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## The cat came back

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This feline, known to Salt Spring soccer players and fans as the Portlock Cat, attracted the attention of two youngsters at

recent match. The cat apparently likes company — or soccer — since it frequently shows up at the park during games.

## Service station must be moved, but to where?

Dennis Beech has a problem. Beech, owner of the Salt Spring Esso service station, must move his business from its current rented location along Fulford-Ganges Road so the Grace Point development project can proceed. He has approximately six months to move, but recently discovered there isn't any suitably-zoned property in the area.

The long-time island resident has found a piece of property within Ganges that is available for rezoning, but it's located at the corner of Rainbow Road and Jackson Avenue across from Salt Spring Elementary School — and school trustees are concerned

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## Helicopter service boosted to islands

A potential gap in local medical services was closed last week with provision of two twin-engined helicopters for emergency night flights.

Two companies — Air-Lift Services and Okanagan Helicopters — now have machines on standby to fly Gulf Islands residents to hospitals in Ganges, Victoria or Vancouver.

The arrangement solves a problem that arose late last year when the federal government began stringently enforcing a rule prohibiting single-engine helicopters from flying after dark. Local residents in need of emergency night flights were left to rely on a twin-engine helicopter dispatched from Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Comox — a move that carried the risk of delayed responses.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring Island's representative to the Capital Regional District (CRD) and a member of the Lady Minto hospital board, said last week the two twin-engined helicopters now available to islanders will be able to respond to calls within 45 minutes.

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## Resort owners upset over guide omissions

By MIKE TURKKI

Five island resorts have been inadvertently omitted from the tourism ministry's 1987 *Accommodation Guide* — and at least two of the owners say the oversight will hurt their businesses.

Mike Blackburn, owner of Booth Bay Resort, said his operation and four others on the island — the Harbour House Hotel, The Cottage Resort, Green Acres Resort Motel and Maple Ridge Resort — have been included in the guide in the past, but were left out this year.

Blackburn said the ministry usually sends notices to resort owners asking if they wish to be listed in the guide, which is distributed in more than 35 countries around the world. This year, he claims, Booth Bay Resort never received the notice.

"We weren't sent a thing," he said. "Usually they send you a registration and rate form indicat-

ing what to be listed." Previously, the ministry has also sent resort owners follow-up letters reminding them of the deadline for guide listings (September 30), but Blackburn said this year he didn't receive any follow-up letter, either.

"The first I heard of it was February 10, 1987, when I found out I wasn't in it," he said.

Richard Nemeth, owner of Green Acres Resort Motel, agreed with Blackburn. Nemeth said he can't remember receiving any correspondence from the ministry after April 1, 1986 — although he said one ministry official has assured him all resorts were sent the notices.

Blackburn estimates the five Salt Spring resorts not listed in the 1987 *B.C. Accommodation Guide* represent approximately 31 per cent of available accommodations on the island. He feels the omissions will not only hurt his

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## For work with fish stocks

### Enhancement society applauded

The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society was awarded a special plaque by federal fisheries officials at a meeting held February 22 in Duncan.

The award, presented to the society for its work on local streams and fish stocks, was one of four awarded to provincial organizations this year by the federal department of fisheries and oceans.

James Boland, a federal fisheries officer involved with the B.C. salmonid enhancement program, praised the society for its efforts on Salt Spring. He singled out the group's efforts to enhance Ganges Creek — as well as its work with local schools — for special mention.

"The degradation of Ganges Creek and the threat of losing yet another stream to urban development prompted the formation of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society," Boland noted. "Although negotiations are still

going on to resolve the future of Ganges Creek, island residents have focused their attention on other local creeks for improvement, restoration and preservation.

"Eggs from one of the last coho runs in the Gulf Islands are incubating at the volunteer hatchery on Cusheon Creek, where the majority of the fry are to be released after some have been released into their parent stream, Fulford Creek," he noted. "Progressive cycles are to be used to return coho runs to historic levels in other island streams."

The fisheries officer pointed out that "funds raised locally (by the society) through membership sales, dances, raffles and donations have been used to supply three elementary schools with classroom incubators and books for their libraries, and some equipment for volunteer activities.

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## Late winter

A light dusting of snow last weekend gave island residents a reminder of how the rest of the country lives. Page 6.



## Generous gift

Greenwoods has received a monetary donation that will be used to purchase six wheelchairs for residents' use. Page 21.



## Shutdown

Students at Salt Spring Elementary School shut off their television sets for 24 hours, beginning today. Page 22.

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# Helicopter pad upgrading eyed

Improved twin-engine helicopter service for Gulf Islanders is not without its price, the administrator of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital said last week.

While Diane Horovatin is pleased about greater access to a twin-engine helicopter for emergency night flights (see story, page one), she said the arrangement may end up causing the hospital to relocate or upgrade its existing landing pad.

The pad is currently suitable for daylight helicopter landings but would need improvements to accommodate after-dark visits by twin-engine machines, Horovatin explained.

"Obviously, we have to look at the situation," she said. "We want the pad to be safe and up to standard and, to that end, we will have the pad assessed and see what we will have to do to make it safe and legal for night-time landings."

More room and better lighting are among the areas that may have to be improved, Horovatin and Dr. Hugh Borsman indicated.

Borsman, a member of the hospital board and Salt Spring's representative to the Capital Regional District (CRD), said Lady Minto has access to a \$15,000 grant for landing pad improvements. The money was provided late last year by former MLA Hugh Curtis.

"We have that \$15,000 sitting there," Horovatin agreed, "but we have to find out first what needs to be done, then what it costs. It (improvements) may run into a significant amount."

She indicated that dollar concerns might prompt consideration being given to relocating the pad to another island site.

"There are a lot of things to be considered," Horovatin concluded. "It was nice to get the twin-engine helicopters in here, but it's causing some problems . . ."

# Twin-engine 'copters on call to Gulf Islands

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Operating out of Vancouver, helicopter crews will be on stand-by until midnight. After that, they have said they can be airborne within 10 to 15 minutes, guaranteeing a response of no more than 45 minutes.

Borsman, who carried the case for improved local night flight service to the provincial government, said the twin-engined helicopters cost between \$150 and \$180 an hour to operate, "so we won't be using them frivolously."

Late last year, when Borsman and Lady Minto Hospital administrator Diane Horovatin met with health ministry officials to lobby for a twin-engine helicopter service, they were told that the

helicopter itself would cost \$4 million and that standby and maintenance crews would cost about \$750,000 a year.

Health ministry officials also questioned the need for the service, indicating the number of emergency calls requiring a response might not be high enough to warrant the cost. At that time, Borsman assured the province a need for twin-engine helicopter service was present on the Gulf Islands, and that speedy treatment of patients might eventually cover the high costs involved.

Horovatin said last week that Borsman was instrumental in bringing twin-engine helicopter service to the Gulf Islands.

## Operator says

# Commercial site hard to find

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about safety in the area.

At a special meeting held last Thursday to discuss the issue, Beech told members of School District 64's board of trustees that he has conducted "quite an extensive search" in the Ganges area and the northern end of Salt Spring Island for a piece of property on to which he can move Salt Spring Esso. His search has proved almost fruitless.

"There is no Commercial-3 property open in the community," Beech said. He added that the Rainbow Road property, though not zoned C-3 at present, is the only available property that suits the business' needs.

"We felt it was the best location we could come up with," the service station owner said.

School trustees expressed concern that the relocation of Salt Spring Esso could spur additional traffic along Rainbow Road, and thus create a greater hazard for school children. Superintendent Mike Marshall stated that "any kind of plan that alters in a serious way the traffic flow there increases the risk of children being injured."

Beech said that, as a parent with children attending school in Ganges, he too is concerned about student safety. "So I don't take the obligation lightly," he stressed. "But I don't feel they (the service station and the school) are incompatible. If you look at other communities, they have managed to deal with (similar situations)."

Beech indicated he has given considerable thought to the problem, and said he has tried to take these safety concerns into consideration when planning the new station. He added, however, that he felt local organizations — including the school district — could also take steps to improve safety along Rainbow Road by

limiting parking in the area or widening the shoulder to accommodate parked cars.

Beech said he has tried to approach the issue objectively, even though his livelihood is at stake. He has applied to rezone the Rainbow Road property, and if the rezoning application is rejected at a public hearing to be held on March 20, he has no idea what will become of his business. Salt Spring Esso currently employs six people.

School trustees said they understood Beech's position, but added that they must consider the safety of students.

The board did not take a formal stand on the issue at the meeting. Instead — at the urging of trustee Charles Hingston — they adopted a motion requesting that "the Islands Trust and ministry of highways give careful consideration to student safety when

making any zoning and planning changes in the proximity of local schools, and meet with the school district in such planning."

Approximately a year and a half ago, School District 64 opposed another application to rezone the property on which Beech hopes to locate. That application was later rejected by the Islands Trust.

The Advisory Planning Commission, the organization advising the Islands Trust on all rezonings in the area, has recommended approval of Beech's application.

APC chairman David Williams said he feels the advisory group supports Beech's application.

The APC chairman added that Beech's proposal differs from the one rejected previously by the Trust. He said the previous application called for the creation of several shops in the area.

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### One that got away

Members of the Salt Spring fire department were called to a fire along Rainbow Road just before noon last Wednesday. The blaze, which started when a grass fire got away, burned a shed to the ground within minutes. Damage is estimated as high as \$6,000. Fire

department officials ask that residents take care when burning grass.

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## to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

### What a plural!

If I. C. Shank is right, I'm wrong! He's right. He called me gleefully the other day to tell me he's grown crocuses over the years and he's never called a pair of them croci in his life. That's the way I wrote it, there's no denying.

I've never grown a crocus, singularly or plurally, but it didn't occur to me that it was other than a second declension Latin noun with a Latin plural.

I surely made his day for him, last week!

### The age of information

It is, we're told, the age of information.

Let's hope it might, one day, lead to the age of wisdom!

### Cat and dog life!

Came out of *et cetera* the other day when one of the firm's cats showed good judgment. He saw me approaching the door and promptly fled to Mom, Dawn. Obviously he figured I meant him no good at all.

Walking past *et cetera* I glanced in the legal window of Sid Filkow and KIS and Swift. Surveying. There was a fat little pup trotting along the window on the inside.

Maybe the cat was not dodging me at all!

### Don't forget to pay!

Not pay a bill? Never! I could get away without paying, I told Les Ramsay and he smiled that cynical smile of the fellow who knows just a little more than you do. I'd prove it, I told him.

Quite confidently I marched out of the store to hear a loud shrieking from the vicinity of the check-out.

I knew what it meant. It was reminding me I'd forgotten to pay

for something. I paid and I left, knowing he'd fooled me.

Next day I bought something else in the same store and paid up quite honestly. The same squeaky buzzer called the attention of the world and Salt Spring Island to the fact that something was wrong. But twice is too much and it wasn't me that time. It still isn't. The system is under repair and I didn't do it!

### Book sale

The swimming sale on Saturday was one of the best sales I've seen on Salt Spring. There were more books and more bookworms in Mahon Hall on Saturday than have been seen in one room since they quit school.

It was a great temptation to stock up and I resisted it. I did acquire a 60-year-old *Book of Knowledge*, the Arthur Mee variety. I bought a small dictionary and a couple of science treatises and this and that.

I can now read up on Jack the Ripper and invent a new explanation and I can look at pictures of street cars, trams and

buses of other eras.

If that's what swimming pools do for you, let's build one every year!

You buy a 60-year-old set of 20 volumes: Is that three years a volume?

### There was no snow

On behalf of the islands chamber of commerce I can officially announce that it did not snow at the weekend. The white covering of ground and trees was an optical illusion.

Might as well be in eastern Canada! And that's an odd place to be right now. There's a cold, cold winter to remember and yet all the heat has been on Ottawa! It should've melted the ice.

### Still boasting

As a young man I devoted many happy hours explaining to my contemporaries how fit I was.


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How did it come about, then, that a court heard the case against a resident of Eastern Canada recently and found him guilty of publishing an untrue allegation regarding the Holocaust, the murder campaign carried out by Hitlerian

Germany against the Jewish people? The statement was made, the author arraigned and found guilty. A subsequent hearing by a higher court reversed the finding, but the original charge was, in fact, laid, heard and upheld.

There have been several amateur historians recently who have challenged history's account of the German dictator's insane campaign to murder the Jews in his own land in those lands under the German rule. Survivors of the death camps and the descendants of those survivors have protested and the question has been charged with emotion. There is no question but that this emotional

reaction to such allegations led to the laying of charges in this particular instance.

The case has led to a complete reversal of conditions at the outset, besides challenging the freedom of opinion which has been so proudly cited in this country as an asset enjoyed by us all.

In the normal course of events the publication under fire would have enjoyed a small readership and within months it would have been forgotten. No historian would have looked at it and within months it would have been lost in memory.

Instead of this normal routine, the incident became a national *cause celebre* and almost every Canadian knew that an Eastern Canadian court had heard the case. The refutation of a recorded incident in European history will soon fade from our memories, but the court action will be on record for a long time. Long after the last death camp "criminal" has gone to join his victims.

However strongly we might object to a distortion of history, no matter how bitterly we view any attempt to gloss over a horrific historical fact, we must not tolerate the censorial court. That same court could subsequently bar each one of us from our opinions.

There are greater weapons against such charges and statements as are made from time to time.

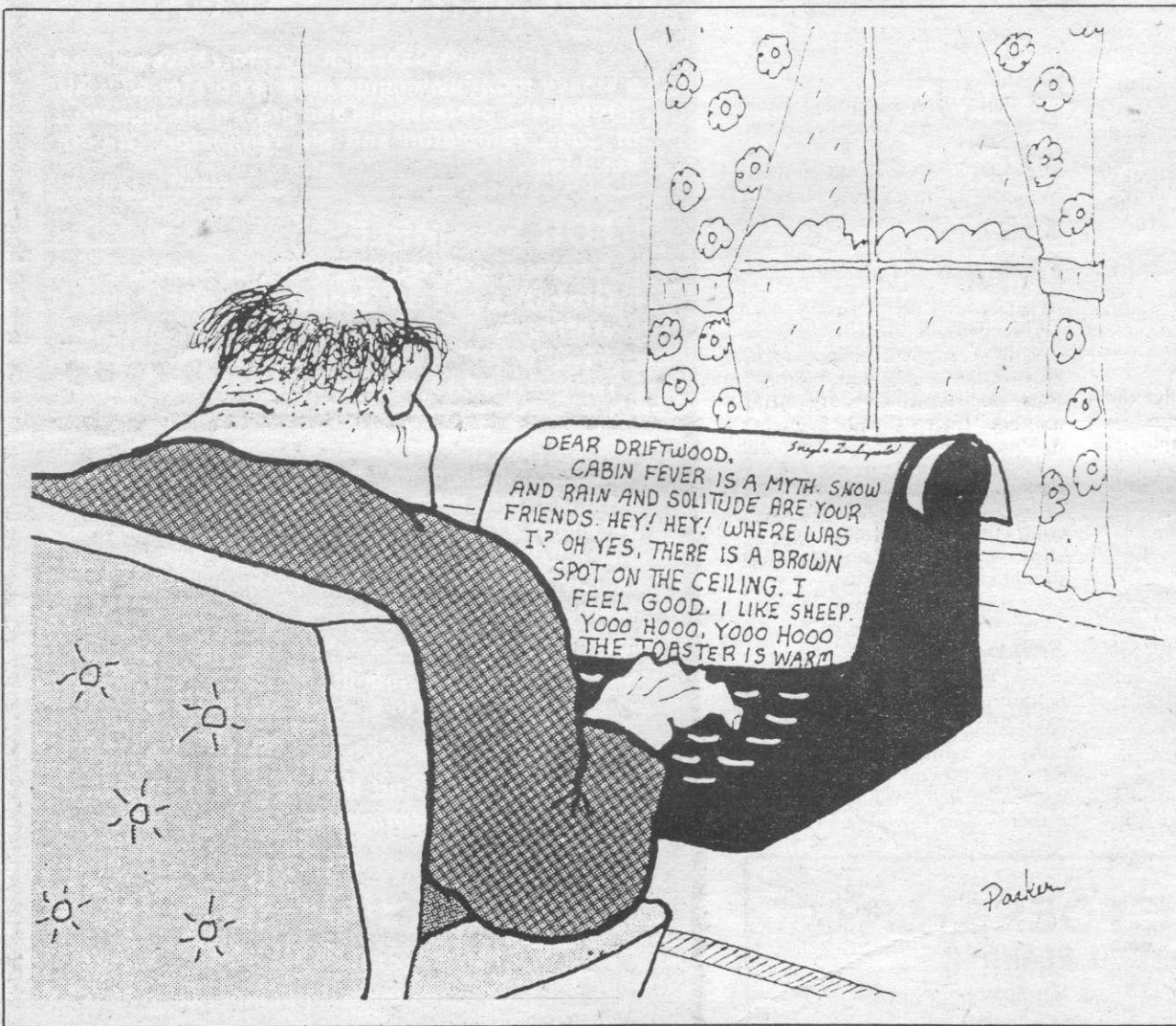
There is silence. Does the publication of a charge by a man who wasn't there carry any weight at all in face of the evidence long since published by distinguished Canadian writers and soldiers who were there in the death camps and who were appalled at what they saw and remembered. Rene Levesque, statesman and commentator has very recently summarized his own recollections of that part which he saw and will never forget. This is history.

Silence would better serve the critic.

There is ridicule. For a century the long list of Canadian newspapers which have taken the wind out of many a politician's sails by satirical cartoon and comment is legion.

Ridicule would better serve the critics than litigation.

These thoughts are addressed to the free expression of opinion by Canadians. The expression of a personal opinion on an incident in history within a school or from a similarly disciplined forum is unrelated to the concept of free speech or a free press.



## Strathcona, Nitinat decisions show two extremes

When word surfaced a few years ago that the Nitinat Triangle might be logged, I was prompted to canoe and hike its length.

The trip proved to be a challenge to strength and stamina, but its arduous nature paid a mighty dividend: exposure to an unspoiled area worth more than money, and cedar trees the likes of which I've never seen elsewhere.

On the return leg of the Triangle, as we paddled down Hobiton Lake towards Nitinat Lake, the other side of the coin was shown above the tree line. There in the distance we saw the hills surrounding Nitinat Lake ... hills stripped of trees and circled by helicopters raising the kind of racket we'd tried to escape for too

short a spell.

The fallen forest ends there, however. Two weeks ago, a federal-provincial agreement officially declared the Triangle to be part of Pacific Rim National Park. I reacted with elation, if only because it means the big old cedar trees I saw on my trip should be safe forever.

Or does it? At the same time as the Nitinat announcement made the news, a related item surfaced to show that being declared a park just ain't what it used to be. Fact is, it may not be worth much in the long run.

The related item concerned Strathcona Park on Vancouver Island. It told of the provincial government's decision to declassify a southern strip of the park, around Della Falls, to allow

### my word

by Duncan MacDonnell

activation of old mining claims in the area.

That possibility hadn't been voiced four years ago when I stood on a rock shelf high above Drinkwater Creek and caught my first glimpse of Della Falls. After slogging through ankle-deep snow holding fast against a hot May sun, our party were still some ways below the falls — but even at that distance the roar of dropping braids of water said we

were approaching a special place.

But I guess it wasn't special enough, at least in the eyes of the powers-that-be and as far as today is concerned ... which I find disturbing, because if declassification can happen in Strathcona Park, the same thing is possible elsewhere. Where do we draw the line?

It seems to me that once an area is deemed worthy of preserving as parkland and we accord it that special status, a mighty drastic change in circumstances is needed to justify opening the wilderness up again. And to me, a craving for more minerals or trees isn't reason enough, especially when we consider the proportion of land already available for resource extraction.

But the wheel turns, as we saw

two weeks ago. The crux of all this is that the Nitinat Triangle announcement should have left me overjoyed, but the thrill died when word about Della Falls arrived. How could I not help but wonder how secure any park might be?

I suppose I shouldn't worry too much about the Nitinat Triangle being subjected to the kind of 'clarification' in status just bestowed on Della Falls. The former is now under federal jurisdiction while the latter belongs to the province, and its track record tells me Ottawa is a bit more consistent than Victoria when it comes to preserving wilderness areas.

At least, that's what I've been telling myself for the last week. Sad to say, I'm having trouble believing myself.

## Misleading

Sir,

In three misleading articles published in the February 18 *Driftwood*, particularly the editorial, there is a serious overlap of terminology: mountain bikes are tarred with the same brush as off-road motorcycles. The extent to which human powered vehicles create noise pollution or erode the wilderness is negligible when compared with trail bikes or even horses. Please don't malign a sport which neither pollutes or intrudes — off-road bicycling.  
**KATY PETER,**  
Ganges.

## Refugees

Sir,

Canada, especially in recent times, has been honoured and respected throughout the world for her compassion and co-operation in offering economic and technical assistance to third-world countries, participating in UN peace-keeping activities, and generously welcoming refugees.

Now Canada, in step with reactionary policy in the United States, is closing its borders, thereby destroying the hopes of people — families seeking only what we already enjoy: peace, freedom, justice.

Many of us are immigrants or the children or grandchildren of immigrants. Certainly, today's refugee has an equal right to live the Canadian mosaic as did our British, French, Slavic and Chinese ancestors. Surely, we can put aside the economic ideology of unemployment and limited resources in favour of a higher ideal — the sharing of our good fortune. Our standard of living is one of the highest, the average Canadian living a better life than 95 per cent of the world's population. In comparison to the developing world, we are fat in opportunity and resources.

Before we close our doors to those seeking refuge, let us first listen to the spirit of our Native Indian brothers and sisters who, at a great sacrifice to their language and culture, have shared their land with us.

If you are opposed to Canada's recent rejection of refugees, please write to: *Honourable Benoit Bouchard, Minister of Immigration, Parliament House, Ottawa, Ontario.*

Copies could also be sent to the Prime Minister and your representative MP.

**DAVID KOS,**  
Ganges.

## Good work

Sir,

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is to be commended for its efforts to support worthwhile causes on the island.

Although "commerce" is — or should be — the key word in this organization's title, perhaps average homeowners feel exempt and think that the chamber's main responsibility is to the business community.

As homeowners who may at sometime wish to dispose of their property at fair value, we too should take interest in the work of this group and, together with the full and active support of Salt Spring entrepreneurs, build an organization with clout and credibility to build a more peaceful and efficient method of solving island problems.

The chamber's Harvest Ball should become an annual event, in my opinion. The hard work of people like Beth McDonald in making this event a social and financial success should be recognized.

Let's all take active interest in chamber activities. It could be an excellent clearing house for ideas and for the creation of a non-confrontational atmosphere in the Gulf Islands community.

**LEN BLAND,**  
Ganges.

## Sell it

Sir,

Okay, here's how you solve the unemployment problem in Canada: take all the unemployed people and make them sell real estate. We have a head start here on Salt Spring, where the realtors outnumber the fishermen.

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Even on Salt Spring, there is still some land that has not been sold and resold. With a little imagination, more land could become available for purchase and this would create even more employment possibilities for more realtors. This example springs to

mind: "Exquisite semi-waterfront lot at bottom of St. Mary Lake. .77 ac. Excellent view of water (especially if you look straight up.) Good fishing. Excellent water supply. Offers."

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**BIS WHITBY,**  
S.S.I.W.P.S.,  
Ganges.

## Women's Day

Sir,

I was a new resident on Salt Spring in February, 1986, interested in meeting more people and discovering what was happening for women here. I attended the International Women's Day celebration at Off Centre Stage and was very impressed by the number of talented local women who performed.

This year, I am pleased to be part of the Gulf Islands Women's Place Society, which is organizing another International Women's day program. We hope there will again be a large turnout for the activities that are planned.

The style of International Women's Day in North America developed from the marches and rallies of the suffragists and garment worker union organizers in the U.S. in the early part of the 20th century. On Salt Spring on March 8, 1987, we hope to have a combination of political news and action, and entertainment that will have a wide appeal.

The day's program will start at 11 am at Off Centre Stage with a potluck brunch. Everyone can bring a favourite recipe to share, plus dishes and cutlery. Tea and coffee will be provided.

After brunch there will be a series of brief political talks on such subjects as the B.C. Abortion Coalition, sexual orientation and the Canadian Charter of Rights,

peace, daycare and midwifery. These will be followed by an instant letter-writing campaign to the politicians of your choice.

A highlight of the day will be a special guest from El Salvador who can provide first hand information about the present situation for women in Central America.

Intermingled with this serious business will be a reading by Mary Williamson, singing by Judy Boel, Lynn Quinn and the Capella

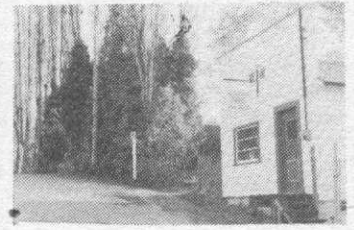
Sisters, and several other performances still being confirmed.

There will be a special exhibition of *Between the Lines: Chilean Arpilleras*, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Voice of Women.

Daycare will be provided on site. Both daycare and admission are by donation. The Women's Place Society hope that Salt Spring women will take some time out for themselves and join with us to celebrate how far we have come and where we are going in the future.

**GILLIAN SMITH,**  
Women's Place Society.

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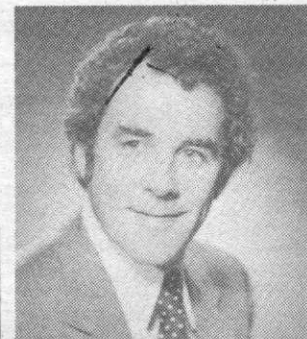


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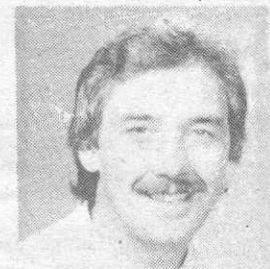
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**Winter surprise**

Just when the arrival of spring appeared to be no more than a formality, nature reminded Gulf Islanders about the true time of the year. Saturday snowfall left varying amounts of snow on ground, but there was enough white stuff in spots to call out grading and sanding crews. While they worked, others played: Gail Sjuberg (at left) welcomed chance to strap on cross-country skis and explore her Mt. Belcher neighbourhood with pet pooch.

Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

**Trees to be planted**

**Centennial park plans revealed**

Later this week an exciting event will take place. It is three years since Jonathan Oldroyd, Jonathan Yardley, Trish Morgan and Geoff Gay first presented their plans for the renovation and beautification of Centennial Park. Amongst other things, they called for the present parking area to be planted with trees, the area resurfaced, and the whole made into an attractive promenade and rest area.

Considerable work has been done on the park, with much more to be done; but the start on the promenade will occur this Friday when the tree planting will take place on the park and across the road on the extended parking area near the two banks. The long awaited "greening" of Ganges will begin.

The money for about 25 mature trees is being provided by the highways ministry. Other expenses will be borne by the remaining funds of the Centennial Park renovation committee, now under the chairmanship of Phil Hume, who is also chairman of the Centennial Park committee of the parks and recreation commission.

In order to continue with the beautification of the park, it will be necessary to raise at least \$50,000 over the spring and summer. Contributions are tax exempt and the many people who have already contributed time, work, equipment and money urge you to join them in this worthwhile community effort.

Parking problems in Ganges are a cause for great concern. The suggestion that some parking could occur along the park, at the expense of giving up a portion of the park, has been rejected for a

**director's report**

**Hugh Borsman**

number of reasons. Some angle parking is proposed at the north end of the park. Part and parcel of the plan involves closing off the promenade area to cars. Saturday vending from stall and tables, etc., will still take place in this area, while cars and trucks on market day will be around the corner on the south end of the park.

Everyone concerned asks the indulgence of the public while renovations are proceeding. There will not be sufficient money to do all the work at one time and the delays may well be frustrating.

**Pool Society**

Whether the island community needs, wants or can afford a swimming pool is something that will be decided by referendum after a proper feasibility study has been completed.

But regardless of the outcome, the swimming pool society has demonstrated what a dedicated and energetic group of people can do when they are prepared to work hard for what they want. The society apparently now has close to 1,400 paid members, and it has just completed a tremendously successful fund-raising book sale at Mahon Hall. The members of the society demonstrate what can be done in a community, and they are setting a fine example to others who may "aspire" but don't wish to "perspire" — i.e., talk is not enough.

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# Welfare rate hike too long overdue

VICTORIA — Increasing welfare rates is a top priority with his government, Premier Vander Zalm said the other day, to which I would like to add — it's about time.

Welfare rates were last increased five years ago, and it doesn't take a mathematical genius to figure out that money doesn't go as far today as it did then. The rates are inadequate at best.

A family of three receives \$789 a month and may, in some cases, be eligible for an additional \$70 a month in food and shelter allowance.

For a family with a paid-for house, that amount would be adequate; but needless to say, few families on welfare have a house, much less one that's paid for. And with the rent taking up more than half of the total welfare allowance, a family doesn't have enough left over to assure even good nutrition for the children.

Single persons on welfare face an even worse fate. A single employable person receives \$334 a month for the first month, \$359 for the second to eighth months and \$384 a month thereafter. There is no way anyone can live decently on that kind of income.

Welfare has been one of the few growth industries in B.C. during the past six years. The rate at which welfare rolls swelled since 1981 is frightening.

**'Government must provide leadership in finding new approaches to the problem of unemployment and welfare.'**

In 1981, the average number of people depending on welfare in B.C. in any given month was 121,388. By 1986, that number had grown to 228,845 — an increase of nearly 90 per cent. It wasn't until 1986 that the trend showed the first hesitant signs of reversal. Last year, an average of 218,808 people received social assistance in any given month.

Will that trend continue? Will the number of people on welfare go back to pre-recession levels? John Cashore, the NDP's social services critic, doesn't think so.

"Welfare is an exasperating reality for anyone who finds himself in that situation, and I don't think we can be all that optimistic. There is little chance we'll get back to 1981 levels in the near future," says the rookie politician from Maillardville-Coquitlam.

Exasperating is a rather mild word for the hopelessness and despair that comes with being forced to live on welfare. Contrary to what the Archie Bunkers of the world would have you believe, the vast majority of welfare recipients do not enjoy their status. They

## capital comment

by **Hubert Beyer**

would rather work than collect welfare.

But with the 'seasonally unadjusted' unemployment rate still at about 15 per cent, there are no jobs to be had, no matter how desperately people want to get off welfare.

Still, there will always be those who speak of welfare bums. And government policy reinforces those views. Why else would the welfare rates for single employable persons be so pitifully low? The implication here is that the low income will force them to find work.

All of which isn't to say that increasing welfare rates will solve the problems people on welfare have to face. As long as society attaches a stigma to those living on welfare, no amount of money will make up for the heartache and the lost self-esteem that results from being branded a parasite.

First and foremost, society must change its attitudes. A single mother who would rather stay home with her children should be encouraged to do so, rather than being considered a burden on the taxpayer. And a young man or woman forced to go on welfare because there simply are no jobs shouldn't be branded lazy and unwilling to work.

But equally important, governments must provide leadership in finding new approaches to the problem of unemployment and welfare.

Job-sharing schemes should be encouraged. Many families have two wage earners. In many cases, the secondary wage earner might be willing to share his or her job with someone else.

The provincial government could create auxiliary jobs and encourage the private sector to do likewise. These jobs would provide work for a 20-week period only, after which the workers would qualify for unemployment benefits.

While raising welfare rates is necessary, it won't address the real problem. Ultimately, the only solution lies in a guaranteed annual income that will replace all the band-aid programs such as welfare, unemployment insurance, income supplements and a hundred different allowances.

Only a broad-based program assuring Canadians of a minimum income as a matter of right can counteract the effect of the current welfare system — the creation of second-class citizens who are made to feel guilty because they can't find work that isn't there.

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### Cy Peck

## Ship project proceeds on three fronts

Negotiations that could lead to construction of a *Cy Peck* lookout in Ganges are proceeding on three official fronts, project chairman Jack Cherry said last week.

Cherry said the Chamber of Commerce bid to build a memorial to the former Salt Spring Island ferry now involves discussions to obtain a site, conforming to land-use regulations and reaching an agreement for maintenance.

The site being discussed is highways department property on the waterfront just north of Ganges Marina and opposite St. George's Anglican Church. The chamber hopes the thin sliver of land might be granted to it by the province.

Cherry said discussions are also being held with the local Island Trust Committee to ensure the memorial would be a permissible use of the highways ministry site.

On a third front, Cherry last week approached the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission to ask the body if it would accept responsibility for maintaining the site once the project is completed. The commission will study the request.

If and when the three rounds of negotiations prove successful, Cherry said, project organizers will turn their efforts towards raising funds to complete the memorial.

Late last year, the chamber was promised an \$8,750 provincial Lottery Fund grant to cover half of the \$17,500 cost then estimated as needed to complete the project. Since then, the estimate has crept up to \$24,000.

For that sum, project organizers envision building a two-level structure which would include a deck and adjoining seawalk on the bottom level and the original *Cy Peck* wheelhouse on the top. The wheelhouse, salvaged when the *Cy Peck* was scuttled last year in Nanaimo, was donated to the chamber in honour of the vessel's historical links to Salt Spring Island.

However, Cherry points out that more than the ferry would be honoured by the memorial. Noting that the ship was named after Gen. Cy Peck, who served at Vimy Ridge in the First World War, he said the project would also salute "the memory of a famous Canadian."

## Salt Spring couple wins lottery automobile prize

Arnold and Sabara Humes will soon be driving around Ganges in style.

Lorna Watson, public relations officer for the B.C. Lottery Corporation in Victoria, announced last week that the Humes won a Lincoln Towncar through Super Loto.

According to Watson, the Humes were shopping February 23 at Save-On Foods in Victoria when they decided to purchase a Super Loto ticket. Super Loto has a bonus 'scratch-and-win' section on the ticket pouch that offers purchasers a chance to win a new Lincoln.

"They'd won \$10 on 6-49, and Arnold decided to use the money to buy 'the big one.' They called it (Super Loto) the 'big one' because it's the most

expensive lottery ticket," Watson explained. "He scratched it and found two (car symbols). She said: 'Well, you need three to win,' but he said the third one was on top. He scratched the top, and there it was."

The Lincoln Towncar, according to Watson, is valued at \$32,800. She said the Humes will be able to pick up the vehicle in Victoria in approximately six weeks.

She added that the Humes indicated they will probably keep the car.

"He (Arnold) said he been sick lately, and felt it was just what he needed to cheer him up," she said.

The Humes could not be reached for comment.

## Timbers from Vesuvius eyed for lookout project

While negotiations concerning a site and maintenance for a *Cy Peck* memorial proceed on official fronts, project organizers are dickering for timber.

Talks were held last week with West Shore Constructors, the firm renovating the Vesuvius ferry dock, about a possible donation to the Chamber of Commerce of timbers being removed from the deck.

Jack Cherry, chairman of the *Cy Peck* memorial project, said technicalities meant a deal was "not absolutely firm," but he was hopeful that an arrangement could be made.

If the timbers are donated, they would likely be used as decking for the lookout, and for a seawalk adjoining the memorial. Best of all, the value of the materials would count towards the \$8,750 that must be raised before organizers will receive a matching provincial government Lottery Fund grant already promised for the project.

Cherry said use of the Vesuvius ferry terminal timbers for the *Cy Peck* project would be appropriate, given the connection to ships, and in keeping with his desire see the memorial built as "a complete island project."

He added that if everything goes according to plan, the *Cy Peck* lookout could be completed this year.

## Surge in building activity continues into new year

The 1986 surge in construction activity on Salt Spring Island continued into the new year, according to building permit statistics released last week by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The levels set over all of 1986, which easily outdistanced those reached one year earlier, are in danger of being eclipsed by current activity. Comparisons show present construction work is already ahead of the level reached in January, 1986.

Following are statistical breakdowns for January, 1987, with figures for January, 1986, in parentheses: number of permits, 29 (14); value of work, \$462,449

(\$100,576); and permit revenue, \$4,936 (\$1,237).

The figures for this January include three permits for single-family dwellings, two for mobile homes, one for commercial and industrial buildings, 10 for plumbing work, four for chimneys and nine for 'other' work. A year earlier, the listings covered one permit for a single-family dwelling, one to move a dwelling, six for plumbing work, two for chimneys and four for 'other work.'

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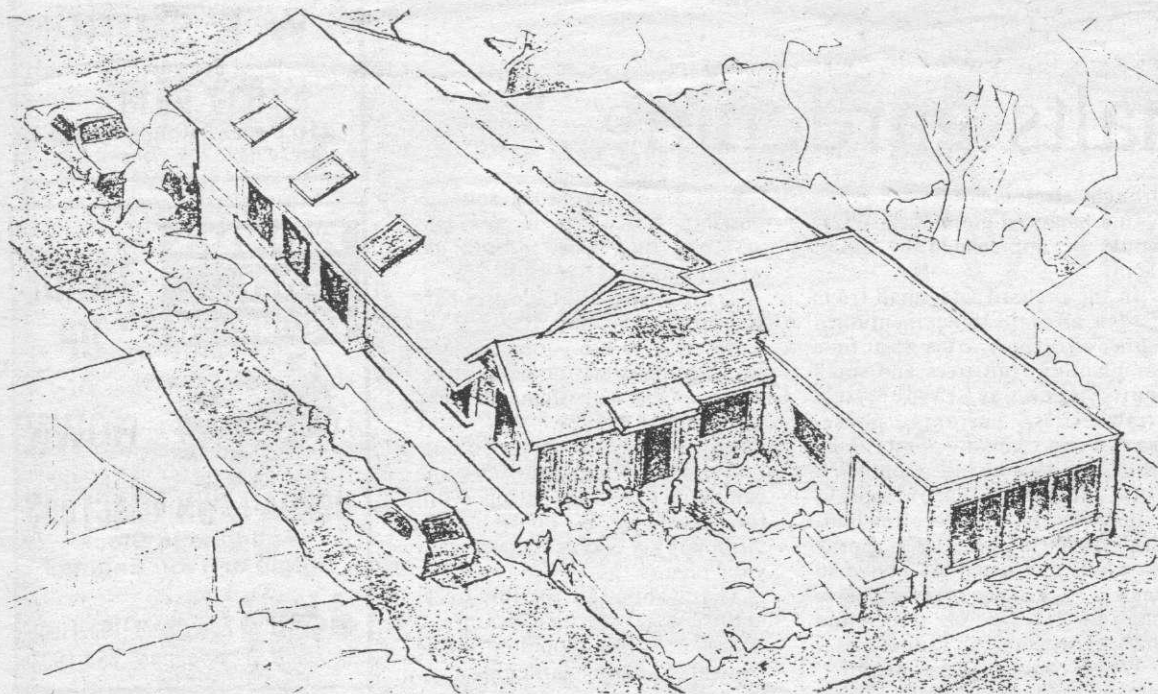
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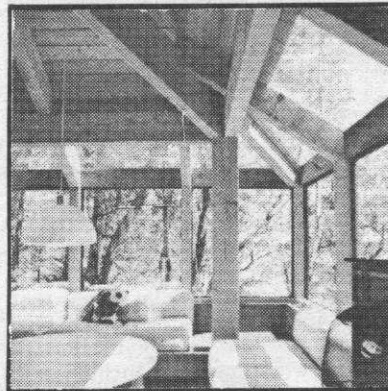
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## Association endorses library addition plans

Unanimous endorsement last week greeted unveiling of plans for a building project that will double the space available for books at the Salt Spring public library.

At their annual general meeting held in Ganges last Wednesday night, members of the Public Library Association endorsed construction of an addition to the present library building on McPhillips Avenue.

The addition, designed by local architect Hank Schubart, will increase the building's present floor space by 1,342 square feet — bringing it to 3,692.

"That will double our space for books," says Wilf Peck, a member of the library association's board of directors. The board has long noted that it no longer has enough room for the books on hand, let alone any new ones purchased.

Although precise cost estimates are not yet available, the project is expected to come in at about \$100,000. It will be funded by \$40,000 received last year in a grant from the province, and by \$60,000 the library association has held in a special bank account for just such a purpose.

Peck noted that the last time the library building required an addition was seven years ago. "Based on that experience, and if growth continues at the same rate, the new building should be

good for another seven to 10 years."

In reviewing the plans for the addition, Peck said some of its highlights include provision of more ceiling height in the older portion, an enlarged desk area, the building of two washrooms (both to handicapped standards), and an eight-foot-high unfinished basement.

He also noted that the design offers a simple practicality while providing for future flexibility.

Construction of the building addition is expected to begin in May and should be finished within about three months, Peck added.

A common wall shared by the addition and the present structure will not be taken out until the new building is constructed, he continued, so disruption of service is kept to a minimum.

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# Unexpected snow halts gardening

Almost without fail, every time I venture to comment on how great the weather is and how it's here to stay, we get dumped on, not that I'm taking any responsibility for it, but this time, I've got snow on my face. With any luck, it will have melted by the time this paper reaches you, and we can reflect on how nice it was to see the ground covered with a couple inches of the white stuff.

Once it has gone, we can resume our gardening activities in the busy month of March. Last week's article covered timely chores pertaining to perennials, annuals, greenhouses, vegetables and herb gardens. Let's start in this week with lawns.

The previously mild weather and sunshine have no doubt induced the lawn to grow a few inches over the course of the winter. It's time for a good mowing, with the mower set up to remove only one half of the growth produced so far. This will encourage the grass to knit better and close over before weeds fill in the spaces. Wait for a dry, sunny day when the blades of grass aren't wet with dew, so that tearing of grass blades and matting of the clippings will be minimized. Rake up the clippings and feed them to your compost pile.

Hold off for a while with the moss killer but do apply lime if a pH test indicates a reading below 6.0, or if you haven't done so for two or more years (up to 45 lbs/1000 sq.ft. may be applied). A proper pH of 6.5 to 7.0 will improve the colour of your lawn and will aid in suppressing moss.

This is a good month for any top dressing or filling in of depressions. You may add up to 1½ inches of sand or fine-screened soil to even out the bumps, and the grass will move itself up to the new level. If you want to seed down a new lawn or patch up and fill in an established one, you can safely do it any time now. For a lower-maintenance, more drought-tolerant lawn that requires less frequent mowing, try sowing down some of the dwarf perennial ryegrasses such as Elka or Manhattan.

Many of the trees and shrubs that were showing colour in January and February seem to have a few more weeks in them yet. The Chinese witch hazel is still in fine form, but once it's done, give it a light pruning to correct form and enhance its unique branching habit.

## your garden

by  
**Chris Schmah**

The same holds true for the winter-spring blooming Viburnums, *V. tinus*, *V. t. Spring Bouquet* and *V. bodnantense Pink Dawn*. Once these delightful winter heathers (actually heaths) have faded and turned a bit brown, then shear or cut back the tips enough to remove almost all of the flowers. This will stimulate branching and a fuller, tighter plant with a more vibrant show next season.

Your buddleias and *P.G. hydrangeas* should have been pruned hard last month, but there's still time, and while you're at it, clean up and cut back your pampas grass clump. Some people prefer burning them off, others like to hack them off at a foot or so in height, but I feel that a general cleanup is sufficient.

This month should see all of your trees pruned, and any deciduous hedging such as privet or honeysuckle should be sheared or trimmed. Roses should be pruned as soon as possible to direct all of the plant's energies into the development of the buds and shoots that are to be kept for this year's growth.

This is a great month for planting roses, rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, deciduous shrubs, flowering and shade trees (especially magnolias and birches) and, for that matter, all shrubs and trees. The plant's roots will have a couple months to establish themselves before any summer

drought stresses come. A feeding with a balanced granular fertilizer would be appreciated by all of them.

In the orchard and small fruits garden, all of the things mentioned earlier also apply. It's a great time for planting fruit trees and small fruits such as raspberries, strawberries, currants, gooseberries, etc. All of your pruning should be done by mid-month and your dormant season sprays should be applied before any buds flush or burst into growth. Spray on a dry day when it's above 40 degrees F., and the spray will have time to dry on the stems and branches before any rain comes.

When doing your pruning, remember to sterilize your loppers, saws, and pruners often, to prevent the spread of fungi and bacteria. Finish pruning your grapes leaving only two buds of growth from the '86 season. Tie up your raspberry, loganberry and boysenberry canes and make any necessary repairs to your posts, supports, and wires. Check to see that the drainage is good around your raspberries and strawberries, and give them a topdressing of compost or rotted manure, with some good lime and wood ash mixed in. All of your fruit trees

should be fertilized as soon as possible (discussed in previous articles) and you should do weeding around the stems.

Try to keep at least a foot of bare soil around the base, to avoid the temptation to use your weedeater to clean up. Numerous people have come to me with dying or dead trees and shrubs, that were damaged or de-barked by a string-line weedeater. Once the bark and cambium have been stripped off, the prognosis is poor, if not terminal, so take care and save your plants.

That's about all for this week, and next week we'll feature a beautiful, spring-blooming shrub. Until then, happy gardening.

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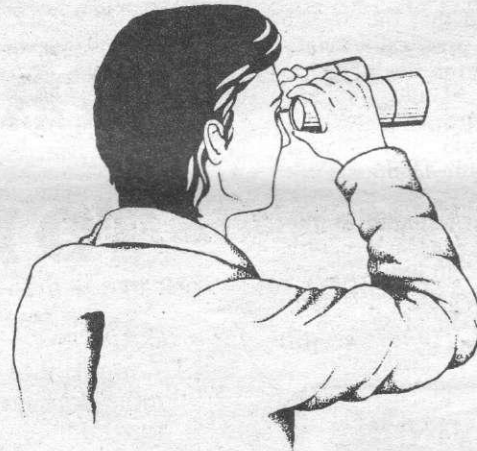
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Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society member Kathy Reimer with the plaque presented to the group for its work here.

## Enhancement society wins recognition

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"Through continued involvement and the use of all available funding and employment opportunities," Boland continued, "the salmonid enhancement program can do nothing but prosper on the Gulf Islands through the efforts of these dedicated volunteers."

Kathy Reimer, a member of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society, said the organization was surprised to receive the award. She explained that in the past, only organizations with a long history in salmon and stream enhancement have been so honoured.

The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society's Cusheon Creek hatchery is in its second year of operation.

"They (fisheries officials) also said they were pleased with our work on small streams, because it maintains the genetic diversity of wild salmon stocks," she noted, adding that receiving the award was "a real honour."

A total of eight members of the society attended the February 22 fisheries meeting in Duncan.

### setting it straight

Last week, in a letter to the editor by Ganges resident Loes Holland concerning Portlock Park, it was stated that "a referendum was held to raise \$2.5 million to finish the two tennis courts, prepare the soccer field, surface the track and complete the parking area."

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## The New Budget

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Most of the proposed amendments to the Income Tax Act contained in the federal budget brought down February 18 are of the "housekeeping" variety, which pertain to technical aspects of present law and are of little significance to the taxpayer.

An example of a "housekeeping" amendment is the removal of the application of attribution rules to a division of Canada Pension Plan payments between spouses. Effective January 1, 1987, spouses can split the receipt of CPP payments, but the primary beneficiary was required to pay tax on amounts received by the spouse. The budget proposes to correct this, and tax the payments in the hands of each recipient.

There is a major change requiring large employers, including members of an associated group of corporations, whose average monthly payroll tax remittances are in excess of \$15,000, to remit twice a month instead of once. It is unlikely that this change will affect many in the Gulf Islands.

Previously only trust companies have been permitted to administer self-directed RRSP's. Now the budget suggests that investment dealers and brokers will be able to act as custodians of these plans. It is proposed that the age

requirement of 60 years be removed for the commencement of prescribed annuity payments, so that younger persons can now hold annuities which will be taxed as the payments are received, and which are presumably eligible for the pension income deduction.

Series C-36 Canada Savings Bond interest accrued to date was reportable in 1987, even though the debt matures in 1988. It is proposed that reporting the accrued income may be postponed until 1988.

All consumers will be affected by the many federal sales tax increases in this budget. Airline tickets go up \$4 May 1, there is the usual increase in alcohol and tobacco taxes, and, for the first time, snack foods such as potato chips, ice cream bars, and even granola bars and frozen yogurt will be subject to sales tax at 12%. This takes effect July 1 so there is still time to stock the cupboards and freezer.

Finance Minister Wilson announced that major tax reform proposals would be introduced this Spring, but it is unlikely that "major" measures could be enacted by Parliament in time to affect the 1987 year.

**NEXT WEEK:** How to fill in the new tax exemption forms being received by many pensioners.

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## Law students ride with police

The RCMP's Ride Along Program, involving Gulf Islands Secondary School's Law 12 class, will benefit both the community and its young people, GISS student Cam Geiger said Friday.

Geiger — speaking on behalf of all Law 12 students — said he has already participated in the program, which allows students to ride with RCMP officers in the community and learn first-hand about police work.

"You look at them (policemen) in a different light (after going through the program)," he said. "You get a new perspective, and I think it brings you closer to the law."

Geiger added the program also includes a tour of the RCMP station, where students learn that police work is more than just "riding around in a car."

"You learn in detail about the computers... and what police do when processing a crime," he said. "Hours of work go into it. When we were there, one officer had two cases, and he spent two hours working on them in the station."

Geiger noted that many young people feel intimidated by police officers. "It's because they drive around and have authority, and (students) feel they can't touch that authority or reason with it. You feel you just have to get along with it," he explained. "But through this program, you learn that the police are there for you, not for their own egos. They're part of the community."

"You learn to see them as people doing a job."

Geiger said that in his opinion,

the pay police officers receive doesn't reflect the importance of their work or the dangers they sometimes face.

He urged the community and students at GISS to support the

Ride Along program.

"It's a good concept," he said, "and we need community support. I think it's good for the community and for the students. It gives them a new outlook."

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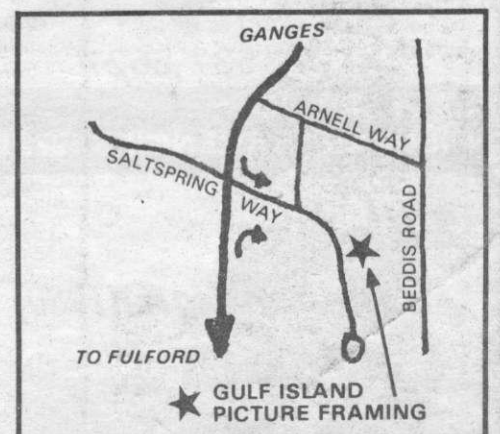
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# Islanders urged to participate in relay

The 1988 Winter Olympic Games may be a year away, but Salt Spring Island residents are already lining up for a chance to take part in the event.

The Games — set to open in Calgary, Alberta, on February 13, 1988 — will be preceded by a cross-Canada torch relay originating in St. John's, Newfoundland, this November. And Petro-Canada, sponsors of the relay, is offering application forms to Canadians who want a chance to carry the torch for one kilometre.

The government-owned oil and gas company's call for participants went out last week and local residents lost no time in replying.

"We've got quite a few of the applications in the box already," says Rick Rockliffe, owner of the Petro-Canada station in Ganges, which has 4,000 forms available for local residents wanting to participate.

A random-selection process will choose the torch-bearers after applications close on March 31, 1987. Participation is free, no purchase is necessary for an application, and there is no limit on the number of forms any one person may submit — although Petro-Canada stations will limit application requests to five per person per visit.

"It's the chance of a lifetime," Rockliffe said. "It's the only time the people of Salt Spring Island will have the opportunity to carry the Olympic torch."

Participants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada and be capable of carrying the three-pound torch for one kilometre.

Petro-Canada is expecting "millions of entries" for the relay, Rockliffe said. The company is underwriting the full cost of the program, even to the point of providing participants with jogging suits which can be kept as a souvenir.

(In the U.S., a similar relay for the 1984 Summer Olympics saw participants pay to carry the flame.)

Of the 18,000 kilometres the torch will travel across Canada, 6,214 kilometres will open to public participants. The remainder will be covered by aircraft, designated torch-bearers (Olympic athletes, public figures, the disabled, etc.) and winter sports groups.

The Olympic torch will be carried near the Gulf Islands on the 67th and 68th days of the relay — January 22 and 23, 1988 — when it travels from Nanaimo to Victoria to Vancouver. It's estimated that 146 torch-bearers will be needed over those two days.

The full relay will cover 88 days before it ends in Calgary on February 13, 1988. Along the way, it will travel through every province, territory and major city in the country.



## Cultural celebration

At a recent noon-hour assembly, Grade Three and Four students at Fulford Elementary School (above) displayed posters made during mid-February's Multicultural

Week. Event, organized by the school to help children learn about different cultures, was one of many held throughout the district from February 16 to 20. At Gulf Islands Secondary

School (below), Mary Sinclair serves crepes to Paula Marcotte and Kathy Caldwell at the French class food stand in the midst of a 'multicultural bazaar'.

## Hansen fund-raiser set

A fun run or walk is being organized by Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital in support of Rick Hansen's *Man in Motion* world tour to raise funds for spinal cord research.

The event is set for Sunday, May 3, beginning at 10 am. Depending on their skill and stamina levels, and their determination, participants will follow one of three routes — distances are 10, five and two kilometres. Each route begins and ends at the elementary school grounds in Ganges.

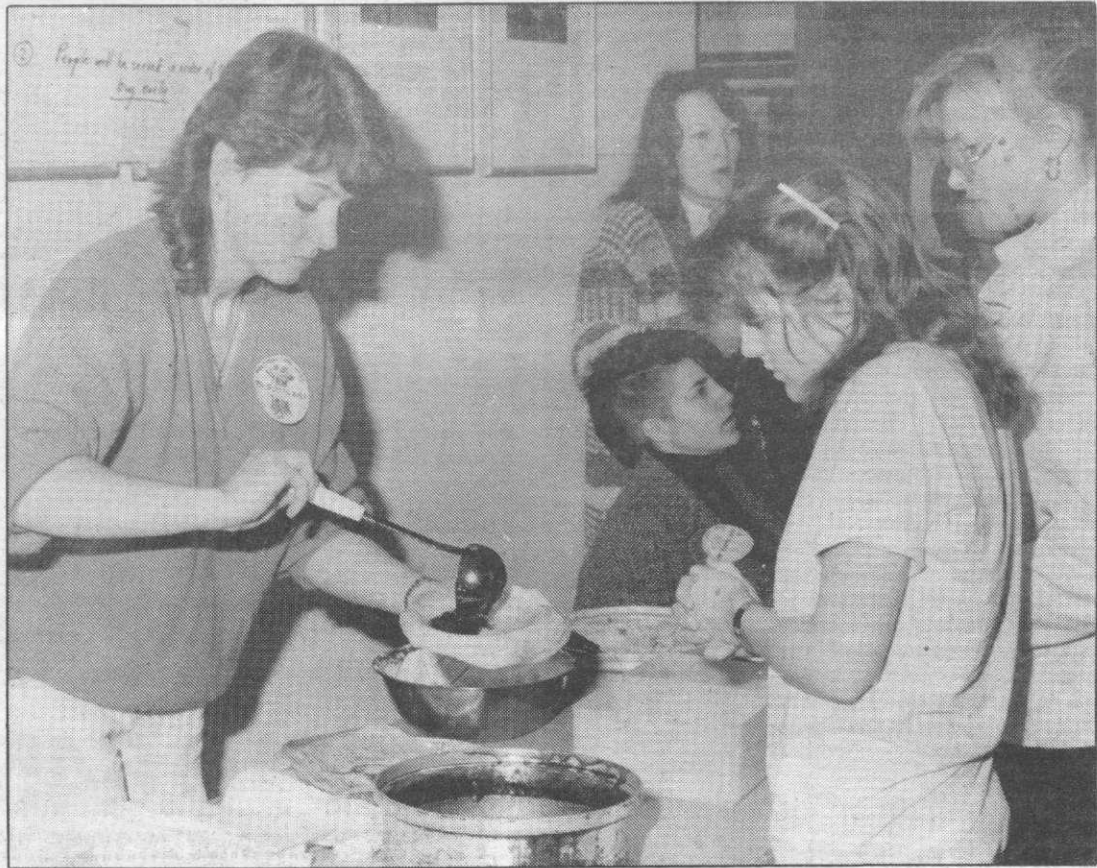
In addition, youngsters can participate by running laps around the school playing field.

Organizers are encouraging everyone "from elementary school children to seniors" to participate, adding that it doesn't matter if the route is tackled by running, jogging or walking.

The event will also feature a luncheon put on by the members of the Order of the Eastern Star "to support the fund and refresh the spectators and participants." Proceeds from the luncheon will, like those from the fun run, be donated to Rick Hansen.

Organizers are also hoping that Hansen may be on hand for the event. However, while an invitation has been sent out, it was noted that the wheelchair athlete's tour is supposed to end in Vancouver.

Further details about the run will appear in future issues of *Driftwood*. Pledge sheets for participants are expected to be available shortly.



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**Owners upset**

# Five island resorts omitted from accommodations guide

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business, but the island economy as a whole.

"We've always been in it," he said. "Ninety-nine per cent of my first-time visitors get our name from the guide.

"This amount (being left out of the guide) could have an impact on the entire tourism season. It could affect the gasoline stations, restaurants . . ."

Blackburn suggested that if five resorts on Salt Spring Island were omitted from the guide — all of which had been listed previously — it was possible that many others throughout the province were also not listed.

"It's staggering to think that a large number might not be included," he stated. "And what resort owner in his right mind wouldn't pay the \$25 to be listed in the guide? It's sent around the world. We get customers from London, England."

Green Acres Resort Motel has been listed in the guide for 15 years. Nemeth agreed that not being listed in it this year will likely affect the resort's business.

"It's not going to kill my business, because 80 to 90 per cent of it consists of repeat customers," he said. "But it would sink a new operation."

Nemeth said he will ensure that his business is listed in the guide next year. He added there is no way he can obtain comparable exposure for his resort "without spending \$1,000 in advertising."

Blackburn feels the ministry of tourism, recreation and culture is responsible for the five resorts being omitted from the guide. However, Fred Colthorpe — manager of accommodations for the ministry — claims otherwise.

Colthorpe, who has been responsible for the accommodation guide for the past 15 years, said all five resorts were sent notices concerning the guide and its publication deadline.

At one time, he said, ministry employees made personal visits to the resorts, hotels and other businesses offering tourist accommodations. This practice has been eliminated to cut costs, he said, and now the ministry merely sends out notices.

"The year before last," he added, "we sent out four reminders and nearly 10 per cent (of businesses) never replied. This year, to cut costs, we only sent out two, and approximately the same number still didn't respond. So you see, we have saved money and about the same number of people didn't respond."

Colthorpe pointed out that 15 other approved "properties" in the Gulf Islands apparently did

receive the information and are included in the 1987 guide. He said he found it difficult to believe that they received the ministry's letter concerning the guide while five Salt Spring resorts did not.

Colthorpe said it is unfortunate five resorts were not included in the guide. However, he suggested that it is the responsibility of the individual businessmen involved to ensure their operations are listed in the *B.C. Accommodation Guide*.

He said that businesses included in previous issues of the guide should have known about the deadline for listings. He suggested that it was a businessman's responsibility to ensure his firm obtained the advertising he desired.

"I'm sorry they (the five resorts not listed) did not get included in the guide, but I'm sure they did receive it (the

correspondence) because it was sent," he said.

"If an act of God occurred, and it was lost in the mail or something, well, there's nothing we can do about that. I'm as disappointed as they are that they're not in the guide. I want them in it.

"I would ask that those who are not included in this year's guide please put a note on their calendar to remind them next year," Colthorpe said.

Blackburn is not satisfied with the ministry official's explanation and is pursuing the matter. He has written a letter to Colthorpe voicing his concerns, and sent copies to Premier Bill Vander Zalm, Finance Minister Mel Couvelier (MLA for Saanich-and-the-Islands), MLA Terry Huberts, MP Jim Manly and Tourism Minister Claude Richmond.

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J.D. Power & Associates, the California-based scorekeeper on—among other things—consumer satisfaction, says U.S. car-makers are improving but have a long way to go before catching up with the Japanese.

Honda sat at the top of Power's survey of 1985-model owners. Mercedes-Benz and Toyota were close behind in second & third, respectively, with Mazda & Lincoln (tied for fourth) rounding out the top five.

The General took its lumps from Power. Among the four major domestic manufacturers, GM had the worst technical scores in the Power report, ranking behind Ford (first), American Motors (second) and Chrysler (third). Among the lowest scores in the GM stable were those for the Camaro, the Firebird and the Corvette. The only other domestic nameplates in the top 16 were Ford products—Mercury came in tenth, and Ford scored number sixteen.

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MERCEDES-BENZ	129
TOYOTA	127
MAZDA	112
LINCOLN	112
BMW	111
SUBARU	108
SAAB	105
VOLVO	105
NISSAN	104
JAGUAR	103
MERCURY	103
VOLKSWAGEN	102
CADILLAC	100
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## Joint committee to study pool

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission agreed at its regular meeting February 23 to form a joint pool proposal committee with the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society.

The committee, as yet unformed, will consider the pool society's plans for an indoor swimming pool in greater detail and work toward holding a referendum on the project this fall.

The decision to form the committee was made at the recreation commission meeting after pool society officials presented their written proposal

for discussion. The 12-page document outlines the type of facility proposed (a leisure pool) and its estimated cost (likely between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million).

The written proposal also lists potential sources of funding. The pool society hopes to obtain a grant from the B.C. Lottery Branch to cover at least part of the facility's cost.

Pool society president Wendy Vine said nine other pool society recommendations will likely be considered by the committee at a later date.

## Tennis association seeks court donations

The Salt Spring Tennis Association is asking the local business community for help in funding construction of a fourth tennis court at Portlock Park.

In a letter sent to local businesses, Pat Tiernan — chairman of the tennis association's court fund — said tennis enthusiasts will be contributing their "fair share and it would be very helpful if the business community would lend its support in a proportion that would reflect the percentage of visitors' usage of the courts."

In making his appeal for support, Tiernan noted that the fourth court is needed to handle "the demand for play in the summer, with the influx of holiday-makers and tourists." He pointed out that the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission — which will oversee construction and maintenance of the facility — has already received a grant from the B.C. Lottery Fund to cover one-third of the project's cost up to \$11,000.

"The very generous donation by Jack and Marg Fisher, who are members of the Salt Spring Tennis Association, of a further one-third of the cost up to \$11,000 was the main reason we obtained the lottery grant, because the B.C. government helps communities that help themselves," Tiernan added.

The parks and recreation commission has offered to pay one-sixth of the fourth court's construction costs (up to \$5,500), leaving the remaining \$5,500 to be raised by the tennis association.

"Although the association is spearheading the drive and is assuming responsibility for one-sixth of the cost, the association will derive no proprietary interest in the new court," stressed Tiernan. "It will be an addition to the facilities of the community and will be available to all tennis players whether resident or visitor."

Tiernan suggested it would be "good business" for local merchants to support the fourth tennis court.

"Any improvement in recreational facilities contributes to an enhancement of the quality of life on Salt Spring," noted Tiernan. "This in turn makes our community a more appealing place to live or a more attractive holiday destination. So you might well say that supporting the construction of this community facility is good business."

All donations should be made out to the Capital Regional District. They will be tax deductible, Tiernan said.

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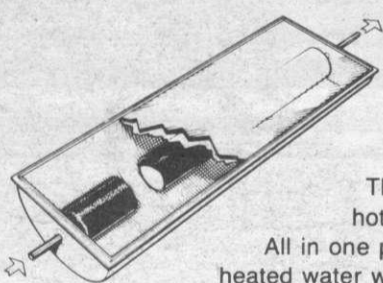
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# Islanders gearing up for this year's Beaux Arts Ball

By GARY CHERNEFF

I still have last year's photo, on the wall, of the Beaux Arts Ball. My honey and me, beauty and the beast as she likes to say. I can't remember another time when I've had so much fun.

This year, the ball will be held at Central Hall while the accompanying Showcase '87 exhibition will venue at Mahon Hall. Much of last year's format will be retained for this year's event: once again, hors d'oeuvres will be served but are promised to be delivered in a more equitable fashion; refreshments will be available and dance music will be provided by the quartet

## art seen

comprising Gary Lundy on keyboards, Dwaine Prosk on guitar, Doug Rhodes on percussion and — new this year — Ken Speller on saxophone.

In between times we will be entertained by the exquisite ballads of Trish songbird Sheila Ryan (ably accompanied by Terry Warbey), and Chris Kodaly on piano will present melodies appropriate to the theme.

Which brings us to the big dilemma: "I haven't got a thing to wear! Well *dahling*, you just don't

have a thing to worry about. The theme for this year's masked escapade is art deco, and if you really want to do it in style, black and silver a la mode is the way to go. I prefer colour myself.

Now, my forte is not period fashion but I have it from a connoisseur of the era that Art Deco flourished between 1910 and 1935 and was influenced heavily by the artifacts of ancient civilizations and exotic cultures.

The discoveries in Tutankhamen's tomb inspired designers and artists around the world. I favour the bare-breasted loin cloth of Egyptian wall murals but it's still a bit chilly outside. Try lots of lapis and turquoise shades, ladies, with a panther at one's side (do you think he will oblige?)

The Japanese were another source for this era, with ornate and gilded kimonos and elaborate hair styles, combs and ornaments. Look into darkest Africa for your ideas as well; books on Gustav Klimt should be required reading. In fact, our local library might be your first stop if you're really going to get into this. Think Greta Garbo, think Radio City Music Hall, think French!

Now if all this sounds like a lot of fun, you can buy your tickets starting this Thursday at *et cetera*, Pegasus and the Waterfront Gallery. The time is 8:30 pm on March 14 and the cost is \$15 per person, and that includes dessert. Reasonably priced masks will be available at the Waterfront Gallery.

As if all that was not reason enough to attend, you might like to know that any proceeds from this event will go towards the establishment of a children's art program. This program, which has yet to be articulated, could perhaps be patterned after Arts Umbrella on Granville Island in Vancouver.

Speaking of young artists, the B.C. Young Artists Exhibition is coming up soon. B.C.Y.A. '87 is co-ordinated by the Emily Carr College of Art and Design Outreach Programs. A growing number of communities in B.C., the Yukon and Washington have hosted this exhibition since its introduction in 1979.

B.C.Y.A. '85 was seen by over 22,000 people in 23 locations during its 15 month tour. It is being exhibited in Adelaide, Australia in January, 1987. From there it will go to Norway to be housed permanently by the Foundation of Children's History, Art and Culture at the International Museum of Children's Art in Oslo.

Any young person 19 and under on September 1, 1987, may enter original art work in the five categories. Entry forms should be available from the school district 64 superintendent's office. Applications are being accepted now with final deadline on March 20. More detailed information is available at the Waterfront Gallery.

## Four join board

Four members were acclaimed last week to positions on the Salt Spring Public Library Association's seven-person board of directors.

An election held at the association's annual general meeting named Art Botham, Grace Byrne, Lillian McNulty and Phyllis Turnbull to two-year terms on the board. Botham and Byrne are returning members; McNulty and Turnbull are new additions.

The seven-person board of directors is rounded out by Marie Crofton, Wilf Peck and June Perry.

The new board's first meeting is set for the third Wednesday in March. At that time, members will decide executive positions.

## Writer Robert Anton Wilson to give seminar on island

Noted author Robert Anton Wilson will visit Salt Spring Island on March 22 and 23.

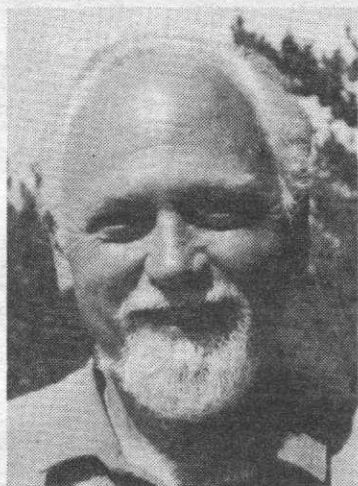
Wilson, once described as "the Lenny Bruce of philosophers," has written a number of fiction and non-fiction books. The former category includes the *Illuminatus* and *Schrodinger's Cat* trilogies, while the latter counts *The Illuminati Papers*, *Right Where You Are Sitting Now*, *The Cosmic Trigger*, *The New Inquisition* and *Prometheus Rising*.

His appearances on Salt Spring — part of a tour that includes stops in Vancouver and Nanaimo — will see Wilson offer a seminar titled *The Fool and the Universe*, and lead a discussion called *Religion for the Hell of it*.

The seminar, set for 1 pm to 4 pm on March 22, will be held at Off Centre State. Based on material from Wilson's forthcoming book, *Cocidence*, it will delve into "the Tarot as a tool of self-understanding, the language and logic of myths and dreams, synchronicity, and the continual unfolding of human evolution," according to a release.

The release adds: "Dr. Wilson (degree in psychology) relates this information to other such imaginative works as *I Ching* and the *Star Wars* movies, and *Finnegan's Wake*, while demonstrating that the Jungian collective unconscious has a structure which can be described mathematically as well as artistically, and relates directly the the latest discoveries of quantum physics."

*Religion for the Hell of it*,



Robert Anton Wilson

meanwhile, will take place at Off Centre Stage on March 23, beginning at 8 pm. The discussion will centre on religions that began as jokes — i.e., the Cult of the Subgenius, the Neo-American Church — and what became of them.

Cost of the seminar is \$35, while the discussion is priced at \$6 (\$5 low-income). Registration information for the seminar is available by calling 537-4076; tickets for the discussion are at the door or at Volume II Books.

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**Lake case impact felt in Victoria**

The B.C. Supreme Court decision that returned gasoline-powered outboards to St. Mary Lake is making waves beyond Salt Spring Island.

Ramona Herrick said last week from the Capital Regional District (CRD) parks branch office that the St. Mary Lake ruling is blocking attempts to improve the aesthetic appeal of Beaver Lake Park by prohibiting gasoline-powered outboards.

A request for an electric-motor-only (EMO) designation for Beaver Lake was made to the provincial government, she said, but Victoria replied that no bans can be applied for reasons other than safety.

The province's stand reflects the B.C. Supreme Court decision, handed down last June, which overturned the EMO limit on St. Mary Lake. The court said the ban on gasoline-powered outboards had been applied in response to water quality concerns — a move it ruled is beyond the authority of the enabling federal legislation, the Canada Shipping Act.

"Beaver Lake is not conducive to motorboats," Herrick said, "but when we tried to restrict it to electric motors, the province said we could only apply it for safety reasons."

The province, she said, also advised the CRD that it could try to resolve the issue among users or petition the federal government to add environmental and aesthetic concerns to the reasons an EMO declaration can be applied.

Last week, the CRD wrote to Ottawa, asking that "aesthetic and noise concerns" be considered legitimate cause to close lakes to gasoline-powered outboards.

"We don't expect to get a lot of action but it is a first step," Herrick said. "The recommendation from your case was that the only way to change things is to change the Canada Shipping Act. That's why this attempt is being made."

However, Herrick pointed out that a larger question than safety-versus-aesthetics is at stake in Beaver Lake: "Our question is, can't we regulate a recreational lake? It's in a park and most people want to create a certain atmosphere, so can't we manage the boating activities there?"

Herrick holds out little hope of limiting gasoline outboards from Beaver Lake if safety concerns alone are to be the deciding factor. "It's awfully hard to argue safety," she said.

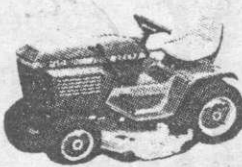
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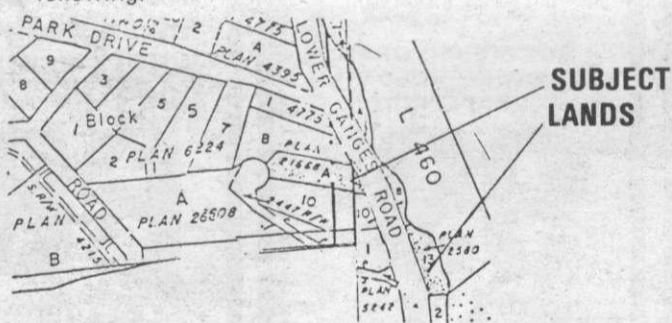
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed by-laws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held at the **HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL, GANGES, B.C. on FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1987, commencing at 1:30 P.M.**

In general terms the intents of the following proposed by-laws are as follows:

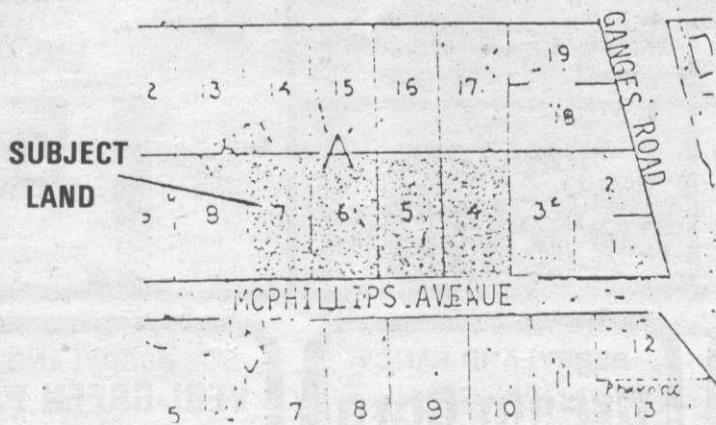
- a) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 167 is a by-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 118 cited as "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area 'F' - Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972" to provide for the issuance of Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permits within the Designated Development Areas in Ganges.
- b) Proposed By-law No. 173 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123 being "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985", by:
  - i) adding a new zoning classification "Uplands and Forest Cluster Zone (UFC) which provides for uses such as single family dwellings, seasonal cottages, home occupations, outdoor recreation use, farm use and forestry and logging. One single-family dwelling and one seasonal cottage per 8 hectares are permitted. The By-law also includes provisions relating to building height and setbacks. This By-law re-establishes a zoning classification deleted in error when the zoning by-law was consolidated; and
  - ii) amending Section 17.1(3), the regulations relating to the Upland and Forest Zone, to allow two single family dwellings on a parcel larger than 12 hectares.
- c) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 174 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123 being "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985", by:
  - i) changing the zoning classification of Lot "A", Section 2, Range 3 and 4 East, Plan 21668, North Salt Spring Island from the Residential 1 Zone (R1) to the Comprehensive Development (2) Zone CD(2); and
  - ii) by changing the zoning of a portion of Lot 13, Section 2, Plan 2580, North Salt Spring Island from the Industrial 4 Zone (I4) to the Comprehensive Development (2) Zone CD(2) as shown on the plan attached to the by-law.

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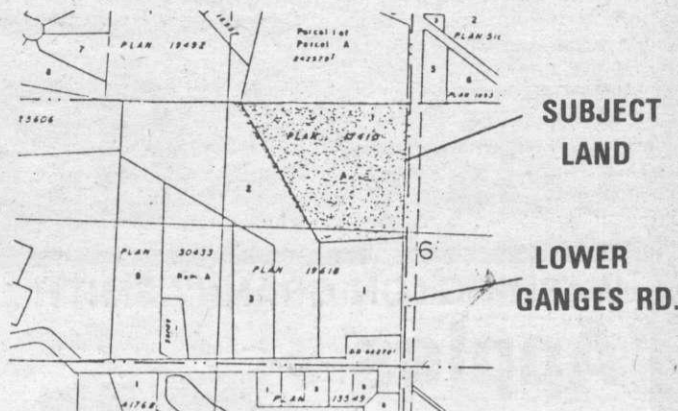
- d) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 175 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123 being "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985" by changing the zoning classification of Lot 4 and 7, Plan 1371, Block "A", Section 1, North Salt Spring Island from the Residential 1 Zone (R1) to the Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) and by changing the zoning classification of Lots 5 and 6, Plan 1371, Block 'A', Section 1, North Salt Spring Island from the Commercial 1 Zone (C1) to the Comprehensive Development Zone (CD).

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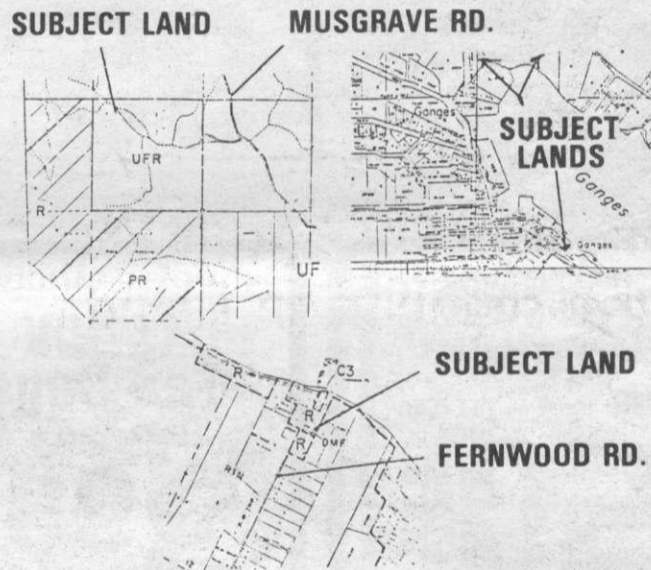
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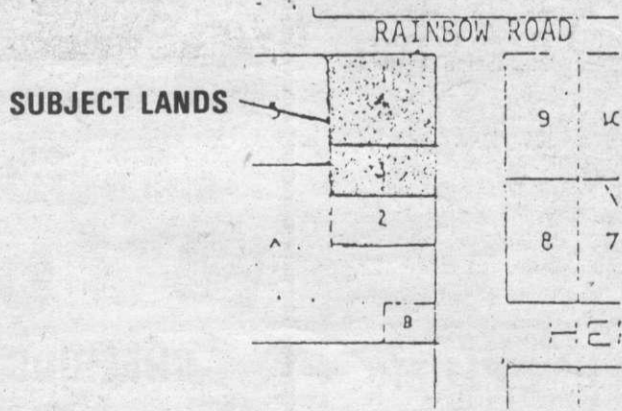
- f) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 177 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123 being "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985" by amending Section 4.22, the minimum and minimum average parcel area requirements for subdivision, from 4,000 square metres to 2 hectares for the Detached Multiple Family Zone (DMF) and by adding a minimum and minimum average area requirement for the Comprehensive Development (2) Zone CD(2) of 2 hectares and a minimum and a minimum average area requirement of 32 hectares for the Uplands and Forest Retreat Zone (UFR).

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- g) Proposed By-law No. 178 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123 being "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985" by changing the zoning classification of Lots 3 and 4, Plan 5827, Section 1, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island from the Residential 1 Zone (R1) to the Commercial 3 Zone (C3).

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- h) Proposed By-law No. 179 is a by-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 118 cited as "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area 'F'—Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972" to change the plan policies with respect to plan reference Block 5 at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Rainbow Road to allow automobile service and repair uses as a secondary use.

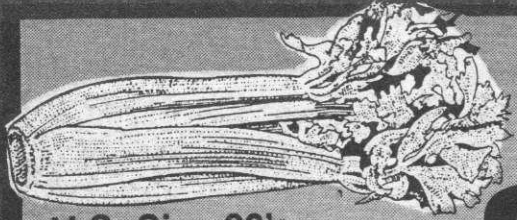
A copy of the proposed by-laws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 747 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(v) of the Municipal Amendment Act, 1985, an additional copy of the proposed by-laws may be inspected at the Capital Regional District Building Inspection Office, Salt Spring Island.

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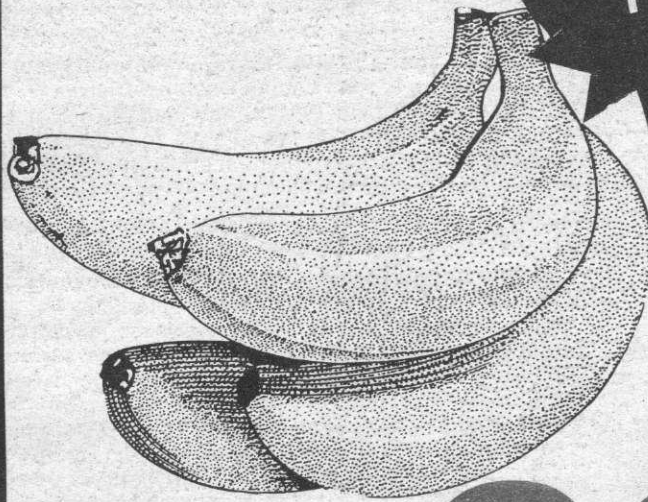
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# Vancouver pianist plays to packed house here

By JOHN GUERIN

Internationally acclaimed Vancouver pianist Lee Cum Sing played to a full house in the Salt Spring United Church on Sunday, February 22. Not only did the audience applaud warmly after each piece, but it kept on applauding after the concert so that the artists had to play two encores.

Musicianship, sensitivity, virtuosity — Lee has it all. Through his fingers he transfers his art to his audience in a most unassuming fashion. Dynamic when required, he can also cajole velvety sounds from his instrument.

The recital opened with a transcription by Hess of Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*. Quite different from transcriptions included in most piano albums, it enabled the pianist to make the theme stand out in a broad fashion. Then, two *Intermezzi* by Brahms (#2 in B flat minor from Opus 117, and #6 in E flat minor from Opus 118) were played with an intensity which really moved the audience. A true master of dynamics, Lee Cum Sing brought the music, in the second intermezzo, from a very soft pianissimo to a thunderous crescendo, a feat which would

normally appear impossible on such a small (5'2") grand piano.

## Lee Cum Sing gives strong performance at hall



Lee Cum Sing

The playing of the Haydn *Sonata in E flat major* was remarkable by its delicate and accurate phrasing and fast, pearly runs. *Papillons* by Schumann is a series of 12 short pieces inspired by a romantic novel by Jean Paul Richter. The last chapter of this romance describes a masked ball. Schumann is quoted as saying that he tried to turn the masked ball into music. In this piece, Lee Cum Sing showed a wide tonal range and evoked many contrasting musical colours. The three sonatas

by Scarlatti were delightful in their purity. Every note could be heard clearly, even in the fastest runs.

Whoever said that one had to be Polish to play Chopin would have been put to shame while listening to Lee's interpretation of the *Nocturne, Opus 62, #2 in E major*. Under the pianist's sensitive touch, the initial theme took a most romantic character. Then, in the agitated sub-theme, he created a sombre mood as demanded by the music, only to return in conclusion to the more serene main theme.

As a *piece de resistance* to end the recital, Lee Cum Sing chose the heroic *Polonaise in F sharp minor* by Chopin. Although not as well-known as the *Polonaise in A flat* or the *Military Polonaise*, the *F sharp minor Polonaise* has been a favourite of great virtuosi. Lee's flawless technique and stamina enabled him to give this demanding piece the rendition it deserves. The audience was enthralled.

In contrast with the broad tones of the *Polonaise*, Lee Cum Sing played as a first encore, a very soft and peaceful *Traumerei (Dreaming)* by Schumann. Afterwards, he played the *Nocturne Opus 27, #1 in C sharp minor* by Chopin. The ethereal

theme supported by an intricate left hand gave way to a joyous crescendo; the music then returned delicately to the original theme.

Lee Cum Sing chiselled this short piece like a gem which will shine for a long time in our memories.

The next concert sponsored by the Salt Spring Concert Society will take place on March 15 and will feature the Vetta String Quartet.

## To be held March 15

# World development program set

The second event in this year's *Ten Days For World Development* program on Salt Spring Island will be held March 15 in Ganges.

Rev. Al Skinner of Ganges United Church said the day will see morning services at the Roman Catholic, Anglican and United churches in Ganges devoted to this year's program theme, *Why are people hungry?* Following an ecumenical lunch at Our Lady of Grace Church, beginning at 12:30 pm, the theme will be explored at an afternoon workshop.

The workshop, scheduled to run from about 1:30 pm to 3 pm will feature three speakers: Peter Debelle of Victoria, who has studied and worked in the Philippines, and the husband-and-wife team of Rob and Susan Gage — also of Victoria — who will use a role-playing approach to explain "how Canadians enjoy a good standard of living at the expense of workers in less-developed nations," Rev. Skinner said.

The March 15 event will be the second in this year's program. On February 5, the series of discussions concentrating on development issues in emerging nations opened with a presentation by

Sam and Lee Evans, who recently returned to Salt Spring after working in an isolated Tanzanian village.

Nothing definite has been set up beyond the March 15 event, Rev. Skinner said. Compared to past years, he explained, the local *Ten Days For World Development* program has adopted a less-structured approach in 1987.

"We've decided we want to make the program ongoing throughout the year instead of

confining it to any one period," Rev. Skinner said. "The rest of the program will be scheduled as things come up."

Among the possibilities are a session with Rob Hayes, a University of B.C. graduate currently writing a book about the economic geography of developing nations, discussion about the "crisis of refugees at our borders," and a screening of *The Mission*, a film detailing events in Argentina in 1650.

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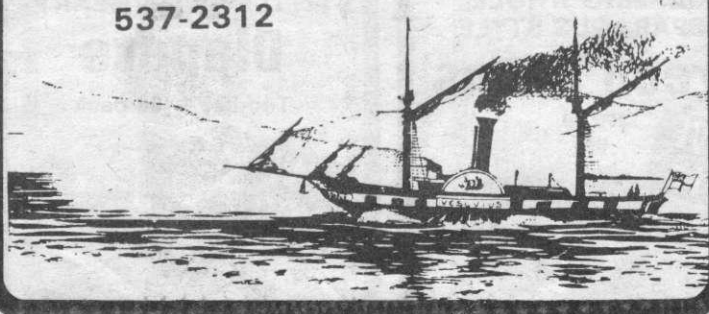
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