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## Teacher survey finds widespread discontent

Lack of consultation and poor communication have led to low morale and dissatisfaction among local teachers, a survey has found.

A survey of its members by the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) has revealed that a majority of teachers in the Gulf Islands School District are unhappy with issues ranging from funding levels to district management.

Ninety-six per cent of respondents believe the school board does not consult with teachers or do a thorough review before cutting back or changing programs and services. And 94 per cent believe the board

does not listen to teachers or care about their concerns.

The district's budgeting process also comes under criticism, with 96 per cent of respondents believing the board does not manage its budget well.

In a report accompanying the survey results, GITA claims its voice in budget planning has become "meaningless" and that it has been kept in the dark about financial affairs.

Prepared for the audit of the district which is being carried out by two employees of the Ministry of Education, the teachers' report makes several references to there

being insufficient consultation in a variety of areas. It suggests there ought to be a framework that acknowledges that teachers "have valuable knowledge and information" regarding educational needs.

"To leave decisions on educational programs and services, generally without proper evaluation, planning or public input, solely up to the discretion of educational bureaucrats and non-educators makes a mockery of the public education system," the report says.

Three-quarters of respondents feel that inadequate resources are being allocated to

integrate special needs students into the schools. And GITA charges that the district is abusing the government funding structure for special education programs by claiming more staff than actually provide direct service to students.

Another major concern is teacher wellness. Ninety-eight per cent of respondents feel the school board "has not taken proactive steps to improve efficiency by improving teacher wellness, working conditions and employee morale."

About 60 per cent of GITA's members responded to the survey.



### Campaign gets a boost

Sam Chan of the Golden Island Restaurant gave the heart and stroke foundation a boost last week when he turned over a rusty old donation tin that had been hidden away on

a shelf. Campaign coordinator Mary Ann McColl said the can, one-quarter full of coins, is at least 10 years old.

Photo by Terry Richards

## Kicks play semi-final Sunday at Portlock

Salt Spring Kicks are home team Sunday for the coastal division semi-final in Challenge Cup soccer action.

The under-19 boys' soccer team plays Burnaby Heights United at noon at Portlock Park. The Kicks won the Vancouver Island championship in a game at Comox two weeks ago.

With a win on Sunday, they advance to the final, to be played May 6 or 7 in Port Alberni. Their win in Comox automatically qualifies them for the provincial championships in Kelowna July 7-9.

Coach Don Morrison said the team will likely be short two players for Sunday's game. Chris Jason, who was off for the last game because of a bad ankle, will also miss this one. Eric Byron may also miss the game due to another commitment.

## Ice rink boosters plan drive

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

A membership drive will be conducted as the result of a second meeting of Salt Spring Islanders intent on getting an ice sports facility for the island. About 40 people met at the Salt Spring Elementary School library Thursday night to talk informally about moving ahead with a plan.

Supporters of the ice facility may be helped by the high profile of curling at present, with Canada winning the men's event and coming second in the women's at the world curling championships in Brandon, Manitoba, on the weekend.

A local ice facility could potentially include hockey, curl-

## Sex at every corner and teens are buyers

Last of a series  
By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

They feel judged, threatened and isolated.

Physically, they're taking a risk. Socially, they're likely to encounter little support. Yet statistics show that more and more pregnant teens are choosing to keep and raise their babies.

Some Gulf Islanders believe prevention through education will halt the teen natality rate. Some feel greater community support is the answer, while others say our society needs to completely revise the way it deals with teen pregnancies.

"Services and education are



### TEEN MOMS

only part of the answer," says local midwife Maggie Ramsey.

Last summer, Ramsey spent several months in the Canadian north where teenage pregnancies are the norm. Here, girls are giving birth from 14 years on. However, no one expects they will raise these babies, who are usually adopted out to a grandmother or aunt. Birth mothers nurse their babies and remain an active and visible part of their lives. But they aren't sent off to

live on their own and bring up children when they are merely children themselves, Ramsey notes.

"By the time they've had their third baby or so," Ramsey says, "they figure it's time to grow up and raise their own kids."

"As a society we also need to explore (the process) of adoption. There are so many people who would be great parents but who can't have kids, and there are these young moms, who find they can't cope."

Ramsey notes that society is very judgmental. "These kids end up soldiering on with an 'I'll show you' attitude. We are still very condemning of the mother who gives up her child. We are

not very loving and supportive. If we were, they'd be giving them up."

Leia Holtby is one of the minority of teenage moms who chose to place her first child with adoptive parents. A mother at 16, Holtby soon realized she couldn't cope. Her daughter was adopted by island parents at seven months.

"It wasn't hard at first," Holtby recalls. "I felt good with the decision. But it did get harder and harder for a while. Going to school and living in a small community ... people still ask 'how's your little girl?'"

But Holtby feels confident her



# It's time for the Islands Trust to warm to tourism

Conversations between this writer and the Salt Spring regional director take place but rarely. And when they do, there is more often disagreement than otherwise.

So as someone who would rather seek out areas of agreement than dwell on matters that might send us to blows, I am happy to report having found one of the former.

This newspaper criticized Dietrich Luth earlier this year for his comments in a report on growth strategies in the Capital Region. In typical fashion, Luth wrote critically of many of his constituents and derided their "meddling and political interference in local government."

But his lengthy dissertation began with the observation that the Islands Trust's preserve-and-protect mandate cannot be implemented where there is a free market and free movement of people.

What this means is there is a contradiction between what the Trust is designed to

## TONY RICHARDS



do and what it needs to do — as local government — to support the requirements of those who live within the Trust area.

Ideally, no one would live here and the Trust could properly and easily fulfill its mandate.

What the Trust has had to do is compromise by placing strict limitations upon the activities of landowners and what they may do with their land, without forcing them off altogether.

Unfortunately, many of those limitations severely hamper economic opportunities for islanders, including the only real industry the islands can boast. Tourism is what

sustains many islanders, and to many islanders it is a sustainable, clean industry compatible with the island lifestyle.

The Trust, however, has always had a bit of a problem with tourists: too many of them and they clog roads and ferries, cause a fire hazard, consume too much water and leave too much waste. They clutter the landscape, make too much noise and often choose to arrive in those ugly RVs when bicycles are really the only proper means of tourist transportation.

Salt Spring trustee Grace Byrne describes herself as "lukewarm" about tourism. Yet this is an industry that helps provide a living for a large number of islanders, a living that simply could not be had otherwise. Surely to be lukewarm about tourism is to be lukewarm about our economic well-being.

Rarely considered in the debates over matters such as this, sustainable development, growth strategies and other such popular caus-

es are the prospects for future generations.

Twenty-four per cent of Salt Spring's population in 1991 was under the age of 20. Today that's probably more than 2,200 young people, children of island families who will join the work force with similar expectations held by their parents 20 years before.

What hope is there for their expectations if we impose strict limits on the types of economic development that take place on the islands?

In the 20 years that the Trust has been around, our attitudes have softened — thankfully — towards business and the profits it must make. For without it the health of the community will suffer.

There is room for further softening. It's time we became warm to tourism, not lukewarm on the downside or bullish on the upside but just plain warm.

We're not going to provide jobs here for all our children over the next 20 years, but let's not shut them out altogether.

## Committee proposes fee structure for use of Salt Spring school facilities

Increasing budget constraints mean the Gulf Islands School District has to charge for the use of its buildings and grounds.

A proposed fee schedule for Salt Spring schools was brought forward by the operations committee at last week's school board meeting. It proposes three classes of fee-paying adult and youth users — school-sponsored events are always free — with hourly rates ranging from \$3.75 for a single classroom to \$100 for the full high school gym.

The hourly rates are meant to cover heat and lighting bills, oper-

ations committee chairwoman Jean Mabblerley told trustees. "It's felt this is extremely fair."

The four categories for use are: school-sponsored, service club and Parks and Recreation Commission, groups charging fees or admissions, commercial or private activities. Fees are different for youth events from adult events. School-sponsored events are charged nothing.

Use of the high school gym for adults ranges from \$25 per hour for a service club to \$50 per hour for a group charging a fee to \$100 per hour for a private function.

The youth fees would be \$25, \$25 and \$75 per hour respectively.

Use of an elementary gym would cost \$7.50, \$15 and \$30 for the three fee-paying adult categories of user, and \$7.50, \$7.50 and \$22.50 for the three fee-paying youth categories. All rates are by the hour.

Pender and Galiano schools have their own arrangements for community use of the schools. There was some question whether the new fees would apply to Mayne and Saturna. After some debate trustees agreed the fee schedule was for Salt Spring only.

## Stolen Jeep recovered undamaged after theft from parking lot Thursday

A 1988 Jeep YJ was stolen last Thursday night from the Harbour House Hotel parking lot.

The vehicle went missing about 8 p.m. and was found, undamaged, at the end of Churchill Road just after midnight. Ganges RCMP have a suspect and are continuing their investigation.

In other police news:

• Two kayaks were taken from the 300-block Whims Road last week, RCMP report. They are both 16-foot boats. One is a yellow fibreglass Sandpiper;

the other a blue plastic Kyook. Their total value is approximately \$4,800.

Police are asking for help from anyone who may have information about the incident.

• Police have received several complaints about motorists passing school buses when their red lights are flashing and not pulling over for emergency vehicles.

Fines of \$125 can be levied for passing a school bus when its lights are flashing or failing to pull over in front of an emergency vehicle.

## Funding approved

Fulford Elementary School will get its long-awaited addition.

Education Minister Art Charbonneau has announced that funding of \$3.4 million has been approved for the construction of an addition to the school. The announcement came in a letter last week to the Gulf Islands School Board.

## FOR THE RECORD

Last week's coverage of the April 7 ferries planning meeting made reference to the wrong point. Barry Wilks of Mayne Island suggested further consideration be given to a terminal at Isabella Point, not Beaver Point.

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## TEENS: More support needed for young mothers

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daughter's adoptive parents are providing a loving and good environment.

"I know that's where she needs to be. Nobody owns their kids. You could have 100 children, but you'd never own them."

Unlike an "open adoption" where the birth mother remains a visible part of the child's life, Holtby has left it to the adoptive parents to decide what to tell her daughter.

"I'll always have a connection with her," Holtby says. "But they are her parents."

In the past, and in other cultures, Holtby notes, babies born to young mothers were cared for by an extended family. "Now families are so broken down there isn't the support for young families."

What support can young mothers expect on Salt Spring?

As a midwife, Ramsey sees herself as a source of support. "My job is to make them feel okay, show them they are not alone with their problem."

A Salt Spring-based mothers' group, initiated by Ramsey and now run by Kaaren Christ, has 40 mothers on its phone list. Many young mothers belong to this "non-judging" group, which exposes them to "a wide range of island moms" and some "good role models."

Island parents also meet regularly at the United Church Play Group and Kindergym.

"But there is no family planning services, other than doctors, and confidentiality is a big issue."

Public health nurse Chris Smart says her office provides

"professional and non-judgmental help." Initially, she supplies pregnant teens with information on all possible choices to "get them thinking." In the past, she has offered pre-natal classes especially for teens, but found they preferred to attend regular classes.

After the teens have their babies, Smart provides "follow-ups as needed."

Smart notes that in a small community, pregnant teens are more visible: "A community such as ours can be helpful if it chooses to be supportive."

"(We need to recognize) it is where these teens are; it's the choice they've made, so let's support it."

She also notes that the school cannot offer teen moms support in isolation.

"The community, parents, school, medical community and the public health community all need to work together."

Debbie Magnusson, a high school teacher who has taught family life classes, agrees the school cannot work alone. She sees parents as playing a large role in educating their children, "letting them know in a non-judgmental way just what their values are."

"As a result, girls might delay or postpone first intercourse."

She believes early pregnancy is related to a girl's inability to see the future. Pregnancy is less likely to occur to "girls who can see long-term goals and who are

confident and have high self-esteem."

"There is a lot of fear around the subject," she adds. "People fear that if we talk about it, it will happen."

Leia Holtby believes the school system fails teens in some ways.

"Instead of teaching sex education, they need to teach young women how to be all right ... that it's okay not to jump into bed. We're not stupid. We need the tools to say 'I don't want to do this.'"

Ramsey notes that society "glorifies sex at every corner ... the kids are buying what is sold."

She believes it is crucial the high school install condom machines as a "visible reminder."

"It is an acknowledgment from us that nobody is perfect, that sex is a reality. Ethics and morals aside, we are mammals."

"We need to step back from our personal beliefs and look at the situation more globally."

While the opinions on teen pregnancy vary from person to person, all agree something is missing in the community. Holtby describes the missing factor as a "safe place" for pregnant teens and young moms to go. Ramsey describes it as a spot "where they don't feel threatened." Both feel society should reconsider its attitude toward loving and open adoptions.

All agree this society has to take the judgment and the fear out of the situation.

"In a small community," Ramsey says, "we could be dealing with this a lot better."



Ramsey

## ICE RINK: Membership drive gets underway

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ing, figure skating, recreational skating and in the summer, roller skating.

Ken Mackie, one of the organizers of last week's meeting, said a group has been talking about an ice arena for the island since last fall. February 8, the Salt Spring Island Ice Park Society was formed with the purpose of designing, constructing and operating a facility for recreational ice sports. A decision had been made to concentrate on the ice rink and curling for the time being, he said, though the long-range plan for any recreation facility would include a swimming pool.

"We want progress on the ice facility," Mackie said. "We want a purchase or donation of land. We want construction financed privately. We don't want to wait."

The first thing to do, he said, was to "get a piece of dirt." Members of the society have determined they need at least

four acres and more likely closer to 10 for the proposed facility.

Mackie said the Islands Trust and the Parks and Recreation Commission have indicated they would support an ice facility located in the Ganges core, where it could be serviced with water and sewage disposal. A site on Baker Road, for which ice rink supporters put up and lost \$10,000 on an option to buy, would not have been supported.

Society members were also told that any rezoning of land for an ice arena might have to wait until the Official Community Plan review is finished. That may be late next year. In addition, if agricultural land were purchased for the rink, its rezoning would have to be approved by the Agricultural Land Commission.

For the moment, the new society is concentrating on a membership drive. Single memberships are \$20; families, \$50; and students, \$10. Many of those at

the meeting signed up immediately, including Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan, who claimed the first family membership.

The Ice Park Society will have a booth at the Home Show on the weekend.



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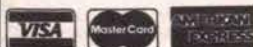
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# Man not guilty of assault related to custody dispute

Mark Fettis of Salt Spring was acquitted on a charge of assault against an island woman after a trial last Tuesday in Ganges provincial court. He was accused of hitting his estranged common-law wife at her home on September 15 last year.

The court was told that Fettis entered the woman's home about 3 p.m., had a quick look around the house and left. Later the court heard that he had gone

## COURT DOCKET

to Ganges to find a small disposable camera. He returned a half-hour later and, the complainant said, "planted beer bottles" upstairs and was taking photos of them in the house.

Outside, near the truck Fettis was driving, there was a brief scuffle over the keys. The com-

plainant said that during the scuffle Fettis hit her twice, holding the camera in his fist. The complainant told the court there was a witness in the house at the time, though the woman did not witness the fight. But mention of the witness was missing from the police report submitted after the incident and the witness could not be found before the trial date.

Fettis testified he went to the

house that afternoon to inspect the living conditions of his daughter, over whom a custody battle was under way. He said he found beer bottles all over the house and denied planting any. He left to buy a camera and returned to take pictures.

While photographing the outside of the house, the complainant grabbed the keys from his truck. Fettis said he grabbed her hand to prevent her throwing the keys away. Then she

went for the camera, which was on the hood of the truck, he said. After a brief struggle, he took the camera away, got in the truck and drove away. He denied hitting her.

Judge Michael Hubbard said it was "not the easiest of cases." He noted the discrepancy of evidence between the two parties and ruled "there is some doubt as to whether the assault took place." He acquitted Fettis of the charge.

## Police go after speeding motorists as injury statistics rise in 1994

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

More than 100 Salt Spring motorists have felt the full and expensive force of the law recently as RCMP have been cracking down on speeding and other traffic violations.

According to Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan, local police have targeted traffic accidents in their short-term operational plan this year.

Each detachment in the province looks at its own policing policies at the beginning of the year and considers how best to improve areas of concern. Ganges RCMP were concerned that injuries from traffic accidents had increased last year.

In 1994 there were 51 injuries, up from 21 in 1993. Both years saw the same number of accidents. Bunyan attributed the increase in injuries to factors such as speed and lack of seatbelts.

"We try to reduce accidents through enforcement and education," Bunyan said.

Earlier in the year, a traffic speed meter was set up outside the Ganges RCMP detachment and at other locations around the

island. The meter read an approaching car's speed and displayed it to the driver. That campaign slowed traffic down for about a month, Bunyan said.

But speeds crept up again when the meter was taken away. So the police have set up more roadblocks, more radar checks and are maintaining more of a presence on island roads. Having

a seventh member of the detachment, up from six, has helped police do the extra on-the-road work involved in this kind of traffic safety campaign.

"We're bringing home the idea that speed kills," Bunyan said.

The first-quarter results of the traffic safety plan on driving habits will be released before the end of the month.

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# Forgery, kidnapping charges will go to B.C. Supreme Court

Two Salt Spring court cases are heading to B.C. Supreme Court later this year as the defendants chose trial by judge and jury. Ganges provincial court is ruled by a judge only.

Orion Holtby is facing two charges related to forgery of a cheque. A cheque for \$981.20 was paid to a limousine company August 13, 1993, payable on an account held by Castaways, a restaurant business based at the time at the Fulford Inn.

Four witnesses were called before Judge Michael Hubbard for a preliminary hearing last week. Hubbard decided there was enough evidence to proceed to trial. No date has been set.

The second trial involves charges of kidnapping against Terrance and Mirjana Russon, Chris Supina and Bruce Wright and charges of assault against Terrance and Mirjana Russon. The kidnapping is alleged to have taken place at Salt Spring Community Services May 26, 1994 while the assault is alleged to have taken place at Fulford ferry terminal the same day.

Judge Hubbard was satisfied from the testimony of the victim at a preliminary hearing that there was enough evidence for trial, which will proceed in Victoria.

In other court news:

• Steven Stevenson of Salt Spring was fined \$450 and given a 12-month driving suspension when he pleaded guilty to drunk driving. He was stopped by police at a road check February 18 just after midnight. Two breath samples registered 0.19 and 0.18. He admitted he "shouldn't have been driving" the van that night.

• Fourteen days in jail was the penalty for a third conviction of drunk driving for islander Larry Timothy Curtis. He pleaded guilty to the offence and will serve weekend sentences at Victoria's Wilkinson Road jail. Curtis was found to be impaired when he was

stopped by police February 4, 1994 near the Fulford Inn. His two breath samples both registered 0.13.

The 35-year-old mason told the court he had always considered himself to be a social drinker, but realized after the incident that he had a drinking problem. He has since given up drinking, a commitment attested by two letters of support.

In view of the relatively low reading of the breath samples and the "substantial amount of work with regard to his drinking problem" he has done, Judge Hubbard gave the man the minimum sentence of 14 days in jail and a 12-month driving suspension.

## The kidnapping is alleged to have taken place at Salt Spring Community Services May 26

• Michael Fisker was fined \$200 for failing to notify the owner of a car he ran into last winter. A resident of Richard Flack Road noticed his vehicle had been hit during the night or early morning of February 26, 1994 after a snowstorm, causing \$1,000 damage.

There was no note saying who had run into the car, though it was clear from the tracks in the snow that a truck had slipped on the hill. RCMP followed the tracks to another house where they found a vehicle whose tires exactly matched the tracks in question. The truck belonged to Fisker. In addition to the fine, he earned six points for failing to report the hit and run.

• David Lucas walked out of court last week with a \$300 fine for driving dangerously, but he retained his driver's licence. The 19-year-old pleaded guilty to a charge of driving dangerously August 27, about 1:35 a.m. He

was caught passing another vehicle over a double solid line approaching a blind corner on Fulford-Ganges Road. When RCMP pursued him, he drove away at speeds up to 90 kmh and through three stop signs before stopping at a Swanson Road address.

• A Salt Spring woman was given a conditional discharge after failing to complete 50 hours of community work service. The woman, who was under 19 when she assaulted a man and was given the work service hours, was put on probation for 12 months and ordered to take anger management counselling by Judge Hubbard.

Crown counsel told the court the woman had her own sense of "frontier justice" with regard to the original assault. She decided not to do the community work service hours because she believed herself not guilty. But the woman only told Judge Hubbard she "did not know" why she did not do the hours. She suffered whiplash in a car accident last fall and has been unable to work at all and lives at home with her parents. Hubbard forgave her the 50 hours of community work service and ordered her to seek counselling instead.

• Scott Rasmussen was fined \$50 for failing to pay a food bill at Kanaka Restaurant and ordered to pay the \$4.60 for the pancake breakfast he was said to have consumed. Judge Hubbard heard that Rasmussen was served a pancake and coffee breakfast June 3, 1994 at about 10 a.m. He ate his meal and left.

When he returned to the restaurant two weeks later, the waitress reminded him to pay for the breakfast, but he refused. Rasmussen pleaded not guilty to the charge because he could not remember eating at the restaurant on the day in question. "Perhaps aliens zapped me and took me there," he suggested. Judge Hubbard didn't buy the story.

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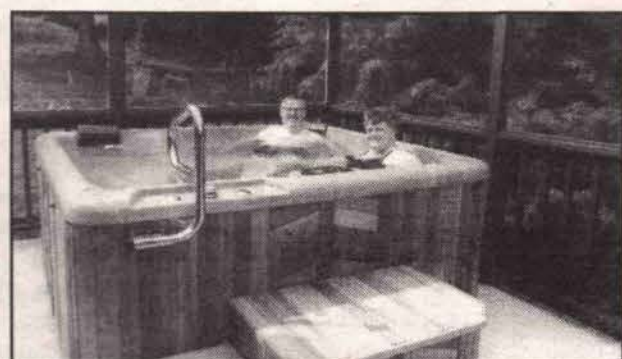
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## Oh boy! Another community project

If enthusiasm and excitement could be measured, it would be interesting to compare the degree to which they were felt at two rather different events on Salt Spring in the past five years.

Last week, enthusiastic and excited members of the Salt Spring Ice Park Society pledged their support for an ice rink. Land would be obtained, funds raised and an arena built. And the hockey players, figure skaters and others appreciative of a truly Canadian sport would come.

Five years ago, enthusiastic and excited members of the Island Arts Centre Society pledged their support for an arts centre. The land was obtained, some of the funds raised and an arts centre half-built.

The comparison may seem odious, but as a means of imposing a measure of realism to the excitement of the moment, it is useful. Besides, most islanders would be horrified at the thought of adding yet another project to the list of those unfinished. And sometimes we need to remind ourselves of our follies.

No one knows at this point what kind of solid support exists for an ice rink. But three years ago, 26 per cent of respondents to a recreation survey favoured an ice arena.

Judging by figures obtained this week from a town in Saskatchewan (where every hamlet has an ice rink), if 1,000 Salt Spring Islanders put up \$1,000 each and then pledged to put up \$100 every year, an ice rink could be built and operated without recourse to the tax base. (This assumes the use of public land for the facility.)

Sounds great, but then so did ArtSpring.

## Fee inequity

It's all right to pay large amounts of cash for the use of school facilities if you live on Salt Spring Island. But if you live on Mayne it is not.

The logic of establishing one fee structure for Salt Spring and another for other parts of the Gulf Islands School District escapes us.

When school trustees were presented with a proposed new fee structure at their meeting last week, it was pointed out that Mayne Island basketball players simply would not pay the suggested amount. Okay, it was agreed, the structure will not apply to Mayne.

Granted, average income levels are significantly higher on Salt Spring than Mayne (about 30 per cent, according to the last census), but is that justification for implementing different fees for different locales?

Or is it that Salt Spring basketball players have indicated a willingness to dig more deeply into their pockets and extend a helping hand to a school district in the throes of budgetary distress?

To the first question, we think not. To the second, we doubt it.

School trustees should reconsider their decision. Islanders should expect equal treatment, no matter where they live.

## A success story that continues to unfold

Like people, communities experience their successes and their failures. And just so long as the former outnumber the latter, life goes merrily on.

A Salt Spring success about which we have written before is the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library. Here is a facility with everything going for it: supportive membership, a literate population, a convenient location and a solid base of volunteer workers.

These components have helped create an organization whose strength must be the envy of several others on the island, organizations whose goals are no less noble but whose support is not quite as sound.

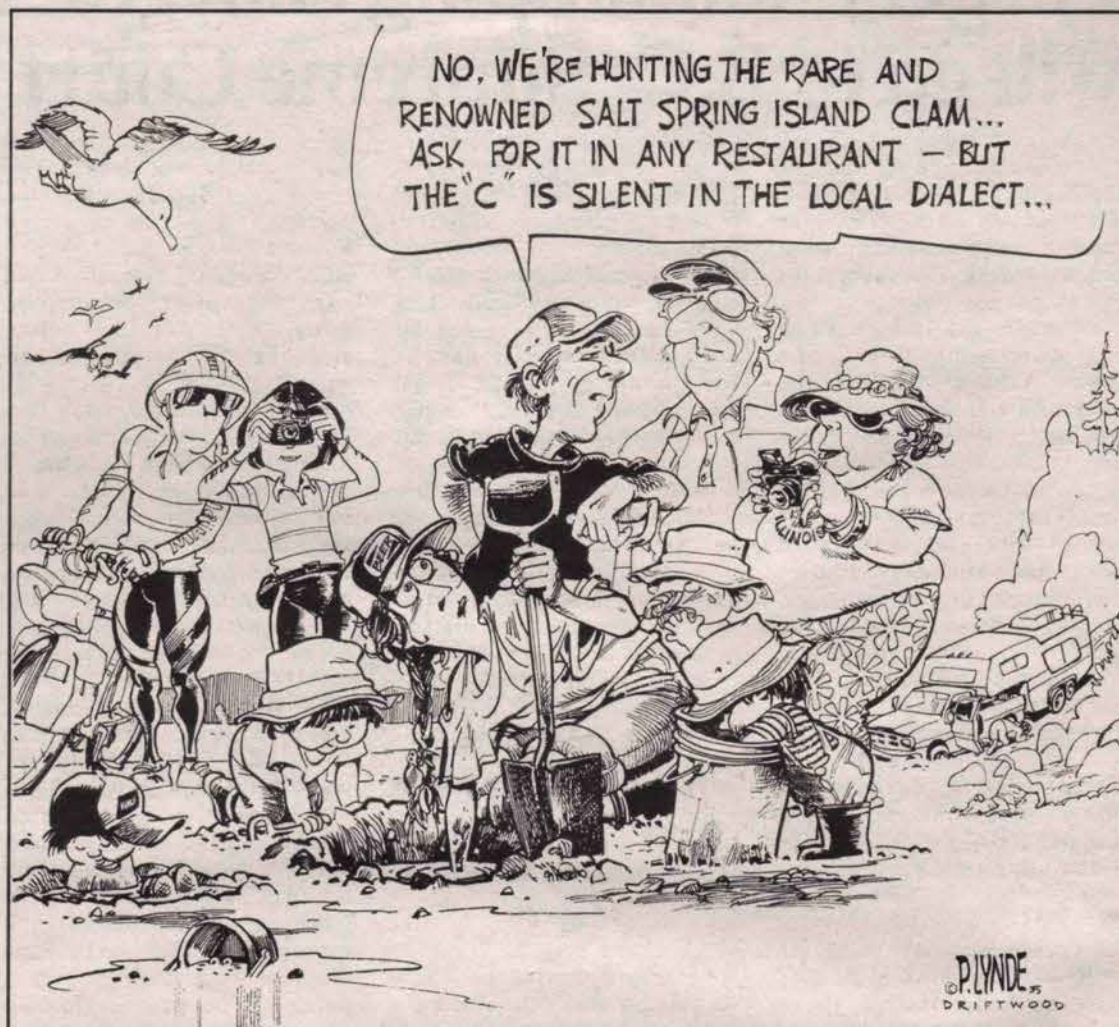
Earlier this year the library withstood the full force of the B.C. Legislature, whose attack by way of the Libraries Act left library board members wondering if the facility's survival was threatened.

They needn't have worried. Volunteer memberships flooded in and the attempt by faceless bureaucrats and out-of-touch politicians to impose their own agenda was thwarted.

But the story does not end there.

This week, library volunteers are hunched over computer keyboards, discovering the astonishing new world of a modern cataloguing system. The installation of computers means a monumental change in the library. The efficiency gains will be tremendous, even for an operation that had few if any efficiency problems to begin with.

The processing and delivery of information by the library will be brought up to speed, an improvement that will ensure it continues to play a vital role in the lives of Salt Spring Islanders.



## If one conclusion is to be drawn, it is that authority be questioned

Last week I attended the Holocaust symposium at the high school. One of the speakers, Mrs. Bronia Sonnenschein, was a survivor of Auschwitz. As I listened to her story of almost unimaginable cruelty and horror, the inevitable questions arose.

"How could this have happened? How could ordinary human beings, people who look just like you or me, people who went home (we learned) after a hard day's work at the concentration camp to relax with their wives and play with their children — how could they do this to other human beings?"

Questions that have been bouncing around our culture for 50 years. Questions that are ultimately unanswerable. Certainly no single answer, explanation or theory will ever suffice.

Over the years, however, a few scattered clues have emerged here and there. As I listened to Mrs. Sonnenschein, I remembered a short video clip I saw in Vancouver in March. It was part of a lecture entitled Facing Fascism: The Search for the Roots. It showed one sequence from a series of experiments conducted by a Yale psychologist, Stanley Milgram, to measure and explore the phenomenon of obedience to authority.

The subjects were told they were studying the effects of punishment on learning. They were assigned the role of "teacher" and were instructed by the experimenter to administer an electric shock to the "learner," who was in an adjacent room, every time the learner gave a wrong answer. As well, for every wrong answer they were to move one level higher on the "shock generator."

The switches were clearly marked: they ranged from Slight Shock through Strong, Very Strong and Intense to Danger: Severe Shock. The machine did not deliver an electric shock to the victim. The subjects did not know this, though, and the results of Milgram's experiments were truly shocking.



**"How could ordinary human beings, people who look just like you or me — how could they do this to other human beings?"**

In the segment I watched, the "learner" was no longer even answering.

Nevertheless, the "teacher," an ordinary looking middle-aged white male, continued to deliver a shock after every question, as the experiment required. You could hear the victim moaning from the other room. Whenever the "teacher" hesitated to increase the voltage, the experimenter would say, in a calm, neutral tone, "Please continue." That's all he had to say.

The subject continued inflicting increasingly painful electrical shocks to a person he had met only minutes before. At one point, the subject did stop the shocks for a moment. By then, the victim had again fallen silent, after begging him to stop. He turned to the experimenter.

I thought, "Finally. He's going to tell him he won't continue. He's going to refuse to walk out. He's going to refuse to inflict any more pain." He didn't. Instead, he asked the experimenter, "You're taking the responsibility for this, right?" And as soon as he was assured that no one would hold him responsible, he increased the voltage again.

All told, it turned out that about 70 per cent of Milgram's subjects were prepared to turn the dial all the way to Danger: Extreme

Shock. The implications are profoundly disturbing. A large cross-section of ordinary folk committed deeds they recognized as cruel solely because they were told to do so by an authority they accepted and to whom they handed over ultimate responsibility for their acts.

Another inevitable question that arose at the symposium was, "How can we help prevent this from happening again?" Again, no simple answers.

I remember a button that was popular a few years back. All it said was Question Authority. Neither obey nor, necessarily, defy. But persistently, insistently, with conscience's calm, clear voice, question.

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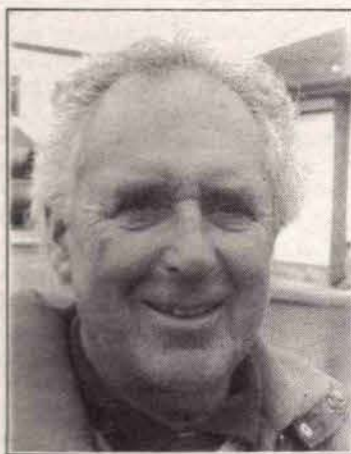
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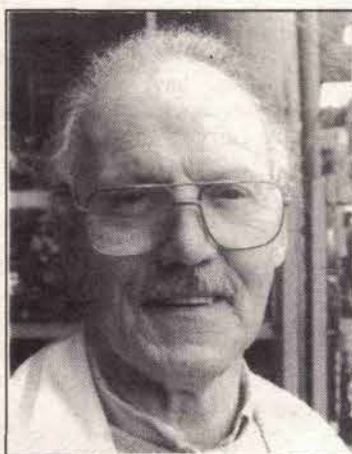
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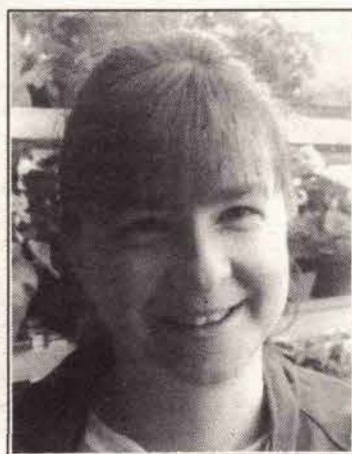
**Dan Phelan**

*It's an international worldwide network for communication. The more information we have, the better we understand each other and other countries.*



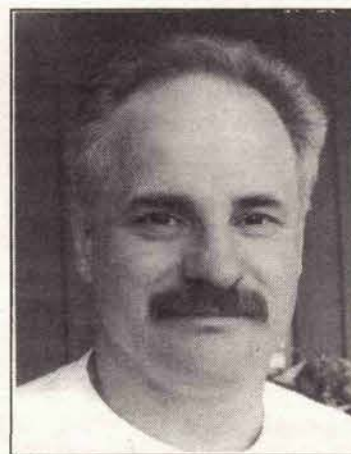
**Fred Ascott**

*I don't know a damn thing about it. I think it's to do with computers. I'm retired and have no interest in computers.*



**Meredith McLeod**

*We have a computer and it seems intriguing. But right now Internet means an expensive thing we can't afford.*



**Wake Golby**

*It's widespread access to information we wouldn't normally have on Salt Spring Island. I would like to see school kids with better access to it.*



**Tim McNinch**

*It's the wave of the future. Internet means changing lifestyles of the urban community. It'll be a lot easier to do business from Salt Spring.*

## Letters to the editor

### Two sides of Godspell

Godspell, part one:  
When I volunteered to help with the production of Godspell by doing some one-to-one coaching with the cast, I knew it would be fun. The show is full of joy, the music is great - I knew the kids would love it.

But nothing prepared me for the boundless energy, enthusiasm and above all dedication of these gifted and committed young actors. Every one of them gave 100 per cent throughout the show; never flinching if a line was missed, a prop not forthcoming, or a microphone malfunctioning. They kept going with confidence and a "professionalism" rarely experienced in a school production. The number of exceptionally talented and polished performers in such a small cast was mindboggling; phenomenal!

Thank You Doug and Sue for allowing me to be part of the Godspell experience again and for creating such a fine show with these wonderful actors, who, by the way, were willing to try my suggestions and listened with attention and respect even though they didn't know me at all.

Godspell, part two:  
Lousy microphones - can't hear; ridiculous seating - can't see; no blackouts - kills the magic; lousy sound system - band distorted, chorus lost.

Poor, unfortunate sound and lighting technicians - the Venue from Hell - How can they possibly do a good job?

Poor actors - singing their guts out - barely heard!

Even my ancient high school had a stage! with lights! and comfortable seats! and you could see and hear everything! And there were wings, a backstage.

How can we have a big beautiful school like this without a theatre?

atre?

Come on Salt Spring, let's have one decent theatre. Our performing artists deserve a good working environment so they can do their best, and we - the audience, deserve to hear, see, and enjoy them doing just that.

**RACHEL JACOBSEN,**  
Salt Spring Island

### What's the point of law?

I would like to comment on your article relating to a dog falling from a pick-up truck (Driftwood, April 12).

The constable advised that it was a dangerous practice: surely, it is obvious that it is dangerous to the dog, other motorists, and could be the cause of an accident with possible injury or loss of life.

Currently, Section 66 of the Motor Vehicle Act prohibits the transporting of a living animal on the running board, fenders, hood or other exterior part of a motor vehicle unless a suitable cage, carrier or guardrail is provided and adequately attached to protect that animal from falling or being thrown from the vehicle.

The ministry of transport advises me "to help enforce the current requirement, motorists should be encouraged to report to the police any vehicle that is

transporting animals in an unsafe manner."

What is the purpose of a law if it is not observed and action taken if infringed?

**MURIEL HILL,**  
Ganges

### Profound impact

Words are fickle and open to interpretation. May I offer the suggestion that when Noah Pred, a Grade 10 student, referred to the day-long Holocaust Symposium as "tiring and depressing," he likely did so because of the profound impact of this day. Noah, one of the many open and aware students in our school, spent the next two evenings composing a 600-word article which he had hoped would find its way into the Driftwood. Unfortunately, the piece was too long. He is, however, one of the gracious students who spoke of their appreciation of the day.

As a final word about our special day, we would like to thank everyone who was present: guest speakers, students, community members. A bonus gift to us all was Mr. Warren Pearce's sharing of his photographs and experiences two days after the liberation of Bergen-Belsen.

**DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,**  
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## No spin doctor can save NDP image

**VICTORIA** — The NDP government is in trouble. Premier Harcourt is having severe image problems. Nothing is going right. What to do? Whom to call for advice? Why, Struble-Totten, of course.

Who's Struble-Totten? A Washington-based communications company that counts U.S. President Bill Clinton among its high-profile clients.

Between February 1992 and February 1994, the NDP government made more than 1,400 phone calls to the spin doctors of Struble-Totten and another

Washington-based polling firm, the Mellman Group.

The calls were made from the premier's office as well as from other government offices. Some days, a dozen phone calls were made, some lasting as long as four hours.

The details came to light after Reform Party leader Jack Weisgerber released a 21-page log of phone calls he had obtained under the freedom-of-information laws.

"Who is calling the shots here in British Columbia?" Weisgerber asked. "Who is influencing the decisions that this government is making?" Good question, and one Premier Harcourt was somewhat at a loss to answer.

Struble-Totten, he said, provided communications advice in 1993 when he was planning a major government reorganization. Struble, he said, was an expert at countering negative ads.

"I was unhappy with some of the directions members of cabinet were going in and I was getting advice widely, not just here in British Columbia," the premier said. And anyway, other political parties were using the same U.S. companies for advice, he added without naming the parties.

Weisgerber's concern is well-founded. I find it extremely alarming that any decisions made by our government could be influenced by American companies, particularly companies advising the U.S. president, whose agenda may not necessarily always be in British Columbia's best interest.

It is, of course, possible and even likely that Harcourt himself didn't make the decision to hire a U.S. firm to get his image back on track, an attempt that failed anyway. That plan was probably hatched by the premier's advisers.

And therein lies Harcourt's biggest problem. He's a hell of a nice guy, and I'd go fishing or skiing with him any day, but he never was, is not now, and never will be able to take charge in the way a premier should.

For the first two years of his mandate, the premier pretty well gave free reign to his cabinet ministers, preferring to stay in the background. The public, however, wants its premier to be in charge, and be seen to be in charge, which eventually gave rise to what Harcourt called a major government reorganization.

He shuffled his cabinet, demoted a number of powerful and publicity-generating members such as Glen Clark, and took a run at being perceived in charge. It didn't work very well.

Notwithstanding the advice from U.S. spin doctors, the government is still floundering, and the premier is still not looking very decisive. His flip-flop in the Blencoe affair is a good example.

When Blencoe was first accused of sexual harassment, Harcourt let him stay in cabinet, with full salary, albeit as minister without portfolio, and appointed a lawyer to investigate the charges.

When two more, so far unidentified women levelled charges against Blencoe, Harcourt fired him, stripped him of his cabinet minister's stipend and called off the investigation, thereby making it impossible for Blencoe to defend himself against the charges.

Predictably, the opposition and the media roasted Harcourt for blowing it once again, not for firing Blencoe but for scuttling the investigation.

If the premier truly wanted to be seen to be assertive and decisive, he would fire every last one of his advisers. They're the ones who got him into all this trouble. Failing that, he could always resign, a decision some of his cabinet ministers might welcome, but for which they shouldn't be holding their breath.

The more likely scenario is that the government will continue to languish in the public's scorn or indifference, until the curtain comes down in the next election.

There just aren't enough spin doctors in British Columbia or the U.S., for that matter, to overcome the beating the NDP's image has taken as a result of too many patronage appointments, too many scandals, small and big, all of which an unassertive and indecisive premier has been spectacularly unable to make go away.

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### Fad of the 70s

Some time ago, a small mention was made of Charles Horel who indicated that there would be trouble unless the issue of incorporation into a municipality was seriously looked at (Driftwood, Down the Years).

If Ganges had been incorporated into a town or if Salt Spring Island itself had been incorporated into a municipality, councillors elected by the community could have been making decision on behalf of the people living there.

Decisions are made by the "long distance" Islands Trust government, whose head office is in Victoria and whose staff members do not want to work in an office based on Salt Spring. It would be interesting to know how many of the "well paid" Victoria-based employees have ever travelled in the course of their employment to any of the islands which make up the Trust. Would it not make more sense to have individuals who know the islands to be employed in an office based on the largest island, namely Salt Spring?

Also, the Islands Trust is made up for the most part by representatives who live on other islands, and whose lifestyles from island to island greatly differ from Salt

Spring. Yet the Islands Trust could not exist without the major support of Salt Spring taxpayers footing the bill for the greater portion of operation costs. But Salt Spring trustees have very little say in decisions, because they can be outvoted every time by the majority of representatives who speak mostly for sparsely populated islands and their particular ideals. Whatever happened to "representation by population?"

Had we listened to Charlie Horel and others I'm sure that Salt Spring would now be in much better shape. You were warned, now it is up to the residents of the 90s Salt Spring to finally take control and demand release from the grip of an obsolete 70s fad style of government.

JANNEKE (JAN) ANDERSON,  
Campbell River

### A lot of effort for 10 per cent

The discussion of the proposal by the executive of the Chamber of Commerce to bring the customs port of entry to Ganges continues. In her response to my letter of March 29, Sharon Crouse points out that my letter implied that all

planes coming into Canadian airspace would have to clear customs in Ganges.

I apologize for the lack of precision in the wording of my letter. I did not mean to suggest that the 747s from Tel Aviv, Zurich, etc., and all other aircraft now landing at Toronto International, Dorval, Vancouver International, etc., would be now touching down in Ganges. Rather, I meant that the planes currently clearing at Bedwell Harbour (405 in 1994) would logically be expected to clear in Ganges should this poorly conceived plan bear fruit.

Additionally, the assertion that 90 per cent of the boats clearing customs in Bedwell do so because they are intending to visit Ganges has no basis in any known survey or other statistical piece of information. But if it were true then why on earth would we spend a great deal of time and tax money relocating an existing facility which would require docks, housing, fresh water, garbage removal and which would increase marine pollution? All this in order to bring in that last recalcitrant 10 per cent?

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## Power of Godspell

The power of Godspell is immense! But the power, talent, and determination of the people involved made it happen. As the director of Godspell, I was blessed with a cast, chorus, crew, band, and support personnel whose collective commitment and involvement could never be questioned, and whose determination to be the best never wavered.

I want to share the pride and gratitude that I have for my students in Godspell. This fabulous cast and chorus of gifted young performers showed what hard work, a common goal, and a determination to stretch their talents to the limit can produce.

To those who graduate this year - you have passed a brightly burn-

## More letters

ing torch of excellence to those who come after you, and they shall nourish and embellish the flame in future years.

While our world and institutes of higher learning demand that students pay homage to the academics, they fail to acknowledge and give credit to the incredible intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social, and physical growth that theatre can bring to young people. Theatre, dance, and music are not just elective subjects! They are core curriculum! Just ask the students in Godspell!

What's next for the Class Act School of Theatre at GISS? Annie, Grease, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Fiddler

on the Roof, or A Chorus Line? Stay tuned next fall!

**DOUG BAMBROUGH,**  
Director

## Earth Day Sunday

The organizers had called it The National Environmental Teach-In, hoping to capture the spirit, if not the politics of earlier "sit-ins" of the fractious 1960s. Instead, what emerged on April 22, 1970 was Earth Day, the greatest North American nationwide street demonstration ever seen since the tumultuous end of World War II.

Twenty million people turned out that day to hear politicians, theologians and scientists pledge allegiance to the planet by deploring

its polluted condition, and to call for monumental efforts to reverse the headlong plummet of a planet headed for extinction by pollution.

Out of that first Earth Day has come the emergence of grassroots advocates acting individually or in groups (such as that of 20/20 Vision) to educate a community, save a special place, or end a project seen as harmful to the earth.

The 25th anniversary of Earth Day will be celebrated on Salt Spring Island at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, in the foyer of the new high school. The annual Earth Day service is organized by the island's Interfaith Council, composed of Buddhist, Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Wiccan and Yoga faith representatives.

This year's guest speaker, Linda Kavelin Popov, will address the theme of Gratitude, and special music will be provided by the Fulford children's choir (directed by Lynn Quinn) and Women of Note (directed by Dawn Penny Brooks).

Last year, several schools responded to the Interfaith Council's invitation to celebrate the United Nations Year of the Family by submitting art work or written material. Phoenix School submitted Family Trees; the Grade 1-2 class of Fulford School drew pictures of children with grandparents; Salt Spring Island Daycare children drew pictures of their families; and Mr. McKenzie's Grade 11 class interviewed grandparents and seniors at Greenwoods. All entries will be on display during this year's Earth Day service.

**SHARON MOORE COOKE,**  
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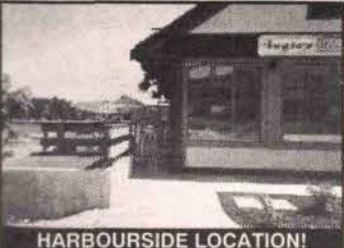


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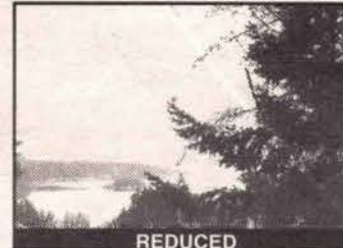


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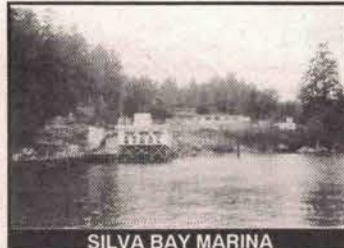


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### Nothing would have deterred Nazis

Graeme Thompson's suggestion (Driftwood, Viewpoint, April 12) that the Allies could have bombed the railway lines to Auschwitz instead of Dresden and saved thousands of lives brought to mind a discussion I had with a British Army major sometime after the war in Lunenburg, Germany. This major was one of a team of Allied officers investigating war crimes and the evening I met him he had just arrested a German officer at his house where he was living with a wife and two small children and found him on the floor playing with the children, giving all the appearances of a normal happy family.

This man's crime took place during the closing months of the war when he was in charge of a train load of some 200 Jewish prisoners being moved from one camp to another. When the train reached Lunenburg the railway yards had been bombed and the lines were blocked. Not knowing what to do, the officer had the prisoners marched off into a nearby field when they were forced to dig a long trench and then lined up facing it and machine gunned by his troops. Apparently, during the confusion a number of the prisoners had escaped and thus the story had come to light.

The disturbing feature of this story, as far as the British major was concerned, was the great contrast between the German as a normal happy husband and father and the German who could order the death of a couple of hundred poor souls whose only fault lay in the fact that they were Jewish. It makes one wonder what would have happened if the lines to Auschwitz had been blocked. I question whether this would have saved many lives – the Nazis were determined to destroy the Jewish population in Europe and while the blockage of the rail lines may have slowed them down, I doubt if anything would have deterred them from working toward their "final solution."

WAYNE PEARCE,  
Lower Ganges Road

### Sewer vote urged

The comparatively modest level of pollution in Ganges Harbour,

which was authorized by the Socreds – without referendum approval – some 11 years ago, is one thing:

The approval of an increase in pollution which can reach 23,000 per cent more than currently permitted is a totally different matter.

The figure of 23,000 per cent is on the assumption that the levels of gallage and coliform count are in fact kept within the limits of the requested permit – but "permit limits" have not been consistently observed in the past 10 years and there is little certainty that they will be in the future.

Does not this massive leap in proposed throughput justify a referendum? We shall doubtless be told that the Municipal Act does not allow a referendum about modifications to an existing sewer. This is not modification, however: a modification could cover doubling, or trebling – or even multiplying by 10 – an existing system: This "modification" is multiplying the existing permitted coliform level by more than 230!

And a separate referendum question might well be: Do you approve the specific coliform count increase from 70 to 5,000 per 100 mL of sample?

Finally, the public notice on this subject is confusingly phrased in cubic metres instead of gallons (probably in order to confuse the reader into thinking everything is fine!). A cubic metre is equal to 220 imperial gallons for all practical purposes.

COLIN NICHOLSON,  
King's Lane

### Flag for the Trust

As we all know the Islands Trust has a great image. Very, very, very, politically correct. Who can oppose an agency whose battle cry is "preserve and protect." (Never defined in operational terms mind you but a pretty catchy phrase nonetheless.) It has that standing on the ramparts feel to it, flag raised, fighting off the Huns and all that.

Which is why, according to my uncle Charlie, the Trust needs a flag. He suggests something like this: on a field of medium green and a background of Douglas firs is seen a Gulf Islands cottage in front of which stands a Trust resident, arm defiantly upraised

against the onslaughts of the world. Toward the bottom of the flag would be found those immortal words "preserve and protect" (in Old English script of course).

Some of you may not be aware that the Islands Trust, just a few short years back, (during the Carol Martin reign, I believe) seriously considered putting the Trust area under the jurisdiction of the United Nations as a United Nations Biosphere Reserve. (Yes, yes, it's actually true.) Which is why the Trust needs a flag. A flag to be raised with all due ceremony amongst those of all other nations at United Nations headquarters in New York. Afterwards, the Trust expects to call on Canada to dispatch a contingent of blue helmeted peacekeepers to monitor the war between Trust supporters and opponents – or at least that's what my uncle Charlie thinks. But I think he's spoofing.

BRUCE HOWLETT,  
Bowen Island

### Why can't we build good stage?

I had a stiff neck again last week brought on by trying to see the action in the excellent production by Gulf Islands Secondary School of Godspell. I have been to several concerts in the multi-purpose room in the last few months but haven't managed to get into the front row yet, the only place to be in a flat-floored, stageless hall.

What is it in the atmosphere of Salt Spring that seems to make it impossible to produce a good stage? A referendum passed in 1974 for a stage the height of the one in Mahon Hall to be added to the new Activity Centre for the elementary school. It was to be a multi-purpose area shared with the public.

That's not what we got. It was too low, unheated, and in the wrong place. The quite good stage in Central Hall was raised so an OAP clubroom could go underneath, and became unusable. The acoustics for the usually unavailable stage in the gym of the old high school are terrible unless it is completely full of people.

No stage was put in the new high school because the board thought ArtSpring would be finished. Even if that miracle had

occurred surely a school needs a stage of its own. The space is there with nothing in it, there is even a proscenium arch. And surely money could have been taken from all that fancy brickwork, the pond and waterfall, those funny little windows in the gym, and all that glass in the multi-purpose room that prevented Godspell from starting, so I am told, until

8:30 p.m.

Salt Spring has a big tax base. Surely we could finish ArtSpring out of tax money, and change its name to something that would denote its availability for the whole population. How ridiculous that our best stage facility is old Mahon Hall built in 1904.

OLIVE CLAYTON,  
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NOTICE is hereby given that the public, including all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed Bylaw, will be afforded an opportunity to be heard respecting matters contained therein at the Public Hearing to be held at the Activity Centre, Galiano Island, B.C. on Saturday, May 6, 1995 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

### A. Bylaw No. 108 - Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 108 is to repeal "Official Community Plan (Galiano Island and Area), Bylaw, 1973" and replace it with a new Official Community Plan under the authority of the *Municipal Act*. The Plan will provide guidance in all future land use decisions in the Galiano Island Local Trust Area.

The Plan Bylaw consists of seven schedules. Schedule AA is a map showing the Galiano Island Trust Area to which the Official Community Plan applies. Schedule A is the policy document which contains a general statement of broad objectives and policies respecting the form and character of existing and proposed land use and servicing requirements in the area covered by the plan. The *Municipal Act* specifies what matters must be discussed in statements and designated on maps including, but not restricted to, the type and location of residential agricultural, forest, community facilities and commercial and industrial uses. Policies for economic activity, utilities, nature protection, parks and recreation, marine and conservation and environmental resources are included. Community services such as transportation, water supply and waste disposal are also addressed.

Schedules AA, B, C, D, and E are maps. Schedule AA shows the Galiano Island Local Trust Area. Schedule B shows land use designations. Schedule C shows Land Status, Road Network and Public Accesses. Schedule D shows Water Resources. Schedule E shows Environmental Resources, Sensitive Areas and Heritage Resources. Schedule F is a list of definitions.

A copy of the proposed Bylaw and relevant background documents may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from Tuesday, April 18, 1995 and up to and including Friday, May 5, 1995.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(a)(v) of the *Municipal Act*, an additional copy of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected on The Islands Trust Official Community Plan Notice Board in front of Eva's Cafe, on Galiano Island, B.C. Copies will also be available from the Local Trustees.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust at 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, prior to 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 5, 1995; or
2. after 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 5, 1995, to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

Inquiries regarding this Bylaw may be directed to the Galiano Island Planner at 387-4000.

Gordon McIntosh  
Secretary

## NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday the 24th of April, 1995, at the Masonic Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

As required by the Letters Patent of the District the Annual General meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- (a) To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.
- (b) To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District.
- (c) To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year.
- (d) To elect two Trustees for the period of three years each.
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# Officials' report on schools will be public, board decides

The two provincial officials who will offer advice to the Gulf Islands School District on improving operations are being "worked hard" by district staff, school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said last Wednesday.

Norm Thiessen and Oscar Bedard, members of the Ministry of Education's field services branch, were invited two months ago to visit the district and give advice about operations on account of its budgetary problems.

"It is an invigorating and lengthy experience," Lambert told a regular meeting of the school board. "The constituent groups are appreciative of the time these men are taking with them."

She said the board, administration and staff would "move forward together" with all the partner groups on the recommendations of the visiting officials. Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Larry Field wanted to know what process would follow.

"Hopefully we will roll up our sleeves together and build on the strengths in the district and improve in whatever capacity we can," Lambert said. "We'll look at things together."

Trustees passed a motion to make the final report of the field services representatives a public document after it has been submitted to the board.

In other school district news:  
• Staff re-allocations in the elementary schools should begin by the end of April, Bob McWhirter told trustees. Opening of the new middle school in September will mean a shift of teachers currently working at Fernwood, Fulford and Salt Spring elementary schools. All existing staff are expected to find appropriate places in the new system.

Trustee Charles Hingston was assured that staff budgets in the new middle school were in line with the district's overall budget allocations.

• B.C. Hydro officials were on the island Wednesday to present a cheque for \$136,211 for the new high school's participation in electricity-saving heating design. The heat pumps in the new school are



**TECHNOLOGY PAYBACK:** B.C. Hydro manager Murray Smith, left, and regional manager Alan Long, right, presented school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert with a \$136,000 cheque last week as an award for the new high school's energy-saving systems.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

expected to save the district \$55,000 annually, or the cost of heating 111 single-family homes.

• There will be a district parent interaction day May 15. Previously the board had considered cutting the event to save money.

**We will roll up  
our sleeves together  
and build on  
the strengths in  
the district.**

But superintendent Mike Marshall said there was "no choice but to have it." The focus of the interaction day is to tell parents about the changing structures of the district: the new kindergarten-to-Grade-5 elementary system, the new middle school, and the programs at the new high school.

• Mahon Hall is to stay under the management of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the next year. The old building is expensive to keep up and it would be cheaper to use portable classrooms if the space is required, trustees were told.

• Trustees agreed to allow members of community groups to share storage space in the old maintenance shed on Kanaka Road when the new middle school opens. The local theatre resources group had asked for space to store sets, risers and costumes used by various community theatre groups, including the high school drama department.

• A problem with busing on Cranberry Road was partly resolved when trustees voted to pay for a return trip from Old Divide Road to the high school and Salt Spring Elementary School area on school days. Half a dozen school-age children who live on Cranberry Road lost their bus service earlier this year.

## Vendors group agrees to close market; washroom facilities put up for tender

Closing the market beside the Harbour House Hotel has been approved by the Market Vendors' Association (MVA).

The market had been operated by the association from April to October in 1993 and 1994.

Association members have also agreed to accept bids until June 1 for the washrooms on the site. A decision on the purchase will be made based on the

bid price and the degree of potential public benefit offered by the purchaser.

Bids are being accepted by phone at 537-0824 or in writing to Box 730, Ganges.

Meanwhile, the association is submitting a proposal concerning the Market in the Park to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC), which oversees that market.

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# Student business loans offered

Interest-free student loans of \$3,000 are once again being offered by the Federal Business Development Bank (FBDB). For the 10th consecutive year, the student business loans program is financing the launching of summer businesses.

A young entrepreneur from Galiano Island used the program last year to start her own business renting ocean kayaks and giving kayak lessons and tours.

Kate Hennessy, 19, created three jobs with her venture. This year she expects increased business and already has tours booked.

An anthropology student at the University of B.C., Hennessy has learned a lot about running a small business. "I've learned ... to write my business plan, I had to figure out what contracts I could get, how many people I thought would kayak and how many people I would need to hire."

Last year, 1,288 loans were provided to students for \$3.5 million. They created 2,747 jobs. The program is open to students attending high school, community college or university. They must intend to return to school in the fall, and be at least 15 years of age.

Financing is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Application forms are available from Canada Employment Centres, FBDB and the Royal and National banks. Deadline to apply is June 30.

Loans are interest-free until the due date of October 6, 1995.

FBDB offers counselling and training to help students prepare business plans and operate successfully. More information about the program can be obtained by calling FBDB toll-free at 1-800-361-2126.



## Spring in the market

Tulips and sunny days herald another market season on Salt Spring as Morgan Savin of The

Plant Farm displays her flowering wares at the Market in the Park recently. Photo by Valerie Lennox

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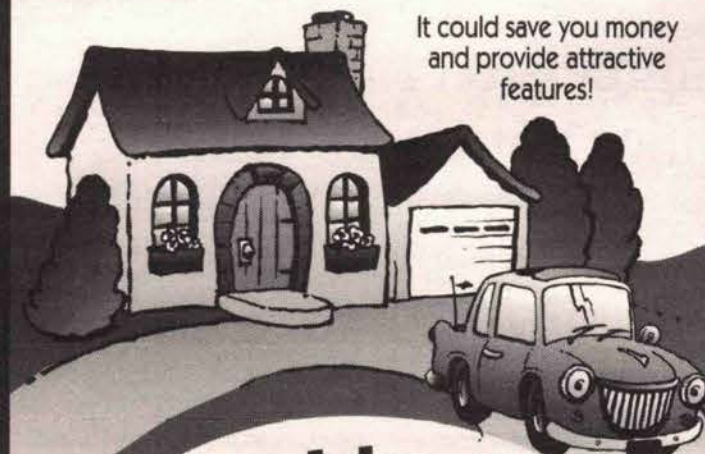


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### Fine tuning

John Loughheed of Sew Tech in Sidney volunteered to tune up the 16 sewing machines and one serger in the textiles lab at the Salt Spring Island Middle School. The tune-up was arranged by Susan McNair of Sooz Sewing, who coordinates a sewing club for students.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

## Doctor to speak about shingles at Seniors for Seniors April 27

Shingles will be the topic of a talk April 27 at Seniors for Seniors.

Dr. Karen Berg will give information on who is most susceptible to the virus and how to recognize early symptoms.

Shingles is a form of the herpes virus which frequently affects seniors, but can affect people of all ages. It is related to chickenpox, an early childhood disease.

Berg's talk will begin at 2 p.m.

## Study to determine child care needs

Determining child care needs in the Gulf Islands is the purpose of project to be undertaken by the Fulford Harbour Child Care Society over the next three months.

Funded by the Ministry of Women's Equality, the study will identify existing services such as daycare, preschool and after-school care and discover what difficulties families are having accessing them.

Interviews, surveys and public meetings will be used to gather information for the study, whose findings will be compiled in a final report in June.


The society said in a press release that communities "cannot afford to ignore" the issue of child care. More than 50 per cent of British Columbia families with children under 12 have both parents in the work force, the society says, and an additional 16 per cent of families are headed by employed single parents.

"Sixty-six per cent of B.C. families with young children need some form of care for their children, whether it is provided by a relative, a child care centre, a neighbour, a family daycare or an older sibling."

The society also notes that family life is "dramatically different" from 25 years ago. Two incomes are needed to buy a home, the work week is increasing rather than decreasing and most working parents feel stressed economically, physical-

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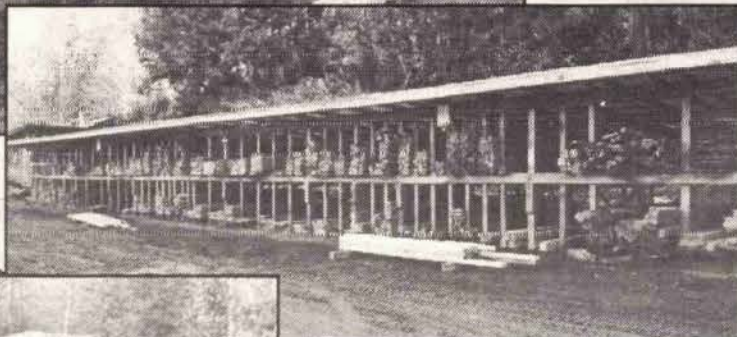
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# Residents want private-land logging legislation

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Some residents on the east side of Mount Maxwell have lived uneasily with logging slash in their neighbourhood for the past year. That experience has caused them to push for legislative changes to private land logging in the Gulf Islands.

Thirty-five hectares (85 acres) of land near Armand Way owned by Cusheon Lake Homesites Ltd. of Duncan was partially cleared last spring and summer. While residents believed logging was completed then, the sound of chainsaws and renewed worries returned on March 4, with last year's slash not yet cleared.

Last year's events resulted in the formation of the East Mount Maxwell Neighbourhood Association (EMMNA), encompassing an area of 73 homes. Its investigation into existing regulations governing logging on "inter-

face" lands — those located near residential property — convinced members that some changes are in order.

The EMMNA would like to see legislation requiring the filing and approval of a logging plan before work is started. The plan would include the location of road construction, duration of logging and clean-up plans, and would be filed with governing bodies and the local fire department.

Sharon Perry of EMMNA points out that using such plans would likely save government time and money. Several visits and consultations with forests, environment and highways ministry staff were required to respond "after the fact" to neighbours' concerns about Cusheon Lake Homesites Ltd. logging. Most of those concerns could have

been resolved if neighbours had been informed and reassured by a written and enforceable plan.

Both Perry and EMMNA member Arnold Budd stress they have no argument with people's rights to cut trees on their own property.

## Investigation into existing regulations convinced members that some changes are in order.

"We aren't against logging," said Budd. "All we are saying is don't leave us at risk."

The main "risk" is fire. A campfire set on Cusheon Lake's property last September spread to a pile of logging brush and forced some

residents out of their homes before it was brought under control by Salt Spring firefighting crews.

Budd notes that that fire was accessible to fire trucks, but others may not be. And if too much brush is left on the ground, it is fuel for fires caused by people using the property for dirt biking, hiking or partying.

Clean-up on logging completed last year was recently inspected and declared acceptable by forests ministry staff. However, EMMNA believes that because of the risk inherent in logging areas adjacent to homes, the standards should be closer to those required for clean-up of Crown lands. Cusheon Lake Homesites may now be in compliance with forestry regulations, but residents feel surrounding homes are still in danger.

By establishing the B.C. Forest

Service's "Interface Program," Perry said the provincial government has recognized that logging practices in populated areas are not the same for wilderness logging. That program contains advice for preventing wildfire on residential property. "But they're still not paying attention to how the fire starts," she said.

What is really needed, she explained, is to raise standards for clean-up of logging on interface lands to the level required after Crown lands are logged.

Budd, Perry and other residents have done all they can to protect their neighbourhood with existing regulations. But as the Gulf Islands develop and logging remains lucrative, they see the potential for fire, property damage and unease in other residential areas. They hope more island residents will support the idea of logging plans and better regulations on logging of interface lands.

## Fewer dog attacks reported

The last year has been a good one for Salt Spring sheep farmers, with few attacks by dogs being reported to animal control officer Howard Byron.

But that does not mean dog owners should be less careful with their animals. Last week four large lambs were killed by dogs at a farm on Kangro Road. Byron said the tracks indicated one larger dog, perhaps a Labrador or retriever, and one smaller dog, perhaps a collie, had killed the lambs.

"The lambs are playful," he said. "The dog sees the lambs bounding

and jumping around. They think the lamb is something to play with."

Sheep kills are more of a problem than they used to be in the past, Byron said, because of the number of people who live here. Also, the farms tend to be smaller and surrounded by residential development. In the old days, flocks were large and grazed on large properties. Now most flocks are smaller than a dozen or so.

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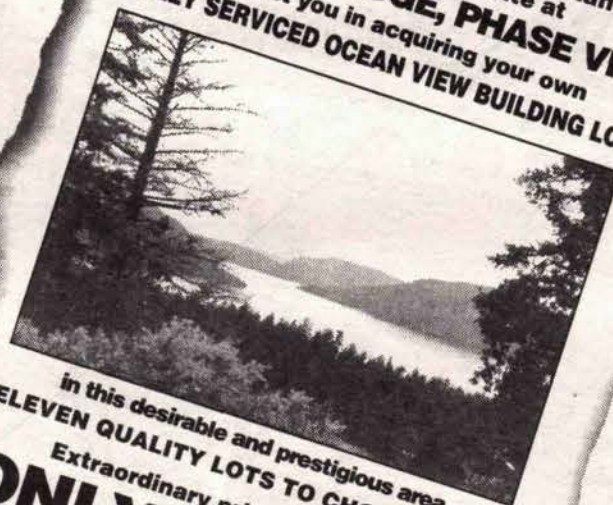
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# Feeling shoeless in posh restaurant, Rubright resigns

ArtSpring board member Elma Rubright resigned last week, four months after being elected at the last annual general meeting.

Her letter of resignation outlined her disagreement with a suggestion that board members might make cash donations if a large fundraising effort were to be undertaken this year. She felt she had "wandered tieless and shoeless into a posh restaurant" and resignation was the only answer.

ArtSpring chairman Bob Weeden said that Rubright had been mistaken in her impression. The suggestion had been made that board members might make a cash contribution if a large fundraising campaign were to happen. That kind of gesture is nor-

mal on such boards during fundraising drives, he said.

But he praised Rubright's contribution to the ArtSpring board: redesigning and helping publish the ArtSpring newsletter and working with the program committee and with the volunteers.

"The widow's might is as good as the rich man's treasure," he said.

In other ArtSpring news:

• Island artist David Halliwell officially presented an original bronze, The Keeper of the Mermaid's Purse, to the ArtSpring board. It was designed for a pond at the entrance of the building and is valued at \$4,900. The artist has made two other such mermaids, both in private collections, and

will make only nine more.

Board members agreed to approach local galleries and possibly the library to display the piece until such time as ArtSpring is secure enough to display such valuable works itself.

## She felt she had "wandered tieless and shoeless into a posh restaurant"

• Long-time ArtSpring volunteer Reg Taylor announced to the board that the Victoria Theatre Guild, of which he is a member at Langham Court Theatre in Victoria, will

donate \$1,000 to ArtSpring.

• Board members will soon be covered by director's insurance. Adlai Rust reported that he had spoken with Salt Spring Insurance, ArtSpring's insurance agency, about having board members covered with the kind of standard liability insurance many boards have for their directors.

The insurance costs for ArtSpring come to some \$6,300 per year and it has a \$5 million comprehensive general liability policy with a \$1,000 deductible. Director's insurance would cost the board \$1,180 per annum for \$1 million liability against "errors and omissions of directors." Rust proposed, and the board accepted, that the comprehensive general liability

deductible be raised from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and save \$1,000 in insurance premiums per year. That would nearly pay for the \$1,180 bill for the director's insurance.

• ArtSpring's corporate fundraiser, William Watson, has fizzled out. His services cost \$1,500, which was paid to him as an advance, but he never raised any money for the project.

• ArtSpring treasurer Raymonde Vachon called on board members to make more efforts to get ArtSpring membership up. A membership committee was struck for the express purpose of getting more islanders interested in the arts to be ArtSpring members and of signing up those who have been supporters and members in the past.

## Opening part of ArtSpring would add \$150,000 to total

Opening up half of the ArtSpring building before the entire facility is completed may be possible but it will cost more money.

The news came as no surprise to ArtSpring board members who heard the results of an all-day workshop by the building committee on the costs and benefits of opening up part of the building ahead of the whole.

The basic total to finish the visual arts wing would be some \$310,000, according to the report produced by Bob Jankura, Bob Hassell and Denny Thomas. Added to that would be another

\$90,000 for partitions, a kitchen, office, information area, floor upgrading and loan payback, for a total of \$400,000.

The estimate to open the rest of the building would be \$358,000 on top of that, for a grand total to finish ArtSpring of \$758,000, or \$150,000 more than the current projected cost-to-complete.

Board member Adlai Rust expressed the feeling of most of the board members that they should try to move ahead with their fundraising goal for the whole building and an endowment fund before setting out to raise

part of the amount to open half the building.

"Are we stabbing ourselves in the back if we only say we're going to go half-way?" he asked.

Chairman Bob Weeden said that at several public meetings members have asked whether it would be possible to open either the theatre or the visual arts wing in advance of the other. As a result of the workshop the board now knew what it would cost.

"Let's simply take it as information that should be useful. Right now we're interested in going for the whole shot."

## Survey respondents welcome changes; 57% find no problems with health care

Increased local control of health care services is welcomed by a large portion of the Salt Spring population, a survey has found.

A health planning survey found 83 per cent of respondents approved of increased community involvement in the planning and management of health care. The survey employed a questionnaire distributed to 34 island locations.

Replies totalled 573, about six per cent of Salt Spring's population.

The survey also found that 57 per cent of respondents found no problems with health care on the island, while 31 per cent had comments to make regarding problems.

There were 378 written comments on priorities for the spending of health care dollars:

- Support for Lady Minto Hospital: 12 per cent
- Purchases of specific equipment: 11.3 per cent
- Support for home care and services to seniors: 27 per cent
- Extended/intermediate care expansion: seven per cent
- Requests for specialists, comments on doctors: 19 per cent

Health planning committee spokeswoman Sheila Gordon reported the committee was "particularly encouraged" by the number of replies that urged education to promote wellness as a top spending priority.

## Meeting chooses Jackson Avenue as suitable site for unloading tour buses

Jackson Avenue has been selected as a suitable site for tour buses to unload passengers.

A recent meeting involving the Chamber of Commerce, Islands Trust, RCMP and others selected the broad-shouldered street in downtown Ganges. Approval is

still required from the Ministry of Highways.

Salt Spring Trust Committee member Grace Byrne told the Driftwood there is "enough trouble with parking" in Ganges without having buses unload closer to the village core. She also said she

would prefer to see smaller buses, or minibuses, used to bring visitors to the island.

"I hope to see big tour buses discouraged," she said.

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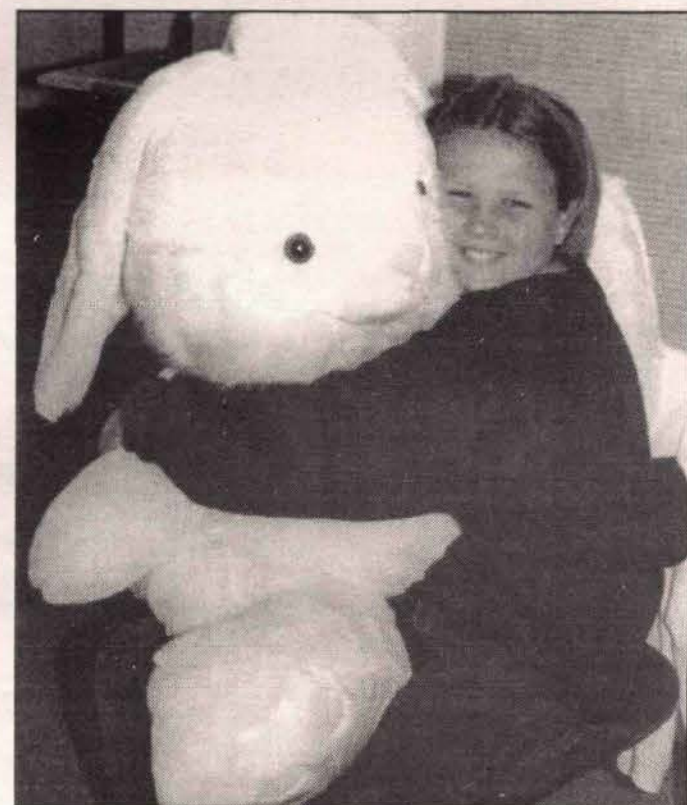
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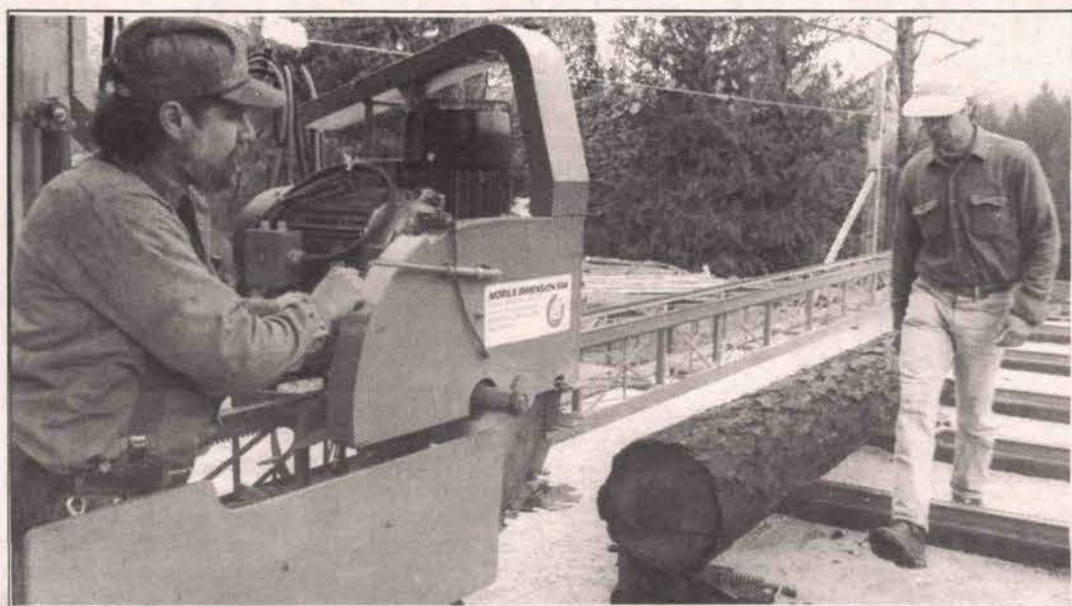


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Heidi Scott .....	Galaxy Collectables
B. Doucet .....	North End Fitness
Rosemary Barton .....	Flowers & Wine
Jean Jefferies .....	Alfresco
Melissa Hingston .....	Sargeant's Mercantile
Rebecca Hylands .....	Dairy Queen





### Mill installs new saw

Brothers Ross, left, and Mickey McLeod of Deluxe Contracting set a log in place for cutting on the Salt Spring firm's new three-phase electric saw. The multi-dimensional

mill runs off a 50 kw generator and cuts 30-foot lengths. It also uses an 18-tooth blade compared to the old saw's 12, giving better texture on exposed beams.

Photo by Tony Richards

• Brothers Alex and Thomas Lee are the owners of the new Sea Court Restaurant, located in Gasoline Alley. The oceanview restaurant offers Asian cuisine with take-out, delivery and patio service.

Originally from Singapore, the Lee brothers have been in the food industry for 10 years, most recently in Hong Kong.

The Sea Court's menu includes dishes such as Malaysian chicken, Singapore chili crab, stir-fried Oriental vegetables with lime and peanut sauce and Szechuan-style beef tenderloin.

The restaurant will deliver anywhere on Salt Spring; orders over \$50 are delivered free. The Sea Court can be reached at 537-4611.

• A specialty toy store and gen-

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

eral gift shop opens next month in the old credit union building.

West of the Moon will be operated by Marla Sloan, who brings a lifelong interest in children and toys. Sloan is attempting to provide "unusual and fascinating playthings that are amusing, delightful and fun."

"I believe playing together facilitates communication and helps to develop intimate relationships — having fun together promotes harmony in community."

West of the Moon can be reached at 537-4661.

• Darren and Sonia Schneider are the new owners of the Me & Ewe Janitorial Services.

The eight-year-old company specializes in commercial floor cleaning as well as commercial and residential carpets.

The Schneiders come to Salt Spring from Taber, Alberta, and have been in the cleaning industry for seven years.

• Pat's Trucking & Aggregate is a new firm owned by Patrick Beattie.

A resident of Salt Spring for 24 years, Beattie plans to supply and truck topsoil, screened gravel, drain rock and pit run.

The new business is located at 124 Lee Road.

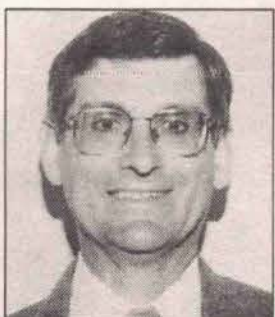
## Summer job program expected to aid 2,000 students with wage reimbursement

About 2,000 British Columbia students are expected to gain assistance through a provincial summer job program.

The B.C. government announced a \$3 million program to encourage employers to hire students this summer. The program will reimburse employers for a

portion of wages paid to students between May 1 and September 1.

Labour Minister Dan Miller said priority will go to positions that offer skills, training and experience related to apprenticeship training and co-op education.



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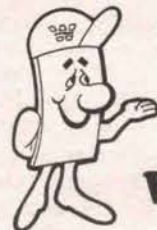
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# Home Show offers home products, services, Hawaii trip

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Shopping for home improvement products and services is always more fun when it's done at a fair.

At Home Show 95, people can check out everything from alarm systems to light fixtures and furniture, all in a festive atmosphere. Almost 50 businesses will be at the Farmers' Institute this weekend for the Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Home Show.

Barry Green is one of the organizers. He said trampolines, a custom-made tile service and a computer company with an Internet demonstration are a handful of new participants to the show. For regular exhibitors, the Home Show is a chance to show off new building and home improvement products.

Some off-island-based companies eager to build their Salt Spring connections wouldn't dare miss Home Show '95, said Green.

"They've found it well worth their while to come," he said.

The Home Show also has lots of prizes offered by individual exhibitors and the Chamber of Commerce. Grand prize is a deluxe seven-day trip for two to Hawaii. Anyone attending the fair is eligible to win the trip.

A chainsaw carving can also be won, with raffle proceeds benefiting the Lady Minto Hospital

Foundation. Draws for both the carving and trip will take place late Sunday afternoon.

Service groups and representatives from the island's emergency services will also be on hand with displays.

An always-popular part of Sunday festivities is the chili cookoff contest, which brings out the best in culinary-minded islanders. Competitors have been slow to warm up to the idea this year, but organizers hope they will register in the next few days. Individuals or groups interested in cooking up a gallon of their favourite chili on Sunday morning and vying for lifelong honours should register with Steve Martin of Alfresco Restaurant at 537-5979.

Judging will be done by a panel of expert taste-testers, but the public will also be invited to taste the chili around noon on Sunday.

Concession booths operated by service groups will also be providing food and refreshments on both days.

Getting to the fair will be made easier through the use of a free shuttle bus. Passengers will be picked up from Gulf Islands Secondary School, Ganges Village Market and Centennial Park.

Home Show 95 runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$2. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge.



**VIEW FROM ABOVE:** Bird's eye view of a portion of the Farmers' Institute grounds during last year's Home Show. Nearly 50 exhibitors

are expected to display their goods and services at this weekend's show.

File photo

## Talks will determine formula for recycling

Whether businesses on Salt Spring will have to begin paying to dispose of their recyclable goods depends on the outcome of negotiations with the Capital Regional District (CRD).

"We have to make sure they're willing to fund us with enough money to keep operating," said manager Peter Grant. The previous contract expired at the end of December but the CRD has since extended all recycling contracts throughout the region until the end of this month.

If negotiations with the CRD do not produce enough money to operate, Grant said, it is possible the shortfall could be made up by charging businesses to dispose of glass and tin.

The CRD funding is only intended to cover residential recycling, Grant said, but the Salt Spring depot has had a policy of also accepting recyclables from businesses.

"If there's enough money there (in the contract) that we can carry on, we won't charge," Grant said.

Whatever happens, businesses wanting to dispose of cardboard will not be charged. The price paid for recyclable cardboard has increased enough to make the material valuable. "There's no way we're going to charge people to bring cardboard now because it is worth money," Grant observed.

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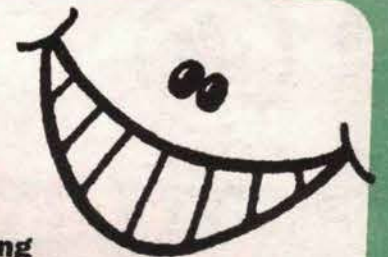


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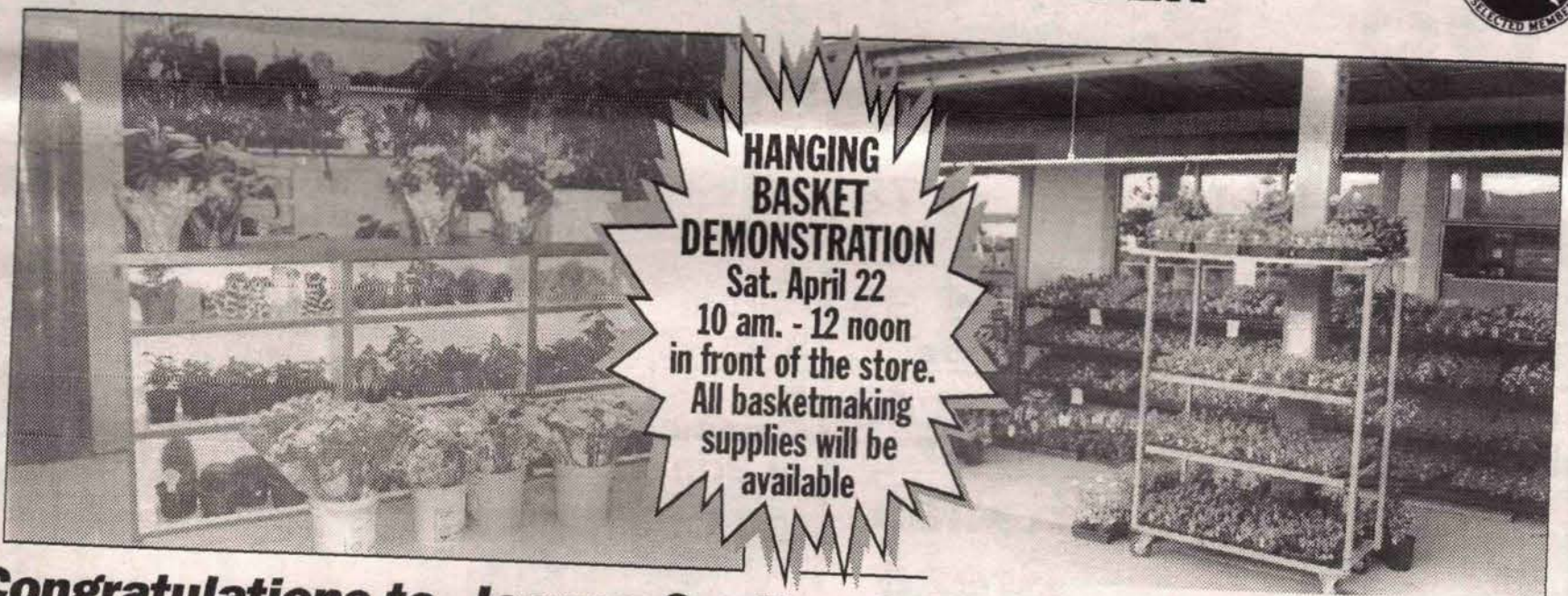
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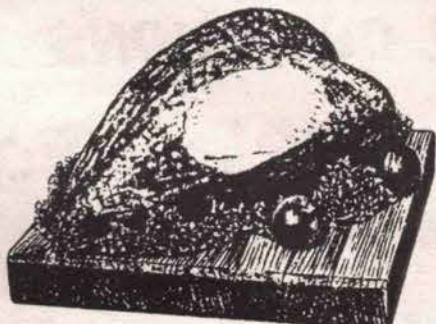
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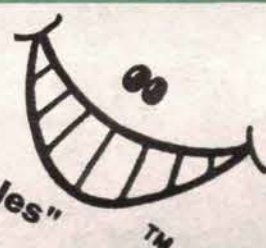


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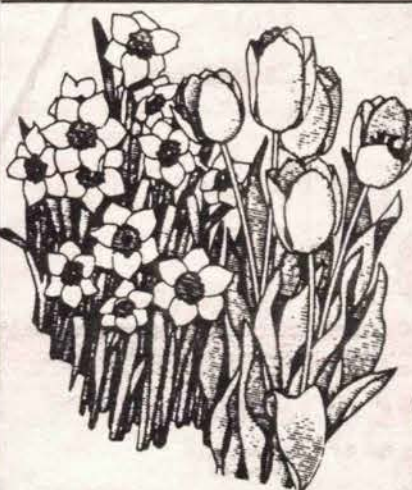
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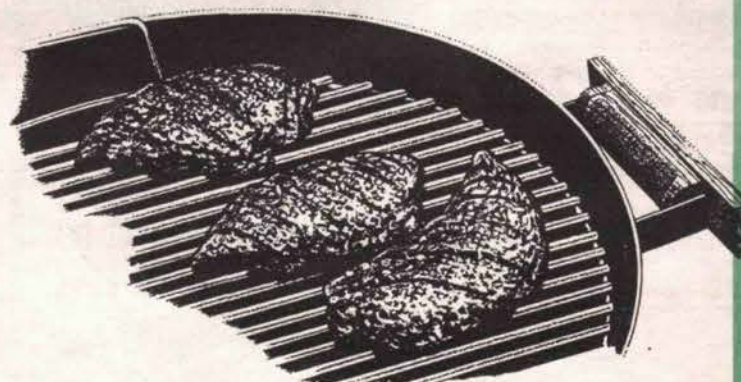
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## Building site burn sparks complaints

Burning debris caused a flurry of complaints to the Salt Spring Fire Department Thursday when the school district was doing site work at the old B.C. Hydro property on Rainbow Road.

The burning began after land was cleared for the new school district bus garage. But the quantity of green branches in the debris meant there was more smoke than fire, and winds drove some of it straight across the Salt Spring Elementary school grounds.

At least one island parent was upset at the amount of smoke in and around the elementary school, which was affecting her asthmatic daughter.

Fire Capt. Erling Jorgensen said the Ganges firehall received several calls during the day about the burning, but when firemen went to the site they found that regulations were being obeyed.

They suggested green branches be taken off the burn pile to reduce the amount of smoke. Jorgensen said if the fire had been set on the weekend, there may not have been as many complaints.

Ministry of Environment open burning smoke control regulations, introduced in March 1994, regulate the size of a burn pile, the distance from a residence, hospital or school, and the type of material that can be burned.

Ken Broadland, environment ministry conservation officer, said he had had no report of an infraction on Rainbow Road. If the pile was more than 500 metres from a school or hospital and more than 100 metres from a residence, and the material burned was land clearing debris from the site, there should not have been a problem.

Burning permits were required as of April 15.

## Equestrians want access to trails on Salt Spring

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

But who will pick up the road apples?

That was the first question asked after Andrea Sowden and Bill Harrington made a pitch to the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) March 27 for equestrian access on island trails. Sowden said walkers, hikers and riders could all share present and future trails developed by the commission.

Asked by regional director Dietrich Luth about cleaning up any horse droppings, Harrington noted they do not cause the same problems as dog droppings. Still, if droppings did become a problem, he felt most riders would be willing to dismount and remove them from the path.

Commission member Peter Calderhead asked about the danger of someone cantering or galloping a horse down a trail, around a blind corner and overtaking walkers.

Harrington said he would not bring his horse to a controlled canter unless he had a clear view of the trail ahead. "I think you're dealing with responsible people."

Sowden said riding trails are essential since it is too dangerous to ride horses on many of the island's roads. Because there is no organized riding club on the island, Sowden said, many riders stick to their own property.

"There's little pockets of horses all over the island," Harrington said.

Available trails would be used, Sowden said, but neither she nor Harrington thought there would be riders packing every trail.

"I'm not anticipating a cavalry charge," Harrington quipped.

Other issues discussed at the meeting:

- The Duck Creek trail created by the E-Team over the winter has led to another problem: too many cars parking near the trail, especially on Sunset Drive. Parks and Recreation administrator Tony

Hume said a parking lot may be developed in the future when more land is obtained through further development of Channel Ridge. Meanwhile, commission members suggested erecting signs asking trail users to park away from residents' property and mailboxes.

One of the E-Team supervisors, Charles Wilson, has submitted a proposal for signs which would identify the recently constructed trails. Commission members Malcolm McLean, Lawrie Neish and Bill Curtin volunteered to oversee the sign project.

- The request by a developer for road access through Arnell Park has been withdrawn, parks and recreation administrator Tony Hume reported. The developer is now planning access through his own property.

- The commission will ask the Capital Regional District (CRD) to assume liability for banner poles which are to be erected near the Ganges firehall. In the past, B.C. Hydro has hung large street banners in Ganges to promote community events. Hume reported Hydro wants to change the practice of hanging banners on electrical poles and is working with the Ministry of Highways, the Salt Spring Fire Department, the Chamber of Commerce and the PRC to develop an alternative.

Special 16-foot poles will be erected near the firehall, Hume said, with Hydro offering to continue hanging the banners, the chamber willing to schedule them, the PRC providing flowers to hang from the poles and the fire department volunteering to water the flowers.

The one missing element is an organization to accept legal liability for the banner poles, which will be located on highway right-of-way — a role which most commission members hope the CRD will accept.

- The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on April 10 were: Lois Johnson and Bill Buckler, Sue Bradford and Peter Jacquest, Conhor Hunt and Isabelle Richardson, Uve Meyer and Brian Dawson.

On April 11, North-South: Sue Bradford and Peter Jacquest, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton, Isabelle Richardson and Helen

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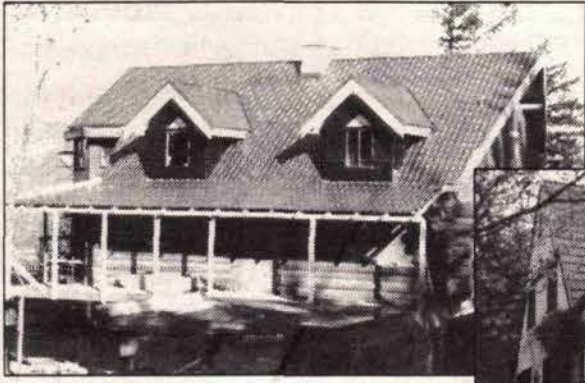

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# Shootout loss keeps Slugs out of B division finals

By JIM BLACK  
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Slugs ended their 1994/95 season in almost grand fashion at the annual Parksville Oldtimers Tournament on the weekend. It was almost in grand fashion because the Slugs were just one goal shy of going to the "B" division finals after losing 6-5 to the Parksville Muggers in an overtime shootout.

Mind you, the Slugs would not have even come close to this if not for the goaltending of Derek Topping, who was nothing short of brilliant between the pipes.

The tournament started off for the Slugs on Friday afternoon with a game against the Parksville Eaglecrest Eagles, the local league champions. As if this wasn't bad enough, the referees were breaking new ground by calling penalties for everything in the book and when they got bored with that, making up new infractions as they saw fit.

Thanks to these guys, the Slugs spent 22 of the 40 minutes in the penalty box. But thanks to Derek we did not give up a power play goal in the process. Despite this, we did go on to lose 5-3 with Kevin Porteous, Andy Naumann and Pete Huser scoring for the good guys.

Our next match was that same evening, at 11:30, against the Port McNeill Microns. This was a good hockey club with just one flaw, their netminder, who before the game seemed to have won a tequila drinking contest. Once their players put his mask on correctly and propped him up in the net we were set to go.

It looked even more like a sure thing for the Slugs when their best centreman told us, "Just hit the net and you'll score." Unfortunately, hitting the net, with the puck at least, has always been one of the Slugs' biggest downfalls. The Microns didn't have this problem, scoring just 40 seconds into the match. But shortly after that they started taking a series of dumb penalties of which the Slugs took full advantage, scoring four times on the power play en route to an 8-5 victory.

Scoring for the Slugs this time out were Paddy Akerman and Rob Cook with two each, and Kevin Porteous, Todd McIntyre, Johnny Procter and newcomer Blaine Johnson with one each.

This victory put the lads into the Sunday morning semi-final match with the Parksville Muggers, a club which could boast about having at least one former NHL-er in its ranks.

Despite this, the boys came out flying and struck for the first goal just 46 seconds into the game when Paddy Akerman buried one to complete a beautiful passing play from both Porteous and Procter. Shortly after this, however, the Muggers started to take

## SLUG TRAIL

command, only to be stonewalled time and again by Topping. But even he was only human and the Muggers scored on a power play 12 minutes into the period. The Slugs came right back just minutes later when Todd McIntyre scored a shorthanded marker unassisted. Rod Chalkborn completed the first period scoring for the

Slugs while the Muggers managed to sneak one more past Topping.

Into the final period the Muggers kept up their attack, but once again it was the Slugs who struck first, with Johnny Procter slapping one home at the mid-way point of the period.

But time was on the side of the Muggers, who were holding the decided edge in play and were showing no sign of slowing down. They managed to tie the game up with just five minutes left. The score remained deadlocked at four each at the end of regulation time,

which meant the game would be decided by way of a shootout.

Both sides put out their best five shooters and both sides scored once. The rest of the players would now take part in a sudden death shootout - the first to score would win.

Unfortunately for the Slugs in general and Topping in particular, the next Mucker up scored to end the match and our chances at a division title. Despite the loss, Topping was named MVP after stopping nearly 50 shots the Muggers threw his way.

Slugmobile - or the Hyperbaric

Chamber as we have taken to calling it - is up on blocks for another summer, the team would like to say thanks to our sponsors, Tom Hosie and Mike Garside from Salt Spring Insurance, and to all the fans who came out to see just how inept we really are.

Next September the Slugs will once again go forth and inject humour if not talent into their hockey matches. Until then the boys will follow a rigid training schedule with daily sessions being conducted at a number of local watering holes.

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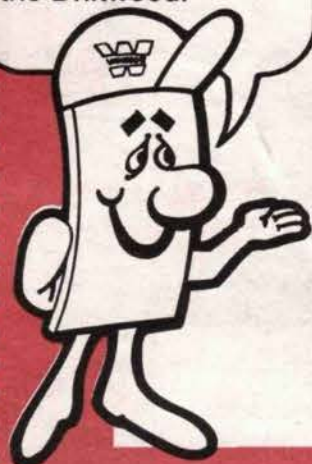
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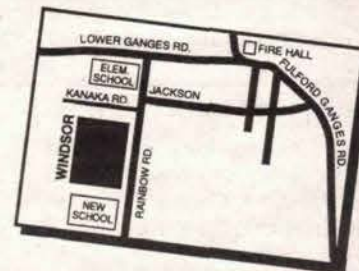
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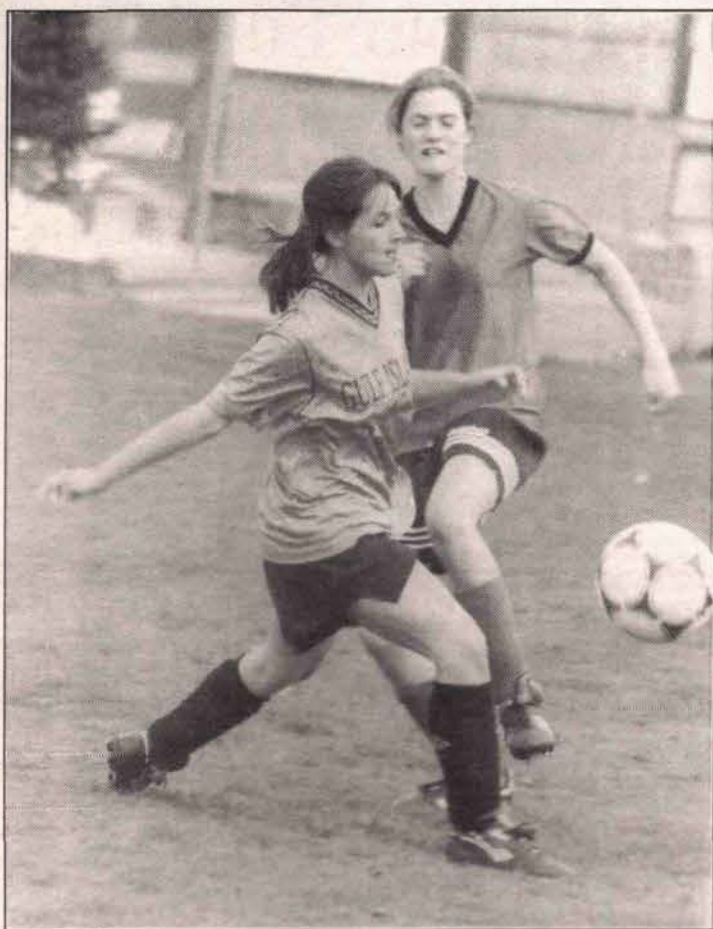
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### Junior girls beat Brentwood

Shelagh Baker, above left, of Gulf Islands Secondary School's junior girls soccer team wrests control of the ball from a Brentwood School player Thursday during game at Ganges. At right, Jill Speed, left, makes contact with the ball

while Joelle Morrison, centre, looks on. The local team won 5-1. The school will host the mid-island tournament next Wednesday, with games scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the high school field.

Photos by Tony Richards

## Rowing Club set to take delivery of four-person, Chinese-built shell

Local rowers hope to take delivery of a new four-person shell this week.

Julia Hengstler of the Gulf Islands Rowing Club said Tuesday that a China-built copy of a German hull has been purchased for \$5,325. She hopes the shell can be picked up Thursday from the Saanich man who imports them.

Other clubs were consulted

about the Chinese hulls and reported they were happy with them, Hengstler said. One advantage to them is their lower cost.

The craft does not come with oars but the club has been able to obtain used oars from the Canadian national team.

"They could be oars used by (national champion) Silken Laumann," Hengstler observed.

The club has about a dozen

members but building membership has not been a priority due to the shortage of shells, Hengstler said.

Rowers have been using a location on St. Mary Lake as a place to store equipment and from which to launch the shells. But the location is not permanent and the rowing club remains uncertain about where it will operate from in future.

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**Diehard fans**

Rain or shine, on warm days or cold, some Salt Spring soccer fans are unfailing in their support for local teams. Among the diehards are Marylou Cuddy and Wendy Scott, seen here on a cold day at Portlock

Park recently. Cuddy's son Morgan plays for the Kicks, while Scott's daughter Alanna plays for the Strikers and sons Corbin and Justin are members of Salt Spring FC.

Photo by Tony Richards

## 24 teams may compete in 10th May Day soccer tournament

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor

With the coming of spring it is easy to think the soccer season is over for the Old Boys. League play is complete (and it should be noted we had a winning season). But the most important soccer event is yet to come, Soccer Madness in May.

The 10th annual May Day weekend Challenge Cup tournament will be played this year on May 20-22.

This year looks to be even bigger than before with the possibility of 24 teams competing in three divisions: the Spring Chicken (under 30), the Geritol (over 30) and the Wee Lassies (women's).

The Spring Chicken Division looks to have 10 teams all scrambling for the Eric Springford Challenge Cup, with Salt Spring FC as defending champion.

The big questions for FC will be: can Ken Marr possibly play Miracle Man in goal once again? Does FC have enough money in its coffers to bribe enough officials to throw games? Can Sorebutts, Woody and the Rutabaga Man reach stardom and give RC a "real" offence? And does Geritol work for under-30 players?

Speaking of Geritol, the Old Boys will be competing with seven other squads for the Sir Richard McBride Cup.

Will the Old Boys win a game? If they do win a game will they be accused of using Benadryl (or worse still, A535)? Will Henry "The Legend" Braak return to the team after his rehab for chocolate cake addiction at the Cadbury Rehab Centre? Will Drew Lindsay start scoring on the field, not just off it?

Will Gary "Ally" McNutt ever score? And who will win the Cal Mackay Perpetual Trophy (for most goals in one's own net)?

The Wee Lassies Division will have at least four teams, depending on late registrations and they will compete for the Ed Lumley Trophy.

At the present time there is no Salt Spring Women's representative team, although last year a group of thrown-together ladies made the final. Jennifer Foster (537-0895) is trying to get some girls together and they practice every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. at the old high school field.

It should also be noted the Salt Spring Kicks, the under-19 boys team, will also be competing in the Spring Chicken Division again this year, and should provide some great challenges for all they meet, based on their cup run to date.

By RUTH HUME  
Driftwood Contributor

It's that time of year when we say "see you in September" to many of our league bowlers. The good news is there is much more open bowling from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the rest of the community.

It is always difficult to single out one group when it comes to the smoking issue. Starting May 1 we will begin complying with the clean air bylaw regarding bowling centres and we will not allow smoking in the bowling side of the business. By changing the smoking seating in our restaurant, there will be seating available by the side door for smoking breaks and yet we can continue to enjoy clean air in the bowling alley.

Top scores this past week:

Special Olympics: Sharon Way 163, Jim Beck 162, Mahjor Baines 165, 173, Stuart Elliot 140, 166, Gloria Dale 165, 165, Jim Beck 171.

Tuesday morning Golden Agers: Jack Godwin 265, Jim Southern 217,

## HIGH ROLLERS

John Richardson 215, Isabelle Richardson 210, Mary MacGregor 203, Rita Brown 200, Gordon Parsons 265/638, Mike Elrington 259, Loft Houghton 232, Madelene Jory 212.

Tuesday afternoon Golden Agers: Conrad Flebbe 219, Catherine McFadyen 244, Jean Nicol 206, Reg Winstone 201, 213, 230/603, Ken Robinson 229, Murray Anderson 233, 247, 243/723, 209, Vanda Winstone 205.

Friday afternoon Golden Agers: Bill Baker 209, 212, 200/621, 208, 230/619, Edie Gear 211, Gene Graham 244, 242/678, Madelene Jory 207, 230, Cliff Jory 205, Deke Noonan 203, Ken Robinson 217, 210/604, Don Goodman 201, 297, Marg Baker 248, Jack Godwin 202.

Circus League: Tony Farr 215, 210, Rita-Robertson 208, 207, M. Radford 205, Ken Strike 202, 206, Lois Codd 202, Gordon Ruckle 218, Ken Barnes

251/630, Glenn Hewitson 218.

Wednesday afternoon ladies: Linda Ramer 226, Shirley Bunyan 216, Sylvia Ryles 221, Margaret Baker 211, 281, Elizabeth Socher 207.

Legion League: Steve Martens 204, Heather Kusch 236, 203, 201/640, Doug Sykes 212, 244, 209, 235/688, Gary Whitehead 246, Rod Tranter 263, Janet Severn 200, 273, 255, Al Hall 218, 267/652, 214, 253/649, Ron Cunningham 202, 209, Gary Gaetz 205, Patti Stubbs 205, Darlene Wellington 201.

Monday A.M. League: Roy Forbes 213, 204; 218, 200, Lisbeth Jones 202, Leah Harvey, Hilary Clemente 210.

Smurfs and Peewees: Stephen Severn 110, 116, Kara Huser 118, Steven Hansen 129, 112, 103, Tristian P. 141, Kathleen Sinclair 128, Valerie Harkema 102, Smurfs: Stephanie Parker 89.

Bantams and Juniors: Andra Bergsma 161, 126; 160, 154, Christine Anderson 134, 140; 147, 142, Dylan Hume 131, Corine Taylor 164, 170; 183, 153, Juniors Tony Sevdol 205, 186, Arla Hillis 162.

## Boat basin dredging job set for summer

Ganges boat basin will get a face-lift this summer. Make that a mud-lift. A part of the basin which has silted up will be dredged, possibly as early as June.

Adrian Rowland of the federal Department of Public Works said some 8,500 cubic metres of silt will be taken out of a channel between the floats and Centennial Park. Tenders are expected to be put out in

a month for a job that should be completed before the summer is out.

Ganges wharfinger Bob Morrisette said the dredging work, which is necessary maintenance work, will allow more boats to be rafted on the southern inside finger of the dock and give more turning radius to boats coming in and out of that area.

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# THE DIRECTOR IS NOT God

Hetty Clews  
talks about  
the theatre  
as new  
production  
opens in  
Victoria

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

All the world may be a stage, but Victoria's Langham Court Theatre holds a special place in Hetty Clews' heart. She has been a member of the Victoria community theatre guild for more than 20 years, acting and directing. This week, *I Never Sang For My Father* by Robert Anderson opens for a three-week run, directed by Clews.

Hetty Clews has almost always had some involvement in the stage, which she calls her avocation. Her career has been teaching English at universities, first in Saskatoon and then in Victoria. But from her early university days, when she wasn't in the classroom she was usually not far from the stage.

She met husband Alan in the university theatre club, playing a beguiled Mrs. Cricket to his parasitic Ichneumon Fly in not-so-subtle political satire, *The Insect Play*.

"I love acting," Clews said last week at her Reginald Hill home. "You have your reward — the contact with the audience. You are part of a dialogue."

That dialogue between playwright and audience, play and play-reader is something Clews has always understood naturally.

"It's like opening up a pop-up book," she explained. "You see and hear it. You hear the performances of the play in performance."

"You're conceptualizing the production. And you think, 'I'd love to play that part.' You really want to be part of that magic."

Through the years she has been part of that stage magic many times, both as actor and director in community and professional theatre — even film. Recent productions in Victoria include *To Grandmother's House We Go*, *On Golden Pond*, *Uncle Vanya* and *Ring Round the Moon*.

She has been rewarded for her stage work, winning best actress and best director awards in

Saskatchewan and B.C. as well as the McPherson Award for an outstanding contribution to the arts in 1984. Her talents have also been put to use as a provincial adjudicator of high school drama.

She is very happy at Langham Court, Victoria's 180-seat community theatre. It's a quality, para-professional company, she says, with all the virtues of community theatre: the volunteerism, the mutual support, the really high standard of discipline in performance and technical aspects of theatre.

"It's every bit as good as Belfry or Bastion," she says, comparing it to two other Victoria theatres, and means it.

Clews has been both actress and director with Langham Court. It is not always easy to be on both sides of the lights, but Clews finds rewards in both.

**"I love acting. You have your reward — the contact with the audience. You are part of a dialogue."**

She eschews the "director is God" camp, believing the director is more of a facilitator of what happens on stage, albeit a facilitator with a purpose. A director has to remain "in control" yet able to nurture the actors' creativity and keep them comfortable in their roles.

"A director should facilitate growth in the understanding of the play and the truthfulness of the play without actually saying it's my way or nothing," she said. "It's a very delicate balance."

"You can see things happening on stage that you did not foresee. You have to be able to say, 'Hey this is all right.' I find it is a learning experience."

Clews' current production, which opened last Wednesday, is a play she has wanted to direct

ever since she first read it in 1970 while she was with the Gateway Players in Saskatoon.

Set in the 1960s but with flashbacks to the 1950s, *I Never Sang For My Father* is about parent-child relationships, and especially one man's sense that he was never able to communicate with his father. Clews said the play is a period piece — it was written at a time when psychoanalysis was neither as common nor as sophisticated as today. But what the play says about family relations was as true in the 1950s as it is now.

Indeed, the power of this play, which is as strong for her now as it was in 1970, is in its truthful and lucid depiction of people and family relations. It has the universal understanding of human nature that harks back even as far as Greek tragedy, with the familial problems of Oedipus and Elektra.

*I Never Sang For My Father* is not as dark as a Greek tragedy, Clews added. It leaves her uplifted at the end.

But for 25 years she has not had the chance to direct this play, try as she might. In the early 1970s, it was not possible for community theatres to use the script. It was too new. It was being shown on Broadway. But after she came to Victoria and Langham Court in 1974, Clews began to submit the play to the committee which chooses each season's works.

Finally, last year, the committee asked Clews if she would direct it. It has not necessarily been an easy job, Clews said as she was nearing the end of the director's work in advance of opening night.

"When I love a play too much it makes the rehearsal process too painful. I've wanted to do it for so long. I've seen it inwardly so many times. It's harder to let go my inner vision and let it happen."

"I've done it, but it's been very hard."

*I Never Sang For My Father* runs at the Langham Court theatre in Victoria every night except Sunday until April 29.



**MASTER OF THE STAGE:** Salt Spring Islander Hetty Clews has a bit of fun with two of her cast after the show. She is directing *I Never Sang For My Father* at Langham Court Theatre. It runs until April 29.

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(Romantic WWII drama) .....	Tues. & Wed. 9pm
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## 2 island volunteers build, paint sets

Hetty Clews is not the only Salt Spring Islander with a long association with Langham Court Theatre. Reg Taylor and Elma Rubright have been building and painting sets voluntarily at the community theatre for much of the last decade.

Taylor built the simple three-tiered set for the current production of *I Never Sang For My Father*. He built a more elaborate three-scene set for last fall's Noel Coward show, *This Happy Breed*, which Rubright helped paint.

Building and painting theatre sets is not like redecorating the front room. Budgets, especially at a community theatre, are often small. Taylor said he "hardly bought anything" for the current show and re-used risers and sets from the last show.

He calls his work "carpentry" but Rubright says it is more than that. The set crew needs to work with the designer and the director to make sure everything is just as it should be: the sets are sturdy enough for the action of the play; nothing is larger than it needs to be, or too small; the construction of the sets gives the right impression.

For instance, in one show set in the British prime minister's office on Downing Street, doors were made extra large to give the impression of power and

importance.

Rubright plays the same illusory tricks with paint. Like the set for *This Happy Breed* which showed the same house before a family moved in, a year after and then 20 years after. A series of special folding wall panels made it seem like the room was redecorated twice, and Rubright painted in those wallpaper stains left behind when family pictures are taken down. The audience has an instantly recognizable image of time passing, which is what the director wants.

Rubright starts her work for any play by reading the script. Then she reads it again. The third time she starts to make notes: who comes on stage; who leaves; what do they pick up or stand behind; how big is everything.

Voluntary work though it is, both Taylor and Rubright put a lot of professional time in their work, which is done long before opening night and without the immediate gratification of audience applause. Rubright has her own reasons for doing stage work.

"There's joy involved in creating something out of nothing, in working as a team," she said. "We're giving the actors a background. If you do it right you'll get a reaction."

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# Festival will screen four Canadian films from four provinces

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Canadian culture vultures take note: the fourth Salt Spring Cinema Canadian Film Festival is about to begin. Cinema owner Louise Nye has brought four films from four provinces which will be screened Friday through Wednesday.

One film is a period piece, set in the 1940s; the others are all contemporary. Louis XIX is set in Montreal, the Road to Saddle River on the Alberta range, For the Moment in Manitoba and Dance Me Outside on a northern Ontario native reserve. There is drama, romance and comedy in the selection of feature films this year, all of which have the quirkiness and realism for which Canadian films are often noted.

The film festival has changed its schedule, from the end of June to the end of April. It began in 1992 as a cinematic response to Canada's 125th birthday celebrations. But, Nye said, June is too busy for islanders. School is out, the Festival of the Arts is about to open and there are lots of things to do outside.

April is better for a cinematic pick-me-up, before the warm weather sets in and the days become longer, Nye said. People are "ready for a bit of a lift."

And a lift is just what islanders will get with these four films.

For the Moment, with its big-band soundtrack, will appeal to an older generation as well as anyone interested in what life was like

during the last war. Filmed two years ago in Brandon, Manitoba, For the Moment is part documentary and part romantic drama. The National Film Board co-produced it, helping to give the film a definite Canadian feel. The plot surrounds a group of pilots enrolled in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, one of whom, an Australian, falls in love with a local farm wife whose husband is overseas.

Louis XIX, with its slick satiric look at television, will appeal to the smart, urban set. It's about how an ordinary, TV-addicted stereo salesman catapults to national fame by winning a contest and having his life taped live for three months straight. It seems like the life of Reilly at first. Then Louis falls in love and the ubiquitous camera seems more intrusive.

Those who loved Bruce McDonald's Highway 61 will appreciate the same eccentric but earthy Dance Me Outside. This film is set among a group of young native Canadians dealing with the anxieties of relationships, life, the future and the past. Based on a series of short stories by W.P. Kinsella, and with Norm Jewison throwing in his co-producing weight, this film has a lot going for it. Strong acting by some of the young stars and a good soundtrack blend into a cinematic journey that will leave everyone with food for thought.

Islanders who are familiar with the search for and journey to paradise will appreciate Road to



**HOME ON THE RANGE:** Road to Saddle River is about a vegetarian Czech butcher who learns to be a cowboy in Alberta.

Saddle River, a cowboy comic odyssey. What may surprise people is that the pot of gold at the end of this rainbow is rangeland in northern Alberta and not a piece of rocky waterfront on Salt Spring. See this film to learn how a vegetarian Czech butcher learns to be a cowboy and finds his home on the range.

The festival will show films nightly with one day screening, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., of Louis XIX. The screening is for local French students, but members of the public are welcome to attend.

Special door prizes donated by local businesses will be given out

each night. Adult seats are \$6 — cheaper than normal to encourage islanders to see Canadian films —

and \$4 for students, seniors and children. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### This week at the Cinema

**THE ROAD TO SADDLE RIVER:** A road movie of road movies, this time set in the rural landscape of northern Alberta. Road to Saddle River documents the search of a would-be cowboy for his dream home on the range. The vegetarian Czech butcher wandering the prairie with a saddle meets a variety of people who help him on his journey. Friday, Saturday, 7 p.m., Sunday, 9 p.m.

**DANCE ME OUTSIDE:** From the man who brought the world Highway 61 comes this quirky film Dance Me Outside. Set on an Ontario native reserve, and based on a number of short stories written by W.P. Kinsella, this film deals with typical teenage angst and relationship blues mixed with some pretty atypical musings on past, present, and future from the perspective of native youths. Friday and Saturday, 9:15 p.m., Sunday, 7 p.m.

**FOR THE MOMENT:** This is likely to be the big hit of the festival as it has been in Manitoba. Set in that province during the Second World War, when young, daring pilots arrived from all over the Commonwealth to train in the safe environs of Brandon. Naturally they fell in love with locals. Naturally they listened to Glenn Miller. Miss this movie at your peril. Monday, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, 9 p.m.

**LOUIS XIX, KING OF THE AIRWAVES:** Perhaps the quirkiest of the films at this year's festival, this is a slick and stylish urban comedy from Quebec. Louis, the nerdy protagonist, wins a competition and gets to have his life filmed for three solid months. But having a video camera shoved in your face every minute of the day is not always fun. And it tends to change his friends and family, who are all looking for exposure on celluloid. Monday, 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### Island Video Hits

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| 1. Priscilla Queen of the Desert.....(1) | 6. Don't Talk to Strangers.....(-) |
| 2. Shawshank Redemption.....(-)          | 7. Scent of Green Papaya.....(7)   |
| 3. Exotica.....(3)                       | 8. Silent Fall.....(-)             |
| 4. Stargate.....(4)                      | 9. Exit to Eden.....(10)           |
| 5. Pagemaster.....(5)                    | 10. Imaginary Crimes.....(-)       |

### On Tap at the Pubs

**Moby's** .....Wednesday night Live, April 19, 9 p.m.  
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.....Scott Neilson Quartet, April 23, 7 p.m.  
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.....April 20, 8:30

### Community TV Schedule

April 20, 5:30 p.m. ....Ometepe as seen by  
.....Graeme Thompson  
April 20, 7 p.m. ....Friends of Guatemala (Linda Brierly)  
April 23, 3 p.m. ....Keep Fit  
April 23, 3:30 p.m. ....Storytime  
April 23, 3:45 p.m. ....SWOVA 1995 AGM  
April 25, 11 a.m. ....Keep Fit  
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## Range of styles seen in 25 Russian works

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Imaginative. Sensitive. Traditional. Powerful. Not many islanders have had the chance to travel to the new Russia and few of those who have will have found examples of modern art to look at.

So it was a pleasant surprise to have some 25 modern Russian paintings exhibited on Salt Spring last week, brought here by the Dacha Gallery of Vancouver.

Islanders who saw the show would have been surprised at the range of styles and subjects, from state-commissioned worker-scapes like Sergei Voznesenskii's Harvest to Leonid Eppe's wildly coloured Apple Tree, inspired by a trip to Mexico.

Dimitri Larin was one of the artists who had several works on show. Several were small watercolours of fantastical scenes that reminded me at the same time of Escher and 14th-century Florentine painters.

Disorientation showed a hilltop cityscape — an onion dome in the centre gave it a Russian flavour — in bright colours and with brightly patterned houses and detailed squares. Outside, below the city, two frogs look up from their fields filled with dice. Angels look down on the city from the sky.

Another work, Bastion, is one of the most striking in the collec-

tion. Larin is having fun with the concept of the message in art. In the past, state art dictated the terms: positive reflection of state values, deeds, expectations. Art had this purpose.

In Bastion, Larin's still-life collection of pots and pans has a multitude of amusing and pointed vignettes reflected in almost every surface. In the sheen of the seemingly innocent, Soviet-made kitchenware are images of tanks, planes and ships, country and cityscapes, still-life bowls of fruit and angels.

A hammer and sickle design innocently doubles as a polka-dot pattern. Even the pot handles are made to look like battleship armament with searchlight-like lines above. It's a wonderful piece.

Another artist who commands attention is Yuri Kuznetsov. He had three striking works, all done in oil on canvas with rich use of glaze and colour. The effect was rather like lacquer on wood.

Two works, Embracing the Earth and Embracing the Sea, had similar structures: a tall, thin figure of a woman with flowing brown hair and attenuated fingers and toes stands in the middle of greenish-blue concentric circles. Between the circles are animals in the one work and sea creatures, mostly fish, in the other.

The figures include a peacock,



**POT FANTASY:** Dimitri Larin's humorous satire of state art, Bastion, was part of the exhibit of

modern Russian art which brought 25 landscapes, portraits and other works to Salt Spring.

an elephant, a deer with beautiful antlers, fish of all sizes, a walrus or seal. Their green and brown and grey and purplish surfaces have incised and painted patterns. In between are stylized trees and sea grasses.

The two works have an almost aboriginal feel and the figures are evocative of petroglyphs, European rock paintings and even early Greek Red Figure vase figures. They are the kinds of works that evoke different experiences in different viewers. They are mesmerizing works and worthy of

many an island wall.

The public exhibition is over, but those who missed it can still phone for private viewings, since

the paintings will not leave the island immediately. Phone Dacha Gallery partner Rebecca Catley-Robertson at 537-9949.

## Hystericals promise laughs for all with six-island tour starting this week

The pain of ending a relationship or from simply being in one are both cited as reasons for residents of six islands to see a show by the Salt Spring Hysterical Society, which goes on tour this week.

And those who are in no pain at all are in denial, the society says, and there's something in the show for them as well.

The Hystericals have been tour-

ing the islands for seven years and have become specialists at goring all islanders alike. The Islands Trust, regional districts, the ferries, the post office and others are all grist for the society's comedy mill.

The tour kicks off with a show Friday at Galiano's south-end community hall, followed by one on Mayne Saturday at the agricultural hall. On April 28, the society travels to Pender for a perfor-

mance in the school gymnasium and on April 29 to Saturna for a show at the community hall.

On May 5 the venue is the Gabriola community hall and on May 6, the Lasqueti community hall. Doors open at 7:30; the show begins at 8. Tickets are \$10 CDN, \$14 US at the usual outlets.



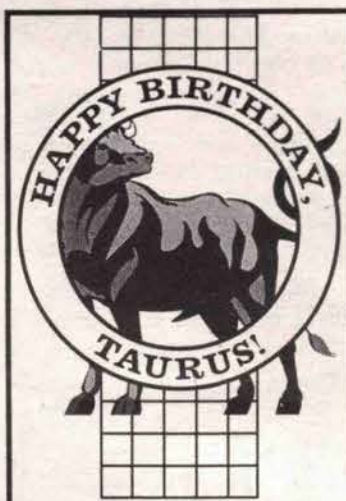
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**HE'S MY BROTHER:** Whether they're working on a Lego construction project or boating on the ocean, Colin Hopcraft, left, and Don

Mackey have made a great relationship through the Big Brothers program. More "big brothers" are needed on Salt Spring. Photo by Gail Sjuberg

## One year later, these brothers are close enough to be family

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Big Brothers couldn't have found a better advertisement.

Colin Hopcraft and Don Mackey are a beaming example of how little time it takes to make good friends or "brothers."

As part of the Big Brothers program, eight-year-old Colin and Mackey spend only three or four hours together each week, but it has a much deeper impact on their lives.

"Colin needed somebody to do things with," says his mother Penny Hopcraft, who also has younger twins. "Now he gets to do things I couldn't do with him."

The pair go boating, swimming, camping, and watch videos. But as Mackey says, the activities are not as important as the relationship between he and Colin. And while Colin likes "everything" about being a little brother, including the fun activities, he says simply "being with Don" is high on the list.

Mackey raised four boys and

coached youth soccer for several years. "I've always enjoyed kids," he says. So when he saw a Driftwood article calling for big brothers, he applied.

He went through a thorough interview and police check, and then the potential match was made with Colin. Mackey

**As part of the Big Brothers program, Colin and Mackey spend only three or four hours together each week, but it has a much deeper impact on their lives.**

recalls that Colin had his face painted like a turtle the first day they met last May, and they talked about things they liked to do, before going to Drummond Park.

"Colin is probably getting a lot more quality time than I had

with my own kids," notes Mackey.

He encourages other Salt Spring men to consider joining the Big Brothers organization. He points out it takes the same amount of time as watching a hockey or football game once a week. "And this is a lot more fulfilling."

Penny says the screening process is "really good," and made her feel comfortable about letting her son spend time with a stranger.

Almost one year later, Mackey observes the relationship "in a way becomes like family." And for his ninth birthday on April 27, Colin will have his own big brother at the party.

More big brothers are needed right now to match with boys on Salt Spring Island. A minimum one-year commitment for three hours each week is required.

Anyone interested in the program should contact Amanda Richardson of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria at 475-1117.

## OAPO plans mini-bazaar May 6

The Golden Hands Craft Group's spring tea was such a big success there is going to be another.

A craft and bake sale in a pre-Mother's Day mini-bazaar will be held by the Ganges OAPO May 6 at Central Hall. It will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saskatoon visitor Dolly Patterson won the raffle at the spring tea.



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# Almost a Lifetime

50 years later, John

McMahon writes a moving tale of a prisoner-of-war camp in Nazi Germany

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

"I was going to call it part of a lifetime."

But Salt Spring war veteran John McMahon, who nearly lost his life three times during the Second World War, decided on *Almost a Lifetime* instead as the title of his just-released book.

His first brush with death came February 2, 1943, when his Lancaster bomber was shot down on its first mission. He nearly died again on a forced march from a German prisoner-of-war camp where he spent nearly two years. And he nearly died a third time in a British prisoner-of-war hospital while recovering from dysentery and near-starvation after hundreds of miles of mid-winter marching.

For nearly 50 years, almost another lifetime, McMahon's tale has been kept among family and friends. Now, with the 50th anniversary of the end of the war approaching, McMahon's copious notes and remembrances collected over decades have finally been published.

McMahon, who was soon to be known as Paddy Mac, signed up in his home town of Belfast in 1940, a lad of just 19. It was not the call of King and country that led him to the Royal Air Force — Northern Ireland did not have conscription — but the chance for "some excitement, something different."

"We were brought up in the hungry 30s, remember."

He signed up, hoping to be a truck driver. Instead he was assigned to air groundcrew, servicing and fixing RAF aircraft. This crew was called a kite. It made the engines do more than

they were supposed to and patched up holes from enemy fire as if nothing had happened.

"We used to stand out there in front of the hangar waiting for (the planes) to come back, long after we knew they had run out of gas," McMahon said, recalling the death toll among bombing squads was very high. "We knew them all. We were losing friends."

**It was not the call of King and country that led him to the Royal Air Force but the chance for "some excitement"**

Later in the war he volunteered for aircrew. He knew the life expectancy was counted in the weeks, but at that age "you all think you are invincible." There is only one account of a bombing mission in the book, because McMahon only went on one mission. That first time out, on February 2, 1943, he was shot down, the lone survivor of a crew of seven.

The bulk of the book is about McMahon's time in the prisoner-of-war camp Stalag VIII-B. It was in the southeast corner of Germany then, now part of southern Poland. He describes the daily life, the Red Cross propaganda visits, the friends he meets and the ones he makes.

What readers remember are snapshots of daily life: the taste of the soup, an impromptu shower in a rainstorm, sharing food

rations and Red Cross food parcels.

This is a story about the ordinary actions of men in the extraordinary dynamic of war.

He shows human strength as well as human foibles: struggling through the constant winter cold and infrequent rations; stealing boots, stealing food. Extreme deprivation, extreme psychological stress and long confinement exact their toll of fear, weakness, greed and selfishness in otherwise honourable people.

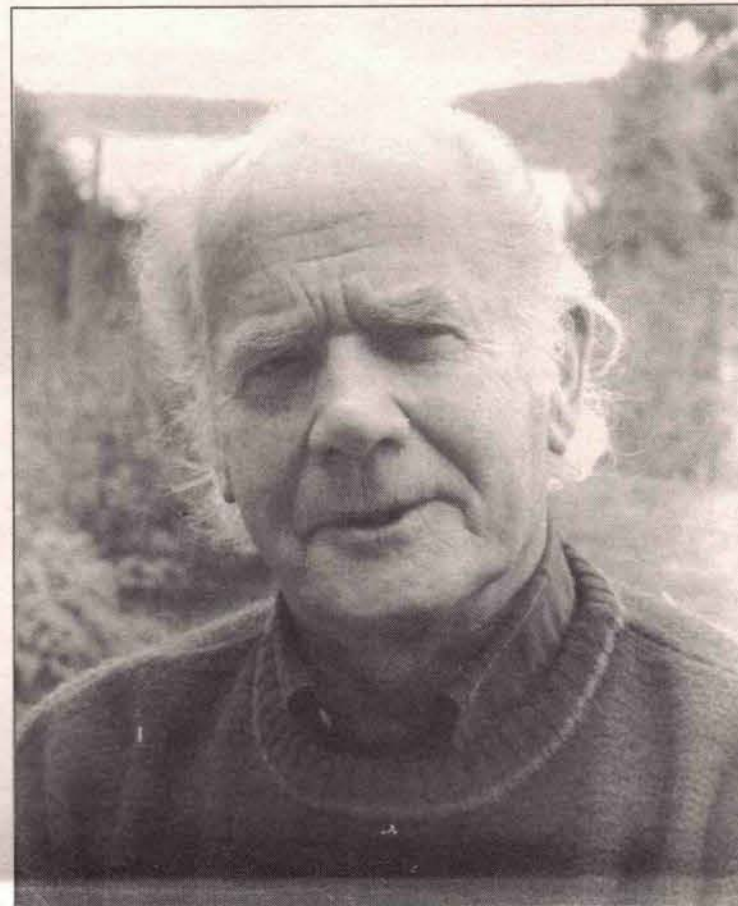
It is a moving tale. There is something of the jack-the-lad camaraderie common in war-memoir books. There is also something of the Irish author's sense of humour and indefatigable zest for life.

But what makes this book rise above so many accounts of the Second World War is McMahon's ability to show how human humans can be. Nowhere is this strongest than in the chapters on the long, cold, hungry march west ahead of the invading Russians.

The 40,000 prisoners have been ordered to march; rations are low or non-existent. For a while, the buddy system of the camps still reigns. But as hunger takes over and army discipline dissolves, men prey on each other in their lust for survival.

Who can blame them? McMahon does not. There is no evil or heroism among the prisoners or their guards, only different shades of greying humanity.

And it is this honesty of expression which gives the book its haunting power. Given the same hellish conditions, humans have the same opportunity for



**SNAPSHOTS OF WAR:** Life in the Royal Air Force, a German prisoner-of-war camp and a long march home are some of the episodes described in John McMahon's book, *Almost a Lifetime*. In it he captures the humanity which survives in the most surprising places.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

good or bad. Death and life can follow from either. The reader is left emotionally exhausted. How would you react in the same situation? Would you survive or die?

Hard questions but fascinating. And surprisingly current. While these same life and death struggles rarely exist in the western democ-

racies, there are many places where man's humanity and inhumanity to man is visible every day. That also makes this book more than just another war story.

*Almost a Lifetime* is available on Salt Spring Island at et cetera, Volume II and Ganges Village Market.

## Crossing-the-line ritual was all in good fun—author

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

"Join the Navy. See the World."

Travel was no doubt one of the highlights of life in the Royal Navy when Britain still ruled the

waves and had an empire on which the sun never set. It was a highlight that had to be balanced against the rigours of a disciplined life in cramped quarters in the service of King and country.

But there was plenty of time for fun, as Salt Spring Islander and long-time Navy man Hank Rotherham outlines in his book, *It's Really Quite Safe*.

Crossing the line — be it the international date line, the equator or even the north pole — involved one of the more elaborate ship-board rituals in the Royal Navy. Rotherham is adamant that the ceremony was in no way a "hazing," as was claimed earlier this year by one ex-member of the Canadian Navy.

"It was all in good fun," he insisted. "This was not a hazing ritual. Quite the contrary."

Crossing the lines is an historic event, according to Lieut. Denise Laviolette, public affairs officer with Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters. She said all maritime nations hold some kind of crossing-the-line ceremony, though the line at which the ceremony is held changes. The Royal Navy seemed to use the international date line; the Canadian Navy often uses the Equator, but has been known to hold similar rituals near the North Pole.

Regardless of where the cere-

mony is held, the ritual is surprisingly similar, she said. The ceremony, which leads to a certificate promising safe passage for the sailor anywhere in Neptune's domain, is almost a superstitious ritual to ward off mishaps at sea.

Rotherham first experienced the line-crossing ritual while aboard HMS Durban on April 27, 1929, though he also has certificates from crossings in HMS Apollo in July 1936 and HMS Trouncer in October 1945.

"Hands forward. Clear away the line," would come the call, Rotherham remembered, announcing the imminent crossing.

The ritual — only used in peace time, of course — involved that most revered of English theatrics, the pantomime. Costumes would have to be prepared from whatever was at hand. There was no wardrobe aboard ship. Someone played Neptune, with a long flowing beard and a trident of some kind; someone played his queen, who often seemed to have a beard as well as long flowing hair, possibly decorated with small fish or sea creatures. Various beskirted sea nymphs completed the marine-imperial entourage.

Before this comic scene, in which various time-honoured speeches would be read, there was the ship's bathing tank. This was a large canvas-framed tank regularly filled with seawater and put on the main deck for bathing. Several men who already had their crossing-the-line certificates would be in the tank to "help" the initiates through the water.

A barber figured prominently, pretending to cut the hair of the initiate who sat with his back to the tank. At an opportune moment, the barber's assistants tipped the sailor backwards into the brine bath. He was dragged through the water to the other side of the tank, hoisted out and officially declared safely across the line.

"There was not a bit of mayhem going on," Rotherham said. The whole show was well supervised, well run and good fun. When the event was over, initiates would be issued their certificates.

Islanders interested in other aspects of life aboard a navy vessel between the 1920s and the 1940s can pick up Rotherham's book, *It's Really Quite Safe*. It was published about 10 years ago.



**HIGH JINX ON THE HIGH SEAS:** Officers and men of the Royal Navy take time out from duties for a stage play. Hank Rotherham was aboard ship some 60 years ago for this rendition of a crossing-the-line ritual, which involved King Neptune, his wife, and numerous sea nymphs.



# 'Challenging' tests determine student progress

The Brits have the answer!

A new series of tests for 11-year olds was listed by the Sunday Express recently. The tests are part of the national assessment of students' progress through school. At the age of 11 the child may be called upon to take the test. It is not universal and one in 10 will face the challenge.

A challenge it is! Each child will be called on to apply all he or she has learned in six years of good, sound education.

The most important test calls for instant comprehension. The student is given a drawing of an ice cream bar, a glass of lemonade and a cup of tea. Each drawing is accompanied by a neat little square box for "hot" and a second for "cold." The student then puts a cross against the appropriate state.

If that student considers that all ice cream bars are hot or that lemonade is equally hot he or she will reach that instant decision and tick away at the boxes. Similarly, the victim of the test paper must carefully analyse the cup of tea to decide whether it is hot or cold. No allowance is made for the age of the cup of tea that presumably started out hot and may well be cold by the time the student faces this major assessment.

This is the lower-ability test in science, appearing in the London weekly.

The newspaper presented the three- and four-year-old students of a nursery school with the 11-year-old test. While a four-year-old condemned the questions as boring, they came up with an 80 per cent score overall.

The same newspaper looked back over the years to tests set in the past. In 1888, 11-year-olds were asked, "For what reason did Prince Bismarck object to a matrimonial alliance between the ex-

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FRANK RICHARDS

Writing from the United Kingdom



king of Bulgaria and the German Imperial House?"

The test went on to ask for a definition ("Explain and derive at your discretion") of galvanism, boycott, copyright, demurrer, stock-jobber.

In 1886 the Cambridge Local Examination Board set questions to test 10 to 14-year olds. The quoted example asked the student, "There are 57 boxes of rice, each containing eight hundred and nine thousand, three hundred and nine grains, and 76 boxes each containing seven hundred and nineteen thousand two hundred and ninety-four grains. Write in words how many grains there are altogether."

In support of the standard of tests, it was observed by a spokesman for the curriculum and assessment authority that they were aimed at the minority of low-ability children including those with learning difficulties and those whose first language was not English.

Perhaps the most startling observation was that made by the Express writer, Jon Salmon, that around seven million adults in Britain have difficulty with the basics of education and up to two million cannot read or write or add up figures.

To the uninformed onlooker it does appear that the system is aiming at guaranteeing that these statistics shall endure.

*The quick and the dead!*

A news report on television

also had me wondering.

A Yorkshire city is home to a lot of Yorkshiresmen and Yorkshire women; not to mention Yorkshire girls (one there for polcor) and Yorkshire boys. It is also home to a lot of Yorkshire pigeons. In Yorkshire, pigeon youngsters wear no diapers and the result is that the outside of their favourite haunts bears the stains of pigeonhood.

The city council, in open meeting assembled, elected to do something about pigeons. The city is employing a hawk to scare the pigeons away to some other town or city.

An earlier effort to reduce the pigeon population had employed some poison, viewers learned. As a result the city was full "of dead and dying pigeons staggering about."

The day I find dead pigeons staggering about I'll take flight out of town in short order!

*That's what they said!*

You learn a lot from reading more than one newspaper. I made an interesting discovery the other day after reading the Times and the Daily Express.

Numbers have a habit of staying with me and when I learned that the railway link between London and Glasgow is to be reconstructed at great cost, the figures were there, ready for

instant recall.

One newspaper informed me that the line would be relaid at a cost of one billion pounds. The other newspaper offered the same information on deteriorating rails and offered the additional fact that the cost would be two billion pounds.

Had one writer told me that the cost would be a billion pounds, while another reporter says one hundred million, I would assume that a cypher had been lost somewhere in a computer. As it read, it gave the reader the idea that one writer was following the biblical direction to "multiply."

The lack of agreement between the two reports was mildly intriguing. But when another report in the same two papers made an even greater variation in moneys, I was left to wonder, firstly, did it matter? And secondly, how could such a

double disparity occur?

There was a fraud trail in London and the evidence was not the easiest to follow or to digest. The presiding judge called the trial off and dismissed the jury on the grounds that the evidence was so technical and abstruse that the members of the jury would be unable to fully understand it all. He also observed that his own summing up at the end of the case would have taken 14 days in the presentation.

Reported one eminent London newspaper, "A six-month fraud trial costing an estimated two million pounds collapsed yesterday."

The second paper told me that "a fraud trial which cost the taxpayer more than six million pounds collapsed yesterday."

I tried to make sense of the double-dating news stories and I collapsed.



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APR. 19: SSI Golf & Country Club AGM, Clubhouse, 8pm.

APR. 20: Fabric Guild meeting, Lower Hall Library, 7pm.

APR. 20: SS Weavers & Spinner, Mahon Hall, 10:30-1:00pm.

APR. 21: Fibromyalgia Support Group, Lady Minto brd. rm. 2pm.

APR. 24: Lady Minto Hosp. Aux. gen. meeting, United Church Hall, 1:30pm.

APR. 27: Presentation on Shingles Virus, Seniors for Seniors, 2pm.

MAY 6 & 7: Calliope: SS Singers Concert at GISS Theatre, May 6, 7:30pm; May 7, 2pm.

MAY 19: Fibromyalgia Support Group, Lady Minto brd rm. 2pm.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimer's support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am

- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.

- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.

- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).

- GISS Parents Group, School Library, 7:30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month).

- Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd. 7-8pm.

- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.

- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.

- Yoga Level II, 125 Horel Rd., 9:15-11:15.

- Macintosh User Group Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm (1st Wed. each month)

### EVERY THURSDAY

- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.

- Scottish Dancing, New Anglican Church Hall, 7-9pm.

- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, Central Hall, 7-9pm.

- Gut Support Gr., rm S208, High School, 7pm. (every last Thurs.)

- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm. (second Thurs. of the mo.)

- Seniors for Seniors luncheon, 12 noon, reservations needed.

**To have your no charge event listed here free, just drop it off to the Driftwood office by noon Friday!**

- OAPO Br. #32 Looney Tea & Video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm. (except 4th Thurs.)

### EVERY FRIDAY

- Smiles Cafe, Ganges United Church, 12-1pm.

- Kids Klub, Community Gospel Chapel, 6-11 yrs., 3:15-5:00pm.

### EVERY SATURDAY

- Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fulford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.

### EVERY MONDAY

- Story Time, Public Library, 9:30-10am (except holidays).

- "Bandemonium" G.I.S.S. band room, 7pm-9pm.

- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.).

- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 12 noon.

- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.

- 8-12 year olds roller hockey, Portlock Park, 11am-2pm.

- Story time for preschoolers, Public Library, 9:30-10am.

- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.

- French Conversation Group, Seniors for Seniors, 10:15-11:30am (except last Monday of mo.)

- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am

- Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.

### EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.

- Chess Club meeting, new High School, rm 204, 7pm-10pm.

- 8-12 year olds soccer, Portlock Park, 11am-2pm.

- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.

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# Island gardener packages seeds for flowers of Victorian England

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Flowers from the old world can be grown on Salt Spring and Wendy Montana has the seeds.

The island gardener has grown and packaged the seeds from more than 50 kinds of flowers popular in Victorian England. She is selling them to people looking for a taste of the old country or something out of the ordinary.

An English garden is a very informal affair, Montana explained. There are different ranges of plants which flower at different times of year. Variegated leaves are an added bonus for when plants are not in bloom. All the flowers in her collection are easy to grow and are suited to the island climate.

Like Queen Anne's thimbles, which has a jumble of blue flowers and a fern-like fringe; or Chinese houses, which has bands of lilac and white flowers growing pagoda-like around a thick stalk; or Clarkia, a plant taken from the west coast in the early 1800s and popular for its salmon-to-mauve colours.

These old flowers with their not-so-common names and ones with still-remembered names and fragrances, like the poppies or lavender, are increasingly popular among modern gardeners.

"There is a resurgence of interest in heritage everything: flowers, vegetables, fruit trees," Montana said. "People are becoming aware if we don't keep them alive they might peter out."

"Old people like them because they remember them from gardens back in England. Young people like them because they're different."

She became interested in gardening, like many islanders, when she moved here 10 years ago. She bought a house and garden from Les Gyles, an old-time green-thumber with a beautiful but ramshackle English garden. Montana has spent many hours exploring the garden's plants and coaxing them back to their jumbled splendour.

"You could see through the shambles that there was a botanical wealth," she said.

Montana sells 52 different kinds of flowers from hardy annuals like the ox-eye daisy to biennials like sweet William. Toadflax, everlasting sweet pea and feverfew are other old-world names in the catalogue.



**OLD-STYLE FLOWERS:** Wendy Montana sits on her back porch admiring some of her old English flowers. She has been busy all winter packaging seeds from these quaint classics as her new business.

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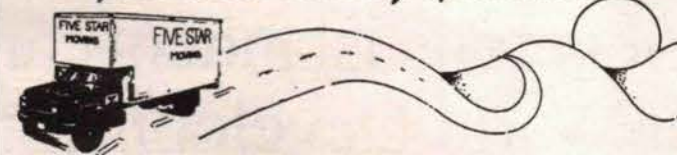
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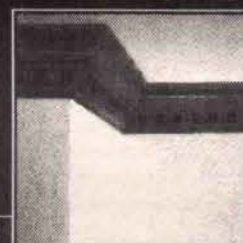
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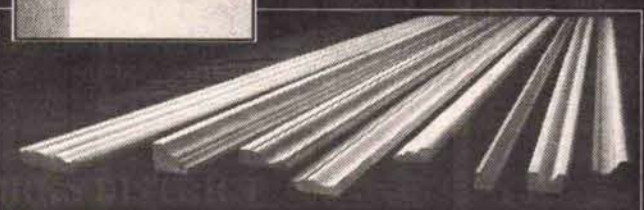
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# National Wildlife Week a reminder that humans are connected to web of life

By LINDA CANNON  
Driftwood Contributor

Every spring in the Gulf Islands the sun and birds return, the wildflowers bloom, and the frogs sing. But every year about this time there's another spring event which lovers of nature shouldn't miss.

During the second week of April, the Canadian Wildlife Federation works with government and communities across Canada to promote National Wildlife Week. This event was created in 1947 to raise awareness about wildlife and its conservation. The theme in 1995 is "Wildlife ... Yours To

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Recover," reminding us we all should support wildlife and habitats at risk.

Apparently 258 species are at risk in Canada and need our help. In the United States, there are literally thousands of species at risk, and world-wide, even thousands more.

Close to home, one species actually endangered is the Vancouver Island marmot. I know some of you may be thinking, "What's the use of saving a

marmot?" Or you might be remembering all the controversy in the United States over the logging industry versus the northern spotted owl. The survival of a little owl was made to seem trivial next to the economic woes of those employed by logging.

But when we humans over-harvest any "natural resource," all the plants, insects and animals living in that habitat suffer. And guess what? Those animals include us. If we over-log, for example, we don't just reduce habitat that effects one species of owl. We also reduce habitat that supports us by providing salmon and trout stocks, fresh

water supplies, better air quality, plants that give us drugs (like the cancer-fighting paclitaxel), and heaven knows what else.

It's time to rid ourselves of the notion that we are not connected to the web of life on this planet. We are, and how.

If anyone is interested in planning events for next year's National Wildlife Week, give me a call.

Meanwhile, in your own habitat, plant native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. Use organic alternatives to pesticides. Support our local nature groups. Try the new trail at Duck Creek!

And count your blessings.

# Generous islanders can help again at World Development Tea April 29

By OLIVE MOUAT  
Driftwood Contributor

People on Salt Spring Island are generous. Most are willing to give money, some will even share time and perhaps health to make life somewhere - for people they have never met and never will meet - a little better.

In 1982, one group of women who had worked for the World Development Tea joined with Rotary to help found a school for destitute boys in Sri Lanka. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) was willing to assist.

The boys to be helped were either orphans or children whose families had put them out because they had no food to give them. The plan involved housing the boys very simply (letting them sleep on mattresses on the floor of one large room), eating what they could grow on the school property, have the opportunity for basic education (learning to read, write and do simple arithmetic) by attending the village school each morning, and by providing each one with practical skill so that he could earn a living.

This skill, which would support the boys through their adult years, was learned by doing. The boys learned carpentry by enlarging and improving their own buildings. They learned agriculture by growing their own food. They learned that it was good to work harmoniously with others.

They also learned that sometimes they needed help because there were things that they could not do for themselves. One of these was to provide water for

school and crops. Not a great deal could be accomplished until the sponsors succeeded in giving them a good well.

The boys planted fruit trees as well as annual crops and soon found that a strong fence about the yard was a necessity. So some learned another skill.

**The boys to be helped were either orphans or children whose families had put them out because they had no food to give them.**

A hobby of one of the teachers grew into another profession. Some of the boys learned photography. They were able not only to compose and take good pictures but also to develop, print, mount and frame them. For those who chose this profession it became a good way to make a living.

By 1984, Cec Wakeley had persuaded all four Salt Spring churches (Anglican, Community Gospel, Roman Catholic and United) to help with this project. The school on Sri Lanka is not in a district where there has been civil war; it continues to work. For several years, all the money raised by the World Development Tea was needed to help the school become established but it did become self-supporting.

Now, 10 years later, \$950 of

the \$3,045 raised by the 1994 World Development Tea is again to go to Sri Lanka, but its main help will be to women. It will be part of what is needed by Y International to train women in 30 villages to take responsibility for health care, sanitation, clean water and raising vegetables to supplement their food. The Y is an organization that CIDA aids with grants so our \$950 will be at least doubled.

The amounts given total more than the amount raised last year because there was a small amount left from the year before.

Graeme Thompson reported recently on his visit to Ometepe. Ometepe is of interest to both Canadian and American islanders for a number of them have for years been actively at work providing potable water. A grant of \$950 will support this work.

At the request of Nancy Wigen, \$350 was given to the Christian Blind Mission to train 10 workers.

The final grant of \$950 went to Linda and Bill Brierly, who have returned from taking part in Project Accompaniment, an international effort by the United Nations and various governments to see that Guatemalan refugees are able to return to their own land in safety. The presence of people like Bill and Linda save lives because countries like Guatemala do not wish unfavourable reports of their treatment of returning natives to become public.

This year's World Development Tea will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 2-4 p.m. at All Saints by-the-Sea.

# Historian's talk on women in religion

Where Are the Mothers of the Church will be the topic Friday in the last of the Faith of Others series of lectures.

Dr. Elizabeth Bongie, a historian in the department

of classics at the University of B.C., will speak about women in religion.

The talk will take place at Our Lady of Grace parish hall on Drake Road, beginning at 7 p.m.

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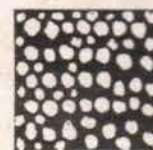


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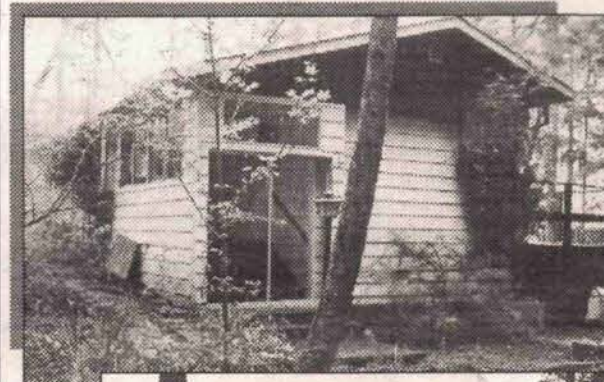
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# Campaign will address violence among students

Youth violence is the theme of a series of events planned at Gulf Islands Secondary School beginning next week.

The No Fear campaign, a project of Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse, comes in the wake of a 1993 survey here that revealed that 17 per cent of 226 females surveyed had experienced violence from their current and most recent partner.

Among those aged 19-25, "relationship violence" was as high as 33 per cent.

According to SWOVA spokeswoman April Curtis, a high school survey last year found that 24 per cent of Grade 12 females had experienced physical abuse in a dating relationship. And 47 per cent

reported experiencing sexual abuse in that type of relationship.

After it received approval for a \$3,000 grant application to a national violence prevention fund, SWOVA began making plans for a one-day event at the high school, dedicated to informing students about violence and abuse.

It would educate students regarding positive alternatives and available help while providing some basic skills for dealing with problem situations.

Curtis was hired as coordinator and regional director Dietrich Luth and other donors doubled the budget. Now, in addition to No Fear Day, Wednesday, May 3 at the high school, there will be a parent

and community night April 27, a professional development day for school staff and video presentations at lunch hour beginning April 26.

The parent and community night will feature a panel discussion on enhancing safety in the schools, violence and the law, signs of violence and abuse, access to support services and positive alternatives.

A representative of the Justice Institute of B.C., local RCMP and SWOVA representatives will speak and invite questions. Small discussion groups will allow participants to voice concerns and ideas for violence prevention. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. and will take place in the high school

library.

The following day will feature a professional development day at the school. It will be limited to staff and support personnel and will examine enhancing school safety.

For No Fear Day, May 3, students from all grades at the school will participate in a morning of workshops. A "high-powered workshop" will be presented by a group of teens known as 841 KOZ. Other workshops will discuss school safety and working toward healthy relationships.

For more information about the No Fear campaign, Curtis can be reached at 537-5211.

## Junior boys' soccer team advances to final in Ladysmith April 28, 29

By NEILL ARMITAGE  
Driftwood Contributor

Twenty-five boys from Grades 9 and 10 have earned the right to compete as one of the final eight teams vying for the Vancouver Island soccer championship.

Kirsten Somerset has loaned her managing talents to the junior boys' team, and Doug Pearson has spent many hours helping coach.

Head coach Richard Bennett says a special bow of gratitude goes to the soccer association (especially Terry Stringer) for providing uniforms and for organizing officials for the games. Join the team if you can on April 28 and 29 at Ladysmith when they compete for the championship.

Several students, staff, and parents have been voicing concern about smoking. All three groups are expressing concern about the health issues involved and to a lesser degree, about the clutter left by smokers.

There is a policy review committee comprised of parents, students, staff, and administration that will be reviewing the smoking policy. If you have views that you want expressed, be sure to pass them along to the appropriate representative.

Chris Smart is our school nurse. She is at the school every Wednesday for students and parents to seek, and you can always phone and leave a message for Chris at 537-9944.

This week Chris dropped a note of warning on my desk about a treatment for head lice that parents and students in our district should heed. CRD Health does not recommend tea tree oil for treating

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head lice. This oil has toxic effects that include depression, disorientation and incoordination. Tea tree oil should not be used for fungal infections, acne or any other reasons in humans. It is also toxic for dogs and cats.

**Head coach Richard Bennett says a bow of gratitude goes to the soccer association for providing uniforms and organizing officials.**

To all of you parents who have "lived" at the school or on the road to the school during these last few weeks during the preparation and presentation of Godspell,

thank you. Now you are likely living through the "crash" that drama students experience and parents endure at the end of a major production. Is it all worth it? Many who have observed students who are involved in intensive experiences like this declare an emphatic "Yes!" because of what the students gain. At the same time, this kind of effort does exact a toll on students, parents and teachers that needs to be recognized.

No Fear Day is coming to GISS on May 3. This day is meant to be an opportunity for the school and community to join efforts to support the huge majority of youth who wish to live peacefully and safely in our community. Watch for information about lead-up activities on April 27 and 28; and if you'd like more details about participating in these attempts to help prevent youth violence, call April Curtis at 653-4232.

You should be receiving reports of the third term at the end of this week, and parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled for May 2.



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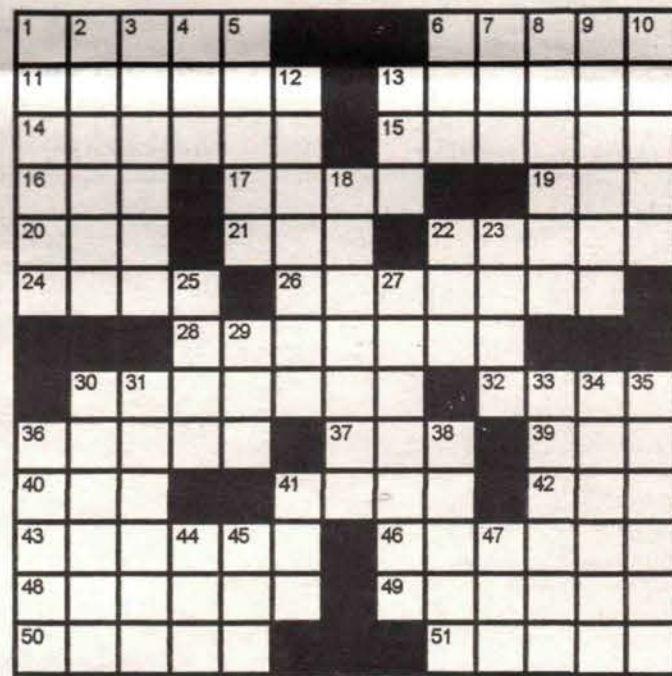
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36. Heavenly bliss

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41. Burden of proof
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48. Legislative assembly
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51. Cross swords

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33. Montana capital
34. Sun-dried bricks
35. Engagingly youthful
36. Comprehend
38. Savory jelly
41. Single unit
44. Adult male
45. Consumed food
47. Actor Holbrook

## Conference focus is leadership

Leadership is the theme of a student conference at Gulf Islands Secondary School next week.

Spirit 95 will offer students an opportunity to learn life skills through energetic and interactive activities focusing on self-awareness, communication, cooperation and leadership.

The event will be facilitated by the Vancouver-based Rainbow Youth Excellence Society. It is being sponsored by the Capital Regional District, the Rotary Club of Salt Spring, the school's student council, the student leadership council, peer counsellors and other school groups.

The conference is open to students in Grades 8-12. It will run all day Saturday, April 29 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 30 in the school's multi-purpose room and at Ruckle Park. Registration is \$20, meals included.

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By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

Easter weekend was a lively one on Saturna. Bright sunshine drew residents and visitors alike outside to enjoy the balmy temperatures and blooming flowers. Saturday morning, the Narvaez Bay Trading Company seemed to have been transported to city centre as neighbours gathered to sample the fine food barbecued by the Lions in conjunction with Customer Appreciation Day.

The bake sale run as a joint fundraiser by the Parents Advisory Council and the Women's Service Club was a great success. As is customary almost every crumb was sold within the first half-hour. However, customers still had a chance to sit and enjoy tea in the fireplace room or to participate in the cake walk.

Rev. Bruce Bryant-Scott led the

# Weekend busy one at Saturna

## SATURNA NOTES

congregation of St. Christopher's in the Easter Vigil service Saturday afternoon. Everyone in the group was asked to participate in some way. The children especially had an active role in the proceedings. The next regular service will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday was rounded off by the Lions' annual crabfest to raise funds for the Saturna bursary fund. A delicious, if somewhat messy, feast was served to an appreciative crowd. Fresh cooked crab on a bed of rice was accompanied by a green salad and fresh baked dinner rolls.

After dinner a 25-cent auction was run with a great deal of hilarity and confusion. Prizes donated

by local Lions were awarded to some lucky participants. Next the tables were moved aside and Duncan Curtis played the night away for those who wished to stay and dance.

Sunday morning sunshine met the egg hunters small and tall who set out to follow the tracks of the Easter Bunny around the island. According to all reports the bunny left plenty of eggs for everyone.

The Oystercatchers, Saturna's intrepid baseball team, have started another season. At their regular

Sunday practice the children were delighted by some visitors who brought along rockets. In keeping with the season they sent raw eggs flying up into the atmosphere. The crash landings reportedly got almost as much attention as the flights.

Saturday afternoon, the strategic planning session for the Official Community Plan review will take place at the Community Hall at 1 p.m. This is a public meeting and all those interested in participating are invited to attend. Committees will be formed to deal with specific areas of the plan so volunteers would be welcome.

At 7 that evening the Lions' Timmy's Telethon crib night will take place at the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. A

small admission fee is charged and refreshments are available at a nominal cost.

On April 25 at 8 p.m. the Community Club will hold its annual general meeting at the Community Hall. The election of officers takes place at this meeting. Reports will be received from committees and a decision will be made whether to dispense with dues.

The Salt Spring Hysterical Society is coming to the island for a performance at 8 p.m. April 29. This group has visited Saturna in the past and been much appreciated. Admission is \$10 for an enjoyable evening of comedy.

The Theatre on the Rock has the stage set well under way for its upcoming production, Not Now Darling. The play is scheduled for May 12 and 13. This farce should bring out smiles in almost everyone.

## Maintaining wharf facilities is not within mandate—Trust committee

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

At two recent public meetings Robin Riddington of Retreat Cove spoke of his concern for the future of the federal wharf he uses daily. According to Riddington the future of this docking facility, and also the one at Spanish Hills further north, is not secure.

The federal government hopes to save money by turning these and other recreational facilities over to others to run. The Feds preference is for another level of government to take over management. If no interest is shown by any of these groups the facilities will be privatized or simply closed down.

Riddington claims quite justifiably that the two wharves are not really recreational as the government claims, but are in fact frequently used by commercial fishermen and by those — particularly in the case of the wharf at Spanish Hills — completing the final part of their journey from Vancouver Island or the Mainland to their cottages on Read, the Secretaries or Valdes Island.

Approached with the suggestion that the Islands Trust might step in to help, members present at a recent meeting in the North Galiano Hall — Diane Cragg, Elizabeth Bosher and Melinda Auerbach — did not feel saving the wharf came within their mandate.

Riddington, in his new position as a director of the Galiano Club, will continue his campaign to see that the wharves stay open to the public.

### Fences, gates and more fences

For the first time in many years my wife did not get to see the spring flowers in bloom at Coon Bay. She has a slight vision problem which makes walking over rough terrain a concern rather than a pleasure. A drive to the bay has been our habit, then a short walk across the beach to Dionisio Point where the flowers bloom in profusion.

Last week four of us, more foot-sure, walked the new road from the gravel pit at Shaw Lake to Dionisio Park, then through the gates to the lagoon and the point. The flowers were there as always — erythronium, blue-eyed maries, chocolate lilies, buttercups, fringe flowers, sea blush, kinnikinnick and mimulus — to name but a few. All was as it

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should be there, except that because of the road closure now only the fit can get to the park to see the flowers' beauty.

A recommendation by the Islands Trust Dionisio Park planning committee would, it now seems, make it a "walk-in" park.

Since accepting the care of the park in 1991, B.C. Parks has put up a fenced-in works yard, installed at least five locked gates on old access roads and just recently, completed a lengthy fence around one of the main midden areas. The small beach between what we know here as Maple Tree Bay and the base of the point to the west of the bathing beach at Coon Bay will now, it appears, be out of bounds to campers and explorers.

The new fence is solid and somewhat rustic — constructed as it is of commercially made wooden fence posts bolted together as posts and rails (two rails). It appears to be designed to protect a sensitive area rather than to keep people out, but it is a fence.

Can we only protect our natural resources and heritage sites by such obvious means, some query. The four in our party of hikers wonder why the area was made a park. Was it to protect it from people as all these fences and gates suggest, or was it as a place away from the cares of house and home for the fortunate (all of us) to marvel at the wonders of sea and forest.

### Spring blooms

Daffodils, tulips and flowering shrubs were numerous in the members' display at the April Galiano Garden Club meeting. A five out of five went to exhibitor George Stephen for his multi-bloom narcissus. Long red stalks of rhubarb and 10-inch asparagus were noteworthy on the vegetable table. It was a good show.

Guest speaker Paddy Van Aldrichen of Saanich entertained and informed with a talk and slide show on heathers. Gardeners since 1951, the Van Aldrichens' garden is laid out in raised beds featuring literally hundreds of heathers — many kinds and many colours. The garden is never without some plants in bloom. Foliage colouring varies from pale to dark green, to silver, grey, yellow, orange and red — changing with

the seasons and ensuring interest all the year round.

Heathers do best in acid soil, according to the speaker. Mulching and an even water supply are important. Heathers do not do well in wet areas. They like sun, and too much shade causes the plants to become leggy and flowers are fewer. Pruning is done after the flowering is over — usually in the spring to avoid frost damage to newly pruned plants.

Pruning is done from the top of the plant out to the sides. This is so the prunings will fall away and there will be less chance of them falling into, and getting caught up in the growing plant and foliage.

Twice a year Van Aldrichen top-dresses his beds with topsoil from his compost — a mixture of 80 per cent peat moss, eight per cent fibre, plus vermiculite and perlite. He waters his beds once a week during the hot summer days, giving about one inch of water, enough that it has a chance to sink into the mulch. A little frequently given only evaporates and never gets the plants' roots, he maintains.

Robert Chapman, a heather with orange foliage, is one he recommends to give colour variety to a heather bed. Silver Knight has foliage of an appropriate hue and white flowers. It too, is good for contrast. South African heathers tend to be taller and a little less frost-resistant. Six hundred and forty-four of them have been named to date, many more than the named varieties of European origin. For best effect taller heathers can be featured in the centre of beds or at the back of borders.

Ethel Van Aldrichen accompanied her husband on his trip to Galiano. She is a specialist in orchids. Several slides of her winning plants were shown to the Galiano gardeners by the speaker.

## Crossword answers

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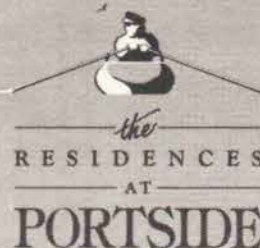
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SLOAN. TO Rodger and Brenda. A daughter, Bailey Joanne, 7 lb 13 oz. Born April 11 at Winnipeg, Manitoba. A sister for Everett Benjamin. A granddaughter for Sy & Dorothy Sloan. 16

### DEATHS

MURPHY, RICHARD C, in his eighty-second year, of Salt Spring Island. Went to be with his Lord on Easter morn, April 16, 1995. Leaves his loving wife Illene, daughter Myrna (Boyd) grandson Bill (and Michelle) daughter Sharon (Crouse) and Russ, grandson Mark (and Tina) grandson Dean. Memorial Service; Sunday, 2 pm. April 23 at Community Gospel Chapel, Rev. C. Cormack officiating

HILL, STANLEY Ervin at 77 years, deceased March 15, 1995. Long term Telkwa resident, Stan will be missed by wife Molly, son Art (Pauline) of Terrace, daughter Vera (Peter), seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

DEACON, WILBERT William, passed away peacefully at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital on April 9, 1995. He was born on Mayne Island on December 3, 1907. Predeceased by his brother John and sister Caroline. Survived by his son Norman (Pat), of Victoria; his daughter, Caroline (Jack) Reynolds, of Salt Spring Island; two grandsons, Danny and Duane and one great-grandson Joshua, as well as many nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 22, 1995 at 1 pm. at St. Mary Magdalene Church on Mayne Island. Memorial donations to the Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. First Memorial in care of arrangements.

COX, James Charles (Jim), Died peacefully at home April 11 in his 80 year. Cremation - his request. Born in Sussex, England. 1915. Lived in Canada since 1956. Father of five, Grandfather to 10. Will be sadly missed by his wife Esme and family. Memorial at Kingdom Hall of J.W.'s. Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. All are very welcome to attend. (Next door to the Community Centre). 16

### CARDS OF THANKS

OUR HEARTFELT thanks to Dr P. Rowell and the nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their care of Richard Murphy during his illness. Your kindness will long be remembered. Illene Murphy and family.

THE COX family wishes to thank Dr. R. Reznick & Wendy, the Home Support workers (especially Sheila), visiting nurses and B.D.F. for their thoughtful care & kindness to Jim in his time of need. Last but not least a special Thank-you to all the brothers & sisters for their Christian love & comforting words. Esme Cox. 910 North End Road, Salt Spring Island. 16

### CELEBRATIONS

WOW! AGAIN Gail Sibley! Your pastel in Bird Talk's May issue looks great and I hear there are prints available. Looking forward to your Summer School Workshops at Salt Spring Island School of Fine Arts. Congratulations.

## Driftwood is OnLine!

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## CELEBRATIONS

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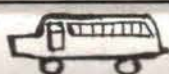
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### COMING EVENTS

THE BESSIE DANE Foundation and Hospice is sponsoring another training program given by April Retallack. Starting April 29 for 5 consecutive Saturdays from 10 - 12 at Seniors for Seniors. For information call 537-2770.

YOGA GANGES - on-going classes continue Mondays 7-8:30 pm. Upper Hall Anglican Church. Phone Celeste 537-5667 for details. 17

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4 days from May 29 - AT LAST YEAR'S PRICE! Whistler village, Lillooet's Ginseng Farm, Hat Creek Ranch. Breakfast cruise aboard stern-wheeler, Harrison Hot Springs and more. \$345 p.p. (based on double occ.)

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**10th Celtic  
Music Festival**  
APRIL 28-29-30  
BEAVER POINT HALL  
**CONCERT**  
Sat. April 29  
7:30 pm.  
All tickets \$10  
Friday evening  
8 pm. Song Circle  
Sat. 11 - 5 Sun. 11-2  
\* Workshops \* Jam  
Sessions \* Open Stage \*  
Info, Terry 537-9820 or  
Carol 537-5290

**10th Celtic  
Music Festival**  
APRIL 28-29-30  
BEAVER POINT HALL  
**CONCERT**  
Sat. April 29  
7:30 pm.  
All tickets \$10  
Friday evening  
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## COMING EVENTS

### Salt Spring Tours Bus Excursions

Victoria Day Trip  
Thursdays  
April 20, 27

Royal Victoria Museum  
Genghis Khan  
Beyond The Great Wall  
April 24, 31

Tickets at "et cetera"  
Info - 537-4737

### FERRY SHUTTLE SERVICE

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Pattersons Store  
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April 22-23

## BINGO

THURSDAY  
April 20  
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Meaden Hall  
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Lady Minto Hospital  
Foundation to purchase  
hospital equipment.

### GARDEN CLUB

**SALT SPRING  
ISLAND  
GARDEN CLUB**  
**SPRING  
PLANT SALE**

Thursday, April 20  
Handicapped 12:30 pm.  
General Public 1:00 pm.  
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## TA'I CHI

New Beginning  
Monday Class  
SS Elem. Music Rm. 7-8 pm.  
ALSO: Central Hall Class continuing Thurs. 9:30-10:30 am.  
Beginners Welcome  
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351 Mt. Park Drive

**FRIDAY  
APRIL 21, 1995-7 PM.**  
**Prof. Elizabeth  
Bongle**  
Historian, UBC,  
Dept. of Classics  
"Where Are the  
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Our Lady of Grace Parish  
Hall, Drake Rd.

**April 29th  
10 am. - 3 pm.  
FOOD TASTING**

## BARBECUE

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Seaside Market**  
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## COMING EVENTS

## MASQUERADE BALL

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## TENNIS

Salt Spring Tennis Association

## DINNER &amp; SPRING SOCIAL

at the Anglican Hall  
Saturday, April 29  
Cost \$15 per person  
ALL WELCOME  
6 pm. Happy Hour  
7 pm. Dinner

To reserve, please phone Jennifer at 537-9819

## DOUBLES TOURNAMENTS

Jack Fisher for Men  
Saturday, May 6  
Phone Rick Weatherall  
537-5294  
Jack Fisher for Ladies  
Sunday, May 7  
Phone Jocelyn Holmes  
537-9171

## PRIZES &amp; GOOD TENNIS

## EARTH DAY

Interfaith Service will be  
held in the foyer of the  
new High School at 2:00  
pm. Sunday, April 23rd.



## YOGA:

Mon., 9-10:30 am  
Mon., 7-8:30 pm  
Thurs., 4-5:30 pm  
Fri., 9:30 - 11 am

T'AI CHI: Wed. 7-9 pm.  
Info., 537-2326 afternoons.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring -  
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Alcoholics) meet Wednesdays  
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Centre; Thursday, 1 p.m.,  
Fulford. Children of dysfunc-  
tional families very welcome.

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meet Saturdays 7-8 pm,  
Community Centre;  
Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. Central  
Office across from Elementary  
School. For information, call 1-  
383-3553.

SINGLE PARENTS: Pot luck,  
April 30. 201 Tripp Road, Noon  
till 4:00 pm. Call 537-5977 or  
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IN MEMORY of Mrs. Jean  
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most enjoyable year with a very  
fine lady in Vesuvius. Jean and I  
spent many hours discussion  
the news of the day, her fabu-  
lous begonias, many helpful  
friends and neighbours and the  
wonderful work of James, the  
gardener. Jean was always car-  
ing, considerate and apprecia-  
tive. I shall remember her  
always. -Vicki Miller (nee  
Marchbank).

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## IN MEMORY/IN HONOUR

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Island. 16

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## MEETINGS

## BEDDIS WATERWORKS DISTRICT Annual General Meeting

April 27 - 7:30 pm.  
Upstairs 111 Hereford Ave. 17

## FULFORD HARBOUR WATERWORKS DISTRICT Annual General Meeting

Monday, April 24, 1995,  
8 pm. at Rodrigo's  
Restaurant.  
1 Trustee to be elected. 16



## INFORMATION NOTICE

The Salt Spring Island  
Trust Committee is  
meeting at 1:00 pm. on  
Thursday, April 27, 1995,  
in Room 1203, Grace  
Point Square. Members of  
the public are welcome to  
attend and observe the  
proceedings.

An agenda for the meet-  
ing will be posted on  
Wednesday, April 26,  
1995, at the Islands Trust  
Office, Room 206, Grace  
Point Square.

## ISLANDS TRUST

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## MEETINGS



## LADY MINTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SOCIETY

## April General Meeting

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Monday, April 24, 1995  
**NOTE: This meeting  
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## NOTICES/PERSONAL

GULF ISLANDS Secondary  
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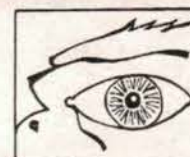
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## WANTED/RENTALS

ISLAND FAMILY looking for new home by May 1st or June 1st. Good references. 537-9521.

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SINGLE PARENTS: Pot luck, April 30. 201 Tripp Road, Noon till 4:00 pm. Call 537-5977 or 537-4762.

WANTED: 3 BEDROOM with basement for May 1 or June 1. BC Ferry Worker with one child wanting long term lease; preferably central location to all terminals. Cable and fireplace preferred. 537-9481.

SALT SPRING Singers presents Calliope! Gathering Steam - May 6, 7:30 pm and May 7, 2:00 pm at the new high school theatre. Tickets at selected local outlets, choir members and the door.

THE FULFORD INN will be closed for maintenance on April 17 to 26. Sorry for any inconvenience. Watch us improve!

NEWS FLASH - the best fast-food on the Island is located beside the Fishery at the Snack Shack. It's been said to have the best Fish 'n chips around!

THEY'RE HERE!!! Films from Manitoba, Alberta, Quebec and Ontario are at the 4th Canadian Film Festival at Central Hall. April 21-26. For more information see article in this paper, and drop by this Saturday Market for flyers & T-shirts. See you there...

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT: Exercycle, rowing machine, weight bench set, \$60 each or \$150



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A.S.T.A.R. IMPROV Drama classes for youth (ages 7-16) are continuing throughout May on Tues./Thurs./Sat. at #3203 Grace Pt. Sq. Drop-in/new enrollments are welcome any time. Call Denise Bertrand, 537-1067.

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SALT SPRING Co-Operative Preschool invites you to their "Open House" Saturday, April 22, 10 am - noon. Come see our Preschool in the Community Centre and register your 3-4 year old for Sept. classes.

DOG OBEDIENCE classes with Ann McPhee starting April 25. To register call 537-9505.

ROTOTILLING. FREE estimates. Call Chris 537-1491.

THE TIDE is changing! Lumber for sale on Salt Spring Island from environmentally friendly ecoforestry operation. Support the sensible alternate to clear cuts. Please phone 1-748-3363 collect after 5 pm.

LOST: PENTAX 35mm camera with case around Fulford (Drummond Park) April 16, 1995. Call 537-5889.

OPENING SOON. Salt Spring U-Brew.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY want to rent house on Salt Spring. June 15 to August 15 or swap house in Brisbane. Call Jackie Truscott 537-5779.

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# Mahon Hall stage was scene of Lions' evening of song, dance

*Thirty-five years ago*

March 31, 1960

The Lions Club's First Annual Cavalcade of Song and Dance took the Mahon Hall stage and entertained islanders with music from the past. The quartet's version of The Sidewalks of New York was popular as were the Flora Dora girls singing songs from the First World War. Harold Van Buskirk's tap dance and the square dance club's light stepping were welcomed by all.

The Driftwood reached back to 1940 by recalling the opening of the Ganges Consolidated School, now known as Salt Spring Elementary School. The school was opened by the ministers of education and labour, who both planted trees at the entrance. There were eight classrooms, a principal's office, science room, home economics room, teachers' committee room and first aid and health rooms. There were, in addition, two spare rooms not yet allocated for any special purpose.

The masthead of the second issue of the Driftwood showed a scene reminiscent of Fulford Harbour with the name written in driftwood-shaped pieces. It was the design of Kay Lynen, who lived at Duck Bay. A member of the Salt Spring Island Art Group, which was founded in 1947, she painted the masthead in pen and ink.

*Thirty years ago*

March 25, 1965

The Lions Club had raised \$1,154 of its \$12,000 objective for Pioneer Village.

A study was requested by the federal Department of Revenue to determine if Ganges Harbour wanted a customs port. The study would include information such as the number of boats which stopped in the harbour and where the foreign boats cleared customs. The Chamber of Commerce also passed a motion to protest the use of commercial clam-digging machines.

The Canadian Centennial Youth Travel program got into full swing with almost every B.C. high school expected to be involved before 1967. Travel costs for the exchanges were to be picked up by the federal government and some 17,000 young Canadians in Grades 11 and 12 were expected to take part.

## DOWN THE YEARS

*Twenty-five years ago*

March 26, 1970

The Gulf Islands Joint Council had a meeting on board the Mayne Queen, with the permission of B.C. Ferries. The meeting was held in the lower lounge and included a guest appearance by Capital Regional District Outer Islands director Joan Purchase. One of the items on the council's agenda was oyster-snatching in Whalers Bay on Galiano. It was alleged that American pirates were coming ashore Saturday nights and stealing bags and bags of oysters off the beach.

Salt Spring roads were set to be covered. Crews, gravel, black-top and all essential materials for road-paving were being assembled on the island. The first priority was to finish the paving of the road between Fulford and Ganges, which was left undone last year. The road would be paved a second time, so there would be a four and a half-inch cover. Lower Ganges Road would also be repaved, and the bump near Baker Road levelled off a bit.

*Twenty years ago*

March 26, 1975

Capital Regional District director George Heinekey said no further development would be allowed in Ganges. He told a meeting of the Islands Trust that not even one more toilet would be permitted in the commercial centre of the village. He said the sewer scheme must be pursued and updated to deal with the sewage needs of Ganges, that the Pollution Control Board should allow the discharge of partially treated effluent into the harbour or that septic systems in Ganges must be scrupulously tested and maintained.

Ferry traffic was growing by leaps and bounds. In 1974 ferries bound for Salt Spring averaged 27 cars per trip. Some 320,000 vehicles came to the island: 130,000 via Fulford harbour; 90,000 via Vesuvius Bay; 100,000 via Long Harbour. The 1973 statistics were

105,000 vehicles via Fulford, 75,000 via Vesuvius and 30,000 via Long Harbour.

*Ten years ago*

March 27, 1985

The autonomy of the Islands Trust was put into question by a provincial government bill which sought to appoint trustees. And the hiring of a \$40,000 manager to manage the six Trust staff had raised some eyebrows at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

The RCMP raided an island home and seized 130 pounds of locally grown marijuana. Both men who lived at the home on Fulford-Ganges Road were from Prince Rupert. Another islander, who lived at Isabella Point, was arrested and charged with possession and trafficking in marijuana. Some 60 pounds were seized from his property.

*Five years ago*

March 28, 1990

Land for a proposed new high school was purchased by the Gulf Islands School District on Rainbow Road. The four-hectare site would have to be rezoned and taken out of the Agricultural Land Reserve before a school could be built on it.

Weldwood Canada officials were on Salt Spring to explain how their planned logging of property on Mount Bruce would proceed. While the officials were not on the island to negotiate with locals, they pointed out that their interests in the property were long-term tree-farming interests. They were not going to clear-cut the trees and sell the land for subdivision.

Non-teaching staff in district schools were given a 15 per cent wage increase after a five-month bargaining process that ended in March. Local 788 CUPE members included clerks, paraprofessionals, custodians, maintenance staff and bus drivers.

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