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Ferry corporation rescinds passes for students

Three years of free ferry travel for island students embarking on school-related trips ended abruptly last week, enraging local school board trustees.

Schools superintendent Mike Marshall called the move 'insensitive' and condemned what he termed the B.C. Ferry Corporation's non-consultative manner.

"For three years it's worked well and there's been correspondence back and forth, thanking

the corporation," Marshall said. "There was not even a hint this would happen."

The system allowed students free inter-island travel for field trips and for sports events such as the upcoming track day on Pender Island. While ferry costs vary between students under and over the age of 12, estimates are it will cost at least \$200 for students from the four surrounding islands to attend the May 12 track day.

"Ultimately, the parents will have to pay," Marshall said, adding that approximately 1,000 parents will be affected.

The Gulf Islands school district is the only one in B.C. dependent on the ferry system. The corporation's policy on passes made it easier for local students to take advantage of off-island trips to museums and libraries, and to take part in activities — like swimming — unavailable locally.

The letter from the Ferry Corporation told local school trustees that other school districts — such as Duncan — containing at least one island have also requested free ferry travel, and that the corporation found it could not justify to those districts the free pass policy in place on the Gulf Islands.

The abruptness of the ferry corporation's decision to render the passes invalid — it's effective

as of April 28 — has further angered school trustees.

"Parents have been planning events for months," Marshall said. "It would have been courteous to at least set a September date."

Board members are encouraging parents to write MLA Hugh Curtis, the president of B.C. Ferry Corporation, and Highways Minister Alex Fraser to request the decision be rescinded.



Heads up

Member of road construction crew pops up from water system manhole installed on Rainbow

Road, prompting chuckle from colleague. No one's laughing about the wet weather, however—it's put

the paving project a few weeks behind schedule. Story below.

Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

Three weeks behind schedule

Wet weather slows highways work

A \$2 million paving project, initially scheduled to wrap up May 30, has slipped three weeks behind schedule due to unseasonably wet weather on Salt Spring.

The rainfall means road crews must wait for the saturated gravel to dry before paving can take place.

Bruce Robertson, a spokesman for the district highways office, said the wet weather has been unexpected: "We usually figure at least half of the days (at this time of year) are going to be dry."

Instead, rainfall has been as common on Salt Spring this spring as the sight of road repair crews and heavy equipment being used on the project.

The highways improvement work, which began in mid-March,

involves over 20 kilometres of Salt Spring pavement. The bulk of the work is taking place on the Fulford-Ganges Road, with streets in downtown Ganges being the second most popular work site.

Robertson said the paving work will continue to fall behind schedule as the rainfall continues. A spate of good weather, on the other hand, could see the work finish closer to its tendered completion date.

Teachers, district sign memoranda of agreement

District school teachers agreed last week to receive average salary increases and to participate alongside the school board in creating new policies.

In one memorandum of agreement, teachers agreed to wait until September before reaching a decision on salaries.

"Rather than solving the issue

here and now, when we have no idea what's happening around (the rest of the province) we'll wait until September when other districts will have arrived at settlements," schools superintendent Mike Marshall said.

The teachers have consented to accept a salary based on the average of other settlements:

Marshall says avoiding arbitration will save time and dollars.

The second agreement involves personnel, learning and working issues. The board has agreed to meet and consult with teachers on issues such as class sizes, teacher selection and bus and noon-hour supervision.

According to Marshall, "It is a

commitment to, as much as possible, sit down with them and involve them in the development of policies and change."

Plans for the development of an employees' handbook also emerged from the negotiations. The book will outline relevant policies and procedures for employees.

Sunday liquor openings prove popular on islands

Business was hopping and pub owners smiling as patrons across the Gulf Islands swilled in the good fortune of a Sunday pint.

Sunday flagged the start of a new province-wide policy that gives the go-ahead to booze on our day of rest. According to pub owners, Islanders had no problems adapting to the new system.

"It was great! It was a miracle!" said the Hummingbird Inn's George Harrison. "It's the first thing the government's ever done for us."

Galiano residents lined up outside the doors before opening, each hoping to drink the first Sunday beer, he said. Harrison added that while it was busy this past Sunday, it's only the start. "It'll get crazy. It'll be our second busiest day next to Saturday."

Harrison noted that food sales were brisk on Sunday.

On Salt Spring, the Fulford Inn also reported a high number of food sales. The Vesuvius Inn did not serve food, but plans to do so next week.

"It was hopping," said Fulford Inn waiter Denis Parker. "I'd say it was at 80 per cent capacity during the afternoon."

"A Caesar and beer day," said Leslie Cheeseman at the Vesuvius Inn, which also reported a busy day.

Most pubs described business as greater than anticipated. According to a Harbour House spokesman, Sunday's business surpassed the weekday average.

The Saturna Point Store's Dick Silverberj compared sales to a Saturday afternoon and commented favourably on the new ruling.

"It makes it nice over here," he said, "because there is no other restaurant open. People can come down from the boat and have a beer. I don't think there's going to be a lot more boozing around."

Silverberj said sales were steady all day.

Shirley Watters at Pender Lodge thinks a Sunday opening will help business. Most pub owners agree, noting that it also opens up employment opportunities.

Shooting range to be revamped by rod, gun club

The Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club has responded to complaints about noise and unsafe conditions by resolving to upgrade its shooting range.

At a special meeting called last Thursday night, club members accepted a proposal to revamp the range to cut down on noise and eliminate any chance of shells landing on an adjacent property.

Club president Ian Fraser told *Driftwood* he has no idea how much money is needed to fund the changes. Roughly speaking, he said, it could be "six, seven or eight thousand dollars — and that's a very vague guesstimate."

The gun club decision follows pressure from neighbours about the noise generated by its shooting activities, plus complaints from a neighbour who found shells on one corner of his property.

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Gun range changes aim at safety factors

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Island residents opposed to club shooting attended the most recent Capital Regional District (CRD) meeting to protest the club's exclusion from terms of a proposed noise suppression bylaw. Directors voted to send the bylaw back to Salt Spring residents for further discussions.

Prior to that, club neighbour Richard Kreiger found shells on his property, prompting him to question the safety of club activities.

Fraser said he believes "99 per cent" of the shells found on Kreiger's property were deposited between the 1930s — when the land was used by the Canadian Militia — and two years ago, when the shooting set-up was changed. He added that the shells would have landed as ricochets, which "are not essentially dangerous."

However, Fraser said Kreiger's complaints prompted the club to take steps to ensure its shooting activities are absolutely safe. Pending changes, which will be checked by a certified firearms officer, will involve dropping the level of the shooting field by six to eight feet, altering the angle so shots are fired directly into a bank, increasing the height of the rifle range backdrop, and adding a ricochet trap on top of the targets. In addition, the shooting angle of the trap field will be altered to better muffle the sound of guns.

Fraser said the club also intends to hire a full-time watchman to ensure only members and their guests use club shooting facilities, bar irresponsible shooters and oversee compliance with shooting times.

The watchman will be installed "as soon as possible," Fraser said, explaining that the club must prepare for the hiring by constructing a small building and installing a septic field.

Fraser explained the changes by saying the Thursday meeting "held a discussion on safety and everybody realized and agreed they must be very conscious in

future of the need for scrupulous safety on the range."

As for the noise bylaw challenge, Fraser said he would prefer to withhold comment on the CRD decision to send the document back for further discussion until Salt Spring's regional district representative, Dr. Hugh Borsman, returns from vacation. However, Fraser did say he felt the CRD ignored the thrust of the bylaw — noise control — and turned instead to a discussion of safety.

Club members, he added, decided Thursday that they would not back down in the face of challenges from neighbours. The club will stay where it is, he said, and has no compunction about testing its rights in the courts.

Relocating the club, he said, would take about two years once — and if — another site is found. During that time, it would be unable to host the six annual shoots it schedules to raise money to fund operations.

setting it straight

Driftwood had some problems with numbers last week. We erroneously gave May 1 as the date for an address on nuclear disarmament by Michael Pentz when the correct date was this Thursday, May 8. The event will be at 7:30 pm in Ganges United Church, with admission by donation. Our apologies to anyone who turned out for last week's non-event.

Still with numbers, the dates given for the Multiple Sclerosis drive on Salt Spring were off by one. Fund-raising, by way of carnation sales, will take place on May 9 and 10, not May 10 and 11 as reported. Volunteers will be out in downtown Ganges on the Friday and Saturday in question.

Now you see it ...

There was a cougar running wild on Salt Spring. We know that much.

It killed one of Jack Webster's sheep. It killed one of Bob Akerman's sheep. Residents in the Fulford Valley spotted it.

It's gone now. We also know that. But whether it was shot or trapped, or whether it just disappeared, no one seems able to confirm. Or no one wants to confirm.

Officials at the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Nanaimo can't confirm it. They didn't know about it. And when they found out and started making calls, they hit a series of dead ends.

"Nobody wants to confirm anything," says Conservation Officer Doug Turner.

According to Turner, a shooting might become hush-hush if the hunter aimed to keep the hide. He says a brutal trapping might also keep lips sealed.

Animal Control Officer Howard Byron and others have confirmed that the cougar was here. Byron has also confirmed that the animal is no longer prowling Salt Spring slopes.

But what happened to it? "I can't confirm it one way or the other," he says.

Meanwhile, Fulford resident Bob Akerman, who owns dogs trained to track down cougars, admits "there was a rumour that it was killed and there hasn't been any sign of it recently."

His son, Ted Akerman, adds: "I heard there was one killed." However, he could not elaborate on when, where, or how the animal may have met its end.

"It's all hearsay," says Doug Turner from Fish and Wildlife's Nanaimo office.

"There was one definitely here," says Byron.

"I think it swam back," concludes Bob Akerman.

School district approves bylaw to set tax rate

Gulf Islands school board trustees have unanimously approved a tax rate bylaw that would raise \$2.28 million through local levies.

The move followed receipt of a message from the education ministry, assuring school boards the action will be legal upon passage of Bill 12 — a measure that will give school boards authority to increase tax levies.

The tax rate bylaw was passed to fund approximately one-third of the operating debt service and non-shareable capital budgets set at \$6.73 million. The remaining two-thirds is covered by provincial grants.

To raise the \$2.28 million, the mill rate is set at 3.9191. To calculate the effects of the tax increase a homeowner multiplies the value of his home by the mill rate and subtracts his homeowners' grant.

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United in song

Five male faces give the Salt Spring Singers a new dimension as they prepare for upcoming concert. Jim Ballantyne (left),

Ralph Newstead, John Woodward, Eric Bracher and Woody Ensminger will be featured when the singers perform spring concert

this weekend—May 10 and 11—at Ganges United Church. Saturday's concert is at 2 pm; Sunday's begins at 7:30 pm.



to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Another art show

On Saturday, I went to the art show in Sidney. It was a quick trip to see what other people were doing and the show was excellent.

Last weekend's exhibition was the 33rd annual showing in Sidney. Once again, I enjoyed looking down over the years to the first Sidney exhibition in the Sidney Hotel. There were some faces still there, 33 years older, mind you, but still the same faces as at the first show.

I taught my Susanna...

I never did learn to play the piano. My daddy taught me as far as *Drink to me Only*. Day after day, I had to practice drinking to me only until I could cheerfully have burnt the rosewood musical box.

One day I dug my heels in and declined to play never again. "You'll always be sorry," warned my parent. And he was so wrong. I have never wanted to play; not even *Drink to me Only*.

But over the years I did learn to pronounce "piano" and "pianist." Nobody argued about the first. It was

sometimes facetiously pronounced *pie-anner*, but there was never, as far as I know, a society devoted to the acceptance of a new pronunciation for the instrument.

Pianist used to be peer-nist. No longer is it so. The electronic voices refer to it quite often as piann-ist and that just makes me the more content that I can't play a pianner. I wouldn't want to end up unpronounceable.

Quit scratching!

It's not so bad now. We have a few roving ants, the very small ones, but they are not marching up and down the walls anymore.

Jo Stone came to my rescue mainly on account of she doesn't like ants either. She tells me she uses *Later's Ant Killer* and enjoys immunity. It comes in a plastic squeeze bottle, says Jo, which probably means that you can finish them off by throwing the bottle at them.

I'll try anything once and then we'll have something in readiness for the larger ants which will be arriving shortly.

Drivers urged to obey road crew instructions

"Salt Spring motorists are going to have to bite the bullet and hang in there."

That's the word from flagperson Michelle Marsden, who says island motorists should accept that road construction in Ganges and on the Fulford-Ganges Road is likely to continue for another month.

And that, she adds, means motorists heading for ferries or travelling to appointments should leave themselves ample time to cover the 10 to 15-minute delay they could encounter on local roads.

Marsden, who deals with the public first-hand, says she's heard every excuse in the book from drivers who don't want to wait.

"They're going to have to be patient," she says, "and they've got to follow the rules."

Marsden, who has watched those rules being broken here, says a driver could receive 10 points for running a flagperson's stop sign.

Road improvement work, which includes widening parts of the Fulford-Ganges Road, has fallen about three weeks behind schedule due to unseasonably wet weather. Cewe must now wait for the saturated gravel to dry before paving.

Meanwhile, the work that is being done has forced motorists to be stopped up to half a mile from construction sites, and wait while a pilot car leads one-way traffic through from the other side.

According to Marsden, not all drivers are co-operating with the pilot cars — even though the vehicles, carrying signs and flashing lights, are impossible to miss.

"They're there to protect (the motorists)," says Marsden, who has watched several drivers pull out and pass a pilot car. By doing that, she points out, motorists are asking for a head-on collision with mobile machinery. "I've seen about 20 close calls in the last week."

YIPPEE!
I'm 70!



Happy Birthday
GIL

Fire permits required

Despite the unseasonably wet weather, island residents now require permits for incinerator and open fires of any kind.

The permits, which were required as of May 1, are available free of charge at the fire hall in downtown Ganges.

The permit requirement is in effect for all areas of Salt Spring.

Fire Chief Bob Leask advises that local residents would be better off burning rubbish and yard leavings now, rather than when warm and dry weather arrives.



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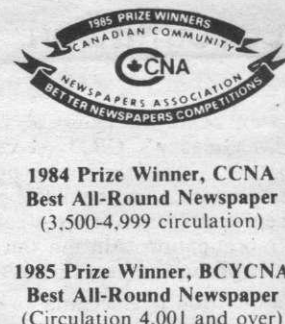
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Expo a triumphant banner of hope, confidence

The Vancouver waterfront was the target for royalty, provincial and national dignitaries and British Columbians last week when the gates opened on Expo 86, letting the people in and the secrets out.

The greatest exhibition ever envisioned on the nation's west coast is now drawing crowds to the Vancouver site. Expo 86 will be part of the provincial scene for six months and the site with its facilities will be part of the Vancouver shoreline for the future.

The opening ceremonies, attended by many islanders and thousands of others, were a fitting and brilliant tribute to the project, which has been underway for almost a decade. The vast array of presentations by Canada and many other nations were augmented by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales and hundreds of British

Columbians taking part of in a program that could not have been bettered in Hollywood.

Expo 86 is B.C.'s introduction to the world. It is the attraction of the year for tourists and travellers from every nation. There can be no doubt that many peoples of other nations, to whom British Columbia has been no more than a coupling of words, will learn to enjoy and to admire this beautiful province as a result of Expo 86.

The fair is more than a new star in the tourist firmament. It is the triumphant challenge by B.C. to put an end to a period of depression. The vast numbers of visitors to Expo will keep thousands of British Columbians on their toes this year, but it is confidently expected that the effects will bring the province out of the doldrums and into a new era of activity.

Expo opened with a glitter and a delight. Until the fall it will be the number one attraction, not

only in B.C., but in all of Canada, and the reflection of its glittering lights will be seen in every city across the land. The glitter is not merely a lure to attract visitors from home and abroad; it is the mark of the coastal province; the mark of confidence; the mark of hope for the future.

The tide of both national and provincial economies is on the turn and Expo is the triumphant banner of hope and confidence.

Expo 86 is a tribute to the provincial drive which gave it birth and to the efforts of every Canadian who has contributed to its presentation. It is more than that, however: it is also a brilliant announcement to the nation and the world that this Pacific province ranks second to no administration in its capacity to proudly fly its own provincial flag above its own achievements.

Expo is the heart of 1986.



Islands refute trends

Education Minister Jim Hewitt recently offered hope to the Gulf Islands that his ministry would examine more sympathetically the appeals for consideration of the high cost of maintaining small schools in many places.

Where the population is small, it is customary in the province to juggle schools and school populations to ensure that there are no half-filled school rooms. Among the islands, the school populations could hardly be smaller, but it is not practical to require that students travel from one island to another for their early schooling.

On land, the transfer of students can be — and usually is — undertaken to balance students and classrooms. Throughout the province there have been frequent reports of the closure of schools due to the lack of students to fill their benches.

The islands are different. While other communities consolidate their schools, the islands look for more room. The situation at Galiano was considered recently by trustees of the islands school district. On that island, the small school and its small classes are outgrowing the building.

In British Columbia in the 1980s, sharply expanding schools have not been the rule. In the Gulf Islands, long noted for the age of island citizens, an expanding school population not only challenges the trends across the land today but appears to refute every statistic of age and population.

Trust the islands to be different.

Three-and-two pitch can't matter in the grand scheme

It doesn't pay to talk about your problems. I've found that 80 per cent of the public doesn't care, and the other 20 per cent is glad you've got trouble.

—Tom Lasorda

The skipper of the L.A. Dodgers is probably right, and I find it difficult to ignore such sage advice, but these are not normal times.

In fact, the days are frantic. It's the time of year when we at Driftwood burn the candle at both ends in a strained attempt to produce a summer supplement. Along the way, schedules are turned upside-down and the regular newspaper is rushed through for a week or two. The experience gives new meaning to the word

anxiety.

But if I read Tommy right, you don't want to hear about that. Couldn't care less, if fact.

In a way, I feel bound to agree — not because it isn't difficult sitting here in the inhumane hours of the evening with the sight of a fast-approaching deadline whipping new life out of tired brain cells, but because it doesn't matter much in the grand scheme of things.

If we can get philosophical or metaphysical or whatever else you term those things at this hour of the night, I'll let you in on a personal approach I've taken to beat things like the stress and tension that slam a journalist in the face every five seconds.

It's called the frozen iceball

my
word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

theory and, like Tommy's words of wisdom printed above, it comes to us from the wonderful world of baseball. The theory was first uttered by a fellow named Tug McGraw, a relief pitcher of note for the Philadelphia Phillies a few years back.

Those of you who know baseball can appreciate that relief

pitchers have the most stressful jobs in the game. They're brought in when the decision is in doubt, with the burden of being expected to quell any uprising that might lead to defeat.

It's a situation where any wrong move — one pitch, in fact — is the difference between a win and a loss for the team, and a player being a bum or a hero in tomorrow's news sheet. How's that for anxiety?

Tug had nerves of steel, however. Asked to explain the mental approach that made him ideal for pressure situations, he put it this way: "Before I throw the pitch, I remind myself that a million years from now, the Earth is going to be a frozen iceball hurtling through space. By then, no one's going to

care what pitch I threw out there."

It's a long way from the baseball diamond to the newsroom, and a world of difference between on-field stress and the anxiety that comes with producing a supplement at the same time as a newspaper, but I think the lesson still applies. As I read it, it's to remind yourself that life goes on regardless of the problems of the moment.

In any event, the frozen iceball theory helps me get over difficult situations like the one the Driftwood staff has been coping with for the past while, and that's what counts. Like baseball, most of life is 90 per cent mental.

And you can read that any way you like.

Preoccupation

Sir,

In view of all the letters about Ron McQuiggan's CRD recommendation to motor around in our drinking water, I was bemused by his "neglected" letter of last week. His preoccupation with nut trees, though awesome, seems fitting.

The question left begging as to where to plant this tree does not present much of a problem. I'm sure there are many who would concur on where he should stick it. The auspicious nature of this event means timing is critical. It should be done in the park at full moon, (a time most conducive to nuts). In the interim, someone should help him heel the tree into its permanent location prior to finally rooting it where it is sure to flourish.

It is hard to fathom why Mr. McQuiggan has selected this species of tree as there seem to be so many nuts in Ganges already. Perhaps it will make him feel more at home here, which is good, as one of the inadvertent spin-offs of loving care for his horticultural gift to us all will be that most of his time will be spent where his roots are.

He may not even be able to "sit" on the CRD any more.

BURL WATERMAN,
Ganges.

Arguments

Sir,

For the benefit of those who read *Driftwood* regularly, and have followed the letters attacking the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club and its right to operate on a property it has owned continuously since 1958, we wish to state the facts of the case. You may then judge the merits of our case.

Let's start with the subject of safety. The property directly next to the club, purchased by Mr. Krieger this January, was owned first by Mr. Vic Jackson, who did quite a bit of shooting on his own property, and then John Lees. Both were aware that some shot from the trap shooting, and some spent rifle slugs, were landing on their property.

In the 1930s, this property and the club's property were used for rifle training by the militia. This was the situation up until about three years ago when the property went on the market.

In over 25 years, not one complaint, not one accident, and the range was used much more than it is now.

Three years ago, to remedy the problem of spent rifle slugs and ricochets, the club removed the offending rifle targets and replaced them with much safer rifle butts and berm to stop rebounding and wide shots. This operation was completed over a year ago, and all rifle shooting since then has been conducted on these much safer butts.

The shot from the trap shooting was not a hazard, and so the trap positions remained the same until we learned, indirectly, that the new owner did not wish this to continue. The first official word from the new owner was his letter, *Surprise, Driftwood* on April 23, 1986. As soon as we were made aware that Mr. Krieger objected to shot landing in the field, the traps were physically removed to prevent any further occurrences.

Mr. Krieger purchased the property in January of this year, and was fully aware at the time of purchase that there was an active rod and gun club next door. In an

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Who cares?

Sir,

Ho hum, another *Driftwood* edition featuring *To be Frank* by Richards.

I realize the guy has some pull, but do we, the readers, have to be put through an often trite and hackneyed story of the man's daily life? Yawn.

I am aware of the choices I have, read it or not. But week after week, there it is, larger than life. Bold sub-titles, most of a page long, staring out dullishly at me.

Come on now, ants crawling up the wall? I know life on a small island is slow, but who cares about ants on Richards' wall?

M. SINCLAIR,
Ganges.

Rhymin'

Sir,

It's May, it's May.
The lovely month of May.
The blissful month when every-one puts winter coats away.

It's here, it's here,
The concert of the year.
The Salt Spring Singers once again
Merrily appear.

So come, please come,
To whistle and to hum
And bring your lady, bring your man
and don't forget your Mom.

It's when, it's where -
This music in the air?
May 10 and 11 - United Church,
We'd love to see you there.

ANNE ANSELL,
Ganges.

P.S. We have two full concerts this spring with guest artist Garry Lundy and door prizes from Flowers and Wine. Do come.

Appreciative

Sir,

When my husband and I arrived on Salt Spring last year, we were surprised and delighted to find such an excellent small library here. These past few months we have been most appreciative of the services it offers. We are concerned, then, that there is now some question about the future of this facility.

Having some knowledge of the Colwood (Victoria) branch of the

Nanaimo Regional Library, I doubt that the 'new' library would be much larger than the one we have now. And it is doubtful that there would be a comprehensive reference section.

The Nanaimo Regional Library Board is under the same restraint guidelines as other boards, so the cost of library services could vary from year to year. If the establishment of a regional library on Salt Spring does not prove to be worthwhile, or to be too expensive in relation to the use it would generate, it could be phased out at a later date, leaving the island without a library.

These and many other questions come to mind, and if negotiations are begun with the regional library, I think people on the island must insist on full and open discussions at public meetings before any decisions are made.

In the meantime, a thank you to the ladies of the books. Long may you flourish.

PATRICIA MASSY,
Ganges.

Spare time

Sir,

Have you ever wondered why the peace movement lags behind the arms chase? Because we are working at it in our spare time and the makers of the killing machines get paid to work eight hours a day at it.

And the funniest part of all is that we all pay their salaries. As Helen Caldicott says: "Enjoy your bombs... You paid for them!"

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Ganges.

Adequate

Sir,

I should like to reply to one of the points raised in Susan Underwood's letter in the April 30 *Driftwood* — that the children's collection in the Mary Hawkins Library "seems quite inadequate."

I have attended many meetings in the local elementary school library and, as an ex-school librarian, have always been interested in the titles available. In my opinion it is a good library. The local library board has always assumed that the school libraries adequately look after the student population, and that the money available to the board should be spent mostly on adult books for a preponderantly adult population.

Since the institution of the story

hour, books for pre-schoolers and early readers have been steadily increased. Since so many students go home by bus as soon as classes are dismissed, and have no way of getting to the community library unless someone supplies transportation, extending the hours would make little difference.

The circulation to older children does increase somewhat in summer, and more books are being purchased for this group. Also, many secondary school students have adult memberships, with their parents' permission, and have access to all the book stock.

OLIVE CLAYTON,
Ganges.

Institution

Sir,

The Salt Spring Saturday market is an Island institution. I heard about it in Vancouver for years before I moved here.

Many, many communities have struggled and are still struggling to create a market like ours — an informal, spontaneous, fun affair where anyone comes and anything goes.

But it appears, through some less than open decision-making, that the Salt Spring market will soon be a thing of the past — at least as we know it.

The market is apparently being relocated in order to provide a grassy area — right next to the busiest intersection in town. In view of the young age of the vast majority of park users, I suggest that this is a poor plan. Now the parking lot at least provides a buffer zone between kids and cars.

But this obscures the logic of the plan: the grassy area is being created in order to remove the market. It appears that the new site for the market will be on private property. This means, of course, that the owner may sell at the market, or simply refuse to continue the market. The community loses all control.

It seems to me that decisions are being made in the interests of a few individuals — not the community. Let's have some discussion of the matter — before the bulldozers, please.

JULIA ATKINS,
Beaver Point.

Over-governed

Sir,

This is not, by any means, the first time I have been prompted to point out that Canada is badly over-governed.

It appears that Salt Spring Island in particular, is governed excessively, and moreover, rather poorly: and the situation appears likely to get worse.

Most things which occur on the high seas — or, for talking purposes, below the level of Mean High Water, Springs — are in the domain of the Dominion government. Heaven forbid that we should have Sturrock, Sealey and that lot competing with the Coast Guard for control of what goes on at sea.

Howard Byron thinks he can keep dogs off beaches. I doubt if he or the CRD has the power. The Commodore wants the CRD to apply a speed limit to power craft in Ganges Harbour. I doubt whether the CRD can enforce any such thing legally.

Meanwhile, the CRD and its members now seem to be foolishly trying to undo an act of the Dominion government which banned, very sensibly, all fuel-burning motors from St. Mary Lake.

I am seriously worried about the sheer size of government today — and nobody seems to do anything to stop the interminable empire-building that goes on.

It is only a question of time before the CRD copies the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the USA, which, I understand, pursues suspected illegal aliens by means of Swat teams armed with riot gear and machine guns. Is this how they'll deal with the boat which is doing 8.1 knots down the harbour?

COLIN NICHOLSON,
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VICTORIA — One of the things I like about royal visits is their effect on my otherwise cynical and blasé colleagues.

The public's reaction to royal visitors is well-documented. You can see it on your TV screen every time a member of the royal family tours Canada.

Tens of thousands of people wait patiently for hours to catch a glimpse of the distinguished visitor. Teenagers whose vocabulary of important names consists, for the better part, of rock stars, join the welcoming crowds, swooning and cheering.

But the most fascinating reaction can be witnessed in the horde of reporters, photographers and cameramen assigned to cover a royal visit. I'm not including myself in that category because I've been a member of the royal fan club for years.

My conversion from a calm and collected reporter, just doing another job, to avid fan of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors, came in the early 1970s. I was working for the *Daily Colonist* in Victoria at the time and had been assigned to cover the queen's visit.

When I saw the crowd's reaction to the queen's appearance, the unqualified outpouring of love and affection for her and the institution she represents, I found myself cheering right along with everybody else.

I still remember my dismay when I found out that the local media were excluded from a reception by the queen and fired off a letter to Buckingham Palace.

In a very polite reply, I was informed that my views would certainly be taken into consideration at future occasions.

And what do you know, three years ago, during another visit by the queen, the local media, myself included, were invited to a reception aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia.

I suppose I felt like everybody else who has had occasion to speak with the queen. I felt somewhat awed.

It's a feeling normally alien to me. During my 25 years as a reporter, I have interviewed four prime ministers, scores of premiers, leading scientists, superstars of sports, entertainment and movie screen, but I never felt awed. Delighted yes. Maybe even privileged, but not awed.

But a royal visit is something else, and I was not surprised to hear some of my colleagues recount their experiences in the

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

coverage of the visit by the Prince and the Princess of Wales in less than cynical terms.

A photographer, looking over a battery of shots he had taken of Diana, enthusiastically observed that she is incredibly photogenic.

"She doesn't have a bad angle," he said.

Reporters who had attended a media reception at Government House, were quite animated in their recollection of conversations with the prince and the princess. They found the prince witty and charming and the princess good-looking and somewhat shy.

Never, but never have I heard a reporter talk in such terms of an encounter with a politician.

And therein, I believe, lies the big difference. Politicians play transitory and fleeting roles on a nation's stage. There is nothing permanent and lasting about a

politician. Public esteem of politicians is invariably affected by the rotten things some of them perpetrate on their communities, their provinces, their countries.

The monarchy is wonderfully devoid of such drawbacks. It is a manifestation of stability and tradition that transcends politics.

Prime Minister Mulroney was very much aware of that quality when he said at the Vancouver gala dinner in the honor of the royal couple that only the monarchy could bring the leaders of the Conservative, Liberal, New Democratic and Social Credit parties together, if only for a day.

And Charles did, too, when he replied that the only other thing that could, perhaps, achieve the same result was "the close proximity of a grizzly bear."

May Canada's constitutional monarchy thrive and turn cynical reporters into royal fans for centuries to come.

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Sensitive

Sir,

Thank you for your sensitive coverage of multiple sclerosis (MS) in last week's *Driftwood*. I read your article nodding sadly, that's what it's like, all right!

I should mention, however, that suffering from MS has also taught me much that I might never have known, or have learned too late: about trust, about living each day as it comes, about the vast and disinterested love in the human heart. This love is shown in a shy compassion that we only feel it is "safe" to lavish on those who are visibly wounded.

I urge your readers to support Les Stevens' fund-raising campaign on May 9 and 10 — and if you would like to offer further hope to us MS victims, support the efforts of those who are working towards a swimming pool on our island. You cannot imagine what a difference that would make.
CAROLINE HAMILTON,
Ganges.

Insanity

Sir,

It was rather insane for the U.S. military to set off an underground test 14 times the size of Hiroshima at this time. The vibrations from the jolt alone may precipitate other earthquakes, volcanoes etc., which certainly won't help our weather any, not to mention the Strontium 90 which gets in the water table. Who are these guys, anyway?

I'd like to send a bunch of gardeners, farmers and sun-freaks down to reckon with them; that would end this ridiculous arms race and erratic weather at the same time.

On the subject of St. Mary Lake, a lady rancher from the Cariboo I spoke with recently said all the

lakes in the Cariboo are shallow and dying, and with increased development there, they had to ban all motorboats on the lakes. There seems to be demand here for alternative forms of recreation such as canoeing and kayaking, which resort owners might want to consider.

SUE HISCOCKS,
Ganges.

Warnings

Sir,

A word of warning to all those home-owners who entrust their keys (and their possessions) to someone during their absence from home: check, check, check. Look into the reliability of the person in question and, when you return, look into all those cupboards and corners from which a valuable might disappear without being missed. Make an inventory of everything you have and mark those articles that can be marked so they can be identified, if necessary. Tools, for instance, are difficult to identify except for those motorized ones that might have a serial number. Keep a record of these serial numbers. Even then, unfortunately, the seasoned thief can conceal the evidence and the law will protect him.

If you imagine that being a widow and/or disabled will elicit the necessary sympathy to preclude your becoming a victim of theft, think again. It only makes you easier prey for the vultures. And do be vigilant. The vulture can come disguised as a friend.

YVONNE (SCOTTIE) HAWKINS,
Ganges.

P.S.—Does anyone know how to mark a bag of onions?

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Jog memories

Sir,

Once more into the breach. I would like to make, or re-make, the following points, briefly, to refresh peoples' memory, especially Ron McQuiggan's. The topic is gas-powered engines and St. Mary Lake:

- EMO status was instituted following overwhelming support at a public hearing in 1982;
- The lake supplies drinking water for over one-third of the island population;
- The lake is fragile, eutrophic and, in the long run, continues to decline in quality;
- Decreased water quality means increased costs and greater chlorination (cancer risk?);
- The Canada Shipping Act (EMO ban) deals with matters of public safety, public convenience and of those in the public interest;
- Increased use of motor boats increases risk of introducing Eurasian Milfoil, an ever-present threat;
- 10 horsepower compromise equals no compromise, since most of the gasoline-powered boats would return, it would be virtually unenforceable and would avoid jurisdictional settlement (Ottawa or Victoria?);
- Mr. Rockliffe and Mr. Jewell bought their resorts long after the EMO decision was made, in 1982;
- Many claims have been made that the amenities of the lake are better now that gasoline engines have been removed;
- Public supporters of the ban include MLA Hugh Curtis, the Islands Trust, the various water districts, the water preservation society (of which Hugh Borsman is a member) and numerous individuals of the community.

A concise fact sheet is available at the water board office on Upper Ganges Road or from me at 537-5959.

BIS WHITBY,
Salt Spring Water Preservation Society.

Gifts helped

Sir,

A new 1986 edition of the *World Book Encyclopedia* now resides in the library of the Galiano Elementary School. It was purchased through a large donation from the Galiano School memorial fund, made possible by donations from Islanders in memory of family members and friends. The School's parent advisory committee also donated a sum to help complete the purchase.

Our students are keen researchers and are delighted to have a new and additional source of updated information.

We wish to thank all those who have donated money and time to both organizations, particularly Margaret Robson and Bea Thompson, trustees of the memorial fund, and Diane Cragg, Judi Patterson, Helen Foster and Akasha Forest, executive members of the parents advisory committee.

ELISABETH BRINSON,
Principal,
Galiano Elementary School.

No ken

Sir,

Alternate director Ron McQuiggan, as quoted in the *Driftwood* of April 23, shows an almost complete lack of understanding of the water quality problems at St. Mary Lake and their causes.

Contrary to his assertion, the St. Mary Lake study (1983) does identify recreation as part of the problem. The study says in part:

"Overall, the most severe problem is the co-existence of several conflicting uses of the lake. The deterioration of water quality is a threat to one lake used for recreation (boating, swimming or fishing). However, the problem becomes more intense when one use (water supply) requires a very high water quality and this use is severely affected by other uses."

Mr. McQuiggan further says that aeration is the best hope for a clean-up. What the study does say, in fact, is that aeration will reduce the internal loading (of nutrients), which will help. But it also points out that we must limit development in the watershed and take steps to minimize nutrient input from human activities such as sewage disposal and land development. Dr. Don McQueen of York University, an expert on aeration of lakes, reiterated this point to us, saying aeration should only be regarded as a short-term aid. The real problem is to limit development in the watershed.

It seems to us that Mr. Rockliffe's urgent need to put gas-powered boats back on St. Mary Lake are related to his efforts to expand his development.

If Mr. McQuiggan is so confident that his position represents the general view of Salt Spring Islanders, would he dare to put the question to a general referendum?

DON STORR,
Chairman,
North Salt Spring
Waterworks District.

Spectacular

Sir,

"People are happy when attending a spectacle: this is the means by which we hold their minds and their hearts."

No, it's not a quote from our premier discussing the election date with his minister; it was Louis XIV who said that. As you can imagine, the "spectacle" in those days was about as blinding as a sparkler on a birthday cake, compared to our colorful Expo that Social Credit will use to dazzle its voting public. It is an opportune year for them to stage an election because Expo is a powerful tool, giving the premier an awesome pulpit and reaching a vast audience to stir forth the best of his B.C. spirit.

Why then, with the odds already tilted in favour of the casino, are they also loading the dice? I refer, of course, to the pretentious Sacred sophistry on television promoting their otherwise vague success story. The performances are rehearsed to perfection, convincing and soothing, and paid for by the viewer -- who is taxed for the purpose of self-deception. Even the premature northeast coal venture is portrayed as a reassuringly spunky and economically successful experiment. Which it isn't. As a promotion expert once said: "If you approach people the right way, you can get them to applaud their own hanging."

Deceiving people is dishonest, but picking their pockets at the same time is a real swindle. Let's hope B.C. voters will give generously to support the strongest candidates opposing these bamboozlers. They can't be allowed to continue unimpeded and so unjustly.

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Congratulation

Sir,

The 600-name petition to B.C. Transit and B.C. Ferries regarding bus and ferry connections at Tsawwassen is a massive vote of no confidence in the Galiano Chamber of Commerce and the other transportation representatives from the other islands.

I have written to you before on the subject. It is unfortunate that while the Chamber of Commerce claims to represent the island, it is only prepared to listen to itself.

David Clegg is to be congratulated for his initiative.
M.W. GRAYLING,
Galiano.

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Don't miss it

Sir,

We have been reading the Galiano news page with great pleasure since Andrew Loveridge has been writing it.

His original turn of phrase, clarity and interesting points of view make it a column we never miss reading.

GILLIAN and KEN ALLEN,
Galiano Island.

Talk slated

Sir,

The Choice: Nuclear Weapons or Security will be the subject of a talk by Michael Pentz at Ganges United Church on Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Pentz has been a leader in nuclear disarmament activities in Britain for many years, and was part of the recent peace

symposium in Vancouver. He will discuss the lack of real security that is a result of nuclear weapons deployment by East and West, where current policies are leading us, and what he feels can or should be done.

Admission is by donation.
RAY NEWMAN,
Ganges.

Impressed

Sir,

Those of us who were at the Save the Children Fund concert featuring the island's music students were very impressed by the standard of their performance and the progress that has been made from last year.

It was a credit to all concerned: the children are very lucky to have supporting parents and good teachers. We look forward to next year's performance.

W.G. GARSIDE,
Ganges.

Concerns

Sir,

We would like to raise our concerns regarding a new exemption in the proposed noise suppression bylaw for Salt Spring. This insertion, specified in Paragraph eight, Section four of the bylaw, exempts "the discharge of firearms in the course of legitimate hunting or shooting activities as covered by the Firearms Act and Wildlife Act."

On the face of it, this exemption may seem reasonable. It appears as if it is merely protecting the rights of hunters engaged in their sport, or farmers protecting their livestock through the use of a firearm. We agree that protection

for these pursuits should be offered in a rural area where hunting is allowed and farming is taking place, and ample protection is indeed offered, both under the provincial Fish and Wildlife Act, and the CRD Discharge of Firearms bylaw.

The question that must be addressed is: Does the shooting of a deer or the elimination of a dangerous animal require the additional protection of a bylaw that can only limit "persistent" and "unreasonable" noise (wording from the bylaw itself). How "persistent" is the noise of one or two shots directed at game? How "unreasonable" is the noise of a gunshot directed against a marauding dog? There is no way that a noise suppression bylaw would or could be used against these activities, and the regional director knows it. So, why the exemption?

From comments made at the last public meeting concerning this issue, the answer is clear. Individuals who wish to engage in target practice, or who wish to merely shoot for prolonged periods of time, now want extraordinary protections offered to them under the bylaw. It is only this form of shooting, which consists of the prolonged repetition of gunfire that could be construed under the bylaw as "persistent" or "unreasonable."

This exemption not only infringes on the rights of those residents affected by the noise generated by the gun club; it infringes on the rights of any residents who may find themselves next to an individual who constantly discharges a firearm.

In other words, if your neighbour is creating "persistent and unreasonable" noise with anything other than a gun, you will find some protection under the bylaw, but if that same "persistent and unreasonable" noise is being generated by a firearm or even several firearms, you will not have any protection!

We challenge the advocates of this exemption to prove that the occasional shooting activities of farmers or hunters will be threatened under a noise suppression bylaw. If such sweeping exemption is necessary to protect these activities, shouldn't its proponents have some hard facts to support it? Are gun users now telling the community that they have the right to continually discharge their firearms even if that activity impacts negatively on those around them? If their target practice does not pose a noise problem to neighbours, then again, why demand such an exemption?

If you are concerned with this new development, we urge you to contact the regional director, whose stand-in, Mr. Ron McQuiggan, told the CRD meeting of April 23 that this is exactly what the public wants on Salt Spring. Please remember that if you have a concern, you must make it known. Members of the special interest group that proposed the exemption realize the importance of speaking up, and now so should we all.

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NORMA SELIG,**
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Explanation

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informal conversation with Mr. Krieger, he told us that he was thinking of possibly building on this field. This is somewhat like buying a lot just off the end of a long-existing and accepted jet landing strip and then insisting that the airport move away.

Because upwards of 75 per cent of the club's yearly income is derived from the six provincially-organized trap shoots, we must immediately undergo a program of construction and relocation of the trap field to allow our participation in the first of these shoots in August. Relocation of the traps will ensure that all shot from these shots will fall safely on club property. Also, it is hoped and expected that some of the noise that was directed towards Mr. Krieger's new property will be diminished.

Due to a direct request by the gun club's executive, the provincial firearms officer will be reassessing the new arrangements so we can be sure they are safe.

We have held accreditation since 1961 as a safe range for the use of restricted weapons, both rifles and hand guns. We have four provincially-recognized firearms training and range officers as active members of this club, and all organized shoots are under the control of one or more of these persons. This has been the case for some time.

We wish to stress that the income from this club's activities is the only way we can continue to exist, and that at least 75 per cent of that income is derived from the weekend shoots with other clubs from around the province.

There are only six of these shoots a year; that is, six out of 52 weekends per year. At other times, the club is used by members and guests, but not constantly, as this small group would like people to believe. If this facility were not available to them, they would have to resort to shooting at many different places on the island, a good many of which are not as safe as the gun club's facilities. Which is more desirable? Also, many members are only able to shoot on Sunday, for a variety of reasons.

Let's not forget that target shooting is a legitimate and challenging sport, recognized and

practiced world wide, and is quite safe provided satisfactory facilities are available and adequate supervision provided.

Let's look at the noise argument. In public and in the newspapers, the six people who have signed their names to the letters have declared they have no intention of trying to close down the rod and gun club. We have on several occasions made it clear to them exactly why we must shoot on weekends. In fact, at their specific request for some quiet time on weekends, we elected to shut down the range completely for one entire weekend of each month. This only encouraged them to demand more. To illustrate their approach to negotiations, consider their original request to the club:

- Hours of operation be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday;

- No Sunday shooting allowed.
- Weekend tournaments limited to four per year, and advertised at least two weeks in advance.

A direct quote from their summary to the above points follows: "Hopefully, this letter will open a dialogue between the parties concerned. We would welcome a discussion on any of the points raised herein and feel confident that a fair and equitable solution will surface out of such discussion. We do not submit this letter out of anger or hostility but out (of) a true desire to work together to form a reasonable compromise that is acceptable to all."

We received this letter, dated June 5, 1985, on July 19, 1985. However, this letter was preceded

letters

by a letter to *Driftwood* dated February 13, 1985, complaining about the noise from the gun club. One would expect that when a group of people is unhappy about the activities of another group, they would have the courtesy to approach them directly, in person, before hanging them publicly in the newspapers for lack of co-operation. To then suggest an amicable solution, as appears in their later letter to the club, seems strange, to say the least, but has set the pattern for their further efforts.

At the four well-advertised public meetings held by Dr. Borsman to debate the provisions of the proposed anti-noise bylaw, the vast majority of those present were either questioning the need for a noise bylaw, or did not express any real objection to the noise bylaw and specifically to the partial exemption given to the rod and gun club. From these public forums, it appears clear to our members that the public is not dissatisfied with the continued presence of the rod and gun club, and does not feel the noise factor is a form of harassment, as claimed by this small group.

In fact, we asked three of the club's closest neighbours if they felt we were objectionable to them by our presence. Their reply was that we were not objectionable, and noise levels were at least acceptable.

In conclusion, remember that the club has been a good local

citizen in many ways besides just shooting. It has sponsored outdoor education, dances, banquets, fishing derbies, stream enhancement, contributions to other charitable organizations and other activities valuable to the community. It has much to offer in the future. Let us not allow the gradual and sadly inevitable erosion of our rural way of life to do away prematurely with this worthwhile organization.

Remember, this club and the adjacent houses were here first, and if people chose to buy these houses at a later time, then they

purchased knowing full well the consequences of their actions.

A final word: please remember that we cannot live within an overly restrictive noise bylaw, and that the noise bylaw was originally intended to take care of noisy night-time parties and such things as deliberate tire-squealing — not the activities of legitimate and long-standing organizations like the rod and gun club, or logging, or farming, or trucking.

When such a bylaw is turned around by a small group to further their special interests to the detriment of the original intentions of the bylaw and the people who voted for it, one must question the validity of the need for such a bylaw in our rural setting.

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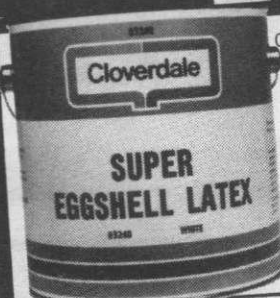
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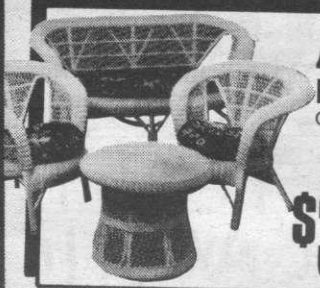
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Sea Capers organizers promising a visual feast

Sea Capers organizers are aiming for an improved celebration in 1986.

Festivities co-ordinator Carol Fowles says the organizing committee is striving to increase visibility of events for viewers, and is adding some new wrinkles to the water sports segment of the weekend-long celebration.

Sea Capers, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, will take place on June 20, 21 and 22.

Fowles said the addition of the 'Great Ganges Boat Race' event, rescheduling of events for a better flow, and selection of sites that allow spectators a better view of the action should add up to a bigger and better Sea Capers.

And she hopes the efforts being made by organizers will mean a strong turnout by local residents. "I want to emphasize that Sea Capers is a celebration for all islanders, and I want to encourage local residents to come out and support it," she said. "It's a celebration for Salt Springers — it started that way, and that's why it continues to be held at this time of the year, and not in mid-summer, when all of the visitors arrive."

Many of the final details for Sea Capers are still being ironed out. For instance, some event sites and times have yet to be confirmed.

What is known is that the celebration will probably pull in several thousand people, and that well over 100 local residents will have been involved in organizational work before the festivities are carried out.

(Those volunteers will meet next on May 14, at 7:30 pm in the school board office. Additional hands are always welcome.)

So far, Fowles says, the volunteers have generated "a lot of enthusiasm" for new events and are carefully considering improvements to the old.

Sea Capers, which began as a celebration of the Captain Cook Bicentennial, was first operated by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. As the celebration grew, control was assumed by a

non-profit society incorporated in 1977.

During its tenure, Sea Capers has turned its profits back into the community. To date, it has directed over \$20,000 to groups like the Girl Guides, Fulford Hall and the Farmers' Institute — to name just a few recipients.

In addition, Sea Capers has contributed over \$10,500 towards completion of the bandshell at Centennial Park — a project expected to be completed this year, especially since proceeds from the 1986 Sea Capers will be channeled in the same direction.

Budget, community grants okayed by rec commission

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approved a \$112,590 budget for 1986 at its April 28 meeting.

The budget provides for: \$17,030 in administration costs; \$27,400 for the upkeep of parks and playgrounds; \$12,230 for Mahon Hall expenses; \$12,690 for Portlock Park maintenance; and \$19,700 for fitness expenditures.

On the revenue side of the budget: \$69,919 will be supplied by the Salt Spring Island electoral area; \$18,700 from fitness revenue; \$8,900 from Mahon Hall operating revenue; and \$50 from

federal grants.

A \$6,771 surplus from last year's budget will be carried into the 1986 revenue fund.

The commission also approved grant funding for several local applicants: the soccer association will receive \$1,300; Salty Wheels (square dancing society) will get \$300; the volleyball association will receive \$300; the boy scouts were granted \$200; the Elementary School Parents Advisory Council will get \$600; and the Achievement Centre's expenses (up to \$1800) will be paid by the commission.

For new tennis courts

Commission ponders dollar offer

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has decided to go ahead and apply for an Expo Legacy Fund grant for a fourth tennis court at Portlock Park before they approve a commitment to put up \$5000 as their part of the deal.

Salt Spring Tennis Association member Jack Fisher told the commission members at their May 24 meeting that he would be willing to donate one-third of the cost — up to \$10,000 — of building a new tennis court if the recreation commission could get a grant from the Expo Legacy Fund. In order to get the grant, the applicant must be able to provide two-thirds funding of an approved project.

Tennis Association president Roy Rajsic told the April 28 commission meeting that the association would be willing to raise \$5,000 — or half of the difference in construction costs after the grant and Fisher's donation — but the commission would have to supply the rest.

Commission members agreed that it might be foolish to pass up Fisher's generous offer but they were concerned that the community would not be receptive to the commission spending more money on tennis than on other recreational activities.

The commission decided to see if it could get the grant first. If the grant verdict is favourable, the commission can then decide whether to commit itself to helping to fund the project.

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Baseball dugout issue raises commission's ire

There was some grumbling over the high school baseball field dugouts at the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission meeting April 28.

The commission decided at its March 24 meeting to give the dugouts and backstop to the school board, with the understanding that the board would be responsible for maintaining the facilities. The school district owns the property.

The school board, however,

replied that the dugouts were unsafe and had them dismantled. Remains of the dugouts are now in storage.

Grace Byrne, the school board's representative to the recreation commission, told the meeting that a fair amount of correspondence has been done between the two parties since the last commission meeting. She said the dugout issue was not resolved, so the board decided "something had to be done."

She added: "The school board did not want something dumped on them that needed to be repaired."

Byrne said the school district does not use the ball park — thus, the school board land is being used for community purposes.

Glenn Woodley replied that the recreation commission built the backstop, levelled the land and built the fence. He said to rebuild the dugouts "would be their (the school board's) first nickel spent

(on the ball park)."

It was suggested at the meeting that some kind of joint-use agreement should be reached between the commission and the school board, to be in effect on any land used by the community and the school district.

Commission member Phil Hume adamantly opposed such an agreement. "I think it's a lousy deal," he said. "We are being asked to be the good guys. We gave the ball park to the

school board, we asked them to maintain it and then they decided it wasn't safe so they ripped it down. We weren't even consulted."

The commission decided to solve the dugout problem before approaching the school board for a joint-use agreement.

"We're not going to solve anything by confrontation," said commission member Jack Albhouse. "We have to work towards a solution."

For Gulf Islands

New government format urged

Calling for creative thinking and a new local government model, New Democrats Carol Pickup and David Vickers held an open discussion with about 20 Salt Spring residents on Saturday.

"You on the Gulf Islands live in a unique part of the world," Vickers said, responding to a question from the floor which expressed dissatisfaction with the amount of local control for Islanders.

Members of the audience denounced the lack of responsibility given to local planning committees, noting that island decisions are made in Victoria.

"There must be a hybrid management model out there that could be made to work," Vickers said. "The municipal model is not appropriate if one looks at the costs." He cited upkeep of highways as an example.

Responding to the same issue, Pickup called for a strengthening of the Islands Trust.

"The legislation is so weak right now, it's at the whim of the government," Pickup said. The Trust, she added, should be legitimized, given the power to acquire property and to do its own planning: "We need the Islands Trust for an orderly development, appropriate to the characteristics of the Island."

Members of the audience disagreed, however, suggesting Salt Spring should make its own decisions. Former Island Trustee Bev Unger called the Trust far from democratic. She complained that while funding is weighted due to population, voting is not.

Vickers said the institutional background necessary for local government on Salt Spring does not exist at present. He noted that the NDP platform calls for decentralization and said creative thinking is needed to find a new governing model.

Acknowledging the need for a 'democratic' Islands Trust, Vickers said: "Help us redesign it."

Other issues discussed included tourism and improvements to the ferry system.

Refuting a suggestion from the floor which called for privatization of the ferry corporation, Vickers agreed the present system is inadequate, but said the corporation should remain a public

responsibility.

"We're not into giving a monopoly to free enterprise," he said. "We hope to develop a ferry system which is responsive to the islands' wants. It's a public responsibility and the present government is in breach of that trust."

Pickup opened the two-and-a-half-hour discussion with a 15-minute talk on tourism, stressing that it should fit the unique lifestyle and environment that already exists on the islands.

"People come here because of the unique beauty, because it is less stressed, and for the natural amenities and quality of arts and

crafts," she said. "We need a body to make decisions so tourism can grow."

She called for a tourism industry that is non-polluting, maintains character and attracts suitable numbers to the Islands.

Pickup frequently referred to the NDP discussion paper *An Economic Strategy for Vancouver Island*. While the paper deals with Vancouver Island specifics, Pickup said the overall philosophy holds true for the Gulf Islands.

"It doesn't mention specific Gulf Island issues," she said, "but it alludes to them."

High school principal named director of district instruction

Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Bob McWhirter has been appointed the district's director of instruction in a move trustees say will benefit both parents and students.

The appointment, effective August 1, was announced by the Gulf Islands school board at its May 1 meeting.

"We were looking for someone who can provide leadership and administration during a period of growth and change," said schools superintendent Mike Marshall.

The director of instruction position replaces a former school district administration role that was eliminated three years ago due to restraint.

McWhirter, who has worked as

a principal on both Salt Spring and Pender islands, was chosen due to his knowledge of the school district and involvement with the Outer Islands. As director of instruction, he will attend classes and prepare reports for the district.

According to Marshall, the reinstated administrative role will become an important one in the upcoming months.

"During restraint, nothing was happening," Marshall said. Now, as the school district continues to grow, the administration can take on a larger role.

The appointment, Marshall told the board, will benefit both students and parents in the district.



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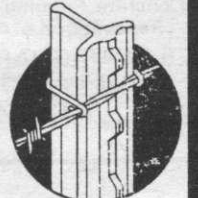
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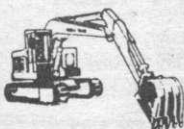


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Early bakery's output recalled with fondness

Editor's Note: The following is one in a continuing series of articles about Gulf Islands life during the early 1900s.

Florence Anderson says people still tell her they've never tasted baked goods as delicious as the ones her husband John used to produce at the Anderson's Bake Shop.

"Dozens and dozens of people come up to me and say *I've never had such good baking*," she says today. "We specialized in butter-horns and puff pastry — they melted in your mouth."

John and Florence Anderson arrived on Salt Spring Island from Victoria in 1932 with the specific intention of opening a bakery. John had been told about the island and, when he found out it had no bakery, the decision to set up shop was made.

The Andersons opened for

Shop satisfied many a sweet tooth

business in a small building on Hereford Avenue. For the next 10 years, the sweet tooth of many a Salt Spring resident was saturated.

John did the baking and Florence did the selling. John would work all night to make sure the baked goods would be fresh for sale in the morning. Florence would then take over to sell the wares.

The bakery did a good business. Florence says she can't remember how many loaves of bread the couple would sell in a day, but they "sold as much as John could make."

The bread, she recalls, was baked in a four-loaf pan and sometimes farmers would come in and buy two pans worth of bread.

In the 1930s, Florence says, people took great care in baking because everything was done by hand. Electric mixers, for instance, were years away from being invented.

Florence can recall John being elbow-deep in flour, mixing and kneading the bread dough. The wares were baked in a huge, fuel-heated oven which brought scorching summer temperatures to the shop all year round.

The bake shop, she continued, was always a place for the Anderson children to seek and find amusement. Florence remembers that the couple's eldest son, George (who was two years old when the store opened), used to sneak into the back kitchen and steal a lion's bite of puffed pastry

whenever he could escape his mother's watchful eye.

"I remember one time when I was busy in the store and all of a sudden I realized that he was awfully quiet," she says. "I wondered, *what was he up to?* I peeked around the door and there was George in the vat (for mixing dough), head to foot in flour."

For their first few months in Salt Spring, the Andersons lived in the bake shop. They then bought a white stucco house on Ganges hill, which came with a large pasture, a cow and some chickens. Beyond the pasture fence was the old Lady Minto Hospital.

Florence, who now lives in Greenwood, says life on Salt Spring Island was simple in the early days: "The boys (they had four sons) would come home from school and I'd have a sandwich and a glass of milk ready for them, and then they would go outside and play on the land. They didn't need a lot to have fun."

Sometimes, the most fun came when the Anderson twins — Dennis and Donald — would use their double identities to fool their elders, Florence says.

"We always dressed them alike. It wasn't very long before they knew that people couldn't tell them apart — and they would use that," she says.

"Teachers had an awful time with them. Children weren't allowed to leave class until they had their school work done. One day Donny wanted to go and watch a ball game, but he couldn't because he wasn't finished his work. So Denny told him he would finish his work for him so Denny stayed in class while Donny went off to see the ball game," she laughs.

But people didn't seem to mind the twins' pranks. In fact, Florence says, what has impressed her the most about Salt Spring Islanders is that they are so friendly. "They would do anything for anyone."

She tells the story of how a farmer in Fulford lost his barn in a fire: "All the men took a day to



Florence Anderson

help him. He bought the lumber, but they gathered together and built his barn for him. And the women, they brought the food."

Florence adds: "The people — they were very, very friendly. If you ever needed help there was always someone there to help."

Salt Spring Island is still pretty much the friendly place Florence Anderson remembers, but it has grown.

"There was only half the number of people here then as there is now. It's hard to believe Salt Spring is the same place we came to — so much has changed."

Editor's note: In the April 23 article in this series, a footnote incorrectly identified Donald New's wife as Eva. In fact, Eva is the sister-in-law of Donald New, whose wife Nanette now lives in the extended care unit of Lady Minto Hospital.



Looking back

It's obviously a pub, but where and when this Gulf Islands scene

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Church split, proximity of war grounds for degree of dissent

Fourth in a Series

The *Co-operativa Carlos Fonseca* is one of five which make up the 2,500-acre Carazeno group. They are so near the Masaya volcano that only since the revolution have scientific farming methods put into production crops which can withstand an acid breath.

February 15, 1986, was an important day because another 1,000 acres were to be added to the co-operatives — not as a block, but as private parcels. So, as we drove past the broad flat-land fields and up the steep roads leading to the fruit growing hills, we saw few people — only queues of children busy at their morning chores of hauling water on small wagons to their casitas.

Many of the others were on their way to San Marcos for the ceremony, at which Sandinista minister Jaime Wheelock would officiate. There would be a fiesta for a break from the long hot days in the fields.

Our four-wheel drive went as far as it could, until the road reverted to a trail — since the last rainy season there hadn't been equipment available to put the road back into shape — and we walked a steep mile to where there was a cluster of small houses almost hidden among the fruit trees. There Ramon, the head of the co-operative, was waiting with some of his family. We were welcomed with the great courtesy which, with her beautiful language, is Spain's legacy to her former colonies.

We subsided on the benches and thankfully drank the refresco — a pitcher of fruit juice with, amazingly, ice no doubt brought from San Marcos, for there is no electricity in this part of the co-operative.

Then we were taken on a tour by Ramon, who was obviously proud of his community, particularly the school. It was primitive by our standards — windows without glass and a blackboard made of cement — but to Ramon it had been a giant step forward, because he, a man of about 50, hadn't been able to read and write until the co-operative was started, and he went to the literacy classes which were a priority of the new government. That gave him his start. Then he was elected head — a great honour.

The campesinos of Nicaragua, being the poorest, have had their lot improved the most since the *triumfo* (the overthrow of Somoza is not called the revolution, a term reserved for a process to be complete only when the country is left in peace). Ramon, who had always lived in the district, had worked as a farmhand wherever and whenever he could, but, with 10 children, there was seldom enough food. Now, even if life was still hard, they had enough to eat, they had health care, their children

ANDREW GIBSON



IN NICARAGUA

went to school and they had become valued and functioning members of society instead of the near serfs that they and their parents had been.

After a simple comida of beans, roasted meat and tortillas as big as platters, we walked back down the hill, past the lush groves of oranges, grapefruit, bananas, avocados and pitahayas to where the new health centre is being built. With materials supplied by the government and labour by volunteers, the centre will have 13 rooms, enough for an expanded co-operative. Until the war is over, the problem will be equipment; although with luck, some may come from friendly countries, including Canada.

We all left at the same time, Ramon and his family to join the others in San Marcos, and we to go back to Managua. We had heard no propaganda, nothing revolutionary, but it seemed clear that having been given pride and self-reliance it will not be possible to force these people back to the cruel servitude which they once knew, and which is still endured by their unfortunate neighbours in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

The 1984 Nicaraguan elections were reported by all observers, except those from the American administration, to have been honest — probably the first such in Central America. They gave the Sandinistas about two-thirds of the votes, a figure which seemed to us, after a month there, to still be valid. It is a figure which might be envied by our leaders, but certainly there is an opposition which is legitimate (unlike that of the brutal

CIA-directed contras, whose support is in Washington, not Nicaragua).

Two reasons for dissent can be easily found. Nicaraguans must now choose between the liberation theology church and the hierarchy, which sees its hold over a once subservient people eroded — three of the Sandinista ministers are priests. To each side the other is anathema, and certainly many devout Nicaraguans consider their loyalty to be to their cardinal, who is totally opposed to the government.

Another big problem is the conscription of the young men, who must serve for two years. Many die in combat. For a country so ruthlessly attacked, such service would seem to be essential, but in this family-oriented society, many cannot accept the absence and possible deaths of their sons.

Typical of them are Don Pablo and Dona Isabel. They are rancheros, not campesinos and not land barons, but self-reliant and hardworking farmers, with perhaps 500 acres of hilly country, a small herd of cattle, some good horses, and perhaps a truck. We were their guests for a day, and listened to a long discussion between them and a dedicated Sandinista, a former revolutionary whose shattered leg came from the attentions of the National Guard (during the month that we were in Nicaragua there was never any reluctance by anybody to give an opinion about the government, however critical it might be, and whoever was present).

As guests, we took no part in the argument, especially since it mostly concerned such deeply felt matters as religion — significantly, there was a big picture of the cardinal in the room — and the absence of their sons. Like all Nicaraguans they gave credit to the Sandinistas for getting rid of the monstrous Somoza but, like farmers everywhere, they resented what they saw as an intrusive government.

Only at the end did we venture to ask: would not most of the grievances they had enumerated disappear if only their country could be left in peace, without the strains and sacrifices of this foreign-financed war? The Sandinista agreed at once. So, after an interval, did the rancheros.

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Soccer season ends with shower of awards

By MALCOLM LEGG

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association closed its 1985-86 soccer season with the annual soccer banquet, held at the high school gymnasium. The banquet attracted a good crowd of 450 people to celebrate the successes of all the teams and players who competed over the past soccer season.

The banquet was run under a different format this season, which saw the elimination of the potluck dinner in order to reduce the over-all time. Consequently, the evening started with the introduction of all the teams, their coaches, players and a spokesman.

Certainly, the highlight of the evening was all the wonderful speeches the spokespeople made about how their teams had done over the past season.

Following this came the special presentations awarded by Strick Aust and this writer.

The treasurer's Trophy, awarded to the most improved play on a new off-island team went jointly to Jeremy Huntley and Peter Hood of the Hotspurs.

Then came three trophies for Intra-island divisions, awarded to the unsung hero of each division, as voted on by the coaches. The Gold Cup (senior) went to Tyler Watson of the Sharks. The Silver Trophy (junior) went to Melissa Hazenboom of the Wildcats, and the Bronze Trophy (girls) went to Lori Quesnel of the Cardinals.

The President's Trophy is awarded to the coach or executive of the year, and went to Woody Ensminger of the Firebirds for the tremendous job he did with his young squad.

The Ron Hatch Memorial Trophy, awarded to the stand-outs in the Intra-island rep game played in our invitational tourney, went to Josh Byron of the Fernwood Reps and Jordi Koski of the Fulford Reps.

Next came the most sportsman-like teams at each level, with the winners as follows: Ian MacDonald Trophy (senior) to the Kicks; Elsie MacDonald Trophy (junior) to the Wildcats; MacDonald Trophy (girls) to the Fillies; and the Alan Marsh Trophy (off-island) to the Sounders.

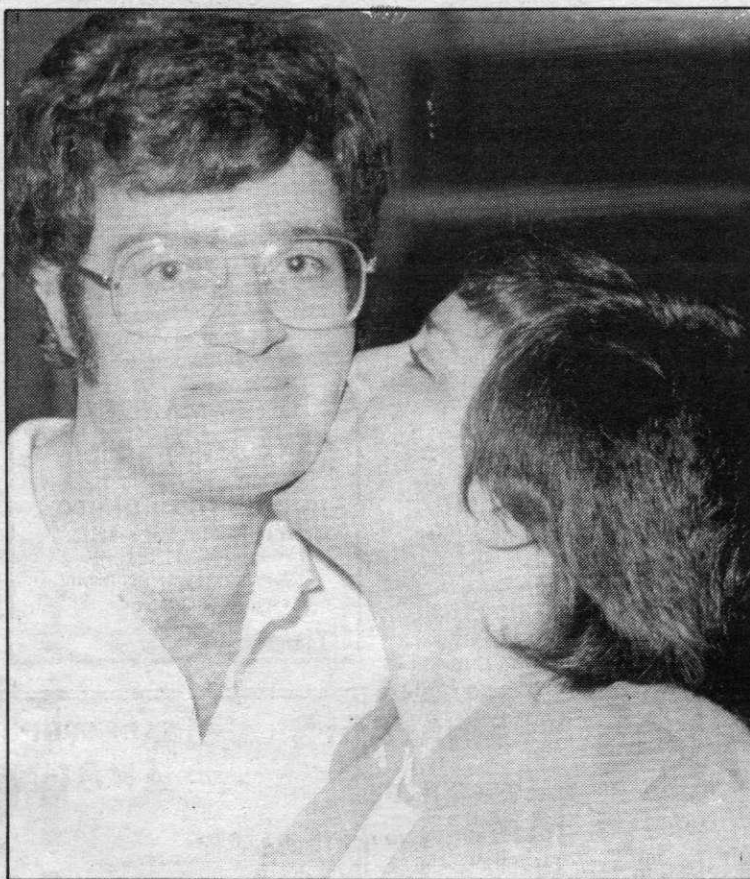
The evening was closed out with the usual door prizes, run by Ed Davis.

The new format appeared to speed up the banquet, although starting on time and shorter speeches by all would have moved the evening along even better.

All in all, it was a great evening as our whole association got together to recognize the efforts of all involved, from players to coaches to referees; all were applauded for their efforts in another successful season.

It was also a very special evening for the writer and Strick Aust, as it was our last official function as the executive of the SSIYSA. We will both step down this season to take a well-earned breather, and will be replaced by a new executive at the annual general meeting.

Both Strick and myself have enjoyed the past 10 years in forming a well-structured, cohesive organization that promotes participation and fun as well as competitive play in soccer on Salt Spring. With the spadework now



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Malcolm Legg receives kiss from his wife, Becky, to add to accolades directed his way at soccer association awards dinner.

done, it is time for others to step in and take over.

Both Strick and myself were deeply touched by all the wonderful remarks made to us at the banquet and my wife Becky and myself are very appreciative as well as surprised by the wonderful gift we received from many people. We thank you all.

Legg, stepping down as association president after 10 years, was given standing ovation by audience.

Strick and myself would also like to thank all those who made this season a success and hope they will all be back next year.

We thank all our coaches and managers for their time and dedication to their teams; the referees for consistency and fairness at all times; and the players, for sportsmanship and being good

representatives of Salt Spring soccer wherever they played.

We would also like to thank all our sponsors for their support: Dana Farms (Jim and Wendy Scott), Isobel Mouat, Vicki Griffin, Mouat's (Tom Toynbee), the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion; the SSI Volunteer Firemen, Dr. Bill Lea, the Lions Clubs of SSI, the Rotary Club of SSI and the SSI Parks and Recreation Commission.

We would also like to thank the recreation commission and particularly Bruce MacFadyen for the excellent facilities and their condition over the long season.

We also thank Tony and Alice Richards and the staff of Driftwood for all the wonderful coverage we get.

A special thank you to Jackie Hembruff of Kanaka Place Restaurant for all her help, especially in bringing in all the concession supplies.

Thank yous must also go to the businesses that donated door prizes to the banquet, making our evening complete.

Last but not least, a special thanks to the boys on the Selects for all their volunteer help with tournaments, banquets and running the program — I could not have done it without you.

Our final event of this soccer season will be the annual general meeting on Monday, May 12, in room 7 of Gulf Islands Secondary School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On the agenda will be a finalization of the season's programs and how they all went, a financial statement from treasurer Strick Aust, and the election of officers.

We are looking for people to run for five positions as the executive of the SSIYSA for the coming

season — three for a two-year term and two for a one-year term. Positions will be president, vice-president, treasurer and two executives.

It is important for the continuation of this fine program that people come forward and run. If you are interested, contact this writer at 537-5870 or come to the meeting.

We hope all those interested will attend and give input towards the future of soccer on Salt Spring.

On a lighter note, the Oldies tourney was played last Sunday, for the Lorne Black Memorial Trophy, at Portlock Park.

There were plenty of surprises in the tourney, especially when the Kicks were favoured this year.

In the semi-finals, there were two surprise wins both on penalty shots. In the opener, the Wranglers stayed with the Kicks in regulation time and won when the Kicks missed their final penalty shot.

The second semi-final saw an evenly played game between the Canadians and Orange, with Orange stealing the penalty kicks with goals from this writer and Lance Lonax, and great goal-keeping from Gordie Lee.

And come up winners

Golfers challenge course

By PAT DOHERTY

In most recent nine-hole ladies play, the members held a scramble. Twenty-five were out, including the regular 18-hole ladies who like to play on Wednesday. Winners were Barbara Nemeth, Mary Pike, D.A. McCann and Elizabeth Kirwin.

The new starting time is now 9 a.m.

In the ladies 18-hole division, members played only nine holes, due to inclement weather. Winner of the half-and-half event was Olive Wilkie. The putt pot was shared by Dolly Whorley and Lou Wolfe-Milner.

Salt Spring ladies took a commanding lead over the visiting Cedar Hill team by 22 points. The island team, which travelled to Uplands, did not fare so well, returning with a deficit of 28 points. Marie Hopkins and Kas Black won their senior button match at Glen Meadows and now advance to the next round at Gorge Vale.

In mens play, 45 players turned out in pleasant weather. Winners of the honey pot were Herb Munro

and Cedric Walker.

In nine-hole play two weeks ago, 28 turned out for *Goodness Only Knows*. It is a combination of score and handicap to give net. The winners were Joan Tiernan and Vivian Storr.

The putt pot was shared by Joyce Guerin and Joan Tiernan.

In the ladies 18-hole division, play for the Brooks Cup which resulted in a tie for low net at 70 between Jean Cunningham and Mona Coulter. In the ensuing 18-hole playoff on Thursday, Mona was the winner over Jean. Congratulations, girls.

On Tuesday, the low net prize for the day, by retrogression, was won by Jean Cunningham with Mona Coulter. Mona was medalist with gross 93.

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Mother's Day weekend opening set for 'Mamajuice' exposition

By MARK SEUSS

I am seated in Christina Estable's home, gazing at three stark, white, full-bosomed and full-bellied plaster body moulds of women in the latter stages of pregnancy.

Each body mould is hung from the shoulders by fish wire. They will soon be hanging at Off Centre Stage as part of a two-week performing and visual arts event which will feature the works of dozens of female artisans, poets, craftswomen, visual and performing artists from Vancouver and the Gulf Islands, with a special emphasis on the works of Salt Spring Island women.

The event, *Mamajuice*, opens on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11) and will continue through the Victoria Day weekend, a full moon and the International Women's Day for Disarmament.

Mamajuice began with Estable's fertile desire to highlight Mother's Day in a more socially meaningful way.

The title of the show, Estable explains, is *Mama* — for mothers and women generally — and *juice* "stands for that creative energy or electricity we have."

One of the highlights of *Mamajuice* will be an exhibit of quilts on the theme of world peace, made by female artisans from various textile groups throughout B.C. The quilts are stopping at Off Centre Stage on their way to private family residences in the USSR.

The quilt project, undertaken without the aid of government subsidies, is more than a token gesture by naive Canadian women with a perfunctory concern for world peace. It is an act of loving faith performed by people in tune with the potential within the feminine matrix of creation.

Others contributing work to the gallery show, guest-curated by Vancouver's Irene Dual-Chan are: Diana Dean, Diana Thompson, Amiran White, Barbara Woodley, Paula Swan, Carol Evans, Tor Forsberg, Sharada Filkow, Peggi Farina, Joan Angus, Jo Stone, Anna Hawthorne and many more.

Events leading from the opening Mother's Day brunch on May 11 to the closing "Fashion and sushi" on Sunday afternoon, May 25 — featuring wearable art by Laur Cooke and Margie Korrison among others — include a poetry reading with classical music, a

concert by Caroline Rine and Susan Cogan, a lecture on women in the age of Queen Victoria by Mary Williamson, a play by Diana Hayes, a talk and poetry reading by Dorothy Livesay, a moon ritual for peace inspired by Cheryl Ralph, workshops and a dance on Friday evening (May 23) with the incredible all-women *Rockin' Harry and the Hackjaws* from Vancouver.

Tickets are on sale at Video Ranch, Etcetera, and Off Centre Stage. Advance tickets for the full two weeks are \$10, not including dance and workshops. A draw of all \$10 tickets will take place, with the winner receiving a piece of pottery donated by Gary Cherneff.

Though *Mamajuice* is the creative work of women, men are welcome and encouraged to participate (don't miss the dance, guys).

"There are no mamas without papas," says Christina. "It is an educative process for men to come to women's events and to experience women's visual art and imagery."

The gallery will be open daily between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. from May 11 until May 26.

Karen Jamieson Dance Company

Performance, workshops applauded

By MARGIE KORRISON and LYNDIA JENSEN

Last weekend Salt Spring was offered a rare experience in the performing arts in the form of the Karen Jamieson Dance Company.

More than dance was on the agenda, however; those who took advantage of the experience enjoyed an evening of percussion performed by nationally respected percussionist Sal Ferreras.

Sal is the musician-in-residence with the dance company. He co-composed the music for *Altamira* with Salt Spring resident Bruce Ruddell.

A highlight of Thursday evening was the performance of a piece by contemporary Canadian composer John Celowma, recent winner of two prizes at the international competition in new music at Bourges, France.

Sal offered workshops in percussion and rhythm, the highlight of which was the children's workshop. There was a wide assortment of percussion instruments from seed pods to tympani.

The children were given a discussion and demonstration of each instrument, divided into groups and, within 15 minutes were playing ensemble.

Sal's knowledge of classical music, and indigenous rhythms from Brazil, Cuba and Africa, were inspiring and evoked enthusiastic response by participants.

The dance workshops allowed participants to work with Karen and her company. They were taken through warmups and exercises and into dance dialogues, improvisation and group awareness techniques. As well as workshops, various performances were offered to all of the schools on the island.

The public performance of *Altamira* was given on Saturday evening. Inspired by Karen's experience in the caves at Altamira, Spain, the dance was performed in a beautifully defined cave-like environment conceived by set designer Art Lucs, a Salt Spring resident. The depth and quality of expression was intensely visible in the dancers' faces and body movements, being interwoven with the music, drawing the audience into the dance.

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received by the Karen Jamieson Dance Company, both in workshop and performance, we can look forward to more entertainment of this stature coming to Salt Spring in the future. Sal Ferreras has indicated interest in returning this summer, with John Celowma.

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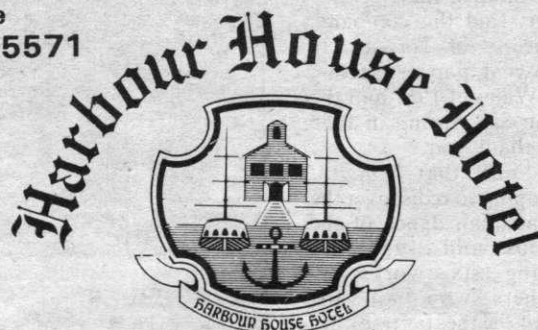
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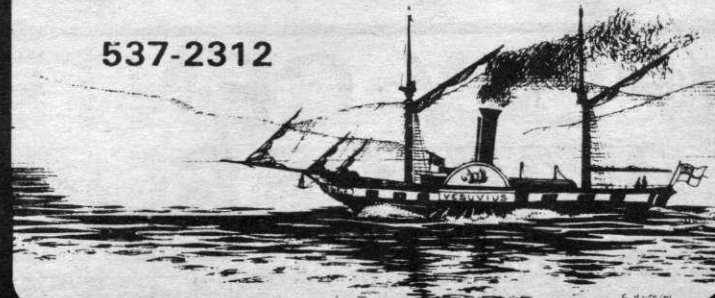
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Islander helps preserve Canada's dance history

Salt Spring Island resident Gordon Wales thought it was a "strange hoax." The telephone call said a dance company wanted Wales to recreate his role of the husband in Gweneth Lloyd's *Shadow on the Prairie*.

It's been a while, you see. Wales is no longer the fresh, 22-year-old who first performed the role in 1951 as a member of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

No matter, said the company, *Encore! Encore!* of Toronto. In fact, the 35-year gap separating the Gordon Wales of 1951 and the one living on Salt Spring in 1986 is just fine, thank you.

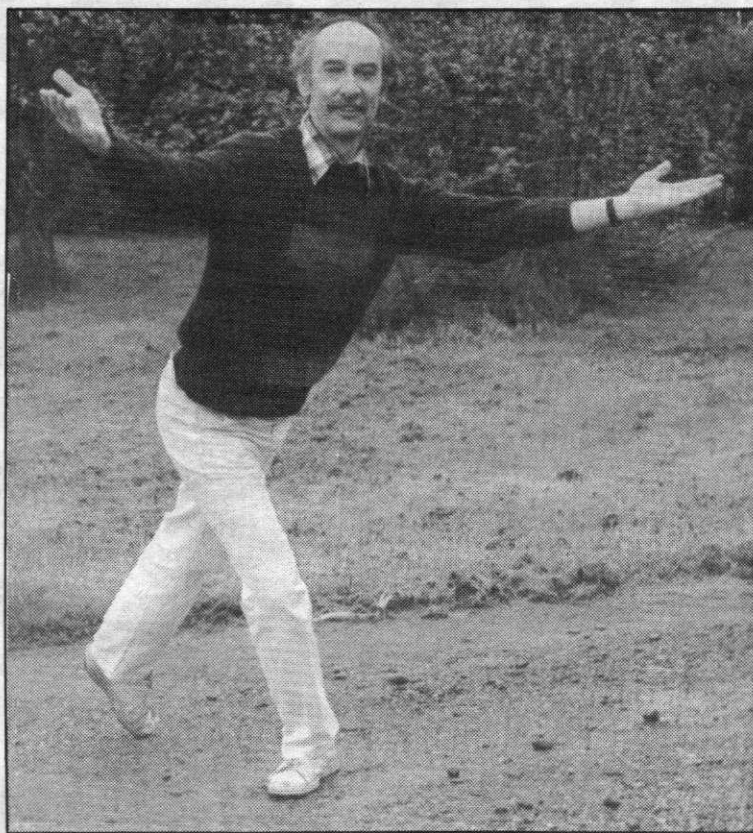
It turns out that *Encore! Encore!* is hoping to rediscover the magic of Canadian dance of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s by reconstructing six works by choreographers who laid the foundation of the theatre tradition we know today.

the works about to be staged anew, and hence the call for Wales to dust off his dancing shoes.

"I feel honoured," he says. "It really is an honour — something I couldn't turn down."

Encore! Encore! originated with producers Miriam and Lawrence Adams (Lawrence's father, David, was a choreographer for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet), whose lifetime involvement in dance fostered a commitment to preserve Canada's dance history. From this commitment came the idea to film reconstructed works from the various dance eras, to better document the art for future generations.

The dates set for reconstruction of Gweneth's work are May 5 to May 17 in Toronto, with choreographer David Adams tabbed as



Gordon Wales still knows the moves

director. The final score will be included in the Choreographic Archive of the Dance Collection, a museum of Canadian theatrical dance.

Wales says his memory of the original score is somewhat sketchy — in fact, he jokes that he can't even remember being in the production. Tangible proof, however, is provided by a Royal Winnipeg Ballet program, with photographs, which Wales has kept.

The original production was filmed for the National Film Board, so the dancers will have some point of reference to consult. However, because the participants are 35 years older, some

of the original moves may prove difficult to duplicate, Wales says. "The comparison (between the old and the new) can be odious," he says.

Still, Wales believes his return to professional dancing — however brief — will be "like riding a bicycle," and he looks forward to the challenge with enthusiasm.

Wales says part of the excitement will be seeing his colleagues after more than 30 years. "When I got the call (inviting him to perform) they didn't even know what kind of shape I was in," he says. "For all they knew, I could be overweight."

Wales received his early training in Vancouver, under teacher Kay Armstrong. He received a scholarship and later studied in North Vancouver.

From there, Wales spent six seasons with *Theatre Under The*

Stars, and also appeared with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Later came three seasons as a principal dancer with the Winnipeg Ballet.

After his stay with the Winnipeg Ballet, Wales went to England and worked at the West End Stage for 10 years. After that, he toured through Europe using his talents as a dancer, director and choreographer.

In 1963 Wales went to South Africa where he "fell in love with the country" and stayed for 13 years. A back injury sidelined his dancing career so he took up pottery as a hobby. That interest became a vocation and he soon became a full-time potter.

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