about instituting better working conditions and pay in order to keep our nurses?

**ELIZABETH GIBSON,**  
Ganges.

Success

Sir,  
We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Ellen Bennet for organizing and co-ordinating the Rod and Gun Club's annual wild game dinner and dance. Again, without her, there would have been no dinner or dance, let alone one as successful as this year.

**SHAREL AND KEN TARA,**  
Ganges.

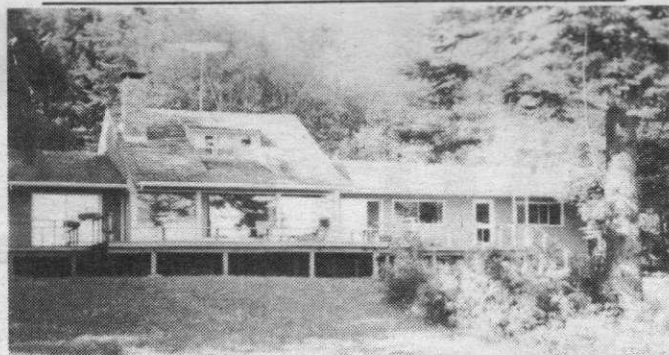
Effective

Sir,  
For the past several years, this community and riding have been very well served by a hard-working socially aware and effective member of parliament.

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## Thank you

Sir,  
Had there been an election for Regional Director, now would be the time for the new incumbent to thank those who supported him or her. It is appropriate for me, then, to thank the people of Salt Spring for what I am assured is satisfaction with what has been done on their behalf.

I look forward to what I feel confident will be a productive three years, despite the present major problems over which, unfortunately, we have too little control. I will continue to lend what influence and support I can, to address our legitimate concerns on these worrying issues.

I wish to pay sincere tribute to the many very dedicated people who devote a great deal of time, energy, wisdom, and often money to our various committees, task forces and commissions. This includes, of course, the two Island Trust representatives whose assistance and co-operation have made my task easier.

Finally, I would thank Kevin Bell who had agreed to direct my campaign again. It is difficult to know whether Kevin or myself was the more relieved when a campaign failed to materialize.

For the last two years I have had the tremendous good fortune to have Ron McQuiggan as the Salt Spring Island alternate director. I have tremendous confidence in him, and so, incidentally, does the Regional Board. Unlike many alternates who attend the board meetings from time to time, Ron is always prepared to make decisions after a study of the material supplied to the directors prior to meetings. Several months ago, once I had decided to present myself for re-election, I asked Ron if he would be prepared to continue as alternate director. He agreed, much to my relief and pleasure. Thank you, Ron.  
**DR. HUGH BORSMAN,**  
Regional Director,  
Ganges.

## Settled

Sir,  
At this time I would like to thank all the people of Salt Spring who supported me in my anti-pool campaign. Special thanks to Norman Best and to my wife, Ellen Bennett, both of whom came into the fray with a great deal of knowledge, experience and energy.

Thanks to Michael and Carol Simpson for their untiring efforts in typing my letters, computer work and etc., etc.

Thanks also to everyone who

worked for the cause, folding flyers, erecting and dismantling signs and scrutineering on voting day. Also, thanks to those who let me put up signs on their property and etc., etc.

Special thanks to all of the people who telephoned their support and sent, and are sending, donations to help defray the expenses incurred throughout the campaign.

Thank you, *Driftwood*, for printing all of my letters. Sometimes I handed them in with my tongue in my cheek!

Now that the issue is decisively settled, I hope that we can get back to living our lives and friends can be friends again and all the arguments "pro and con" can be put behind us.

On behalf of the Committee for Sensible Taxation, I thank everyone again.

**J. BENNETT,**  
Ganges.

## Concerns

Sir,  
I feel I must write to express some real concerns after attending the public meeting with the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee, to which B.C. Ferries' representatives and MLAs Terry Huberts and Mel Couvelier were invited on November 16, 1987.

I am extremely opposed to the destruction of Long Harbour Terminal (Route 9) and Fulford Harbour, and the establishment of a new terminal at Isabella Point, as documented in your front page article of October 21, 1987.

Futhermore, if those in attendance at the November 16 meeting can be seen as a reasonable cross-section of our population, I can safely say that the vast majority of islanders are also vehemently opposed.

The following are points concerning this issue which I feel cannot be stressed enough:

- The economic impact on our community by the withdrawal of \$4.8 million and a (probable) further \$5 to \$6 million in generated incomes from the loss of B.C. Ferry payroll.

- The effect of moving 130 to 150 families off the island in respect to the schools, teachers, hospital, nurses, doctors, dentists, the

## more letters

Volunteer Fire Department, ambulance service and the many social services clubs, as a great number of B.C. Ferry employees are involved in the aforementioned areas.

- Very little information or facts have been forthcoming about the Isabella Point project from our elected representatives or the B.C. Ferry Corporation. Based on compelling information, I believe a decision has been made to continue with this project and unless immediate pressure is brought to bear on our provincial government and MLAs from all sides, we on Salt Spring Island will experience unwarranted economic hardships.

Therefore, I urge you and everyone with all speed, to drop in to your MLAs constituency office, phone and ask to discuss this most important issue and write letters to all concerned. Only political pressure will turn this issue around and keep our economy viable.

**G. MILLS,**  
Ganges.

## Unfair

Sir,  
I was very interested in K. Butler's letter of November 11, as he brings out some very valid and interesting comments. Personally, I would not wish to be "grounded" on Salt Spring Island with no easy way of getting to the mainland or Vancouver Island. I am sure many older residents would find moving the ferry terminal to Isabella Point a great inconvenience.

Also, we consider it very unfair that we are being taxed for water that does not go near the sewer, especially as we were not told that the water consumption in 1986 would affect the amount of our 1987 sewer bill.

**OLIVE E. DAVIES,**  
Ganges.

## Saddened

Sir,  
I am among the many people who are saddened and shocked that Jonna Mattiesing is no longer the administrator at Greenwoods. As a frequent visitor I have seen how caring and compassionate she is to the residents, encouraging them to realize they are individuals of dignity and worth, not just "useless old people". Every morning she took the time to walk around the breakfast tables with a

word or a joke for each person — to her, the residents are family.

This wasn't just a job to Jonna, she really cared about the people she was in charge of, and that care and compassion was generous enough to encompass relatives like myself in their down moments, and all her staff in their good and bad times. She leaves behind her a foundation of caring and striving for the betterment of the residents that will continue to be carried out by the rest of the excellent staff, but she leaves a gap that will never be filled. The lady deserved a far better ending to her work at Greenwoods.

Thank you, Jonna, from so many of us.

**NANCY WRIGHT,**  
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# Fantasy Gardens a Yuletide treat?

VICTORIA — I've always had this nagging feeling that there was something missing in my Christmas celebrations, but not until this year did I find out just what it was that I secretly longed for — a Fantasy Gardens Christmas Dinner and Light Show.

## capital comment

by *hubert beyer*

Now, at long last, courtesy of our faaantastic premier, I can make my Christmas holiday complete, should I choose to do so.

There's still a problem or two, like finding some loose change — \$95, to be exact — and like spending a whole day with several busloads of Socred party members.

Here's the deal. For a mere \$95, you can get on a bus in Victoria, travel to Fantasy Gardens, take in a light show, indulge in a Christmas dinner, and be driven home again by bus.

And to make you feel even warmer all over, the Social Credit Party will throw in an official receipt for \$55 which will count as a straight tax credit because it's a contribution to a political party. How's that for a Christmas present from our premier?

Now, the scheme may be a great holiday diversion for Socreds and those people Premier Vander Zalm wishes were in his fold, but unfortunately it contains the seeds for serious trouble.

Trouble for the premier, that is. In fact, you don't have to stretch your imagination too far to conclude that a demand for the premier's resignation wouldn't be all that outlandish.

The premier's guidelines for conflict of interest are built entirely on the premise that a politician's public business shouldn't be mixed up with his private business. The premier has also repeatedly stressed the importance of perception. If the public perceives a politician to be in a conflict of interest, that's as good as a real conflict. Those are the words of the premier.

Vander Zalm ostensibly feels so strongly about conflicts of interest, perceived or real, that four cabinet ministers had to resign since his government took office a little more than a year ago.

Stephen Rogers resigned as minister of environment because of what Vander Zalm later interpreted as a perceived conflict. For that reason, the premier reinstated him in a different portfolio — energy mines and petroleum resources, which he still holds.

Jack Kempf was forced to resign as forest minister because of sloppy bookkeeping in his office. This time, the premier didn't relent. Kempf was out and stayed out.

Next was Stan Hagen, minister of advanced education and job training. Hagen resigned last July when it was found out that

his firm, a cement company, had been doing business with the University of British Columbia. When an inquiry revealed that he had not been entirely to blame, and that he had not derived any personal benefits from his company's transactions with UBC, the premier allowed him back into his cabinet.

The latest episode in the conflict-of-interest soap opera came when a long-standing Socred supporter squealed on Cliff Michael, up to that point the minister of transportation and highways. Michael, according to the stool pigeon, had tried to sell a number of recreational lots he owns at Shuswap Lake to a company with which he was dealing as minister. Faster than you can say Fantasy Gardens, Michael was forced to pack his bags and vacate the ministerial offices.

That's all fine and dandy. The premier is to be applauded for his uncompromising attitude towards conflicts of interest. Which brings us to his conflict — the \$95 junket to his fairy land.

If it was just the trip to Fantasy Gardens, there'd be nothing wrong with it. If his wife Lillian, who runs the show, can entice good British Columbians to visit Fantasy Gardens, good for her. But to link that little excursion with a party fund-raiser is unacceptable. It is a clear conflict of interest.

Presumably, the trip portion of the \$95 total is assumed to be \$40, with the remaining \$55 going into Socred party coffers. That's why the tax receipt is only for \$55, not for the total. That still leaves the premier open, however, to conflict of interest charges.

Here are the simple facts: The premier's business, Fantasy Gardens, is used as a tool to raise funds for his party. Result: Vander Zalm makes a profit, and all the Alices visiting his Wonderland make a profit by saving \$55 on their next tax bill, a saving which not only pays for the trip but leaves the participants with \$15 cash in their pockets. A neat scheme.

The question is: who will sit in judgment of the man who has, until now, acted as sole judge and jury of his peers? Don't hold your breath for the premier's resignation, but remember his double-standard next time he hands down stone tablets.

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# Union critical of Isabella Point plan

Salt Spring could suffer both economically and socially if the B.C. Ferry Corporation eliminates its Long Harbour terminal, a spokesman for local members of the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union told islanders at a meeting November 16.

Cliff Carey, a ferry worker and chairman of the union's Salt Spring committee, said the island could lose just under \$5 million in gross wages if the ferry corporation proceeds with its plan to replace the Long Harbour and Fulford Harbour terminals with a new facility at Isabella Point.

B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC) executives have suggested that the creation of the new terminal could provide Salt Spring with improved service to Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. They have indicated the corporation would try to find jobs at Swartz Bay for all displaced employees — and thus enable Salt Spring ferry workers to live on the island and commute to work each day.

Carey said, however, that if the ferry corporation transfers the jobs of its Long Harbour employees to Swartz Bay, most island ferry workers will likely move there as well.

"If they get rid of Long Harbour, it will mean the loss of 105 regular employees and 54 casual employees, gross income of \$4,820,400 per year," he said. "That doesn't include overtime, and it does not speak to benefits. The loss of these jobs would have a severe impact on the island's economy, Carey said.

"Those 159 people have 95 children in local schools," he continued. "The information we have received from the school board suggests that could mean the loss of between four and five teachers with an average salary of between \$36,000 and \$37,000 each.

"Of those 159 people, we have 50 spouses working in the community. We're not sure how much they make."

Elimination of the Long Harbour terminal and the island's

## Worker says loss of terminal would hurt

direct run to the Lower Mainland would do more than impact the local economy, according to Carey. He pointed out that many ferry employees also play a key role in community life.

"What role do ferry workers have?" he said. "You have a ferry worker as a school trustee. You have ferry workers on the hospital board, and serving as trustees of the fire district. At Portlock Park each weekend you have ferry workers' children playing soccer, and ferry workers coaching local teams. One-quarter of the volunteers on the fire department are ferry workers. The sailing club was in part started by ferry workers."

He pointed out that islanders

employed by the ferry corporation are also contributors to United Way, and this year donated \$12,000 to the service organization. BCFC's employees on Salt Spring are also members of the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club and the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club.

Carey said that he did not want to move from the island, nor did most of his fellow employees. He said he felt islanders were being misled by the ferry corporation on the Isabella Point proposal.

"The 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 terminals are eliminated," he indicated.

"We (employees) don't see it as necessary.

Executive officers of the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union agree with Carey's assessment of the Isabella Point proposal.

Paddy Bradley, a vice-president of the union, said last week the labour organization "strongly opposes elimination of the Long Harbour terminal and the mainland run because of the devastating effect it will have on its members and the community.

Bradley confirmed Carey's statement that he has seen a BCFC document listing the Isabella Point terminal as five per cent complete, even though BCFC officials have indicated the

proposal is still under consideration.

"I haven't seen it (the document) myself, but I have heard about it," she said. "When we're talking about five per cent complete, we're probably just dealing with feasibility studies and that type of thing. However, the fact that they list Isabella Point as a terminal in progress seems significant. After all, they are saying publicly they're just looking at it. But when they list Isabella Point as five per cent complete, it kind of makes you feel that the decision (to go ahead with the new terminal) has probably already been made."

Bradley added that the union will do everything it can to fight the proposal and help its members. However, she stressed that Salt Spring residents will have to play a key role in preventing the loss of Long Harbour.

## Late-night runs proposed for Fulford Harbour ferry

Late-night sailings on the B.C. Ferry Corporation's Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route may soon be a reality — at least on weekends.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC) has provided Salt Spring's transportation committee with a proposed schedule for late-night sailings to the island on Saturdays and Sundays.

Under the proposal, the ferry corporation would eliminate one early morning sailing from Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour on each of the days in question, replacing the scheduled morning runs with late-night trips.

If the new schedule is implemented, the first sailing from Fulford Harbour on Saturdays and Sundays would leave at 7:30 am. The last sailing from Swartz Bay would occur at 10:30 pm.

The ferry corporation has not indicated when the new weekend schedule would go into effect.

Nicholson said the ferry corporation does not want to initiate the changes if elimination of the first sailing will inconvenience islanders.

Although residents were told at a transportation committee November 16 that they should contact BCFC employee Bob Anderson at Long Harbour with comments on the proposal schedule, Nicholson now says this is not the case. Islanders, she said, should contact members of the transportation committee if they have any concerns.

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A 40-year-old Salt Spring man faces up to life imprisonment after being charged with importing a narcotic and possession of a narcotic for the purposes of trafficking.

Ronald James Dunbar, of Ganges, was charged with the offences November 17 by members of the Langley RCMP detachment's drug section after Canada Customs officials seized slightly more than a kilogram of high-grade

# Islander charged in bust

cocaine from a vehicle at the Aldergrove border crossing. Another man, 29-year-old Leho Alari Wiira, of Vancouver, was also charged in connection with the incident.

The two men are scheduled to

appear December 2 in Langley Provincial Court. If convicted, they face up to life imprisonment. A member of the Langley detachment said, however, that there is no longer any minimum penalty for these offences, nor is there a

standard sentence.

A spokesman for Canada Customs said the two men were charged after Customs officers received vague replies to questions asked at the Aldergrove crossing.

A search at the border crossing turned up 1,020 grams of cocaine hidden under the dashboard of a vehicle and in a Thermos bottle stashed under its hood. The drug had an estimated street value of \$300,000.

A member of the Langley RCMP's drug section said the quantity of cocaine seized in this instance, though large, is typical of amounts smuggled over the Canada-U.S. border.

## Ganges man jailed for impaired driving

A Ganges man was sentenced to 30 days in jail recently after pleading guilty in provincial court to impaired driving.

The conviction was Douglas Underwood's third for impaired driving.

The November 10 session of Ganges provincial court was told that Underwood, 34, was stopped by police after an officer saw his vehicle drive through a stop sign on Upper Ganges Road.

Police noted that the vehicle was weaving from side to side on the road, and was clocked at 73 kilometres an hour in a 50-kilometre zone.

Court was also told that Underwood pulled into a parking lot and admitted to police that he had had too much to drink. Police described the accused as "extremely co-operative and polite."

Underwood's two previous impaired driving convictions cost him a \$450 fine in 1977 and a \$700 fine in 1984.

Defence counsel Jim Pasuta presented the court with three letters of reference for Underwood. He explained that his client was in the process of obtaining custody of his two daughters and asked that any jail sentence be served on weekends.

Judge R.E. Hudson acknowledged Underwood's letters of reference and described his situation as "favourable." He said, however, that impaired driving must be taken seriously and handed down a 30-day jail term, to be served intermittently on weekends.

• Terrence Phipps was fined \$125 after pleading guilty to property damage.

Court was told the incident took place September 26 on Fulford-Ganges Road, when Phipps lost control of his car while attempting to pass another vehicle. The accused's car then struck and

split a pole before landing in a field and damaging a fence.

According to witnesses, Phipps was able to remove his vehicle from the field before police arrived at the scene. He reported the accident four days later.

Police estimated damage at approximately \$1,000.

• A Ganges man was fined \$100 after pleading guilty to cultivating marijuana plants.

The plants were discovered when a police officer visited the home of David Davies to return property belonging to the accused. The officer was let in by a caretaker who said Davies was not available. The officer then noticed six- to eight-inch marijuana plants growing by a window.

Court was told Davies had no previous record and was growing the plants for himself. He does not consider himself a heavy user.

Defence counsel Ian Clement noted it was neither a sophisticated nor elaborate attempt to cultivate the plants. He also told the court it was Davies' first try at growing marijuana.

• A Ganges man was fined \$150 after pleading guilty to mischief and wilful damage.

Scott James Fraser, 23, admitted smashing the rear window and cracking the front windshield of a vehicle belonging to Barbara Aust.

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## Deterioration closes wharf

The Small Craft Harbours (SCH) wharf at Musgrave Landing was closed recently after an inspection showed the facility to be in extremely poor physical condition.

An official with Public Works Canada said last week the wharf is "structurally unsound" and therefore unsafe.

Gowan Barford said the float is the only portion of the wharf that is still usable — everything else is in need of replacement.

An inspection of the facility showed that the pilings have been attacked by marine borers, the braces attached to the pilings have rotted, the caps on top of the pilings have rotted and been attacked by terrestrial borers — probably carpenter ants — and stringers on top of the caps have suffered heavy rot. In addition, the decking, handrails and handrail posts have rotted.

The cost of repairing the facility would be "significant," Barford said, adding that the decision on repairs rests with Small Craft Harbours.

### Measures urged by island society

## Fisheries officers close harbour to protect salmon from anglers

Two fishing closures went into effect Monday in Fulford Harbour.

The closures were put in place by Federal Fisheries at the urging of the Salt Spring Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society.

The society requested the closures after noting that anglers were taking coho salmon bound for spawning grounds in Fulford Creek. The society considers the creek's salmon stock to be threatened.

The closures, in effect until December 31, cover both tidal and non-tidal waters.

One closure prohibits taking coho from the non-tidal portion of Fulford Creek, an area that begins about 400 yards inland from the mouth.

The second closure bans taking any fin-fish (including cutthroat trout) between the creek and a line drawn from the B.C. Ferry Corporation wharf in Fulford Harbour to the old log dump on the western side of the harbour.

Both closures are in effect each day from 11 am to 12 midnight. Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society member Jonathan Oldroyd said his group also hopes to encourage a voluntary closure during the hours not covered by

the Federal Fisheries order.

The Fulford Creek coho comprise the last indigenous salmon run in the Gulf Islands, Oldroyd said, and as such constitute the 'seed stock' for the Stream and Solmon Enhancement Society's rehabilitation efforts.

Last year, the society was able to take eggs from 15 Fulford Creek coho for use at its Cusheon Creek hatchery.

"We need those fish," Oldroyd said. "Every one of them means a lot to us."

The society became concerned about the Fulford Creek coho when anglers were spotted fishing the area. The creek mouth is only about five yards wide, Oldroyd said, indicating that a narrow congregation point made them easy prey.

He added that it is difficult to convince anglers to refrain from

fishing without an official closure, even though the number of Fulford Creek coho is dangerously small.

"Everyone likes to think everything is still natural around here," he said, "but it isn't. There will be plenty of fish if we can just get a few years under our belt."

Under the Fisheries Act, anglers defying the Fulford Creek closure could be subject to fines ranging from a \$100 minimum to a \$2,000 maximum.

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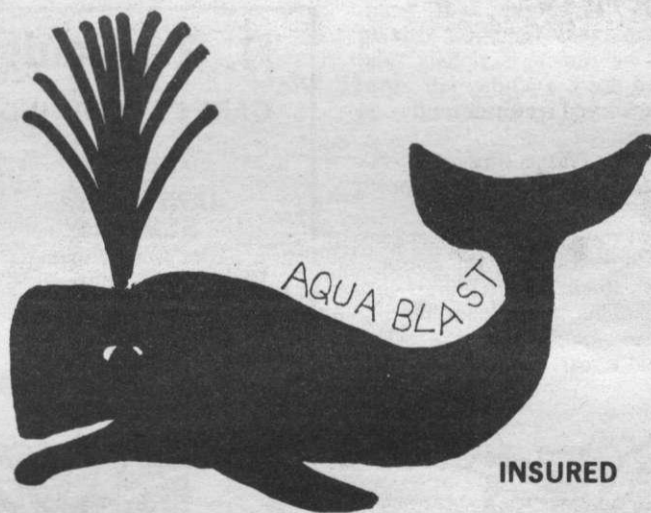
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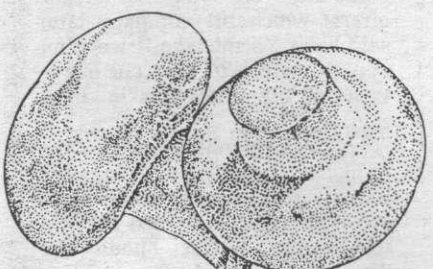
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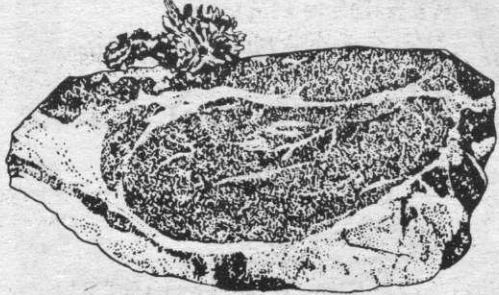


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# Trust to press province for water commitment

The Islands Trust will ask the provincial government to give the North Salt Spring Waterworks District a written commitment that its water supply will be increased in future.

That decision, reached at last Friday's Trust Committee meeting in Ganges, followed receipt of a letter from the environment ministry which indicated the district has enough water in St. Mary and Maxwell lakes to meet demands.

However, those assurances

were not as strong as the Trust would have liked them to be, prompting a vote to draft a letter pressing for a more definite commitment.

The question of water supply was raised earlier this year when the province turned down a waterworks district request to increase the amount of water it can draw from its lake sources.

The refusal prompted the district to place a moratorium on the guarantee of water supplies to new developments and, in turn,

caused the Trust to say it would withhold rezoning approvals until the developments received assurances of service from the waterworks district.

However, the Trust later approved one rezoning request for a development that had no guarantee of water supplies at the time. Trust Chairman Nick Gilbert explained Friday that the decision to approve the rezoning request was made after a telephone discussion with an environment ministry official produced "strong assur-

ances" that enough water was or would be available.

The environment ministry letter deal with Friday was a follow-up to the telephone conversation, Gilbert said, but it did not repeat the assurances and left some questions unanswered.

For instance, he said, the letter noted that Maxwell Lake could be dammed to provide more water but did not address related concerns — i.e., whether the watershed is large enough to re-

charge the lake quickly, and if a dam would increase nutrient overload in the lake.

"Those questions were not answered to my satisfaction," Gilbert said. "We are still left with an uncertain view."

Gilbert and fellow trustee Pat Byrne agreed that the Trust may have to consider withholding approval for multi-family developments until it is satisfied that enough water will be made available to satisfy demand.

## Traffic, pond level considerations raised in discussing rezoning bid

Questions about traffic patterns and water levels highlighted an Islands Trust public hearing called last Friday to consider a proposed multi-family development near downtown Ganges.

The proposal covers a property bordering both Kanaka Road and Park Drive which owner Danny Grant seeks to have rezoned from Residential-1 to Multiple Family 2. The change would allow a maximum of 10 dwelling units per acre.

Grant told the public hearing he would construct townhouses on the site and develop a seniors-oriented retirement park.

Water came into play during the public hearing because the property houses Swanson's Pond, which drains into Ganges Creek. Kathy Reimer, a member of both the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society and an Islands Trust task force which recommended ways to enhance Ganges Creek, told the hearing she was concerned about the impact the development would have on the pond and the wildlife it supports.

Grant told the meeting his development would involve reducing the surface area of the pond but that he would deepen the body of water to increase its volume. He also expressed a willingness to allow public access to the pond as part of a linear park constructed for Ganges Creek.

Reimer, who said fish have been taken from the pond, said she wanted assurances that Grant's development proposal would be referred to fisheries officials and the provincial water management branch for comment. Later, she also agreed to a suggestion from trustee Pat Byrne that she serve as a special consultant to the Trust's Advisory Design Panel when it considers the development plan for the property.

Traffic pattern concerns, meanwhile, were raised by resident Eric Booth, who said several

factors could increase vehicle flow around the development. The property, he noted, lies between the recently-constructed Jackson Avenue extension and the future home of the Ganges Village Market grocery store, which will be moving next to the Bin and Barrel store on Lower Ganges Road.

**'Traffic flow could increase in the area.'**

Traffic flow could increase in the area, Booth said, if Kanaka Road was opened up, allowing it to serve as a natural route between the two points.

Trustee Byrne told Booth the question of traffic flows and Kanaka Road would best be handled by a meeting he hoped could be held between a number of interested parties, including

the school board. Those parties, he said, should meet soon and come up with a set of recommendations concerning the road network.

Grant, the property owner, added that he would be "in favour of not opening Kanaka Road to traffic."

Following the public hearing, the Trust decided that while it found the development proposal acceptable, its approval of the rezoning request would be subject to the production of a preliminary drainage scheme for the property. Other questions regarding traffic and the development itself could be addressed at the development permit stage, Byrne said.

The Trust then voted to give the rezoning application second and third readings but refrain from sending it to the municipal affairs ministry for approval until the additional information had been supplied.

## Vancouver realtor's land bid cited in objection to rezoning

A Salt Spring Island landowner had a ready answer last week when his proposed development of a Ganges lot was accused of lowering property values in the area.

At a public hearing called by the Islands Trust to discuss proposed rezoning of a Park Drive property owned by Danny Grant and his brother, a letter from a neighbour opposed the proposal on the grounds that it would devalue his adjacent lot.

The letter-writer said his property was assessed at \$15,700 but that he had recently received an offer of \$3,100 for the land, inferring that Grant's proposed development might be to blame for a drop in its market value.

The \$3,100 offer had been made by Anson Realty, a Vancouver firm which recently flooded Salt Spring Island with below-value bids for land. All of the offers, which the company later said were "a mistake," were for approximately 20 per cent of the value of the properties in question.

Grant, responding later in the public hearing to the allegation that his development would devalue properties, indicated the Anson Realty letters should be dismissed as having no connection with his plans. Grant said he had also received an offer from the realtor for his property — a bid of \$7,000 for land that has been assessed at "five or six times" that amount.

## Realtor's letter attracts complaint

A Salt Spring real estate company has registered a complaint about a Vancouver firm's below-value bids for island property.

Salt Spring Lands last week notified the Vancouver Real Estate Board it did not consider the actions of Anson Realty to be completely ethical.

Anson Realty, as detailed in last week's *Driftwood*, recently sent letters to island property owners offering to buy their lots for what amounted to about one-fifth of their assessed values.

The company later said the letters were "a mistake."

Salt Spring Lands agent Al Whitney said the letter to the Vancouver Real Estate Board outlined concerns and was acknowledged. He also indicated the matter has been put to rest with the company's public apology for its actions.

There was nothing illegal about the Anson Realty bids, but its letters prompted local real estate appraiser and notary public Ron McQuiggan to advise landowners

to be aware of the assessed value of their properties.

"The first thing that comes to everyone's mind," Whitney said, "is the letter sent to a 75-year-old widow who doesn't know the value of her property and who could be taken advantage of. I don't like it."

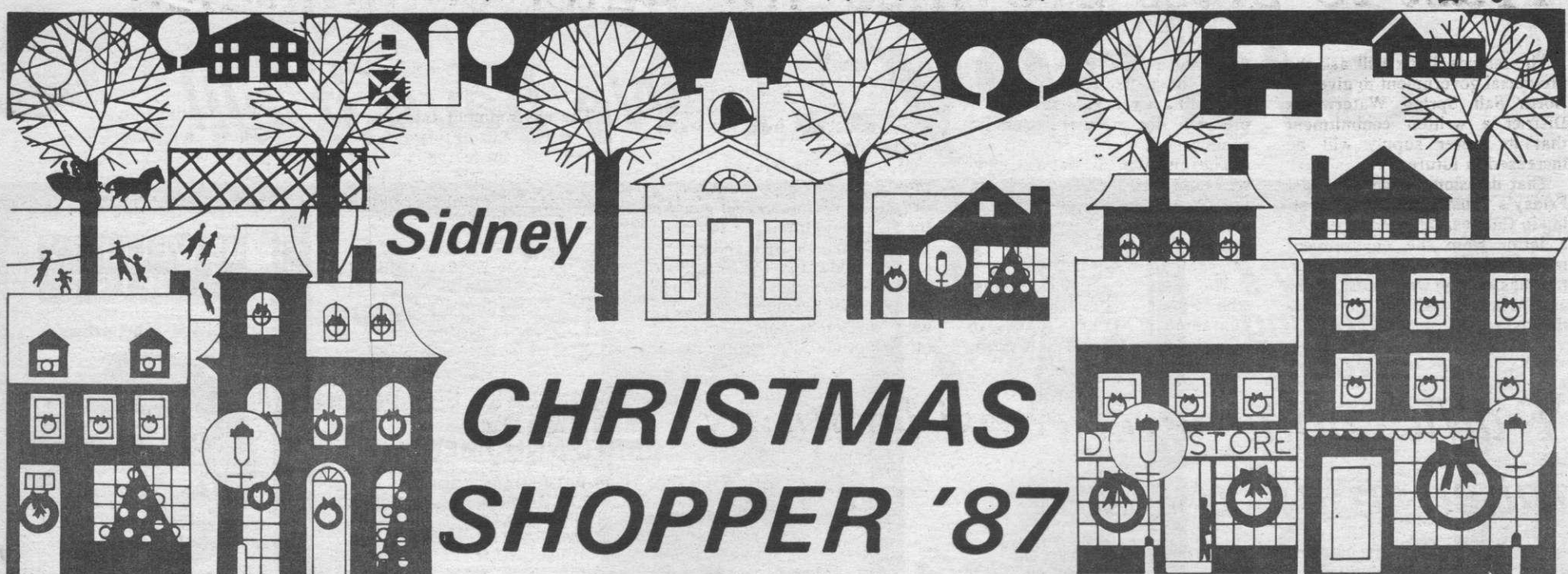
Whitney said the Anson Realty letters also created problems in his office. Clients who had just listed or purchased property called to complain about the discrepancy in values.

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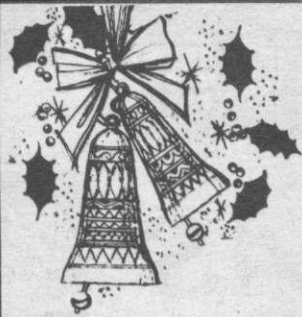
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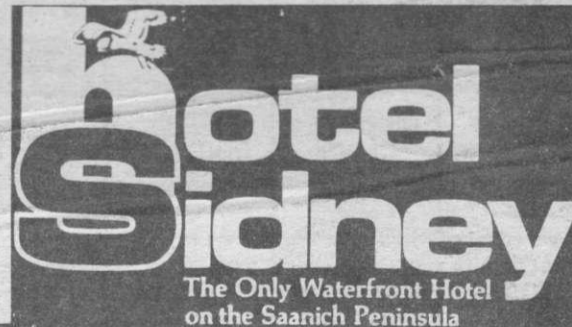
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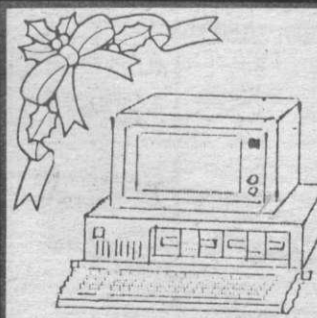
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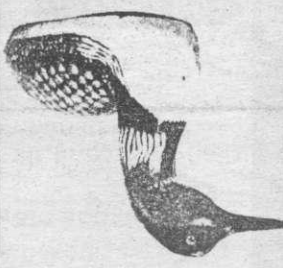
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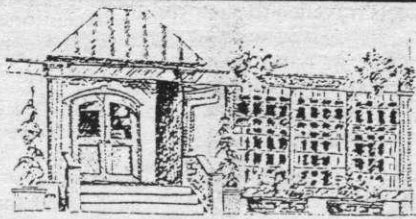
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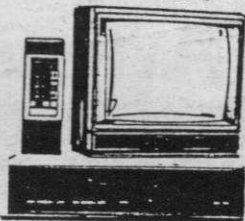
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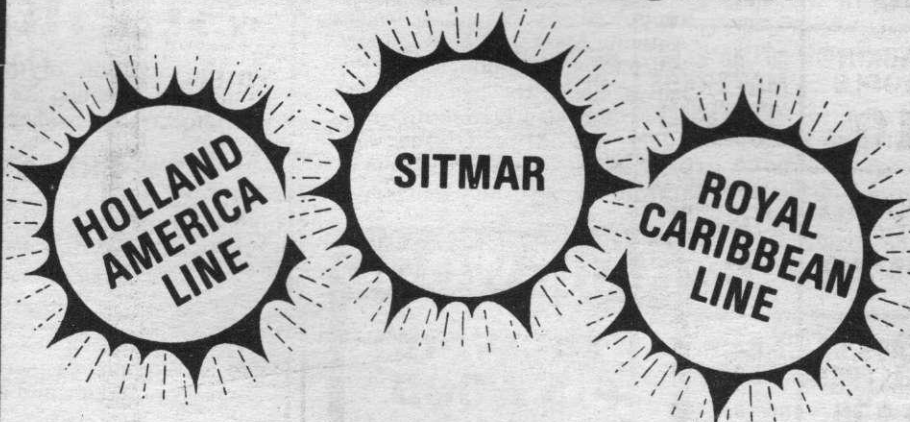


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Salt Spring Flames player Jennifer Anderson (right) tries to dribble around an Esquimalt Inn defender during Sunday's game at Portlock Park.

Anderson and the Flames scored a relatively easy 5-2 win over the Esquimalt club.

## Selects victorious in off-island game

Salt Spring Selects 3, Juan de Fuca 1

By MALCOLM LEGG

The Selects travelled to Victoria last weekend — with flippers and snorkel masks in hand after the rain that fell all day Saturday — and came up with a sloppy, 3-1 victory over Juan de Fuca.

Fortunately, the Selects did not need the diving gear as the skies broke moments before game time, although it left the field slick and full of puddles.

Field conditions did not hamper the Selects in the opening half, however, as they were up by two goals after 10 minutes and they had three by the half. In reality, they should have had 10 goals in the half.

Charlie Hume continued his torrid scoring pace with two more goals, the first on an intercepted goal-kick which he drilled home, the second from a Juda Shugar header which he neatly tapped over the goalie.

Mark Nordine scored the third goal on a breakaway, on a pass from Corbin Scott. For Mark, it was his first goal of the season.

The second half was a different game as Juan de Fuca came back in the play, although a lot of their opportunities were created by the complacency of the Selects.

The local team felt they had the game in the bag causing some lazy play which allowed Juan de Fuca to score their only goal of the game.

Moments later, Juan de Fuca had a great chance as they were awarded a penalty shot, but goalie Mark Nordine came up with a sparkling save and Juan de Fuca's hopes of a comeback were dashed.

The Selects slowly came back into the game and were unfortunate not to add to their lead as they wrapped up the victory.

The Selects received excellent performances from both goalies, Mark Nordine and Chad Little, who came up with many exceptional saves in preserving another solid win.

Tony Marshall and Rod Shoolbraid were the steadiest defenders on a day that saw the defence have some momentary lapses. At times they were running around too much.

Both Juda and Charlie had strong games up front, but the real standout was Corbin Scott, both on wing and in mid-field. Corbin, who is two years younger than most players at this level, enjoyed a super game as he created numerous scoring chances for other players, had several good opportunities himself and, overall, showed great hustle.

This weekend the Selects will play Peninsula at home at 10 am on Sunday. The boys hope for drier weather and a third straight win.



## Sooke, Prospect Lake no match for a surprising Strikers' team

Salt Spring Strikers 5 Sooke F.C. 1

Salt Spring Strikers 4 Prospect Lake 0.

By MIKE MARSHALL

While Salt Spring Strikers continue to surprise opposition teams, recording back-to-back wins in their last two weekend games, Youth Soccer won a quiet gold medal on the sidelines last Saturday.

The team earned a solid 5-1 victory against Sooke on November 14 and handed Prospect Lake a 4-0 defeat in pouring rain last weekend. And, it was in this same deluge that Allison Proctor did a rather incredible thing.

Anyone who was outside on Saturday afternoon knows it was raining. At Portlock Park there were players, coaches, and a referee who all had to be there, but Allison Proctor did not have to be there. The opposing team showed up without their linesperson and Allison volunteered to help them. There was no honour, no fun, no recognition involved in that rainy task. Just a willingness to help a visiting team and two 40-minute halves of the worst soccer weather in recent years. The Strikers were great, but Allison was pretty incredible to watch through my rain-stained glasses.

Meanwhile, the Strikers just seem to get better and better with each game. Darren McRae and Florian Saltzinger have established themselves as the most dangerous duo in the league. Supported by a strong defense comprised of Seth Shugar, Dave Mouat, Matt Kerrigan, Dave Marshall and Rhonan Heitzman,

the Strikers are now a very tough team to beat. Keeper Ryan Davies just does not let the ball go in the net. In fact, the only shot to get past him in the last two games was a bizarre rolling ball that somehow curved around him into the net.

Chris Mackey is turning into a one-man play-wrecking machine at centre half and is very ably supported by Brian Wheeler, Anthony Marks, Peter Hood and Wiley Connor. In both games, the halves moved the ball up to the forwards where Darren and Flo, along with Mike Quesnel and Nathan Kopichanski, continue to tear up the opposition defense.

The team plays away next weekend, but will be back at Portlock on December 5 and 12. Plan on coming to see Youth Soccer at its best on the field and sidelines.

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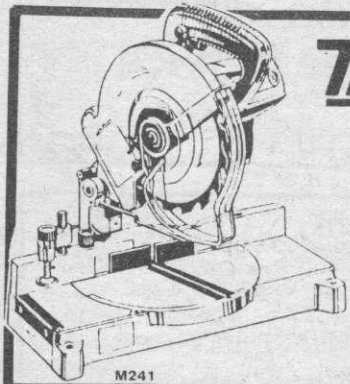
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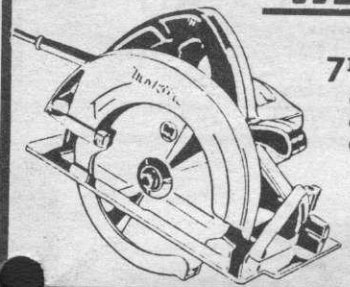
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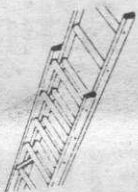


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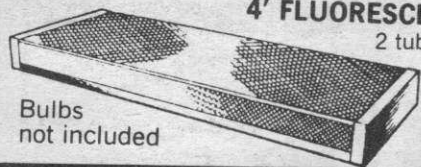
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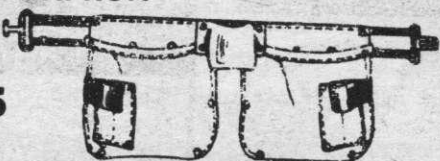
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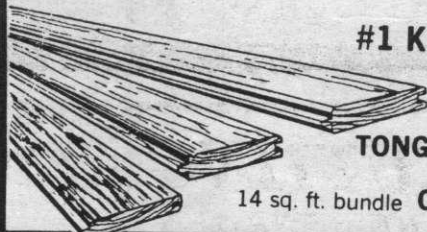


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The Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club is making preparations to celebrate its 60th anniversary in 1988. Members are setting up special events for May 22 — the founding day — and for the remainder of the year.

A committee co-chaired by men's captain Glen Hewitson and ladies' captain Marjorie Cade has been formed to organize a two-

# Club's anniversary in '88

day tournament on May 21 and 22, and to promote the 60th anniversary theme for all golf competitions.

Hal Stone, Daisy Gear and Mac

Mouat are collecting photographs, newspaper articles and the like in hopes of producing a commemorative booklet. They would like to be contacted by any

members or former members, or their descendants, who have old golf pictures or other memorabilia tucked away.

Connie Hardy has been placed

in charge of various social events, and Mona Coulter will look after publicity. Committee members-at-large are Doug McLeod, Charlotte Cooper and Madelaine Hardie.

The first project for 1988 will be the naming of individual golf holes. All members and friends of the course are being asked to submit suggestions.

## Townsend, Irving ladies' golf winners

By MARY JOHNSON  
PENDER ISLANDS — Although Christmas is just around the corner, Pender Island golfers are still out there, enjoying the mild November weather.

In ladies' day play on November 4, Margaret Townsend won the low net title and Margo Irving took low gross. Dorothy Henshaw won the hot putter prize in the morning round, and Trudi Fichtl followed suit in the afternoon. Longest drive was struck by Jeanne Scott.

In men's day play on November 5, low net winners were Cy Putt in the morning round and Ron Robertson in the afternoon. The

hot putter prizes went to Ken Henderson and Ron Robertson.

Marion Henderson won most of the categories in ladies' day play on November 11. She took the low net title, the putt pott in the morning round, and 'first-on' honours. Mary Johnson won the hot putter and 'first-on' prizes in the afternoon.

In Men's day play on November 12, Gerd Berger won low net in the morning and Ken Henderson followed suit in the afternoon. Ron Robertson won the morning hot putter prize, while Frank Warms took the honour in the afternoon round.

### down the gutter

Bowling scores for the week of November 16 were, for the ladies: Carol Kaye, 811 (360, 290, 161); Joyce Taylor, 728 (203, 242, 283); Shirley Parsons, 707 (174, 252, 281).

For the men: Ken Collins, 851 (327, 235, 289); Steve Marleau, 789 (247, 326, 216), 737 (198, 292, 247), 729 (164, 323, 242); Robert Huser, 760 (235, 241, 284); Gordon Thorne, 758 (225, 290, 243); Terry Jenkins, 743 (248, 263, 232), 719 (222, 206, 291); Vic Dodds, 742 (262, 246, 234).

**300 games:** Carol Kaye, 360; Ken Collins, 327; Steve Marleau, 326, 323; Vic Dodds, 320; Kevin Marks, 300.

**Pins over average:** Shirley Parsons, 239; Gordon Thorne, 168; Margaret Robinson, 152; Robert Huser, 151; Josie Bergma 150; Joyce Taylor, 143; Shannon Toutant, 124; Margaret Robinson, 119.

**Golf Ladies:** June Webb, 262, 213; Dodie Dillabough, 248; Libby Noble, 213, 205; Doris Beach, 206.

**Over 600:** June Webb, 629; Libby Noble, 602.

#### GOLDEN AGE

**Monday afternoon:** Bob Davidson, 221; Dorothy Armstrong, 212; Babs Ross, 209; Ron Payne, 205; John Mulski, 204.

**Tuesday morning:** Art Robinson, 221, 202, 200; Rusty Hopper, 211; Helen Hopper, 211; Cliff Jory, 209; Edie Gear, 204.

**Tuesday afternoon:** June Webb, 242, 211, 209; Margaret Robinson, 225, 206, 205; Cy Sloan, 211; Cecille Marcotte, 205.

**Friday morning:** Edie Gear, 270, 209; Margaret Robinson, 221, 220, 212; Jim Cook, 204.

**Friday afternoon:** Gene Graham, 263, 214; Vic Dodds, 262, 246, 234; Dick Young, 210.

**Over 700:** Vic Dodds, 742.

**Over 600:** Gene Graham, 668; June Webb, 662; Margaret Robinson, 653, 636; Art Robinson, 623; Edie Gear, 621.

#### Y.B.C.

**Peewee:** Kelly Regen, 119; Jessica Blagborne, 90; Stephanie Collette, 88; Ian Baker, 129; Tom Langdon, 108; Joshua Marshall, 98.

**Bantams:** Amy Schwagly, 180; Amber Regen, 125; Cheryl David, 98; Eric Taylor, 191; Nathan Helfrich, 130; Ian Reid, 121.

capable opposition half-line. F.C.'s midfield proved to be the difference on the day as they won every available ball in the second half, and caused near panic in the Bay defence with their skills.

Trevor Tamboline equalled for F.C. with 20 minutes remaining on a carefully-gauged left foot chip. Carlo Legg sent F.C. into the lead minutes later on a penalty resulting from a hand ball on a Salt Spring corner-kick.

Up front Miles Wilson, Jonathan Oldroyd, Alan Webb and particularly Ken Duke and David Toynbee were unlucky not to add to F.C.'s goal total. Ken was robbed on a blistering shot from 15 yards late on the game, David was robbed several times throughout the match and Carlo Legg was terribly unlucky to have a sure goal pushed past the post. Oak Bay's goalkeeper made several more outstanding saves to keep the score respectable.

So, on to the second round. Meanwhile, next week back to league play: Portlock Park at 2:15 pm against Saanich Hornets.

### Islanders start slow

## Salt Spring FC earn 2-1 win over Oak Bay

Salt Spring F.C. 2, Oak Bay 1

By ALAN WEBB

*O, that a man might know  
The end of this day's business  
ere it come!*

*But it sufficeth that the day  
will end,*

*And then the end is known.*

— Shakespeare.

Salt Spring entered into this Challenge Cup match believing they were playing the top team from Division 3, or that they were playing the bottom team from Division 3. Judging by the result, it might be assumed they were playing the latter.

F.C. started slowly (as usual) and quickly found themselves behind 1-0.

(At this point I should explain that all new entries in the Victoria Men's Soccer League must start at the bottom and move up. To move up a team must win the league; which F.C. managed to do last year. Although we feel we are on a level with higher calibre teams we subconsciously feel, I suppose, playing the Fourth Division, that we are somehow weaker. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are a team that started last season in the Fifth Division, won promotion to the Fourth, and clearly are heading for competitive soccer. On the weekend, I think, we proved to ourselves the level at which we are capable of playing.)

This match was never really much in doubt. Salt Spring started slowly, as I said, but gained momentum as the game went on. The defense of Arnie Hengstler, Trevor Tamboline, Lyle Brown and Malcolm Legg was rarely tested; in fact, they spent most of their energy intercepting through balls which they calmly sent back to their 'keeper, Ken Marr.

The second half was dominated by the local squad. Oak Bay rarely touched the ball over the half line on the final 45 minutes, as the midfield of Michael Brown, Carlo Legg, and Jack Braak smothered a

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## Service award presented to Ruth Stanton

A special pin marking 25 years of service was awarded to Ruth Stanton at the November 13 meeting of HMS Ganges Chapter of the IODE. Making the presentation was Regent Joyce Parsons.

The meeting also saw an installation ceremony held to welcome four new members — John Brindamour, Millie Young, Marjorie Bennett and Freda Filtness. All received their IODE pins and a warm welcome from the 27 members in attendance.

A brief explanation was made of the United Nations' Year of Shelter for the Homeless campaign, and members were later asked to contribute blankets or money to be used for relief of the needy in Labrador.



### Cards for kids

Joyce Jamieson displays some of the many Christmas cards available from the Save the Children organization. The proceeds from the sale of these cards are used to help feed and clothe hungry children around the world. Jamieson and others urge local residents to support the fund during this season of giving.

## bridge report

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on November 16 were:

- (North-South) Bea Thompson and Marguerite Hall, Dorothy Tate and Anne McConnell, Mona Coulter and Lois Popkin-Curman, John and Vera Sarginson.

- (East-West) Isabelle Richardson and Norm McConnell, Kay Sinclair and Alan Steward, Phyllis Henderson and Shirley Love, June Knowles and Julie Godwin.

Winners on November 17 were:

- (North-South) Don Nemeth and Chuck Beasley, Lorna and Peter Pentz, Anne and Norm McConnell, Shirley Love and Dawny Scarfe.

- (East-West) Pam and Gerald Foard, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton, Noel Fowles and Mike Testart, Tom David and Peter Jaquest.

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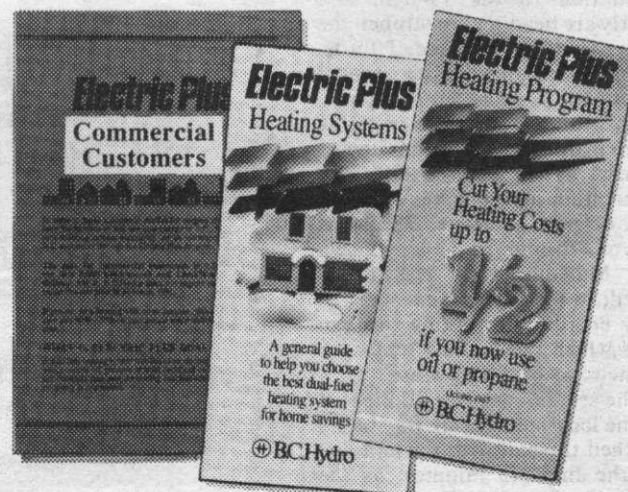
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**Event to be held December 5**

# Auction will benefit island food bank

Off Centre Stage will host the third annual Salt Spring Food Bank auction on December 5.

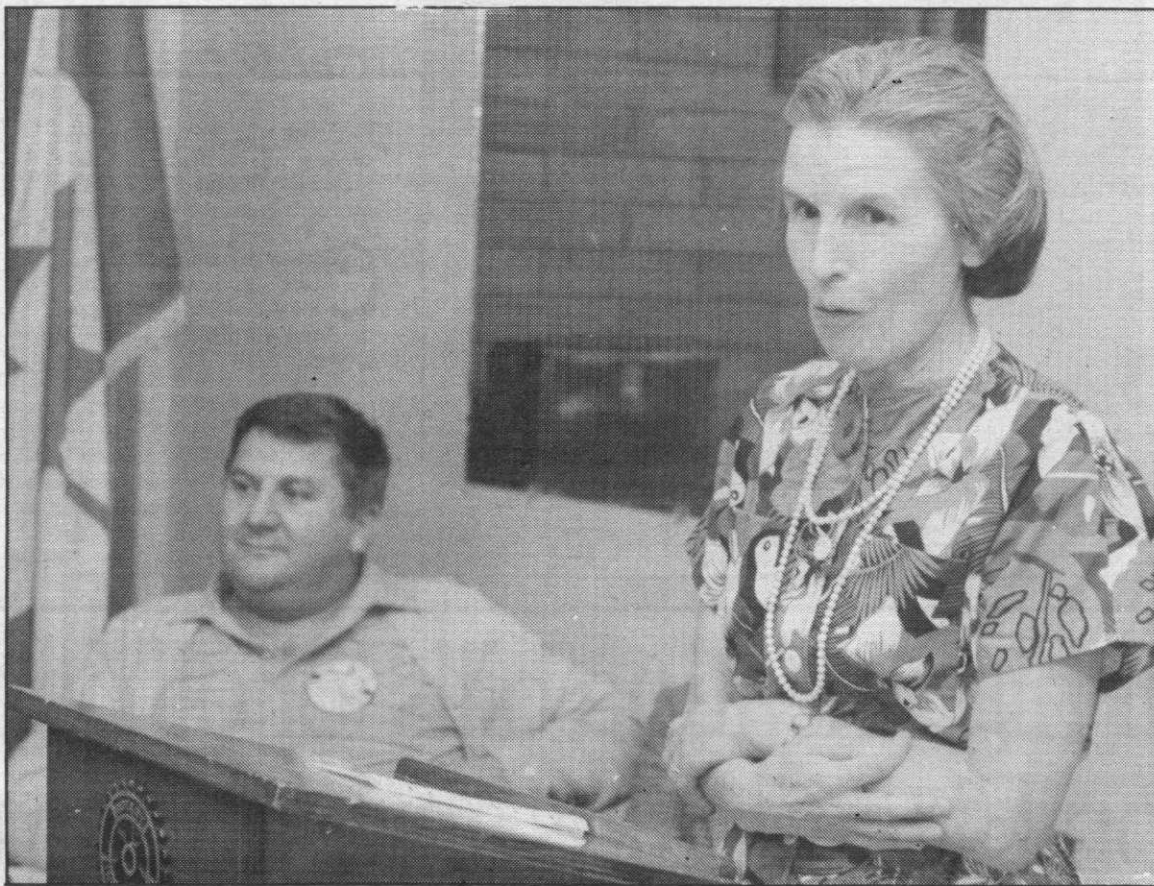
The auction, the proceeds from which help support the island food bank, will feature a variety of goods and services donated by local residents, according to organizer Maggie Warbey. In addition to pottery by Bas Cobanli and Chris Drake, silver jewellery by Terry Warbey and a silk scarf by Babs O'Brien, islanders have also donated such services as dental work, hair-dressing, massage therapy, cat spaying and music lessons.

The evening of fun starts at 7 pm. Admission is \$1, and three door prizes — a cake from Embe Bakery, a \$20 gift certificate from the craftsmen at Morningside Gallery, and a five-year subscription to *Driftwood* — will be handed out to lucky visitors.

For 45 minutes after the doors open, island musicians Terry Warbey and Richard Cross will entertain the crowd. Desserts will be available for purchase, as well as tea, coffee donated by Heritage Boutique, and other refreshments.

Michael Hayes and Arvid Chalmers will get the auction underway at 7:45 pm.

Maggie Warbey urges local residents to support the food bank by attending the auction. She noted that the 1986 food bank dinner and auction generated \$3,000 for the facility, and said she hopes this year's event will prove to be even more successful.



Community Society worker Mary Toynbee (right) addressed the Salt Spring Rotary Club recently. Toynbee, organizer of this year's Community Centre Christmas Hamper campaign,

received a \$1,000 donation toward the program. The money will be used to help purchase Christmas hampers for needy islanders.

"The proceeds from this annual auction help to support the local food bank throughout the year," she stated. "We give generously at Christmas, then

tend to forget about the food bank, so the money raised at this auction will help to stock the shelves and freezers during the lean winter months ahead."

Anyone wanting more information on the auction — as well as those individuals wishing to make donations — should call Maggie Warbey at 537-9820.

## IODE, Carolee's fashion show draws 131 to Harbour House

One hundred and thirty-one women attended the recent fashion show sponsored by the IODE and put on by Carolee's. The show, convened by Roma Aston and Ann Leigh-Spencer, was held at the Harbour House where it was preceded by a luncheon.

As has been the case for some time, every ticket to the event was sold and some would-be patrons were disappointed. The number of tickets is determined by the number of people who can be seated.

The IODE is a service club. Its present aim is to raise enough money to buy a unit to add to the Heli Alert network, which will give a considerable amount of protection to people who live alone and are at risk of accident.

Guests were welcomed to the fashion show by the Regent, Joyce Parsons, and grace was said by Anna Warrington.

Models who demonstrated the fashions were: Marjorie Cade, Marjorie Cuttall, Rita Dods, Louise Fuoco, Ann Harrison, Ruth Grant, Ann Heeley-Ray, Marie Hopkins, Ann Leigh-Spencer, Erna Madsen and Ena Patrick.

The first garments to be shown

### Service club raising funds for Alert line

were robes in various materials and colours. Then came one and two-piece dresses and a jacket dress. Many of the articles were in beautiful dark, rich colours, more attractive than colours which have been in style in recent years.

Next to be displayed was an extensive assortment of suits, some with skirts, some with slacks, and some with both skirt and slacks that matched the jacket. Pull-overs, blouses, cardigans, mix and match garments, more dresses,

jumpsuits and a coat — 94 costumes in all were shown.

Usually, two models were in the room at once, with the result that the show did not seem to last too long. Many of the guests considered that, thanks to the good food, attractive clothes, and capable models, this was one of the best fashion shows that they had seen.

Door prizes were supplied by Roma Aston and Louise Foulis. A much-appreciated gesture by Carolee's was the gift of a third door prize, a generous gift certificate. These were won by Dorothy Graham, Hazel Paterson and Bess Minton.

A dainty flower arrangement from the IODE was presented to the ladies who made the show possible — Carol and Leslie.

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# Is clear-cutting acceptable if planted within 1 to 2 years?

MacMillan Bloedel wanted to find out whether B.C. thinks we're doing things right managing the forest. Most people in the B.C. coastal area (88%) who were interviewed by Goldfarb Consultants\* agree that "the forest is like a crop. There is a time to plant and a time to harvest." Just 6% feel that no trees should be harvested. The majority (77%) believe clear-cutting is acceptable if trees are planted within one to two years. Most B.C. residents seem to realize that clear-cutting is essential to allow young trees to grow in the sun, to protect forest workers' safety and to make the best and most economical use of our forests.

Nobody argues that clear-cutting isn't an eyesore until it "greens up". Much as we'd like to see quick cosmetic results, MB foresters do not always plant seedlings right away. We encourage natural seeding because this form of regeneration is the most effective way to bring in a new crop of trees on some sites. About six times in 10 natural regeneration cannot be relied upon, so our foresters will plant seedlings to ensure reforestation. Foresters

monitor stands of young trees and fill in gaps by replanting. But, from the road, the seedlings will be nearly invisible to the average onlooker for about five years, until the clear-cut tract "greens up" and melts into the surrounding landscape. By planting and encouraging natural regrowth, MacMillan Bloedel reforests every hectare cut and ensures the new forest crop survives.



**Before:** Three out of four people in coastal B.C. agree that clear-cutting is okay if the area is reforested. While a harvested wheatfield is green a few weeks after seeding, a harvested forest zone, like Flora Lake Valley near Port Alberni (shown here), takes five to seven years to "green up". This area was logged between 1959 and 1963. The photo was taken in 1969.



**After:** This photograph taken in 1986 shows the same Flora Lake Valley hillsides that you see clear-cut in the left-hand picture. The valley bottoms were planted in 1960, the hillsides in the mid '60s. In all areas where MacMillan Bloedel harvests trees, we make sure a new forest is established and the crop survives.

**Some facts about clear-cutting:**

- Scandinavia's forestry techniques are often held up as a model to Canadians. It is the usual practise in those northern European countries to clear-cut and reforest as we do. In fact, they are now clear-cutting trees in the fourth, fifth and sixth generations.
- In old growth B.C. coastal forests most trees left standing on selective logging sites would be blown down by wind, damaged by the falling process, or damaged by cables used to get the logs to the roadside. Abrasions and torn root damage would leave remaining trees open to disease and insect invasion.
- In old growth forests, selective logging makes it dangerous for fallers to work around the huge and often unstable trees left standing. And for the crews who operate the heavy yarding equipment, it would make their jobs much more hazardous.
- Clear-cut openings are necessary for regenerating certain species such as Douglas fir which need open ground and sunshine to germinate and survive.
- Clear-cutting gets B.C. the best value per dollar. If we can't keep wood costs down, our everyday forest products won't be affordable and we won't be able to compete in the international export markets on which our economy and jobs depend.

\*This opinion research was carried out for MB by Goldfarb Consultants, who have a nation-wide reputation for sounding public attitudes for businesses and governments. A representative sample of 1,000 people in coastal B.C. was interviewed. A sample of this size yields figures reliable within plus or minus 3.2%, 95 times out of 100.



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# Grand piano performance will celebrate dance form

By CHRIS KODALY

The Tango was once so popular that huge 'tango palaces' were built to accommodate its millions of devotees. The Tango is back. In many large cities of North America and Europe, tango clubs are the newest thing in night life.

You may have seen Rudolph Valentino's sensuous portrayal of this dance form in the 1921 silent film, *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*.

Excerpts from this movie, along with other film clips and slides, will help create the appropriate ambience for an evening of Contemporary Tangos performed on the grand piano by internationally recognized pianist Ivar Mikhashoff, on Saturday evening December 5, at 8 pm. in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

Mikhashoff will play a selection of Tangos which he commissioned to be composed for him. Nearly 100 of the world's finest contemporary composers responded to the call. Such modern masters as Karlheinz Stockhausen, Milton Babbett, Virgil Thomson, John Cage and Aaron Copeland made their contributions, as have many younger composers who will surely grow to the stature of these older ground breakers of modern musical practice.

Ivar Mikhashoff is one of the new breed of concert performers who have foregone the familiar path of playing only the classical chestnuts and who have wholeheartedly dedicated themselves to the works of composers from our time. The historical reference is important, of course, and to that end, Ivar has performed marathon concerts in which the development of modern music is illustrated by works ranging from Liszt to those of the present day.

## art seen

Born in Albany, New York, he attended the Eastman and Juillard Schools of Music and received a D.M.A. in composition from the University of Texas. Among his piano teachers were Adele Marcus and Beveridge Webster. He studied composition and piano with the late, great Nadia Boulanger, prominent exponent of the Neo-classical aesthetic as propounded by Igor Stravinsky.

He has received seven grants sponsoring research into the music of Liszt, Debussy and Ives. Since 1973 he has been a faculty member of the State University of New

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York at Buffalo, teaching piano and 20th Century chamber music.

Mikhashoff comes to us following a recital tour of Europe and performances in Vancouver and Victoria. The works he will present are quite short, thus providing a rare opportunity to hear, live, the art of at least 20 contemporary composers.

Congratulations are in order to the Community Arts Council, which has boldly gone where most fear to tread. One hopes that music teachers, students, performers and lovers of fine art in general will make the most of this great

opportunity by coming to see and hear the brave new world of modern music.

Salt Spring Island composer Bruce Ruddell was recently commissioned by the Vancouver Chamber Choir. His work, a piece called *All Faces*, is for choir and percussion. The text is by writer-actor David Petersen, a resident of Galiano Island.

John Washburn and his choir, with Vancouver-based percussionist Sal Ferreras, recently completed a concert tour of China. Three Canadian works were chosen for the tour; Ruddell's piece and compositions by Stephen Chatman and Murray Schafer recent recipient of the first Glenn Gould award.

If you missed the performance in Vancouver, listen for it to be broadcast on CBC FM's Sunday morning Choral Concert.

I would like to leave the reader with a quote from a review by Virgil Thomson in the January 4, 1942, issue of the *New York Tribune*. I ask you to neither accept nor reject it — just think about it.

"Dead music is very beautiful sometimes and always pretty noble, even when it has been painted up and preened by the undertakers who play or conduct it with such solemnity at our concerts. Live music is never that beautiful. Neither that beautiful nor that dumb. Because live music speaks to us all. We may not like what it says, but it does speak. Dead music, that whole Baroque, Rococo and Romantic repertory we call "classical" is as comfortable and as solacing to mental inactivity as a lullaby heard on a pillow made from the down of a defunct swan."



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- Fernwood School, Friday, November 27, at 9:30 am.

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