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### Bridge builders

Members of the E-Team stop for a break on a bridge they built. In front, from left, are Tali Hamel, Travis Dealey, Dave Cowell, Lalieth White and Ernie Wood. Back, from left: Ryan Wellington, Kirsten Elder, Peter Andress, Rachel Gillett and Salal Thompson. The team finished its employment project last week.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

## 12 islanders, 22 weeks, \$100,000 grant: it adds up to 4 1/2 kilometres of trails

By VALORIE LENNOX  
 Driftwood Staff  
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Just in time for walking weather, four and a half kilometres of trails are ready to be explored on Salt Spring, thanks to the efforts of an environmental youth team project sponsored by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

A \$99,800 provincial BC 21 grant financed the youth team part of the project. Still under way is work financed by \$30,000 in grants from the community,

including money from B.C. Parks, the Centennial Park Society, Mouat's Trading, the Parks and Recreation Commission and Salt Spring Rotary.

Known as the E-Team, the 12 young people employed on the project completed their stint last week after putting in 22 weeks of work. They constructed or upgraded trails in three areas: a trail bordering Duck Creek park, another leading to the Channel Ridge bluff and a third linking downtown Ganges with the

Farmers' Institute and the network of trails in Mouat Park.

"Each of the three locations is equally exciting to me," said parks and recreation administrator Tony Hume. A fast-flowing creek makes the Duck Creek trail a spectacular walk, especially at this time of year.

The trail stretches between Sunset Drive and Broadwell Road. By following the trail along the creek and then looping back along an old road on the other side of the park, walkers can enjoy a two-kilometre hike.

Also in the Channel Ridge area is a new trail which starts at the large concrete water tank near the top of Canvasback Road. This new road can be reached off Broadwell and is the first right turn after Cormorant Crescent.

A half-kilometre walk along the trail is rewarded with a view over St. Mary Lake to the Mainland. "Spectacular — it's the only way to describe it," Hume said.

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### On the way to a win

Josh Clarke of the Salt Spring Kicks fights for possession of the ball Sunday during lower island soccer championship at Ganges. Kicks won the game 5-3, but not before visiting spectators created a spectacle by hurling abuse at the referee. Details—Page B5.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Pender group calls for \$1 million budget trim

Cutting \$1 million-plus from the proposed Islands Trust budget is the goal of a mini-tax revolt launched on South Pender Island.

Charles Ilsley, a director of the South Pender Island Property Owners' Association, wants the Trust Council to eliminate a \$551,000 budget increase under consideration for 1995-96.

And he wants the Trust Council to return the provincial operating grant, which he says totalled \$599,000 in 1994-95. That money should be used to lower the provincial deficit and preserve essential services, he said.

"While other levels of government are cutting back services which to me and my neighbours

are more essential, it is unrealistic to be raising the money for lower priority items," Ilsley said. He feels maintaining medical care, policing, highways and ferry service are more important than the Islands Trust programs.

On Friday, he will take that message to the Trust Council's budget meeting on Salt Spring.

"We have to be cutting back expenditures," he said. He has drafted and is circulating a petition which states residents are already overburdened with taxes and should not pay more.

If the Trust Council approved the \$551,000 budget increase,

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## Official: redirect service to end

By VALORIE LENNOX  
 Driftwood Staff

In post office cyberspace, the old Salt Spring has been erased from existence.

The place known to the mail sorting machines as VOS 1C0 or VOS 1E0 is gone. Mail directed to that destination is spit out by the machines, which cannot recognize the postal code.

"Both postal codes are technically history," said Ida Irwin, manager of communications for Canada Post, Pacific division.

Sorting machines are slotting Salt Spring-bound mail into one of 300 to 400 new postal codes. Mail labelled with the old code is either returned to the sender marked "unknown or non-existent address" or retrieved from the reject pile and manually forwarded to Salt Spring.

But the manual forwarding of mail will not continue indefinitely, Irwin warned. Many residents have had their mail forwarded well beyond the six-month grace period originally offered by the post office after the island-wide switch to new addresses.

"What we're saying is — enough already. We would ask people to take some responsibility for their correspondence."

Even paying the \$19.50 fee for another six months of mail redirection won't work, Irwin said. "In order for a redirect to work, the machine must recognize the old and new postal code. You can't redirect from a non-existent address. The (old) addresses literally do not exist any more in our system."

Irwin suspects the old postal codes were erased from the system six months after the last Salt Spring residents were switched over.

However, the Ganges post office is still offering a local redirect service. A computer and a two-person redirect team has been working in the post office during the changeover, postmistress Lynda Traer said.

Although the service will not be provided indefinitely, Traer said, it is still possible to pay a \$19.50 fee and obtain six months of redirection.

Canada Post supervisor of customer service Mitch Comte said mail which reaches Salt Spring can still be redirected by the local post office. "If it's not a problem for the postmistress, it should be all right."

Mail bearing the old postal codes is still reaching the island. "I still have mail coming here that says VOS," Traer said.

Irwin speculated that letters with old addresses are reaching Salt Spring because postal staff in main distribution centres are manually overriding the sorting machines. "I believe we've been more than fair and accommodating," she said.

# Our local government meets this week in Ganges

If you're one of those who believe the Islands Trust is two local individuals who direct land use matters, you can find out just how wrong you are this week. By taking in some of the Trust Council sessions at Ganges, you may also conclude it's time for reform.

The 26-strong council and a retinue of a dozen or more staff will congregate at Ganges beginning Thursday. There are some very good reasons why Salt Spring Islanders ought to make an effort to observe some of the trustees' deliberations.

The first is that while each island's Trust committee passes judgment on individual land-use matters, it is the council itself — the two trustees from each of the 13 member islands — that develops policy. And it is the executive committee, a body which has no representation from the largest, most populous and biggest tax contributor of all the islands, that has the final word on bylaws approved at the committee level.

## TONY RICHARDS



(In other words, the two trustees from Gambier Island, population 115, have as much say as you — through your trustees — in the amount of tax you will pay this year for the Trust.)

Another reason is that the council cannot function well on Salt Spring's behalf because it is not constituted on the basis of rep by pop. It is that latter point which should rankle those who favour good government, which brings us to the next reason. Incorporation has been mentioned on Bowen, Pender and — dare I say it? — Salt Spring (where municipal banner-carri-

ers converse in whispers lest the regional director get wind of their plans). As a result, municipal incorporation within the Trust will be examined by a symposium of trustees, staff and about 35-45 guests — including regional director Dietrich Luth, I am told — on Thursday.

Meanwhile, some observers have decided that Salt Spring has fallen into disfavour among the other islands. The evidence they submit is worth considering.

Subdivision approval is the purview of the Ministry of Highways. When Salt Spring lobbied to have the Trust take over this function, we were outvoted by communities that have but one feature in common with us: they too are surrounded by water.

Furthermore, the largest and most populous island, which also happens to have three ferry terminals all its own, does not, in the Trust's view, merit a strong voice on the new ferries advisory committee.

Instead of naming Salt Spring's Bob Andrew to that committee, the Trust executive committee settled on a Mayne Islander with considerably less experience in transportation issues. One theory has it that the executive committee did not look favourably upon a meeting a couple of years ago with the minister of municipal affairs. Andrew went to the meeting on the invitation of former regional director Julia Atkins, to discuss with the minister some thoughts on local government. (And you thought only high-profile American environmentalists were granted ministerial audiences.)

It seems the executive committee was displeased that a trustee should be communicating privately with the minister. Far-fetched it may seem, but the power of politics cannot be underestimated. All that power will be on display at this week's meeting, when we have the opportunity to see our local representatives in action — all 27 of them.

# Health planners seek nominations to interim community health council

Salt Spring Islanders who want to be involved in health issues for the next year and a half should put their names forward for nomination to the Southern Gulf Islands Interim Community Health Council. Election will take place at a public meeting March 20.

"We want as many of the public as possible to be at that meeting," health planning committee member Gordon English said.

The Southern Gulf Islands Interim Community Health Council will be made up of 15 members: three from each island. One-third of members are to be elected, one-third will be appointed from already elected positions, and one-third will be appointed by the minister of health.

What the Salt Spring health plan steering committee is seeking is nominations for the one locally elected representative to the council. All nominees must be permanent residents of Salt Spring Island.

The committee is also canvassing locally elected officials — the regional director, school trustees, and Islands Trust members — to see who would like to serve on the health council. All council positions are voluntary, though travel, daycare and other expenses will likely be covered.

English said the names of unsuccessful candidates for the elected position will be included on the list from which the minister may choose the third, appointed position for Salt Spring. This list would likely include suggestions from such local health-related bodies as the Lady Minto Hospital board, Greenwood's and the Home Support Services Society.

The council will eventually assume responsibility for local health care delivery. It will be responsible for developing a detailed plan for assuming control of the hospital, the intermediate care facility and home support services, English said.

"The aim of the new council will be to take control of the existing (health) system and make it more effective, within the parameters set down by the government.

"I don't want to scare people off, but people are going to have to learn a lot and spend a lot of time. There is a training process. They have to be brought up to speed and attend meetings and seminars."

Further information about the process can be obtained by contacting Sharon Bond at the hospital.

# Thieves take safe in hotel heist Monday

Thieves made off with an undisclosed amount of money early Monday morning when they removed a safe from the Harbour House Hotel.

Ganges RCMP said the theft occurred between 1 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. An RCMP identification squad arrived at the hotel Monday morning to check for fingerprints.

Neither police nor the hotel would release further details.

In other police news:

• A Salt Spring man, aged 29, was arrested Friday morning

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after an assault in Fulford Harbour. The man was charged with assault and uttering threats. The incident occurred about 9:30 a.m.

• A Panasonic CD player was stolen from a vehicle parked at the high school Friday. The theft occurred between 12:20 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Police are looking for any information from the

public.

• A Salt Spring woman received a ticket for inadequate tire tread after she went off the road at Vesuvius Bay Road near Tripp Road last Monday. The 33-year-old woman told police she swerved to avoid a number of raccoons. There were no injuries and damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$1,300.

• Ganges RCMP handed out 49 tickets and 55 warnings to island drivers in the last week, as part of a continued effort to ensure island roads are safe.

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# Trust Council meets

A day-long symposium Thursday will kick off the quarterly Islands Trust Council meeting, which will run until Saturday at the Anglican Centre in Ganges.

Sustaining the Mandate, a symposium scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and wrap up at 4:30, will create an information base for the Trust Council to aid in planning and develop means of addressing "currently identified strategic topics" for the Trust.

The 26-member council will be joined by more than 30 guest participants and several Trust staff members for the discussion.

The council gathering will begin with a wine and cheese social Wednesday evening at the home of trustee Grace Byrne.

In addition to the symposium on Thursday, between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m., candidates for the Trust Fund Board and the executive commit-

tee, which is being expanded to four members, will address the council. The candidates will also have an opportunity to speak during dinner that evening.

Also on Thursday, trustees will present island highlights over lunch, between 12 and 1:30.

Friday morning from 8:30 till noon has been set aside for a budget workshop, while the business meeting gets under way at 2 p.m. That session will continue Saturday from 8:30 till noon.

The agenda of the business meeting includes the election of a new member to the executive committee and new members to the Trust Fund Board.

One delegation has been scheduled to appear before the council. It is the South Pender Island Property Owners' Association (see related story).

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taxes would increase by \$8 to \$10 for every \$100,000 of assessed value.

However, following a December budget review which cut \$220,000 from the initial budget wish list of just under \$775,000, several trustees said they wanted to make more cuts at the March meeting. Salt Spring trustee Grace Byrne predicted a volatile meeting Friday as trustees balance budget cuts against demands for services.

Isley said most residents he has approached have readily agreed to sign his petition, which calls on the Islands Trust Council to "reduce government spending to the 1994 level less the provincial government grant" and to "return the provincial government grant

stipulation that it be used to reduce the provincial deficit."

His campaign has not gone on long enough to collect many signatures but he plans to present the percentage of those approached who choose to sign as indicating popular support.

Isley said it is up to taxpayers to draw the line. Once that line is drawn, the Islands Trust must decide which programs to cut. "I would rather say, as a taxpayer, here's all I want you to spend and you determine which you want to cut."

Since 1990, the Islands Trust budget has climbed by 78 per cent, Isley observed. He feels it is possible to cut back that spending. "Similar dramatic cuts in other provinces have not gutted government," he said.

The Trust Council must finalize its 1995-96 budget at this week's meeting.

## Disciplinary inquiry slated

A disciplinary inquiry will start Thursday for the captain and crew of the Queen of Cumberland after a failed fire drill February 17.

Captain P.J. Vanderwerf was relieved of duty and then suspended after the 10-member crew failed a Coast Guard safety drill. An inquiry into the incident was held February 23 and 24.

Last Thursday, the report from the inquiry concluded the conduct of the captain and crew merited a disciplinary inquiry.

"It was a human behaviour problem rather than a lack of skills or training," said Harry Martin, vice-president of corporate safety and standards.

The disciplinary inquiry will include representation by the ferry workers' union and should continue until the end of the week, Martin predicted.

Meanwhile, Captain Vanderwerf remains suspended and the crew members involved have been separated and assigned to other ships. Although he does not know exactly where the 10 crew members are working, he thought it likely some had been placed on other Gulf Island routes.

"They have been trained. They are competent," he said.



### Roland family among guests at signing

Laura Roland and son David were among guests Saturday when local author Tom Koppel, centre, was autographing copies of his book, Kanaka. The book tells the history

of settlement on the west coast by pioneers from Hawaii. The Rolands are among the descendants of those early settlers.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Dissolution plan approved

ArtSpring has a contingency plan should the Island Arts Centre Society be dissolved. At last week's extraordinary general meeting, members voted to accept a plan of action in the event that dissolution was necessary.

The dissolution plan is required under provincial law if societies are to take part in fundraising casino nights.

In other ArtSpring news: Members considered the possibility of having honorary life membership in the society. The matter may be raised again at the next annual general meeting. An office of past-president was not so favourably received.

Members discussed ways and means of raising money to finish the arts centre. Fundraising chairman Chris Chapman said the discussion was valuable and gave the board some direction in terms of where to put their fundraising energies this year.

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# Ferry brings traffic ills but Fulford might die without it

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Ferry! Tourists! Traffic! Those were the most common concerns heard last Tuesday when a group of Fulford residents gathered for a community plan workshop on the future of Fulford Harbour.

Several residents pointed out that Fulford also includes Isabella Point, Beaver Point and the Fulford valley.

"We're a traffic processing centre," one resident remarked. "My biggest loathing is the summertime traffic and all that congestion and craziness."

Many spoke of Fulford with affection, describing it as a special and unique place. They feared development would change the area dramatically.

Preservation of large areas of forest land on the mountains and of the rural Fulford and Burgoyne valleys was the most important issue for the majority of people at the meeting.

Next was the retention of agricultural land while the third priority was to encourage sensitive stewardship of private lands.

Residents feared the Islands Trust would be unable to control growth in the area.

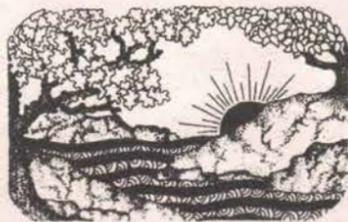
Although many commented on the problems caused by ferry traffic, they feared moving the ferry terminal to Cusheon Cove, one of the ideas floated at the first meeting of the new ferries advisory committee.

The future of the ferry service came fifth on the list of priorities identified by residents, but topics related to the ferry terminal in Fulford Harbour came up frequently during the meeting.

Among the points raised were:

- If the terminal moves to Cusheon Cove, the village centre of Fulford will not survive. In contrast, a few speakers wanted the ferry to move, so Fulford would become "a quiet, quaint village."

- Too many cars come to the island by way of the ferry. Travellers should be encouraged through low-cost parking to leave vehicles at Swartz Bay and walk



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aboard the Bowen Queen. There should be better transit links to encourage people to leave their cars behind

(John Cade, who operated an island-wide transit system last year, said those backing his business would be ecstatic to hear there was so much support on the island for a transit system. He abandoned the transit system at the end of September, citing high costs and low ridership.)

- The character of the village depends a great deal on B.C. Ferries' plans, which could include expanding the terminal until the village resembles Swartz Bay or Tsawwassen. A park and ride area should be established for ferry passengers, so cars are not scattered throughout Fulford village. A parking lot could be placed near the Fulford Inn, with a shuttle bus and/or trails to the ferry terminal.

- Summer traffic congestion could hamper emergency vehicles.

- Ferry sailings should be reduced by half, to slow the flow of traffic and residents to the island. "Then the people who can't live without immediate access won't move here." The number of vehicles allowed on the island should be regulated. Vehicles should be restricted to every second sailing. No non-residents should be allowed to bring vehicles to the island.

- Construction of a ferry terminal at Cusheon Cove could destroy south-end ambiance and Ruckle Park. More Long Harbour-Vancouver sailings would encourage visitors from Vancouver to use that route instead of coming via Swartz Bay and Fulford.

- The Fulford area should have

more input into B.C. Ferries' planning for Fulford Harbour.

Several speakers mentioned they did not want a sewer system in Fulford, as that would lead to more development. The spectre of Fulford changing into a seaside tourist town, complete with water-side condominiums, was also raised.

However, there was some support for reasonably priced seniors' accommodation which would allow south-end old-timers to sell their properties yet remain in the community. Cluster housing was also favoured by some speakers as were measures leading to affordable housing in the community.

Logging in the Weston Lake watershed, preservation of ground water, protection of the Fulford estuary and a hazard posed by the bulk fuel tanks on the Fulford waterfront were all mentioned by residents.

Development on slopes in the Fulford valley should not be allowed, one resident said.

But several people objected to a "drawbridge mentality." Some development is required if young people are to have jobs and futures on Salt Spring, one resident observed.



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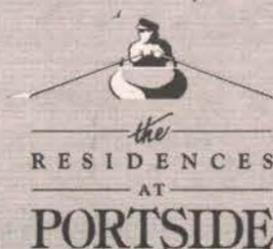
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## Howell sees little change here following merger with DFO

Merging of the Coast Guard and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, as outlined in the February 28 federal budget, will reduce bureaucracy in both organizations.

So says Dave Howell, officer-in-charge of the Ganges Coast Guard station. "What you're really getting rid of is multiple bureaucracy."

Only one bureaucracy is required to operate a government marine fleet, he said. When the fleets are combined, he also expects individual units will have more responsibility and there will be more multi-tasking expected of each vessel.

"It might end up making more work for us here," he said. The Ganges operation is primarily search and rescue but the change may mean local crews doing more maintenance of navigational installations.

The change will be made over

the next few years. The first step will be absorbing the Department of Fisheries' fleet into the Coast Guard. Then, after April 1996, the Coast Guard fleet will move from the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transport to Fisheries.

The mandate of the Coast Guard is to conduct search and rescue operations, deal with navigational aids and boating safety and, in northern waters, provide ice-breaking.

The mandate of Fisheries vessels is to enforce fishing regulations and do fisheries and scientific research.

Even after the merger, Howell doubts the local station's operations will change significantly. "This station here isn't going to be all things. It doesn't make us (fisheries) enforcement officers."

Although every government

agency is up for review, Howell feels the Ganges station is significant enough to escape any cuts.

Throughout B.C., the Coast Guard will reduce employment by 33 positions. However, Howell hopes the majority will leave through retirement. The government is offering several options, including early retirement, cash payouts for resignations and a six-month paid leave of absence to allow employees to develop other options before being laid off.

Howell also predicts some vessels will be sold once the fleet is combined. The combined fleet will include 168 vessels including 42 designed for offshore use.

"Amalgamating the Coast Guard and DFO fleets will give Canada a stronger surveillance and enforcement arm," said Brian Tobin, minister of fisheries and oceans.

Other cost-cutting measures include reducing the number of commercial fishing harbours, raising harbour rates and licence fees and charging more user fees for Fisheries' services.

Over the next five years, Fisheries' net budget is to decrease to \$425 million from the current \$750 million. Over a three-year period, 1,100 full-time jobs will be lost.

Fisheries is also studying a recommendation to discontinue the fishing vessel insurance program as of March 31, 1996. In place since 1953, the program now insures 5,700 fishing vessels across Canada. Representatives of private industry have expressed interest in taking it over.



**MERGED WITH FISHERIES:** Ganges Coast Guard station's vessel Skua will come under the authority of the Department of Fisheries.

Photo by Karen Murphy

## Harrowsmith crew to film on Salt Spring

A television crew from Toronto will be looking for "interesting" Salt Spring Islanders later this month for the Harrowsmith Country Living series.

Chamber of Commerce manager Jeremy Moray reports the crew was planning to do a single interview. But having been told "about all the interesting people" here they will stay for two days.

In other chamber news:

- Distribution of the new tourist brochure, which now has a full-colour, glossy cover, is under way. More than 200 have been mailed already just in response to requests from individuals. The chamber's 1995 Members' Directory and Buyers' Guide has also been published.

- The chamber has representation on a new committee seeking to have the local government options study proceed to phase two. An "overwhelming majority" of respondents to a survey of chamber members supported a move to continue the study.

Moray says that basically the study will provide a cost-benefit analysis of two scenarios, municipal government under the Islands Trust and without it.

- Retired consultant Dave Gray has donated several boxes of books on business management. They may be borrowed from the library at the chamber office.

- The next chamber mixer is scheduled for March 23 at the Driftwood office in the Upper Ganges Centre. The event gives

members an opportunity to exchange ideas and provides a forum for networking.

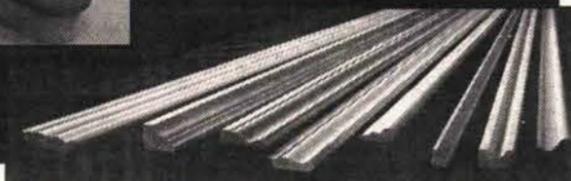
Major projects involving the chamber this year include the new park next to Thrifty Foods, the seawalk, road signage, establishing a Customs port at Ganges, the home show and the local government study.



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# E-Team experience may create new generation of landscapers

Members of the E-team had so much fun building trails on Salt Spring they didn't want to stop when the project ended last week.

Almost all the team members want to find similar work for the future, with several eyeing careers in conservation or planning to establish their own gardening and landscaping businesses on the island.

What did they gain from the 22-week project?

For Ernie Wood, the project offered a chance to explore a field not always open to women. The 24-year-old wanted to work on a job which would benefit the environment instead of being restricted to the service industry jobs open to young people.

She hopes to find work in agriculture or gardening, "doing work in keeping with my values."

Becoming familiar with environmental issues, learning about parks and recreation, getting hands-on experience in trail building and construction were the highlights of the project for 18-year-old Rachel Gillett.

She also learned how to work in a group, sharing ideas and dealing with different people. Now that the project is over, she plans to relax and think about the experience before seeking another job which allows her to work outdoors.

Travis Dealey, 20, will be pouring his energy into a market garden this summer. Eventually, he wants to return to school to study sustainable agriculture. For him, the benefits of the project included the chance to do environmentally ethical work with other young people outdoors.

He feels he is more familiar with Salt Spring's bio-region and has gained practical job and restoration skills.

Lalieth White, 20, has done

volunteer trail building in the past but on this project she learned how to combine functional construction with aesthetic qualities.

"The really rainy, cold days were challenging," she said. She found it interesting to see how the rain-swollen flow of Duck Creek has already changed some of the work done by the team.

"We put rock weirs in and with the heavy flows they've changed — they've moved."

This summer, she hopes to do landscaping and gardening work on Salt Spring.

**The rainy, cold days were challenging. It was interesting to see how the rain-swollen flow of Duck Creek had already changed some of their work.**

Another summer gardener-for-hire is 20-year-old Tali Hamel. Learning new skills, working with other young people and restoring the environment were highlights of her 22 weeks on the project.

"I was looking forward to working outdoors all winter and finding out if I could do that," said 22-year-old Kirsten Elder. She succeeded and enjoyed learning how to build trails and bridges and work with others on a group project.

Now she and some friends plan to start a landscaping and gardening company which will focus on organic methods.

Dave Cowell, 23, had worked on a salmon enhancement project a year earlier. He found the trails project similar in some

ways. "It's a nice change, to have something constructive as opposed to something environmentally destructive."

He hopes to build a career in the environmental field, perhaps doing groundwater testing.

New to the island when he started the project, 19-year-old Ryan Wellington discovered an interest in improving fish habitat while building job experience and developing new skills.

For him, the greatest challenge was getting used to working with a diverse group. This summer he hopes for a job in construction or landscaping before returning to school for his second year in engineering.

The four weeks of training in job and lifestyle skills were cited by Matt Osborne, 21, as an important part of the program. Physical fitness and improved personal skills are the main benefits he gained from the project.

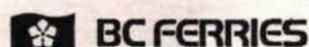
He plans to work at odd jobs over the summer, including yard clean-ups, landscaping and gardening, in addition to playing music. He hopes to enroll in a post-secondary music program.

The group was supervised by Peter Andress and Charles Wilson. Andress, who has a diploma in fish, wildlife and recreation from the B.C. Institute of Technology, will be seeking another fisheries or habitat-related job.

For 24-year-old Salal Thompson, the project offered a change from the usual waitressing or highways flagperson jobs she had held in the past. For the first time, she felt she was working as an equal partner on a team which shared the same values.

A resident of the island for 12 years, she is now considering a career in wildlife conservation.

"This project was, to me, a way to give something to the island which can be remembered and appreciated."



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March 14 Tuesday noon - 8 pm	All Saints by the Sea Church Hall, Ganges Salt Spring Island	CitySpaces Consulting 604-383-0304
March 15 Wednesday 4 - 8 pm	Bonsor Recreation Complex 6550 Bonsor (Metrotown) Burnaby	CitySpaces Consulting 604-383-0304
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### APPLICATION TO REMOVE LANDS FROM THE FOREST LAND RESERVE FLR 01-95, FLR 02-95, FLR 03-95, FLR 04-95

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider resolutions regarding four applications that have been made to the Forest Land Commission, to remove lands from the Forest Land Reserve, in accordance with Section 20 of the Forest Land Reserve Act. The lands proposed for removal are:

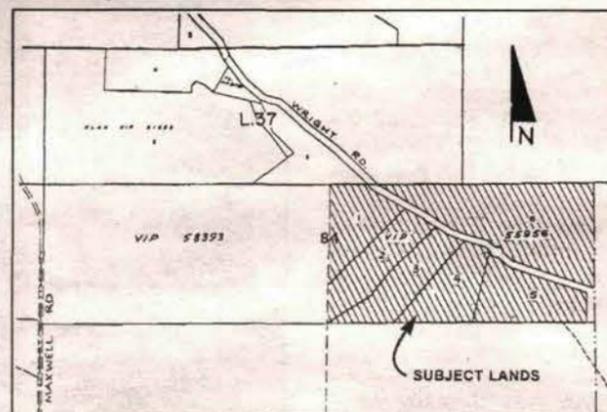
FLR 01-95. Lot 1 (3.75 ha.), Lot 2 (3.55 ha.), and Lot 6 (12.00 ha.), Section 84, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP55956.

FLR 02-95. Lot 3 (3.84 ha.), Section 84, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP55956.

FLR 03-95. Lot 4 (3.54 ha.), Section 84, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP 55956.

FLR 04-95. Lot 5 (3.75 ha.), Section 84, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP55956.

The subject properties are zoned Uplands and Forest 2 (UF2) under Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaw 123. The locations of the subject lands are shown on the following sketch:



The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider a resolution to support the applications for removal on Thursday, March 16, 1995, in Suite 1205, 115 Fulford-Ganges Road (Grace Point Square), Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Copies of the applications and any relevant documentation may be inspected at the Ganges office of the Islands Trust, 1206 Grace Point Square, 115 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from March 8, 1995 up to and including March 16, 1995. Please address any correspondence to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee at the above address.

Gordon McIntosh  
Secretary

## TRAILS: E-Team completes its work

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The new trail also connects with a well-established trail running north to south through the Channel Ridge area.

In Ganges, the team worked on a trail linking the boardwalk adjoining Ganges Harbour, the new park behind Thrifty Foods, Centennial Park, the Grace Point walkway and the 50 acres of Moutat Park. The trail will allow walkers to travel from Centennial Park around Gasoline Alley and along the edge of the creek to the peace park and ArtSpring. By turning up McPhillips Avenue, walkers discover a trail which winds up to the Farmers' Institute.

"It's going to be beautiful. I can't wait until we get it signed and finished," Hume said.

There are also trails looping throughout Moutat Park. One has been upgraded to the point that it is wheelchair-accessible.

"There's some beautiful trees

— really exciting forest in there — massive second growth," Hume said. He feels most residents are not familiar with the entire park. The campground only covers one-quarter of the park acreage, he noted.

"I would liken Moutat Park to the island to what Stanley Park is to Vancouver," he said. He encourages residents to explore the park along the new and upgraded trail network.

One asset of all the new trails is that they are widely accessible. Along the Duck Creek trail, for example, two bridges and strategically placed stairs eliminate any hazards. It is not necessary to be an experienced hiker or unusually physically fit to walk the trails.

Although some of the work done by the team was upgrading of existing trails, much was construction of new walkways.

The trail from Canvasback Road was, Hume said, "chewed

right through the forest."

The Duck Creek trail only used a small part of the old trail. "For all intents and purposes, it's been built from scratch," Hume said.

Included in the construction was the building of fish weirs in the creek for salmon enhancement. In three places along the trail, benches were placed at points which the young people identified as having "the greatest potential for silent reflection."

During the 22-week project, the 12 young people also took four weeks of training in job skills and personal development. The remaining 18 weeks was spent building the trails.

The B.C. Parks project manager who inspected the work was impressed by the quantity and quality of work done by the team, Hume said.

"We couldn't have hoped for a better group of young people," he added, noting that all 12 were island residents.

## Yacht club considering legal appeal of rejection of Selby Cove dock application

West Vancouver Yacht Club members will decide if the club is to launch a legal appeal against B.C. Lands' refusal of its application for an outstation on Prevost Island.

Manager Joe Ennis said Monday an appeal is under consideration. "It's a possibility but

there's no firm decision at this point."

The issue would have to go before a meeting of yacht club members, he said. The directors have yet to set a date for that meeting.

The yacht club purchased a lot on Prevost Island last fall, intend-

ing to establish an outstation in adjoining Selby Cove. The application was opposed by several residents and the Salt Spring Trust Committee.

In November, the provincial government ruled against the yacht club's application for a dock in the cove.

## Nine districts run deficits

The Gulf Islands School District is not alone in running an operating deficit.

An education ministry spokesman said Tuesday that nine districts in the province have been granted permission to carry deficits over into the 1995-96 fiscal year. Total of the combined deficits is about \$5 million, said John Webb, assistant director of communications.

A recovery plan is key to getting ministry approval for running deficits. "All (the districts) had plans to recover the deficits in the coming year," Webb said.

Last week, the Sooke School District applied for approval to run a deficit of \$600,000, about 1.2 per cent of its \$48.9 million budget.

The Gulf Islands district is seeking approval on a possible \$300,000 deficit, which represents about 2.4 per cent of the annual budget.

In Sooke, teaching assistant costs, legal bills, class size violations and higher instructional costs are blamed for the cost overrun.

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## Unsportsmanlike conduct

Civilization's thin veil was looking a little threadbare Sunday, torn by the obscenities and other offensive remarks shouted at the referee of a soccer game.

The game was important — the Juan de Fuca team was playing the Salt Spring Kicks for the lower island championship. But that was no excuse for visitors who accompanied the Juan de Fuca team to shower abuse upon the referee.

Their behaviour marred what was otherwise a fine game of soccer.

Raucous soccer fans have long been associated with the game in Europe, where it seems to be common practice to hold a riot immediately following every match. North America has been fortunate so far to escape such behaviour, but if Sunday's experience is any indication, we may not avoid it for long.

Sunday wasn't the first time this season that soccer fans have let their enthusiasm for winning stand in the way of civilized behaviour. Unfortunately, we expect it won't be the last time. But if such incidents are not condemned, they are condoned.

One particularly disturbing aspect is the example these foul-tongued adults set for the young men playing on the field. By openly and aggressively challenging the authority of the referee, they demonstrated to the players that such emotional outbursts are acceptable conduct.

By expressing scorn for the game's official, these adults, most of whom can be assumed to be parents, are voicing their utter disregard for the rules of the game and the unwritten code of good sportsmanship.

It is, of course, an unhappy reflection on our society and the growing inability of its members to employ reasoned judgment and good sense before it adopts a course of action.

Unfortunately, there is no provision whereby the soccer league can suspend a spectator by issuing him or her with a red card as is the case in the game itself. But we can and must speak out when the fabric of civilization begins showing tatters at the edge.

The virtues of sportsmanship are the most important aspect of any game. They must not be extinguished by the heat of competition.

## Buying zoning

Land and prices cannot be divorced from the land's zoning.

Claims that "you don't buy zoning," which crop up from time to time at public hearings including the recent hearing into C-4 zoning, are clearly inaccurate.

Every property owner buys zoning. In many cases, it is the zoning more than any other factor which determines the market value of a particular piece of dirt. If this were not true, all other factors being equal, 10 acres of agricultural land, 10 acres of residential land and 10 acres of commercial land would all have the same price.

Since residential land usually has a higher value than agricultural land and commercial land costs more than residential property, it is clear that zoning is purchased by the buyer.

What is not purchased is the right to change zoning.

Therefore, when someone wishes to increase the value of their property by changing the zoning, regulating bodies often extract a "payment" for the privilege. The most common example is rezoning and subdividing land into several lots, which increases the value of the land.

But that increased value is split with the community by way of park land dedication or — since the legislation was introduced by the provincial government — some community amenity. Upzoning is seldom free.

Likewise, if the community elects to downzone a property, thus decreasing its value, the downzoning should not be free.

The owner of an upzoned property should compensate the community for the increased value. The obvious flip side is compensation by the community for downzoning of property.

The Islands Trust should consider this before it makes another attempt to change the rules governing C-4 zoning.



## A family's retreat from the city

This is a story about a school principal, a mechanic, and a barber; and how one family has come to love Salt Spring Island.

I am a software developer who decided late last summer that I indeed had a portable avocation, if all that telecommuter stuff is to be believed, and accordingly moved my family from Vancouver to St. Mary Lake. So we rented a large house and converted the lower level to development offices.

When the phone rings we tell the birds to shut up and hope that no one can tell the difference. Since we no longer don suits and race downtown, we have found that American customers actually call at all hours and we catch more of their business than we ever did at "the office." We now enjoy the synergy of computers and warm fires on winter days.

I have had three summer places on Galiano since 1970, when I first squatted on Coon Bay/MacBlo land with dozens of other half and sometimes completely naked hippies. Eventually we had a half-built home on 10 acres at the south end, but the wife refused to move there full-time with our two daughters, and after seeing the new high school on Rainbow Road, our choice was made for us.

We arrived on Labour Day and immediately had to decide where or if our daughters should attend school. Our youngest daughter Maraysha had the bad luck to be born January 12, so she was destined to lose a year of school under the existing guidelines. We appeared before and appealed to the Sullivan Commission, and three times before the assembled Vancouver school board, to no avail. It became horrifyingly evident that the wishes of the parents were not going to be a factor in the deliberations of these "education professionals."

My wife had decided to resort to home schooling, but on registration day I persuaded her to come with me to Fernwood School for one last try. Despite the hubbub of opening day the principal, Mr. Brownsword, sat down with me and considered my request to have my daughter regain her

year. "We'll put her up and see how she manages," he said. I was incredulous. A five-year emotional war, when our wishes as a family had been of no concern to a bureaucracy, had been laid to rest in a moment. A few months later Maraysha would bring home a glowing report card at Christmas.

The next day was the opening of the fall fair and we attended a country event that even Norman Rockwell would have had trouble capturing. The lineup to buy tickets on the pavement stretched a long block under the hot noon sun, and I noticed that it was largely being caused by the fact that everyone knew the dear old ticket takers, and they had to review the weather and events with them with every purchase.

"Exact change here!" I declared, and for half an hour I helped to shorten that line, alive with the will to contribute to a community that might restore my faith in institutions.

Later that fall I took my chainsaw to Harbour's End Marine to see if they could start it after a long time in storage. After considerable effort, much hard cranking and a few adjustments, the mechanic got it to fire. He dismissed my efforts to pay. It may have just been good business, but he convinced me to patronize island merchants whenever possible with his own generosity.

Finally the time came when, Salt Spring or not, I had to get a haircut. With great trepidation I headed to Don's Barber Shop, wondering if I was about to endure yet another sex change/makeover or whether Don would listen to my pleadings for "just a trim."

After all of one or two minutes it seemed that he was finished. He then shaved my neck to kill a little time, picked off an ear hair or two, and I was done. Amazing! I had found a barber open to the powers of suggestion! I made plans to visit the local bankers ...

My retreat from the big burg was complete. Anyone need some free bulletin board software?

*The writer operates Imagen, a software firm, out of his Salt Spring home.*

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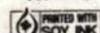


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**We Asked: What are you doing in your garden?**



**Robyn Rae (of Victoria)**  
I garden indoors. I like growing my own herbs and flowers perpetually indoors. I have African violets permanently in flower.



**Denny Thomas**  
My wife's the gardener. She's got a big rose garden, large vegetable garden, lots of plants. I'm in charge of creating the water system & spreading manure.



**David Jacquest**  
Growing herbs and spices for the kitchen. We're considering moving our garden. We may skip this year.



**Kate Parfitt**  
Major, major works. Stonework, wooden trellises, cement work, pond, paths, planting trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and veggies.



**Jennifer Baxter**  
We haven't done anything with our garden yet. It's been too cold but it's getting warmer now.

## Letters to the editor

### Travel assistance for disadvantaged

Your mean-spirited editorial of February 15 ("Reforming our own little safety net") manages to miss the point even as it misinforms.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation is a creation of the government and, as such, ultimately is responsible to all of us as to any ministry. Its current scheme for assisting certain designated classes of passengers has the rare virtue of accomplishing a social benefit with a minimum of paper-pushing and bureaucratic duplication of effort, an efficiency which we taxpayers should applaud.

Free passage for seniors (by far the largest group involved) is already limited to passenger fares only during non-peak periods. School groups generally travel on weekdays as well. The disabled (the smallest group) may have a 50 per cent discount, and patients requiring off-island medical treatment go when they must; their appointments are usually set well in advance by the schedules of specialists and hospitals, and God help them if they're late.

It's simple-minded to assume that elimination of these programs will automatically result in the foregone fares turning up as revenue. While the corporation can readily keep track of who uses them now, predicting how many might not travel at all without such assistance is not easy to pre-

dict. Hardships for some could be imposed for problematic returns, while the regular operating costs would continue unchanged.

(Oddly enough, the operating deficits of Highways or urban commuter services are seldom reviewed with the same alarm as B.C. Ferries. And yet the boats are just as essential to our public transportation as are the roads and buses and even Skytrain.)

Blaming the disadvantaged for general economic problems seems to be popular these days, but in this instance, we may finally all be the poorer for it.

**RICK BOYLAN,**  
Ganges

### Poll islanders over CRD

I doff my cap to Chester Ludlow.

It requires great courage to take a position based on reality with such irrational, entrenched bureaucracies as the Capital Regional District (CRD), and Canada Building Code, especially when they directly control your ability to feed your family.

Rather than dole out thousands attempting to sway another stacked mindless bureaucracy, the Canadian legal system, I would suggest to Chester he spend a few hundred on a poll or referendum,

question being, are you in favour of remaining within the CRD?

Rosland and Trail, B.C., have opted out and it's a hot topic in many other small communities who resent the pricey intrusion of "those who know best."

The complete denial of responsibility by the Canadian Standards Association, building inspectors, CRD, and municipalities in the Flexwatt panel affair has left thousands of trusting Canadians high and dry.

Mr. Stubbs' services, while invaluable to tax assessors, banks, and insurance companies, are more of a hindrance to taxpayers and environmentally aware or innovative builders.

I have no doubt Chester will receive the support he needs from this community.

**LARRY ADERNECKI,**  
Lee Road

### Freedom to smoke

Bouquets and brickbats!  
Poetry took on a whole new meaning for Salt Springers who attended the first annual Erotic Literary Evening, a Freedom to Read Week event. It was provocative, stimulating and just sheer fun! The organizers deserve a big thank you for the energy they obviously dedicated to pulling it all together so beautifully.

But many in the audience would

have appreciated a Freedom to Breathe Fresh Air evening as well. Non-smokers were (as usual) definitely in the majority, many comments were overhead and one in our party had to leave before the readings started. When an organizer was asked if it was possible to request that people not smoke the reply was something to the effect that writers expected to smoke! Most of us know that smoking at public events went the way of the dodo bird, so can we count on clean air at the second annual Erotic Literary Evening? Hope so, because we want to be there.

**ROSEMARY BAXTER,**  
Ganges

### CBC cuts an outrage

Last week on CBC Radio's Morningside, Prime Minister Jean

Chretien told Peter Gzowski that "the masses tend not to complain when cultural programs are cut." He had been asked, in particular, about the proposed massive cuts to the CBC.

As one of the most unifying forces in this huge and diverse country of ours, I urge everyone to write to the minister of Canadian heritage, the prime minister and our own MP, expressing outrage about the proposed cuts to CBC and a mountain of support for their programs.

The minister can be written to at the following address: The Honourable Michel Dupuy, PC, MP, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Room 230, Confederation Bldg., House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6.  
**NAIRN HOWE,**  
Frazier Road

February 27th, 1995  
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Capital Regional District,  
Building Inspection Division,  
Fulford Ganges Road,  
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Attn: Mr. D. Stubbs

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

I would request that your department respond in writing to the following questions:

1. How can a Building Inspector require a Waiver of Indemnity to avoid liability? Architects or engineers must have a million dollar liability insurance, plus 5 to 6 years more education in order to provide the same services with accountability.
2. What By-law adopts the National Building code and waives our status as a "Temperate Climactic Area"? This requires builders to construct homes to the same standards as in Edmonton.
3. What, if any, choice was given to the citizens of Salt Spring island regarding adopting enforcement of the 1994 National Building Code?
4. What instrument of empowerment permits a building inspector to adjudicate blame for code violations? It is my understanding that your job is to inspect and report, only.
5. What bylaw requires a homebuilder to use toxic and unsafe materials in their homes, without concerns for the safety of future occupants?
6. Whose safety and health is your department protecting by such code requirements as: deadbolt locks, airtight vapour barriers, toxic preservatives and pesticides, formaldehyde glues, R40 roof insulation, etc.?
7. What right does the C.R.D. have to contravene our Charter of Rights to privacy, freedom of expression and rights to cultural and/or other forms of individual identity?
8. What legal right does the C.R.D. have to interfere in an individual's choice of housing on private land, provided that the public health and safety of the community is not affected by that choice?
9. Do the laws you enforce, at the public's expense, serve to protect the banking establishment's insurance and companies that produce building products?

Please respond to the above at your earliest convenience. In addition, please consider a date you/your department would be available to appear at a public forum to further discuss the C.R.D.'s bylaws and the National Building Code as it affects the residents of Salt Spring Island.

Respectfully,

Chester Ludlow

c.c.: C.R.D. Inspection Office, Langford, B.C. / Office of the B.C. Ombudsman, B.C. Law Society, Public Advocacy Committee / C.T.V., Goldhawk Fights Back, Driftwood Publications / Minister of Municipal Affairs

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## Reform's Weisberger offers best opposition

**VICTORIA** — Nobody makes better use of British Columbia's freedom of information laws than Reform Party leader Jack Weisberger.

At any given time, Weisberger has got at least half a dozen requests for information going, all of them with one purpose in mind: to nail the NDP government. Last week, he came up with another good one.

At a press conference, Weisberger produced a stack of documents, highlighting a very cozy and costly relationship between the government and NOW Communications, a Vancouver-based consulting firm now run by prominent NDP friends.

**CAPITAL COMMENT**  
**HUBERT BEYER**



Before the NDP came to power, NOW Communications didn't exist. Since then, the company has been paid an estimated \$5 million for consulting work.

NOW Communications is headed by Ron Johnson, self-professed "lifetime New Democrat." He's married to Johanna den Hertog, president of the New Democratic Party in the late 1980s.

Between the two of them, they've run nine times for public office and were turned down by voters every time. They're known in NDP circles as the Ken and Barbie of the revolution.

Weisberger told reporters he's very concerned that the taxpayers may not get their money's worth from NOW Communications. To that end, he's written a letter to the auditor-general to initiate a value-for-money audit of the Harcourt government's contracts with NOW Communications.

The Reform leader may have reason to be worried. Last week's televised town hall meeting, featuring Premier Harcourt and Finance Minister Elizabeth Cull in one of the funniest shows this season, was produced by NOW Communications.

Even Johnson admitted that the show wasn't up to snuff. Asked whether he is still going to bill the government for it, he said "that's under review at the moment." I suppose even his long-time friends are somewhat reluctant to pay good money for that boondoggle.

Among the contracts between the government and NOW Communications, released by Weisberger, was a \$165,000 job done in February and March 1992, referred to as the "CORE Project."

The job was requested by the government, not the Commission on Resources and Environment, referred to by NOW Communications as the Commission on Resources and the Economy at one point. O.K., so I'm a little pedantic, but if they can't even get the name right, can they be trusted to do a good job?

In this case, the job, in NOW Communications' own words, was to inform the public that "CORE represents a new era, a breakthrough, in how British Columbians approach and resolve the issue of land use in their community..." Space won't allow me to quote more of the sycophantic pandering to the government.

Other services rendered at a cost of up to \$200 an hour, include Premier Harcourt's televised speeches, the Commonwealth Games, Aboriginal Affairs initiatives, the New Directions health care strategy, and "assessing public views on budget and legislative priorities."

In one instance, NOW Communications charged the government \$45 an hour for "proof-reading" its own ads for the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. For one speech by the premier to the Union of B.C. Municipalities in 1993, the company billed the government \$1,450. I wish I'd get that kind of money for my columns.

Weisberger said he wanted to know whether the contracts awarded to NOW Communications had been tendered. According to Johnson, "most of the bigger ones" were, indeed, tendered.

Weisberger got a little derailed when reporters asked whether the Socred government he served as a cabinet minister didn't hire the services of public relations and communications consultants.

To his knowledge, no, he said. Well, Jack, that's stretching things a bit. All governments, including that of Bill Vander Zalm, have and will continue to use hired guns to get their message across.

Weisberger maintains that most of the work done by NOW Communications could have been handled by the government's own communications staff. Actually, most of the communications task are handled by government staff. Johnson said the money his firm received represented about five per cent of the government's total communications budget.

If that figure is correct, the government has spent about \$100 million on communications in the past three years which is far in excess of what the taxpayers can afford.

One last observation: The Liberals have been in possession of the same information, but were unable to beat Weisberger to the punch, which makes Jack still the best opposition.

## More letters

### A doggone nice trail

My name is Ginger and one day early in January my master and mistress took me for a walk at Duck Creek trail, just off Sunset Drive at Vesuvius.

I had fun beyond belief; the paths were exquisite and the scenery awesome. I jumped, sniffed, and explored to my heart's content. Never have I felt so safe, free and happy.

The creek was gushing at my side, and so excited was I that day I could contain myself no more, and just jumped straight into the foaming creek for a swim.

Truly wet and dirty, I have never had so much fun on a walk. My master and mistress seemed to enjoy my antics, and I heard them laughing with joy and surprise at my enthusiasm for a cold winter swim.

When we returned home, relaxed and tired, I was to learn my Auntie Rachel, along with other young people, had helped improve, clear and build this new trail.

I want to say thank you to all of them for their work and efforts; and I do hope on my other visits, I can watch fish jump, swim, and play in this creek and have as much fun and freedom as I did on my very first visit to Duck Creek trail.

**GINGER GILLETT,**  
Mount Erskine Drive

### Addressing violence

After reading about the elementary school's cartoon contest campaign against violence, I wondered if the act of having children draw cartoons about violence prevention serves a real function in learning about violence.

It seems like a band-aid to me. My understanding of violence is that it is deeply rooted in every facet of our society, including children's lives.

Our children learn violence through television, movies, sports, games, books, art, music, toys, etc., and in their relationships with people in their daily lives, including parents and teachers.

It makes more sense to me, first,

to allow our own desensitized minds to recognize violent imagery when we see it, whether on film, in music, or toys, and especially in our own intimate relationships with children and adults, and question seriously what we invite in our lives.

**SAZJO STONE,**  
Ganges

### Pledges would finish ArtSpring

The January 18th report in the Driftwood — "ArtSpring board sets \$900,000 as current fundraising target," the first realistic estimate published — and the reports by the directors to the extraordinary general meeting on February 28 have aroused cautious hopes for the completion of ArtSpring.

Many people, however, are reluctant to donate to a project that has been hanging fire for some years. To solve this difficulty, I should like to propose a pledge scheme to the ArtSpring fundraisers. For example, I would be willing to sign a pledge to donate a specific sum. This sum would be payable only if and when pledges totalling \$900,000 had been obtained. These pledges might be signed by corporate and private donors, and for varying amounts.

There could be a time limit for obtaining the pledges. For example, if pledges totalling \$900,000 were signed by the end of this year, the money would become

available at the beginning of 1996. We could then look forward to an opening date later that year.

The advantage of this scheme is that no one would actually pay any money until the completion of ArtSpring was assured.

**BETTY MARYON,**  
Maliview Drive

### Disappointing turnout

I was expecting the room to be packed with 30-40 avid gardeners for the February 25th seminar, Water Saving Gardening. With all the talk about future shortages of water and the need to conserve the same, I was very surprised only four people signed up. Even these four people almost didn't hear the excellent information given. Parks and Rec said, "Sorry, the minimum number is six."

Simon Henson, who had set this day aside months before to share his passionate concern and knowledge for healthy, beautiful and water-efficient gardening, countered with, "Four is better than none." He waived his fee for teaching.

The four of us are now aware of pH balances, zone planting, mulch, native plants and watering cycles; all practical ways of increasing efficient use of water leaving more of the precious stuff in our common water pot. I hope it's not being slurped up by lawns. I salute Henson's passion.

**VALERIE RAMPONE,**  
Reginald Hill Road

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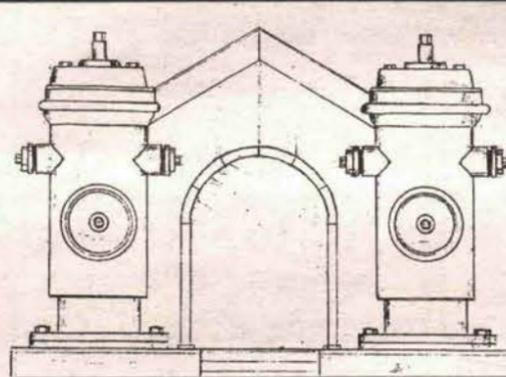
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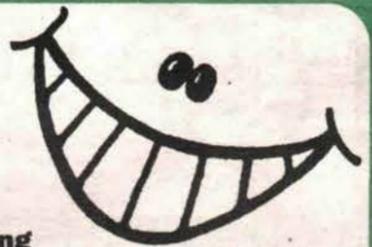


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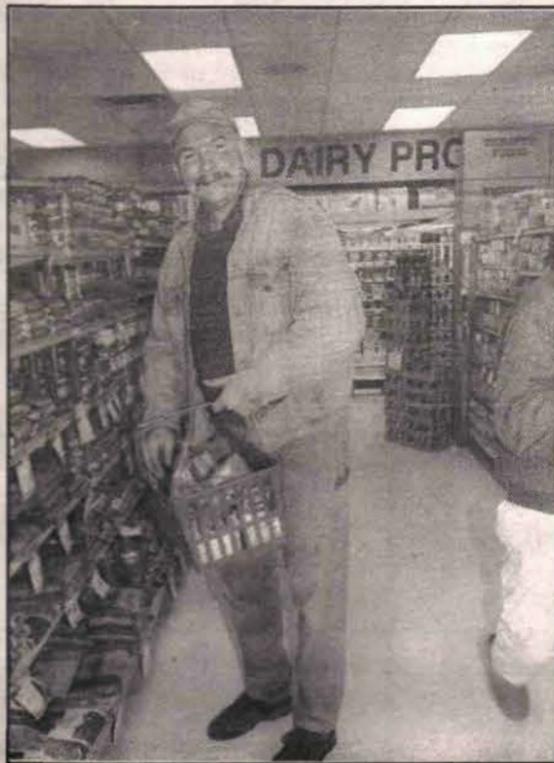
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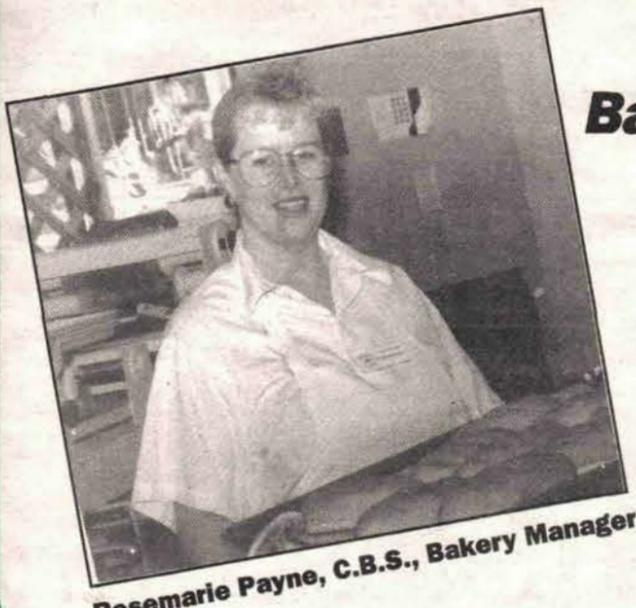
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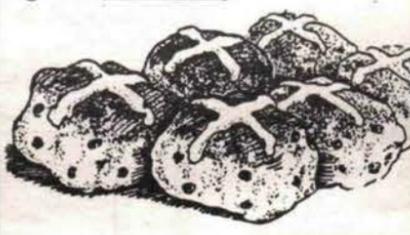
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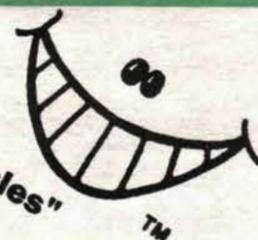
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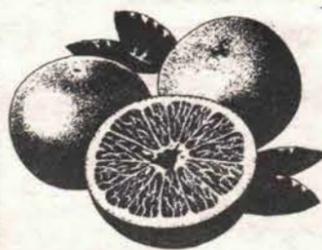
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NEO CITRAN, REG. ONLY <b>Cold &amp; Flu Beverage</b> 10s	<b>4<sup>48</sup></b>	CARNATION, FROZEN <b>Tater Gems</b> 750 g.	<b>1<sup>18</sup></b>
OLD DUTCH <b>Potato Chips</b> 200 g.	<b>1<sup>08</sup></b>	THRIFTY, FROZEN <b>Waffles</b> 48s	<b>5<sup>98</sup></b>
PEAK FREN, SELECTED VAR. <b>Cookies</b> 400 g.	<b>2<sup>28</sup></b>	PLUS FLAVOURS <b>Coke &amp; Sprite</b> 2 L.	<b>1<sup>38</sup></b> Plus Deposit
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Protein 1.4 g. Fat 0.2 g.  
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The food bank's Bob Appleton conducts the Salt Spring Singers during a brief tenure as conductor last week. Appleton was actually attending a rehearsal by the group to accept a \$3,000 cheque — the

largest single donation ever made — raised through sales of the Singers' Christmas cassette. Appleton notes that further donations are still needed.

Photo by Tony Richards

**Gabriola issues outhouse race challenge**

Gulf Islanders have been issued a challenge to put wheels on their outhouses and race them on Gabriola Island.

The Great Gabriola Outhouse Race, an annual event since 1981, will take place at noon on Saturday, April 29. The organizing committee is challenging other islanders to enter the race and unseat the

Gabriola champions on what it calls "the queen of the Gulf Islands."

Wheeled outhouses are towed behind bicycles — each with a team of cyclists — in the 17-mile race. A safety vehicle must accompany each team. More information can be obtained by calling 247-8545.

**Teens to get help to stop smoking**

Trying to help youngsters quit smoking is something new for public health nurse Chris Smart. But she's determined to give it a try.

Beginning March 15, Smart will facilitate a noon-hour program at Gulf Islands Secondary School called Kick the Nic. She hopes students will support each other through positive peer pressure in a bid to quit smoking.

"The idea is for kids to set a contract for themselves," Smart said.

The program will also use some videos but Smart does not intend to dwell on the health aspect, in the belief that peer pressure is a stronger influence.



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Planning has begun for the transition of authority from the boards of Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwoods and Home Support Services to a Southern Gulf Islands Health Council.

The Lady Minto Hospital board decided last Tuesday to request that the hospital's strategic planning committee begin drawing up a plan for the transition.

The board also approved a request from the Southern Gulf Islands Health Planning Committee to write in support of the concept of an islands

## Transition plan under way as council gets set to take over

health council, encompassing the five Gulf Islands.

In other hospital board news:

- The establishment of a multi-level care facility, seen as an "urgent need" on Salt Spring Island, will be examined by a task force. Membership in the task force will consist of hospital administrator Karen Davies

and a member from each of the hospital and Greenwoods boards. The new facility would include both extended and long-term care beds.

- Laurel Gordon will fill the Salt Spring seat on the board, vacated by the resignation of Gina Quijano, who was recently appointed to the bench of

the B.C. Supreme Court.

- Dr. Andrew Mai will take a leave of absence to obtain further training in obstetrics at Women's Hospital in Vancouver. Mai will also gain further experience in that field by working in Iqaluit, Northwest Territories, and Moose Factory, Ont. He will

be away from March 1 until July 10. Dr. Karen Berg will look after his patients during that period.

- The first laparoscopic cholecystectomy has been performed in the hospital. Dr. Parminder Sira, the new surgeon, did the operation to remove a gall bladder using a fibre-optic scope.

- The hospital will provide a satellite emergency facility on Mayne Island. Emergency room supplies and medications will be supplied by the hospital, as is the case with Galiano Island.

## Farmers re-elect directors

A new B.C. government food policy and the community plan review were among the issues discussed at the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute.

Re-elected as directors were Chris Schmah, John Ellacott, John Fulker and Joyce Taylor, who join Ian Clement, Marilynne Cunningham, Tony Threlfall and David Wood on the board. Executive members will be chosen at a meeting next Tuesday.

At the same meeting, a speaker from the provincial Ministry of Agriculture will outline the government's proposed food policy. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. in the Farmer's Institute building.

Past-president Chris Schmah said the February 21 annual meeting included discussion of the community plan review and plans to construct a new building on the fairgrounds to house small livestock.

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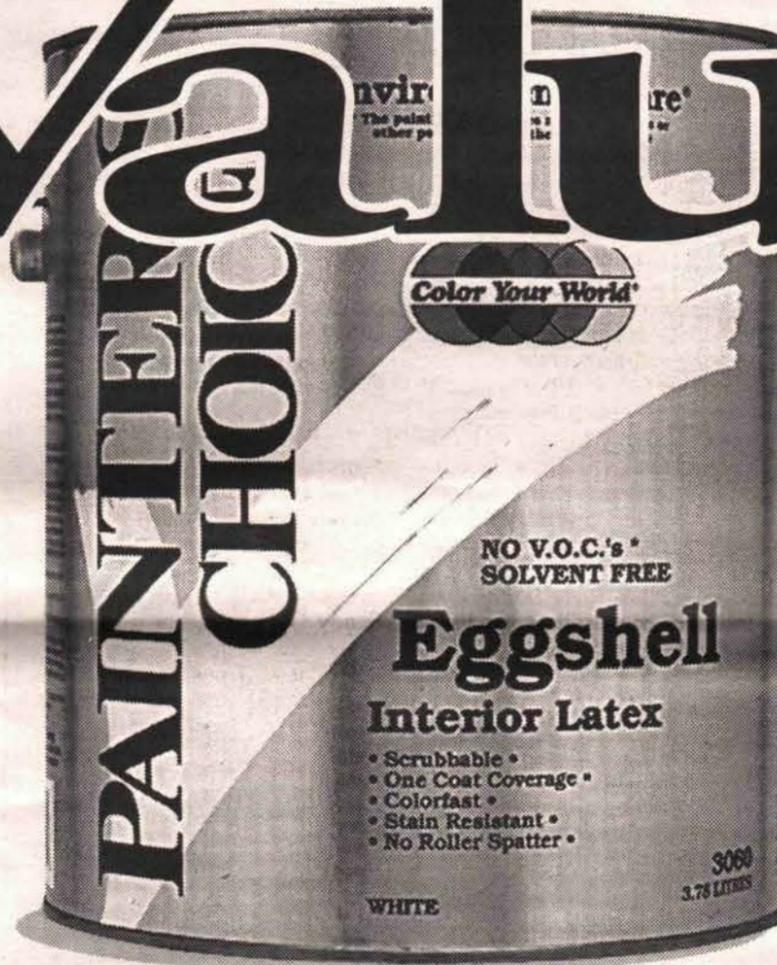
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# 200 enjoyed annual bean feed; McGills sold Ganges bakery

*Thirty-five years ago*

March 31, 1960

• More than 200 people sat down at the annual Beaver Point Hall bean supper and raised \$273. Though everyone ate their fill, there were beans left over in the feast organized by Nan Ruckle.

• J.H. McGill sold his bakery at the foot of Ganges Hill. The McGills had had a bakery in the village since the late 1930s, before McGill went away to serve as a messing officer in the Army Service Corps. After the war he managed the Ganges Inn, at the corner of Purvis and Fulford-Ganges roads, where he started the bakery again in 1949. In 1958 when the Ganges Inn was pulled down, he moved the bakery to the old creamery site.

*Thirty years ago*

February 25, 1965

• Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce elected a new president in Tom Portlock. Les Ramsey was re-elected as vice-chairman and Fletcher Bennett was set to continue as treasurer.

• Scott Point Marina changed hands. Two couples from Los Angeles, the R. Taylors and the J.W. Dickies, bought the modern marina facility.

• The 1965 school district budget was set at \$350,000, up slightly from the year before due to increased enrolment and increased teachers' salaries. Plans for the Gulf Islands Secondary School were approved by the department of education, including additional funding to make room for the home economics and industrial arts programs.

• Driftwood was set to begin adding crossword puzzles, timely tips and the odd cartoon to its pages, after subscribing to a national organization providing these to newspapers.

*Twenty-five years ago*

February 26, 1970

• Garbage cans were taken out of Centennial Park because residents were dumping their household garbage into them. These were people who were "too cheap" to have garbage collection, Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Reynolds said. The cans were meant for people who used the park.

• Kanaka Road was the subject of attention. Some islanders wanted to close it; some wanted it left open. The school district would have preferred to close it because it cut the new high school grounds in two and presented a safety hazard. Islanders were asked to make their opinions known to the highways department.

• Herring poisoned in Stuart Channel were not killed by any

## DOWN THE YEARS

discharge from Crofton mill, islanders were told by the director for fisheries in the Pacific region. They were killed by toxic hydrogen sulfide sludge from MacMillan-Bloedel's sawmill at Chemainus. The same week, SPEC, a new local environmental organization, was holding a meeting to talk about the dangers of discharges of contaminated water and gases from industrial and domestic sources.

*Twenty years ago*

February 26, 1975

• Striking fishermen travelled to Salt Spring to picket a local operation when they alleged the owner/operator broke a strike by fishing and processing his own catch to sell. Johnny Christianson had belonged to the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union since he was 15 and thought his operation here was outside the dispute the union had in Vancouver. He lost some 300 feet of net in one tussle with union workers and had another net torn its whole length. He intended to keep his business going.

• The Canadian Union of Public Employees was picketing the courthouse, the provincial assessor's office and the government agent while the union was in dispute with the government over contract negotiations. Vehicle licences and insurance could still be purchased from other island outlets.

*Fifteen years ago*

February 27, 1980

• Early plans for what became known as Channel Ridge went before the Islands Trust. A development density transfer was proposed by Norman Mouat, acting as agent for the landowner of 117 acres on

the west side of St. Mary Lake. It was allowed to be subdivided into 11 lots, worth about \$40,000 each, and also had timber worth about \$100,000. The rights to this development potential would be transferred to an adjacent property in exchange for leaving the 117 acres intact. The idea of density transfer was new and the Trust intended to ask the provincial government to allow it to go forward.

*Ten years ago*

February 27, 1985

• B.C. Ferries was to make advance payment necessary for reservations. Payment by credit card would be accepted. Cancellations would be refunded up to 30 days in advance. After that there were no refunds, but no-shows who had paid would have a five-day grace period to use their tickets.

• A planning association study of the consequences of incorporation of Salt Spring was to present its report in the near future. If the study showed the idea to be absurd, it would be dropped. But if the information seemed reasonable the idea would be taken to a vote. Salt Spring had been incorporated in the 1880s, but the status was later revoked by the provincial government. In the 1960s an incorporation vote failed.

*Five years ago*

February 28, 1990

• Weldwood of Canada Ltd. was considering logging 100 hectares of its 305 hectares of land on Mount Bruce. A final decision had not been made, woods manager Sandy Grey said, but would be likely in the next two weeks.

• The Crown Land Use Coalition passed a motion that asked the Capital Regional District to apply for tenure on most of the Crown land on the island. A government report on what it might do with 2,000 hectares of Crown land was expected to be released soon.



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Rainbow Road, Room S212*

DATE: *Monday, March 20, 1995*

TIME: *7:00 p.m.*

Information regarding New Directions will be presented. Progress of the Southern Gulf Islands Steering Committee will be reported.

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# Graduation set for June 2-4; students attend Victoria shows

By NEILL ARMITAGE  
Counsellor Coordinator

If the grapevine hasn't already reached you with the news, graduation this year takes place June 2, 3 and 4.

Fundraising continues this month with a "monster" bottle drive Sunday and a fashion show on March 31. The latest styles of clothes available through local clothing stores and some island handcrafters will be modelled.

Jean Sissons has made arrangements for students from her class and Jack Barclay's to attend two theatre presentations in Victoria, one on March 10 and one on May 2. Encourage your child to take along an autograph book for the first one because the author of the production will be there. Jean may have a few extra tickets for students. Give her a call at 537-0777.

The students in these classes are raising funds to offset some of their transportation costs; and if you'd like to help with this fundraising, send along your GVM tapes or let the cashiers at Thrifty Foods know that you want the amount of your grocery bill donated to the Grade 8 travel fund.

On March 27, Dave Street will be delivering his entertaining message about modern work place realities to students in the career preparation classes. Parents who wish to sit in on this would likely find it most informative. Check with a senior student about the exact time, or call Scott (537-9944).

Also at the end of this month, members of the Rotary Club will be in the school conducting mock interviews with career preparation students. If your son or daughter is

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involved in this, you might find it enlightening to debrief them about the types of questions they face during these interviews.

Mike Verge and his students in the agriculture program need used lumber and bricks of all sorts and sizes. They need to build an end on to the greenhouse and more fencing and a couple of gates are under construction. Used pruning or gardening tools would also be greatly appreciated, and if you can donate some manure, Mike needs it. If you can deliver it, great, but if you can't, Mike and his students will pick it up. Call 537-1812.

Many parents and students are asking about admission requirements and deadlines for applications to universities and colleges. While there are some very general rules about subject requirements for the colleges and universities, the majority of courses have their own entrance criteria. At the university level, for instance, anyone who intends to study family and nutritional sciences will find that there are specific requirements and deadlines to enter this program.

Since there are literally hundreds of programs, we cannot provide you with accurate information in the time that we have to serve the needs of our 590 students. However, we are teaching senior students how to conduct their own searches. Maggie Allison helps students complete applications every Tuesday during lunch hour. We do have volunteer parents who are helping students and parents

look for information about courses of study; and we do have a lot of information that Mary Lou Speed sorts out every week for students and parents to read.

The following deadlines for applications should be viewed with a healthy touch of skepticism, but they will give you a general idea of what you are facing if anyone in your family is intending to apply to these institutions. The telephone number and following fax number have been included for you to use to ensure you are on track for your specific situation. Most courses are filled by qualified students on a first-come, first-served basis, so now is a good time to apply.

Douglas College, June 1, 527-5478, 527-5095; Malaspina, March 31, 755-8752, 741-2494; Camosun, July 7, 370-3558, 370-3661; UBC, April 30, 822-3014, 822-2015; SFU, May 1, 291-3224, 291-4969; UVic, May 15, 721-7211, 721-7212; BCIT, none, 800-667-0676, 430-1331; Van Com College, none, 443-8300, 443-8588.

If you are not sure what a particular school offers, contact them and ask about special tours. Simon Fraser, for instance, is offering daily tours during spring break (291-3397 for reservations). Also, take in the open houses.

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**FULL OF BEANS:** Bean Supper organizer Donna Moulton checks out some of the organic beans to be served Saturday at Beaver Point.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

## Beans highlight menu at annual south-end do

Full of beans — that's how volunteers hope a host of islanders will feel this weekend after attending the (almost) annual bean supper at Beaver Point Hall.

The beanfest starts with a first sitting Saturday at 5 p.m., followed by two more at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Admission, available at the door, will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 for a family.

Coordinator Donna Moulton expects 450 people to show up for the benefit (beanefit?) and help raise the \$1,400 required for the fire insurance on Beaver Point Hall. The event was first held more than 30 years ago, when it was suggested to the hall committee by Mrs. E.J. Wilson and Mrs. Donald Fraser as a way to raise money for insurance.

"It's a tradition, part of the community heritage," Moulton said. For many years the beans served at the supper were those grown by Beaver Point farmer Gordon Ruckle. Well-known south-end residents have been frequent volunteers over the years: June Stevens and her sister Joyce, Lotus

and Gordon Ruckle and family, Val Reynolds, Dave Beck, Vera Lockston and the Patterson family.

Moulton is coordinating a 100-plus army of volunteers who will produce pots of steaming baked beans, salad, buns, fresh-pressed apple juice, coffee, tea and home-baked pies.

She would prefer to use the original Ruckle beans for the supper but admits that as heirloom, specialty beans, they are now too expensive to serve.

Instead, the cooks will be working with organic navy beans, using a recipe developed by bean expert Dan Jason.

Approximately 40 per cent of the beans will contain meat and 60 per cent will be vegetarian.

Fifty pounds of beans will be prepared for the supper. Moulton also anticipates serving 50 dozen buns and 100 pies. Almost 30 volunteers will man the kitchen Saturday night.

In addition to the bean supper, there will be bluegrass music and a raffle for a homemade lemon pie.

## Here's an Irish dish for St. Patrick's Day

By **TERRA TEPPER**  
Driftwood Contributor

Potatoes are traditionally planted as well as eaten on St. Patrick's Day. The following Irish potato dish is easy, filling and tasty, and very warming on a cold day.

### Colcannon

1 1/2 lbs. potatoes  
1 1/2 lbs. kale or cabbage  
1/2 lb. leeks  
1 cup milk  
2 ounces butter  
Salt and pepper

Wash and cut potatoes into chunks (peel them if you wish) and boil until tender.

While potatoes cook, clean kale or cabbage, chop coarsely and steam or boil until tender.

While potatoes and kale cook, wash leeks carefully, slice, and

## WHAT'S COOKING

simmer in milk until tender.

Drain potatoes, add butter and mash. Drain kale and beat into the potatoes. Add leeks and as much of the milk as needed to provide a fluffy texture. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

In Northern Ireland, the kale or cabbage is omitted and 16 green onions are substituted for the leeks. The dish is then known as Champ, Stalk or Chappit Tatties. With leeks selling for \$2.50 a pound right now, you may prefer to try the Northern Ireland version. There is also a Scottish variation, with cooked carrots mashed with the potatoes.

## Superfood expert to speak next week on nutrition

Superfoods of the 90s will be the topic of a discussion next Wednesday at Ganges.

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LaHue said she cannot keep Graci's products on the shelf and even has customers coming from Vancouver Island.

Entitled Nutrition for the 90s, the workshop will take place at 6:45 p.m. March 15 in the Lancer Building. As there will be limited seating, participants are being encouraged to register by calling North End Fitness at 537-5217.

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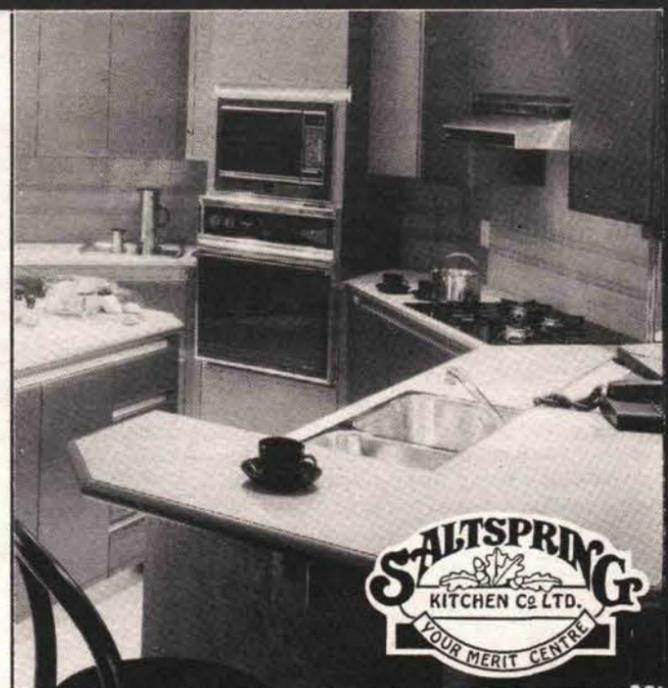
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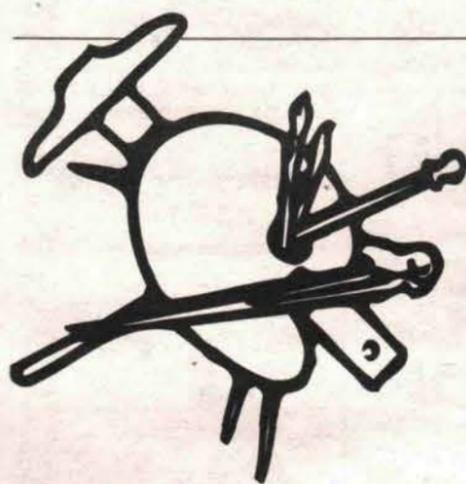
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# Painting people calls for experience

Portrait painter has learned to understand the subject

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

To be a portrait painter, an artist must be able to understand the subject.

So Judy McLaren doesn't resent the years she has spent working in other fields and raising a family. Throughout, she has learned more about people.

Now in her 40s, the Salt Spring painter of portraits feels maturity gives her work depth that a younger artist could not achieve. Rubbing against life adds polish to natural talent and acquired skills.

"It's taken this long for my style to really crystallize," she said in an interview. When she graduated from the Ontario College of Art in 1978, she remembers instructors telling the student artists to experience life before they produced art.

Her life experiences have focused on family and on art, in that order. After graduation, she did two commissions under the Canadian Armed Forces' civilian artists program. One commission resulted in paintings recording the introduction of female guards on Parliament Hill in 1978 and the second recorded the first women officer cadets training at the Chilliwack army base in 1979.

"Those paintings are still hanging in the war museum. I don't know if they'll ever see the light of day," she said. Under the terms of the commission, she received room and board at a military base for 10 days to two weeks.

Then she was required to complete eight works, from which the war museum chose six pieces. Although there was no cash payment for the work, McLaren found the experience exhilarating. "It felt really good because it was the first time out of art school I had done art on a commercial basis."

Although she was working part-time in another field, McLaren still produced enough work through 1978 and 1979 to join in two group shows. In 1980 she landed a job at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto as a museum artist.

For the museum she created diorama backgrounds illustrating scenes which backed up exhibits, scientific illustrations and maps.

At the end of 1983, she and husband Keith moved to Victoria. It was a return home for Keith McLaren, who had been born and raised in the B.C. capital. The west coast was an ideal location to continue his career as a ship's officer.

Judy McLaren also found opportunities in Victoria. She received a commission to paint a portrait of the Anglican bishop, and created the illustrations for two children's books, one entitled *My Grandfather Loved the Stars* and another which is yet to be published.

She also did some children's book covers for local publishing houses.

Meanwhile, children became central to her life with the birth of



**PORTRAIT OF A FRIEND:** Artist Judy McLaren with an uncompleted portrait of a friend. As a challenge, she is creating the work in shades of brown.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

a daughter, Katie, and then a son, Alex. For the next six years, she put most of her energy into her family. "My children come first. I've never had any pangs of guilt putting my paint brush aside for my children."

Two years ago, Keith McLaren became a chief mate for B.C. Ferries, sailing out of Long Harbour. He had been with the ferry corporation since 1991 and his new, full-time position required a move to Salt Spring.

With both children now in school — Katie is 10 and Alex is 7 — McLaren is able to paint full-time. This means four and a half hours daily "on a good day when no one is sick and I don't have parents' meetings. That's the most I can hope for as a full-time mom."

But even half a day of painting time is giving McLaren the scope to expand and refine her skills. She has completed three major

commissions, all portraits of children. She is also working on a series of portraits of family and friends.

"I'm getting into my own work with a view to accumulating work for a show of my own," she said.

Her heroes are all portrait painters ... Degas, Vermeer, Rembrandt. She also uses traditional techniques. She stretches her own linen canvas and primes the canvas with lead white gesso. "It gives a beautiful warm glow to all the paint over it."

She also uses traditional oil paints. "There's the new-fangled water soluble, which I wouldn't touch with a barge pole."

She shrugs off the potential hazards of prolonged exposure to the materials, pointing out that Titan died of lead poisoning but not until he was well into his 90s.

Her paintings are large, frequently measuring four feet square. Another disadvantage in



**CAPTURING CHARACTER:** Brendan Wilson and sister Caitlin were captured by portrait painter Judy McLaren.

terms of marketing her work is that there is not the same ready market for portraits as for landscapes.

McLaren points out that landscapes provide an escape for the viewer. But a portrait or figure painting must be confronted.

"Landscapes leave me cold. I'm moved by them but not to paint

them. I guess I was born to paint people."

By the time she finishes a painting, she usually knows her subject well. "I try to capture the essence of them."

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# Judith Forst headlines bill at Tuned Air evening of song

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island is renowned for having experiences that other Canadians can only dream about. But Tuned Air's big spring fundraiser this year promises to take the musical cake.

April 1, the combined talents and networking of the community choir have succeeded in drawing world-renowned mezzo-soprano Judith Forst to an intimate, candlelit evening of elegance and song at All Saints by-the-Sea.

Salt Spring resident Mary Anne Barcellona, star of the opera and musical stage, and basso cantate Doug De Villiers will flesh out the program with duets and solos from the 18th to the 20th centuries.

"It will be an elegant, beautiful evening of exquisite music and food and entertainment," Tuned Air fundraising co-ordinator Donna Regen said. "Everything about the evening — the food, the refreshments, the visual setting and the raffle draw — will be in the same league as the music presented."

"We're trying to create an experience which can't usually be had on Salt Spring," general manager Anne Millerd said.

"Or anywhere," choir director Bruce Ruddell added. "It's world-class music happening in what will be an intimate setting."

Ruddell described Forst as a "very generous person" who agreed to come to Salt Spring

for the benefit of Tuned Air.

"(Forst) has been very, very supportive of Canadian talent," Ruddell said. "She is an ardent nationalist when it comes to Canadian culture — yet she had to leave the country to make it."

Forst, who is a member of the Order of Canada, has played in every major opera house in North America including 10 seasons at New York's Metropolitan Opera House. Recent roles include Elvira in Mozart's Don Giovanni and Giovanna Seymour in Bellini's Anna Bolena.

**It will be an elegant, beautiful evening of exquisite music and food and entertainment**

Mary Anne Barcellona and Doug De Villiers are both familiar names in Canadian opera and operetta. They both appeared on stage on Salt Spring in 1986 with music from The Tales of Hoffman in 1986 and are returning to the island to sing solos and duets from classical and popular repertoire.

Mozart, Mendelssohn and songs from the stage hit Porgy and Bess will be on the program. Barcellona will sing a solo from Phantom of the Opera,

in which she starred on the Canadian national tour of the show. De Villiers' solo pieces will include a song from the Victor Hugo-based stage musical, Les Miserables.

Both artists will be accompanied by Salt Spring pianist Chris Kodaly who will also play during intermission and after the concert. Forst will be accompanied by her own acclaimed pianist, Bruce Johnson, whose recent work includes musical direction for the film, Little Women.

The calibre of the whole evening will be up to the standards set by the singers and musicians, Regen promised. Candlelight, savoury things to eat and wines and cheeses are complimentary with the price of admission. After the concert there will be refreshments, but the evening includes yet another fabulous treat: an open informal reception with the artists after the concert.

This is highly unusual, Millerd said. Not many people are invited to go backstage at the Orpheum or any other theatre where this calibre of music is presented. But Salt Spring seems to break the rules. All the artists appearing April 1 agreed to the idea.

Tickets for the island operatic event of the year are \$35 each and can be purchased by phoning Gulf Islands Realty at 537-5577. Tickets for a raffle to be drawn the night of the concert are also available from Tuned Air members.

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## Readers celebrate freedom with titillating literary event

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

There can be little doubt that most people who packed the Legion Hall Saturday night went away titillated. The first annual Salt Spring erotic literary evening — held to mark Freedom to Read Week — was certainly more than a one-night wonder and the island is likely to see a second and third such event in the future.

Organizers had found the right combination of highly talented readers and writers to come out, they had created a candlelit milieu surrounded by artwork and fortified by spirits, and added a touch of blues for good measure.

The efforts of each speaker — there were 12 of them — would be impossible to relate. They were all excellent and while this was not at all the sexiest of the erotic literary evenings I have ever been to, it was certainly entertaining. The poems ranged from Joe Rosenblatt's aquatic-eroticism to Sandi Johnson's character with

Harley-Davidson undershorts.

But one or two of the works still stand out after a whole weekend's reflection and that power to take hold on the mind must be acknowledged.

Diana Hayes read a poem, from works in progress, which included the most amazingly sensitive beach seduction. Given that this is so typical a scene of islands-in-paradise romances, her refreshing treatment, which really conjured up familiar beachside, boatside, waterside images, was beautiful.

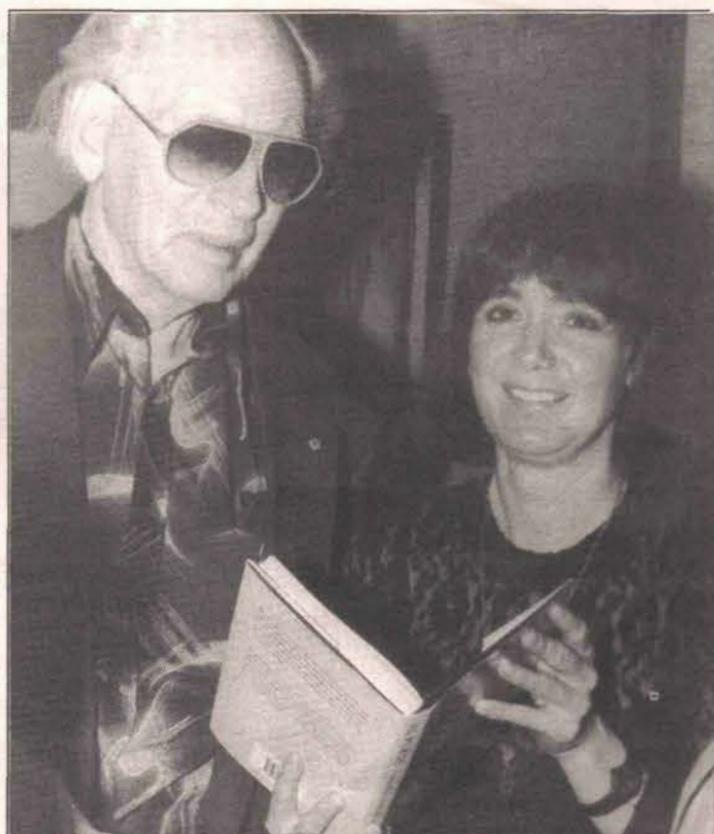
Sean Virgo read a poem almost in the Aeschylean tradition of tragedy: drama, fate, battles between gods and men. But he turned the ancient Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, his sometime-wife, on its head. It was powerful, with language as striking and original as the ancient Greeks'. His first piece, Eros, was equally memorable, though reflective and poignant, concerning the mutual seduction of a visiting young man by a farmer's wife.

Sheri-D Wilson's poems are

the kind that must be listened to and must be recited by the artist herself. She read a range of poems and used a closetful of voices to bring her sex-starved and sex-bemused characters alive. There were intimations of animal-love and comic-colourful sex-shop images like edible underwear tasting of kibbles and bits. Her ovulation poem was probably more humorous to women and fish in the audience, though I laughed too.

Patrick Lane ended the series with a more serious and thought-provoking number of poems. One explored a rural ritual involving a calf and coming-of-age; another skirted just beyond description of rape at a psychiatric hospital.

And he told the audience that "there is in every ritual necessity which moves us to the light." Isn't that why human rituals in sex — all of them — should be encouraged to be done openly? Isn't that movement toward the light what this erotic literary evening is all about?



**FREEDOM TO READ:** Author Al Purdy autographs his book for poet Diana Hayes, who purchased the copy in an auction at literary event Saturday.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Five short plays are enthralling

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Are you nuts? That was the question posed by five short plays at Beaver Point Hall last week. The answer was chocolate.

"Shamelessly parading our neuroses," as the program notes described the intimate actions on the intimate stage, was bang on. I didn't think there were so many neuroses in western Canada, let alone on Salt Spring Island. It made for good theatre, by and large, told in thought-provokingly humorous vein for the most part.

Naomi in the Living Room scored the most points for psychedelic colour — where did Laurie Clarke get those clothes? — and audibility. Loud was her make-up and piercing were her screams/cackles: truly a character one cannot forget. Clarke played an excellent mood-changing psychotic who terrorizes her cross-dressing husband and his straight-laced wife.

A.R. Gurney's play, *The Problem*, was equally enthralling. Like in a whodunit, the playwright builds his characters slowly and, unlike the more staid murder mysteries, throws in more than a few volte-faces and queer habits of the sexual revolution era. Some of the surprises in the dialogue were humorous more than shocking, but that did not detract from enjoying the piece.

Jeremy Davis played a perfect university campus-secluded Mr. Beaver professor, thinking aloud with his pipe in his mouth. Laurie Clarke played the 1970s wife-made-hip-by-(sexual revolution)-guilt perfectly. All her decisions, as wild and crazy as they were, were made coolly and with the confidence of her (new) intellectual convictions. The ending, while it did not come "completely unawares" was well done.

Two other plays in the series were less successful. *I Was a Presbyterian Love Slave* was hampered by its relationship to the audience. It was a monologue, delivered by Kelly Hayes. Monologues are hard to sustain but sustained nervous excitement is impossible. That may be a fault with the script, which relies on its setting merely to come to a comfortable conclusion. The idea of dissecting the world of personal ads has a lot of potential but an insecure Surrey space cadet was not the medium.

Linda Her was a short play that started with an interesting premise: wife gives girlfriend to husband and

abandons household during weekend getaway. Very 1970s. Very free love. But I felt the (in)action got bound down on the couch and the play was not as successful for me as it might have been.

The series ended with a jewel of a playlet which tickled the funny-bones of anyone who remembered Warner Bros. cartoons of the 1960s. Jeremy Davis played an attorney at law defending the much-injured Wile E. Coyote against the ACME

company for product liability and improper cautionary labelling. Anyone who remembered the cartoon would have smiled to hear how the various misadventures of the poor creature were thwarted by roadrunner and the backfiring rocket skates, sure-fire lead weights and other instruments of destruction which Coyote tried to use. A great final piece which answered the question that we all must have been nuts to laugh.

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# Hornby duo brings storytelling, dance to Fernwood

Magical storytelling followed by a lively hour of old-fashioned dancing will be presented at Fernwood Elementary Saturday.

Kaetz and Glover, a dynamic duo from Hornby Island, will start their performance with an hour of storytelling. Anne Glover tells original stories and folk tales, enhanced by her expressive face

and many voices. Sign language, string figures and the music of David Kaetz on keyboard, clarinet or guitar, adds drama to the tales.

The pair will tell stories from their latest album, Jazzrabbits. "Through Glover's evocative performances, you can feel the Jazzrabbits' frightened, little beating hearts and Spider's funny, tiny

power. It's a conjurer's trick and it's wonderful, exciting, sometimes deliciously scary," reviewer Joseph Blake wrote.

Following 45 minutes of storytelling, an intermission will be held. Refreshments will be available — bring your own mug, organizers say — while chairs are moved for the second part of the evening.

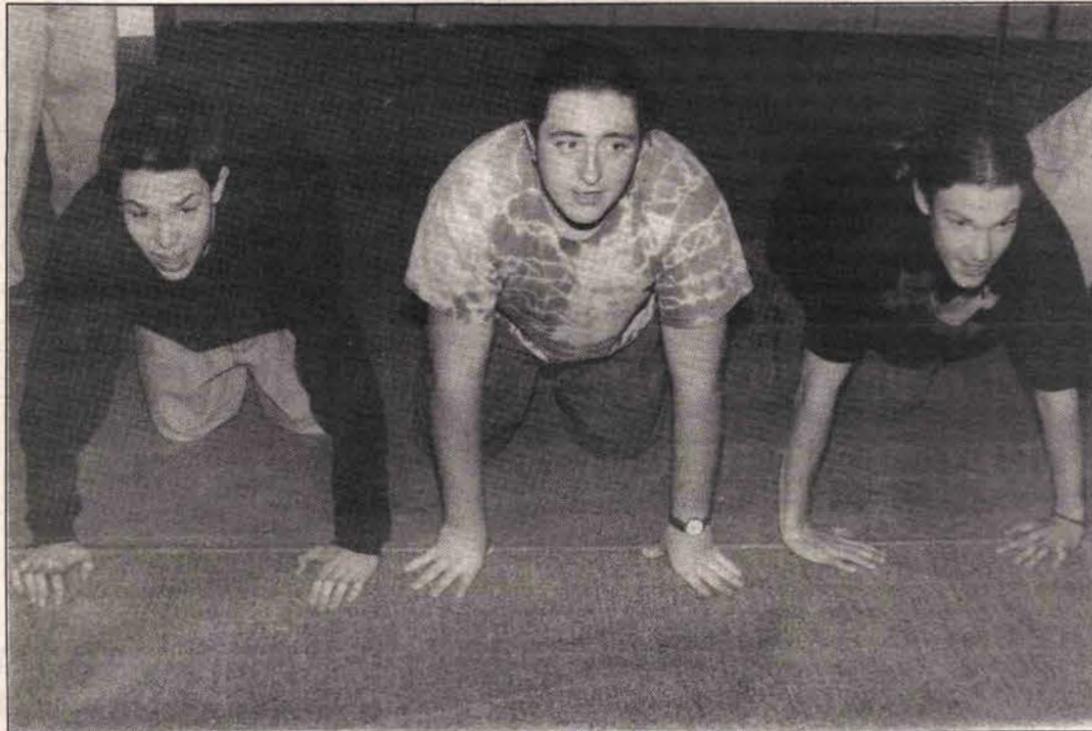
The second half will feature a family dance for children and adults alike. Glover will teach and call a simple series of dances based on traditional forms.

Frequent performers at schools throughout B.C., Kaetz and Glover are invariably asked to return for follow-up performances. The concert and dance are suitable

for children aged five and older and for all adults.

Tickets are \$3.50 per person. The concert starts at 7 p.m. in the Fernwood School gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited to 225 people so those who wish to attend are urged to obtain tickets early.

For more information, call 537-1878.



**SPELLBOUND:** Jessen Dakin, left, Kevin Willingham, centre, and Jeremy Miller appear spellbound as they rehearse for high school production of Godspell. Photo by Tony Richards

## GISS to present Godspell

A full-blown, Broadway show opens at Gulf Islands Secondary School next month when students present the rock opera Godspell.

The story and teachings of Jesus Christ are presented in a fashion and a language that can be understood by people of all ages, says director and drama instructor Doug Bambrough.

The show opens April 4 and runs for five nights at the high

school's multi-purpose room. Tickets, at \$9 for adults and \$6 for children, will be available from March 13 at et cetera and at the door.

A special dinner and theatre package will be offered Friday, April 7 when the school's cafeteria program prepares a gourmet dinner before the show. Reserved seating at \$16 per person will be available from et cetera.

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# Porlier lightstation keeper last to be permanent?

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

Charles Ray, keeper at the Porlier Pass lightstation, is still on the job. He is to retire next month, however, and wonders if the announced cutbacks in the civil service might just spell the end of the island's lightstation as a manned facility.

Ray and his wife Alice have been in charge at Porlier Pass since February 1994. "If they do decide to automate the station they will likely put in a temporary keeper for a while," Ray commented. "They just can't close the place down and shut the door."

The writer visited the Rays on one of those bright sunny days we all enjoyed at the end of February. The setting is beautiful, the gardens immaculate, the buildings gleaming in a new coat of white and red. Amidst all this beauty the thought occurred that perhaps the government should adopt an entrepreneurial spirit and rent out the space (the lightkeeper's house) rather than demolish it. Isolated it is, but in this setting surely many would vie for the privilege of living there.

Another thought occurred: should the federal and provincial govern-

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ments manage to agree, some of the station's buildings might be utilized as a home for an overseer of facilities and a warden for nearby Dionisio Point Park. A little supervision there would do no harm.

Although closed to vehicular traffic because of road construction now under way, it is still possible to walk to Dionisio Point Park and many do so. Winter storms have brought down some trees near the lagoon - now being cleared away - and erosion of the sea bank along the edge of the midden in this area is a concern.

Perhaps it is time for some replanting of firs and cedars here in order to hold the soil and to replace thinning mature trees which are, one by one, ending up the casualties of winter storms.

### Remembering Pat Connelly

A wake was held here on Sunday for Pat Connelly. A resident of the senior citizens' village for the last nine years, Pat was a familiar figure

at many community events. He was an active member of the Galiano Lions for several years, and at the time of his death was a member of the South Galiano Fire Department. As such he was often to be seen at the Activity Centre, acting as a parking attendant when large meetings were being held.

The writer's first meeting with Connelly was at the South Hall shortly after he came to the island. It was "culture night," a Handel opera was the featured entertainment and, because of the importance of the occasion, all comers were asked to "dress." Floor-length gowns, shirts, jackets and ties were the order of the day, and there was Connelly resplendent in white shirt, tie and tails, showing the opera-goers to their seats.

Connelly was best known here for his friendship and helpfulness to the late Alice Maier. Alice was in her middle-to-late 90s, newly moved to the senior citizens' centre (Wrinkle Village, Connelly called it). She was lonely in her new home, considering herself a prisoner, no longer able to ramble down the road on her bicycle.

Befriended by Connelly, she was never lonely again. He drove

her to the store in his truck, picked up her prescriptions in town and drove her there as well in order to get her hearing aid adjusted or keep medical appointments. Thanks to Connelly she was always on the go, and a very much happier lady as a result. His kindness to Alice was a good indicator of the kind of fellow he was. Others in need were also recipients of his caring ways. He will be missed by many on the island.

Connelly was in his 73rd year. He is survived by his wife in Vancouver, a son, two daughters and two grandchildren.

### Allan Haszard passes

Allan Haszard passed away in hospital in Victoria on February 22. He was not well known by many on the island today, but his association with Galiano goes back almost 40 years.

He came to Galiano in the late 50s after purchasing the old Morgan house which was located at the end of the road of that name. Unoccupied for some time before his purchase, the house and property required some restoration.

Allan took on this task with spirit, his two daughters Julie (Lucey)

and Margaret (Parrott) travelling to the island each weekend.

In early December 1973 Haszard was awakened in the middle of the night by the noise of crackling, smoke and flames: the old wooden house had caught fire. He escaped in his nightshirt, clutching a favourite painting. The remainder of his collection of antiques went up in flames with the house. His hopes to rebuild on the site were dashed by financial matters and he was forced to sell his park-like acreage.

An equestrian - he had named his home Ridinghill - Haszard then travelled to Spain where he was befriended by a Spanish family in San Roque near Cadiz. The Ramos family were breeders of Andalusian horses. An admirer of the breed, Allan took much interest in his adopted family and in their thoroughbreds.

His last years were spent here on Galiano with his daughter Julie and her husband Bill at their home on Whaler Bay - with yearly trips back to Spain to visit his friends there.

A celebration of his life will be held in the Galiano Lions Park Centre building on Saturday at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

# John Fryer 'positive force in labour movement'

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

John Fryer was invested into the Order of Canada last Wednesday by Governor-General Romeo LeBlanc at Rideau Hall. The Order of Canada was established July 1, 1967 as an award for the highest quality of citizenship to persons whose contributions enrich the lives of their contemporaries. The motto of the order is, "They desire a better country." An advisory council led by Chief Justice Antonio Lamer selects citizens to receive the award.

The citation for Fryer reads, "John Fryer, President Emeritus of the National Union of Public and General Employees, has also been a driving force in the B.C. Federation of Labour and the Canada Labour Congress. His leadership, bargaining skills and commitment to economic and social justice have been a positive force in the Canadian labour movement."

The ceremony began with the formal presentations in the ballroom. Afterwards guests mingled in the lounge. A reception line into the dining room gave all the guests a chance to meet the governor-general and his wife before dinner.

A palliative care workshop was presented to a group of 13 Saturna volunteers recently by nurse Eveline Pire and social worker Joyce Mulgrew from the Juan De Fuca Hospital Society.

Subjects included The Needs of the Dying, Some Common Responses Associated with Grieving, The Tasks of Grief and What Helps, Do's and Don'ts of Volunteering, and Physical Changes as Death Approaches.

The group decided to band together to form a palliative care team. Their training will continue with a workshop on communications and self-care to be held at the Medical Centre March 24, from 10:45 to 4 p.m.

B.C. Ferries will hold an open house at the Community Hall March 11 to discuss the options and issues which will define our ferry service over the next 10 years. Two representatives of B.C. Ferries will be on hand for the discussion with a group facilitator.

The day will be scheduled with an open house from 1 to 2 p.m. followed by a formal presentation

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from 2 to 3:30. A time of response will finish up the afternoon. Small groups will meet to share ideas and there will also be an opportunity for speaking directly with the B.C. Ferries representatives until the meeting concludes at 5 p.m.

The Official Community Plan is under review and the Local Trust Committee invites everyone to attend an information session Saturday, March 18 at 8:00 at the hall. This is the first in a series of three meetings being held to involve islanders in the establishment of guidelines for future land use on Saturna.

Please mark March 18 and 19 on your calendar. The hall is due

for spring cleaning and this is the weekend. All user groups are expected to send a delegation to participate in the work. Everyone who benefits from the community hall in any way may use this weekend to show their appreciation. In the past this has proved to be an enjoyable community get-together. With good participation the job will seem easy and maybe even fun.

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To be considered for priority implementation in the 1995 field season, completed applications should be received by Ministry of Forests Regional offices no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 31.

For more information or copies of the program handbook, contact:



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