

Parks deal under fire

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring parks worker Kerry Akerman is out of a job.

In a series of moves termed "unscrupulous" by one islander, and "ridiculous" by local chamber manager Jeremy Moray, B.C. Parks has awarded maintenance of Ruckle and Maxwell parks to an off-islander.

However, Galiano resident Fred King, who will take over Salt Spring parks March 1, says money is the bottom line and his contract bid was lowest.

"The chamber is pursuing the situation in order to have it changed in Kerry's favour," said Moray, who has contacted provincial authorities and is expecting a statement Saturday from the minister responsible, Moe Sihota. "I believe it is important to keep jobs on the island."

Akerman, who held the park contract for the past nine years and worked locally as a park ranger five years prior to that, had three people working under him to maintain and secure the parks.

"I had all good letters saying how well it was going, and even

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Lawyer named to Supreme Court

Salt Spring lawyer Gina Quijano is feeling "honoured and privileged" as a result of her appointment to the B.C. Supreme Court.

"I'm very excited," she told the Driftwood Monday. "It will be a tremendous challenge and I'm very eager to get started."

The 52-year-old lawyer will take up her new role as judge within the next month, after "winding up" her island practice.

Quijano, one of 13 women in a slate of 100 B.C. Supreme Court judges, was called to the bar in 1977. She has specialized in civil litigation and family law.

Quijano will replace the retired Justice J.J. Gow of Victoria.

Although she will be working in Victoria, she plans to continue living on Salt Spring.



Early spring is short-lived

Serena Vaillancourt enjoys spring-like weather in Ganges — before the weekend's Arctic storm moved in. Spring's early start was to get another setback this week with snow in the

forecast. Sunday's storm left many homes without power and kept Hydro crews busy. Details—Page 5.

Photo by Karen Murphy

40 clients lose house cleaning services as home support faces funds shortfall

House cleaning services for more than 40 home support clients on the Gulf Islands were either eliminated or reduced during the past two weeks as the Capital Regional District (CRD) tried to balance its long-term care budget.

And while manager Susan Frizzell maintained only those with the "lightest care needs" were losing their service, local home support staff note those losing help include an 88-year-old woman recently released from hospital who is legally blind, a widower in his 80s who cannot stand without the help of a cane or walker and an 80-year-old widow who suffers from four medical conditions, one of which limits the use of one arm.

"I think it (the cuts) will be a health hazard down the road," said one home care worker, who asked not to be identified. Two of the peo-

ple cited above suffer from respiratory conditions and must have dust in their homes kept under control.

The average client receiving housekeeping help is aged 80 or older and is unable to maintain a home on his or her own, the home care worker explained. On the first visit, she said, "the houses can be absolutely atrocious."

As of Monday, home support services on Salt Spring had been cut by 236 hours a month. Marg Mullin, administrator of Salt Spring Island Home Support Services, predicts the reduced hours will have an impact on jobs. But until the final cuts are made she cannot tell how severe the impact will be.

On the Outer Islands, cuts have

reportedly affected 10 to 12 of about 65 clients served by Outer Gulf Islands Home Care Services.

Staff are assessing all of the 5,000 home support clients in the region, said Frizzell, manager for long-term care and rehabilitation.

On the first visit "the houses can be absolutely atrocious."

She said all clients were visited by a case worker.

Nine criteria are being used for the assessment. They are:

- Does the client live alone?
- Is there inadequate family/friend support?
- Is there a mobility dysfunction even if a wheelchair or whatever is available?
- Is there any cognitive dysfunction? (i.e. dementia, Alzheimer's, senility)
- Does the client have multiple

chronic illnesses?

- Has the client been hospitalized more than three times in the last 12 months?
- Is the client 85 years or older?
- Is the client incontinent more than once per day?
- Is there a history of depression and/or suicide attempts?

Those who score seven or more "yes" answers to the nine questions will not have home support reduced; those scoring zero to three "yes" answers lose home support and those scoring four to six "yes" answers will continue to receive some support, although present levels of home support may be reduced.

Frizzell said the cuts are required to balance the budget for the home support program. Since last April, demand for home care

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Island athlete off to national judo meet

It's a long way from Salt Spring Island to the Canadian judo championships in Halifax.

But islander Jonah Fisher, who celebrates his 16th birthday tomorrow (Thursday), will be at the national competition in April, representing British Columbia in the juvenile boys over-74 kilogram division.

Fisher was recently informed by Judo B.C. that his accumulated point total for all judo matches this year qualified him for the B.C. team.

Shaun Adams and Thom Quine are Fisher's coaches. Adams said Fisher's qualification for the nationals is an incredible achievement, especially considering that he has only been practising judo for two and a half years and in a rural area like Salt Spring. With a Vancouver club, Fisher would receive the best and latest in training aides and resources.

"There is only a very small number of athletes that make this level of competition," said Adams.

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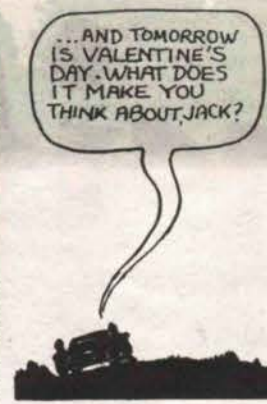
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By Calvin Oakes

Arctic winds knock out power throughout islands on Sunday

Forty-knot northeasterly winds whipped across the Gulf Islands Sunday, knocking out power, disrupting ferry sailings and bringing icy temperatures in the wake of spring-like weather.

Three days after the start of Sunday's storm, B.C. Hydro district manager Mel Williamson hoped to have power restored to most local homes.

Crews were drawn from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island to supplement island crews as they tried to cope with widespread power outages.

At one point, Williamson said, five of the six main feeder lines on the islands were down. Outages occurred almost everywhere. Only the northwest of Salt Spring, served by the one feeder line which remained operating, escaped a power failure.

As of noon Tuesday, power was still out on parts of Galiano and Pender islands, where Williamson estimated 175 customers were affected. Some Galiano residents had been without power since

Sunday morning, he said.

On Salt Spring, power had not yet been restored to some homes in the Musgrave Landing area, at Isabella Point and near Walker Hook.

Williamson estimated 30 people were on crews working to restore power. "We're working the maximum hours which we can work the fellows," he said. Crews can work 16 hours before they must take an eight-hour break.

He hoped to have all power restored by Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, firefighters on at least three islands were called out to deal with trees falling on power lines.

Salt Spring fire captain Erling Jorgensen was alarmed by the number of people who crossed a warning barrier Sunday night when firemen were dealing with a tree lying across a power line on Main Street.

Power was arcing from the Hydro line to the tree, creating a spectacular display, Jorgensen said. But it was also a potentially dangerous situation. If the electricity reaches the ground, just stand-

ing within range can be deadly.

A downed power line can send 14,400 volts through the ground.

Even a line which appears dead should be avoided, Jorgensen stressed.

Salt Spring firemen were called out to downed lines twice on Sunday, once at 3 p.m. on Isabella Point Road and again at 7 p.m. on Main Street.

Similar calls had firefighters on Saturna and Mayne islands busy too.

The only reported disruption to ferry service occurred at Vesuvius-Crofton, where high winds prevented the Vesuvius Queen from making several runs. Further details were not available from B.C. Ferries before press-time Tuesday.

Islanders who thought spring was coming early were jolted back to reality by the storm, which saddened optimistic gardeners and ended the bloom of flowering snowdrops. But it's not over yet. Snow was in the air Tuesday afternoon, with forecasts ranging from five to 15 centimetres.

PRC's Mouat Park takeover delayed

Plans have not been finalized for the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) to operate Mouat Park for this summer, as was reported last week.

An order-in-council transferring the park from B.C. Parks to the Capital Regional District has not yet been signed. A possible lease

to allow local operation of the park for this year has been discussed but the PRC does not have jurisdiction over the park at present.

The story also reported changes would be made in the park's operation. A motion at the January 30 PRC meeting recommending no vehicle access to the park campgrounds was

intended only as guidance for a task force which will examine future local operation of the park, administrator Tony Hume explained.

Vehicles will still have access to the park's parking areas, he said.

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Rites of spring?

An empty beer bottle and a leaning sign tell the story on a Sunday morning on Salt Spring of the previous night's carousing, as raging youthful hormones leave their mark.

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2 are non-conforming under proposed bylaw

An Islands Trust proposal to reduce density on commercial resort (C-4) properties could eliminate low-priced visitor accommodation on the island, predicts Bruce Rogers, owner of the Seabreeze Inn.

Rogers, one of several property owners opposed to the change, said the reduced density will hamper future development of his business. Since the Seabreeze Inn would become non-conforming under the new bylaw, he would be unable to replace the 28-unit operation if it were ever destroyed.

Instead, he would be restricted to 11 units. To be economically viable, he would have to charge \$190 a night. "If your family is coming for Christmas, there won't be any place for the common people. It will be a yuppie paradise,"

he said.

The Tides Inn would also become non-conforming if the bylaw is passed, he said. Some other C-4 properties have not been developed while others have room to expand, even under the new bylaw.

But he suggested most owners are opposed to the reduced density. He also wonders why the Salt Spring Trust Committee is proceeding with the change while other changes affecting the industry are being delayed until after the Official Community Plan review is completed.

"If tourism has a major economic impact on the island, a very integral part of that are the commercial properties which house these tourists," he pointed out.

The bylaw goes to public hearing February 23.

Free travel for medical reasons cost Ferries \$54,000 last year

Free ferry travel for Gulf Islanders requiring non-emergency medical attention cost the B.C. Ferry Corporation \$54,622 in foregone revenues last year.

The Travel Assistance Program, introduced in 1993, allows island residents to travel off-island at no charge for medical purposes. Patients must obtain a doctor's referral for medical services not locally available.

In the Gulf Islands, biggest use of the program in 1994 was seen on the Outer Islands-Swartz Bay route, where foregone revenues totalled \$17,431. Next in line was Fulford-Swartz Bay, where the lost

revenues were tagged at \$16,833.

The figure for Vesuvius-Crofton was \$12,224 and for Long Harbour-Tsawwassen, \$8,134.

B.C. Ferries is one of six transportation agencies offering varying discounts for travel under the program. The others are Air BC, Canadian Airlines, Central Mountain Air, BC Rail and VIA Rail, all of which offer discounts ranging from 30 to 50 per cent.

Locally, the Travel Assistance Program has been criticized by Outer Islands regional director Jacques Campbell, who believes the subsidy should be paid out of health funding, and not borne by

B.C. Ferries.

The ferry corporation says the program costs it \$1 million annually, system-wide.

A recent change in the assistance program requires patients to obtain a confirmation number from the Ministry of Health. Before the change, doctors had to obtain the number, which often required long waits to get through.

A health ministry spokeswoman said many doctors were charging their patients for the time it took to obtain the confirmation number.

"We didn't feel it was fair for patients to be charged for it," she explained.

TAP one of four 'social programs'

The Travel Assistance Program is one of four "social programs" offered by the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

The School Transport Program provides free travel for school children and junior associations. Foregone revenue totals \$700,000 annually.

The Disabled Transport Program gives a 50 per cent discount to passengers and escorts, giving up revenue of \$200,000 a year.

The Seniors' Travel Program offers free travel for passengers on weekdays on major routes, and a 30

per cent discount on northern routes. Its total annual cost in foregone revenue is \$5.4 million, of which about \$400,000 is on Gulf Islands routes.

On the other side of the ledger are federal and provincial revenue subsidies. The federal government subsidizes west coast ferry service with an annual grant, expected this year to total \$19 million. The grant is currently under review.

B.C. Ferries received a provincial subsidy in 1994-95 of \$31.6 million, (in which the federal grant is included).

Assessment appeals up from last year

Appeals of this year's property assessments are up in the Gulf Islands this year.

Dave Hitchcock of the B.C. Assessment Authority said Monday that 297 appeals were received on island properties by

the January 31 deadline. There were about 250 appeals last year.

Numbers for the entire Capital Region are about the same as last year, Hitchcock said.

Courts of revision got under way last week. Salt Spring and Pender

property owners will attend hearings on their own islands but those from Galiano, Mayne and Saturna will travel to Sidney.

The total number of properties in the Gulf Islands is about 11,500, Hitchcock said.

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Starling expects ministry okay on \$175,000 deficit carry-over

One more year of deficit-carrying grace will likely be given to the Gulf Islands School District.

Secretary-treasurer Ken Starling told last Wednesday's board meeting that based on conversations with the education ministry, he did not expect the ministry to force a further \$175,000 slice from its 1994/95 operating budget. That is the amount remaining after budget reduction measures were introduced to combat an \$800,000 deficit.

But when the 1995/96 preliminary budget is submitted before the April 27 deadline, added Starling, "(Education Minister Art Charbonneau) will want, in really

clear terms, how we will address (the deficit) this year."

As for the rest of this budget year, Starling said each school has tabled its own reduction plan and he was pleased with the approach taken by participating principals. Other cost-saving ideas arose from meetings with staff who belong to the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

"It's going to be difficult in all of the schools. Let's not kid ourselves," he said.

But if all planned reductions are not achieved by the end of June, the deficit requiring ministry approval and carry-over to the next school year will be even larger.

One minor glitch has already postponed wage savings set to begin March 1. Some letters to CUPE members affected by reductions were not sent out in time to give the required 30 days' notice, reported Starling.

Board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said everyone in the educational community has been working harder than ever to deliver the best possible services to students while achieving budget reductions.

The first major work on next year's budget planning process begins after the district receives funding information from the education ministry on February 28.

Grannies serenade school trustees

The Gulf Islands School Board had a brief musical visit from the Raging Grannies at their February 7 meeting.

Sung to the tune of Nobody But You, the Grannies asked: "Who's out of luck today? Who's getting stuck today? 800,000 big ones, it seems, just got lost in impossible dreams. Who are they gonna zap? Who's gonna take the rap? Who but the poorest chap. Boo hoo hoo. No one but you."

In other board news:

• School trustees don't have the time to serve on a community health council, although health ministry guidelines have put them there on paper.

Following a suggestion by

Galiano trustee Bonnie Robson, the board decided to inform the ministry it was reluctant to participate.

Saturna trustee Lorraine Campbell said she already responded to a request for her participation. "There isn't enough time to do what is necessary," she said.

• Planning for the opening of Salt Spring Island Middle School is on track, reported principal Bob Brownsword.

Questionnaire responses from parents have indicated a number of concerns about the new concept. Brownsword invited anyone to call him with their questions at 537-1159.

A questionnaire is now being distributed to students, asking for

their input on and hopes for the middle school.

A meeting for parents is set for March 1 at 7:15 p.m. in the current Grade 8 wing at the school.

• A task force led by Barb Aust is looking at how Salt Spring's elementary schools will change to serve Kindergarten through Grade 5 with the departure of Grade 6 and 7 students to the middle school next year.

The group has identified issues and needs from each school, visited Saanich K-5 schools and received extra education ministry funds for four staff workshops. It will bring budget recommendations to the board's 1995/96 budget planning process.

High school's energy costs on target as bugs repaired, lights usage reduced

Critics have been wondering how Salt Spring's PowerSmart school turned into a Christmas tree.

But the Gulf Islands School District's manager of plant services says Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) is not as energy-inefficient as claimed by recent rumours, and initial bugs in the automated heating and lighting system have been fixed.

After regular 4 a.m. sightings of glowing interior school lights, news that the school's "first major Hydro bill" was \$15,000 further marred the school's PowerSmart image. Scotvold points out in a written memo that the bill covered an entire four months of operation from July through October. At that time, the lighting portion of the building's automated mechanical system was only about "50 per cent functional," he said.

Scotvold told the Driftwood several system problems were corrected by the sub-contractor and energy costs are not expected to exceed the \$70,000 budgeted for this year.

It costs \$5.50 per hour to have all lights on at GISS, he explained in the memo. An estimated savings of \$19.80 per day has been achieved in recent months by shutting off lights in unoccupied areas between 3 p.m. and midnight.

Interior lights used to be on until 1:30 a.m. for custodians cleaning the school after evening community use was finished. That shift was recently changed to end at midnight, with lights shutting off soon after.

Scotvold added it is not unusual for one year to pass before a new energy system of this kind is fully understood.



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PARKS DEAL: Contract awarding process criticized

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Parks told me I was doing a good job," Akerman said.

So when he submitted his proposal for a new eight-year contract, he was surprised to discover he had lost the contract.

"Normally, in other parks, the contract has gone out to the people doing the job, or they have at least been given the opportunity to re-negotiate their price."

The job went to King, who also has the parks contract on Galiano Island.

Rich Bahry, a Salt Spring man who also bid on the Ruckle/Maxwell contract, has documents that show King's bid was "ridiculously lower" (some \$40,000) than the other three allowed bids. Three of the four bids were "in spitting distance of each other" — Bahry's and Akerman's were only \$500 apart.

Bahry is still involved in what he calls the "highly unscrupulous" awarding of the Galiano contract

to King — a situation in which legal action is pending.

Bahry said there were several "legal mishandlings" in the awarding of the Galiano contract. Bahry's documents indicate his bid for the Galiano job was about \$34,000 lower than King's. He added that the assessment process for awarding contracts is very "subjective."

Bahry is further angered by a document that shows B.C. Parks negotiated King's price down on the Galiano contract.

King, who used to work for B.C. Parks, said he can understand why people are "mad," but the ministry has not just awarded the contract to "anybody off the street."

"The provincial parks branch is looking to save taxpayer money,

they're not looking at who is local."

King has worked with parks for the past 16 years, 10 as a civil servant maintaining marine parks and, following the government's parks privatization policy, for six years as a private contractor.

In addition to maintaining Galiano parks, Kings has had the contract for Wallace Island for the past three years. However, due to budget cuts the government took back maintenance of Wallace Island last year.

King said the first five years of privatization in provincial parks has been costly for the government, and now money is the bottom line when it comes to awarding park contracts.

King said he will manage the Salt Spring parks by hiring on-

island individuals and travelling here "a couple of days a week."

At B.C. Parks headquarters near Victoria, district manager Dave Chater says money is not necessarily the bottom line. The evaluation team that considers contract bids uses a points system to consider price, experience and other "key criteria."

Chater said Bahry's proposal for the Galiano contract "didn't meet the standards, and his lower price was only one factor considered."

Moray said the government "had a perfectly marvellous set-up" in Salt Spring parks and it was "ridiculous" the contract even went out to tender — a process that probably cost the government \$10,000. "All they needed to do was re-negotiate with Kerry."

In the meantime, mowers, weed-eaters and tractors at the Akerman home, busy for the past several years, sit quiet and unused and Akerman is out of a job.

"The provincial parks branch is looking to save taxpayer money, they're not looking at who is local."

Police plan crackdown against speeding drivers

Salt Spring drivers, slow down.

Ganges RCMP are planning a crackdown on speeding and other traffic violations in response to complaints about speeding cars.

"Driving complaints continue to be a concern to the RCMP," Staff Sgt. Lorne Bunyan observed.

Meanwhile, police are investigating a residential break-in and a hit-and-run, both of which occurred during the first two weeks of February. A home in the 1100 block of Sunset Drive was broken into between February 1 and 14. Several personal items and some liquor was taken.

A vehicle parked in the hospital parking lot was struck some time between February 6 and 9. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$800. Anyone with information is asked to contact police.

Storm keeps firemen busy

Two reports of downed power lines during Sunday's storm, two chimney fires and other calls kept Salt Spring firefighters busy Sunday and Monday.

A chimney fire was reported Sunday at 5 p.m. on Long Harbour Road and on Monday at 12:30 p.m. on Cranberry Road. Both buildings escaped damage.

Fire captain Erling Jorgensen recommended homeowners who have been burning wood all winter should check under chimney caps for possible creosote build-up, which can cause a fire.

Firemen also responded to a stove top fire in a home on Cranberry Road at 8:30 a.m. Monday. There was no damage.

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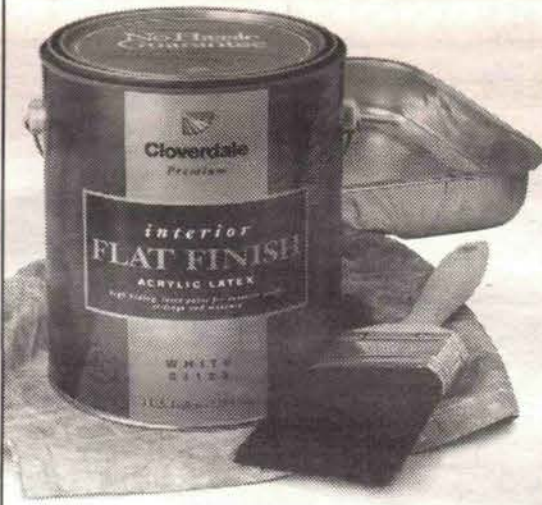
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Judge dismisses assault charge, citing Charter, stale evidence

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

An overloaded court system sputtered in Ganges last week when excessive delay caused dismissal of an assault charge.

Judge Anthony Palmer dismissed a charge against a 23-year-old Salt Spring man February 7, citing too long a delay between the incident and date of trial as prejudicing the man's right to a fair trial.

The alleged assault occurred in July of 1993. The man first appeared in court in January of 1994, a not-guilty plea was entered in February and the first trial date set for July 6, 1994. However, there was not enough time in Ganges court to run the trial that day and the February 7, 1995 date was set as the next available trial date.

Palmer said evidence would be "stale," and that "may have a direct bearing" on the trial outcome. He said the accused's rights under Section 11(b) of the Charter

of Rights - "to be tried within a reasonable time" - would be infringed by proceeding with the trial.

Palmer said the "infrequency of trial dates" in Ganges provincial court was likely a contributing factor to the delay.

Defence counsel Mayland McKimm called the case "a classic situation where the charge hanging over his (client's) head has a dire effect." He said the man felt unable to get on with his life while the matter was unresolved. However, Palmer was not sympathetic to that aspect of McKimm's argument. He was concerned only that a fair trial was not possible almost 19 months after an incident, and that none of the delay was caused by the accused.

Crown counsel in Ganges on February 7 was Bruce Filan. He later confirmed Palmer's decision did not set a legal precedent, although his superiors were made aware of the case's outcome.

Lawyer James Pasuta handles a

large criminal case load in Ganges court. He said he will be carefully examining Palmer's reasons for judgment.

"This case could have serious ramifications for a lot of the delayed trials on Salt Spring," he said.

Eight other files in Ganges provincial court during the past year have gone to trial or been set for trial 13 to 25 months after the first court appearance. But each circumstance is different, with accused parties sometimes not appearing for trial or not hiring a lawyer for several months.

In the past three months, the average case has come up for trial 9.2 months after the accused's first appearance in Ganges court. And as with the case involving McKimm's client, a first appearance can take place several months after the alleged criminal act.

Court has been sitting more frequently in Ganges, and is scheduled every other Tuesday for at least the next few months.

Plank prank gets probation for man on drunk charge

A prank with a plank inspired by intoxication has put Mark Jay Warner, 37, on probation for the next six months.

Ganges provincial court on February 7 heard that RCMP received a complaint about Warner and another person removing a piece of the Ganges seawalk and placing it "nails side up" on a nearby road. The complaint was received at about 4 a.m. on July 15, 1994.

Warner was arrested at the time for being drunk in a public place.

Judge Anthony Palmer ordered the Salt Spring man to perform 30 hours of community service work as part of his probation.

In other court news:

A young man accused of shoplifting at Ganges Village Market ended up with a marijuana possession conviction instead.

Kevin Berthelette, 19, of Salt Spring Island, pleaded guilty to the charge.

Berthelette and a friend were arrested by security staff on December 5, 1994, and asked to empty their pockets. Although Berthelette had not stolen any goods, police were given 4.5 grams of marijuana and hashish found in his pocket.

Judge Anthony Palmer sentenced the man to a conditional discharge with probation for four months. It was his first criminal offence.

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Institute president Chris Schmah told the Driftwood the grant money will allow the group to pay off the final bills on the \$40,000 project.

The new barn was almost finished when the fall fair rolled around last year, and housed livestock and poultry exhibits. Since then, volunteers have completed their work on the 40 by 90-foot building.

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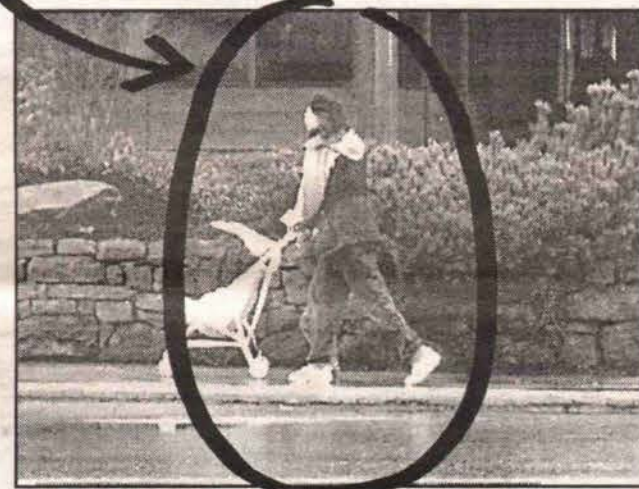
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OPINION

Reforming our own little safety net

Politicians, media pundits and angry taxpayers have been advocating loudly for many months the reform of this country's social programs. The social safety net, we have been convinced, needs mending.

But the formation of a committee to examine local ferry service has brought to light details of a peculiar little social safety net all of our own. And as with federal and provincial social programs, those provided by B.C. Ferries are coming under scrutiny for financial reasons.

Foregone revenue of four programs offered by the corporation is said to be \$7.3 million annually, fully one-third of its 1993-94 operating loss. Free travel for students, islanders with medical needs and seniors, along with discounted travel for the handicapped, are offered by B.C. Ferries on behalf of the provincial ministries of education and health.

While it's awfully good of the corporation to do so, is it really within its mandate to be holding up a small corner of the social safety net? We think not.

Most of the \$7 million in lost revenue comes from those programs denoted as health-related (though we find it difficult to comprehend how free travel for seniors will contribute to their better health). In the interests of providing a clear picture of provincial finances, it behooves the government to allocate costs where they belong. Health costs should therefore be borne by the Ministry of Health, and (in this instance) transportation costs by the Crown corporation responsible.

However, to shift the fiscal responsibility from one government agency to another fails to relieve the strain on limited tax dollars. With B.C. Ferries chalking up a \$20 million loss and requiring a \$36 million subsidy as well, the cost of the social programs is coming directly from taxpayers' pockets.

The most obvious gain in efficiency is to be found in abolishing universality. All three "health" programs could be improved by restricting free or discounted passage to those who need it. At present, anyone from a prince to a pauper qualifies for travel assistance.

The Care Cards issued by the Ministry of Health bear a code which indicates whether the cardholder receives premium assistance. Here, then, is a quick and easy means of determining need. Islanders who qualify for assistance under the Medical Services Plan would also be entitled to assistance under B.C. Ferries' safety net.

Further improvement could be gained by restricting free or reduced-fare travel to non-peak sailings. It makes no sense to turn away paying fares for a busy sailing to accommodate those who pay nothing.

Let the reforms begin — in Ottawa and at the ferry terminals.

Justice delayed

Court cases which seem to favour the rights of accused persons at the expense of victims and society are often in the news.

Last week in Ganges provincial court, a Salt Spring man's right to a fair trial was deemed prejudiced by the length of time — almost 19 months — that had passed since he allegedly assaulted a young woman.

The judge found one guilty party: a clogged court system that could only shake loose two trial dates within one year.

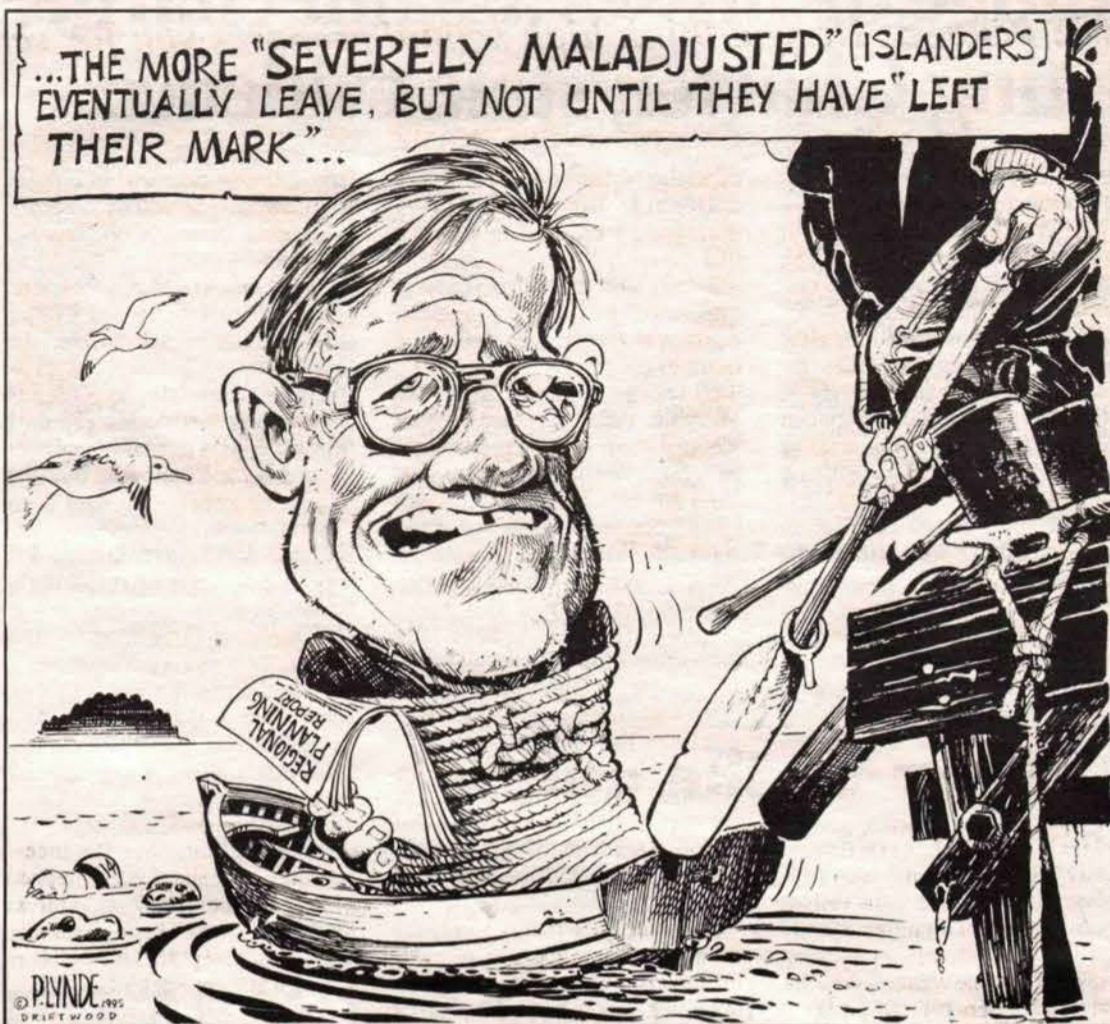
The accused was no doubt pleased to have "gotten off" without facing a trial, but he did not deserve to wait so long for any resolution.

The victim endured the same wait, and "the system" flatly failed her.

With provincial court now sitting in Ganges almost every other Tuesday, with a few extra days occasionally thrown in, the wheels of island justice could accelerate from a walk to a trot.

Further improvement could be obtained by finding some means of advancing dates for the dustiest of trials if extra Ganges court time becomes available. Further use could also be made of Salt Spring's connection to the Sidney courthouse, with more Ganges trials taking place there, if possible. When a scheduled trial requires postponement, the Crown counsel should press for the earliest possible date.

A justice system that permits long trial delays to result in dismissed charges is a system in need of repair.



Court reporting disregards truth, minimizes woman-beating crime

Once again a woman has been re-victimized by the media's callous disregard of the truth. I am referring to the article regarding the assault conviction of a woman beater (Driftwood, February 8). In my view the article which mentioned the victim's name and the fact that she has two children was written in such a way as to minimize the crime that was committed against her.

This style of reportage is common when print and electronic media talk about violence against women. I mean the "garden variety" violence of "domestic assault," society's euphemism for woman beating. The media instead goes for the Melanie Carpenter stories that buttress the misconception that women die only at the hands of deranged offenders who were let out of prison and are walking our streets unchecked and unsupervised.

In fact the number-one cause of homicide among women on this continent is "garden variety domestic assault" perpetrated by the significant men in their lives, often after years of beatings, threats, torture and harassment and often after the woman has already left the relationship, and sought help from the police and judicial system. If a woman manages to get out and get safe and decides to act as a witness in the courtroom she is constrained in that courageous act by a system of law that up to 20 years ago would send her packing back to the abuser with admonitions about wasting the court's time. These attitudes are still common and further endanger women who are already at risk.

I was in the courtroom last Monday. I was inspired by Laurie Roland's courage and her ability to speak the truth from her heart. She is not alone or unique. Thousands of women across this country sit in a witness box every day recounting tales of horror and abuse. Typically, their partners, the accused, are given small fines and/or probation and told to seek anger management counselling. How brave does a woman have to be in order to speak the truth publicly? Could any one of us do what Laurie Roland did?



VIEW POINT
BY **CHERIE GEAUVREAU**

There are no consequences for men who beat women. Traditionally the focus has been on the victim. What's wrong with her? Why didn't she leave? If that were me ... There is enough research literature written on "spousal violence" to fill

ArtSpring from floor to ceiling. Victim research. When will our society and our own small community take responsibility for seeing and speaking the truth. Men beat women because they can. Our community has very simply failed to ensure that women have an absolute right to be free from bodily harm. How do we explain this to ourselves?

I quote from Ann Jones in Next Time She'll Be Dead: "we try to account for the victim's behaviour by seeking flaws in her personality or moral character because having no knowledge of terror or coercion, we presume that in similar circumstances we would show greater courage and resistance than the victim."


I have never seen greater courage than that displayed by Laurie Roland. She walked away from that courtroom with grace and dignity, her integrity intact,

no longer a victim. Two days later she was traumatized once again by the "impartial" report in the Driftwood that named her. She did not deserve this public humiliation. Joe Langdon, the convicted woman beater, did.

Laurie Roland asked me to extend this message to women in our community: "I'd like to send a message to other women because for so many years I was silenced by the threat of physical abuse. The attempt by the Driftwood to minimize the events which led to the attack on me is a typical rendition of an abusive relationship where an abusive man's uncontrollable rage can erupt over something as trivial as doing the laundry. These kind of events can keep a woman isolated in an atmosphere of fear and confusion as she tries to find her way through the landscape of another person's sick reality."

The writer is active in the field of women's issues on Salt Spring.

The number-one cause of homicide among women on this continent is domestic assault.



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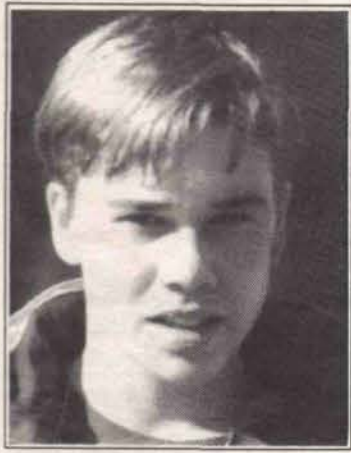
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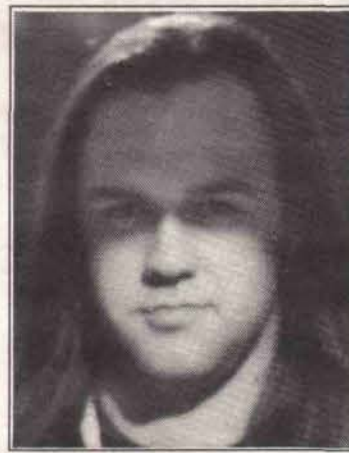
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Letters to the editor

Check your files

KIS Secretarial Services provides many Salt Springers, including this writer, with a free, speedy and convenient way of leaving messages for one another, the least that we the users can do is make it trouble-free for the business donating the space.

As time goes on the indexes become worn out, and need to be renewed, and they gradually fill with unclaimed items. Also, bulky items are sometimes left that are unsuitable for a paper file.

It is requested that during the next few weeks users check the files, and remove long-unclaimed prehistoric items. At the end of that time we'll pass the hat and get new files.

Andy Gibson,
KUMBAYA
(KIS Users of Message Box
and Yak-edy-yak Association)

Fear of change

How sad and how understandable to sense the fear of change hidden in the voices of commerce who think that somehow we can carry on with "business as usual" in the face of our threatened environment.

Yes, we're only a small community, and yes, our actions are not as destructive as those of large population centres, but Salt Spring Island is where we live.

This is where we must start if we want to renew this small piece of the earth.

Remember, we can't breathe money, we can't drink money, neither can we eat it. If money disappeared, we could still make a living economy out of our natural resources; if our biosphere sickens and dies, so will we, taking most other living things with us.

Maybe not the ants.
VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Quebec Drive

Disinterested

As a person who is an interested taxpayer, as well as a parent whose children graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School, I attended the meeting on January 25 at the school board office when explanations were to be given on how the board was going to "deal" with the projected deficit.

First of all the room was much too small, and it seems impossible that the board could not project a public outcry when news of the anticipated deficit of approximately \$800,000 was made known. But then again, how could they project the number of people attending the meeting when they couldn't project their own budget correctly.

With standing room only, I was behind one of the board

members throughout the meeting and was absolutely amazed at the apparent lack of interest shown by her. Throughout the whole meeting all she did was create a masterpiece of doodling - with not one question, fact or figure to show she had even been listening to the concerns of the people presenting information.

As well, she and her opposite number, a lady from the Outer Islands, passed notes to each other during the presentations. I would also like to point out that the trustee from the Outer Islands was heard to make a very inappropriate remark after one of the students had finally been given the floor to speak.

Some of the students had to wait nearly two hours to be heard. Is this the correct behaviour for an elected trustee?

Talk about trust and communication - how can these trustees have viable input into any decision making when they don't even listen.

MARIE HULL,
Ganges

White heritage creates despair

This letter is my delayed response to disturbing words in an

article on foreign adoption (Driftwood, December 21).

One mother referred to Black children as "chocolate kisses." I see this as absolutely unacceptable speech. We can't afford to equate Black people as "chocolate" nor black children as "chocolate kisses" or any other objectifying or demoralizing terms.

It is essential that we look at our words, and how we use them, for they contain the capacity to power, real or imposed, transformation or domination.

I feel sadness, pain, even a hopelessness almost, in wondering if I could ever attain the quality of

being truly non-racist in all the insidious ways I am probably blind to.

I also feel remorse, and anger and a wondering of how I could ever hope to get past the despair of my decrepit, sadistic, white heritage.

I believe, in having the honour of raising a child of such a different heritage, it is absolutely necessary to educate oneself in that child's Black heritage; and as she is a girl, in her Black woman's heritage; and in our ongoing inherent racism.

SAZJO STONE,
Highwood Place



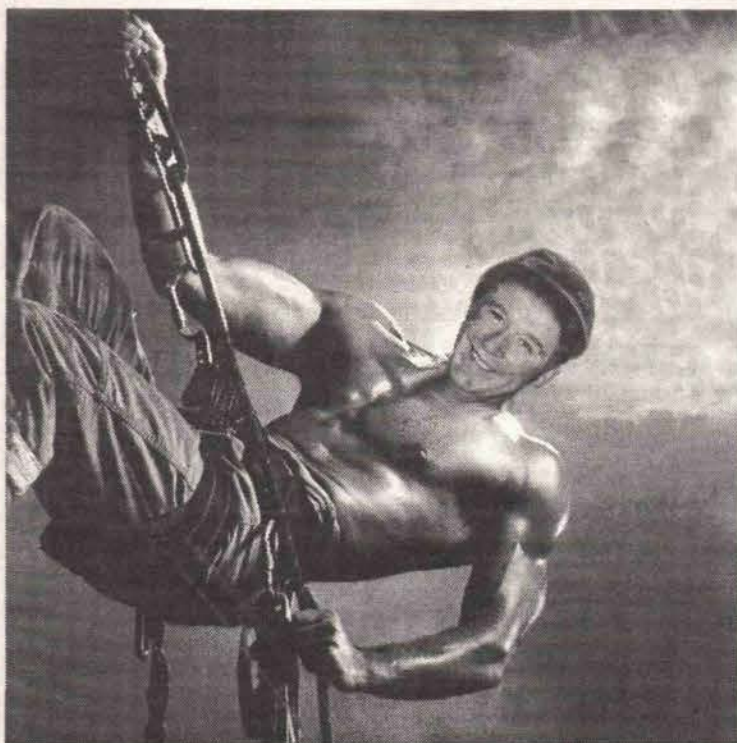
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Pre-vote pamphlet kicks off campaign

VICTORIA - Finance Minister Elizabeth Cull fired the first salvo last week in the campaign for an election that hasn't been called yet. In an eight-page pamphlet, sent to about 50,000 households across British Columbia, Cull tells us that things have never been better in Lotusland.

"British Columbia has one of Canada's strongest economies, a shrinking deficit and the best provincial bond rating in the country," the minister trumpets on page 1. And then, stroking the proverbial little guy, she adds that the real measure of success is whether this prosperity is shared fairly by all British Columbians in all regions of the province.

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"It's not the praise from investment dealers and financial analysts that matters most to me, although I have to say I'm very proud of the way they rate our province. My bottom line is making sure that working people and middle-income families share the benefits of our province's economic success."

Page 2: "Deficit down 80 percent in three years. For the third year in a row, the B.C. government has cut the provincial deficit without cutting health, education and other services vital to the ordinary person."

Well, there she goes again, talking about having slashed the deficit. And again, I must point out that the deficit reduction is largely a smoke-and-mirror show. The province's overall debt is larger than ever before, and had the NDP government rolled the costs of huge public works projects such as highways and schools in to the equation, the deficit would be bigger, not smaller.

A little further down, Cull says that after three years, the government strategy is ahead of target, with mid-year results for fiscal 1994 indicating that "the government may achieve the goal of balancing the budget earlier than expected."

What did I tell you? Cull will bring in a so-called balanced budget in March, setting the stage for an election.

Also on page 3: "Tax freeze begins second year. In the B.C. budget last spring, the government froze taxes for three years as part of a commitment to middle-income British Columbians that they should not be asked to pay more to fight the deficit."

Well, the NDP may not have increased direct taxation. Income taxes didn't go up, for instance. But they didn't say they wouldn't increase fees. And they have gone up, everything from marriage licences to fishing licences. They still put their hands into our pockets, folks.

Page 3 features a swipe at the Fraser Institute, the NDP's sworn enemy. In a recent publication, the institute said British Columbia taxes are among the highest in the country. Not so, says Cull, offering her own figures, according to which British Columbia is among the lowest-taxed provinces.

Here it is important to remember that you can believe neither side. The Fraser Institute, in its holy mission to root out socialism wherever it rears its ugly head, is as good at manipulating figures and statistics as any government.

Hey, what's this on page 4? "Cabinet salaries cut. The premier and members of cabinet took a five percent cut in pay in 1993 and their salaries were frozen for the current year." Lest we forget in this election year.

Page 6 features a lengthy explanation of what I referred to earlier as the smoke-and-mirror budget-balancing act.

"Governments should not borrow money to finance services consumed only by today's taxpayers," Cull says.

"At the same time, taxpayers should not be expected to pay the full cost today for facilities that will be used in the future by others.

"Nor can taxpayers be expected to pay vast sums today to clear up backlogs in hospital and community health facilities, schools and colleges, or the construction of highways and other transportation services that have built up over the past decade."

I have said that this approach makes certain sense. But again, I point out that no matter over how many years the government amortizes the cost of infrastructure projects, it will add to the province's overall debt and increase the amount needed to service that debt.

On page 8 of the pre-election pamphlet, Cull delivers the coup de grace to doubters of her miracle work. She quotes financial experts waxing wise about British Columbia financial status.

Among them is the Dow Jones Capital Markets Report, May 10, 1995: "Moody's Investors Service economic outlook remains positive ... Debt levels remain the lowest of any Canadian province."

What can I say? Even the capitalists seem to believe this balanced-budget stuff.

Trails, C-4 zoning up for public hearing

Two potentially controversial bylaws will go to public hearing on Salt Spring February 23.

A revised version of the trails bylaw — withdrawn following a public hearing last August — was given first reading by the Local Trust Committee Thursday. The bylaw amends the community plan to add an island-wide trail system.

First reading was also given to a bylaw which would reduce the amount of development allowed in commercial four (C-4) zones. Resorts, motels and other tourist accommodation is included under that zone.

At present, up to 33 per cent of a C-4 zone can be developed, creating the potential for massive development on larger properties. The new bylaw restricts development to six units per acre in areas not served by a sewer system. In areas served by a sewer, density can reach 14 units per acre.

The zoning change was recommended late last year in an independent report by consultant Tom O'Connor.

Reducing the allowable zoning in the C-4 zone was the most urgent of O'Connor's recommendations.

"He mentions, in the report, that this part should be addressed promptly and we are doing it promptly," trustee Grace Byrne said. "It should have been done years ago."

Some resort owners have objected to the bylaw, saying it will hamper the future competitiveness of their business.

The trails bylaw outlines the need for an island-wide trails network but no longer includes a map designating specific routes, Trust planner Linda Adams said.

The bylaw sets out the criteria by which trails will be selected. Adams said the bylaw does not designate property as trail rights-of-way but makes it possible for the Trust to obtain a right-of-way when a property is subdivided.

Concerns expressed at last August's public hearing about trails conflicting with agricultural land, environmentally sensitive areas and building sites have been addressed in the revised bylaw, Adams said.

The public hearing starts at 7:30 p.m. February 23 in the Gulf Islands Secondary multi-purpose room. An information meeting will start at 6 p.m.



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Committee doesn't reflect population—delegates

Salt Spring representatives on the new ferry advisory committee have issued a caution over the matter of representation.

Kathy Scarfo, Neville Atkinson and Drew Thorburn have written to B.C. Ferries expressing their concern over under-representation on the committee. Formed to develop a 10-year plan for local service, it met for the first time in Saanich late last month.

The Salt Spring representatives note their island is the largest and most populated, having about 70 per cent of the Gulf Islands' population. But its representation on the committee does not reflect

that. "It became clear at the last meeting that the smaller islands do not clearly discern the difference between our needs and theirs. The equal number of stakeholders representing each

island does not equal the reality of the population and demands within the islands."

The letter notes the Salt Spring members are not asking for additional representation. However, they feel that many of the issues

facing Salt Spring will have to be dealt with independently of the other islands.

"Solutions put forward by this advisory committee may not be acceptable to Salt Spring Islanders as they will not have

had appropriate weighting in this process."

The letter sparked some criticism Thursday from Jacques Campbell, regional director for the Outer Islands and a committee member.

"If Salt Spring aren't in control they don't want to be a part," she said, citing the experience of the health planning committee as another example of Salt Spring wanting to take control.

Kathy Scarfo told the Driftwood the "whole purpose" of the letter was to register concern over the absence of representation by population.

Dock work to shut down Fulford ferry

Ferry service will be suspended briefly at Fulford Harbour February 27 to permit dock maintenance.

B.C. Ferries has announced that a water taxi will provide passenger service while the ferry is not running. The shutdown will begin Monday evening, February 27, after the 6 p.m. sailing from Swartz Bay and the 6:45 from Fulford. Regular sailings will

resume the following day, February 28, with the 1:10 p.m. sailing out of Swartz Bay.

The 40-passenger water taxi will follow the same schedule as the Bowen Queen, and run between government docks at Fulford and Dolphin Road, next to the Swartz Bay ferry terminal.

The ferry corporation says extra trips will be made should overloads occur.





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Access to shoreline big issue at planning workshop

"Isn't it time we really got a nice seawalk around the harbour?" That reference to the uncompleted Ganges seawalk opened the Official Community Plan workshop February 7 on the island shoreline. During the next 90 minutes, approximately 35 residents offered opinions on shoreline issues.

Greater safe access to the shoreline emerged as the most important issue.

One resident observed that the current public access, restricted to the area between low and high tide, virtually ensured walkers would be hiking through mud, especially in the winter. She suggested the area set aside for public use should extend above the high-tide mark.

Parks and Recreation administrator Tony Hume advocated moving subdivision approval authority to Salt Spring, so water accesses could be located in appropriate areas by people who knew island terrain.

Sheila Harrington suggested the five per cent park dedication required with a new subdivision should be used to obtain the beach area if the property is on the water.

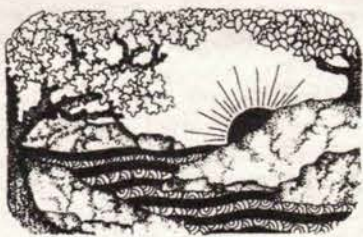
Related suggestions included maintaining and marking public accesses — Hume said there are more than 250 on the island — and educating the public about the need to respect the environment and private property when using the beach.

Controls should be placed on foreshore construction, so a walk along the beach is not blocked by manmade structures.

The second priority for workshop participants was maintaining the shoreline in its natural state as well as conserving intertidal areas.

Tom Wright expressed the fear that the west coast would echo the east coast, where shorelines have been drained and filled to create uniform waterfront.

Related suggestions included making some of Salt Spring's shoreline part of the B.C. Marine Trails system; expanding the regional park system to include shoreline; purchasing beaches; banning the cutting of trees on the foreshore to prevent erosion; requiring that anyone who damages the shoreline restore



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the area to its natural state; and preserving stream flow into estuaries.

Pollution of the shoreline by failing septic fields and by run-off from nearby roads or parking lots was also cited. "I'd like to be able to collect oysters and shellfish the way we used to when we first moved here," one speaker commented, adding that the shellfish beds are now either polluted or non-existent.

Recommendations to protect the foreshore included setting up an advisory committee to consult with upland owners about zoning; requiring boat holding tanks and providing a disposal facility; requiring tertiary sewage plant treatment; and providing boat maintenance areas able to contain waste or run-off.

There was concern over lack of enforcement of environmental protection and local bylaws plus fears that provincial approval for foreshore construction does not reflect local opinion.

Several speakers objected to the increasing number of private docks. "There's now rows and rows of them and all with one boat," one person remarked.

Floats and mooring buoys were suggested as alternatives to docks. Another resident suggested docks should be designed to blend in with the surroundings, painted or preserved with materials that do not "impinge on esthetics."

Reflective paint was a particular sore point, with one speaker remarking "you don't have to look at wharves in the middle of the night."

An important issue for several people was the defeat of last summer's shoreline bylaw, due in part to strong opposition by waterfront landowners. The power of a "handful of property owners" to

hamper environmental protection emerged as a major concern for workshop participants.

But a few people spoke up for the rights of waterfront owners. One speaker wondered if islanders wanted foreshore regulation or if the process was spearheaded by the Islands Trust. Another said shoreline zoning should not be done without input from property owners who do not live on the island.

Waterfront property owner Bob Jones feared the riparian rights of such owners would be lost. He reported just receiving the tax assessment for a new dock on his property.

"I do believe the proliferation of new docks will go a long way towards reducing the national debt," he quipped.

Sheila Harrington advocated zoning which would allow more economically viable waterfront activities as well as recreational uses. Commercial zoning on the waterfront should also maintain public access to the foreshore, she added.

Another speaker advocated allowing live-aboards in island waters, provided there were adequate sewage disposal facilities.

One of the problems with regulating the foreshore is that seven different agencies are responsible for monitoring the area, Nina

Raginsky remarked. She said there was a need for more overall management of the coastal zones.

Capital Regional District director Dietrich Luth cited one example of the conflicting jurisdictions. "No one's responsible for sea

lions on the beaches. It's been that way for years."

Increasing population is a large part of the problem, Tom Wright said. "If we keep doubling our population every 13 years, none of this will mean anything."



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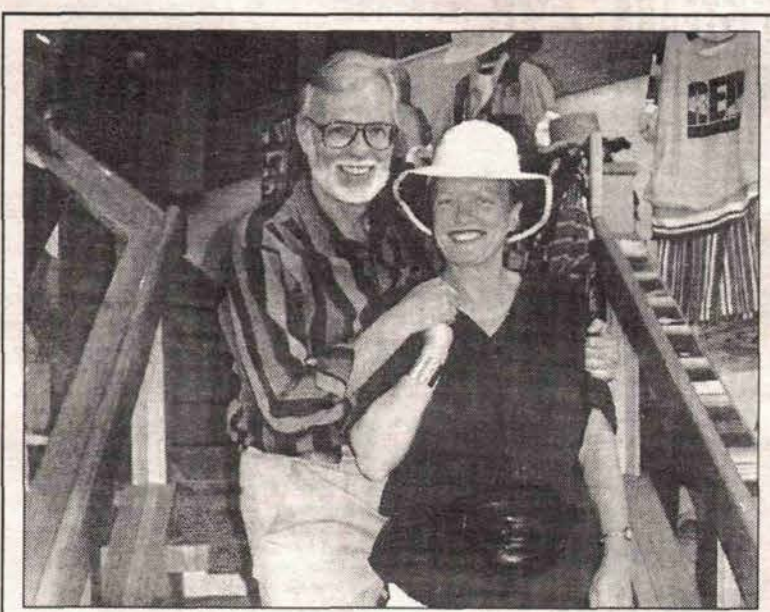
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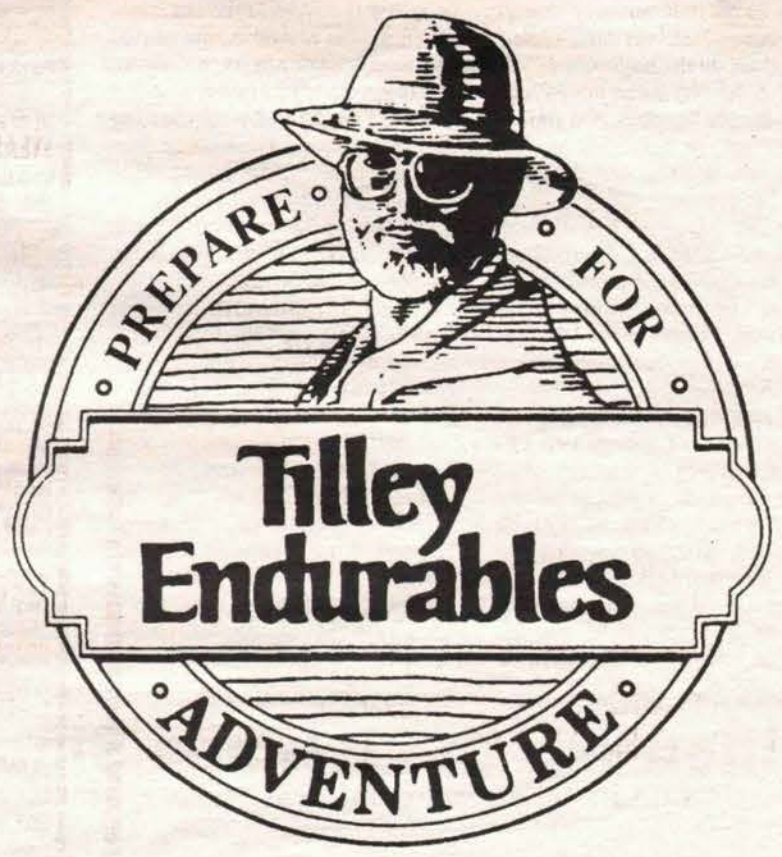


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Project author moved to tears by response from down under

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring co-authors of the Virtues Project are calling on the strength of the virtue moderation as they stand amid a raging whirl of project-related activity.

Linda Kavelin Popov and Dan Popov recently returned from a six-week tour of Australia and New Zealand where Kavelin Popov says she was many times moved to tears by the response they received.

Advised to "not come across too spiritual" in these countries where people are not generally religious, the Popovs prepared a "moral development" theme for presentations on the project's five strategies. However, Kavelin Popov said, the people were "ready for spirituality straight up."

The Virtues Project, published in early 1991 by the Popovs and John Kavelin, introduces spiritual guidelines — specifically aimed at child-rearing but useful in all relationships — that are not entrenched in any particular religion.

More than 40,000 copies of the Virtues Project have sold in 40 countries. Translations are under way in a dozen different languages.

The three-hour presentations given by the Popovs "down under" drew varying sized audiences, from 30 to 750 people.

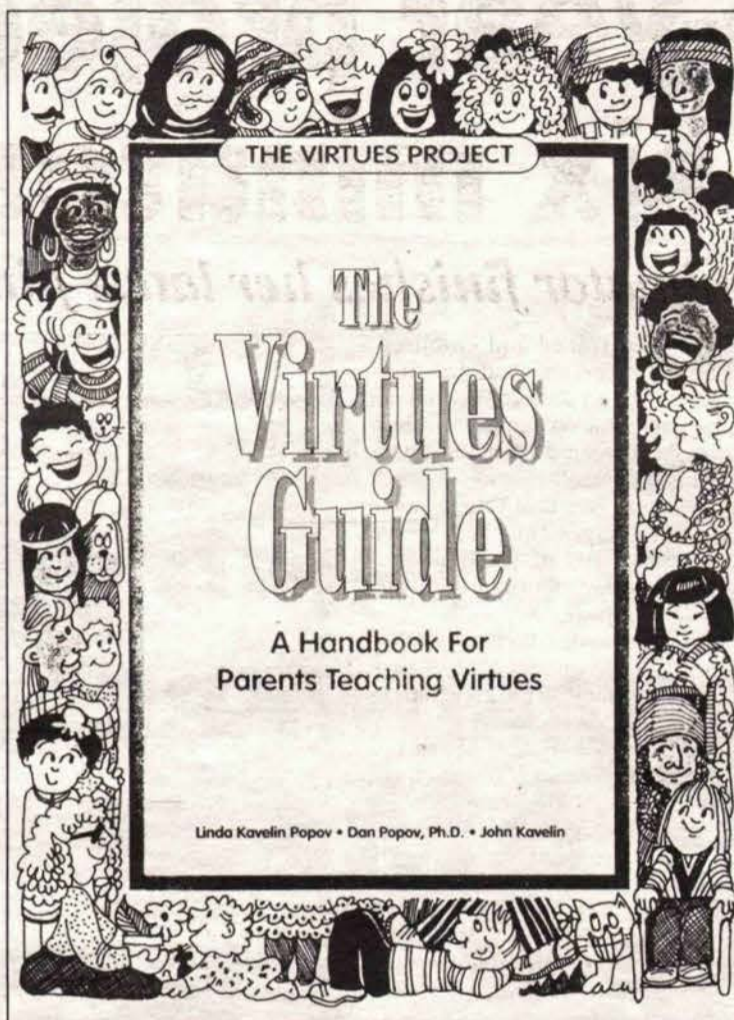
The presentations outlined the project's five strategies which include: recognizing teachable moments to provide lessons of the soul; using the language of the virtues to replace the internal critic with the gentle observer; setting boundaries; supporting the sacred, or adhering to a "routine of reverence" and helping children listen to sleeping dreams and achieve waking dreams.

"This strategy especially seemed to bring tears to their eyes," Kavelin Popov said. "They are way behind North America in the area of self help and personal development."

The fifth strategy involves "using the art of spiritual companionship," asking questions to help one's own healing and to make moral choices.

More copies of the Virtues Project have sold in Australia than anywhere else in the world. In the town of Toowoomba, the Popovs found two schools using the project every day in the classroom.

At one school, Kavelin Popov recalls standing on the balcony in front of 700 very disciplined, uniformed children and being asked to speak on their virtue of the week, which happened to be "respect." After she spoke, the children applauded and some "whooped," to the immediate displeasure of the principal who felt the youngsters were not showing



respect.

As she walked off the stage, Kavelin Popov leaned over and reminded the principal that "enthusiasm" is also a virtue.

"When anyone talks about virtues, it cuts right through to the soul of the child," Kavelin Popov said, recounting an experience at an Anglican high school that brought this to light for her. Every classroom in this school has a virtues bulletin board and students keep journals focusing on the virtue of the week. One student's journal had about 50 pages of comments and poetry on world and personal "peacefulness."

"One line she had said 'the taste of peace is like a fresh drink on a hot, dusty day.' The whole thing was awesome."

The indigenous people from "down under" were also very receptive to the project.

"These big, beautiful people would come up, put their arms around us and say 'we have waited so long for this,'" Kavelin Popov recalled. "One elder, crying, said 'thank you for answering my call in the wilderness.'"

Back in British Columbia, the Popovs have had a similar response from people of the First Nations, who are looking for "simple ways to get (spirituality) back." On Salt Spring, two institutions — Salt Spring Centre School

and Salt Spring Daycare — are also using the Virtues Project on a regular basis.

Although the Popovs and Kavelin had an "extremely powerful call to do it," they had no idea the self-published Virtues Project would take off, especially since they have "never, never had time" to market the book.

Marketing, however, will occur in the near future as the authors enter a joint business venture with individuals in Arizona, Chicago and Bermuda. Virtues Communications will take on marketing and distribution and "make systematic what has so far been haphazard."

Kavelin Popov is currently working on a second book, due this month. Her working name for the book is Simple Practices for a Soul-full Life. She is also helping in the preparation of a book on virtues in the classroom and virtues in religious education.

The authors have been approached by several television networks looking to create series and specials on the project. A previous contract with Vision TV fell through because of its restrictive nature.

Kavelin Popov noted that people sometimes get greedy with something that has taken off like the Virtues Project. And "greed" is not a virtue. Moderation, however, is virtuous and the Popovs are staying well focused on it.



Islands Trust

SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING

All those who believe their interest in property is affected by the following proposed Bylaws will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee at a **PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on Thursday, February 23, 1995, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Area of Gulf Islands Secondary School, 232 Rainbow Road, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C. A **PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION** will be held on the same date and at the same location, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

In general terms, the intent of the following proposed bylaws is as follows:

1. PROPOSED SALT SPRING ISLAND BYLAW NO. 337:

a) amends the Official Community Plan by adding, as a goal, the securing of an island-wide trail system made up of both independent neighbourhood trails and of interconnected trails that link major island destinations, recreation areas, interest points, public lands and residential areas;

b) amends the Official Community Plan by adding, as Appendix A, the "Salt Spring Island Trail Network Policy and Plan", which describes how the trail network may be secured.

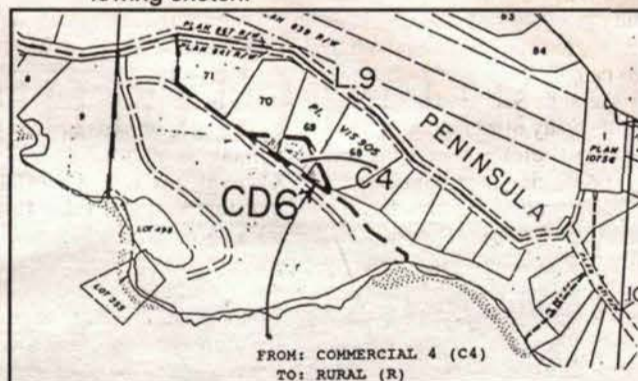
PROPOSED BYLAW TO BE CITED AS:

"Official Community Plan, Salt Spring Island, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1995"

2. PROPOSED SALT SPRING ISLAND BYLAW NO. 336:

a) amends Section 22, Commercial 4 Zone, by adding a new Section 22.5, Density Provisions, which limits the number of transient accommodation units to 15 units per hectare (6 units per acre), excepting specified sewage collection areas, where the maximum density shall be 35 units per hectare (14 units per acre); and

b) amends the zoning classification of part of the Maracaibo Estates property, in order to correct an earlier mapping error, as outlined on the following sketch:



EXISTING ZONE: Commercial 4 (C4)

PROPOSED ZONE: Rural (R)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Part of Lots 68, 69 and 70, Strata Plan VIS905, District Lots 9, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District

PROPOSED BYLAW TO BE CITED AS:

"Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1995"

Copies of the proposed Bylaws and relevant background documents may be inspected at the Ganges office of the Islands Trust, Unit 1206, Grace Point Square, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from Monday, February 13, 1995, up to and including Thursday, February 23, 1995.

The proposed Bylaws may also be inspected at the Victoria office of the Islands Trust, 2nd floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from Monday, February 13, 1995, up to and including Thursday, February 23, 1995. Further enquires may be directed to the Salt Spring Island Planning Unit of the Islands Trust, telephone 537-9144.

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A three-year project that's only six minutes long

Mayne Island animator finishes her latest film

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Hours of Gail Noonan's work flash by in the blink of an eye.

Since 1989, the Mayne Island artist has been creating short animated films. Her current project, *Your Name in Cellulite*, is now nearing completion after three years of work. It is six minutes long.

An animation is played at 24 frames per second. Each frame can require an individual drawing although Noonan notes most sketches are held on screen for two frames to allow time for the image to register with the viewer.

But even with images used more than once, the amount of work in a short animation is staggering. Noonan's first animated cartoon lasted two minutes and required 700 individual drawings. In 1989, she spent most of her final year at Emily Carr College of Art working on the piece, which she called *Play Ball*.

Even Noonan is surprised by the amount of time it takes to create a short animation. She admits to being under a constant delusion that each cartoon will be finished quickly — and then discovering each film is a long-term project.

Appropriately, her first cartoon focused on the gap between expectations and reality. *Play Ball* shows how one woman deals with life's "curve balls" and the realization that "this isn't all just happening as I assumed it would."

At 39, Noonan is old enough to have caught a few of those curve balls herself. She graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in fine arts, specializing in printmaking.

For 15 years she has been a printmaker. "The prints always had a very strong story line in them and lots of implied movement. It was the next step, to making them move."

Although she is just finishing her third piece, Noonan is developing a reputation for excellence.

Play Ball took the 1990 Golden Sheaf Award for best animation and first place at the 1990 Montana Film and Video Festival.

Her second work, *Two Beautiful Stars*, used square dancing shapes as a metaphor to describe and play with relations between the sexes. Since the designs were simpler and could be reused, drawing the frames for the three-and-a-half minute cartoon only took nine to 10 months.

Noonan financed the production herself, shooting the frames at a friend's studio in Holland. She was rewarded when the piece collected an honourable mention as the best animated film in the 18th Atlanta Film and Video Festival.

Noonan finds she likes to be in

and then traced and coloured. Some of the finished drawings were done on acetate, some on paper and some on rice paper. "Each scene seemed to call for something different."

Noonan was able to scan some of the images into her Amiga computer and play them in sequence using animation software. The computer allowed her to check how some sections worked together but did not have enough power to allow her to view the entire cartoon in sequence.

The actual filming of the images was done in Vancouver, using the animation camera at Al Sens Animation. Noonan notes there is also an animation camera at the National Film Board office in Vancouver — "but it's booked to the year 2000."

The final step is adding the soundtrack. Music was composed by an Ottawa musician and Noonan is now fine-tuning the music and matching the soundtrack to the edited cartoon.

Once the cartoon is completed, Noonan will be sending it off to various animation festivals, where distributors often pick up new works. The cartoon will also be broadcast on the new Women's Television Network.

With work winding down on her third cartoon, Noonan is already making plans for a fourth work. Tentatively titled *The Mitten*, it will be a joint project between Noonan and a friend, Dutch animator Huibert den Draak.

Based on a true experience the two shared, the film will relate the tale of a child who loses a mitten off a bridge and ventures under the bridge to discover a hobo village made of cardboard boxes.

Noonan said she and den Draak were once walking across a bridge in Vancouver when she lost her mitten. Under the bridge they found a group of cardboard homes. "It was touching. Here were



MATCHING THE MOTION: Gail Noonan fine-tunes the soundtrack for her latest cartoon, *Your Name in Cellulite*.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

people we call homeless but here were their homes. They were made out of cardboard but there was a very strong sense of home."

She hopes to convey that sense in the cartoon.

Noonan expects the project will take two years to complete, but admits her prediction could be wrong. Eight minutes of cartoon could easily consume 6,000 drawings. "It just takes the time it takes."



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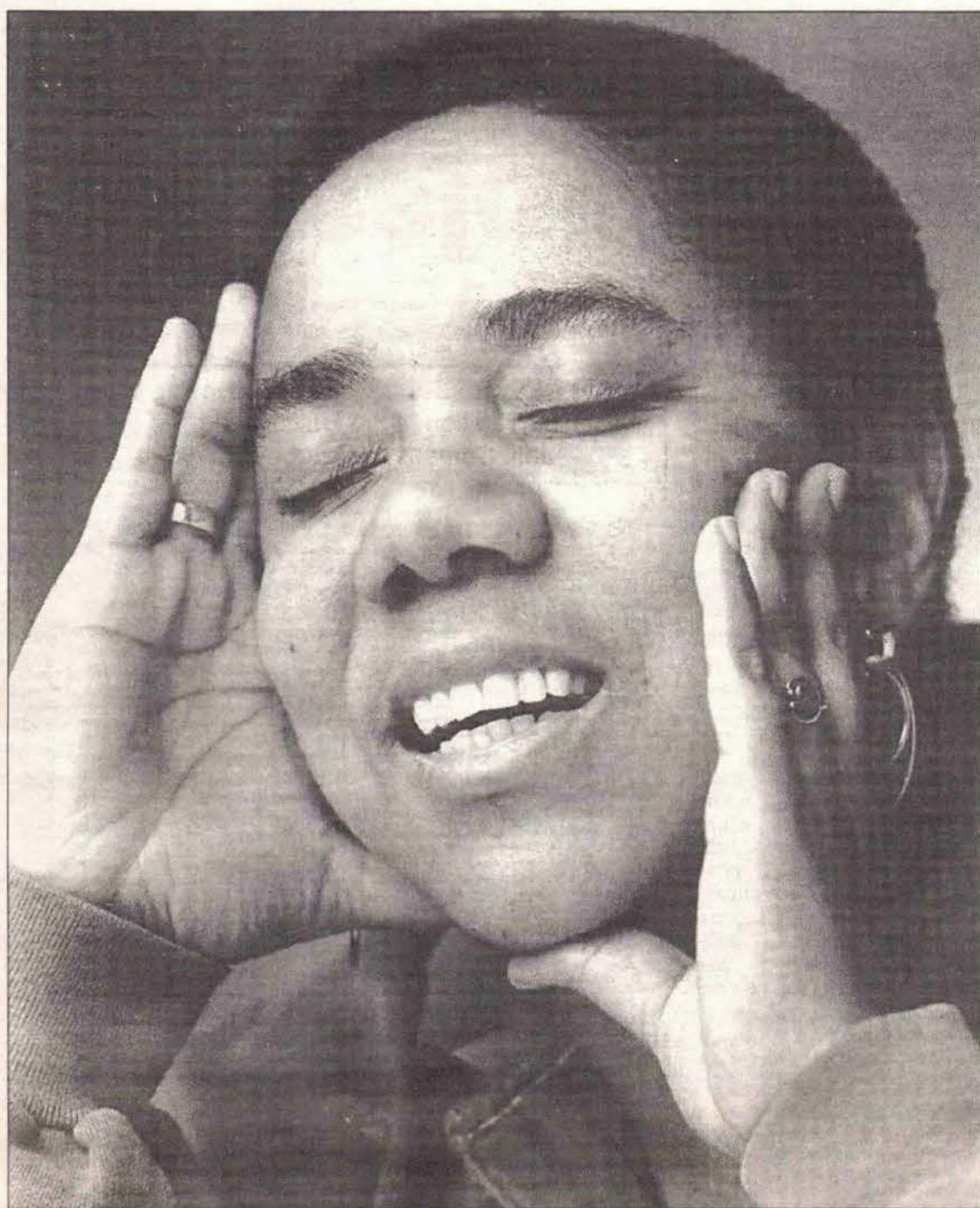
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JUNO WINNER: Award-winning dub poet Lillian Allen performs at a literary event Friday. The Toronto writer and poet has received critical acclaim in Canada and the United States for her musical poetry.

Dub poet here Friday

Juno Award-winning dub poet Lillian Allen will perform at a literary evening Friday in Ganges.

The Toronto writer and poet has won two Junos in the reggae category for her recordings of poetry with music, Revolutionary Tea Party in 1986 and Conditions Critical in 1988.

Dub poetry is a mixture of poetry, performance and politics, "laid against a backdrop of driving rhythm and infectious music," according to the Vancouver entertainment magazine, Nite Moves. The magazine's reviewer described Allen as like a small time bomb, "tickling with contained energy.

Suddenly the poetry catches fire, the words exploding from her mouth like sparks."

The Jamaican-born Allen herself describes dub poetry, which has its origins in Jamaica in the 1970s, as "an assertion of new possibilities."

It is also defined as dubbing in and out of conscious and unconscious forms, good and bad experience, and has come to encompass a rhythmic and musical form of poetry.

Friday's performance, sponsored by Theatre Alive! and the Canada Council, begins at 8 p.m. at the Anglican Centre. There is no admission charge.

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NELL: Another Oscar nominee, Jodie Foster, is also on screen at the Salt Spring Cinema as Nell, a feral human who has grown up wild. She is nominated for best actress for her portrayal of the character who speaks only her own created language. Bereft of social skills when she is discovered in a cabin in the North Carolina woods, Nell is still innocent and inherently good. The film examines the conflict between individual freedom and society's obligation to nurture and protect its members, which climaxes in a dramatic courtroom scene. Rated: Mature. Occasional nudity, very coarse and suggestive language. Friday, Saturday, Sunday at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 p.m.

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Rebellious islanders' meddling pain in the neck for director

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

The rebelliousness of Salt Spring Islanders is behind "much meddling and political interference in local government," says regional director Dietrich Luth in a report on regional planning. And, he adds, it is "a great pain in the neck when you have practical problems to deal with and don't need esoteric advice."

The seven-page report was written in response to a request to municipalities and electoral areas in the Capital Regional District (CRD) for comments on a provincial discussion paper. Prepared by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Growth Strategies for the 1990s and Beyond proposes changes to the province's system of community planning.

Luth's response, by far the longest and most detailed of any submitted, refers at the outset to a contradiction resulting from the Islands Trust's preserve-and-protect mandate. Growth is creating management problems for Salt Spring, he writes, by running counter to that mandate, which is based on a no-growth philosophy.

He claims that philosophy is an ideal "which is not really implementable as long as there is a free market and free movement of people."

While Luth directs most of his comments towards the implementation of a growth management strategy, his submission contains revealing statements about the islanders who are contributing to the growth problems.

"The population replacement

syndrome can get spooky as new ways of thinking and doing things suddenly and without warning replace the old ways and alter the ambiance of the community and the atmosphere of public meetings."

Luth goes on to note that "the unbridled sense of entitlement is alive and well," as people are not prepared to make do with less. He doubts that provincial legislation can help solve growth management problems, and points to the "different population" found on Salt Spring, compared to elsewhere in the region.

Many islanders, he states, are not suited for island life and the more "severely maladjusted" eventually leave, but not until they have "left their mark" on local committees and volunteer groups.

"The non-participants are actually docile enough to roll with the punches and easy to manage but the activists and stirrers can be a problem that no amount of provincial legislation can do anything about. The only thing that can be done is to get to know most of them and have a good memory."

Regional growth strategies, Luth continued, "cannot address personal eccentricities which is what Salt Spring is all about ..."

A factor which has prompted the discussion of growth strategies is the absence of coordination among local governments on

issues that cross boundaries.

As a means of devising a strategy to ensure such coordination, Luth proposes using a huge development proposal at Bamberton, in Saanich Inlet, as a model. While Bamberton lies within the Cowichan Valley Regional District, much of the development's impact would have been felt in the neighbouring Capital Regional District.

"I think a resolution of that issue ... would go a long way towards finding a viable modus operandi for the resolution of inter-regional planning problems."

The Salt Spring director suggests the CRD could be working with other districts that overlap the Islands Trust area and the Trust itself, and cites the Georgia Basin Initiative and the Biosphere Project as examples of potential cooperation.

But again, Luth issues a warning about the risks of public involvement in the process, stating the question is "tricky." On the one hand, he says, there is an injunction to widely consult the public while on the other, regional directors and municipal councillors have a mandate to take responsibility rather than sub-delegate authority.

Further on he writes "a growth strategy can only be digested piecemeal and probably can never be explained to and appreciated by the public in its grand conception. It is hardly likely to get unanimous consent and it will always attract those who know it all better and are prepared to go to a lot of trouble to prove it."



Luth

Greenwoods to install electronic gate as highways ministry requirement

An urban feature to a new staff parking lot at Greenwood's has some employees hoping for an electronic failure.

The Blain Road entrance to a new parking lot shared by Greenwood's and Lady Minto Hospital will be controlled by a card lock electronic gate. Staff entering and exiting the parking lot will have to use a card to pass through the gate.

The new lot did not meet the Ministry of Highways' "minimum site distance" requirement because it is located too close to a sharp corner on Blain Road. The electronic gate is expected to provide a more controlled access, forcing drivers to stop

their vehicles prior to entering and exiting.

Greenwood's administrator Penny Polden said several meetings were held with the ministry in an attempt to find a less expensive alternative.

The electronic gate added several thousand dollars to the parking lot cost, which is being shared by the two facilities, she added.

Although the parking lot is in place, it cannot be used until the gate arrives. Polden said it is due any day.

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'They're building a university on backs of care clients'

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

He doesn't want his real name used, so we'll call him Tom. But at least he was willing to talk about the impact of cuts in home support on his life, unlike many of the affected seniors who were — literally — afraid to say anything. Their fear underscored how vulnerable many of them feel. The majority are elderly, alone and suffering from various chronic illnesses or disabilities. Tom is 82 and a widower. As he puts it, "my brain's all right but my body's falling to pieces." Part of the "falling to pieces" includes hip surgery which has left Tom unable to stand without a cane or walker. He can only walk a short distance; he must take drugs to control the pain. Earlier this month he received a letter dated February 1 advising him he would no longer be eligible for home support. A visit last

Seniors wonder how they'll cope with loss of cleaning services

Tuesday from a case worker confirmed the cancellation. Tom suspects his home support was cancelled because of a recent holiday to visit one of his children. During the trip he was, as he puts it, "wheelchaired all the way." He also questions the government's under-funding of home support while promising a new \$110 million university for Surrey. "Why?" he asks, adding that the university will be paid for "on the backs of the people who had the care stopped." His home support was not free but was subsidized. On Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays he had a home support worker come in for two hours to keep his small home clean and to help with some personal tasks that Tom could not do on his own. For Tom, keeping the place clean is essential. He suffers from

bronchial asthma and has an allergy to dust. "If this house is not dusted regularly, my chest starts playing up," he explained. He paid just under \$100 a month for the service. The fee is based on income and is on a sliding scale, with those unable to pay receiving free service. Tom didn't begrudge the monthly payments. He believes in paying his own way and being as independent as possible. "I should pay according to my income," he said. "It shouldn't be free to anyone." His independent attitude is shared by other seniors who received help. One woman, who also asked not to be identified, said she had been offered more than three hours home support a week but declined.

"I don't believe in taking advantage," she said. She has been ill since Christmas and suffers from three chronic medical conditions plus a disabled shoulder. An 80-year-old widow, she values her independence. "I was looking forward to getting over this so I can call my soul my own," she said. But she was shocked when she lost her home support. "I don't understand why the cut was made — why they have to take on the poor ones, the old age pensioners," she said. "We're the first ones to be cut off." Her income placed her low enough on the scale that her home support was entirely subsidized, confirming her belief that the cuts were directed against "poor ones." But like other affected seniors, she feared saying too much. "I

don't want any more trouble," she explained. Mona Davies, another senior affected by the cuts, felt she could do nothing to reverse the government's decision. "What's the good? The government has made up their minds and what can you do about it?" She has been ill and has been told to avoid stress, which will exacerbate her illness. Instead of a sudden cut in service, she feels warning should have been given and gradual reductions should have been made to give people time to make other arrangements. Tom hopes to convince his doctor to perform a potentially risky operation, which could improve his mobility. "I've got to get mobile," he declared. No matter how difficult it is, he is used to standing on his own two feet. "They'll have a hard job to kill me. I'm a tough nut."

HOME SUPPORT

From Page 1
has swelled beyond the budget allocated to the CRD by the Ministry of Health. Last summer, the CRD stopped accepting new clients who needed help with house cleaning.

A strike by three home support agencies helped reduce expenditures — while cutting service to their clients — but it was not enough to balance the budget, Frizzell said. Starting February 1, the regional district started sending letters to clients notifying them that their cleaning service was either eliminated or reduced.

"It has not been an easy exercise for our case managers," Frizzell said. "It's one of the hardest things we ever have to do."

She hopes those who lose the cleaning services will be able to rely on family or friends or will be able to hire professional services. On the back of one of the letters, sent to a Salt Spring resident, was a list of professional house cleaning agencies based in Victoria.

Mullin said some local home support workers are discussing starting their own cleaning agency, both to serve their former clients and to provide work for those expected to lose hours due to the cutbacks.

Mullin confirmed that the demand for home support has been increasing rapidly in recent years, in part because of a government initiative to keep people in their homes longer and to allow palliative patients to die at home. Both measures save money by keeping people out of expensive institutional beds.

"The whole reason this program was started was to ensure people could stay in their homes," Mullin said. Although housekeeping help is at the low end of the scale, she fears some of the seniors will deteriorate without the support. "I think it's a backward step."

One home care worker was more graphic in her prediction. "If you have someone 85 years old and they lose their home support — they pull out a vacuum, they fall and break a hip — now they need home support."

Frizzell maintains the CRD had no choice. The budget for home

support has not increased, yet more and more seniors are moving to the area and hospital services are being reduced.

"When you only have a few resources, you use them for people whose needs are greatest," Frizzell said. "Everyone's trying to do their best with the dollars that the taxpayer wants to spend."

Salt Spring CRD director Dietrich Luth initially denied the CRD had anything to do with the cutbacks. "We may be blamed for something we have nothing to do with." However, after investigating the situation, he reported the

problem was an increasing number of home support clients but no increase in home support budgets.

"It's unfortunate. There's nothing we can do about it," Luth said.

MLA Clive Tanner understood the need to cut expenditures but hoped the cuts would not be made at the expense of those who are poor and in failing health. "If we're going to try and keep people in their homes rather than in institutions, it would seem to be a backward step," he observed. He planned to raise the issue with Liberal party health critic Linda Reid.

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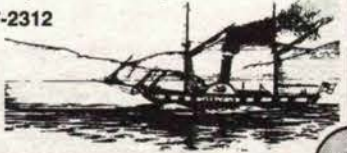
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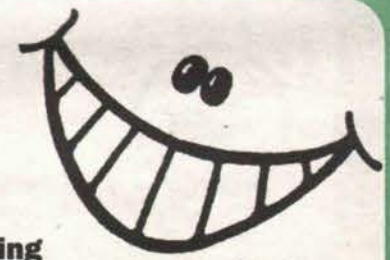
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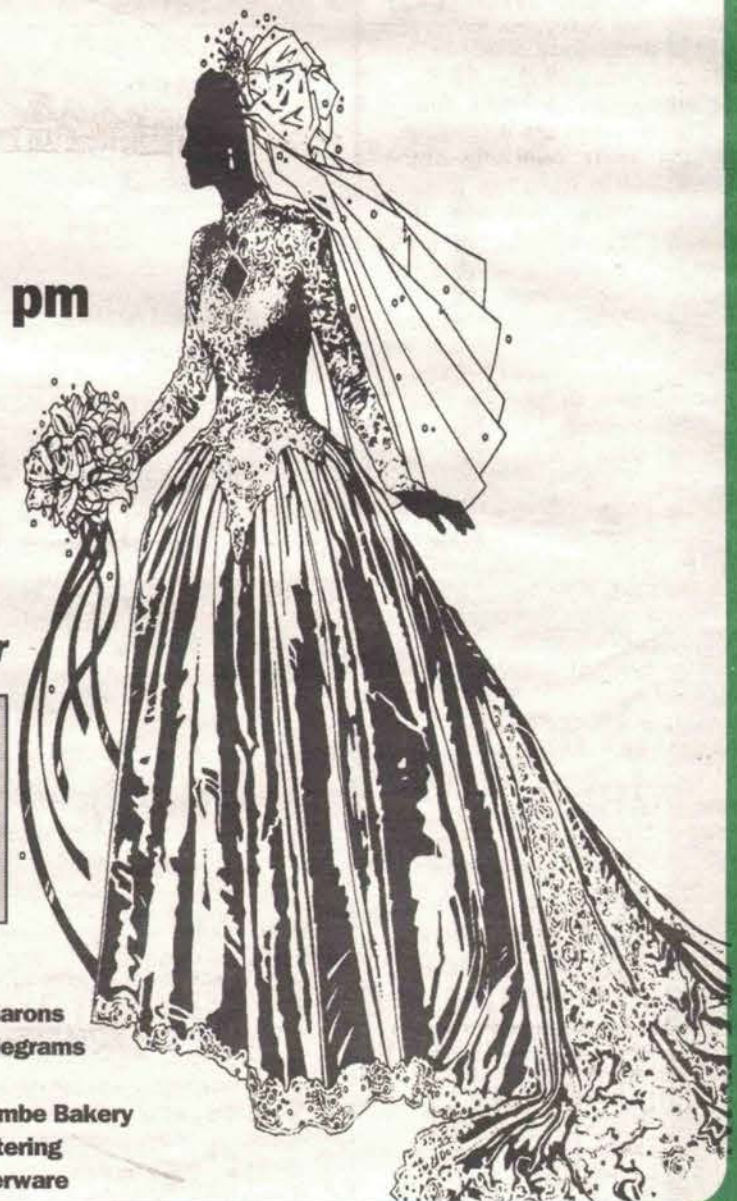
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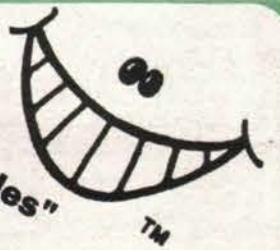
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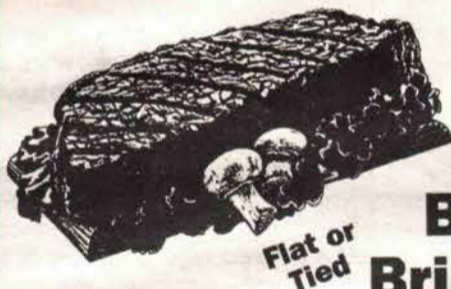


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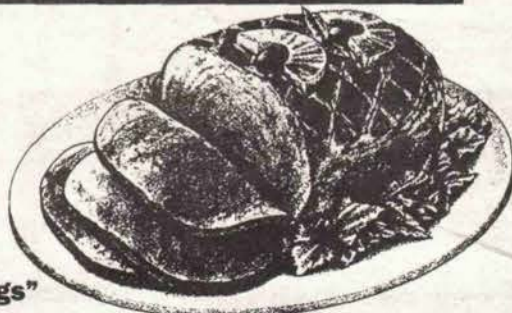
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Among those two million are Salt Spring residents Linda Lee, a distributor for Discovery Toys; Brian Berteig, who distributes for Nature's Sunshine herbal products; Richard Krieger, an independent distributor for newcomer Gold Unlimited and Cliff Leblanc, a distributor for the flagship of multi-level marketing, Amway.

For all four, multi-level marketing was a chance to start a home-based business offering the support of a franchise operation without making a major investment.

"Where can you start a business for \$200 to \$300 with no overhead?" Lee asked. Leblanc said it costs \$175 for the sales kit of products to launch an Amway distributorship; Berteig notes starting as a Nature's Sunshine distributor costs \$25 for materials; and Krieger chose to put \$325 into his new business, which included \$40 for printed materials and a lay-away on \$570 worth of company product.

(However, Gold Unlimited Executive Vice-President Kellan Lamb notes there is no fee required to act as a distributor for the company. A representative may choose to purchase catalogues or sample products.)

Money is not needed for success in multi-level marketing. But enthusiasm seems to be essential.

Lee was a fan of Discovery Toys before she began distributing the product. A school teacher with two young children, she had purchased many of the toys for her own youngsters.

Story and photos by VALORIE LENNOX

In less than a year, she has become an associate manager, based solely on her own direct sales to customers. Sponsoring another distributor will be the next step in expanding her business.

"Everyone today is looking for some lucrative part-time career," she notes.

Krieger was looking for a more secure future. He sees multi-level marketing as a back-up to his income from photography and raising llamas and alpacas. "This is a quickly changing world — it is mind-boggling how quickly it

muscle balancing and acupressure. He estimates 75 per cent of his company's income comes from the sale of Nature's Sunshine products — 250 different vitamins, minerals and herbal supplements.

He gains income through his direct sales of the product and a percentage from the sales made by those he sponsors into the business. Since becoming a distributor nine months ago, he and partner Carol Michielin of Victoria have brought 35 other distributors into the business.

Leblanc's Amway distributorship is his full-time occupation. Half of his income comes from direct sales and half from the business generated by those he

has sponsored into the company since he started in 1988. He estimates he earns more than \$2,000 a month — but he quickly points out that for many people, Amway is a part-time business

which supplements their income.

Personally, he is a head-to-toe advertisement for Amway products. He uses Amway's Satinique shampoo, has a Seiko watch purchased through Amway on his wrist, and wears a suit and shoes from Amway's Personal Shoppers Service catalogue.

He radiates enthusiasm for the company's products, which now extend far beyond the cleaning products which launched the company in 1959.

Is multi-level marketing the

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changes.

"I just want my family to be prepared for the change," he said.

Like Lee, he was drawn to the company by an appreciation for the products, which include gold coins, gold and silver jewellery, precious and semi-precious stones and collectable manuscript pages. "I believe in the value of the product and how it has held its value," he explained.

Berteig is both an enthusiastic user and a distributor of Nature's Sunshine herbal products. He distributes the products as part of his company, Health in Motion, which also offers applied kinesiology,



WHAT'S COOKING?: For Salt Spring islanders like Cliff Leblanc, multi-level marketing keeps the home fire burning. Leblanc is checking out Amway Queen cookware, one of the products he handles as a distributor for the company.



TOY TESTER: Discovery Toys' distributor Linda Lee has a built-in consumer panel to test the toys: four-year-old son Jordan (above) and 13-month-old daughter Rebekah. Distributing the toys allows Lee to add to the family income while remaining home with her children.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

Big decade is predicted for network marketing

Will the 90's be the decade of multi-level marketing? It could.

In September 1994, *Success* magazine writer Charles Coulombe reported the \$5 billion Amway empire is recruiting distributors in former Communist countries and planned to enter Communist China this year.

Three months earlier, in June 1994, *Success* magazine writer Richard Poe outlined the dramatic growth of multi-level marketing companies, fueled by such technological advances as personal computers, marketing videotapes, voice-mail messaging and satellite links.

In January 1994, *Business Connections* writer Beverly Nadler reported, "Both Stanford Research and the Wall Street Journal have stated that between 50 per cent and 65 per cent of all goods and services will be sold through multi-level methods."

That prediction was backed up by a May 1994 article in *Success Selling*, in which writer Mark Yamell identified corporate giants Colgate-Palmolive, Gillette, Applied Electronics, MCI and Sprint as participants in multi-level marketing.

For companies interested in downsizing, and direct access to consumers, multi-level or network marketing can prove irresistible.

"The reason that network marketing is so successful is because it eliminates most of the costs of traditional marketing, where 80 per cent of every corporate dollar is spent on distribution of goods to the customer," said Brian Berteig, an independent distributor for Nature's Sunshine herbal products.

Instead of building up a system of national distributors, regional ware-

houses and local retailers to sell products, companies which use network marketing build up a system of independent distributors.

Word-of-mouth promotion of the product by these distributors replaces traditional mass advertising. By building in incentives which encourage distributors to sponsor other distributors, the company is able to build an expanding network of independent representatives.

"This network gives people an opportunity to develop a market for the manufacturer's products and then share in the enormous savings resulting from the elimination of all the middle men involved in traditional marketing," Berteig observed.

Multi-level marketing gives individuals a chance to start home-based businesses — another growing trend as job security fades into oblivion for many people.

Berteig maintains the quality of multi-level products is high — an opinion echoed by other distributors. Otherwise, people would not be willing to sell the products to their friends and family and could not rely on repeat sales to keep their business growing.

Two decades ago, the fledging multi-level marketing field was tarnished by pyramid schemes, which can initially masquerade as a form of network marketing.

However, the tight government regulations which now control multi-level marketing companies prevent operation of a pyramid scheme without contravening the act.

More information on multi-level marketing regulations can be obtained from the marketing practices branch of Industry Canada (formerly Consumer and Corporate Affairs) at 666-8659.

Art Ritis gives reminder of advancing years

Senility is not the only wage of advancing years. In other words, we can get progressively more stupid but always painfully so.

I was walking across Mouat's Mall when I was assailed by a knife in my knee, courtesy of this guy Art Ritis. And I'm so old I knew him before he changed his name and we called him Rheumatism.

The pain was sharp and without warning and I gave an involuntary grunt. I thought to myself that as a small child I would be making great noises over nothing and here I was at the other end of the same story doing that same thing.

Bargains galore!

The car was looking grotty and the mats in the front were smeared with mud and guck and manure. Switch 'em!

I bought the mats from Burritt's when they were selling off samples of carpet about two years ago. "How much are they?" I enquired.

I thought he explained that they were \$2 each or two for \$5 and I didn't stop to analyze what he was telling me. It sounded like a bargain and I don't like to miss out on a bargain. Besides, I needed two because my car has two front seats.

But as I drove home, dazzled by new mats in front, I realized that not only had I confused what the man said but I'd seen a bargain where none was to be found. But it's still a cheap way of keeping the car clean. At \$2.50 a throw, you can afford to throw them out every two years. Or every year if you're kind of fussy!

Ain't it clear?

I was reminiscing recently of the changes in telephone services and I missed the most significant of all!

A few years ago the phone might ring and a voice would say, "I have a call for you!" Then a voice would follow as from the top of

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Mount Tuam, distant, hazy and Oh! So quiet!

Last week I had a call from a friend in the southern States and the voice was so clear and so close that I had to gather my wits to realize who was calling.

And that's really living in the past!

Let us hope!

A group of scientists is searching outer space for evidence of intelligent life on other planets.

No announcement has yet been made as to whether they plan to continue their search on planet Earth.

Such stress!

In the golden days of my youth the modern ailment stress was unknown. Stress was emphasis.

It was only in later years that it was learned that stress causes distress, while distress invariably leads to stress.

Off to Crofton

I was on my way to Duncan and reached the ferry at Vesuvius in what seemed to be lots of time. And it would have been if there had not been a small ferry loading a very large truck.

It took about 20 minutes to get the truck on board. And another two minutes to explain that the ferry was now full.

The ultimate dream machine

In my boyhood, and for many years after, the synonym for perfection was the Rolls Royce. Smooth, quiet, elegant and oh! so expensive: it was the polish on the upper crust.

A Model T might rattle into the

driveway. A Rolls Royce swept into that elegant roadway.

And in those years, the name of the car was abbreviated to the simple "Rolls." That this left Royce out of the picture was not significant. Royce was the engineer whose talents were spelt out in the reputation of the car.

Like the full name, that abbreviation of Rolls still carried an aura of dignity and "poshness."

Going back to Britain today, I find that the abbreviation has been slightly expanded. The car is now familiarly known as a "Roller." I preferred the earlier term.

Looking at the Canadian scene, I find that the use of a diminutive for a compound name has extended to the Mercedes-Benz.

For years the German car was identified by its name of Mercedes. The same marque is advertised quite widely as a "Benz." What's in a name? Well, there's dignity and a little awe and that character that distinguishes the leader in its class. But the motor trade seems to invent names and cast them aside as mere tinsel. Perhaps they are! But there was a day!

What is a Canadian?

His forebears were Welsh, said the Salt Spring Islander. Does that make him Canadian or Welsh, he asked in perplexity. Is he Welsh by extraction or Canadian by birth?

The question arises as the provincial and national governments debate various domestic

issues that centre on identity. When the issue of land claims is further debated, the definition of the native people of Canada may be important. The definition of a Metis is certain to come under examination if the federal government broadens its range of assistance to that essentially Canadian community.

And for how long does geography govern our identity? In Britain it was gratifying to many a snob that his family "came over with William the Conqueror." What of it; after more than a thousand years?

I have a small family here in the islands. They don't consider themselves anything but Canadian despite my antecedents.

How long does my friend's Welsh ancestry last? How many generations is he away from that day when a descendant will say, "I'm Canadian! Who was Taffy?"

And I'm kind of curious myself because my kids are half Welsh.

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FEB. 15: Garden Club Meeting, Anglican Centre, 1:30pm.
FEB. 16: SSI Weavers & Spinners, Mahon Hall, 10:30-1:00pm.
FEB. 24: Arspring Program, LeRoy Jensen slide presentation on art, 7:30pm, lower level United Church.
FEB. 26: Victoria Civic Orchestra, Activity Centre, 2:00pm.
FEB. 27: Lady Minto Hospital Aux., United Church Hall, 2pm.
FEB. 28: Artspring extraordinary general meeting, 7:30pm, lower level United Church.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Playgroup for tots, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11am
- 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, Ganges United Church, 9:15-11:15.
- Except 2nd, O.A.P.O. Br. #32, Looney tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Macintosh User Group Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm (1st Wed. each month)

EVERY THURSDAY

- Every 1st, 3rd & 5th, building fund-bingo, Meaden Hall, 7pm.
- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
- Seniors for Seniors lunches, 11:30 & 12:30, by reservation.
- 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.)

EVERY FRIDAY

- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Seniors for Seniors luncheon, 12 noon, reservations needed.
- 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.
- Yoga level I, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11:00.
- Recreation and target archery, Fulford Hall, 4-6pm.

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Shopping for a multi-level marketing opportunity?

Take some advice from an expert — Carrol Leclerc, president of the Canadian chapter of the Multi-Level Marketing International Association.

For two decades, Leclerc has been involved in multi-level marketing. She has worked with multi-level marketing companies in five countries, including Canada and the United States.

Drawing on this experience, she has developed a series of questions to help potential distributors

Ask questions, look at company

identify the right opportunity for them.

- Consumer demand: Do you like the product? Is it appealing, saleable and/or unique? Is it something a large number of purchasers would want to buy? Would you be happy to purchase and use the product and sell it to your family, friends and associates?
- Company: Who is involved with the company? Do those involved have a good track record?

Who is the corporate leader? The president? The executive marketing personnel? Does the corporate staff understand the multi-level marketing industry?

Where is the company located? Is the company incorporated, bonded, licensed or registered? Who is the company lawyer and/or consultant? Are they experienced?

Is there a charge to become a distributor? (Companies cannot legally charge anyone a fee to become a

distributor. They can charge for sales materials or products.)

Does the company offer sales tools (pamphlets, videos, catalogues, samples etc.)? Does it offer training and support? Can a distributor return product? Can sales tools be returned?

Since this is an independent business built by the individual distributor, can it be sold by that distributor? What restrictions does the company impose upon such a sale?

• Compensation: Is the compensation adequate for the level of effort required? Read the distributor application, policies and procedures and any material from the company from cover to cover. Get out a pencil and add up the potential commissions, bonuses and retail profits.

Realistically assess the effort required to earn those dollars.

Leclerc invites anyone with questions about a particular multi-level marketing company to call the information hotline at 604-421-1880.

road to wealth? Not for everyone.

"It's one of the highest paid professions in the world," Berteig said. But he feels multi-level marketing requires the same commitment as any other business. "If you're not self motivated, I wouldn't recommend it as a business to be in. You have to work for every dollar you make."

Nor should you leap on-board if you don't like the company's product. Krieger remembers trying to promote freeze-dried food through a multi-level marketing plan in the early 1980s. After three months, he gave up. "One problem was that I didn't believe in it. That made it difficult."

This time, he picked products and a company which he found irresistible. "Everybody loves gold," he said.

Each company has its own unique structure and compensation system. But as described by participants, each multi-level marketing company appears to follow the same basic procedures:

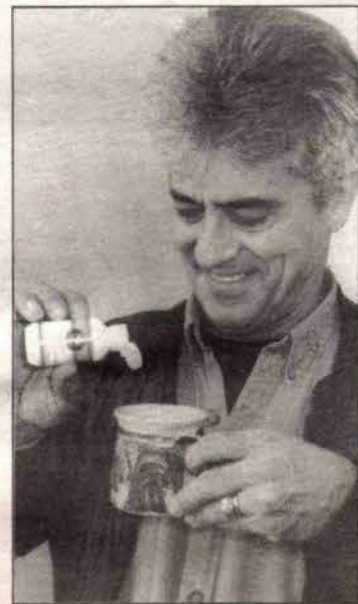
- A person makes a contract with the multi-level marketing company to become an independent distributor of that company's products.
- This distributor can buy products from the company at a

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wholesale price and sell the products to customers at a retail price. The difference between the two is the distributor's retail profit.

- The distributor can sponsor other people into the organization as distributors. These people,



Brian Berteig

known as the downline, can also buy products from the company at the same wholesale price as the original distributor and sell them to customers at a retail price.

- The original distributor can receive — directly from the company — bonus payments based on the total sales volume of the distributor and that distributor's downline.

"With multi-level marketing, what you can do is draw benefit from the work other people do," Berteig explained. But it is not a free ride. Sponsors are expected to encourage and help their downline, much as any business owner would encourage and train a new employee.

Discovery Toys guards against distributors taking a free ride on the work of others by requiring all distributors to maintain direct sales while building their organization. Distributors for Gold Unlimited cannot earn bonuses for downline sales unless they personally maintain a business volume of \$200 U.S.

Leblanc's management includes sending out 150 copies of a monthly newsletter to his down-

line distributors.

Training and motivational programs provided through the com-

pany help people succeed — if they are willing to put time and effort into their business.

"It only works if you work it," Leblanc said. "It's not a get rich quick scheme."

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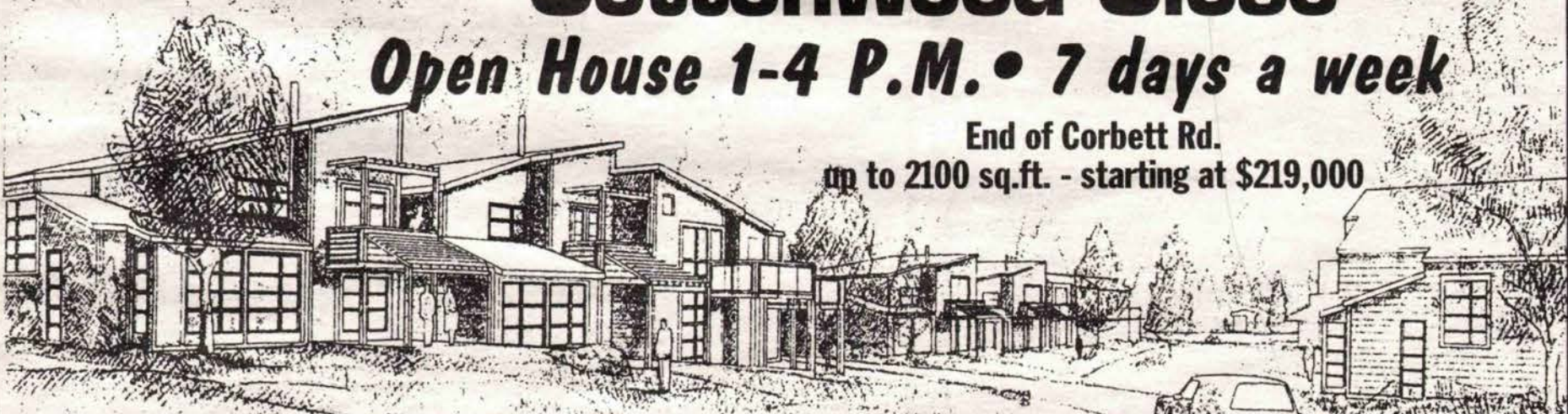


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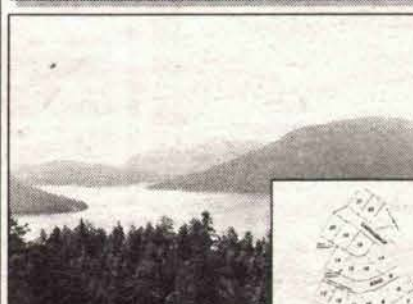
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Theatre opportunity for students

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Counsellor Coordinator

Jean Sissons is organizing a day in April at the Royal Victoria Theatre for students from her class and from Jack Barclay's class. This will be an opportunity for Grade 8 students to see six different plays by writers such as O'Henry and Mark Twain.

Tickets cost \$9.95, but Sissons needs \$5 now from each participating student to place a deposit on the tickets. If you do not have a child in either class there are an additional 25 seats being held for students who have been in Sisson's drama class. Questions? Call Jean at 537-0777.

If you are looking farther ahead than April and farther afield than Victoria, how about the first two weeks of July in Greece? High school students who are at least 15 years old, are eligible to participate in such a trip this summer. Talk to Scott Bergstrom about this one (537-9944 or 537-5819).

Next Wednesday, February 22, is the last day for those who wish to sign up for the 1995 version of the girls rowing team. Novice rowers are welcome.

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Interested students should talk to Doug Pearson (537-9944) as soon as possible. Parents are also needed to help with fundraising, and the novice boys team needs a coach.

The 1995 graduating class is busy raising funds in a number of ways. The students continue to collect bottles; and for every old book that you give them for recycling, they earn 20 cents. You can continue to help by saving G.V.M. tapes for them, and by requesting the cashiers at Thrifty Foods to apply the amount of your grocery bill to the Grads' 8000 account.

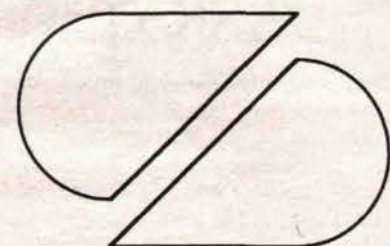
Students who are achieving a GPA of 4 should check with us about the early incentive packages for local universities. For these same students, we have information on scholarships to such universities as Guelph and information about the Duke of Edinburgh's award for high personal achievement and participation in school, group and commu-

nity activities.

The Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia is providing 20 scholarships valued at \$500 each to students going on the CGA Program or in an accounting related program in a post secondary institution in B.C. Deadline is April 17. See Teresa Laing.

For grandparents who like to brag about their grandchildren, here is a chance to make it pay. The B.C. Teachers Credit Union offers one prize of \$150 to a student whose grandparent submits the best letter praising a grandchild graduating from high school this year. The deadline is September 1, and you have to be a member of the Teachers Credit Union.

In addition to this unusual award, the B.C. Teachers Credit Union is also offering a total of 10 different scholarships and bursaries ranging from \$300 to \$650. Students who have a C+ or better average and a parent who is a member of the Teachers Credit Union, are eligible to apply for these awards. Pick up application forms from Teresa Laing in the counselling centre.



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The first presentation will be by Dr. Hanna Kassis, a University of B.C. professor of religious studies, who will speak on Christianity, Judaism and Moslem faiths.

Kassis has been a lecturing profession of religious studies at the university for the past 30 years. A recognized authority on the Middle East, he has been interviewed frequently by CBC Radio.

Following the lecture, a question period will be held and refreshments will be served.

Admission is by donation.

Further lectures will be held during the next three months in order to help listeners gain a better understanding of different cultures and religions.

Four new board members named to harbour authority

The Salt Spring Harbour Authority received a fresh infusion of volunteer board members at its recent annual general meeting.

Rick Hill, Oluf Olsen, Doug Rajala and Dean Sevold were elected for two-year terms. They join current members John D.

Elliott, Russell Spencer, Chris Acheson and Barry Green.

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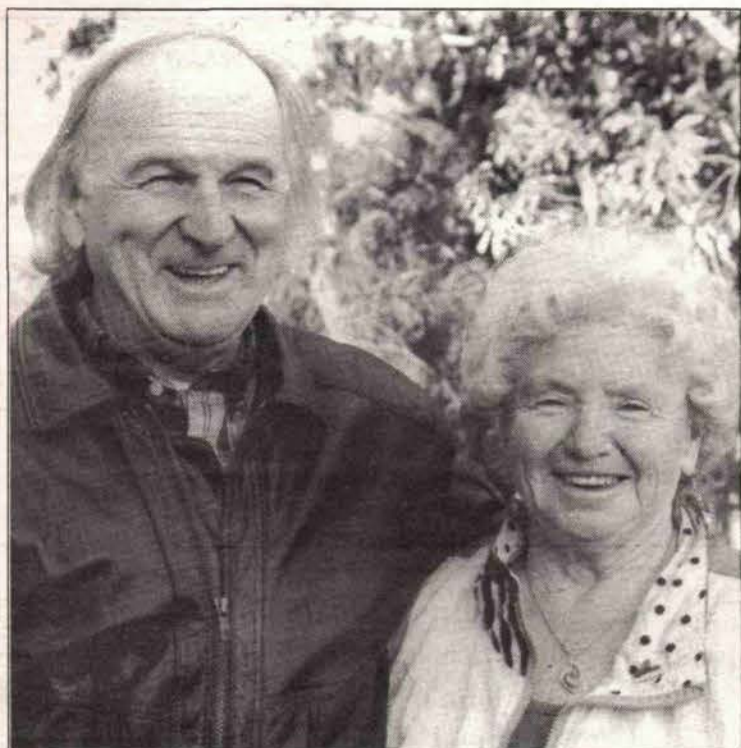
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SWEETHEARTS: Sweetheart Weekend winners Kenneth and Sophie Gordon arrived on Salt Spring last week to claim their prize.

Photo by Tony Richards

Sweetheart winners romance the island

"It's the best spot I ever did see."

That's what Sophie Gordon had to say last Wednesday when she and husband Kenneth arrived to claim the Sweetheart Weekend they won in a draw made last month.

The Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba couple were visiting in Victoria in November when they entered the draw, offered through the Driftwood's off-season tourist publication, An Island For All Seasons.

The Gordons won a three-day stay at Water's Edge Bed & Breakfast and a gift pack from Dream Catcher crafts. A lunch and their ferry fare were also included in the prize.

Kenneth Gordon is a landscape painter and plans to do two sketches a day while on Salt

Spring. Sophie Gordon is a marriage commissioner at home in Winnipeg.

They left Winnipeg Beach November 17, a day before the first snowstorm of the year, for an extended holiday in British Columbia. Have they missed the snow?

"We never miss it," Kenneth Gordon said.

Local seniors can join CRD project STEPS

Salt Spring seniors are invited to join in a project aiming to reduce falls in the Capital Regional District.

Entitled STEPS, the program attempts to identify hazardous public places where falls or near-falls have occurred. Since September 1, a University of Victoria School of Nursing hotline has been recording the location of falls.

"Falls are a major health hazard in British Columbia, especially for seniors and persons with disabilities. In British Columbia, annual basic hospital costs are over \$115 million for fall related injuries," reports Vicky Scott, project coordinator.

By identifying where falls occur, it may be possible to reduce hazards by making repairs or changing design specifications.

Scott and fellow nurse Elaine Gallanger, project supervisor, will speak at Seniors for Seniors about the project next Wednesday starting at 2 p.m.

Relatives and friends of members are also welcome to hear the presentation, which will be followed by refreshments.

Scott notes that 300 calls have been received between September and December. Preliminary findings have identified uneven sidewalks, slippery surfaces, ramps not built to code or in disrepair, darkened stairwells or missing handrails are among the hazards causing falls or near-falls.

The hotline continues until the end of May and can be reached by calling 604-472-4141.

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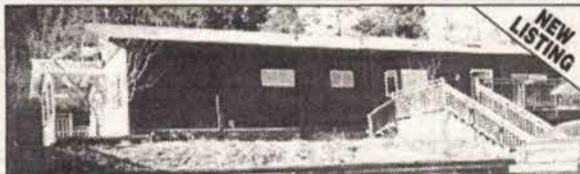
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SNOW BOUND

GISS ski team born on a boat

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Last year they were called the "Jamaican bobsled team" of Vancouver Island high school ski squads.

Fielding a ski team from an island without snowpack or chairlifts must have seemed almost as odd as Caribbeans speeding down icy tracks at the Winter Olympics.

But as teacher sponsor and ski parent Deborah Nostdal explains, Gulf Islands Secondary School skiers were soon known more for their enthusiasm and tenacity, showing up for races no matter how thick the blizzard.

This year, the girl's team has three members and the boy's has six. They face school teams with 30 to 70 members, all gathering points for team totals, based on individual finish times.

Despite the small number of GISS skiers, the boys are currently fourth out of seven teams in their division.

Ironically, the idea for creating a school team was born on a boat. Nostdal says looking around the Sunday night Crofton to Vesuvius ferry, it became obvious many families were skiing at Mt. Washington on a regular basis.

Bob Lorriman was enticed into being team coach, and GISS hooked into the Vancouver Island racing circuit for the 1993-94 season.

Although Nostdal says ferries and transportation creates "horrendous" logistics for the team, the league was helpful by changing race day from Tuesday to Monday this year. GISS members can now go up on Saturday, practice all day Sunday and be home Monday night.

Lorriman became so re-namoured with skiing, he and his family moved to Whistler.

However, Dave Waldie and John Fraser have taken over hill coaching duties, both being certified ski instructors. Nostdal and Fraser lead dryland training beginning in October. Team members have also taken lessons as needed at Mt. Washington.

The video camera has played a significant part in the team's development. Nostdal says members have seen "phenomenal improvement" from last year and as this season progresses, all through the replaying of videotape.

"It is just a fantastic teaching tool for sport," she says.



Analyzing times has also shown each skier is descending the mountain at an ever-increasing pace and is more likely to be in the top third of race finishers.

Girls team members are Mimosa Palmberg, Kristina Waldie and Kerry Fraser. Nostdal says they have traded first, second and third spot among themselves this year, adding to already "healthy competition."

The boys team consists of Matthew Oldroyd, Erik Bergstrom, Quincy Wheeler-Hendren, Thomas Brainerd and Sasha Prendergast, all in Grades 9 or 10. Nostdal predicts that if the team sticks together, it will be a real contender for provincial championships in a couple of years.

A Salt Spring Island Middle School ski team for Grades 7 and 8 students is a possibility for next year, which will add to the depth of the whole ski program.

Thrifty Foods and Ganges Village Market have assisted with donations, but it is "basically user pay" activity, says Nostdal.

The team is rounded out by dedicated parents, who handle still photography and video recording, timing racers or cheering duties.

She says the ski team has been a real confidence-builder for its members and it is always fun,

even when they have been stranded by gargantuan snowfalls.

The students enjoy the networking with peers from other schools, as well as the notoriety of being racers from a mysterious, snow-free island.

"They are proud to be from Salt Spring," says Nostdal.

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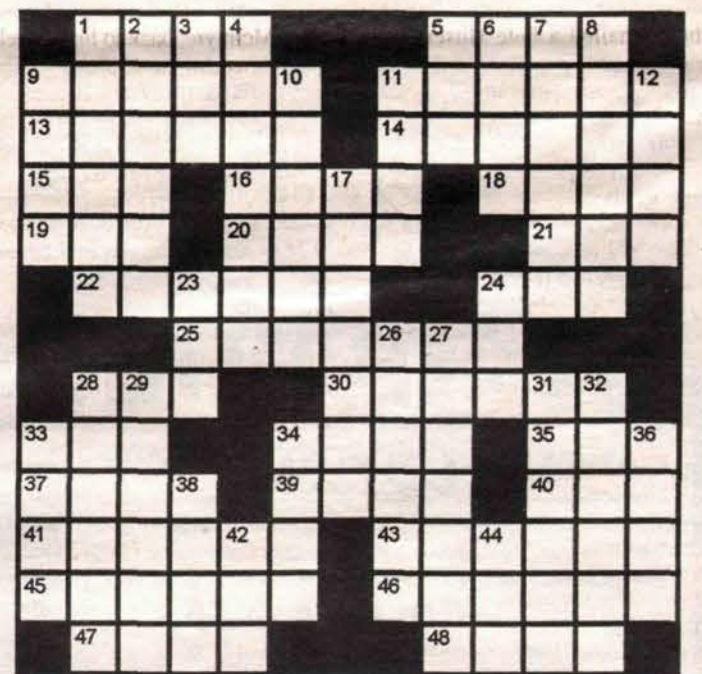
SNOW OR SHINE: Gulf Islands Secondary School's ski team hits the slopes no matter what the weather. Some of the nine team members are, from left, Quincy Wheeler-Hendren, Erik Bergstrom, Matthew Oldroyd, Thomas Brainerd and Sasha Prendergast.

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Mac's Elvis Stoiko performance fails to capture tourney gold

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

The Slugs put on their traveling shoes this past weekend and headed north to the ninth annual "guys who are old enough to know better" hockey tournament in Courtenay.

The lads were looking forward to this tournament after the good showing we posted there last year - 3 wins, 1 loss and the winning of the "C" division title.

Things started off well in our first contest versus the Port Hardy Boys. Dapper Danny Akerman opened the scoring in about five minutes when he picked off a rebound right in front and beat the netminder with a low shot.

Shortly after, Todd McIntyre connected on one, sending a rocket over the goalie's shoulder. Things were beginning to look easy.

Right off the ensuing faceoff, the Hardy Boys took the puck and waltzed right through the entire Slug lineup and went in on Slug netminder Derrick Topping on a 2 on 1. Try as he might, there was only one of him and two of them, so only on the scoreboard they went.

The Slugs were not too concerned about this minor indiscretion, as witnessed by their bench preening for all the Sluggettes who had traveled up with the team. The boys did perk up however, when the Hardy Boys added another marker just 40 seconds later, to even the score.

Realizing we could actually blow this one, the team got back to work. Next on the score sheet for the Slugs was Johnny Procter who airmailed a Pete Huser pass over the goalie's blocker for his first of the tournament. Huser, who was named player of the game for his three goals and two assists, was a man on a mission.

He played hard from start to finish and couldn't have skated any faster if he had been chased by a suppository salesman offering free demonstrations.

Also deserving honourable mention at this time, is netminder Topping who made several great saves, to preserve the win. Others scoring for the Slugs in this opening match were McIntyre, two, and Andy Naumann with one. When the smoke cleared at the end of this match the Slugs were on the winning end of a 8-4 score.

Game highlight occurred when McIntyre and Bernie Reynolds went in on a two-man break, with McIntyre carrying the puck. As he hit the blueline his multiple personality disorder kicked in, and he instantly thought he was Elvis Stoiko. After finishing his pirouette, he beckoned Reynolds to join him in a pairs routine. It's been a long time since we've seen Bernie skate that fast to get away from anyone.

The second match was against the Campbell River Rats, and we



POWER-PLAY GOAL: Slugs Todd McIntyre and Peter Huser (No. 5) throw up their arms to celebrate McIntyre's power-play goal against Saltair Sharks.

Photo by Karin Deschamps

knew we were in trouble early on - seven seconds into the game to be precise. That was when the Rats opened the scoring on a slapshot from the point. This caused some consternation among Slugs as we had assumed the slapshot was not allowed. It was decided that they would not be allowed, but the goal did stand. The Rats took advantage of our confusion, adding another a minute later to put us behind the eight ball early on.

But the lads settled down and started getting things organized, which paid off nine minutes in, when McIntyre, back to his old self, opened scoring after picking off a nice, cross ice pass from Huser.

Not too long after this, the referee decided to try and get into the Guinness Book of Records for the greatest number of ridiculous penalties called in one game and thanks to his enthusiasm, gave the Slugs a power play with five minutes to play in the first period.

This paid off in spades for the Slugs, as Rodney Challborn, our follicly challenged defenceman, netted his first of the tournament after taking a pass from McIntyre and wristing home from the slot.

The Rats then added a power play goal of their own and things began to look bad when the referee gave us two penalties at once, leaving us to play three-on-five, a certain recipe for disaster.

This was when Challborn decided to take things into his own hands. Right from the faceoff, deep in the Slugs end, he headmanned the puck along the boards and ended up with a clear break on the goalie. Given this opportunity, he rarely misses, and didn't this time, leaving us tied 3-3 at the end

of the period. But the referee helped tip the balance in the final period by handing the Slugs eight penalties over the 20-minute span, on which the Rats scored five power play goals and added two more at even strength, to win this one by a score of 10-5.

Scoring for the Slugs in the last period were Procter, with his second of the tourney, and Paddy Akerman from Claude Deschamps. The Slug MVP of the game was Challborn, who had two goals and an assist.

The final match was with the Salt Air Sharks from Chemanius. Once again the Slugs got behind early, giving up two goals in the first 10 minutes. But Paddy Akerman and Johnny Procter combined to put some sustained pressure on the Sharks and bring us within one, after Akerman tapped in Procter's rebound.

The Sharks, however, got one back when the Slugs couldn't clear their zone and ended up deflecting one into their own net while trying to move up ice.

Entering the final frame, we still felt we could win this one, and it didn't take McIntyre long to prove we were still in the game as Mac buried one 45 seconds into the period on the power play. The Sharks added another six minutes later when the Slugs were trapped in their zone and couldn't move it out. But the team pulled within one at the 15 minute mark when Andy Naumann tapped one under the goalie to finish off a nice play from Paul Sinclair and Pete Huser.

It was a nailbiter right down to the buzzer, as the Slugs pulled the goaltender and already enjoyed a two-man advantage thanks to Shark penalties. In spite of this, the boys couldn't score and ended up losing an entertaining match 4-3.

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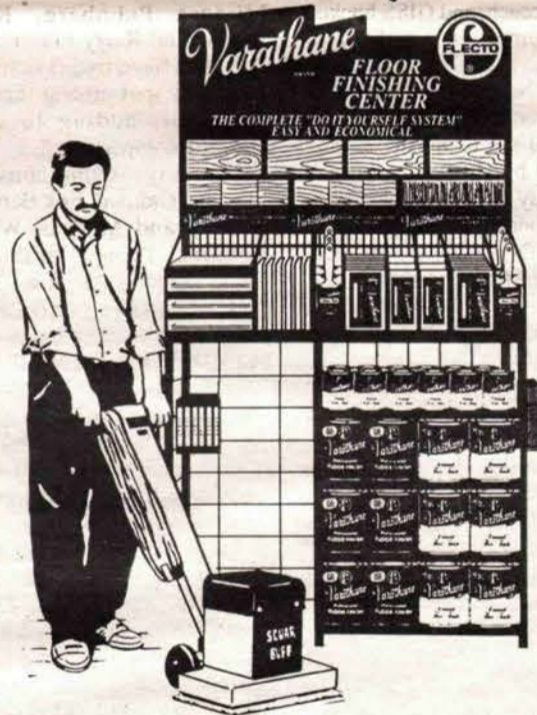
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Ravens soar, twist with relish

By L.A. CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

Raven. The very word conjures an image. Whether that image is wise, sinister, or that of a trickster probably depends upon your cultural background. But there's no doubt these birds are special. The locals have known that for thousands of years.

Viewed from a distance, ravens may just look like big crows. Get a little closer, however, and you'll notice the heavy curved beak, and the shaggy throat feathers that look like a beard.

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Ravens are long-lived, and mate for life. All these things make

them special, and I love to see them around here, for their calls of "Tok" and "Kloo-Klok" never fail to raise my spirits.

Speaking of raising spirits, are we about to enjoy an early spring? Last year the frogs in the nearby lower pond began their spring concerts on February 21, but the frogs in our upper pond waited until March 1.

The television weatherman said southern B.C. was three weeks ahead of schedule, and, sure enough, three weeks ahead of last year, the concert in the lower pond began. So if the upper pond starts its concert three weeks early as well, then I'll know one thing for sure. Frogs have cable!

Local gymnasts eye Summer Games

Two Salt Spring gymnasts have vaulted the first hurdle in their bid to attend the 1995 Western Canadian Summer Games.

Naomi Jason and Mallika Hutchings competed with 30 other girls in "level five" gymnastics in Burnaby February 4 and 5. Both were among 16 selected to enter the next elimination round set for April.

What happens next depends on hard work and luck, said Mallika's mother Kishori Hutchings.

"It's a matter of them working really hard to main-

tain their positions, and the luck of the day," she said. "The competition is very tough."

The final level five group will consist of four girls representing B.C. at the Western Canada Summer Games. At that point, participants receive intense, top-of-the-line training.

At the same time, Jason and Hutchings are practicing for Vancouver Island zone, provincial and Western Canadian gymnastics championships. Zone competition begins in March.

HIGH ROLLERS

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

High bowling scores for the week were as follows:

Smurfs: Megan Hansen 83, Stephanie Parker 75.

Peewees: Jacquie Harkema 106, Steven Hansen 102, Stephen Severn 122, 148, Jimmy Severn 175, 163.

Bantams: Dylan Hume 131, Christine Anderson 136, Andra Bergsma 205, 145, 130.

Junior & Senior: Tony Sevoid 169. Special Olympics: Gloria Dale 155, Stewart Elliott 140, Jim Beck 146.

Tuesday morning Golden Agers: Helmut Losch 268, 219, 257/744, Gordon Parsons 268/632, John Richardson 236, Mike Elrington 231/621, Audrey Illingworth 296/635, Ann Southern 219, Edie Gear 214, Isabelle Richardson 207.

Tuesday afternoon Golden Agers: Reg Winstone 201, 203/603, Gwen McClung 205, Murray Anderson 209, Bruce McFayden 201, June Webb 231.

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Ladies Wednesday Afternoon: Dee Kinney 211,207, Linda Ramer 202, Margaret Baker 266, Irene Mostad 214, Sylvia Ryles 242, Margaret Baker 238, Ann Funk 209.

Wednesday evening: Linda Schwagly 221, John Sutherland 218, 208, Rene Sutherland 218, 228, Lucille Marcotte 214, Jim Pasuta 248, Dennis Anderson Sr. 260, Denny Anderson Jr. 222, 219, Lois Coroy 217, 224, 278, Maddy Cooper 222, Rick Toller 201, 216. Two congratulations awards to Pat Hensel 172 and Melissa Steawrt 172. Way to go!

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Undefeated Scorpions defend record Thursday

Gulf Islands Scorpions will protect an undefeated record when Brentwood Bay comes to Salt Spring Thursday.

The senior boys basketball team enters its final regular league game with a 7-0 record. The February 16 game could be the last chance for islanders to see the boys play this year. Tip-off time is 4 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Scorpions won their seventh league game last Thursday, beating Chemainus by a 79-59 score. Eric Baker was high scorer with 28 points.

Two weeks ago, the team won its first tournament of the year. Scorpions beat teams from Summerland, Shawnigan Lake and Kwalikum at the event hosted by Shawnigan Lake. Harrison Jason was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The team travels to Campbell River for another tournament this Friday morning. Then, from February 22 to 25, Scorpions will be at the Vancouver Island double A basketball championships in Victoria. Top three teams from the island playoffs will advance to the provincial finals.

Rod and Gun Club executive unchanged after annual meeting

No news is good news at the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club.

When the club held its annual general meeting on January 28, members endorsed the same executive which worked on their behalf during 1994.

Serving again for 1995 are president Greg Knoblauch; vice-president Cliff Carey; secretary Doug Rajala and treasurer Anne Harrison.

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Woody Fisher remembered

Roy Lamont, left, longtime friend of Driftwood founder Woody Fisher, and former Driftwood editor and publisher Frank Richards unveiled plaque last Wednesday in

honour of the newspaper's founder. The unveiling took place during an open house to mark the Driftwood's 35th anniversary.

Photo by Tony Richards

Faulty septics caused flooding

Thirty years ago

February 4, 1965

Floods in Ganges Village pointed out the number of faulty septic fields in the area, according to a story which observed the runoff was "surfaced with all and sundry kinds of lethal microbes which can cause serious illness." Effluent from septic tanks was backing up over drainage tiles. Chamber of Commerce past president C. Horel suggested the Federal Winter Works Program could be utilized to cut the cost of installing a sewer system in the community. A survey of residents and business people was underway on the issue.

Vandals were blamed for break-ins into two Ganges businesses over the previous weekend. Mouat's store was entered through a window from the roof of the post office. Merchandise and goods were scattered around the store but nothing appeared to be missing. The Government Office was entered through a rear window and papers disarranged. An unsuccessful attempt was made to open the safe. There was also evidence that an attempt was made to break into the office of Salt Spring Lands. Police were investigating the incidents.

Twenty-five years ago

February 5, 1970

Planner Henry Schubart predicted the Gulf Islands would become the escape route from urban centers bordering the west coast of Canada and the U.S. Within 20 years, he predicted California to Vancouver will become a giant metropolitan area. His comments were in response to a question on preservation of the islands for their recreational value. He suggested the islands could be preserved as a park.

Thieves broke into St. Mary's Church at Fulford, stealing the contents of the collection boxes and drinking the sacramental wine. Loose change and food was stolen from the home of an elderly

DOWN THE YEARS

Fulford Valley resident. Access was obtained by breaking a window and the home was ransacked.

The final score was plane: 1, eagle: 0 after an eagle attacked a light float plane. The Super Cub seaplane was landing at Fulford Harbour when it was attacked by two bald headed eagles. The pilot dodged one eagle but did not see the second bird until it crashed into the windshield. The impact shattered the glass and killed the bird.

Twenty years ago

February 5, 1975

A new subdivision bylaw which allowed averaged lots on the island was to go before the public for discussion. Under the averaging policy, a property can be divided into lots of any size, provided that the average size of the new lots conforms to an arbitrary area. Five acres was suggested as the appropriate size for Salt Spring lots. The bylaw reflected the goals of the Salt Spring Community Plan.

Children living in the more remote areas of Salt Spring had two unexpected holidays when school buses were snow-bound the previous Thursday and Monday.

Fifteen years ago

February 6, 1980

The 9 p.m. sailing of the Queen of the Islands from Swartz Bay was delayed for half-an-hour the previous Sunday while the ferry captain and the control tower debated whether an island resident with a stalled car would be permitted passage on the ferry. The vehicle, second in a long line-up for the ferry, wouldn't start when the ferry began loading. Volunteers pushed the vehicle on to the ferry. Although crew members and passengers offered to push the car off at Fulford, the captain cited B.C. Ferry policy and ordered the car

towed off the ferry. After further negotiations with the captain and the arrival of police — who checked the car's registration and the driver's license — the ferry sailed with the car and driver still aboard.

Local chicken farmers advised island residents to eat chicken with discretion due to fears that some chickens had been fed PCB contaminated grain. Those eating Salt Spring birds were advised to avoid eating the skin or the fat, where the PCB would accumulate. A government sponsored test of fat from local birds showed the PCB level was below the accepted U.S. minimum.

Ten years ago

February 6, 1985

A reduced school board budget could cut teaching staff in district schools by six positions, superintendent Mike Marshall advised trustees. Marshall said he would be negotiating with Ministry of Education officials to have the budget increased.

Impaired driving charges were laid against six island residents during a week long series of roadblocks by Ganges RCMP. Several other drivers were considered "borderline" and were warned by police.

Construction of a boardwalk and bandshell as part of a Centennial Park redevelopment was due to start in March. The project was to be finished in time for the Sea Capers festival. A \$50,000 capital works grant was funding the project.

Five years ago

February 7, 1990

If it's February, it must be snowing on Salt Spring. The almost-traditional February snowstorm dropped almost 20 centimetres of snow on the island. Elementary schools were closed for two days by the snowfall. Hydro lines were downed by heavy snow or fallen trees, leading to power outages on Galiano. There were also a series of minor accidents during the storm.

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING

Take notice that below is a true copy of a proposed bylaw for which the electors of the Magic Lake Estates Water System Local Service Area located on North Pender Island within the Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area, will be asked to vote on the following question:

"Are you in favour of the Board of the Capital Regional District adopting Bylaw No. 2265 cited as "Outer Gulf Islands Magic Lake Estates Water System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 1995" authorizing the District to borrow an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the purpose of acquiring land, planning, studying, designing and constructing pumphouse and treatment facilities, including pipelines and ancillary works and equipment and providing that the entire net annual cost for the local service shall be recovered by means of an annual user fee, parcel tax and/or property valued tax to be borne by owners of land within the Outer Gulf Islands Magic Lake Estates Water System Local Service Area?"

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified electors may vote on General Voting Day for Other Voting, on:

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1995 at Pender Island Elementary School, North Pender Island, B.C. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.;

and at Advance Voting Opportunities on:

Wednesday, March 1, 1995 and on **Wednesday, March 8, 1995**, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Pender Island Elementary School, North Pender Island, B.C.

Wednesday, March 1, 1995, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Resident Elector: If you are 18 years or older on voting day (March 11, 1995), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in your community (Magic Lake Estates Water System Local Service Area, North Pender Island) for 30 days, you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector. Resident Electors who are not on the List of Registered Electors may produce identification, register and vote as a Resident Elector at the voting place on March 11, 1995, or at the Advance Voting Opportunities on March 1, 1995 and March 8, 1995.

Non-Resident Property Elector: If you are 18 years or older on voting day (March 11, 1995) are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community (Magic Lake Estates Water System Local Service Area, North Pender Island) for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, have registered before February 10, 1995 and are on the List of Registered Electors, or have provided the necessary documentation by February 24, 1995, to the CRD Offices in Victoria, B.C. and have received a signed Non-Resident Property Elector Certificate, you may vote as a Non Resident Property Elector.

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 2265

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) FOR IMPROVING THE WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE OUTER GULF ISLANDS MAGIC LAKE ESTATES WATER SYSTEM LOCAL SERVICE AREA

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 767 of the Municipal Act, the Board of the Regional District has, under Section 767(4) and 794 of the Municipal Act established by Bylaw 1874, a local service for the provision and operation of a service for the supply, treatment, conveyance, storage and distribution of water;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to provide proper facilities hereunder described in accordance with the local service of water supply and distribution;

AND WHEREAS the work shall include improving the water supply, treatment, storage and distribution system by the planning, study, design and construction of a pumphouse and treatment facilities including filtration and chlorination, water pipelines and other related works, facilities and equipment purchases;

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost of the works, facilities and equipment, including expenses incidental thereto, is the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) which is the amount of debt intended to be created by this bylaw;

AND WHEREAS assent of the electors of the Outer Gulf Islands Magic Lake Estates Water System Local Service Area is required pursuant to Section 795 of the Municipal Act;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the financing of the said facilities are to be undertaken by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia pursuant to proposed agreements between that authority and the Capital Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the amount of existing, outstanding debenture debt of the Regional District authorized at the 30th day of September, 1994:

- (i) Under Section 813 and 813.1 is \$65,046,679.93; and
- (ii) Under Section 815.1 is \$69,836,941.01

AND WHEREAS the amount of debenture debt that is authorized, but is not issued as at the 30th day of September, 1994:

- (i) Under Sections 813 and 813.1 is \$43,373,320.00; and
- (ii) Under Section 815.1 is \$40,206.00;

AND WHEREAS the amount of principal or interest that is at the date of this bylaw, in arrears on debt created either under Sections 813, 813.1 and 815.1 is nil.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Board is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the planning, study, design and construction of works for the provision of the facilities and equipment herebefore described and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) to borrow upon the credit of the Regional District a sum not exceeding Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000);
- (b) to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the planning, study, design and construction of pumphouse and treatment facilities, including filtration facilities, and all related ancillary works, studies and equipment deemed necessary by the Board.

2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt intended to be created by this bylaw is 20 years.

3. This Bylaw may be cited as, "Outer Gulf Islands Magic Lake Estates Water System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 1995".

TAXATION IMPACT

The estimated taxation impact of borrowing \$400,000 would cost property owners within the Magic Lake Estates Water System Local Service Area \$90.00 per lot, per year, for five (5) years.

A copy of the complete bylaw may be viewed during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, from February 15, 1995 to March 10, 1995 at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. and CRD Building Inspection office, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road (Driftwood Centre), Pender Island, B.C. (8:30 a.m. to Noon; 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.).

Messrs. Thomas F. Moore and A.R. Clarke have been appointed Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer, respectively, for the purpose of taking and recording the vote of electors.

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Thomas F. Moore,
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06 DEATHS

GEORGESON, DARRELL, passed away February 7, 1995 at the age of 76. Born in Victoria and raised on South Pender, Darrell has been a long-time resident of Salt Spring Island. Darrell is survived by one brother, Robert Georgeson of Nanaimo and three sisters, Kathleen Stallybrass of Nanaimo, Geraldine Goldsmith of Victoria and Phyllis Springett of Nanaimo and numerous nieces and nephews. All his friends and family are welcome to attend a memorial tea at the All Saints by-the-Sea, Anglican church hall at 110 Park Drive in Ganges on Saturday, February 18, 1995 at 2 p.m. to celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation in memory of Darrell at 135 Crofton Rd., Salt Spring V8K 1T1. 7

TALMAN, SUSAN, nee Townley, passed away at home in Victoria, February 8, 1995 at the age of 46, of cancer. She will be sadly missed by husband Jim and her two sons Jimmy and Vincent. Also by her Mother, Margaret Townley of Salt Spring Island; brother Larry (Guanita) of Doroche B.C. Susan grew up and went to school here on Salt Spring. There will be a memorial service at St Mary's Anglican church in Metchosin, February 18 at 2 p.m. 7

10 CELEBRATIONS

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11 COMING EVENTS

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26 LEGALS

Province of British Columbia Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

STAKING NOTICE (FORM 1) LAND ACT
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND

Take notice that 379112 B6 Ltd. of Box 31, Saturna Island, intends to make application to the B.C. Lands regional office in Victoria for a licence of occupation of land generally situated at 60 metres NE of Western Terminus of Quarry Trail, Saturna Island, B.C. and more specifically described in below:

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Signature: 379112 BC Ltd. Comments concerning this application may be made to the Ministry of Ev., Lands & Parks, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5. 387-5011. File No. 1408325. Dated: Sept. 10, 1994. Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered to be part of the public record. For information, contact a Freedom of Information Advisor at the BC Lands Vancouver Island Region Office, telephone (604) 387-5011.



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32 MEETINGS

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ISLANDS TRUST INFORMATION NOTICE
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 An Agenda for the Meeting will be posted on Thursday, February 23, 1995, at the Islands Trust Office, Room 1206, Grace Point Square.

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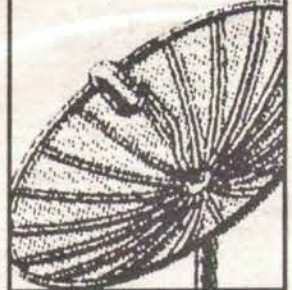
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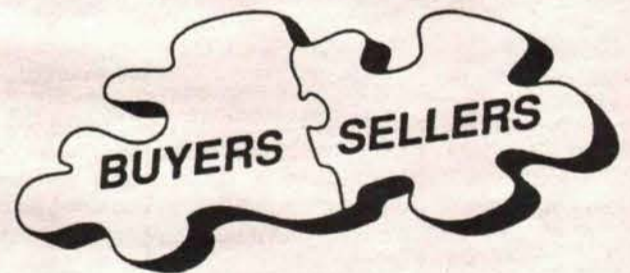
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Darrell Georgeson dies at 76

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Many tales will be shared Saturday by Georgeson's friends and family during a memorial service at All Saints-by-the-Sea, starting at 2 p.m.

Until the late 1980s, Georgeson lived aboard his boat in Ganges Harbour. He was an expert on boats, able to fix and restore them and tell the history of virtually every craft in the harbour.

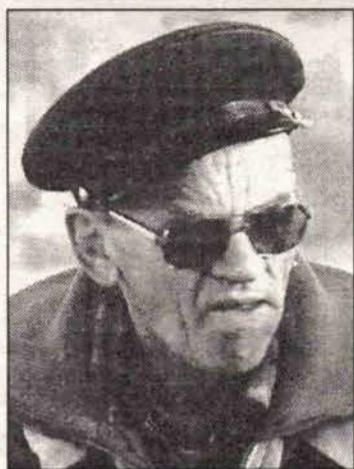
"There wasn't too many boats around that he didn't know," younger brother Bob Georgeson recalled. "He liked to fool around with boat-building too."

Bob Georgeson was the recipient of some of Georgeson's restoration skills. The older brother purchased a 22-foot boat called the Vapour Trail. He fixed it up, painted it and put in a new forward deck before selling the craft to his younger brother.

Darrell Georgeson also liked reading, particularly magazines which helped him keep abreast of events. He also kept close tabs on the local newspaper. Editor Tony Richards recalls being called to task more than once by Georgeson over something in the newspaper.

Ball conceded Georgeson could, at times, be "a miserable old guy."

Other recollections indicate Georgeson was not always miserable nor old. Born on Saturna Island on June 23, 1918, he and twin sister Dolly were the third to



Darrell Georgeson

be born in what would become a family of eight children.

They grew up on South Pender, where the family had a farm. Bob Georgeson said his father, Andrew, was a stationary steam engineer and often worked off-island while mother Winnifred raised the children.

In 1940 there were not enough children on Pender to support a school so Bob Georgeson went to Ladner and then to Nanaimo to finish his education. By then, he recalls, Darrell was already manning a boat and fishing in the Fraser River.

"Once he had a boat, he did whatever was going," Bob Georgeson said.

Darrell Georgeson was an entrepreneur afloat. He did fishing, beachcombing, operated a water taxi, worked for B.C. Hydro when power lines were laid for the Gulf Islands, and for B.C. Tel when phone cable was laid. His home and work were the Sophia, a wooden boat build in Sidney in 1907.

Under Georgeson's care, the 33-foot work boat continued to ply Gulf Island waters and served as a home for the owner. Originally a pleasure boat, the craft had been in the family since 1937, when Darrell and Andrew Georgeson purchased it and converted it to a gillnetter.

In 1958, Georgeson bought his father's share of the boat and replaced the gillnet drum with a towbit.

He also took part in search and rescue work for over 30 years. During a celebration to mark the Sophia's 70th year afloat, Georgeson observed, "I've lost count of how many boats I've pulled off the rocks." By then he had also taken 17 bodies from the water and done numerous towing jobs.

Approximately 25 years ago he gained national prominence through a feature article in Maclean's magazine. The article focused on his dog, Punk, who had learned to leap off the boat to the dock carrying the bowline and pull the boat into the dock.

"He was a pretty brilliant dog, that one," Bob Georgeson recalled. It could also fetch its master's coat, hat or specific tools on request.

Bob Georgeson remembers the dog being able to distinguish between pliers and a crescent wrench when his brother was requesting specific tools.

Alma Conery, who attended school on Pender Island, remembers Georgeson coming to local dances and playing guitar. "He's been around the islands a long time," she said. "He was known all through the Gulf Islands."

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Two Saturna oldtimers give history talk

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent
Nellie Mountain and Mary Copeland will be special guests of the local history group on Tuesday, February 21 at 12:30 p.m. at the community hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Guests are asked to bring a contribution for a sandwich pot luck lunch.

Mountain came to Saturna as an infant 82 years ago. The Copelands had planned for her birth at home on Saturna. Fortunately for all, they were unable to get a berth on the Titanic as they had hoped. Their return to Canada was delayed and she was born in England.

Copeland came to Canada from England as the war bride of Mountain's brother Frank. She lived on Saturna until the early 1990s. Both these women have interesting stories to share of the early days on Saturna.

Concert

On February 25, at 8 p.m. "Schooner's Crew" will visit Saturna for a concert at the community hall.

SATURNA NOTES

Two members of the group, Pat Thompson and Tony Latimer, have played here previously with Lime Bay Mutiny, a very popular and well received group.

They will be joined by David Lovine, the official shantyman (song leader) from the tall ship Lady Washington. The crew plays traditional sea shantys, folk songs, and calypso, as well as its own original compositions. Admission is \$7 at the door and \$6 for students. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call Janet Comstock or John Wiznuk for more information.

Crib night

February 18 is the Lion's Timmy's Telethon Crib Night. This is a family affair with cash prizes for the winners. Admission is \$2 and light refreshments are available at a modest cost. Please plan on attending.

Fundraiser

The Saturna P.A.C. held a Valentine's dinner Sunday evening to raise funds for playground equipment. Gusty weather kept the power bumping on and off throughout the event. Participants held their breath each time the hall faded to black, but the lights kept coming back on.

A talent show followed dinner with many of Saturna's famous or soon-to-be-famous musical artists, including Duncan Curtis, Peter Bragg, Oz Foulkes, Kristina Briniki, Flo House, Harvey and Pam Janszen and the Saturna Primary Singers.

In spite of a sound system that faded in and out the crowd evidently enjoyed the whole evening and many asked for a repeat performance in the future.

Fire call

The volunteer fire department had its first call out since the new communications system was put in place. A tree fell over power lines at East Point. Sparks threatened to ignite the branch. The new system worked and every firefighter was alerted to

the fire. Although the fire was not serious it was a good test of the new system.

Weather havoc

High winds played havoc with many small boats this weekend. More than one was pulled from its moorings by the wind and wave action. This kept residents overlooking the water on the lookout all day Sunday.



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Grannies deliver Harcourt valentine

Bits of coloured tissue, red paper and the artistic skills of Salt Spring's Raging Grannies went into the creation Thursday of a giant valentine for B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt.

On Tuesday at 2 p.m. on the B.C. legislature lawn, the Grannies from Salt Spring and Victoria were to join with other environmental groups to present the thank-you valentine to Harcourt.

Virginia Newman said the valentine is being

given in recognition of the government's decision to stop Alcan Aluminum's Kemano Completion Project.

"This is a positive action," Newman said. The Raging Grannies and other environmental groups are often at the legislature protesting and criticizing government inaction, she noted. It is only right to congratulate the government for an environmentally sound action.

Dance raises \$2,000

A gym-shaking crowd who turned out for the country dance at Fulford Elementary Saturday will help the school get ready for any ground shaking.

The Family Country Dance at the school raised over \$2,000, which will go towards an earthquake preparedness program. Classroom kits and a free-standing structure outside the school are planned.

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'Neeps and tatties' part of Burns celebration

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The life and works of Robert Burns were recently remembered at the North Galiano Hall.

Speaker Andrew Potter of Victoria gave the "Immortal Memory." Burns was a proud and loving father to his wife and his eventual total of eight children. Money for their upbringing was never plentiful, but he did the best he could under the circumstances.

As a Scot living in the late 18th century, Burns had sympathies for the Jacobites and the move for Scottish independence. He had sympathy with the move for independence in the American colonies as well, and in its early stages, the French Revolution. His was a Christian outlook, his hope was for a world of peace and understanding for one and all — man and beast.

A splendid supper of ham, "neeps and tatties" was served to the 70 present following the ceremonial piping of the haggis by resplendent Brad Rossetto, a member of the Vancouver Police Pipe Band. Recitation of the bard's "Ode to a Haggis" was by Bob Currie of Abbotsford, his 14th visit here for that purpose. The lassies were toasted in poetry by Runciman Hooley with a reply in like style from Shirley Rapson.

A special guest from Victoria was fiddler Keith Malcolm. He entertained with reels, strathspeys and a composition of his own composed that day on the ferry from Swartz Bay — "On the Trip to Galiano." Charming the audience as well was a solo "Aye Fond Kiss" by Bev Yeomans accompanied at the piano by Marion Williams, and the singing of a quartet — Yeomans, Williams, Bill Callaway and David Clothier, with Ann Duncan at the piano. After a short sing-a-long it was back to piper Rossetto to bring the program to a close.

With tables cleared and most of the chairs stored away, local Scottish Country Dancers demonstrated a strathspey, "Staffin Harvest," and a reel, "The Bees of Maggienockater." The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing.

GALIANO NOTES

Ensemble Arion

An enthusiastic audience met at the south hall February 6, to hear the second concert of this winter's Gulf Island Concert Series.

Featured was "Ensemble Arion" from Montreal, playing music of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Written for the drawing room, and for instruments as they were at that time, volume was not as important as it was to become in the concert halls of the 19th and 20th centuries. Delicacy of tone and flexibility were important.

The next concert, the last for this season, will be held in the South Hall on Monday, March 6.

Container Plants

Each year the Galiano Garden Club features one of its own as guest speaker.

In years past, Fred Robson spoke on pruning and Margaret Edgar on herbs. At the Club's February meeting, the writer was asked to speak on container gardening. Not an expert, he has, however, had some successes in his garden. Container planting, he finds, is right for a warm, sunny south-west exposure as we have here — a place where there are more rocks and arbutus trees than soil.

Here is my list of the advantages of container gardening. Plants can be supplied with water during the dry season without undue waste; small pots and planters can be moved to cooler areas of the garden on the summer's hottest days; pots and planters can be grouped for best effect, when and where needed; movable, they can be spotted in rockeries or borders for added colour in non-flowering seasons; smaller pots and planters can be taken for display to the harvest show or to garden club show bench displays.

There are disadvantages, however. Pots and planters require daily watering, and weekly feeding during the growing season. Saucers must be provided for smaller containers. Planter soils

should be renewed yearly and pot size increased as shrubs grow larger. Severe frosts can damage plants or kill them outright — potted hyacinths can not take hard frost (their pots can be bedded in straw during the dead of winter to prevent freezing). Frosts can also damage pottery containers, causing scaling and splitting. Grubs too, can be a problem.

The talk was accompanied by slides and photographs of garden successes. Preparation of last year's geraniums (after winter's storage) for a new year of growth was demonstrated. A container of herbs planted during the talk was won by Win Stephen in free draw.

During the business meeting,

plans for the May 13 plant sale were discussed. In answer to a request from the school for help with their garden, the members decided to make a \$100 contribution to help with the purchase of fencing and tools. On-the-site volunteer help was offered as well.

Attention was brought to the membership by president Ed Yeoman's of an article in the February issue of "The Island Grower." Featured was an article about the garden of Galiano's Emily and Clair Switzer. This article, complete with pictures, is the first of a series proposed for the magazine, all written by Bill Dale of Saanich. Dale will be speaker at the Garden Club's next meeting March 6.

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