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Islander Melissa Elliott reaches for plum blossom coming to flower

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on Ganges tree. Like the spring it signals, blossom is within reach.

May fly over islands

Second helicopter service proposed

By MIKE O'BRIEN

The skies above the Gulf Islands may get even noisier if Canada's largest helicopter company becomes the second to provide a commuter service between Vancouver and Victoria.

Victoria city council's committee of the whole has approved in principle an application from Okanagan helicopters to start a helicopter taxi service between downtown Victoria and Vancouver International Airport. The company needs approval in principle to get the necessary Transport Canada permission.

"The Vancouver to Victoria route has always been of interest

to us," said Frank Hynes, Okanagan's manager of market development, "partially because our head office is in Richmond."

Okanagan's planned taxi service would compete with a commuter service already operated between the two cities by Helijet Airways. That service has prompted several Saturna and Pender Island residents to register complaints about the noise caused by the helicopters.

Okanagan is aware of the complaints over the Helijet service, and it is not certain if the larger company's route would take it over the Gulf Islands or

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Rainbow Road hearing tabled pending reports

No decision was made Friday on two controversial Salt Spring Island Trust Committee bylaws relating to the rezoning of property at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Rainbow Road.

Instead, the March 20 public hearing into Bylaws 178 and 179 — which deal, respectively, with the rezoning of two lots to Commercial 3 from Residential 1 and an amendment to the Official Community Plan permitting such a change in Block 5 — was adjourned until the May 22 meeting of the Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee.

Rezoning of the lots would accommodate relocation of Dennis Beech's Salt Spring Esso service station.

The plan to continue the hearing in two month's time was suggested by Salt Spring Island Trust representative Pat Byrne just prior to first reading of Bylaws 178 and 179.

In making the motion, Byrne

said the Salt Spring Island Trust committee had hoped to receive the reports of two task forces and the Design Panel prior to Friday's public hearing. These reports were not available, he noted.

"The Advisory Design Panel is looking at automotive repair and multi-family areas in Ganges, and their report is scheduled to be completed within a week," Byrne said. "The (Ganges) Creek Task Force will have theirs completed within a week or two. Its preliminary report is already in. For the industrial task force, it's a matter of 10 days."

Friday's public hearing, held at the Harbour House Hotel, was attended by more than 40 residents concerned about the proposal. After the hearing was convened by Trust vice-chairman Steve Wright, of Pender Island, submissions from a number of groups and organizations were received.

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Diver's widow wants jury's points implemented

The widow of the diver who disappeared last October 3 while on a commercial dive in Active Pass will pursue the involved parties to ensure the recommendations of the March 10 coroner's inquest are implemented.

"I won't leave anyone alone," said Susan Dzuren. "I'm not just going to walk away and say it's over."

Dzuren said she was satisfied with the jury's findings, though she had hoped they might have offered a cause for her husband's death.

Drew Dzuren was the third diver down from a boat checking

Agencies involved in mishap will be watched for compliance

B.C. Hydro lines between Mayne and Galiano islands. He used audio equipment to tell the waiting boat he was beginning his ascent from 110 feet below the surface. He was never heard from again.

Dzuren said she will write letters to the Workman's Compensation Board (WCB) and B.C.

Hydro urging implementation of the coroner's jury's recommendations.

The jury recommended that:

- B.C. Hydro and WCB diving regulations be explained to divers at pre-job conferences with the employers;
- Hydro adopt safety checklists for the divers;

- Hydro check the companies it awards contracts to with regards to their ability to dive safely;
- approved alternate air sources be provided for each diver; and
- WCB penalize employers who violate its regulations.

The jury also recommended a WCB regulation requiring divers to work with audio equipment, or a lifeline or a buddy system, be amended to make the audio equipment optional, forcing them to work with another diver or a lifeline.

Inquest testimony revealed Dzuren and the other divers

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Alternatives

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Second 'copter service may use island skies

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along the U.S.-Canada border, Hynes said.

Okanagan will use one of two helicopters if it implements the service; the Sikorsky S61 or S76. The S61 is larger but the S76 is faster, Hynes said. Both create noise levels in the "same general bracket as the Helijet" Hynes said.

"It's not a whup-whup-whup

noise," Hynes said.

The Okanagan service would create 10 to 20 jobs, operate about eight round trips daily and may include trips between the two cities' downtown cores, Hynes said.

"We will take steps to minimize annoyance to the public," he added. "Opinions tend to get polarized." He praised Helijet's efforts to reduce their noise as

heard by Gulf Islanders.

Victoria council will make the committee's in-principle approval official Thursday night, subject to resolution of the city's heliport site and qualification of Okanagan's equipment "in terms of size and noise" Ald. Janet Baird said.

"One of our considerations will definitely be noise," Baird said, but only as it affects Victoria residents who live near the heli-

port site, and not Gulf Islanders who might live below the still-undefined flight path.

Saturna resident Dr. Elizabeth Keay was disturbed by the news there might be a second helicopter service. "That's actually quite horrifying. There could be thousands of those things flying around." Keay is compiling a medical-based study on the effect of stressful noises on people's

health, which she says she will send to municipal, provincial and federal politicians.

Helijet Airways president Dan Sitnam said his company is considering offering a Victoria-to-Vancouver International Airport service, and will make an announcement in April.

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'They just crapped on our heads'

Health cost hikes criticized

Mel Couvelier's health-related budget changes have upset some Gulf Islands practitioners.

The finance minister wants the changes to help control what he calls "relentless cost pressures" in the health ministry.

Despite an 8.1 per cent increase in the health budget this coming fiscal year, Couvelier shifted some costs from the government to the users to offset the expense of expanding responsibilities.

Senior citizens, who currently do not have to pay the dispensing cost of their prescriptions, will have to pay for 75 per cent of it, beginning April 1.

"It's quite a hardship for people who take a lot of drugs," said Ursula Poepell, owner of Pender Island Pharmacy. "They have to pay about \$4.80 for every prescription that gets filled."

Poepell said a lot of her customers are elderly. "I don't know how I'm going to tell them."

Seniors will not be charged dispensing fees above \$125 a year and low-income seniors will receive extra assistance. The budget calculates a \$22 million savings from the change.

Meanwhile, a local chiropractor feels the new budget amounts to a pay cut for practitioners of "supplementary benefits" like physiotherapy and chiropractic.

The health ministry pays the entire \$15 charged to patients for their first visit to a chiropractor, and all of the \$11 for each of the next 11 visits in a year. After April 1, the patient will have to pay five dollars of that.

Michael Buna, who has Victoria and Salt Spring offices, says the announcement flies in the face of the B.C. Chiropractors Association's efforts to negotiate a salary increase.

"We didn't get one penny of a raise. In fact, we got a cut, because we'll never collect \$5 from everybody," Buna said.

Buna does not believe any loss from the new fee structure will be offset by the health ministry's promise of an imminent wage increase offer. "The last time they said 'any time now,' it was 1985." He says the ministry promised a \$3 raise in 1985 and again in 1986.

"The government just basically crapped on our heads."

Supplementary benefit recipients who are also on social assistance (earn less than \$3,500 a year in taxable income) will not have to pay a portion of the user fee, according to assistant deputy health minister Chris Lovelace.

Lovelace says the chiropractors' last wage increase was in 1982. "It was pretty considerable." He admits his office has been contacted by individual practitioners who offer supplementary benefit services, and their associations, upset by the changes.

Lovelace says the changes are necessary to reduce the cost to the government of the expanding supplementary benefit program. "The alternative would have been to eliminate services." The government spent \$65 million on supplementary benefits in the 1985-86 fiscal year and will probably spend \$70 million this year, Lovelace said.

Despite the user fees, the government will probably spend the same amount this year because of the public's growing use of the service and as-yet-undisclosed salary increases for the practitioners which, Lovelace feels, will be implemented this year.

More money for education system? Not if apples compared to apples...

More money for education was promised in last week's 1987-88 provincial budget, drawing cheers from the head of the Gulf Islands School Board finance committee.

However, Grace Byrne said she wants to see details about the promised increase. "It sounds great," she said, "and if it's as good as it sounds, it could be good for us."

The local school board faces a \$500,000 shortfall between what the province says it can spend next year and what local trustees feel is necessary. Byrne said she wants to find out if more money in the provincial budget means the local shortfall will be reduced.

Trustee Charles Hingston, meanwhile, is questioning the

budget's promises of more money for education. He argued that while Couvelier says the allocation for 1987-88 will be an \$82.6 million increase over the 1986-87 figure, the minister is comparing apples and oranges.

Hingston said the earlier figure did not include *Funds For Excellence* totals, while the new budget does. The difference is about \$70 million.

Hingston, who compared allocations for education operating expenses in the two budgets, said the total for 1986-87 was \$1.537 billion while the tally for 1987-88 is \$1.529 billion.

"The bottom line is operating budgets for school districts will receive less in 1987 than in 1986, and that's before we even take inflation into account," he said.

"We have to be careful when we're comparing figures," he added, explaining that he didn't want local taxpayers to figure that there's more money in the provincial budget for education at the same time as they're being asked to subsidize local expenditures.

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. . . by Richards

In the big city

I had a noisy brake. For weeks I was going to have Dennis Beech look at it, but for weeks I was spending too much time in Victoria. One day, driving around the city, the noise increased to the point of no return. Everywhere I drove I was accompanied by high "C" from one of the brakes and it was echoing in one ear and into the other.

So I went to the garage which sells that make of car and I asked for help.

For \$550 the brakes would be perfect. That was to be the cost of labour. There was also a charge for parts and the establishment could not estimate the likely total.

The car wasn't worth it. I paid up \$80 for the examination and left.

The squeak persisted and I still spent most of my time in the big city, so I went to a long-established brake repair shop. The operator wanted a half-hour to assess the damage. When I returned I was told that the squeak resulted from a patch of rust forming on the rotor, beyond the path of the brake pad. The rust patch was touching the pad and setting up the noise. "No!" There was no need to reline the brakes.

And the cost? They had only sanded the rotor and the job was too small to charge for, I was told.

All I know for sure is that if you have to get something done in the big city, get a few prices before you go ahead!

As the TV ad says, "Them's the brakes!"

The sock eater

I've done it again! For yet another spell I'm well off for socks. Only trouble is that they don't match up.

I've a pair of white and brown socks. One foot is white and one foot is brown. I have a lovely pair of brown and blues and I have a collection of pairs of socks with the same background colour but different ornamentations. I don't buy them that way, it's the way the washing machine eats them.

I can put any number of pairs of socks into that machine and out they come, one-at-a-time. One sock this colour; one sock that colour: all in ones: no two's. I've pulled bits out of the machine, but I've yet to find the other sock of a score of pairs.

In the past I've often landed up at the office with odd socks on, but that was waste, not waste. In those days Women's Lib would labour at the mangle in the

steamy Sidney kitchen, dripping with perspiration, ready to snap any man's head off, but so watchful over those stray socks trying to wander off on their own!

Is it just me and my socks and the washing machine that I shudder to term "mine"? Or do other fellows lose their socks?

Incidentally, I have a white sock with black trim and a white sock with red trim; two brown socks of different shades and black socks with every possible decoration. Just in case anyone has seen them running!

Easiest way

There is only one way to avoid argument and that is to keep your big mouth shut! There's only one way to stay happily married and the answer is the same.

But there's no way to write without inviting disaster. Once that word is written it is written for ever. One of the earliest pieces of advice I had was to hesitate in writing rude letters.

"Write your letter, by all means! Say just what is burning in your brain! Spell it out! Give it to him!"

It was good advice. You simply wrote every vitriolic, abusive term you could dream of.

But after that?

Lock it in your desk for three weeks without looking at it and then take it up and read it through. If you feel the same way after this delayed proof-reading, then get it in the mail, toute suite!

On the other hand, if you are no longer sure, burn it! But if I give up writing, you might be a lot happier, but I wouldn't! When it's your bread and butter you can't turn it off just like that; not even for three weeks!

Not even a hum!

It was so quiet this year. There wasn't a hum to be heard, or seen, until now and it's now that everyone is seeing them.

Pat McClean, of Cottonwood Road on mid-Salt Spring Island, was the first voice to be heard. She saw the first hummingbird on March 18, last Wednesday. Cynthia Davidson reported seeing the first hum of summer two days later.

Wyn Brown, with all of Isabella Point to watch for birds, suggests that the lateness of these feathered fiends is probably attributable to late snowstorms down south. Hummingbirds and blizzards don't make a likely pair.

But let's just be thankful they're here!

Jury recommendations eyed

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employed at Active Pass had agreed to ignore WCB regulations which required a second diver on descents below 60 feet. The divers feared that currents in the pass would make the tetherline or buddy system impractical and unsafe.

"I was absolutely appalled," Dzuren said. "I just can't believe people operate like that."

"If I can take legal action, I certainly will."

John Ross Bruce, owner of All-Canada Dive, the Victoria company which employed Dzuren and the other divers to perform the Active Pass work, said he

could not comment on inquest testimony or findings.

"There's a lot of thinking that has to be done on this," he said.

The WCB occupational safety officer who attended the inquest said several of the jury's recommendations are already standard practice. Dick Shaw said the findings are being reviewed and the possibility of penalizing All-Canada Dive "is being considered."

"I won't know for a couple of weeks."

B.C. Hydro officials are also reviewing the findings to determine what, if any, action the company will take.

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Day care funding welcomed

The president of Salt Spring's day care society thinks the new provincial budget is a sign of the government's recognition of the importance of the service.

"It sounds to me like we're going to get somewhere now," exclaimed Salt Spring Island Day Care Society president Denise Heaton.

The March 19 provincial budget promised a 30 per cent increase in day care funding effective April 1.

"I think it's fantastic," Heaton said. "Our day care, though it's doing well now, is always struggling. It's been going on a shoestring."

"It's been so slow in coming. It's so important for working moms."

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'Mothering' school board's concern unjustified

Let's be realistic.

At Friday's Salt Spring Island Trust Committee hearing, School District 64 again expressed concern over two bylaws designed to facilitate relocation of Dennis Beech's Salt Spring Esso service station to property at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Rainbow Road. Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall, acting on behalf of local trustees, communicated the school board's concern that any additional development along Rainbow Road could increase traffic there and thus create a hazard for local school children.

Certainly, it is the school district's mandate to protect the safety of children in its care. To their credit, school trustees take this responsibility

seriously and assume the collective role of a caring parent or a concerned mother; yet as resident Pat Tiernan pointed out at Friday's hearing, 'mother's concern' over the impact Beech's service station could have on Rainbow Road traffic appears exaggerated.

When the traffic hazard issue is examined in an atmosphere free of emotionalism, it becomes obvious the establishment of a service station at the corner of Rainbow Road and Jackson Avenue will likely have little impact on traffic along the route. Light industry and some commercial enterprises are already located along Rainbow Road west and east of Jackson Avenue; large trucks and vehicles are already using the route to access Windsor Plywood and the various other

operations just west of the Ganges school complex. In fact, it has been suggested since Friday's hearing that the relocation of Beech's Esso station at the corner of Jackson and Rainbow could have a beneficial effect on traffic and safety by forcing motorists using the route to slow for others turning into the station. At present, a significant number of drivers—many of them students or parents transporting their children to and from school—exceed the speed limit along Rainbow Road.

Throughout debate over this rezoning, school board members have approached the traffic issue as if Salt Spring Elementary and Gulf Islands Secondary schools were the only two educational facilities in the region located near moderately-travelled access roads. Yet there are literally dozens of schools in British Columbia located along access roads and highways. Other districts throughout the province have managed to cope with the situation by utilizing crossing guards and educating students in traffic safety. In general, such projects have succeeded in making local roadways safer for children.

This is not to say that Rainbow Road should be developed as a high-volume route, but it does lend credence to the theory that there are measures School District 64 can take to reduce existing and future 'hazards' in the Ganges school zone. The ministry of highways could help in this respect by painting a crosswalk or two along Rainbow Road.

The board has also urged Islands Trust members to maintain a residential buffer zone around the school property. Again, to quote Tiernan, "it's too late" for such a move.

We are not proposing that the Islands Trust should simply discount arguments against rezoning the property in question and pass bylaw 178-179. There is still the matter of the rezoning proposal's impact on the Ganges linear park plan and enhancement of the creek (or ditch) flowing through Block 5. This important issue, it is hoped, will be addressed in the Ganges Creek Task Force's report due within two weeks.

But it is time to put the Rainbow Road traffic-student safety issue to rest. After all, it appears based more on runaway emotionalism than logic and reason.



Street musician crackdown only the beginning

The city of Ottawa is cracking down on street musicians, and Canada may never be the same again.

According to the news report, anyone wishing to play a guitar, flute or whatever on Ottawa's streets must now comply with a long list of requirements.

The rules include limiting the performers to a two-hour stay in one spot, prohibiting them from appearing without shirts or shoes, requiring the musicians to purchase licenses and even making them audition before an official board set up, we presume, to determine musical competency and suitability.

Ottawa being the temple of the bureaucratic mind-set, we have to believe the above restrictions are just a beginning. The extent of the political gains to be made

through this crackdown, not to mention the reach of regulatory control, are barely being scratched by city administrators.

It may take Brian Mulroney, peering down from his Parliament Block office window to the street scene below, to recognize the new heights the restrictions can reach—all in the name of good government, of course.

Centralized control of the street music industry will start slowly. First, the accordion and saxophone players will be required to comply with Canadian content regulations, a move designed to revive Mulroney's sagging popularity with the cultural set.

Then reality will set in. Before we can toss a folded dollar bill into a hat, the art will be declared a cultural institution. "Street musicianship is not negotiable in

my
word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

free trade talks," Joe Clark will intone in Washington while, back at home, choice liquor store and mini-mall playing spots will be let in federal contracts supervised by the Canada Council.

From there, it will be all downhill. My mind envisions Mulroney and his ministers steering street corner contracts towards close associates and long-time chums, who quickly flip them for profit. A black market

soon proliferates, and *Guitar-gate* rocks Ottawa.

My nightmare gets worse. Mulroney, struck by a Gallup poll showing his popularity trailing that of scurvy, abandons patronage and decides instead to use street musician contracts to raise his stature in selected regions of Canada. The stink that followed Winnipeg's jet engine jobs being sent to Montreal will be as nothing when Regina wakes up one morning to find its downtown crowded with fiddle players from the Maritimes.

(On the plus side, Mulroney is able to stand up in the House the same afternoon and announce that unemployment in Atlantic Canada has been halved through "federal government initiatives.")

Regional and cultural tensions rise. Opposition parties promise

that, if elected, they will "get the government off the backs of the tuba players." The Tories, not to be outdone, pledge establishment of a federal enquiry into the street music industry.

The crunch finally comes. Reacting to public outcry over deep budget cuts at the CBC, the Tories quickly shift all the laid-off employees into street musician jobs, set up a Crown corporation to administer the lot and then, in keeping with their philosophy of privatization (and before the players can qualify for indexed pensions) sell the company to the highest bidder. It turns out to be Warner Brothers.

As the credits roll, we see Knowlton Nash juggling three tennis balls in front of the new Eaton's bunker in Victoria, happily humming *O Canada*.

Peace fund

Sir,

I write this on the equinox: as we all know, signs of spring abound. Crocuses and daffodils bloom, frogs croak, trees are in blossom, and income tax forms clutter the kitchen table.

Yes, once more it's tax time in Canada, and I see that we are still a member of NATO; that NATO still insists on its right to the first use of nukes in any conflict; that Canada is still a member of NORAD, which is more and more indistinguishable from Star Wars; and that Star Wars only makes sense if looked on as the Strategic Offensive Initiative, the whole point of which is to litter space with lasers capable of incinerating cities without warning on a time scale of a couple of minutes each.

In other words, I see that our government has ignored my ultimatum. I told the revenue minister last year, when I sent in my tax return that, I could not in all conscience allow my money to be used to prepare for global murder. Consequently, I was directing the military-related portion of my taxes — last year it was 9 per cent, this year it is 8.7 per cent — to Conscience Canada's Peace, Tax Fund instead.

I told him I would happily pay my full taxes once the government mended its ways but he didn't listen, so I will have to do the same this year again — along with hundreds, perhaps thousands of other Canadians who do not see how we can simultaneously work and pray for peace and pay for war. I invite you to join us. Information on how to direct your taxes to peace are available from Conscience Canada in Victoria (384-5532), or give me a call.

MURRAY REISS,
Vesuvius.

Mail drop

Sir,

The Salt Spring Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society will be holding a mail drop at the end of March. On April 3 and 4, a daffodil sale will also be held at various locations in Ganges.

Your donations would be greatly appreciated. For further information, or if you would like to volunteer in any way, please call me at 537-4138.

The war can only be won with your support — you make the difference. Cancer can be beaten.

BETSY DOSCO,
Ganges.

Thanks

Sir,

On February 24, 25 and 26, the Galiano Island Visitors Association travelled to Bellingham and Seattle, Washington, to promote tourism to this area. Twenty-one enthusiastic ambassadors gave their all for three hectic days. As co-ordinator of this wonderful group, I would like to thank each and every person for all the hard work preparing for this expedition, as well as for their untiring efforts during the trip.

The details of the blitz were described very nicely by Kathy Benger in the March 11 edition of *Driftwood*, in the Galiano report. To add to that, here is a list of the participants: Ken, Gill and Julia Allen, (Madrona Lodge); Elizabeth Ocsko and Eva Bicherton (Bodega Resort); George Harris and Marianne Bennetts, (Hummingbird Inn); George Tully and Dave Gerlach, (Montague Motors); Laura Gerlach, (B.C. Ferries); Jim Savory, (Galiano Taxi); Mike Freer, (Galiano Historical and Cultural Society); Akasha Forest and Diane LaRonde, (Galiano

School of Arts); Tom Hennessy, (Southwind Sailing Charters); George and Win Stephen, (Galiano Golf and Country Club); Marie Claire von Hausmann, (Earthen Things); Ben Miltner, (Coastal Kayaking); and Joan Callaghan (Pemberton, Holmes Realty).

Thanks again gang for a great show!

BILL CALLAWAY,
Penny's Cottages,
Galiano Island.

Volunteers

Sir,

Every Saturday for the past four weeks at Upper Ganges Centre, there has been a great noise of hammers banging, saws buzzing and paint slopping, interspersed with laughter, shouts and curses.

We would like to thank all those energetic volunteers who have and are helping to mold and shape the new Off Centre Stage. Expressly: LeRoy Jensen, Jeremy Davis, Gary Cherneff, Jonas Warner, Shilo Zylbergold, Ted Baldwinson (Satisfaction Services) and Tom Mitchell (Island Home Care).

The working board of directors included: Patricia Nobile (Festival of the Arts), Peter McKenzie (Jack of All Trades) and Keith McHattie.

Also special thanks to Greg Pauker (Sculptor Systems) for the installation of our light board and all the extras.

We have another large work party scheduled for this Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 am. We need an electrician, carpenters, painters and general helpers. We'll be serving a free, continental breakfast at 8:30 am for all volunteers.

We hope to see you there.

MIKE HYDE,
Ganges.

Party

Sir,

On behalf of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts, I would like to thank everyone who came down to Fulford Hall for our kick-off party with Valdy.

Thanks to all of you who joined the society, who signed up as volunteers, and who contributed in some way to the success of the evening, including: Valdy, Rick Neufeld, Rob Lehman, Greg Pauker, Cindy-Lou and Buckwheat, Luigi's, Molson's, Rodrigo, Herb Burnett, Pat, Kathy Akerhurst, and the staff at Off Centre Stage.

For those of you who didn't make it, you can still become members of the Festival Society and/or volunteer your time, talent and effort. Just phone 537-4167. We are looking forward to an exciting season.

LYNDA JENSEN,
Ganges.

Service

Sir,

Travelling on the B.C. Ferry from Tsawwassen on March 17, 7:25 pm sailing, the luck of the Irish was not with us.

We hit one of those "ship changes." The regular ferry, the *Queen of Tsawwassen*, had engine problems: the *Queen of Burnaby* was pressed into service.

My elderly parents did make use of the elevator which the regular ferry does not have. My mother required the washroom when she boarded and here was a steward trying all sorts of keys trying to get the door open. As my mother

needed the washroom right away, we were given use of a staff washroom. I wondered why washrooms were locked anyway.

After this silly situation, we went to the cafeteria to get some hot tea. The ship was cold. Now we came across another problem — the catering people were trying to get hot water for the tea and coffee. It took a good half hour to get service.

In my travels on B.C. Ferry ships, why does not management, with the vast amount of extra ships, have at least one ferry that can be used for emergency service?

At Fulford Harbour, I see the *Queen of the Islands* sitting for months going nowhere. At Swartz Bay, the *Queen of Nanaimo* sits, never going anywhere.

When I read in employee papers (picked up at the Tsawwassen Terminal while waiting) that one ship, the *Queen of New Westminster*, is in "mothballs," it really is poor planning on management's part. This ship also has the elevator feature which my parents and so many other elderly people could make use of. It really frustrates me!

I feel the staff did a good job as best they could, but it is management's planning that is in question during these changes of ships.

This was not our usual first-class service.

R. JONES,

Croci

Sir,

When I telephoned Frank Richards, in February, concerning his use of *croci* instead of *crocus* or *crocuses*, little did I suspect I would be publicly chastized by R.S. Holcroft for having the temerity to invade Mr. Richards' "realm of experts."

At this point in time, it might be appropriate to reproduce the sentence under review: "Despite the two blooming roses outside, with the myriad croci and snowdrops amid wallflowers and all those things that ain't weeds over there and that's a warning." It does read a bit convoluted, doesn't it?

Before going on I would like to say I do not claim or pretend to have any expertise in botany or etymology (not to be confused with entomology). I was never very good at grammar in school and never studied Latin. However, well aware of the risks involved, I can't resist continuing my 'nit-picking.'

Since Mr. Holcroft's intervention, I have searched a number of dictionaries, including Oxford and Webster, but they do not mention the plural *croci*. In Macmillan's dictionary, it states that the plural for *crocus* is *crocuses* or *croci*. It seems to me that most authoritative dictionaries have discontinued the use of the Latin *croci*. If that is the case, those who use that form when referring to crocuses may well leave themselves open to the charge of pedantry.

It seems to me that, to be consistent, Mr. Richards, after using the Latin form for *crocus*, should have done the same for snowdrops and wallflowers, e.g. *Galanthus* and *Cheiranthus*. In that case the sentence would read "myriad croci and galanthi and cheiranthi." Somehow this doesn't read right. It would be ostentatious and that's not Mr. Richards' style. I still prefer *crocus* and snowdrops and wallflowers.

It is interesting that Mr. Richards should have used the word *myriad*. The dictionaries indicate that *myriad* is used to

describe great or countless numbers. This suggests that Mr. Richards may also have a beautiful garden or was he looking at the neighbour's garden? As he refers to the possibility of more mosquitoes perhaps he had this in mind: "myriads of mosquitoes."

This affair is driving me croci to the point where I must quote a Latin maxim: *abusus non tollit usum*.

I.C. SHANK,
Ganges.

Theft

Sir,

Should an unfamiliar Sony Walkman appear at a garage sale or amongst your child's possessions, would you please check on the back for the name, address and phone number: Sarah Kreye, 537-2833 (or an indication that the same had been removed).

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Gulf Islands promotion geared for all April

April is Salt Spring month in Vancouver.

The island, its agricultural produce and its arts and crafts will be the focus of attention next month at the Plaza International Hotel.

Hotel representatives visited Salt Spring last week to firm up plans for the month-long event, dubbed *An Affair with the Gulf Islands*. While its highlight will be the inclusion of Salt Spring Island lamb on the hotel restaurant menu, the promotion will also feature a lobby display of information about the island and a

presentation of locally-produced arts and crafts.

Rick Rockliffe, president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, said last week the promotion will also see Ross McLeod of Mansell Farms visit the hotel in mid-April to serve as a visiting chef. McLeod, whose farm raises lamb, was formerly a chef at the Bayshore Inn in Vancouver.

Rockliffe will visit Vancouver as well. He is to spend four days in the city in early April to take part in a media blitz, organized by the Plaza International, to draw atten-

tion to the promotion. Appearances on television and radio are expected, he said.

Rockliffe added that a highlight of his four-day trip will be an evening set aside by the hotel for a food critic's dinner. Representatives from major Vancouver media outlets have been invited to sample Salt Spring Island lamb on April 7.

The pictorial display of the island, meanwhile, will be set up in the hotel's lobby for all of April. On April 11 and 12, arts and crafts from Salt Spring will be showcased in a presentation that will feature a live sheep and a 36-inch loom—the

idea, Rockliffe said, is to show the creation of a wool garment from the animal, through the carding and the weaving.

Salt Spring potter Mark Meredith is organizing the show of local arts and crafts, Rockliffe said. Anyone interested in being considered for inclusion in the display should contact Meredith at 537-9876.

In connection with the Salt Spring promotion, the Plaza International is offering a discount on accommodation to Gulf Islands residents. During April, the hotel

will provide rooms to islanders for \$49 a night, Rockliffe said. Information on the package is available at 1-800-663-5994.

AIDS film eyed for high school

By MIKE O'BRIEN

The Gulf Islands school district may have an AIDS awareness film in the high school's classrooms by June.

Director of Instruction Bob McWhirter will submit a videotape of *AIDS: A Report* — which was shown on television's *The Nature of Things* two weeks ago — to the district's Family Life committee for review.

"We hope to show this to grades seven to 12 in the health curriculum program between now and the end of June," McWhirter said. "It's got a good viewpoint. It's fairly scientific."

If the committee approves the film, all students will have to obtain parental permission in order to watch it. If approved, the program will be copied onto about four videotapes for use in the school.

The sex education program currently in place covers sexually transmitted diseases, and the ministry of education is also producing related curriculum for the secondary grades, McWhirter said.

The film covers several aspects of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It traces the deadly disease's roots in Africa and shows how it attacks cells in the body.

There are several interviews with AIDS victims, and host David Suzuki explains that many who suffer from it are denied basic human rights.

There is frank discussion of how the disease enters the bloodstream through various forms of sexual contact. Suzuki states that education and safe sex are the only weapons against the incurable disease. Promiscuity is identified as a factor in increasing one's chances of becoming infected.

Chamber hopes promotion might include other goods

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is hoping to expand its relationship with the Plaza International Hotel.

The hotel's promotion of Salt Spring Island — particularly its lamb and its arts and crafts (see story, above) — might be repeated if it proves successful, Chamber president Rick Rockliffe said last week.

Rockliffe said the chamber is also hoping to expand the locally-produced items to be featured by the hotel.

"For instance," he said, "we've pointed out to the hotel that we have over 42 commercial fishermen on this island, and that maybe we can provide fresh or smoked seafoods for future promotions."

"Also, at an earlier meeting with hotel representatives, we served them beef produced here. The point is we're trying to get more than one thing involved in any future promotion."

Rockliffe indicated the chamber's work is already paying dividends. He noted that while the hotel's promotion of Salt Spring is in effect only during April, it has arranged to serve locally-raised lamb during a March barbecue to be held for celebrities participating in a tennis tournament sponsored by the Variety Club.

Rockliffe also said that the Chamber is now looking beyond the Plaza International Hotel. The type of promotion being conducted there, he said, is one the chamber would like to see repeated elsewhere in North America.

"Who knows? Maybe we can do it in Toronto or New York."

Bowen Queen set to return to Swartz Bay-Fulford run

The B.C. Ferry vessel *Bowen Queen* will return to her regular Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route at the end of this month.

The ship, which has a carrying capacity of 70 motor vehicles, has been absent from the run since December. She first replaced the ferry serving Powell River, then the *Mayne Queen*, which travels between ports on the Outer Islands.

In the absence of the *Bowen Queen*, the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route has been served by the *Quintisa*, which has a carrying capacity of 60 vehicles. Unlike the *Bowen Queen*, its replacement did not have an upper passenger lounge.

The *Bowen Queen* is operated as a relief vessel whenever similar-sized ships undergo maintenance work.

Gulf Islands traffic to Vancou-

ver, meanwhile, is being served by a larger-than-usual vessel, albeit temporarily. The 192-car capacity *Queen of Burnaby* is replacing the *Queen of Tsawassen*, which can hold 150 vehicles, while the smaller vessel receives work on its electrical system.

The *Queen of Tsawassen* went in on March 17 and should be back in service by March 27.

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New B.C. budget

'Nothing short of astounding'

VICTORIA — If British Columbians needed proof that Bill Vander Zalm meant it when he promised to usher in a new style of government, they got it with the budget.

Considering the fiscal realities of the post-recession era, the budget is nothing short of astounding both in its financial and political implications. It certainly doesn't look like a traditional Social Credit budget.

It is safe to guess that without the \$350 million flowing into provincial coffers from the 15 per cent export tax on softwood lumber, there would have been no reduction in the sales tax. But it is equally important to point out that the temptation to grab the lumber funds and keep the sales tax at the seven per cent level must have been great.

The initial one-point reduction in the sales tax to six per cent will cost the government in excess of \$250 million in lost revenue. But it appears that Vander Zalm understands the great unfairness of a sales tax, which is totally regressive, and is intent on reducing, if not eliminating it altogether.

The 10 per cent increase in welfare rates (five per cent on June 1 and a further five per cent on December 1) is higher than most critics expected and shows that Vander Zalm is determined not to be regarded in the same light as his predecessor, Bill Bennett. He obviously wants to show that his government tempers fiscal restraint with compassion.

There will undoubtedly be some grumbling over the increase in personal income tax, but the critics should remember that the effects of that increase will be offset to an extent by the reduction in the sales tax and the elimination of the restaurant meal tax.

There will also be some criticism of the increase in small business income tax, but Finance Minister Mel Couvelier explains the reason for that move this way: "If this is not done, there is an opportunity for some taxpayers, particularly high-income professionals, to pay less by incorporating and having their income taxed as dividends of a small business corporation rather than as salary. This would be unfair to those who have no choice in the way their income is received."

The most unpopular measure will prove to be the introduction of a tax on real estate transactions. The sale of any piece of real estate — residential, commercial and industrial — will now be subject to a one per cent tax up to a \$200,000 value and two per cent on anything above that. This move will, for instance, result in higher rents, following the sale of an apartment building.

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

Equally unpopular will be the budget measure requiring senior citizens to pay 75 per cent of the \$5 dispensing costs for prescription drugs, up to a maximum of \$125 a year. But the effect on low-income senior citizens will be offset by a corresponding \$125-a-year increase in the provincial income supplement for seniors.

Motorists driving Detroit dinosaurs will be upset by the increase in the tax on leaded fuel, but let's face it, the stuff does foul up the environment and poses a health hazard.

The budget constitutes a major departure from the Bennett government's attitude towards education. While education took a severe beating during Bennett's restraint years, Vander Zalm's first budget contains substantial increases for schools, colleges and universities.

The budget also responds to the need for more day care facilities. A total of \$26.7 million will be spent on day care funding, an increase of about 30 per cent over last year.

The mining industry will be somewhat unhappy with the budget. The industry had hoped for a number of tax concessions, but the only measure in the budget is an exemption from sales tax on a number of mining-related materials that will save the industry \$10 million a year at best.

As for the deficit, the budget didn't make much of a dent. The anticipated deficit is \$850 million which, Couvelier stresses, is \$321 million below last year's "revised" deficit. But he didn't say that last year's projected deficit was only \$875 million.

The deficit for the coming year will bring our total provincial debt to \$5.2 billion and I bet it will be some time before we start paying that back. All of which didn't deter Couvelier from promising a balanced budget at some time in the future.

"This Social Credit government is determined to balance the budget and, further, to reduce the outstanding debt within the next several years," he said in his budget speech to the legislature.

Among the minor tax changes, the elimination of the restaurant meal tax was probably the best move. It was a dubious tax to start with. Restaurant owners hated it, the patrons hated it and even finance ministry officials weren't very fond of it. It probably cost more to administer than it produced in revenues.



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By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

Doug Andrew cocks an eye at the freshly-felled tree jutting out from the hillside like a gun barrel. His job is to bring the tree down to where he stands, in a mud- and log-filled landing across a creek from Richard Krieger's Salt Spring Island home.

While Krieger secures one end of a strawline — a thin, metal cable — to the log, Andrew organizes the block-and-tackle arrangement that will help pull the 'gun barrel' off the hill. After lining everything up, Andrew strings the rest of the strawline through the blocks and back towards the creek. Everything is ready.

But when the job of pulling the 'gun barrel' begins, the normal noise of a logging operation is absent: the chirps of the whistle, the throaty roar of a diesel yarder, are nowhere to be heard. Instead, it is the voice of Andrew that breaks the silence.

"Get up, get up," he commands, slapping the leather reins in his hands. At the receiving end, his five-year-old Belgian horse McDuff lowers his head, digs into the mud with his hooves and heaves his powerful shoulders ahead, two or three gigantic steps at a time.

Branches crackle. Mud flies. Andrew shouts encouragement. Four pulls later, the log has been dragged down from the hillside to a resting place near the landing. The rear end still runs up the hill, its butt against a stump, but it's close enough. Time for a break before the next log is eyeballed.

"It all started when my daughter said she wanted a horse," Andrew says as he removes McDuff's harness. "I said that was fine with me, but the animal has to feed himself."

That was three years ago. Andrew, who lives in the Victoria area, says he knew virtually nothing about horses — and even less about logging — at the time, but the pleas of his daughter must have struck a chord. He bought McDuff and launched a horse-logging business.

It wasn't quite that simple, however. Andrew first travelled to the Central Interior, where horse-logging is enjoying a renaissance, and apprenticed for three months with one of its leading practitioners, Dave Zirnheldt of Williams Lake. At the same time as Zirnheldt brought Andrew into the fold, he was introducing McDuff to the working world.

"McDuff and I started from scratch," Andrew recalls, giving his horse an affectionate stroke. "Maybe neither of us knew how to log then, but we didn't have any bad habits, either."

The absence of bad habits is what brought Doug Andrew and Richard Krieger together on Salt Spring Island. Krieger's well-treed Long Harbour Road property will soon be home to a new house and barn constructed from logs taken from the site. Krieger wanted Andrew to handle the logging part of the job.

"I believe in selective cutting, and I believe in minimizing the damage logging can do," Krieger says, nodding his head towards

Aesthetics appeal to horse logger

But Doug Andrew is also practical — the horse must pay its way



Andrew encourages McDuff to haul 'gun-barrel'

the gently-sloping hill where the 'gun barrel' so recently rested. Although many of the logs for his future house and barn were taken from the hill, it still offers up a sea of green leaves and light-grey bark from plentiful clumps of trees left standing.

"I've seen Doug work," Krieger continues, "and I liked the way he was good with animals, and that he has the same *small is beautiful* ethic that I have."

Another reason Krieger eschewed mechanized tree removal in favour of a horse-drawn effort is that the trees harvested lay across a creek from the entrance to his property. It would have been difficult, if not impossible, to bring machines in to do the job, Krieger says, but equal consideration was given to protection of the creek itself, which will soon receive enhancement work to

improve its salmon-rearing capabilities.

However, Krieger leaves no doubt that, creek or no creek, horses would still have been his first choice for the job. While Andrew is taking the harness off McDuff, Krieger moves in to give the animal a stroke on the neck.

Andrew is a practical man. In a quiet voice, choosing his words carefully, he explains that logging with horses is an ideal way to properly manage harvesting of stands of trees like those on Krieger's property.

"It's the best way to thin the trees because it causes minimal damage to the roots and the earth around the 'keeper' trees" and avoids the tearing of forest floor that comes with machinery, Andrew says, explaining the attraction his trade holds for anyone interested in limiting man's encroachment on the environment. It is also much quieter, he smiles.

By the way he handles McDuff at work and at rest, Andrew adds — without words — that there is also a certain aesthetic appeal to logging with a horse. Communicating with an animal, enticing him to work with you to achieve a goal, brings a satisfaction that cannot be found in the cab of a Madill spar.

"There's all kinds of reasons why horse logging is ideal," Andrew says, "but when you get right down to the bottom line, money is what matters. If it isn't economically feasible, you shouldn't be doing it, even if you enjoy it."

Andrew launched his horse logging venture with an outlay of about \$1500. Besides the \$500 for McDuff, his money acquired a harness and other assorted gear for the horse, related logging equipment and a veterinarian's care. Upkeep costs \$2 a day for McDuff's feed, and Andrew shaves overhead by doing his own ferrier work.

"There's virtually no maintenance, even on a day-to-day basis," Andrew says. His face breaks into a wide grin: "And there's no mechanical breakdowns to worry about."

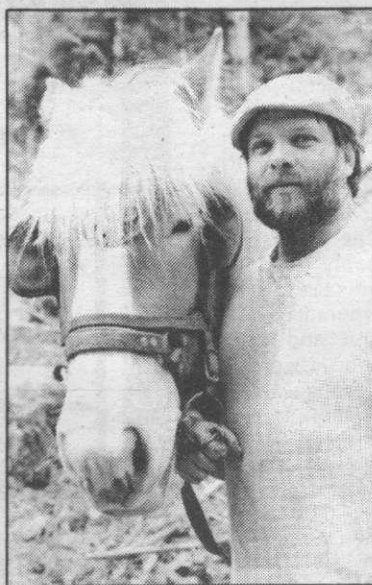
The amount of wood Andrew and McDuff can pull off a hill on any given day will easily cover expenses. As long as the wood is within easy range of a landing for the horse — say, 800 yards or so — the method is economical, Andrew says.

"In a place this this," he says, jerking a thumb at the selection of felled trees within 30 yards of the landing, "well, we're just picking and choosing."

Time for coffee. Andrew stores harness, blocks and strawline beside a pile of freshly-pulled logs and turns on his heel for a walk back to the bridge crossing the creek. Just then, his daughter — she looks about 12 years old — prances through the mud to where father and horse stand together.

"Oh daddy," she cries, rushing up to give the horse a hug around the neck, "McDuff looks really good."

Andrew agrees, then points to the hill. "Look at that log, honey. Look at the size of the log McDuff just pulled out."



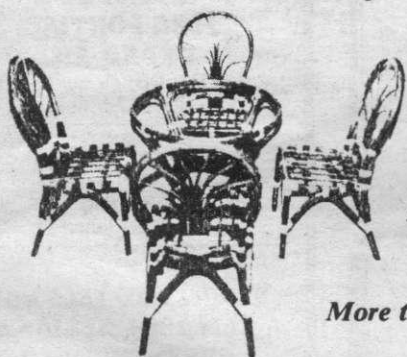
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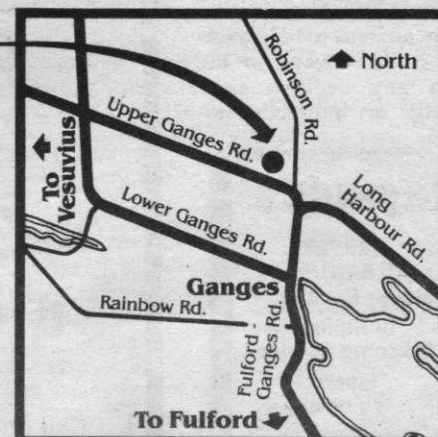
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In her brief to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, Jane Durante of Vaughan Durante Ltd., expressed concern over proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan that would allow automotive service and repair uses in Block 5, which extends west and south of the Jackson Avenue-Rainbow Road junction. At present, the Official Community Plan indicates Block 5 should be developed for multi-family residential use.

"I would like to express my concern for such action, as it will set a precedent for the erosion of not only the community plan but also the proposed flood control-linear park system," Durante said.

She noted that a portion of the Ganges Creek system flows through Block 5. This waterway, she said, has been slated for enhancement under the Creek Task Force's linear park proposal.

"I understand that there are a number of property owners at strategic points along this system who are enthusiastic about including the linear park in their future development plans," she said. "It would be shortsighted, indeed, to destroy this enthusiasm by eroding the continuity and therefore the whole concept of the park by rezoning a central portion to accommodate an incompatible use."

Ian Fraser, chairman of the Ganges Creek Task Force, presented a similar view at the hearing.

"It is our fear," he said, "that a hasty revision to accommodate 'spot zoning' of Block 5, or parts thereof, could introduce a break in the vital continuity of the (proposed) park scheme and jeopardize the continued support of the landowners and the public. Please delay your solution to this problem until you have received all task force final reports and especially that of the Design Panel on revisions to the community plan."

Another brief expressing concern over Bylaws 178 and 179 was received from architect Bob Hassell, who said the they could have "serious implications" for the community in future years. Others expressing concern over the bylaws were Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall and businessman Andy Dietrich.

Marshall, representing School District 64's board of trustees, urged Trust representatives to consider the safety of children attending school when making rezoning changes in adjacent areas. He noted that while the board is "not anxious to hold back progress," it does want to be involved in any decision that could directly or indirectly in-

crease traffic flow near district schools.

He asked the Trust to allow a residential "buffer zone" between the downtown core and the school complex along Rainbow Road.

In his address, Dietrich said he didn't feel the rezoning of two lots in Block 5 should be permitted if it adversely affected property adjacent to them or any future plans for that area.

Many of those attending the hearing rose to speak in favour of service station owner Dennis Beech's request to rezone two lots in Block 5.

Several speakers suggested that School District 64's concern over the impact a service station would have on traffic along Rainbow Road, and on the safety of school children, was excessive.

Pat Tiernan, who supported Bylaw 178, compared the school board's concern for the children in its care to that of a mother. "Likewise, as we all know, a mother's concerns are often exaggerated," Tiernan said. He suggested Windsor Plywood, also located along Rainbow Road, would "engender more traffic than a service station."

"And it's too late to look for a buffer zone along Rainbow Road," Tiernan added.

Resident Ron McQuiggan, in favour of the rezoning application, said he felt the Trust was "obliged to sort this problem out." He noted that the Rainbow Road property was the only suitable location the applicant could find for his business. Beech has been told he has approximately six months to move his Esso service station from its present location across from Mouat's Mall in downtown Ganges.

McQuiggan suggested the Trust should have foreseen the shortage of C3 property in the community, and ensured that Beech would have someplace to relocate. Through better planning, he said, the Trust could have avoided the current controversy.

Businessman Norm Mouat, who grew up on Salt Spring Island, indicated that he was puzzled by the Creek Task Force's plan to enhance the "ditch" flowing through the school grounds and into Block 5.

Market parking woes ease

Business was still down last Saturday at some Gasoline Alley stores as a result of the farmers' market's new location, but the merchants agreed the bottleneck parking problem was reduced.

"It was very orderly. It wasn't a chaos like last week," noted Salt Spring Fast Foto and Video owner Bill Webster.

Webster and several other merchants complained after the March 14 farmers' market caused parking problems due to market vehicles blocking the exit to the Gasoline Alley lot. It was the market's debut at its new location along the south side of Centennial Park.

The parks and recreation commission moved the market from the west side (roadside) of the

park in order to beautify that area. Commission members showed up Saturday to organize parking.

However the market is still keeping customers away from the Gasoline Alley shops which face the lot. Webster complained after the new location hurt his business because the store was not easily accessible. Last Saturday's receipts showed it was the worst day of the week, and it is normally one of the best, Webster said.

"I have a clerk in Saturdays, and I don't have enough business. If this keeps up, I'll not have her in. She'll lose three or four hours a week."

D and D News experienced another bleak day Saturday, co-owner Dorothy Clark said. Her

customers will not come in when the market fills the parking lot, she said.

Clark said the parking appeared more organized Saturday. Rainbow Crafts co-owner Phyllis Featherston felt the parking problem hadn't been solved satisfactorily, and saw a drop in business Saturday.

The parking lot is owned jointly by the Capital Regional District and Gasoline Alley owner Bill McBey.

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Property transfer tax hike 'will hit first-time buyers'

A Salt Spring Island lawyer says first-time home buyers will be hurt most by the 10-fold increase in B.C.'s property purchase tax announced in the provincial budget. The opinion of two local realtors is divided, however.

The budget announced a one per cent levy on transfers of real property valued at \$200,000 or less, and two per cent on property worth more than \$200,000. Land title fees have been abolished.

Jim Pasuta, whose legal practice involves a good deal of conveyancing work, noted last week the former levy was one-tenth of one percent.

"On a \$100,000 home, the buyer paid a standard \$35 fee to register (now abolished), plus \$100. Now, the buyer will pay \$1,000," Pasuta said. "The big people can maybe afford that but, for the little guy who's gone to the wall to get his mortgage..."

"The people this hurts is the people trying to bust out of the rental market and get into their first home," Pasuta continued, arguing that it will be difficult for those buyers to come up with money beyond what they earmark for a down payment.

Salt Spring realtor Gary Greico agreed: "Most people have to stretch things as it is," he said. "Traditionally, first-time home-buyers were not a huge part of this market but with the B.C. second mortgage, 1979 prices and the perception that the economy was starting to improve, those first-time buyers were becoming more of a force. Now, I think they'll back off for a while."

Greico said the real effect of the tax hike may not be as important as its perceived impact. "It's not a real dollar barrier from, say, \$80,000 to \$81,000, but (an extra \$1,000) is a psychological one. It might take a month or two to sort that out."

After noting that the local real estate was beginning to show signs of a surge, Greico said he hoped the tax increase will not dampen enthusiasm for home purchases.

Another realtor, who spoke on condition he remain anonymous, felt that the tax change would have little or no impact on the local market.

"There's no question it represents a significant chunk of money," the man said, "but the question is how the vendors and purchasers react. It could be just another cost you absorb when buying a house."

"Most people are already aware that there are costs beyond the purchase price," he continued. "My guess is this will probably be absorbed."

The realtor added that local agencies are more worried that the province, seeing the revenue

it receives from the tax, may decide to raise it in future years — to a level that might prove intolerable to buyers.

"We're all edgy about the implications," he said. "The fear is that, in the long run, Victoria will see this as a new, untapped source of income and jump the rates."

The realtor added that a cost hidden by the tax hike could be higher fees from lawyers, since the change requires them to

'We're all edgy about the implications.'

complete the paperwork and hold the money involved.

Pasuta agreed. He pointed out that the change will now require him to fill out a four-page provincial government tax declaration for clients. "If I have to spend my time filling out a four-page document, you're darn right I'll have to think about charging more."

Pasuta added that the provision of the change requiring him to hold the tax payable will probably result in hard feelings between lawyer and client. "Who's going to catch hell? The lawyer."

Pasuta echoed the speculation that Victoria may view the tax change as a new source for healthy revenues by noting that the forms to be filled out will carry serial numbers. "As a general rule, any time you have serial numbers, it's means the government is serious. It makes it a long-term kind of a thing."

Turning back to the real estate market itself, Pasuta said he felt the change will make it more difficult to close purchases because prices will have to be shaved to make up the difference between old and new tax rates, or because prospective purchasers have difficulty coming up with more money.

He also lamented the absence of a tax break for first-time buyers, a sentiment shared by the B.C. Real Estate Association. That body last week noted the tax change posed "a hardship to first-time home buyers" and asked Couvelier to give those buyers an exemption.

Couvelier was quoted Monday as saying he did not believe the measure would be a hardship.

Premier Bill Vander Zalm, meanwhile, was quoted Monday as saying vendors, real estate agencies and others involved in property transactions should help the buyer shoulder the increased tax load.

The Dividend Tax Credit:

No change in 1986, but watch out in 1987!

Prior to 1987, dividend income has been reported at 50% higher than the actual amount received, and was eligible for a federal tax credit of 22 2/3% of the grossed-up amount. Commencing in 1987, these percentages have been changed to a gross-up of 33 1/3% of the actual dividend received and a federal tax credit of 16.7%.

These changes can cause a

surprising increase in total tax payable on the same amount of income. To illustrate this point, we will take as an example a hypothetical situation where the taxpayer's income is all from Canadian dividends and amounts to \$35,000 for the year. We will ignore all deductions and exemptions.

	1987	1986
Dividend income received	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Gross-up	11,665	17,500
Taxable income	46,665	52,500
Income tax (all at 1986 rates)		
Federal	2,943	591
Federal surtax	44	9
B.C. Provincial	1,295	260
B.C. Health Surtax	104	20
Total Tax Payable	4,386	880

The tax payable in this example is now over 5 times higher than it was on the same amount of dividend income. On \$20,000 of actual dividend income, the total tax increases from nil in 1986 to \$1,158 in 1987.

Taxpayers with substantial dividend income have become accustomed to having their tax liability so reduced by the dividend tax credit that they owe little or no tax at the end of the year. With this

recent change in the computation of the gross-up and the tax credit, they may wish to start making installment payments during the year against estimated total tax liability.

NEXT WEEK is the final article in this series. We will be happy to provide brief answers in this space to questions of general interest if they are called in to our office by 5:00 pm Thursday, March 26.

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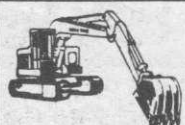
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Certain plants may be less attractive to deer

While the deer-controlling approaches outlined elsewhere on this page will, if followed, allow the growing of virtually anything in local gardens, Gulf Islands residents can take a simpler approach — grow nothing but plants the deer don't like in the first place.

Following is a list of deer-proof or deer-resistant plants:

- *Agapanthus*, *Abies* (true fir), *Acer* (maples, except expensive Japanese varieties), *Achillea* (the yarrow family), *Alliums* (onions, may be nibbled a bit), *Anthemis tinctoria* (perennial marguerite), *Aquilegia* (most of the columbines), *Arabis* (rockcress), *Aralia elata* (too thorny), *Araucaria araucana* (monkey puzzles), *Arctostaphylos uva ursi* (kinnickinnick), *Artemisia* (tarragon, sage, wormwood, dusty millet, etc.), *artichokes* (both globe and Jerusalem types, most of the time), *Asters dummosus* and *novi belgii* (Michaelmas daisies, fall asters), *Astilbe* (false spirea), *Aconitum* (monkshood), *ailanthus altissima* (tree of heaven), *abelia* and *asparagus*.
- *Bamboos*, *Berberis* (all barberries), *buxus* (boxwoods), *broad beans* (not scarlet runners), *buddleia* (butterfly bush), *blackberries*, *borage*, *Bellis* (English daisies).
- *Calendulas* (pot marigolds), *Calluna* (heathers), *Calocedrus* (incense cedar), *Catalpa*, *Ceanothus* (sometimes munched), *Cedrus* (true cedars, deodar cedars), *Centaureas* (bachelor buttons, dusty millers), *caraway*, *Cerastium* (snow in summer), *Chaenomeles* (quince; they like the leaves, not the thorns), *Chamaecyparis* (cypresses), *coreopsis daisy*, *Choisya ternata* (Mexican orange), *Chrysanthemums*, *Cistus* (sun rose), *Colchicum autumnale* (fall crocus), *Clarkia* (godetia), *coriander*, *cortaderia selloana* (pampas grass), *callistemon* (bottle brush), *cosmos*, *Cotinus* (smoke tree, mostly safe), *Cotoneaster* (most species and varieties), *crocsmia* (montbretia), *crocus* (most of the time), *Cryptomeria* (plume cedar), *Cupressocyparis* (leylandi cypress), *Cupressus* (cypress), *Cytisus* (broom), and *chionodoxa*.
- *Dahlias* (all of them), *Daphne* (all poisonous), *Digitalis* (foxglove), *Doronicum daisy*, *daffodils*.
- *Echium*, *eranthis* (winter aconite), *Erica* (heaths), *Eucalyptus*, *Euonymus* (burning bush, usually okay), *Eschscholtzia californica* (California poppy).
- *Fritillaria*, *Ferns*, *Ficus carica* (edible fig), *fennel*, *Fremontodendron* (flannel bush, usually not eaten), *Forsythia* (most often okay), *Fatsia* (most often okay), *fuchsia* (safe in some locations).
- *Galanthus* (snowdrops), *Galium* (sweet woodruff), *Gaultheria* (salal and wintergreen), *Genista* (brooms), *Gladiolus* (okay in several locales).
- *Hedera* (ivies), *Helleborus* (Christmas rose), *Hosta* (plantain lily), *Humulus* (hops), *Hypericum* (sometimes nibbled, St. John's wort), *hebe* (veronica), *hemerocallis* (day lily).
- *Ilex* (holly, eaten only if deer are starving); *Iris* (especially bearded types), *Ipomoea* (morning glory).
- *Junipers*, *Kniphofia* (red hot poker), *Jasmines*, *Kerria Japonica*, *Laburnum* (poisonous), *Lamium* (galeobdolon), *Larix* (larches), *Lathyrus* (perennial sweet peas), *Laurus nobilis* (bay laurel), *lavendula* (lavender), *Leptospermum* (tea tree), *Leucojum* (summer snowflake), *Lupins*, *loniceras* (honeysuckles, for the most part).
- *Mahonia* (oregon grape), *Mentha* (mints), *Myosotis* (forget-me-not), *Mulberry*.
- *Narcissi*, *nepeta*, *Origanum* (marjoram, oregano), *Oenothera* (evening primrose), *Paeonia* (peonies), *Hardy palms*, *Papaver* (oriental and Iceland), *parsley*, *Primulas*, *Pyracantha* (as long as it's thorny), *Phormium* (New Zealand flax), *Picea* (all spruces), *Pinus* (all pines), *Platycladus* (oriental arborvitae), *potatoes* (usually), *Potentilla*, and what about *philadelphus* (mock orange) and *petunias*?
- *Rhododendron* (most varieties, but definitely not evergreen azaleas), *rosmarinus* (rosemary), *Rhus* (sumac, is usually okay), *rhubarb* (it's lethal), *Romneya coulteri*, *Rudbeckia* (gloriosa daisy, black-eyed susan), *Ruta graveolens*.

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Chemical, mechanical methods

Secure gardens against deer

By CHRIS SCHMAH

If there's one problem that identifies the Gulf Islands as unique in the gardening world, it's deer. Newcomers and visitors have a hard time understanding the depth of our problems with these four-legged pruners, but it should be enough to tell them that we spend countless dollars to defend our valued plants from persistent attacks by deer.

Most of us suffer periodic deer attacks, which reduce our gardening efforts to bare stems and leave us enraged and disheartened. Since hunting is out of the question in many island areas and, because gardening must go on, residents must make adjustments — and consider every plant — if they hope to carry on in the midst of deer.

Some parts of Salt Spring are renowned for providing excellent sustenance for these marauding munchers — i.e., Scott Point, around the hospital, and the Brinkworthy-Wildwood areas. Southey Point, meanwhile, seems relatively free of deer.

On the islands, deer travel within a 'home' territory — roughly a mile in diameter — and tend to use a variety of areas for various purposes at different times of the year. Our property, for instance, is heavily used during spring fawning, and again for browsing during December and January. During the rest of the year, the deer catch a quick meal while passing through.

The habits of the deer frequenting other areas may differ, but whenever the animals choose to drop by, damage is done to plants, be it lethal or merely infuriating.

There seem to be no easy solutions to counteract these relentless attacks. Precisely what will be consumed varies from time to time, as well as from deer to deer, so that what might be recommended as deer-proof may, in fact, be eaten infrequently or browsed lightly by deer in some areas.

Variations in menu preference can be due to actual changes within a plant's chemical or structural character; for instance, *pyracantha* is a favourite food when the fresh new shoots emerge (and deer love the leaves) until the thorns emerge and harden — after that, when the spines offer protection, the plant may be considered deer-proof.

Chemical toxins and flavours may change during the course of the season. Rhododendrons, for example (which are considered deer-proof), can become edible during severe cold spells.

As you can see, categorizing plants as deer-proof or not is an imprecise game.

With proper deer protection — which can be achieved in several ways, most of them either mechanical or chemical — we have a much wider variety of plants to choose from.

If you're contemplating the construction of fencing, there are a number of factors to take into consideration. Deer don't lean hard on fences, but they do crawl under (even a six-inch gap is enough) and leap over. Deer have been observed jumping seven-foot-high fences, so we should consider that a minimum height.

Using a bottom strand of barbed wire will also serve as a deterrent. You can use either roll fencing, barbed or smooth wire, but you don't have to use barbed wire over the five-foot level because if deer come into contact with it over that height, they're already airborne and can't change their minds.

While it may look a bit unsightly, the use of flagging tape or narrow strips of white fabric tied to wires above the five-foot level serves to confuse jumping endeavours. Make the strips 12 to 18 inches long and tie them every four feet along the fence, so they wave with the wind.

Deer seem to be confused by the colour white, and this can be used to our benefit by mounting a white board at about the five-foot level, above a four-foot-high wire fence. Deer can't perceive the board's position and it interrupts their line of sight. The white colour only needs to be on the outside, facing the deer.

A solid fence or walled garden doesn't need to be a full six feet high — it just has to break the line of sight to the other side. Grapestake fencing, five feet high, is also effective because the narrow cracks don't afford enough of a view to permit jumping. While it's expensive, grapestake fencing is aesthetically appealing.

Fish-netting will also provide effective protection if strung from a top wire at the seven-foot level. Nylon netting can be suspended for 50 to 75 feet without needing posts in between, so it's fast and effective — but not so permanent.

The final type of fencing to consider is electrical. Installation is fast and relatively easy, the cost is somewhat cheaper than that of standard fencing, and it's readily movable.

When installing this type of fencing, keep in mind that the ground must have the ability to conduct the shock back through to the charger, thus delivering the needed jolt. In the Gulf Islands, the ground is often so dry during the summer months that it cannot effectively conduct the electricity, thus rendering the fence ineffective. To circumvent this problem, make every second wire a ground wire connected back to the ground side of the fence.

Now that we've covered mechanical methods of deterring deer, let's look at other approaches.

The presence of dogs on a property can be a valuable repellent, provided the animal is spirited enough to give chase to the intruders. One drawback to this type of protection is that it is not fool-proof, since deer can sense when the dog has been taken from the property and will usually hit your place for a feast shortly after the dog is moved.

(Some humans consider themselves to be effective repellents, using marking techniques similar to those of their four-legged friends. But be careful to do your work under cover of darkness; otherwise, the neighbours may be peering through the curtains.)

Putting human hair around the garden and tying it to shrubs and trees can also be a short-term deterrent — but it is rapidly neutralized and you don't know when it has lost its effectiveness.

Bloodmeal is another effective deterrent, as long as it is relatively fresh and constantly generating that foul odour. If it gets rained on, or becomes wet from watering, the smell dissipates and only fertilizing value remains. To prolong its effectiveness, tie small bundles of it up inside inverted plastic cups or tin cans and hang them around the yard in areas needing protection. For short-term help, just sprinkle a bit of it on the ground around valued plants.

Marigolds and garlic are thought to be deer-

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Several choices available

Build barriers between deer, plants

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fending agents but both of them have shown up on the deer menu, so at best they can only be partially effective.

One home remedy rapidly gaining a positive reputation is the following:

- In your blender, mix one egg (shell and all) with one litre of water, then spray it on the foliage you wish to protect.

If you can tolerate the smell, let it 'work' for a few days prior to application. Some gardeners spread eggshells around the base of valued trees and shrubs; perhaps deer don't like the crunching noise underhoof.

Bars of soap, tied to branches and exposed to the rain so they will release their fragrances into the garden, are also effective. Specific brand names have been recommended but generally, the smellier the better.

The final deer repellent in the arsenal is the commercially-prepared *Thiram*, which was originally developed as a fungicide and is now sold as *Skoot* or *Arborgard*. One application persists for a season and shields any foliage that is treated — but the only problem is that the new emerging shoots and leaves will not be protected, and are thus edible fare. You must either spray again or hope the deer won't notice the unprotected bits.

Choice of garden plants can limit deer's damage

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- *Santolina* (lavender cotton), *Sorbus* (mountain ash), *Spirea* (all varieties), *Senecio* (dusty miller, *Senecio greyi*), *Sequoia*, *Spartium* (Spanish broom), *squash* (usually), *Tagetes* (marigolds, usually safe, always survive), *Taxus* (yew, supposedly poisonous, often nibbled down), *Thuja* (cedars, sometimes eaten during winter), *Teucrium* (bush germander), *Thymus* (thymes, all safe).

- *Vinca* (periwinkle), *Walnut*, *Weigela* (all varieties), *Wisteria* (seems to be safe; so far, anyway), *Yuccas*, *Zinnias* (no experience but word of mouth has it as being okay), *Zantedeschia* (calla lilies).

This list isn't necessarily complete, and for some locales there are plants here that will be eaten — but the majority are safe from the ravages of deer.

Hiking club sets agenda

The Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club has released its schedule of April activities. Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Centennial Park in Ganges at 10 am.

APRIL 7

- A stroll through Ganges history with Ivan Mouat.
- Walk around Elk Lake, led by Margaret Pragnell. Take 9:30 am ferry from Fulford.
- Hike, Mt. Prevost, led by John Lloyd. Take 9 am ferry from Vesuvius.

APRIL 14

- Nature walk, Swallow Fields farm, led by Joan Lott. Wear rubber boots. Take 9 am ferry from Vesuvius.
- Walk, Isabella Point area, led by Harry Pickstone. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.
- Hike, Bold Bluff, led by Mary Braithwaite.

APRIL 21

- Walk, Bryants Hill, led by Molly Lacy. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.
- Hike, leader's choice, by Nora Ray.

APRIL 28

- Stroll in Ruckle Park with Dorothy Robertson.
 - Walk, Mt. Belcher area, led by Al Black.
 - Hike, Copper Mine trail, led by Loes Holland.
- NOTE: On April 7 and 21, Dr. Raymond Best will lead fossil-identification field trips.

bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on March 16 were: (north-south) Sue and Robert Bradford; Kay Harrison and Dawny Scarfe; Bunny Jordan and Helen Shandro; (east-west) Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve; Louise Foulis and Boyd Siemens; Noel Fowles and Mike Testart.

Tuesday night winners were: (north-south) Jean Herring and Dorothy Sneddon; Mike Testart and Noel Fowles; Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; Mona Coulter and John Sarginson; (east-west) Ima and Wim Krayenhoff; Robert and Jim Bradford; Anne and Norm McConnell; Shirley Love and Marion Ashmore.



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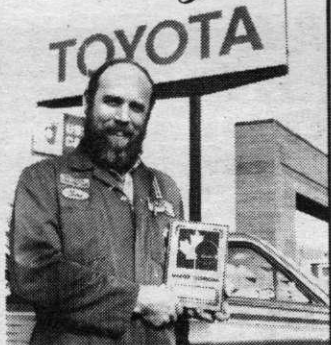
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Request made to transport minister

Public hearing sought into lake, boating safety

Federal Transport Minister John Crosbie has been asked to hold a public hearing into boating safety on Salt Spring Island's St. Mary Lake.

The request was made recently by the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society, which is contesting last year's removal of an electric-motors-only (EMO) restriction on the lake.

The EMO designation was lifted last June when Mister Justice Gibbs of the B.C. Supreme Court ruled that it had been applied by the provincial government for reasons of water quality. Since the federal mechanism for such bans — the Canada Shipping Act — allows them to be put in place for safety reasons only, the court said the EMO designation on St. Mary Lake was unconstitutional.

In asking Crosbie to launch an enquiry into boating safety on St. Mary Lake, the Water Preservation Society is arguing that the provincial government failed to give the B.C. Supreme Court an accurate picture of islanders' concerns.

"The province blew the case," society president Tom Gossett told *Driftwood* last week. Affidavits and testimony supplied to the court by the province paint a false picture of local concerns, he added: they indicate water quality concerns were the prime motivation for the EMO restriction and overlook lengthy representations made locally on the boating safety question.

In a six-page letter, backed by a half-inch thick pile of supporting documents, the society points out to Crosbie that boating safety was a prime topic of discussion at a public hearing called by the province in 1982 to discuss a possible EMO ban on St. Mary Lake.

The supporting documents, which include articles and editorials from *Driftwood* issues of the day, contain repeated references to boating safety concerns raised at the meeting. However, Gossett points out that notes taken at that meeting by provincial govern-

ment representative Ken Stewart do not mention those concerns.

"For some strange reasons," the letter to Crosbie says, "Ken Stewart either didn't hear the comments about safety or didn't include them in his notes."

An affidavit supplied to the B.C. Supreme Court hearing by Stewart listed safety concerns as a major factor which decided implementation of the EMO ban on St. Mary Lake. However, Mr. Justice Gibbs said in his ruling that the cross-examination of Stewart showed that his classification of major and minor factors "did not stand up."

In his letter to Crosbie, Gossett argues that Stewart faltered in

court. "It was obvious that he (Stewart) completely reversed his stand. Not only was safety a minor issue, Ken Stewart said that it was no issue. He stated that the ban on gasoline-powered boats was recommended solely because people wanted it that way."

Pointing again to the 1982 public hearing held on Salt Spring, where repeated mention was made of boating safety concerns, Gossett said the province's performance at the B.C. Supreme Court hearing was "seriously flawed."

He added: "The province didn't defend their position. It's a real injustice to this community."

Copies of the letter and supporting documents mailed to Crosbie have been sent to Premier Bill Vander Zalm, MLAs Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts, MPs Jim Manly and Pat Crofton, the Islands Trust, the provincial environment ministry and the federal justice ministry.

Along with requesting a hearing into boating safety on St. Mary Lake, the letter asks that Crosbie reinstate the EMO ban either through a federal-provincial agreement or on its own accord.

The letter also notes four main reasons why the society wants the EMO ban returned to St. Mary Lake:

- "the impact of safety as a result of renewed, uncontrolled power-boating on St. Mary Lake;
- "concern over water quality in an eutrophic lake where lead and petroleum fractions are added to the water column, the results of which are not clearly understood, and the continuing danger of power boats introducing Eurasian Milfoil to the lake;
- "concern of the aesthetics and impairment of the natural environment and its amenities for a desirable quality of life; and
- "the dangerous precedent this court case made for other EMO lakes on Salt Spring Island and all of Canada."

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Major league baseball teams interested in clinic's services

Two major league baseball teams have expressed interest in the services of local psychologist Ariadne Sawyer and her recently-established Inner Resources Clinic.

Sawyer — who studied at the University of Costa Rica and obtained her Master of Arts degree in counselling psychology from Norwich University — said Thursday the Seattle Mariners and the Texas Rangers have indicated they are interested in having her help their players with peak performance training.

"The Seattle Mariners have indicated they are definitely interested for next year," Sawyer said. She explained that she would provide a series of mini-capsule programs on tape for the team.

These mini-capsules, similar to Sawyer's Brain Bulletin series scheduled to air on radio stations, would help players use the full potential of their minds to maintain peak athletic performance. The tapes could contain useful tips on stress reduction and lessons in use of the mind.

If a specific player had a favourite song that he considered his 'playing music,' this could be incorporated into the mini-capsule.

"For example, if a batter was



Ariadne Sawyer

having problems, these tapes could help," she said. "They would give the players quick reminders.

"Sports can be filled with stressful situations, and the mini-capsule would put the player in a frame of mind to play. The tapes could also deal with helping him play well while away from home, which can be difficult psychologically."

Sports psychology for individuals and teams is just one of the

services Sawyer now provides through her clinic along Fulford-Ganges Road.

The goal of the clinic is to "help people get in touch with and use their own powerful resources in a positive way," says Sawyer, who has patients here and in Vancouver.

The Salt Spring resident also uses the "latest in brain technologies" to treat addictions and help people learn self-healing. Pain control is also possible utilizing the brain, she claims.

"Pain is a symptom of something else," she said. "If people come to me for pain control without a referral, I send them to a doctor first."

Sawyer said she is now seeing patients who have been referred to her by doctors here and in the Lower Mainland. These people are coming to the Inner Resources Clinic to obtain help in a variety of areas.

"With addictions, we have a 70 per cent success rate here and an 85 per cent success rate in Vancouver," she noted. "I'm continually trying to improve my techniques through research into the brain, trying to 'fine tune' them."

Other services available at the clinic range from "dream work" to clinical hypnosis.

Clinic, pool hall hit

RCMP investigating break-ins

Ganges RCMP officials are continuing investigations into two break-ins that occurred in Ganges last weekend.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks said Monday that the Arbutus Clinic on Lower Ganges Road was broken into sometime last weekend. Entry to the clinic was gained through a rear window, and the doctors' offices were ransacked. The culprits made off with a quantity of sample drugs and a radio.

Sgt. Hanks asks that anyone with information concerning this incident contact the detachment as soon as possible. "Anonymous calls are always accepted," he noted.

The other break-in occurred sometime between 9:30 pm March 22 and 8 am March 23. The thieves made off with a quantity of cigarettes, chocolate bars and cash from Cotts' Pool and Amusements of Upper Ganges Centre.

A detachment officer said late Monday that entry to the pool hall was gained after the culprits threw a rock through a front window. The investigation is continuing.

In other matters, Sgt. Hanks said a large number of traffic tickets were handed out on Salt

Spring during the weekend. "Most of them were for speeding," he said.

Several motor vehicle accidents occurred on Salt Spring and Galiano Islands last week.

A spokesman for the Ganges detachment said that on March 22 at approximately 4:15 pm, Alixe Knighton suffered an injured knee in a two-vehicle accident at the junction of Atkins Road and Rainbow Road.

Another recent accident on Galiano resulted in minimal da-

mage to two vehicles, according to police.

Todd Wolfe of Galiano was driving a vehicle involved in a minor accident in the Retreat Cove area. The other driver involved was from Victoria. His name was not released.

Damage in a two-vehicle accident along Salt Spring Way was estimated at \$1,400 by police. The March 20 crash, involving a Ganges resident and Michael Farup of Victoria, resulted in \$400 to Farup's vehicle and \$1,000 damage to the Ganges vehicle.

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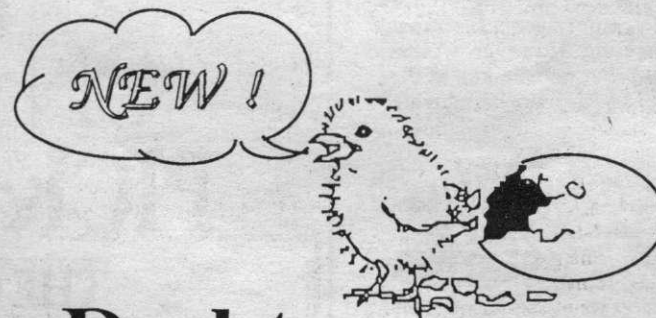
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The Village Scribe

Gordon Head frustrates Sting's drive for cup

**Salt Spring Sting 1,
Gordon Head 3**
By MALCOLM LEGG

Salt Spring's young girls, the Sting, travelled to Victoria to compete in their first District Cup and had high hopes of success in reaching the final.

Unfortunately, Lady Luck was not smiling on the Sting, as the girls played well enough to win, but Gordon Head took advantage

of the breaks to steal a 3-1 win.

The Sting started strongly and applied pressure on Gordon Head for the full first half but only Gordon Head scored, to go up 1-0 at the half.

Early in the second half, Gordon Head applied some pressure of their own and were rewarded with their second goal when a cross eluded the Sting's goalie's grasp.

Down by two goals, the Sting could have rolled over and died. Instead, the girls blitzed the Gordon Head goal looking for those much-needed goals.

As time ran down it seemed the girls would never put on in the Gordon Head goal, but with only three minutes left Alison Proctor put Lena Moron in to score and the Sting were back in the game.

Sting hopes were dashed when

Gordon Head jumped on a loose ball to score in the dying seconds to finish the scoring.

The game was a tough loss for the Sting as they outplayed Gordon Head but could not finish their many chances to score.

The girls should all feel proud of the fine effort they gave, as they played a very entertaining and exciting match:

There were many standouts for

the Sting but every player deserves honours as it was a full team effort.

The Sting were: Stacey Procter in goal; Lori Quesnel, Nikki Kappel, Jeanny and Michelle Bietal and Trinity Donnelly on defence; Jody Bradley, Kirstie Walde, Kate Gilbert and Jessica Maron in mid-field; and Lena Maron, Alison Procter, Jenny Hawkes and Kelly Brown as the forwards.

down the gutter

They did it. The men's team was the winner of the National Classified Regional Finals in Nanaimo on Sunday, March 22.

They got off to a slow start but had a spectacular finish. Going into the third and final game the Leisure Lanes' men's bowling team was down by 120 pins but managed to pull together to win by 20 pins overall. They now go on to the provincial finals, which will be held in Kimberly on April 11. Way to go, guys. Team members were Kevin Marks, Arnie Hengstler, Albert Kaye, Mike Reynolds and Danny Bedford.

The team would like to thank Leo Toutant for score keeping and the ones who could make the trip and offered support in the cheerleading division.

High rollers for the week of March 16 were, for the ladies, Sheila Lucas, 800 (244, 318, 238); Anne Harrison, 728 (223, 256, 249); Kay Booth, 706 (185, 211, 310).

For the men, Ken Collins, 877 (371, 223, 283), 777 (291, 261, 225);

Danny Bedford, 828 (311, 217, 300), 766 (290, 260, 210); Steve Marleau, 763 (221, 255, 287); Terry Jenkins, 753 (259, 249, 245); John Cottingham, 749 (231, 249, 269); Henry Schwagly, 720 (222, 165, 333).

300 games: Ken Collins, 371; Henry Schwagly, 333; Sheila Lucas, 318; Danny Bedford, 311, 300; Kay Booth, 310; Mary Fraser, 300.

Pins over average: Sheila Lucas, 185; Brenda Helfrich, 166; Barb Kinnear, 161; Alma McQuiggan, 134; Glenn Hewitson, 114; Lydia Purser, 106; Bill Baker, 101.

Golden Ager High Rollers

Monday afternoon: Jean Haines, 229, 254; Bunty Lees, 226, 213; Babs Ross, 215, 215; Vera Payne, 213; Dorothy Armstrong, 209; Dave McRoberts, 208; Trudy Jackson, 206; Peggy Beap, 203.

Tuesday morning: Rusty Hopper, 242, 212; John Richardson, 240; Bill Harper, 226; Edie Gear, 219, 208; Helen Hopper, 218; Jack Godwin, 211; Art Robinson, 210; Gladys Harper, 200.

Tuesday afternoon: June Webb, 246; Bill Baker, 225; Gwen Wakelyn, 224; Alma McQuiggan, 222; Dorothy Sloan, 213; Flo Kavanagh, 204; Ed Gavin, 203; Margaret Baker, 200.

Friday morning: Jim Cook, 237; Lydia Purser, 226, 225; Isabelle Richardson, 225; John Richardson, 220, 201; Margaret Robinson, 203, 203.

Friday afternoon: Dave McRoberts, 246; Gene Graham, 235, 236; Vic Dodds, 213; Margaret Ritchie, 213; Ed Milan, 210; Geoff Baker, 209, 204, 201.

600 games: Jean Haine, 674; Babs Ross, 637; Gene Graham, 636; Lydia Purser, 619; Rusty Hopper, 615; Bunty Lees, 614; Geoff Baker, 614; John Richardson, 613; Edie Gear, 609; Jim Cook, 600; Bill Harper, 600.

Youth Bowling

Peewees: Corry Schwagly, 113; Stephanie Collette, 93; Michael Reynolds, 129; Andrew Rainsford, 125; Dar Kinnear, 122.

Bantams: Tina Reid, 204; Amy Schwagly, 188; Lisa Caldwell, 176; Laurie Blakeway, 173; David Collette, 153; Jeff Grant, 173; Eric Taylor, 201; Clinton Helfrich, 157.

Intra-Island action

Firebirds down Eagles 3-1

By SYD WIGEN

Clear skies and drying fields set the stage for another Saturday morning of enjoyable soccer action last weekend on Salt Spring.

Spring break still depleted the ranks of some teams, but with some sharing and interchange all players who turned out were able to see action.

In the five-to-seven year league, Mike Akerman scored twice to give the Panthers a win in an exciting game against a reinforced Eagle team. Andrew McEachern (2) and Craig Esser showed a lot of hustle and digging for the ball in Firebirds' 3-1 win over the Eagles.

Mike Dafoe and Ricky Green scored for Furies in a close 2-0 win over the Fillies. Stingers played a combination of Hawks, Cards and Blues to a 3-2 final score. Hawks played again at 11 am in an enjoyable contest against a somewhat outmatched team of Sharks.

Easily the most exciting game of the morning featured the Kicks against a suprisingly strong team of Lazars. Highlights of the match included Brian Davies' header to give the Kicks a 2-1 lead, and a three-way Lazer passing combination — Morgan Donnelly to Kevin Walde to Morgan Cuddy — to tie it at half-time. Kicks maintained pressure for a final 4-2 victory.

League playoffs take place this coming weekend. The seven senior boys teams each play four games, with action on Saturday at 9 am, 1 pm and 3 pm, and on Sunday at 9 am with the final at noon. The three girls teams play a round-

robin on Saturday at 10 am, 12 noon and 2 pm, with a final at 11 am on Sunday. The junior league plays at 10 am and 12 noon on Saturday, 9 am on Sunday, and the final at 11 am. Coaches will be advised by phone of specific details.

With so many games scheduled, it is imperative that teams be at the field and ready to start on time.

A concession stand will be open, with hot dogs, etc., being available for all who want to make a day of it.

As we approach the wrap-up of our 1986-87 season, our appreciation goes to all those who have made it possible — players, coaches, referees, and especially to the executive who have pulled it all together.

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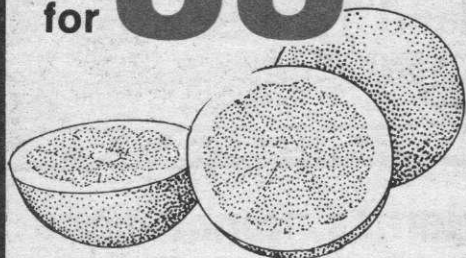
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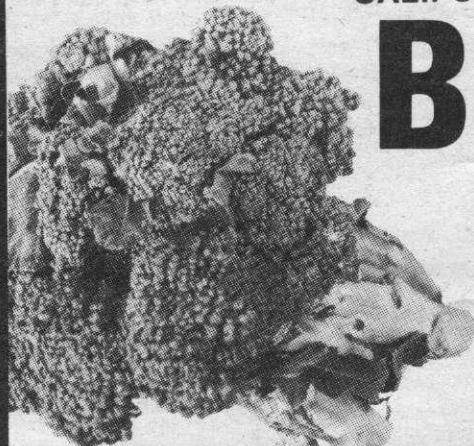


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King of America rewrites discovery of the new world

By GARY CHERNEFF

Crackpots and imperial dreams, yarns and yawns and flashes of brilliance are all part and parcel of *King of America*, which played Sunday night at Off Centre Stage.

Direct from Victoria's Bastion Theatre and Open Space, this production is written and played by Alan Williams. A hit at last year's Edmonton fringe festival, the play is really two interconnected yarns which appear to rewrite the history of the discovery of America in favour of the Welsh connection.

(Thor Heyerdahl, are you listening, and have you ever heard of a strange race of white-skinned Indians with red hair, inhabiting the headwaters of the Missouri River?)

One thing is for sure, the audience was aware that the whole tale is one ridiculous gag although my daughter asked me this morning if it were true. It is free-form storytelling where the humour lies in the zany turn of events described by raconteur of the Humphrey Bogart or Long John Silver variety.

All very colourful but underlying the comedy once senses that there are more serious issues. Are we not talking about the tales of the taming of the west, about Fess Parker in Davey Crockett, about Wild Bill Cody and Buffalo Bill?

You catch yourself thinking — wouldn't it be wonderful if it were true? Therein lies the seduction and the trap of such skilled storytellers, crackpots and even such lowbrow politicians as Ronnie Reagan of the West. We are so easily sucked into the illusion when a story is well told.

The play had its ups and downs for me. I caught myself drifting away on more than one occasion, to be jerked back by quick quips and 90 degree turns. Alan Williams is an engaging personality and does have the knack for snatching you back from imminent grogginess. The near capacity audience appeared to thoroughly enjoy the performance.

Off Centre Stage is looking much improved these days. Renovations have made the space bright and inviting. Salt Spring artist Adrien Town is currently showing her paintings in the gallery and plans are underway for more theatre presentations, including two productions by Active PASS and one by the high

art seen

school drama group. The space will also serve as a venue for the theatre productions of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts. Also stay tuned for the next comedy night.

Off Centre Stage is continuing its upgrading of the facility. Work parties are scheduled for Saturday mornings and volunteers can expect coffee, muffins, and a fine welcome for any assistance.

The Salt Spring library is a valuable resource to artists on the island and one that is not widely publicized. In a conversation with representative Olive Clayton, it was indicated that the library is

responsive to specific requests for book purchases. I'm sure many of us have "want lists" for many specialized and expensive editions. Some groups such as the Potter's Guild have a policy of donating purchases to the library for public use.

Currently available in the ceramics category are four hard to come by periodicals: *Ceramic Review* from Britain, *Studio Potter* and *Ceramics Monthly* from the U.S.A., and the *Potters Guild of B.C. newsletter*. These are reference only but if plans get underway for binding them, they will be available for circulation.

Two recent editions in the painting (how to) category are *Mastering Glazing Techniques in Water Colour* by Rankin, and *Problem-solving for Oil Painting* by Kreutz.

Vetta string quartet plays to an appreciative audience

By JEAN KNIGHT

The Vetta string quartet from Vancouver entertained an island audience at an afternoon of music sponsored by the Salt Spring Concert Society on March 15.

Featured were Victor Costanzi (violin), Mark Koenig (violin), Karen Haley-Foster (viola) and Eugene Osadchy (cello).

The program began with a bright and lively quartet in A major by Boccherini, followed by a trio by Dohnanyi. This work, particularly, gave Foster a chance to shine with the beautiful tone she produces on her viola. While the music is demanding, the quartet's technique and ensemble was a joy to listen to.

Also performed was the quartet

in F minor by Beethoven. This is a work presenting no problems in its form or content, but it is full of melodic charm and drama. All four players demonstrated good tone quality. To be admired were the well-matched ensemble between the second violin and the viola, the beautiful tone and steady rhythm of the cello, and the excellent leadership and playing of the first violin.

The next — and season-ending — performance in the local concert series will be on April 5, when the choir and dancers from Lester Pearson College of the Pacific will visit Salt Spring in response to many requests for their return.

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