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Exhibition game will showcase national players

Some of Canada's best young soccer players will play an exhibition match on Salt Spring next week.

The under-20 national team will play an exhibition game at Portlock Park next Wednesday as it prepares for the qualifying round of the under-20 World Cup to be held in Malaysia in 1997.

The team, coached by Bruce Twamley of Salt Spring and Vancouver, travels to San Diego next month for a match against the United States team. Then it's off to Mexico for the World Cup qualifying round.

The team's 25 players will split into two teams for Wednesday's exhibition game, which begins at 3:15.

District responds with restructuring options

A smaller school board, reduced management staff and other changes could save \$130,000 in the Gulf Islands School District, according to a document prepared by local trustees.

Islands Apart is the name of the school board's official response to former Education Minister Art Charbonneau's school district amalgamation initiative announced last November. It concludes that amalgamation of the islands district with three others in the Capital Region would not be feasible, but goes on to present other restructuring options that could produce the dollar savings sought by the provincial government.

Reducing the size of the school board from nine to five trustees is estimated to save \$40,000, with another \$90,000 in savings com-

ing from changes in management and supervision functions. To come up with the latter, the board suggests three options:

- review the functions of the superintendent, secretary-treasurer and plant services manager with a view to reducing one position;

- review principals' roles in relation to responsibility and accountability for school programs and services;

- investigate the potential for using technology to improve the delivery of personnel, payroll and purchasing services.

Islands Apart points out that actions have already been taken to cut management costs by eliminating the position of director of instruction and employing school-based management.

OPTIONS 2

Bessie Dane inspires palliative care workers

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff
First in a series

Bessie Dane epitomized the image of a good samaritan.

The Fulford woman and nurse brought nourishing soup, baked goods, support, sympathy and advice to the ill, injured or bereaved. More generally, whatever anyone needed she found and gave to them.

One of the more oft-told stories about the Fulford woman recounts how the only way to clean an elderly blind man was to get into the shower with him. When questioned about how she could bring herself to do such a thing, she shrugged it off because he could not see her, anyway.

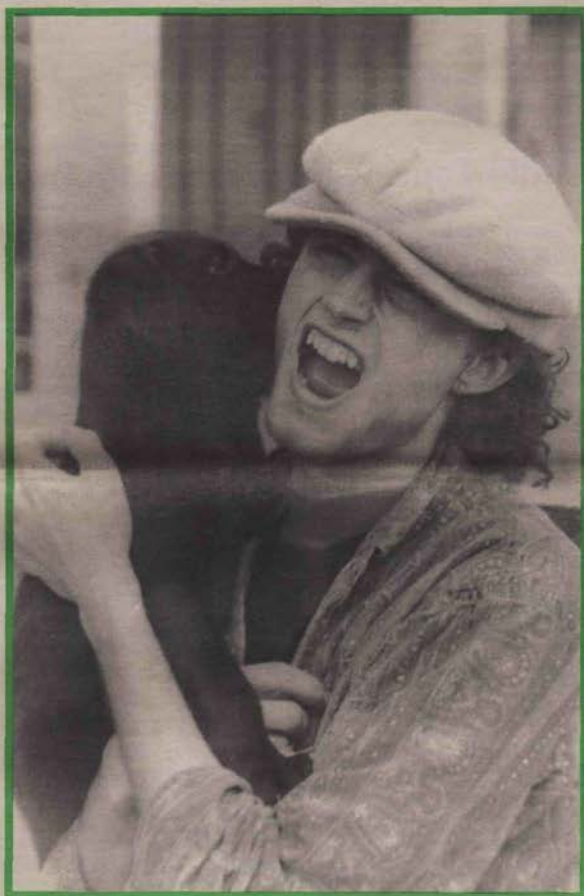
Twelve years after her death in 1984, she still provides inspiration to the Salt Spring group of volunteers that bears her name.



The Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice (BDFH) is comprised of about 70 volunteers who are part of a palliative care team assisting terminally ill people and their families.

When current president Eta Hall joined BDFH five years ago, she was impressed by the story of Bessie Dane's life geared to helping others in all circumstances. Hall says that when she faces a difficult situation she often asks herself, "How would (Bessie) handle it?"

Last year, BDFH volunteers Bessie Dane 7



Puppy love

Now that's going too far. Dustin May protests a slobbery kiss from young pup Irie. The two were seen enjoying each other's company —

for the most part — outside of Barb's Buns in Ganges.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Seniors donate money to skateboarders

Salt Spring skateboarders got an unexpected boost when a local seniors' group donated \$150 to help repair ramps and skateboarding equipment destroyed by vandals earlier this year.

Branch 32 of the Old Age Pensioners' Organization (OAPO) decided to make the donation after reading a Driftwood story about the damaged equipment, much of which had been built by the skateboarders in woodworking classes.

Treasurer Nels Volden said the OAPO members don't skateboard — "we'd sure as hell like to" — but thought they'd still like to help the young people replace their equipment.

Skateboarder Micah Booy said the donation shows seniors are willing to help teenagers. In order to handle the donation, the young people formed the Salt Spring Skateboarders Association. On its executive are Booy, Warren Bissett, Jamie Robinson, Tristan Scarfo and Adrien Kaiser.

The council members hope to act as skateboarding representatives to the public and handle all financial transactions, including fundraising towards construction of a skate park and building of skateboarding equipment.

At present, many of the skateboarders are practising on the closed section of Kanaka Road between Salt Spring Middle School and Gulf Islands Secondary and storing their ramps nearby. It was those ramps which were damaged by vandals.

Pounding posts more productive than reading budget

Anyone who has ever pounded fence posts will be familiar with the strenuous and tedious nature of the task. It takes a fair bit of physical effort to raise the pounder and then bring it down sharply on the top of the post. To have to do so many dozens of times for a single post is where the tedium comes in.

But it's enervating and productive outdoor work, unlike reading the federal budget, which is a sedentary, indoor task. Despite those differences, there are parallels.

Poring through 192 pages of financial and economic hocusfustice is no less strenuous than pounding posts, only the strain is mental. And wading through technical observations on sensitivity to changes in nominal income and lengthy discourses on the use of prudent economic assumptions and the Contingency Reserve is just as tedious as wielding a post pounder.

The only difference is that one exercise produces a useful outcome and the other does not.

TONY RICHARDS



This is not to say that Paul Martin's budget is not a masterpiece among federal budgets. One does not need a good memory to recall the days of Wilson and Mazankowski, when ambitious federal spending plans projected victory over the deficit, that loathsome legacy of Liberal largesse.

Many Canadians cheered as successive budgets by Conservative finance ministers proclaimed that war against the deficit had been joined. It took quite a few budgets before the cheering section began to question the ministers' resolve. As the deficits continued to pile up the debt, the average Canadian finally sorted out the definitions of the two nasty D-

words.

The first, they discovered, was the difference between what the Tories said they were going to do and what they actually did. The second was the cost that would be incurred by average Canadians who had not yet been born. Recalling those days of fiscal imprudence, which simply carried on a fine Canadian tradition of profligacy in public spending, reminds one of the political capital expended just as wastefully as the hard-earned cash we contribute to the federal coffers.

Brian Mulroney's huge electoral victory in 1984 should have signalled the end of deficit financing. But Mulroney and his government didn't have the guts to pull it off.

Today, the Liberals are slightly more gutsy, reducing spending in a manner unfamiliar to anyone who didn't witness Bill Bennett's restraint program in the early 80s.

Is it enough?

The budget tells you it is. It takes 192 pages

to tell you several times over what a magnificent plan it is. It repeats itself over and over like a post pounder.

But as long as we continue to hand out cash for things like private-sector projects in which private investors haven't sufficient faith, and grants to help communities get on the information highway — no matter how worthy, that old deficit will continue pounding away at the economic health of the nation.

Relatively speaking, the latest budget plan is indeed a masterpiece among federal spending plans. It's just too bad it takes so little to make a masterpiece.

I can't say the same for my fence. Half a dozen nicely vertical posts were followed by one that leans farther than the Tower of Pisa. But at least it will keep the deer out.

The budget's challenge is keeping at bay the wolves of economic disaster, and the prospects are dicey at best.

Ludlow speaks to board, ends hunger strike

Chester Ludlow's hunger strike is over.

The Salt Spring man who stopped eating March 6 to protest air quality at Gulf Islands Secondary School discontinued his action on the weekend.

"I recognize that the people here are not willing to address the issue," Ludlow told the Driftwood on Sunday, and his hunger strike became "irrelevant."

He said that by ending his strike he would be in a better position to pursue his goal of having the school building tested for toxins emitted by building materials.

Ludlow appeared last Wednesday before the Gulf Islands School Board, when he urged that a Vancouver firm be engaged to test the school's classrooms, at a cost of \$25 each.

He claimed that everything in the building except the plants was giving off "some form of toxicity." He forecast that many of the ill effects from toxins in the air would not be seen

among the students for 10 to 20 years.

Ludlow noted that carpeting had been rolled out outside the building before it was installed to allow it to "off-gas." But it would take seven years for "no more than 75 per cent" of gases to leave the carpets, he said.

He said it may only be necessary to increase the number of air changes per hour within classrooms, or increase window openings. Ludlow believes that complete air changes should take place three times per hour.

He said a simple test would determine oxygen levels in the air. "Until the board chooses to do that, I'm not going to eat."

Trustee David Eyles asked if Ludlow had reached his conclusions as a result of air quality tests, and



Ludlow

wondered if the glass, too, was giving off harmful emissions.

Ludlow replied that he had spoken with scientists and doctors about the issue, and went on to cite some of the dangers of various building materials.

The former building contractor also questioned the effects of electromagnetic radiation from computer terminals, and charged that in one office an "acid sail" is dripping from the ceiling.

"I'm asking you to test the school to make sure our children are safe."

Secretary-treasurer Ken Stirling, who was asked to report back on the matter for the next board meeting, said he was not aware of any pipes leaking.

Ludlow, meanwhile, plans to publish a letter alleging that the Capital Regional District's building inspection department is violating rights to privacy, freedom of expression, individual, social and cultural identity and security of home and person. The violations are taking place through the Capital Region's

enforcement of the National Building Code, Ludlow says.

"The manner in which the building codes are being enforced has removed our rights to free choice, has destroyed our private property rights and denied us all, as parents, the ability to protect the health and safety of our children," the letter states.

"In almost all areas of construction from foundation to finishes, I am required by law to use highly toxic chemicals and further, plastic vapour barriers which force containment of these chemicals within my indoor environment," Ludlow writes.

He hopes to have the letter signed by at least 2,000 people, after which copies will be sent to federal and provincial governments.

Ludlow has had an ongoing dispute with the local building inspection office since it disallowed some windows be made for installation in a local home. The building inspector ruled that the windows did not conform to the building code.



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OPTIONS: District proposes restructuring

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The board made no estimate of possible cost savings in education, pointing out that it had already cut more than \$1 million from the instruction budget in the past five years.

"If there are to be further cut-backs, trustees believe that issues such as provincial salary rollbacks, common preparation time and early retirement plans must be considered by government to free up funds to rebuild a seriously damaged and flawed education system," the board wrote.

However, trustees did propose some restructuring options in the education area:

- Look for cost savings through obtaining specialist services from outside sources;
- seek to generate revenue by providing specialist services to other agencies and school districts;
- investigate a return to some form of local taxation;
- use technological advances to improve the delivery of educational services.

The board concluded its submission by noting that for geographical reasons, amalgamation would not be in the best educational interests of island students.

District representatives presented Islands Apart to the Public Education Restructuring Consultation Committee Sunday evening in Victoria. It will relay an analysis of presentations from around the province to the Education Minister Paul Ramsey by April 15.

The provincial government wants to cut \$30 million a year from education spending by restructuring British Columbia's 75 school districts. On a per-student basis, the Gulf Islands district's share of that amount would be \$100,000.

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New tree uprooted by vandal

A Staghorn Sumac tree planted in downtown Ganges Friday was short-lived, uprooted by Sunday morning.

"The tree is destroyed," said Harald Repen, who planted the sapling as part of his landscaping duties for Mouat's Trading Company.

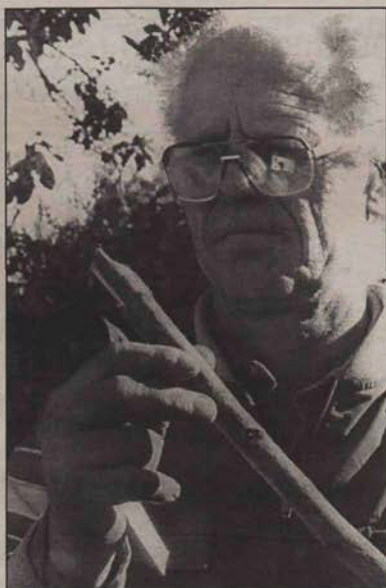
The tree was placed in a square planter in the walkway between the Bank of Montreal and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Friday afternoon. On Sunday morning Repen found the tree broken and lying on the ground and two large footprints in the soil of the planter.

Judging by the footprints, he suspects the tree was destroyed by a teenager or young adult, probably aged 16 to 25. "We only have a maximum of about 20 kids that do it (vandalism)," he observed.

He has reported the incident to police but says they can do little without more information.

If anyone saw the damage being done, Repen hopes they will contact police.

He estimates it will cost at least \$30 if the decision is made to replace the tree. "You're looking at \$30 or better. These are not cheap."



SEVERED SAPLING: Harald Repen examines the broken trunk of a Staghorn Sumac. He planted the tree in a downtown Ganges planter Friday afternoon and discovered it Sunday morning, uprooted and destroyed.

Photo by Valerie Leland

Boys illegally collecting money for soccer team

Police are warning islanders that three young boys may be illegally soliciting money for a soccer team.

Ganges RCMP received a report that the youths were going door-to-door asking for money to benefit "Mr. Bennett's soccer team." However, there is no such solicitation occurring for the soccer team at this time, police say.

Anyone visited by these boys is asked to contact police.

In other police news: A 51-year-old island man has been charged with impaired driving after police were tipped-off by a call from B.C. Ferries personnel.

Police were informed Sunday night of a possible impaired driver leaving the Vesuvius Bay ferry terminal. The driver refused to take a breathalyzer test and was subsequently charged with impaired driving and refusal to provide breath samples.

Sometime between March 9 and 16, thieves entered a home

RCMP REPORT

on Thomas Road, stealing a colour television, VCR and liquor.

The investigation is continuing.

Police attended a Maliview Drive residence Friday night after receiving complaints of a loud party.

A 20-year-old male, arrested for being drunk in a public place, kicked and broke a window of the police cruiser. He was further charged with mischief and kept in police custody over night.

A high school cafeteria locker containing the cafeteria's float was broken into and approximately \$1,400 stolen. Anyone with information on this or any other crime is requested to contact the local RCMP detachment or phone CrimeStoppers at 1-800-666-8477.

Probation, counselling for assault on parents

A 14-year-old Salt Spring youth will spend 12 months on probation with a recommendation for counselling after she pleaded guilty March 12 to assaulting her parents.

Judge Alan Filmer agreed with Crown and defence counsel that counselling as directed by a youth worker should be one of the terms of probation.

Ganges court heard the incident occurred when the parents retrieved the girl from another residence the day after a dispute about whether or not the girl could attend a party. After a yelling match between the parties, the girl hit her mother and pulled her hair and when the father tried to intervene he was kicked and hit by his daughter.

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Trustees debate pay increase: issue put over till next meeting

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Debate over whether to pump up the pay packets of the next crop of trustees ended in a draw at the March 7 to 9 Trust Council meeting. Trustees voted to reconsider the issue at their June meeting on Gabriola Island.

Discussion began at the budget workshop March 7 with a motion to add \$100 to each trustee's \$4,700 honorarium and \$200 to the \$9,400 honorarium paid to Salt Spring trustees. Debate on the motion continued at a second budget workshop March 8.

Trustees Diane Cragg of Galiano Island and Julian Guntensperger of Gabriola both said that the third year of a three-year term is the proper time to increase honorariums so those running for office would know the amount before deciding to run.

Cragg suggested the increase take effect after the next election in November. "I would be just as happy starting in December," she noted. Trustees had debated increasing the honorarium before the next election. "The whole point of the exercise was not to force the brand new council (members) into having to raise

their honorarium," she stated.

If the honorarium is being increased to benefit the incoming council, Guntensperger said, it should be enough to be meaningful.

South Pender trustee Elaine Jacobson suggested the increase should be \$100 per trustee if started this year or \$400 per trustee if started next year. "None of this is all that substantial, folks," she said.

George Buvver of Hornby Island wondered how the public would perceive the raise.

"It doesn't look like we're feathering our nests — we're feathering their (the next group of council members') nests," Lasqueti trustee Chris Ferris said.

"What we're doing is preventing them from possible political embarrassment," Thetis trustee John Dunfield pointed out. "Let them face their own political embarrassment. Let them do their own dirty work."

Jacobson objected, saying increasing the honorarium gradually to bring it in line with other jurisdictions is not dirty work.

Saturna trustee John Money opposed any honorarium increase. He noted the issue did not arise until trustees learned they had an additional \$17,435 in the annual provincial government grant. Until then, trustees had approved in principle a budget with no provision for an honorarium increase. "It's almost imaginary money

we're lobbying for," he said. He advocated putting the additional funds into contingency.

Trust chairman Graeme Dinsdale agreed, saying that would "leave ourselves able to contend with \$17,435 more in contingencies than we had."

Salt Spring trustee Grace Byrne said council members had debated a \$2,800 expenditure out of a \$3 million budget at length.

"We're like angels dancing on the head of a pin over \$2,800,"

The debate could be cut short if trustees followed their usual budgeting procedure and knew the implications of the options, Guntensperger said. He suggested the trustee's financial planning committee should prepare a proposal for an honorarium increase which would be considered at the Trust's June meeting.

Trustees agreed. Last year, trustees approved an increase of \$1,000 annually in honorariums for each trustee except for the two on Salt Spring, who received increases of \$2,000. Each executive committee member also received an increase of \$2,000, bringing their remuneration to \$17,600 for each vice-chairperson and \$21,500 for the chairman.



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Trust seeks exemption from B.C. hiring freeze

A provincial government hiring freeze extends to the Islands Trust, hampering its ability to fill four new positions.

The Trust hopes to hire a mapping coordinator, planner and clerk later this year while the Trust Fund Board is seeking a program coordinator.

Chairman Graeme Dinsdale said the Trust will apply to the provincial government to be exempted from the hiring freeze.

"If we hire someone it makes no difference to the provincial government," Dinsdale observed.

The Trust is caught in the freeze because its employees fall under the public services act.

The assessment authority was asked to recognize the uniqueness of island farms through a motion by Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew which was approved by trustees in March.

The motion calls on the authority to consult with the local trust council before making changes to farm taxes to ensure

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the assessor is familiar with farming on small islands; to institute gradual increases in assessment if increases are required; to recognize wetlands and ground water recharge areas as part of the farm; to tax residential farm buildings at a lower rate due to the inordinately high values of other residential properties; to allow for diversified income on island farms.

The Trust Fund Board has received an anonymous donation of \$100,000 to help it conserve property on the Gulf Islands. Chairwoman Melinda Auerbach said the donation will be used to help develop a model conservation covenant. She added that the Trust Fund Board hopes to work with Crown Lands on transfers of Crown properties to the Trust Fund Board for conservation.

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CRD taking islander to court

A civil action is being launched against a Salt Spring man for living in a recreational trailer. The Capital Regional District board agreed last Wednesday to sue civil proceedings against Keith MacHattie.

Building inspector Dick Stubbs said on Tuesday that neighbours had been "continually complaining" about the violation of the building regulations bylaw at 177 Grantville.



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Stacking stones

Ronald Crawford works on the new stone planters for Rotary Park in downtown Ganges. The project was designed and is being organized by Andrew Lewis and also involves some Katimavik volunteers.

Photo by Valerie Linnar

Coast Guard rescues islander drifting in boat

A Salt Spring resident drifting in his boat off South Pender in Boundary Pass was rescued at approximately 1 a.m. March 10 by a Ganges Coast Guard crew.

The drifting boat was spotted by someone on South Pender, who advised the Coast Guard that the 28-foot cabin cruiser appeared to be adrift. The boat was floating in lanes used by tanker traffic.

The Coast Guard arranged for a commercial company to tow the boat into Fulford Harbour. The boat had run out of gas.

The coast guard crew was called out again at 6:45 p.m. last Saturday after a Duncan boater failed to arrive as scheduled at Miner's Bay on Mayne Island. The overdue boater had been expected on Mayne Island before sunset.

The Duncan resident was located at his home just after 9:30 p.m.

A new boater with a new 15 foot speedboat, he had evidently been unable to find the island.

Boaters who want to make sure they and their boats are ready for the upcoming spring boating season can have local coast guard staff conduct a free safety inspection of their vessels.

To arrange an inspection, call the coast guard at 537-5813.

Burning regulations ignored

Toxic fumes from backyard burners have Salt Spring resident Leon Aptekmann hot under the collar. Burning of natural materials like branches is not a problem but he says island residents should not poison their neighbours with the smoke from burning household garbage and plastic.

"There's no good excuse for that type of thing," he said, pointing out that many older residents already have breathing problems which are exacerbated by toxic smoke.

There are bylaws controlling what can be burned, but these are

often ignored or not enforced, he said.

B.C. Environment's regulations prohibit the burning of materials like tires, plastic, drywall, demolition waste, construction waste, domestic waste, paint and paint products, treated lumber, asphalt, asphalt products, rubber, fuel and lubricant containers, biomedical waste, tar paper, railway ties and manure.

Bylaw 60 of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District prohibits burning of rubber, garbage, animal organic waste or any materi-

als which create a noxious odour.

Fire chief Les Wagg said offenders are usually given a warning on the first offense and can be fined for repeated offenses.

"We are concerned about what people are burning," Wagg added.

Aptekmann suspects many people ignore the regulations. He would like to see regulations limiting burning to one month of the year and better enforcement of burning restrictions.

Salt Spring is no longer a rural island, he observed. "Things have changed."

Supreme Court upholds eviction

The actions of the Galiano Island Housing Society to evict Garnet McDermott from its seniors housing complex were upheld in B.C. Supreme Court March 8, with Justice Opal ruling in favour of the society.

Under Opal's ruling, McDermott must leave the hous-

ing complex by the end of June although his wife will be allowed to live in the unit on her own if she so desires.

"She is a lawful tenant and remains so indefinitely," McDermott said.

The housing society first attempted to remove McDermott

from the 16-unit complex just over a year ago. Complaints from a majority of other tenants were cited in the society's bid to evict McDermott.

McDermott said he plans to appeal the decision. "It's quite possible to come to some negotiated settlement."

Car fire creates tension

Three propane tanks near a burning car created some tense moments for Salt Spring firefighters Monday night after they responded to a call shortly before 8 p.m.

A 1980 Mustang was ablaze near the corner of Fulford-Ganges Road and Seaview Avenue. The car was parked beside three propane tanks.

"It could have been exciting," fire chief Les Wagg remarked. Fortunately, firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze before the tanks were ignited.

Wagg said the fire destroyed the engine compartment and dashboard of the car.

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District obtains technology grant

"Technology money" totalling \$40,000 from the Ministry of Education has been allocated on the basis of need to the 10 schools in the Gulf Islands School District.

But the funding is only a fraction of the amount required to meet the ministry's guidelines on computer-student ratios.

To split the money, a newly-formed district technology steering committee divided local schools into two categories. In category one are those schools that have received no technology funding since the 1980s. They include Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood schools.

Salt Spring Middle School, Gulf Islands Secondary and Pender, Fulford and Phoenix schools fall into category two for having received money more recently.

The committee decided to allocate a block amount of \$2,000 to

each of the category-one schools, and half that amount to schools in category two. In addition, money will also be allotted on the basis of enrolment, with schools in the first category receiving \$23.10 per student and those in category two getting \$5 per student.

The formula means Galiano will get \$3,212; Mayne, \$3,848; Saturna, \$2,438; Salt Spring Elementary, \$5,742; and Fernwood, \$7,520.

The totals for category-two schools are: Salt Spring Middle School, \$2,840; Gulf Islands Secondary, \$3,812; Pender, \$1,515; Fulford, \$1,637; and Phoenix, \$1,215.

The remaining \$6,217 will be spent on district-wide training programs.

The ministry suggests a student-computer ratio of 6:1 at the elementary level and 3:1 for secondary schools.

The school district has 201 computers at the elementary level, but all have been deemed obsolete because they are old Mac Pluses or 286s. That translates into a shortfall of 145 computers, which would cost the district \$549,000 to purchase.

At the secondary level, the district has 180 computers, all of which are available for current use. To meet the 3:1 ratio the district needs another 139 machines, which would cost nearly \$527,000.

The total amount required to meet ministry guidelines is just over \$1 million. If technological funding remains unchanged at \$40,000 a year, it will take more than 27 years to outfit local schools for current needs.

However, the ministry expects additional funds to come out of school district budgets and partnerships with business, industry and community groups.

Board hears Mahon Hall concerns

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

School district amalgamation seems to have sparked a sudden interest in the future of Mahon Hall. But the Gulf Islands School District won't be making any decisions on the matter until the amalgamation issue is resolved.

The school board has had four letters since January from local groups expressing concern over the hall's future.

Last week, trustees received a letter from Farmers' Institute president Chris Schmah, who wanted them to know that the institute would like the building back if they plan to dispose of it.

Farmers see the hall being used as a site for a farmers' market and a place where agriculture's profile could be enhanced. They have the support of the Ganges Residents' Association and the Salt Spring Historical Society, both of which wrote to support the hall's ownership being transferred to the institute.

Another letter came from the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is also anxious to know the hall's future.

However, the matter of selling or disposing of the building has never come up at a school board meeting, and probably will not until the board knows its own future.

Secretary-treasurer Ken Starling told trustees that plans for the school

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complex on which the hall sits await development of a site plan. And that's on hold — along with budgets and other functions of district operation — until the provincial government decides on amalgamation restructuring.

In other board news:

• There won't be any additional breaks in ferry fares for local students and their teachers. B.C. Ferries chief Frank Rhodes has responded to the Gulf Islands School Board's request for reduced fares for vehicles transporting students to curricular and extracurricular off-island activities.

Rhodes reminded the board that the ferry corporation already provides some \$2 million in fare breaks for education-related activities.

• Some strong words in a request for using the music room at Gulf Islands Secondary for a community music school facility didn't deter trustees from giving their support in principle to the idea.

Music teacher Lloyd English wrote to the board requesting use of the room, observing that the facility was "grossly under-utilized." That prompted a question over bonnie from Galiano trustee Bonnie Robson. Superintendent Mike

Marshall agreed it was not being used to its capacity.

But it was English's statement that GISS students "are being cheated out of an education opportunity by backward and overly bureaucratic policies..." that prompted David Eyles to express concern over the language of the letter.

However, it was Eyles who proposed the motion that the board "supports in principle the community use of school facilities, in particular the high school music room."

• Librarian Dorothy Kyle was welcomed to the school board table at Wednesday's meeting. Kyle is the new president of Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 788, replacing Gordon Singhell, whose term was up.

• The intricacies of operating a school district often lead to discussions which are of vital importance to trustees and staff. The casual observer, however, frequently finds himself unable to share the enthusiasm of trustees for topics as stimulating as a school loan bylaw.

That's when the board room art display offers a welcome diversion.

Last week, a colourful collection of work by students in Grades 9-12 was on display in an exhibition called Still Life With Amariyllis. About three dozen pieces were on show, demonstrating high levels of talent and skill among local art students.

Cost-saving ministry should examine self

While the provincial Ministry of Education seeks to save money by restructuring British Columbia's 75 school districts, some of its own operations could bear examination.

Trustee Charles Hingston told fellow trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board March 6 that a child with severe special needs was

about to be enrolled in a local school. The student will require full-time assistance in the classroom.

But under the education ministry's formula for funding school districts, there can be no additional money provided locally despite the high cost of serving the needs of this particular student.

Meanwhile, the district in which the child was enrolled as of September 30 will continue to receive the special-needs funding allocation for that child until June 30, even though the student is no longer enrolled there.

Hingston said funding should be based on need rather than "some numbered formula."

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BESSIE DANE

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logged 3,900 hours of time, almost 2,700 of those spent in one-on-one situations.

Volunteers may develop a significant relationship with an individual, while others may be part of a "vital sitting" which relieves family and friends while ensuring their loved one is not alone. They offer non-invasive, non-judgemental support to dying and chronically-ill persons and their families, and act as a connection to other community resources.

Pat Desbottes is one of the group's founders who is still involved. She likens BDFH volunteers to "shadows in the dark. We're there, but we're not obtrusive."

"A lot of the time we're working when people don't know we're working," observes Doreen Davidson, another long-time BDFH member. Often, a BDFH volunteer just happens to be in the right place at the right time to offer support.

Some people view Bessie Dane members as "saints," but the volunteers don't see it that way.

"We're just ordinary people doing extraordinary work," says one, expressing a congenial humility characteristic of the organization.

Several people had identified a need for some kind of hospice on Salt Spring in the early 1980s, explain Desbottes and Davidson, and it seemed only fitting to meet that need while memorializing Dane after her death. With support from Hospice Victoria, the local group was launched.

Volunteers complete a thorough training program, attend regular meetings and augment their skills with workshops. To make the most of off-island educational opportunities, one or two people will attend and bring back the information for a group presentation.

Some events, like an April 13 workshop on grieving, are open to the public. Jan Christie, a grief consultant in Duncan, is facilitating the workshop at All Saints by-the-Sea.

When BDFH came into being it was the only official palliative care service on Salt Spring. There was no 24-hour-per-day home care or related services available in cities.

Since then, the benefits of palliative care have been given due credence, and services have been incorporated into a range of medical and community services.

BDFH volunteers, Salt Spring Home Support Services Society staff, home care nurses, Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood staff are all trained in palliative care, forming an



Pat Desbottes

effective and compassionate team for island residents.

Lady Minto nurse Marg Pickard is one of those team members who helps ensure a dying patient receives a "continuum of care" from home to the hospital and back again.

The hospital's palliative care program was formalized in 1991, touched off by one woman's death at the hospital that affected several people. They realized all of her needs—social, spiritual, financial—as a terminally-ill patient simply could not be met in the traditional hospital setting. Pickard and others then researched the possibilities for bringing palliative care to the hospital and acquired some government funding to create a community-wide system.

One result was the creation of "drug boxes" that can be kept at a patient's home, with medication dispensed by a home care nurse or physician. Pickard notes this often eliminates the need for hospital visits in "crisis" situations. Because of this and the palliative care team, some people never enter the hospital, she says.

Home care nurses usually first identify the need for a drug box, and also help develop a "care plan" which taps into all available community resources. Home support workers are also "really key in this," says Pickard. Another aspect of services on Salt Spring is the BDFH medical equipment loan service, operated by volunteer Davidson. Available are such items as special mattresses which prevent bed sores, raised toilet seats, walkers and wheelchairs.

While the Bessie Dane group is expert in helping others, there is one thing it needs those days. Secure, dry storage space for a second palliative care bed being purchased. Anyone able to assist in this way, or anyone wanting more information about BDFH should contact Desbottes or Hall at 537-2770.

Vanpool will run despite \$\$ cuts

Salt Spring's vanpoolers won't be walking to Victoria even if the Jack Bell Foundation Vanpool Program doesn't come up with funding for its Vancouver Island operation.

One-time provincial grants financed a part-time employee to operate the program for the past year but those grants run out at the end of March and there is no further funding in sight.

But acting program director Jim Braunagel said the 19 vans coordinated by the program's Vancouver Island office—including one which brings commuters from Salt Spring—will not be taken off the road April 1.

If there is no funding, any coordination of the vans will have to be handled by the foundation's Vancouver office and no new vanpools will be started on Salt Spring.

Braunagel says administering the program from Vancouver will create some problems, since the funding for the Vancouver office comes from the Greater Vancouver Regional District and B.C. Transit. That money is supposed to finance only the 70-van operation in the lower mainland, he said.

"I literally don't have a plan B in place," Braunagel concluded.

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No tax relief
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Government spending cuts are so commonplace in news reports that many Canadians scarcely notice them, until the cut has a direct effect on the financial health of the individual. That's when the government responsible gets it through both barrels from enraged citizenry. Eliminate the deficit, they cry, but don't mess with my share of government handouts.

In the Gulf Islands, however, newspaper readers enjoy headlines of a different flavour. Only in the islands would one find a news report announcing not only an increase in government spending, but one that runs three times as much as the increase in the consumer price index.

Who would introduce such grandiose spending plans? None other than the Islands Trust, the temple at which too many islanders blindly worship, accepting without question the need for spending hikes totalling 39 per cent over the course of five budgets.

Why does the Trust need an additional 8.4 per cent to finance its operations in the coming year? Largely because it's creating two more staff positions. Meanwhile, increases for existing staff are kept to 1.05 per cent, down near the level at which inflation has been running, and down near the level where the Trust's budget increase ought to be.

But it's not just additional staff and demands for increased services that fuel ever-growing spending at the Islands Trust. It's the mandate, that most holy of motherhood statements, one with which no one can argue.

The mandate dictates that the Trust islands be preserved and protected; therefore, let the budget be prepared accordingly. Accordingly has meant boosting expenditures by 39 per cent since 1992-93, when they totalled \$2,374,175. In the 1996-97 fiscal year they will have risen to \$3,302,325, a difference of \$928,150.

The Trust's year-over-year increases would be more easily defensible if population growth were rising at the same rate, but it is not. Over the same period, the increase in the Trust area population has been closer to 18 per cent, less than half the increase in spending.

Other governments have perceived negative sentiments over spending among their constituents, and are striving — some with more fervour than others — to bring it under control. Not so the Trust, in whose constituency the sentiment seems rather apathetic.

Perhaps that is because increased growth has helped keep property tax hikes down. Spending may go up 8.4 per cent this year, but the tax requisition will rise only 4.9 per cent.

Is that enough to keep taxpayers reasonably content? We expect so, because the mandate — ever threatened by the danger of wild and rampant development — is a mantra favoured by so many.

But islanders ought to be asking themselves, and the Trust, if the cost of sustaining the mandate will ever level off.

The Trust is a lot like a church, only offerings to the collection plate are mandatory, not voluntary.

A large gap

The left hand of the Ministry of Education is not even remotely networked to the right hand.

Consider computer quotas. On one hand, the ministry's target for technological hardware is one computer for every six elementary students and one for every three secondary students.

The other hand is a tight fist, with budgets squeezed to the bone and minuscule amounts of actual cash allocated to computer purchases.

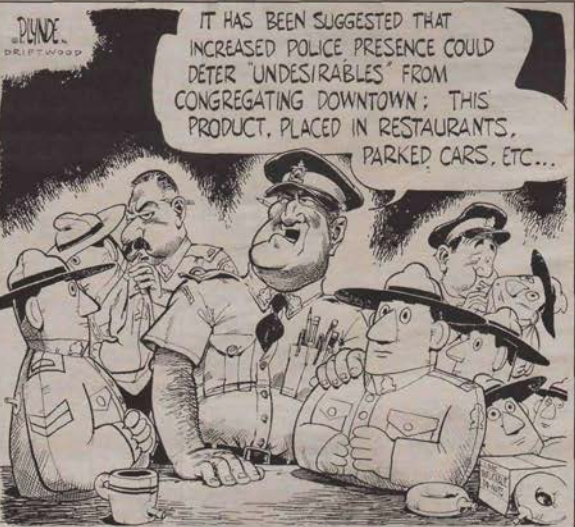
For the Gulf Islands district, the entire budget available for technology purchases this year is \$40,000, of which \$30,000 came from the Ministry of Education.

A recent study of the district suggested meeting the ministry target would require an expenditure of \$1,076 million. At the current rate of funding, in 27 years district schools will have received enough money to meet the target.

In the interval the computers now in the schools will certainly become museum pieces and will also have to be replaced, at an estimated additional cost of \$684,000.

The ridiculous gap between ministry dreams and ministry realities makes it almost impossible to develop a realistic program for computer technology in the schools.

Without realistic targets and equally realistic funding, there is little point in trying to keep pace with technology. The schools may as well invest in abacuses.

Some radical changes are needed
to address schools' inadequacy

By JUDY McLAREN

It is with a mixture of joy and dread that I watch my children grow up on this island.

I love to see them in this friendly, healthy and safe environment, but the advent of middle school and high school and its effect on their education to learning and on the quality of their education leaves me sleepless.

Why is it that so many of my friends, those who can afford it, are talking about St. Michael's University School or other private schools? Why are others talking despairingly of moving off the island to a better district? Why do I hear teachers telling me that there is no way their children would be left in the public system?

Why must my children be deprived of the company of those children that are home-schooled? How many are there out there, I wonder?

Why is our education system failing some of our brightest and most eager students? What happened to the good old days when parents could leave their children at the school door, confident that the child would learn in a safe and orderly environment?

Discipline is certainly a huge part of the problem. When, as I have been told, teachers must spend as much as 90 per cent of their time disciplining a class instead of teaching it, there is little hope that a child who is eager and capable of learning will have his or her needs met. Often, that child will become disillusioned and bitter and join in the disruptive behaviour.

The curriculum is so undemanding that one wonders how our graduates will compete with the Japanese and the Europeans in the new global economy. Are those kids simply more intelligent over there or is something sinister happening in our education system that is preparing us to be a Third World economy in the next century — are we being "dummified"?

I have long ago given up the idea that my chil-



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dren will receive anything like the education I received, growing up in Ontario in the '50s and '60s. What is happening here is undoubtedly what is happening elsewhere in the province and in the country.

However, the situation here seems much more acute. Does Salt Spring have more than its fair share of behaviour problems? Does our laid-back attitude leave kids floundering in uncertainty over what should be considered acceptable and socially responsible standards in learning and behaviour?

Have administrators bargained away their powers in contracts with teachers and are we, as parents, stripping teachers of their authority to control our kids in the name of children's rights, and in so doing, coming close to inviting anarchy?

When a student threatens a teacher and it goes unpunished, something is wrong! When a Grade 11 math student has not yet learned to multiply fractions, something is wrong!

Realtors know how often they warn prospective buyers with families about the quality of secondary education on the island. Why should so many residents be forced to spend huge sums on boarding their kids? Why should those who cannot afford it settle for second best? Why should families have to be broken up? Why should best friends be parted? Why should parents feel compelled to homeschool? Why should these factors be considered a normal part of the cost of living on this island?

It's the education ministry and the school district looked seriously at the part of its constituency whose needs are not being met on Salt Spring, examined the numbers, looked at the reasons and made some radical changes to accommodate those parents and children who feel that the current school situation is simply not adequate.

Judy McLaren is a Salt Spring parent.



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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: What would you serve the Trust for dinner?



Margot Caspar

Nice roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, vegetable and salad.



Leah Lee

I would serve them party platters. I'm the deli manager at Thrifty Foods.



Bob Twaite

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Bevan Wrate

Humble pie.



Kathleen Mouat

Probably I'd feed them some Salt Spring Island lamb and some homebrew.

Letters to the Editor

Erotica

No thanks, I'm not interested. But it was my sister's 35th birthday... oh what to do on Salt Spring.

What a wonderful surprise! Through the Keyhole was imaginative, funny and well-performed. We thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thank you, Cat's Pajamas. Your innovative production was refreshing.

HOLLY JOHNSON,
Tripp Road

Bilking the poor

Humour is useful in revealing the nature of a situation to those who might not be bothered with seeing the morality of an issue in regular prose.

The Gayman Island insider, tax haven BC Hydro scandal is overshadowing the morality of the Crown corporation's action.

What is a Canadian Crown corporation doing profiting from third world development anyway? I certainly do not agree with either my taxes or my fees to a public utility underwriting a facility for so-called insiders to profit by — NDP, Tory, Liberal, Reform or any other political animal.

Even if our new premier's hands are squeaky clean regarding his being "privy to the details," what is the NDP doing associating itself with or endorsing such action?

In Tommy Douglas's day there was no question of the social conscience or contract. Best in opposition, the NDP held the moral high ground, often it was theirs.

Conscience of the people, protector of the poor, where are they now?

The main purpose of the Pakistan development is a major profit-taking opportunity for a first world nation from a "developing" nation. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the return on investment for "select investors" in the Pakistan project is purported to be very great.

The question never asked is: what's a holier-than-thou bunch of Canadians doing bilking the poor? Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely.

JOHN WILCOX,
Salt Spring Island

Cerebral workout

Playwright, broadcaster, philosopher, political commentator, author and debunker Herschel Hardin spent March 2 in Ganges, engaging in conversation with a varied and intrigued group of islanders.

True to form, Hardin proceeded to throw the spotlight on a whole series of emperors without clothing, and to pop myths like balloons.

The market economy, the business bias of the press, the "Disneyfication" of our culture, and the nonsensical use of GNP as a measure of our standard of living were all fair game. Contrary to common perception (wishful thinking?), North American society is one of the least mobile in the world; the gulf between the unemployed or underemployed "have-nots" and the working "haves" is

steadily widening.

Meanwhile, CEO salaries have gone ballistic. The "equality range" is much narrower in Scandinavian countries and Switzerland, so it is much easier there to cross job and income boundaries.

The most successful economies around the world all involve government participation, and substantial governmental control and direction.

Bureaucracy is really to be found in industry and commerce (paper shuffling, coupon dipping, mergers and buyouts) whereas most real enterprise is now coming from health care workers, social workers, teachers and the like, working with people.

An example of a media hatchet job is the phrase "tax and spend" as used to put down Premier Glen Clark. Hardin pointed out that taxation is in fact the fairest and most effective means of redistributing wealth, so of course Clark taxes! And taxes are collected to be used, so of course Clark spends! "Tax and spend" are not in fact dirty words.

Though we certainly did not all agree about everything, no one left the workshop without getting a good cerebral workout, and some of the ideas are bound to resurface in our discussion groups.

TOM WRIGHT,
Ganges

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Lay-offs are a sham used to collect votes

VICTORIA — Few days went by these past weeks without some breathless announcement by Premier Clark that another batch of public servants had been laid off "to save health care and education."

Reminiscent of the U.S. government's daily body count some 25 years ago of Vietnam soldiers killed, Clark's spin doctors have been giving us a running total of slain bureaucrats in every new announcement. The latter has been about as reliable and honest as the former.

Recall the premier's decision to close down the B.C. Systems Corporation? Well, that actually happened seven months ago.

The premier's count of public service reductions now stands at more than 2,000. Funny thing is that John Shields, chief of the B.C. Government Employees Union, can't or won't confirm that or any other number. And there's a good reason for that.

When the dust settles, very few unionized public servants will have lost their jobs. Most of them will have been absorbed elsewhere in the system. The only ones who will actually find themselves out of a job will be some people at the middle and upper management level.

What we have seen is a charade, designed to make Clark look like a knight in shining armor, determined to reduce the cost of government in the interest of saving our health care and education system.

I've seen it before on an even grander scale. Bill Bennett fired 10,000 public servants, only to hire most of them back on contract. One of his handiworks would later publicly admit that the scheme had been hatched to make Bennett look tough in preparation for the next election.

Clark, in a struggle for his political life, has read Bennett's book and is trying to pull the same stunt.

What I detest about Clark's vote-getting maneuvers is that he plays havoc with people's lives. At the time of Clark's announcements about cuts in ministries and Crown corporations, the people affected don't know whether or not they will get jobs elsewhere in the public service. They start worrying about their future. They're afraid they will lose their homes. They wonder what kind of future their children will have. And all that just to make the premier look good.

Some political observers have said that the 1,000 public servants who marched from Victoria city hall to the legislative buildings last week to protest Clark's job cuts did so only to further embellish Clark's charade.

That view is as cynical as it is false. While Clark no doubt welcomed the protest because it was bound to give some legitimacy to his sham, the protesters were there for a different reason.

I know half a dozen women who were at that protest. They weren't there to make Clark look good. They were there because they were hurt and angry and scared.

While I would disagree with the real and massive cuts in the public service advocated by Gordon Campbell and Jack Weisgerber, I would at least acknowledge that they are done in an honest and firm belief that some good will come of it in the end.

But I'm insulted by the games Clark is playing. If he wants to give British Columbians a clear choice in the next election, let him take his position where he belongs on the political spectrum — the left. Selling himself as a born-again crusader for lean and mean government won't fly with me and it won't fly with voters.

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CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Bus questions

There is no doubt public transit would contribute to our lifestyle on Salt Spring but before the matter is put forward to referendum in November, I would like to clarify some points.

Firstly, will the transit system be put out to public tender, thereby ensuring the lowest possible cost for our tax dollars?

I assume the Salt Spring Public Transportation Society is not asking for thousands of tax dollars for Azure Transport, a private company with John Cade at the helm, or is it? Are they supporting an idea that will put taxpayers' money into a company that is not owned by or even paying dividends to the public? A company that could then turn around at some point and sell for a profit that goes not back into the public purse but into someone's pocket?

Could the school bus system not be utilized instead? Buses and drivers might be available for service between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and after 5 o'clock, the slack being picked up by smaller economical buses at other times. School buses have the most experienced drivers, and are certainly available in the summer peak tourist season. The benefit to us and most importantly to our children would be that tax money, grants, etc. could return any surplus into the island education system and not into a few people's pockets.

Run the service free for a couple of years while asking for donations and self advertising, then charge fares once usage is up. It might just work this time!

B. HARDING,
Vesuvius Bay

Cooperative

I am an active member of the Mayne Island Women's Resources Society (MIWRS) and while no one person speaks for the society, I would like to reinforce that Lynda Laushway has worked cooperatively with women from Mayne Island.

On November 21, 1994, the Mayne Island Women's Resources Society had Frances Wasserlein, a Women's Studies instructor from Simon Fraser University come to speak. This came about because I was contacted by Lynda Laushway

to see if the MIWRS would be interested in organizing an evening that would coincide with Frances's speaking engagement on Salt Spring Island. Lynda suggested that we could contact Pender Island to see if anyone there wished to attend also, as the ferry connections made it possible.

She gave me Frances's phone number and left the details up to our society to arrange. The evening was a huge success with people from Mayne and Pender attending.

I was very grateful for Lynda's cooperative spirit in helping to make it possible.
PAT SEEBACH,
Mayne Island

Not cooperative

It has come to my attention that Lynda Laushway, current candidate for nomination, with Ian Cameron, for the NDP in Saanich and the Islands has publicly stated she has "worked cooperatively with women from Mayne Island" on the issues of violence against women and children.

In fact, myself, and other representatives from the Mayne Island Women's Resource Group, through the West Coast Rural Women's Network — a gathering of women from the Gulf Islands communities, and from coastal rural communities up and down Vancouver Island — did not find it possible, either philosophically or in terms of our collective volunteer process, to work with Ms. Laushway. The final choice, after considerable discussion and review of our common goals, was Ms. Laushway's. This record should be kept clear, or corrected.

The Mayne Island Women's Resource Group, the West Coast Rural Women's Network, Salt Spring's Transition House, and many individual women do, however, continue to work in our communities to address these very difficult concerns with admirable commitment and personal integrity. Prevention of violence against women and children is a primary and commonly-held goal.

CATHY FORD,
Mayne Island

Have statistics

O.K. Enough already. I think so! Samantha Bourdin does not only believe, but has the statistics to

prove that the crime rate does indeed go down when a recreation centre is built.

I also have lived on Salt Spring since 1980 and have seen many changes on the island. Some changes have been made for the better, and the ice rink would be a welcomed change.

The statistics I received were from the Parksville, Qualicum and Nanaimo area.

As Muzz Holmes pointed out in the March 13 Driftwood, some crimes still occur from a small core of youths when a recreation centre is built. We do not expect crime to disappear completely. It would be unrealistic. There are always some bad apples in every bunch. But the ice rink could give focus to many people, including adults.

The ice rink is healthy recreation for any age.
Let's give it support.
SAMANTHA BOURDIN,
Salt Spring Island

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BC Hydro is asking election candidates and their supporters to refrain from attaching posters to power poles because of the hazard it presents to personnel who have to climb such poles.

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This is why B.C. Workers Compensation Board regulations prohibit posters and other such attachments on utility poles.

"We are sure all candidates and campaign workers will cooperate when they are told about the danger their signs present to our employees," says Murray Smith.

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Mystery trips

Every ferry journey I take on the Queen of Nanaimo is beginning to resemble one of those mystery coach tours of old with no known itinerary or destination, and certainly no timetable.

For those of us who travel regularly by Route 9 and suffered through the week-long suspension of service, the March 7 evening sailing from Tsawwassen revealed the utter contempt B.C. Ferries management appears to have for Gulf Islands ferry passengers. Instead of the vessel following its regular inter-island route, it was delayed by over 30 minutes to take on the overland from the 7 p.m. Route 1 sailing. No thought of asking these passengers to wait for the 9 p.m. sailing or finding a relief crew to sail the two ferries lying idle in berths 1 and 2.

No, just "press gang" the Route 9 sailing and inconvenience all the Gulf Islands passengers to accommodate Route 1 customers. To add insult to injury, the Nanaimo sailed to Swartz Bay before taking its Salt Spring Island-bound passengers to Long Harbour.

You have graciously published two of my previous letters regarding Route 9 service. I now challenge either Frank Rhodes or Jeanette McKay, operations south manager, to assure Gulf Islands residents and our ferry workers on Route 9 that the corporation is committed to maintaining this service for the foreseeable future.

If they cannot commit themselves one way or the other at this time, then they should say so. Then we can all make plans for our futures. I expect to see a reply to my request in these columns within the month.

PATRICK VERRIUR,
Pender Island

Makeover

In response to the Parks and Recreation Commission members' comments on the "park makeover offered", I'm glad to see Malcolm Legg and Kelly Bloor can see into the future and realize that volunteers are very important to any community.

Even though we aren't "providing funds to upgrade the park," as Tony Hume suggested, we are offering our time and organizational skills—who cares if it's a cosmetic company or not? We

will be out there with our Aveda daily light guard SPF15 sunscreen.

Maybe Patsy Siemens can lend us her "10-foot pole" for the really gross garbage we will collect. Or maybe she can bring it with her to help out.

**LEE-ANNE ARCHIBALD,
JUDITH HUMPHREYS,
Natural Beauty Centre**

Community care

We would like to offer our condolences on the recent loss of Tony Richards' mother-in-law, and are gratified to know he appreciated the services we provide. His article in the March 6 Driftwood brings into focus our role in the community and may facilitate other Salt Spring residents in accessing the help they need, as many are not aware of the scope of our services.

As health care dollars become more and more scarce and the government shifts its focus toward community care, we hope our services will not only continue but expand to meet the needs of the community in the future.

**HELEN GUNN,
Board Chairwoman,
Salt Spring Island Home
Support Services Society**

Bylaw funding

At a time when most governments are cutting back on personal and school funding, our local government (CRD building inspection services, Islands Trust and Parks and Recreation Commission) is expanding. The schools have to pack more and more kids into the classroom because of funding cuts. I believe the figure talked about for our district is about \$400,000.

It is time to make some hard choices about where and how taxes are being spent. What is essential for our children's and our futures and what is not? I think most would agree the schools are definitely necessary and essential. On the other hand, our building inspection service has gone from a part-time inspector not long ago to three full-time inspectors plus part-time office staff. This is at a time when new construction is dropping off dramatically.

The building inspectors now call themselves "bylaw officers." With the down trend in construction, bylaws is the new vehicle?

We do not need more government we need less.

Galiano is now a building inspector-free zone. As far as I know, the island has not started to sink into the Strait of Georgia yet and probably won't in the near future either.

Alberta gave the entire building inspectors branch a big farewell along with other cutbacks. Now they have a budget surplus!

If for insurance reasons anyone needs their house inspected, an engineer can do it for a fraction of the cost of a building inspector. An engineer also stands behind the inspection, whereas any dealings with a building inspector begin with the signing of a waiver that waives one's right to sue the inspector regardless of his errors or mistakes.

Summed up, what are we really paying for when we hand the CRD thousands of dollars per house in building permit fees? That money could be better spent on our children's education!

Between the CRD, Islands Trust and Parks and Recreation Commission, the \$400,000 school funding shortfall could easily be found.

When there is only so much money to go around, let us spend it on something that is our future, our children!

**I. STRAARUP,
Leisure Lane**

Library thanks

The commemorative plaque honouring those who gave so generously to Mary Hawkins library's computerization fund was unveiled at the annual general meeting March 15.

It is now hung in the library. We hope you will take a moment to look at it as well as the fascinating Centennial plaque which hangs alongside.

There are two groups to which we give our thanks and gratitude. Firstly, those individuals, businesses and corporations who so willingly donated when approached. Then there are the library volunteers who bravely canvassed for the fund though few found it to be easy. Thank you all.

The library's computerization fund drive has been a success. In 1995, \$30,464 was donated. We spent \$31,145 on computerization. We are scheduled to have the

library on line before the end of June. Keep your fingers crossed.

And all this has been accomplished by library volunteers. The expertise and dedication continuing to be shown is a wonderful example of community effort in a community project. It is estimated that computerization would have cost \$100,000 if we had paid to have it done.

Now we must look forward to expanding the building and plant of the library if we are to continue to provide the best possible service to a continually growing island population. For this we shall require additional funds and ever more volunteers.

Your yearly membership dues to the association are essential to our library. Your tax deductible donations are always welcome, and should you have both the time and inclination, do become a library volunteer. I know that you will find it rewarding.

**MICHAEL WHEATON,
Treasurer and chief librarian,
Salt Spring Island Public
Library Association**

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Poppycock system fizzles out debt plans

Economy is the order of the day. By hook or by crook, by golly! We'll put an end to this debt disease that plagues some of Canada.

The national debt and accompanying deficit should be the concern of all administrations in the country.

But there are governments and government agencies whose work is so important and which experience so pressing a demand for their attention that they don't really have much time to even think about national debts. And, maybe, this is the problem with this nation today.

We have a national government dedicated to a reduction of the annual deficit and, one assumes, thereby to a reduction in the national debt. We have a happy national constitution dedicated to the unattainable dream of separation, as yet unaware of the burden of debt they will enjoy whether a part of the nation they would reject or an entity on their own in this vast world of debt and deficit.

Sitting on the same national pot we find another 12 elected governments equally dedicated to a reduction of the national debt. The provincial and regional governments, bless them, are dedicated to any measure they might contribute to victory over the Dragon Debt. Most of those governments are as concerned as the national administration. Provided, of course, that it does not affect their own fiscal state and deals, or, worse yet, bring about a reduction of the services they rashly promised their supporters at the last election.

But ranking high above needs, services, promises or any other embarrassment, no way must an attack on the debts of the nation bring about any increase in taxation. Now, of course, any reduction in the goodies already enjoyed by each little isolated, independent, self-contained, autonomous pigeon-hole in the nation's administration.

Sitting blissfully under the provincial umbrellas sit the privileged municipal and other administrations hanging fiercely to Mother Province's golden skirts. Debts are those moneys incurred in the provision of essential services to each community. When they reach into the wallets of their parent administrations, the actual effect on the national debt of any undertaking is a matter for their masters and must be tolerated in light of the urgency of the demands placed upon them by the hungry mouths of their constituents.

This mish-mash of people, communities, administrations, elections and genuine concern is known as a caring community. We don't care about your debts and deficits as long as you accept entire responsibility for clearing them and leave us alone!

It is an efficient, working system. Look at the current scene. There is the national government seeking to save money. The annual pay-outs to provinces are cut back.

Money is being saved for the nation! By these cuts we shall save the future for Canadians! And by these cuts, British Columbia will have no alternative but to lay off its own government staff for lack of money promised or expected. Mind you, the lay-offs will not lead to unemployment because work in other departments is to be found for those who otherwise might be laid off and a charge to the community!

This poppycock government system is the practical method of combating the national debt without pain to the payers. We worship at the national shrine of the Dragon Debt, thereby placating that evil monster, and at the same time we do nothing about it, thereby placating the people of the land.

Each year-end brings to light this strange phenomenon whereby, despite the earnest efforts of a few and the casual unconcern of the many, the debt reduction efforts of the past year have fizzled out like a damp squib and woe and behold that shrinking debt gets bigger!

I am no economist. Had I been gifted with the money-sense I would not be a small-town, small-time retired newsman. I would be smoking fat cigars in steamy Turkish baths among my fat friends of Great Wisdom. Yet, from my high office of ignorance I can only find one path through this empty-headed morass.

One day we shall see a national government department or commission or what-have-you in control of all debts incurred by the governments of the nation. No longer could any money-spending function of government or people commit the nation to a penny of debt unless it was duly examined and approved.

Years ago I had a wife who exercised that same censorship on my weekly pay cheque. The system worked, I reckon. A bit like the present system, where I ended up flat broke and she was always flush.

And as she told me, so long ago, with both of us spending we were bound to go broke.

What a nation! What a debt! What a farce!



Library meet looks at support of community

Support from the community, either by way of more than 110 volunteers or through a successful campaign to computerize the library, was the focus of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association's annual general meeting Friday.

More than 50 people attended the meeting in the Ganges United Church at which treasurer Michael Wheaton reported the successful conclusion of the fundraising drive to computerize the library. A plaque listing all the major donors was unveiled and will be hung in the library.

Outgoing chairman Anthony Burridge emphasized the support given to the library by the more than 112 volunteers who operate the facility.

Lois Slotten was elected chair-

woman for the coming year. Judith Andersen is vice-chairwoman, Joanne Cartwright is secretary and Michael Wheaton is treasurer.

The remaining board members are Patricia Massy, Bruce Mills and Pat Byrne.

Slotten noted revenues have stayed up during the previous year because many residents voluntarily donated their \$10 membership fee after provincial legislation removed the association's ability to charge for memberships.

Slotten said users can help the library maintain its present level of services by continuing to voluntarily purchase memberships.

At present, half of the library's revenue goes directly into acquiring new materials for the volunteer-run library.

Hanna earns certificate

BUSINESS BRIEFS

A certificate of merit recognizing more than 8,000 hours of accident-free flight time has been given to Randy Hanna, owner of Salt Spring-based Hanna Air.

The certificate was issued by Aerowest Aviation Insurance, a Langley company which specializes in insuring private aircraft and smaller aviation companies. President David Blair said the company insures aircraft across Canada and issues approximately 10 such awards each year intended to recognize the skill of professional pilots who rack up thousands of accident-free hours.

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CARE & COMFORT...

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Any woman transposed from a hospital auxiliary gathering 450 years ago to a meeting today would want her hearing tested.

In the days when traveling expenses to Vancouver amounted to \$3, and a major fundraising event collected about \$50, no one would believe a Salt Spring charity group could raise close to \$100,000 a year.

Even nine years ago, at her first meeting of the Auxiliary to Lady Minto Hospital, Mary Walker was staggered to discover that figures of \$5,000 to \$6,000 were not year-end totals, but the group's monthly income.

Today, as the 181-member island charity celebrates 60 years of fundraising, the women and men in their trademark pink jackets continue to aid the "care and comfort of patients" at Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood's intermediate care facility.

"Now we make \$7,000 to \$8,000 per month and it never, never stops," says Walker.

"It," of course, refers to the flow of cash generated by the Thrift Shop in Mount's Mall — the auxiliary's number one fundraising outlet.

Last year the volunteer-operated Thrift Shop, which sells donated items of used clothing, books and other paraphernalia, raised close to \$90,000.

An additional \$5,000 was collected from the sale of knitted items

housed in a lobby showcase at Lady Minto Hospital. Some 20 auxiliary members donate knitting time to create these baby items — sweaters, socks, booties, dolls — using wool purchased by the auxiliary.

The auxiliary's roots can be traced to the Guild of Sunshine which, in 1911, began hosting bazaars, teas and catering events to raise funds for the hospital.

Minutes of a hospital board meeting in 1920 instructed the board secretary to arrange each of the island's women's groups into an auxiliary which would work alongside the board's house committee. In 1935, a motion was passed recommending this ad hoc auxiliary be expanded and meet once per month.

A public meeting held on January 15, 1936, launched the new hospital auxiliary. Its function was to relieve the hospital matron and staff by undertaking sewing projects.

The next meeting, set for January 28, was cancelled as the island "shut down" for the funeral of King George V.

Although the minutes of most early auxiliary meetings are missing, current auxiliary president Vivian Dawson has in hand one book of minutes recording proceedings from 1936 to 38, found in the basement of an island home.

According to these hand-written minutes, 15 people attended the auxiliary's inaugural meeting. Mrs. G.M. Mount was elected president, Mrs. Johnson, vice pres-

ident. The group agreed to pay a 25-cent annual membership fee, but chose not to serve tea at the meetings — likely a cost-saving decision. Twelve members gathered at the second meeting; seven women took home hospital articles such as slippers, diapers, dressing gowns and linen to mend.

The minutes also describe a charity New Year's Eve dance hosted by the auxiliary. At the last minute, the three-member band (which cost \$31 plus \$6.75 for a hotel room) failed to arrive. The dance was postponed until the next day. Tickets cost 50 cents each. The auxiliary paid Mr. Noon \$1 for washing dishes and, after expenses, it raised about \$50, giving \$16 to the hospital board.

In 1938, it was proposed and seconded that one member attend a province-wide convention in Victoria. She was given \$3 for travelling expenses.

In comparison, note Dawson and Walker, a cup of coffee at the hotel hosting a recent British Columbia Association of Hospital Auxiliaries (BCAHA) cost \$3.50.

Across the province, the BCAAHA raises close to \$6 million a year for community hospitals. The local auxiliary is one of the highest ranking fundraisers on a per capita basis.

"We go (to BCAAHA meetings) and they are all astounded at what happens here on this island."

Every year the hospital presents the auxiliary with a "wish list" of

items it needs. The charity group will not consider anything which does not fall within its mandate to provide "care and comfort" to patients.

"There is very little we turn down," Dawson notes. But she does recall the group agreeing that a \$1,000 toaster and \$1,200 meat cutter did not fall within its mandate.

"Everyone offered to sell them their toasters."

Last year, the auxiliary spent close to \$70,000 on hospital equipment and a further \$16,000 on items for Greenwood's.

But the group does more than raise funds, and the multitude of women in pink jackets who tend the plants and flowers, sponsor candy-strippers, and serve tea to extended care patients would be sadly missed in the hospital wards and rooms.

Auxiliary members take a homemade cake to extended care patients each Saturday, prepare tray favours for special occasions such as Easter and Thanksgiving, and ensure each extended care and Greenwood's resident receives a gift at Christmas. It also places magazines in different waiting areas of the hospital.

In addition, the auxiliary organizes the annual Hospital Day in May, providing tours and tea at Lady Minto. The event was formerly known as Pound Day — set on Florence Nightingale's birthday — and saw community members donate groceries and general supplies to the hospital.

Over the past 60 years, names,

faces and costs have altered dramatically, while the auxiliary grew from a small sewing group to an industrious charity organization. But one constant remains: the pink-jacketed women are still bringing sunshine to the people they serve.



VIVIAN DAWSON



MARY WALKER

THRIFT SHOP'S MAGNETIC PULL DRAWS TREASURE HUNTERS

The force is magnetic.

Unsuspecting shoppers roaming Mount's Mall are drawn to the Thrift Shop in dresses, seeking wardrobe accessories, reading material or perhaps a replacement pair of jeans for the pants they just split in the park.

Treasure hunters visit daily. They find almost-new shoes for \$5. They snatch up jewellery and housewares. They know there is wealth in others' "garbage."

Selling used clothing and items that average about \$2, Salt Spring's hospital auxiliary-run Thrift Shop raises between \$350 and \$400 per day. Operated by volunteers, its only major expense is rent.

"The clothes never stop coming in," auxiliary member Mary Walker says. "I have this fear that someday I'll go to town and there'll be all naked people standing around."

Walker knows just how many clothes come through the store because every six to seven weeks she and her husband drive a large Heritage Rentals truck full of about 400 garbage bags of excess clothing to Goodwill Enterprises in Victoria.

"That's the stuff Goodwill can use that is surplus to our requirements," auxiliary president Vivian Dawson says. "Anything that

hasn't sold in the past six weeks (here) is cleared out."

The auxiliary uses a room in the hospital to store excess items — when the room is stuffed, the Walkers and some male auxiliary members load up the truck.

"The first time we did it, people

at the ferry terminal thought we were moving," Walker recalls with a smile. "We didn't say anything."

Auxiliary members believe the Thrift Shop's forerunner was a hospital rummage sale, operated for the first time in 1936 from the

basement of a Lower Ganges Road home.

According to archival accounts, sale day saw customers lined up for the 10 a.m. opening. At 3 p.m. organizers arranged a "bag sale," selling off bags of clothes for 50 cents each. A requirement for

guests attending an after-sale party was to wear "rummage" purchased that day.

"There were some truly outrageous outfits," says Dawson. Islander Buzz Brown arrived dressed as a ballerina, complete with pink tutu.

The rummage sale became an annual event, eventually spawning the Thrift Shop which moved to its present location in 1979. Today, some 70 volunteers take turns manning the store or sorting through bags of donations, averaging a half-day of work every week.

"It's hard work sorting through those bags," Walker says. "And we do get our fair share of disgusting stuff."

Some material donated to the Thrift Shop is ridden with dirt or mold, the women say. And the auxiliary must pay to throw it out.

"But a lot is washed and ironed. There is no reason for anyone to be poorly dressed on the island," Dawson says, noting that much of the shop's merchandise is of high quality.

Visitors to Salt Spring are not immune to the Thrift Shop tug, and last year the store pulled in \$28,000 between June and August. A full house is guaranteed on any wet day of the year.



VOLUNTEER TIME: Ann Leigh-Spencer, left, and Vi Huska are among the numerous hospital auxiliary volunteers who work serving customers and sorting through donations at the island's Thrift Shop.

Photo by David L. Lundy

Students warned not to leave valuables in unsecure lockers

By NEILL ARMITAGE

Driftwood Contributor
Parents should be aware that the lockers at GISS are not secure. During the last couple of weeks several students have had their lockers invaded and numerous items were stolen. Until the manufacturer makes the lockers secure, please encourage your children not to leave valuable articles in them. It is also a good idea to engrave some identifying marks into targeted items like Walkmans.

* Next week we will begin the process of informing students and parents about courses being offered in the upcoming school year. We will begin by visiting Outer Islands schools and during the first week in April we will meet with students and parents at GISS. Watch for details next week.

* The booklet describing the many scholarships offered locally

INSIDE GISS

has been out for two weeks now. If you know of a student who should be applying for one of these awards, you may remind them that the application deadline is next Friday, March 29. Since we will also be busy outlining courses to students for next year, it would be very wise for scholarship applicants to complete the applications early — especially if they expect assistance from one of us.

* Students who are considering studying at the Victoria College of Art can get more information about this school by phoning 598-5422 or by reading through the brochure that Liane Watson has in the counselling centre. The brochure describes several courses

including two weeks of classes for 13-17 year olds during the month of July.

* Applicants to BCTT who have high academic records and good records of participation in school and/or community activities should be aware that this school is offering up to 60 awards of a full year's tuition. These are the President's Entrance Awards. If you want more information about these, call (604) 432-8249.

* Pitman Business College is also providing several scholarships to graduating students — 10 at \$1,000 each. The deadline for submitting applications is March 31. Phone 1-800-665-4064 for details.

* Liane Watson now has several application forms for students who wish to apply for one of the 20 \$500 scholarships being offered by the Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia.



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Grade 12 honour students announced

Following is a list of Grade 12 Gulf Islands Secondary School students achieving honour roll status during the second report card period.

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Louigi Addario-Berry, Ani Aloian, Eric Baker, Christine Bergsma, Shawn Braiden, Katherine Butkus, Daniel Byrne, Michael Campsall, Kristi Charish, Kathryn Fowles, Natalie Gardner, Adrienne Ho, Rebecca King, Kelly Laing,

Peter Locke, Kristine Lyon, Shena Martin, Scott McCaughan, Elise Morel, Shannon Sloan, T.J. Scigliano, Sonnen Saito, Julie Spencer, Jean Stacey, Nicole Tanner, Kimberly Tighe, Jazz Tinsley, Eric Vanderweken, Bree Woods.

Omitted from the list of Grade 11 honour roll students provided to the Driftwood last week were Erik Bergstrom and Aaron McCartie.

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Treatments featured at beauty centre open house

Complimentary beauty treatments and celebratory goodies will be offered at a Natural Beauty Centre open house set for this Saturday.

"I didn't get to have a grand opening," said Lee-Anne Archibald, who has run the centre for two months. "So this is kind of in its place."

Three guest artists from Aveda International, a line of products used at the Natural Beauty Centre, will join the centre's regular staff and offer a variety of expertise. One visitor is a make-up artist and another specializes in describing the ingredients found in Aveda products.

Treatments at the open house will include colour prescriptions — an analysis of what

colours compliment different skin tones — stress-relieving shoulder and scalp massages, and mini reflexology treatments.

The centre, located on McPhillips Avenue, will also be offering tea, coffee, snacks and other refreshments.

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TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

MAR. 13: OAPSO Social, Reader Group, Central Hall, 1:30pm.
MAR. 14: SS Weavers & Spinnors, pot luck, Farmer's Inst. 6pm.
MAR. 20: SSI Garden Club meeting, All Saints by the Sea, 7:30pm.
MAR. 21: SS Weavers & Spinnors, open meet in a members home, 10:30pm.
MAR. 22: United Church Women, tea & bazaar sale, lower hall, 2-4pm.
MAR. 25: Lady King Hosp. Assn. general meeting, United Church Hall 6pm.
MAR. 28: La Leche League meeting, Family Place, 7pm.
MAR. 27: South SS Residents Assoc., AGM, Fulford Hall, 8pm.
MAR. 27: Seniors for Seniors, celebration for spring, 2pm.
MAR. 29: New Adult Guardianship Legislation Forum, All Saints by the Sea (upper hall) 8:30-11:30, 1:00-4:30.
MAR. 30: Message the Media Film Festival, All Saints by the Sea, 9:30-4:30.
APR. 17: SSI Golf & Country Club, AGM, SSI Golf & Country Club clubhouse, 8pm.
APR. 18: IODE Luncheon and Fashion Show at Harbour House Hotel.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

* Seniors & Alzheimer's support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
* Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
* Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
* Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
* Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd. 7-8pm.
* Core-Im Committee Meetings, Core-Im on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
* Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
* Macintosh User Group Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm (1st & 2nd Wed. ea. mo.)
* O.A.P.D. Lorie's tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
* SS-Panthers Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downstairs, 10:30-1:30.

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



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EVERY THURSDAY

* Salt Spring Weavers & Spinnors Guild, 10:30-12pm.
* Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
* Seniors for Seniors regular Thurs. lunch at noon, reserv. are essential.
* SSI Wheelie Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.
* Social Dancing, Anglican Church Hall, 7-9pm.

EVERY FRIDAY

* Fulford OAP #180, bingo 2:00pm.
EVERY SATURDAY
* Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
* Core Im volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

EVERY MONDAY

* "Bendomons" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 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.
* Tastes Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
* OAPSO #22 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
* Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am.
* Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.
* Story time, library, 8:30am.
* Life Drawing, Windfall ms., library, 1:30pm.
* French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (except last Monday of the mo.)
* Ganges Residents Assoc., Mahon Hall, 7pm.
* (1st Monday of the mo.)
* Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.

EVERY TUESDAY

* Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
* Seniors chg. practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
* Air rifles, Fulford Hall, 7:30pm.
* Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 8:30pm.
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BACK IN TOWN: Male hummingbirds have arrived back in the Gulf Islands after enjoying an extended vacation in Mexico. Their female counterparts will arrive in about three weeks.

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Annual meeting held

Conservation drew 30 people to Beaver Point Hall March 7 for the first annual general meeting of Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

On the executive for the coming year are president Maureen Milburn, vice-president Fiona Flook, secretary Anne Richardson and treasurer Susan

Evans.

Board members are Nancy Braithwaite, Ailsa Pearce, Bob Weeden, Doug Wilkinson and Dorothy Morrell.

A meeting highlight was a presentation by Ann Hillyer of the West Coast Environmental Law Research Foundation.

Swallows return early

Swallows appeared on Salt Spring Wednesday.

Evelyn Lee of Fulford reported the sighting, which

she said came 12 days earlier than last year.

The first report of a hummingbird was last Tuesday.

Put out your feeders and enjoy: hummingbirds will stage show

By LINDA CANNON

Driftwood Contributor

The male rufous hummingbirds are returning to the Gulf Islands after their annual winter holidays in sunny Mexico.

Once the little guys zoom in, they'll have about three weeks to rustle over territory before the gals arrive.

Travelling and fighting burn up a lot of energy. Please put out your feeders now if you haven't already done so. Remember, one cup of white sugar to four cups of boiled water is all they need. Don't use brown sugar, honey or food colouring. It isn't necessary and may be harmful.

Once those feeders are out, you can sit back and enjoy the air show. Hummingbirds are famous for their flying ability. Unlike most birds, hummers can rotate their shoulder joints, permitting them to turn their wings completely over on the fore-stroke and backstroke. This makes them into living helicopters. They can hover, dart sideways, fly straight up, down and backwards.

The scrappy males are really fun to watch, for they spend most of their time pugnaciously defending their territory or relentlessly courting females. The latter consists of a screaming jet flight straight up with a drop dead turn and a spectacular dive right under the nose (er... beak) of the intended.

The females pay attention to the courtship display, too. Their teeny heads following the pendulum are just like they're at a tennis match. ("There goes Harold again. He's cute, but George has better property, don't you think?")

Mating is brief and may be airborne, with the female join-

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ing in the courtship flight. The females build the nests alone, a fairy cup bound with spiders' silk, and raise the brood by themselves.

Rufous females are ferociously defensive of their feeding and nesting areas, but where food and shelter are abundant, they

may relax the rules and nest fairly close to other hummers. This is true of our house, where over the last seven years we have encouraged a virtual colony.

Once you've met hummingbirds, it's hard not to be impressed by them. Their brilliant flying skills, long and difficult migration, iridescent colour, tiny size and compelling behaviour are bound to win you over.

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- Package #2 Wallace Island Provincial Marine Park - located in the Tricommunal Channel between Galiano Island and the Northern tip of Salt Spring Island.
- Package #3 Gowlland Tod Provincial Park - located on Saanich Inlet between Goldstream Provincial Park and the Village of Brentwood Bay on the Saanich Peninsula. Access via Millstream Lake Road and Wallace Drive.
- Package #4 Cowichan River Provincial Park - located between the Village of Lake Cowichan and Duncan. Access is from Highway 18 or River Bottom Road.

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MANDATORY SITE MEETINGS will be held for packages 3 & 4 only. To be eligible to attend you must have purchased the tender package prior to the site meeting.

- Package #3 Gowlland Tod - meet at the South Vancouver Island District Office April 1 at 10:00 am.
- Package #4 Cowichan River - meet at the South Vancouver Island District Office April 1 at 1:30 pm.

The deadlines for submitting sealed tenders to the above office by 4:30pm (local time) are: Packages #1 & 2 April 9, 1996
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Worms indicate soil condition

Prying a fork full of soil from the garden and finding scores of worms is generally viewed as an auspicious omen. And oftentimes it is; worms can tell us much about our soils.

In 1885 Charles Darwin wrote a not-so-well known book, *The Formation of Vegetable Mold*. This was perhaps the earliest scientific interpretation of how earthworms form, modify and translocate soils (worms can move 15 tons per acre per year according to Darwin). One of Darwin's most interesting observations about these ancient creatures was how different species have developed very different palates.

Here in the Pacific Northwest there are three species of garden worms that are common, all of which you will likely recognize. The first is a rather plump, grayish or light pink-coloured species, *Allolobophora caliginosa*.

If you find plenty of these in your garden then this is a sign that your soil may need some attention. These worms are found in silty or clay-based soils, often poorly drained, with low levels of organic matter. As organic matter decomposes, ammonia is released and this species has a strong aversion to ammonia. Supplement such soils with manure, compost or some similar humus builder.

Another worm common in the backyard garden is a sometimes large, dark red and faster-moving species called *Lumbricus terrestris*. This worm you would expect to find in sandy loam soils with moderate levels of organic material. They will tolerate low levels of ammonia and so finding them is a good sign. Still, these soils should be improved with

organic supplements for productive vegetable gardening.

Finally, digging through the manure or compost pile you will likely find a smaller, thin, red worm known as *Eisenia foetida*. Sometimes called a "manure worm" or "red wiggler," this worm can live quite comfortably in environments which are high in ammonia.

Though it is rare to find this worm in the garden, at least over the long run, if you do find this little mover and shaker, then you can be assured that your soil has all the organic matter it needs. You will also notice that they are very shy creatures and, when discovered, will do a quick disappearing act.

Brown rot on stone fruits

Brown rot was a problem for many fruit tree growers last year and if we get another mild, wet spring then it will likely be a problem this year as well.

It is usually caused by the fungus *Monilia laxa* and is common along the coastal regions of the Pacific Northwest. Early symptoms of brown rot are shrivelled, "mummified" fruit left on the tree from last season, a sudden wilting and browning or blighting of blossoms in early spring, and a gradual dying of twigs and branches. New fruit will develop brown circular spots that quickly increase in size and degenerate into a rot, rendering the fruit inedible.

The best way to combat this pathogen is to ensure that no cherry, plum or peach fruits are left on the tree at the end of the

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growing season and to practice good sanitation and management techniques. Remove any mummified fruit that you do find, prune out any dead branches or twigs and burn the lot. Do not compost. Raking and clearing under the tree will also help.

Spring spray programs should include a fungicide like lime sulphur, benomyl or ferbam (Wilson's Fruit Tree Spray). Spray at the pre-pink or pink, full bloom and petal fall periods. Be aware that lime sulphur can burn foliage if applied after the tree has broken dormancy.

Community garden

A group of local gardeners is interested in organizing a community gardening project. Individual plots will be allocated and thus anyone interested in participating either as a hobby or market gardener is welcome. The group is especially interested in talking with farmers who might have a piece of unproductive land they would like to make available for the project. Interested farmers and prospective gardeners should call Dreia at 653-9326.

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East/west: Shirley Love and Peter Jacques, Ian Thomas and Conhor Hunt, Blanche Poberna and Joan Conlan.

March 12 winners were Fred Struve and Yvonne Sollitt, Helen Shandro and Isabelle Richardson, Lois Johnson and Bill Buckler, Peter Jacques and Steve Somenet.

There are two special games com-

BRIDGE TRICKS

ing up soon. The first includes representation from clubs in Washington State, B.C. and Alaska. It will be on March 26 at 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall. The second is a unit game on April 1 at noon at the Masonic Hall on Lower Ganges Road.

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Faring the Sea

A CELEBRATION OF EROTIC ART

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

I need a dictionary of euphemisms.

How else can I describe the Spring Fever art show in Mahon Hall, and still keep within the polite bounds of a family newspaper?

The show celebrates eroticism in all its guises: romantic, lustful, funny, silly, solemn, explicit, veiled, allegorical, symbolic, playful... overall, a thought-provoking, teasing treatise on men, women and other animals.

The other animals are Bill Rhodes' rooster and cat, dubbed "cock and pussy", a sly joke aimed squarely at the euphemisms obscuring human sex.

Nearly is another cock — er — human-version-of-the-above-noted-rooster, created by Esther Travis. A hands-on exhibit designed for play, it increases in length when its bulb is squeezed. As Travis shows, sex can be silly.

More fun with paper are Patricia Balsor's rounded wall sculptures of lovers, which have an endearing naked innocence, akin to that of an infant on a bearskin rug.

"Everybody has a little different take on what is meant by eroticism," says Michael Robb, one of the volunteer organizers of the show.

It can be romantic. Jan Sharkey Thomas's Weaving Rainbows is a symmetrical symphony of entwined bodies against a blaze of radiating colours. Her faux bronze sculpture of linked lovers is as graceful as a sonnet while Diana Dean's Afternoon Tea with Raja resounds with richly-shaded Renaissance romance.

It can be seamy. Travis turned to canvas to create an image of a hooker backlit by a diner's neon sign advertising take-out.

It can be tender, as in the few lines of Terri Reid's untitled sketch which capture both the gentleness and delight of love, or Nancy Van Patten's lovely ceramic sculpture of a woman nursing a child.

Much of sex exists in the mind — a concept deftly illustrated by Melissa Searcy's head sculpture with a nude woman sprawled in the cranium — so show organizers expect every visitor to react differently to the various images displayed.

"My own view of the show is that it's fairly conservative," noted David Borrowman, another of the coordinators. Although not quite a show for all ages, it is unlikely to offend adults or older children.

Robb said many of the contributing artists do not normally deal with erotic subjects. "You have to switch gears," he said. "Most of our daily work doesn't deal with eroticism."

"It bares your soul," observed Rhodes.

How much soul — or body — to bare was raised at the first organizing meeting for the event last fall.

"Everybody has a little different take on what is meant by eroticism"

Mindful that the show would be open to the entire community, the organizers asked contributing artists to stay within legal and provincial community standards guidelines.

These prohibited the use of childlike images in a sexual context; violence such as sadomasochism or bondage; and several types of deviant sexual activity.

"The original meeting expressed the pious hope that the art would be tasteful and loving," Borrowman said.

However, the guidelines drew some fire once the Spring Fever show was linked with other Eros '96 events.

"The writers' group (members), specifically, were concerned that our guidelines amounted to censorship, which they philosophically oppose," Borrowman explained.

But the art show organizers felt

their event had a different focus than the writers' presentation, which was in part aimed against censorship.

"Our show was a community show, theirs was a political event," summarized Nicola Wheston, another volunteer organizer. She added that some of the works did "touch on" the community guidelines but none were eliminated from the show.

Two of Wheston's own works are among the more graphically explicit in the show — one showing a nude man and one focussing on a woman's breasts. But both so clearly celebrate the human form that there is no hint of lewdness.

Wheston finished the male image so close to the show that the painting was still wet on opening night. But she wanted the strong male image to counter-balance the many female images in the show.

Among the most striking of the female images is Tracy Stibbards' photograph of a naked woman, kneeling and belted with kelp, which blends the textures of skin, stone and seaweed.

Textural magic is also wrought by Ron Cooke's coloured pencil statements on fashion and sexuality. Chief among these is a woman's net-gloved hands clasping her own breasts.

Robb delves deeper into similar territory. His painting Peer Pressure — a work as bright and flat as a billboard — satirizes the link between the sexual cultural icons of the '60s and consumerism.

A sharply contrasting perspective on sexual culture is Chris Arnett's Creation. A Maori-style painting, it illustrates the stylized intercourse between sky-father Raki and earth-mother Papa which creates the cosmos.

Islanders who want to see the acts of creation by the 54 participating artists have until Saturday. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mahon Hall today, tomorrow and Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.



WORD PLAY: Caught between a pussy and a cock is artist Bill Rhodes who created both works for the Spring Fever celebration of erotica at Mahon Hall until Saturday.

(Photo by Valerie Lennox)



EROTIC EATS: Decked with vegetables, Kevin Wilkie's bread sculpture *Ilith* was one of the more unique creations in this week's Spring Fever art show at Mahon Hall.

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Dance for April fools planned

April fools are coming early this year, with the Full-Tilt Fools Dance at Beaver Point Hall on March 29.

According to organizers, "The dancing fools of Salt Spring are going to have the long-awaited opportunity to dance their hearts out to the best hard-driving dance music of the last 10 years. This will be continuous dance for people who want to be scraped off the floor at 1 a.m."

Music will be of all types: pop, hard rock, techno, reggae, blues, African, get-down-on-your-knees-and-pray and, of course, raunchy (in honour of "erotic month"). The pace will not let up.

The event will feature DJ Paul Anderson of Allnight Sounds with a 1600-watt sound system and lights.

Outlandish prizes will be awarded for the most foolishly dressed, the most exhausted fool, and the most wild-and-foolish dance couple. Prize sponsors include: Alfresco Restaurant, The Tree House Cafe, Harlan's Chocolates, Video Ranch and others.

The madness is being organized by Sunquest Construction and crew as a benefit for ArtSpring. Refreshments will be available.

To make sure dancers get the energy they need, Alfresco Restaurant is offering an additional incentive. Diners on their way to the dance will have 25 per cent of their food bill donated to ArtSpring.

Tickets are \$7.50 (donations welcome) and are available at cetera, Patterson's and at the door. Dancing is from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For information, call Stan Howard at 537-0780.

New play rehearsals under way

Rehearsals are under way for *Gone to Glory*, a comedy set for presentation by Salt Spring Community Theatre next month.

Cast members are Marnee Bellavance, Gayle Siegers, Caroline Address, Dave Kmickic, Julia Hengstler and Carol Soucheau.

Gone to Glory deals with contemporary social issues such as women and aging, poverty and family estrangement in a rural setting.

It is written by Cowichan Valley writer Suzanne Finlay.

Director Hetty Clews says "It offers hope and shows women with the determination to take a second chance when it is offered."

The thing I really love about this play is that the women show a valiant spirit and I think that will have great appeal to the audience on Salt Spring."

Gone to Glory producer is Fred Howell.

The show runs April 17 to 20 at Mahon Hall.

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Musical interlude

Islander Keith MacHattie recently welcomed springtime weather and entertained passers-by with some sprightly music in Centennial Park.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Blues night features popular blues artist

Gary Preston brings his high energy brand of foot-tapping blues to the Fulford Inn this Thursday night, as islander Dave Roland hosts Blues Night at the inn.

As special guest, Preston promises to set the stage for an evening of blues beats. The Victoria musician has been playing the blues since the 1970s, including stints with Geoff Muldaur and John Hammond.

"I bought my first Muddy Waters record when I was 14," Preston is quoted as saying, "and I was hooked on the blues from

then on. But it took the Toronto music scene and the example of people I knew there to turn me from a fan into a blues player."

Preston's harmonica has been heard on T.V. and radio jingles, as well as on recordings; he's been a band leader, sideman and solo performer.

Blues Night at Fulford Inn gets under way at 8:30 p.m.

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Island Video Hits

1. Braveheart.....(-)
2. Muriel's Wedding.....(-)
3. A Walk in the Clouds.....(2)
4. Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.....(-)
5. Assassins.....(-)
6. Brothers McMullen.....(3)
7. Moonlight and Valentino.....(-)
8. Clockers.....(-)
9. Dangerous Minds.....(1)
10. Never Talk to Strangers.....(-)

On Tap at the Pubs

Moby's Pub: ..Sunday Jazz with Lloyd English Quartet, 7 p.m.
.....Wednesday Night Live hosted by Charles Wilton, 9 p.m.

Harbour House (pub):.....Live DJ, Mar. 22-23

Fulford Inn:.....Blues Night hosted by Dave Roland, Mar. 21

Vesuvius Inn:.....Comedy Night, Mar. 27, 8 p.m.
.....Open Stage, hosted by Barley Bros., Mar. 28
.....Alfredo's: Barrington Perry on piano, Fri. and Sat.

Community TV Schedule

Thurs., March 21, 6 p.m.
.....SWOVA's International Women's Day celebration
7:30 p.m......Cyranos

Sun., March 24, 3 p.m......Isle of Views
4 p.m......Women's day celebration
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No programming scheduled for Tuesday, March 26

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FACES OF DEVELOPMENT: Children enjoy lunch at Projeto Alfa in Brazil. The project is funded by World Vision in northeastern Brazil and offers pre-school, two meals a day and

primary education. Similar projects will be featured in a film festival March 30 on developing countries.

Photo by Luke Evans

Films look at developing world

A different view of the developing world, beyond the often heart-wrenching clips from news broadcasts, will be presented through a film festival March 30 at the Anglican Centre.

The seven videos are being presented by the Interchurch Committee for World Justice — or 10 Days Program — in a bid to expand understanding of development issues.

The major film will be *Who's Counting* in which Marilyn Waring, the first woman ever elected to the New Zealand parliament, outlines how she discovered the anomalies of the present global economic and political system. Her commentary is described by organizers as both perceptive and humorous.

Trees, Toilets and Transformation is focussed on ecological concerns common to the people of Canada and those of El Salvador, and how those concerns are being addressed by this small Central

American country.

A brief and revealing history of treaty making between the Canadian government and aboriginal people is presented by *Unfinished Business* while the experiences of two women therapists from Vancouver in Zagreb to help Bosnian women are recounted in *To Hear her Name*.

Who's Afraid of the Little Yellow School Bus shows a caravan, including school buses, taking supplies to Cuba. Part of the caravan was stopped for two weeks by U.S. Customs at the Mexican border.

Efforts being made in Ethiopia to collect and preserve endangered grain seed stocks are described in *Feeding the Future*.

The remaining video, to be shown at lunch time, will be *Images of the Developing World*. This collection of short film clips will illustrate how western media distort understanding of the developing

world.

The film festival will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Detailed schedules giving the time for each film are available at the Anglican and United Church offices, the Fulford Post Office, Sooz Sewing and West of the Moon toy store.

Admission is free although donations towards costs will be welcome. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

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IMPROMPTU CONCERT: Mary Rockliffe conducts the Fernwood school choir Thursday after a photo session outside the school.

Students gave an impromptu recital for the photographers.

Photo by Tony Richards

Fernwood choir noted as 'outstanding group'

Fernwood Elementary School's senior choir received a glowing adjudication at the Cowichan Music Festival earlier this month.

The choir was described as "an outstanding group" and praised for its "fine sound, excellent singing," and the quality of its intonation, musicality, dynamics and three-

part harmonies.

Ninety-three students in Grades 1-5 made the trip to the festival to participate in the elementary school choir "adjudication only" class.

Teacher Mary Rockliffe directs the group, usually comprised of more than 100 students.

Seniors for Seniors plans month-end bash

Seniors for Seniors holds a special event at the end of every month, but has multiplied the number of reasons to celebrate on March 27.

The group's Celebration of Spring party will take care of

St. David, St. Patrick, Easter and even St. George's Day, also known as Shakespeare's birthday.

Plans include an Easter bonnet parade and contest, a piano sing-song with Murray

Shoolbraid, and entertainment by Alex McCauley and the Geriots.

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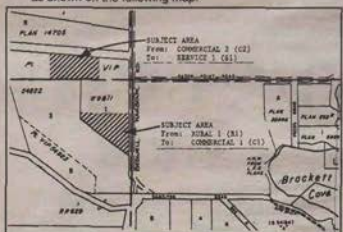
ISLANDS TRUST NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing regarding proposed Bylaw No. 99, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, North Pender Island, 1978, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1995", for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 1996, in the Pender Island Community School, Canal Road, North Pender Island, B.C.

At the Public Hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Bylaw No. 99 - "Zoning Bylaw, North Pender Island, 1978, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1995".

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 99 is to change the zoning classifications of parts of Lot 1, Sections 10 and 15, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan V199811, from Rural 1 (R1) to Commercial 1 (C1), and from Commercial 2 (C2) to Service 1 (S1), so as to permit expansion of the commercial centre located on the same lot, and to permit disposal of commercial sewage, as shown on the map below:



Copies of the proposed bylaw and any reports that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, including statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, March 13, 1996 and up to and including Monday, March 25, 1996.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(a)(v) of the Municipal Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Public Library and on public notice boards, on North Pender Island, B.C., commencing Wednesday, March 13, 1996.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of Islands Trust at the 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H6, so as to arrive prior to 4:30 p.m., March 25, 1996.

2. the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee, at the Public hearing, at 5:00 p.m., March 26, 1996.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Island Trust Planning Branch at 952-4182, in Victoria.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Gordon McIntosh
Secretary

North Pender Island Local Trust Committee

Bank of Montreal celebrates 50 years of Salt Spring service

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Fifty years of helping islanders track their pennies was celebrated Monday at the Ganges Bank of Montreal — with some lucky visitors walking away with 50 free cents for their piggy banks.

While the coins lasted, visitors to the bank's open house each received 50-cent pieces, one cent for each year of operation. The give-away also echoed the pennies given to residents at the grand opening of the bank's current building in 1968.

In addition to handing out free samples of the bank's product, money, the branch celebrated with servings of cake and coffee, a draw for banking services, clusters of balloons, streamers and flowers.

Sandy Gordon, who retired on Salt Spring in 1984 after six years as Bank of Montreal manager, was back in the branch serving cake and coffee to visitors.

Also on hand were Victoria Bank of Montreal vice-president Eric Donald and area manager Bert Robinson plus Dave Green, Steve Somers and Dave Schneider from Nesbitt Burns, an investment firm owned by the bank.

A display of current and historical photographs and news clippings traced the branch's history back to its March 18, 1946 opening day on Salt Spring.

Current manager Cal Mackay notes the bank was the first on the island "by far — 25 years anyway."

Started as a sub-agency, its first home was a front room of the Ganges Inn which could be reached through an outside stairway. It was open two days a week and operated by W.H. Wyand under the supervision of J.N. Taylor, manager of the Victoria branch.

Population of the island at that point was approximately 1,800 residents.

It was not the first effort to bring financial services to the island. In 1946, old-timers could have pointed back to the Merchants Bank of Canada — which Mackay noted was a federal government initiative — which operated in Ganges Harbour from October 22, 1913 to April 15, 1915.

The Salt Spring sub-agency was one of 28 branches and sub-agencies opened by the Bank of Montreal during that year, its 130th year of operation.

In less than three years, on November 1, 1948, the Salt Spring sub-agency was promoted to a full-time branch, moving to new quarters specially constructed for the bank by Mount Brothers Ltd.

The first manager was C. Wilbur Dawson, an accountant from the

was water," Mackay said. Much of the shallow harbour was filled in the following years, creating the land now containing Thrifty Foods, the parking lot and Centennial Park.

"All this land didn't exist before," Mackay added.

The next big change for the branch was in 1968, when a new 2,900-square-foot building was opened. Mackay noted the bank never actually changed location. The old building was torn down and the new building constructed on the same site.

Branch manager Jim Merston arranged an open house to show off the building's features, including air conditioning, five tellers' wickets, fluorescent lighting and a steel and reinforced concrete vault.

The bank is still in the same location but due for another change, Mackay said. Renovations are planned for later this spring. "It will bring us from the '60s to the '90s."

Surviving from the '40s to the '90s is significant, he observed. "I think it's quite an accomplishment, especially for the islands. Not many businesses have been around that long."

"Right up to our back door then was water"

Bank of Montreal's Duncan branch.

Prior to his appointment to Salt Spring, Dawson had worked in Victoria, Oak Bay, Prince Rupert, Penticton and Duncan branches. He had first joined the Bank of Montreal in 1915 but left to fight in the First World War. In 1918 he lost his right leg while fighting in France.

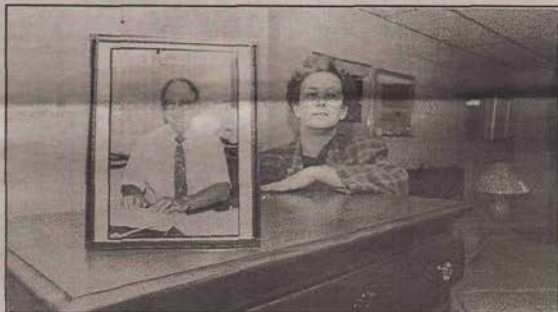
Old photographs displayed at the open house showed downtown Ganges as it would have appeared to Dawson.

"Right up to our back door then



STARTING HERE: Bank of Montreal manager Cal Mackay shows the original building used by the bank in this 1955 aerial photograph of Ganges. The bank celebrated its 50th anniversary Monday.

Photo by Valerie Lennox



Eventually, Mrs. Lovett just had to get rid of the old timer.

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CHAMPIONS: Long distance runners are, back row, from left: Alex Bunyan, Caleb Hartman, Brendan Proce, Stephanie Collette, Jill Speed, Colin Beamish, Suzie Gay, Paul Campsall and Adam Deas. Front: Zach Sebelius, Molly Phillips, Joelle Morrison, Lisa Gardner and Patrick Callas. Missing is George Howard.

Junior boys, Morrison win at championships

By RICHARD BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) distance runners proved yet again last week that they are "the best."

The junior boys team finished first and the girls were fifth at the Vancouver Island championships. Joelle Morrison handily won the junior girls race.

Coming from a successful season in the mid-island league, GISS runners were apprehensive about their chances at the Vancouver Island championships against large AAA schools such as Oak Bay, Claremont, Vanier and Esquimalt.

They were even less confident when one runner was called away to Disneyland, and the water taxi delay from Galiano looked like it would take another away from the team. However, the taxi recovered in time and two Grade 9 boys, Alex Bunyan and Colin Beamish, moved up to complete the junior boys team.

The race was the first of the day held in summer-like weather and the team got off to a great start in a field of 80 runners. On the first lap of three, Bunyan finished ninth, Zach Sebelius took 11th spot and Caleb Hartman was 10th. The question

was: When would the fourth GISS runner cross the line to determine final team points?

On this day the man who came through was George Howard, sprinting in for 35th place with one shoe left somewhere on the course, to give the team a score of 67 points and a first place victory by two points over Esquimalt. Oak Bay placed third.

Paul Campsall, Adam Deas, Patrick Callas and Brandon Proce also got into the action as a second GISS team and the whole squad was delighted with winners' ribbons.

There was a long wait for the junior girls race and the tension was even higher, fuelled by the excitement of previous races.

Over half of the 50 runners in a strong field had competed at the provincial level, but the GISS runners refused to be intimidated. To the shock of the home supporters, Morrison came away from the start with race favourite Kim Harper well behind in second place and the rest of the field trailing. Morrison never let Harper close the gap and was a worthy champion.

Strong running by jolly Molly Phillips, Jill Speed, Lisa Gardner, Stephanie Collette and Suzi Gay brought the team home in fifth place.

Slugs cruise to easy shutout victory

By ANDY NAUMANN
Driftwood Contributor

The Slugs may not yet be ready for prime time TV but they were ready for the Peninsula Prime Timers at the Panorama rink on March 11.

After just a few minutes of sparring with them, the Slugs' lines of Bernie Reynolds, Pete Huser and Todd McIntyre, and of Pat Akerman, John Procter and Andy Naumann started turning up the heat on a team that was having an off night. Paul Sinclair and Claude Deschamps were paired on defence; Kevin Porteous had Deadstop as his partner. Derek Topping, between the pipes, was trying to stay warm, making imaginary saves.

Who scored first is lost in the annals of history but he made it look easy — so easy that everyone started to relax and play a free-wheeling brand of hockey, moving the puck around almost at will, having fun for a change. Steadily, and throughout the entire game, the score mounted in the Slugs' favour.

Everyone was involved, contributing a pinpoint pass, creating havoc and scoring chances in the Prime Timers' zone, much to the chagrin of their beleaguered goaltender. By the end of the second period the score was 10 or so to 2 or so. Reynolds, who was loaded for hunting bear, banged in three, one as he nosed into the ice. The third was heard in downtown Sidney.

Throwing caution to the winds, the Slugs rearranged their lineup

SLUG TRAIL

for the third period. Porteous took Procter's place up front and Deadstop, who wasn't having any luck deflecting the puck behind Topping, was assigned Reynolds' position on the first line.

What a sight to see: Deadstop barreling across the Prime Time blue line to receive a pass from McIntyre and firing the puck low and hard into the far side of their net! Topping cheered, for good reason. Huser just shook his head in disbelief, having been short-changed by goalposts and disallowed goals again last night.

With the help of a map and a calculator, we were able to figure out on the way home in the Island Launch that besides Reynolds' hat-trick everyone got a rat-trick, except Deadstop who scored one goal and Procter, Deschamps, Topping and Huser who scored none. Everyone got more assists than Dan Akerman did, even Topping who got one of Porteous's first.

The Slugs' next contest took place Saturday night. Usually, they're relaxing on the couch with a pop or two watching their heroes perform in a big city somewhere far away. Any exception to a well-worn routine can sure shake a team up, for better or for worse. The five Slugs in the van boarding the Vesuvius ferry that evening at 7:30 were certainly shaken — where was every-

body?

The Tin Man (alias blank-shooting Pistol Pete) was out being lubricated; Deadstop was out on the far west coast on a break-away (we'd told him a goal-scoring clinic was being held on Long Beach). Pat Akerman's handy cellular managed to roost Topping and Porteous who caught the next ferry, making a grand total of nine players eventually assembled in Lake Cowichan to face the Mill Bay Saints.

Having no goalie for the first 10 minutes, the fast-thinking Slugs substituted a pylon that didn't have to make a single save, as well-defended as it was. Topping was almost jealous. As it turned out, he didn't have to make many himself (seven, he said) during a shortened hour-long game.

Most of the action was in the Saints' end or ended there after end-to-end rushes by Deschamps, Rod Chalborn (still wearing his slider) or Sinclair, who opened the scoring just that way.

Their goalie managed to stop all but six or seven or eight of them (there was no referee, no scoreboard and the Slugs somehow lost count, too). It didn't matter in the end (except maybe to those who failed to pad their stats) because the Slugs cruised to an easy shutout victory despite being out-manned, and took the absence of the no-shows in stride.

And, for a change, everyone got all the ice time they wanted. Even Dan Akerman.

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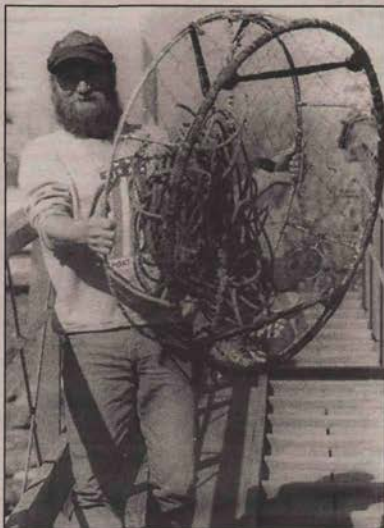
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Heading out to sea

Bruce Twentyman carries crab trap down the ramp at the Ganges government wharf. Twentyman was helping load crab traps on the Welbury Bay crab boat.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island skier competes in event at Kimberley

Salt Spring's Kevin Waldie is in Kimberley this week competing at the provincial 13-level ski championships. He qualified for the three-day, Midland Walwyn-sponsored event along with three other Mt. Washington Racers team members.

Racers coach Stan Hanson says Waldie is aiming to crack the top 20 in Kimberley. Waldie is entering the

competition following 13th and seventh-place finishes at an earlier Mt. Seymour slalom event.

Hanson says Waldie is even better in giant slalom and has shown steady progress this year.

"Waldie has yet to reach his full potential. A technically-sound skier to begin with, his size and strength make him go fast."

Margaret Baker 202, Deanna Marleau 215, 229, Sylvia Ryles 268, Mary Walker 256, Shirley Bunyan 217, Madge Bate 211, Wendy Mosop 293, Tweddle 140.

Wednesday evening: Caroline Anderson 235, Dennis Anderson Jr. 226, Jim Pasuta 222, 215, Bill Baker 207, 234/629, Rob Minville 214, Danny Bedford 251, 212/632, Brian Hartley 246, 273, 228/747, Mike Kitchen 216, Lois Kaye 281, 320, 202/803, Steve Marleau 313, 261/772, Bill Baker 253, 271, Rob Minville 220, Danny Bedford 299, 207, Julie Bedford 205, Lorraine Toller 203, Lois Kaye 219.

Golf ladies: Macky Cooper 211, 223, 321/755, Becky Armstrong 203, Mary Kirkpatrick 226, Ruby Webster 224, 203, Connie Hardy 202, 254/605, Lorraine Toller 221, 221, 249/691, Jean Haines 209.

The Golf ladies championship team was June Webb, Shirley Parsons, Becky Armstrong, Mary Campbell and Thelma Cary.

Legion league: Ron Cunningham 332/675, Ron Stepanuk 221, Doug Sykes 226, 200, Shannon Bochner 223, Bob Graham 233.

Friday p.m. seniors: Mary Baker 201, 239/617, Neil Herbert 205, Jack Godwin 220, Anne Ishbister 210, Gene Graham 210, Catherine McFadyen 240, Bruce McFadyen 208, Ken Robinson 204, Gordon Parsons 205.

HIGH ROLLERS

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

Whenever you see an 800 game triple in this column, it signifies a wonderful thing. This person's name goes up on our permanent board to look back on in future years.

This week, Lois Kaye from the Wednesday p.m. league had that honour. Come and see whose name you recognize from this year or 20 years ago.

Following are high scores in league play last week.

RCMP: Brenda Opel 207, Mary Anne Bernwood 205.

Circus league: Glenn Hewitson 240, 271/651, Ken Barnes 209, Gene Graham 261, Lindsey Dover 214, 202/603, Ron Cunningham 225, Marjie Radford 203, Bruce Marshall 226.

Tuesday a.m. seniors: Goodie 204, 234, Helmut Losch 230, John Richardson 204, Jack Godwin 207, Rita Brown 233, 202, Madeline Jory 201, Eike Gear 208.

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Junior boys kick off season

By RICHARD BENNETT

Driftwood Contributor

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) junior boys soccer team started its season last week with two hard games on consecutive days.

Against Cowichan Secondary in Duncan the boys were always in control but failed to find the net until a clumsy push in the back on Travis Kennedy in the box allowed Mandu Goebel to slot in the penalty. Visibly relieved, the team then dominated play and a further goal came from Goebel followed by two from Steffan Bond for a 4-0 victory.

Kennedy, playing his first match for a number of years, was "man of the match."

The following day on the high school field, visitors were the strong Brentwood College side. The standard of play was much improved from the previous day and the GISS boys felt aggrieved to go behind when they thought they had played the offside trap to perfection.

Scoring chances for both sides were few and far between but the game was played at a fast pace and the tackling was hard. Tom Langdon and Mike McNair led the

way with determined performances, and the rest of the team members gave their all. Pressure by the Brentwood players caused our defence to hurry its clearances and our forwards never really played wide enough to come around the strong opposition defence.

In the final moments, the GISS team pushed everyone forward but still could not make a decent scoring chance.

The team's next matches are on March 27 and 28 on the GISS field against Duncan Christian and Mount Prevost, respectively.

Salt Spring Centre School wins tourney

Salt Spring Centre School won the first-ever primary girls' basketball tournament in the final played Thursday at Fulford school.

The centre school beat Salt Spring Elementary 12-10 to win the championship.

Five teams entered the tournament, which ended a seven-week season for the Grades 3, 4 and 5 students.

Salt Spring Elementary beat Fulford and the Fernwood No. 1 team to get to the final. Salt Spring

Centre School defeated Fernwood No. 2 and then had a bye.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Tuesday, April 2, 1996

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

PLACE: Saturna Island Community Hall

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By MALCOLM LEGG

Driftwood Contributor

Old Boys 2/Victoria Orcas 3
The Old Boys of Salt Spring faced their greatest challenge Sunday — with a win over Orcas the lads could have found themselves in first place in the Over-30s B division.

Yes! This writer means those Old Boys you have laughed at all year. The same ones you find lined up at the Pharmacia (one of our proud sponsors) every Monday morning looking for Ibo-profen, Deep Ice, crutches and Tylenol. The same lads that you will meet on Thursday nights at the Harbour House Hotel (a second proud sponsor) recounting the many great feats they have all achieved.

For the lads this game meant attaining very lofty heights, but it also meant a lot of hustle, determination and hard work — hence the pre-game warm-up consisted of

Old Boys face tough challenge: did they want to win this game?

much imbibing of Geritol, lathering of A535 and several players were even noticed jogging, yes jogging, before kick-off.

This pre-game ritual seemed to work as the lads started fast (something this group of Old Geezers rarely does) and by the 10-minute mark were up by one as Ziggy Karl hammered home a 20-yard shot past a bewildered Orcas goalie.

Could it be? Were the lads on their way to a divisional tie?

But one bigger question loomed over the lads — do they want to win and move to the A division next year? It was a question that seemed to be answered as the game progressed.

It started late in the first half as an Orcas corner kick was banged by Drew Lindsay past a stunned Jack Braskin in goal. (There were rumours that Lindsay did not want to play A level because he might have to chase players as fast as himself.)

Then to start the second half the Old Geezers put Graham Twiddle in net, which would have looked suspicious to any Old Boy follower.

Amazingly, the Old Boys regained the lead, although it looked like Karl tried to duck the ball and it accidentally struck his head and went in off a corner kick by Doug Pearson.

Orcas seemed to sag at this point, allowing Salt Spring numerous

scoring chances, but time and time again the Old Boys suspiciously missed what looked like sure goals.

Darryl "The Cat" Lister missed two glorious close-in chances, Karl fanned on a cross, Alvaro Sanchez mis-kicked a six-yarder, David Norget missed on two clear break-aways and even Peter Bantel missed on a break.

Then there was more intrigue as Steven Legg limped off the field with a mysterious injury with only 10 minutes to go — moments after the Orcas had tied the game. Things were looking fishy.

But the stretch got worse, because with only two minutes to go the Old Boys' defence parted

like the Red Sea, allowing an Orcas winger in on goal. This shot was weak but our saviour was weaker and victory was theirs.

Did the lads throw the match? Think about it. Where was goalie Henry "the Legend" Brask? Rumour had it that several Old Boys had him out late on Saturday night and he overdozed on chocolate cake. Others say he has a fear of ferry travel (the sight of a white-cap causes him to start rambling about being a striker and scoring goals).

Where was ace striker Chris Cottrell? One rumour had Karl telling him the game was in Nanaimo so that Karl could win the scoring title. (Hmmm!)

Thrown or not, the lads appeared to have achieved their goal this season to win lots of games, play some great soccer, not move to the A level and create lots of good articles for this writer.

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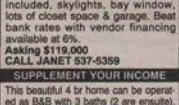


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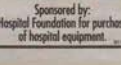
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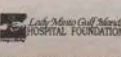
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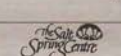
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20 H.P. MARINER outboard, fresh water use, excellent condition, \$1250.00. 537-1540 or 537-1950. Also, don't want for rent.

REWARD: Sealpoint, (dark brown), slamese cat missing since Sunday March 17, Cedar Lane, Mansfield/Robinson area. Beloved pet, 13 years old, mainly indoors, not street wise and probably afraid of people and other animals. Was wearing a red collar with I.D. Answers to name, "Rico". Please help me find her and check your sheds and garages in case she is locked in. Call 537-5694 anytime.

GARAGE/BAKE SALE: Saturday, March 23, 10am-2pm, 190 Long Harbour Rd. More stuff.

RIDE TO Calgary or Edmonton 1, 2 or 3 people. Shared driving and cost. Approximately, April 1, 537-4266.

NEW ADDITION, 10' x 20', 537-1809

FREE KAYAK trout Saturday, March 23, 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. See Otter Kayaking, Sales, Lessons, Tours, Rentals, 537-5678.

DON'T FORGET! Natural Beauty Centre, Open House, complimentary treatment and more, all day, Saturday, March 23.

WATCH FLOOD: In Centennial Park. Describe to claim at Parkside News.

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PARENT/TEEN CONFLICT: Single issue or total communication breakdown. Trained mediator. Confidential. Gordon, 537-2092.

GARAGE SALE: March 23, & 24. 8a.m.-1p.m. No early birds please. 199 Old Divide Road. 1985 GMC Pickup RV. 537-4442 after 7p.m.

RUM RUNNER: one of only 2 on coast. \$3,1000 o.b.o. Call Gary evenings 537-9148, Thurs.

HAVE A beautiful lawn this year. Good rates, good service. Call Bob 537-2725.

ORGANIC NATURAL foods buffet, available only at Crescent Moon, Open Monday-Tuesday, 11a.m. - 7p.m. 537-1960.

FRANKLIN WOOD burning heater, great for shop, comes with some pipe, \$100. Free, assorted bicycle parts, and get them. Free, 1987 Chevy II, come and take it away.

Electric organ, two levels of keys \$1000 o.b.o. 1985 F-150 4 x 4, \$5,500, 8 cyl, dual tanks, 537-4458.

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DO YOU have an empty room, garage or studio. Small business needs clean work space. Prefer the south end. Call Elaine at 537-4239.

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OXBRIDGE GRADUATES/For Donor: Do you know the date of the Second Annual Salt Spring Island Oxford And Cambridge Boat Race Dinner? If not, phone 663-4403.

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\$2900 - IDEAL insulated artist studio, 24' x 8' on skids, vaulted ceiling, finished workbench, pine with three large picture windows, looking door and separate bedroom area. Call Jim 537-1019.

FOUND: SET of keys on Millview Drive on approximately March 18. Owner may claim at the Driftwood office.

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NEARLY NEW Crane toilet (bone) \$49. Full size propane barbecue with tank \$49. Call 537-1019.

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1985 TRAVEL TAUROS fifth wheel travel trailer with a piece of bathroom, new way fridge, propane furnace and large awning. Kept under cover, \$7000. Call Jim 537-1019.

TRASH TERMINATOR. Any junk hauled. Landscaping, yard, demolition clean up. All in One Contracting. Turn used building materials into cash. Senior discount. Chris 663-9283.

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MATRESS LOST on highway near Swartz Bay. Believed rescued by banded mail carrier, coloured Jeep Cherokee, Licence # 5GK777. Badly needed. Please call Karen 663-4589.

THE JOB Squad is back!! For your lawn maintenance, lawns, painting, etc. Call 537-5703.

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DISTINGUISH HAIR: Shampoo, cuts, \$15. Firms \$50 includes cut. I work from home at #1-127 Valhalla Rd. Please phone for appointment at 537-2967 with Monica.

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Disposable lighters 10 for \$4.99. Other miscellaneous items. Store hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 21-23, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Next to Driftwood Classifieds.

Workshops, seminars and courses of all kinds in the Coming Events category of Driftwood classifieds. 537-9333

Seasonal activities set for Easter weekend

By GAIL TRAFFORD

Driftwood Correspondent
Easter weekend is approaching quickly and plans are being put together by various island groups for seasonal activities.

Saturday will be the busiest day of the weekend. Beginning in the morning the Narvaez Bay Trading Company will hold its annual customer appreciation day and barbecue. Owners Pip and Derek Woodcock use this celebration to say thank you to their many loyal customers who have patronized the store during their management.

This event is co-hosted by the Lions Club, whose members will barbecue burgers and hot dogs donated by the Woodcocks. Proceeds will be used for local projects. Make sure to drop by and enjoy lunch and support this endeavour.

The Easter weekend wouldn't be complete without the Easter Bake Sale. The Women's Service Club and the Parents' Advisory Council have again joined forces to produce some of the finest baking in the west.

The sale will be held at the community hall from 1 to 3 p.m. This is an hour earlier than previous years. Don't be late because a line-up usually forms at the door and baked goods sell out quickly.

Club members are trying to remedy the shortage of pies

SATURNA NOTES

experienced every year. They have planned a pie baking week at the community hall to produce lots of fresh-baked pies.

Isbell Elliot has timed the sale of pies in the past. For several years the pies all sold in about four minutes. Last year the group made several extra pies and they took eight minutes to sell out. This year the group hopes to make enough pies to last at least a quarter of an hour from the time the doors open.

Tea in the fireplace room is an island tradition at the bake sale. A sample of goodies will be served with tea. A raffle and a cake walk will also be available to your entertainment. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to the children's activity fund and to Women's Service Club projects.

St. Christopher's Church will hold an Easter vigil service at 4 p.m. Saturday. This family-oriented celebration can certainly be described as active worship. Everyone is invited to bring bells for the event. This service will have about the same lines as the Easter celebration held last year. Everyone is encouraged to come out and celebrate Easter with the

Saturna congregation. Look for the flyer in the mail.

Pat Ropars is on the lookout for crabs for the Lions Crab Fest, the final event for Saturday starting at 6 p.m. This deluxe, dress-down dinner has become an annual event on Easter weekend. The menu includes crab, rice, salad and dessert. Half of the fun is in eating the crab without wearing it or spattering your neighbour.

Admission is \$15 and limited seating is available so pick up your tickets promptly.

The Community Club needs volunteers to act as officers for the coming year. Nominations are open until April 1. Forms are available at the post office or from past-president Pam Janszen at 539-5150.

Darrell Jones has stepped down as chair of the OCP review steering committee. He will continue as regular member and Pam Janszen will take over the chair.

The committee is now shifting through the task force reports

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and work has begun on a draft plan.

The next committee meeting will be held March 31 at 12:30 p.m. at the community hall to peruse the economic development task force report. Anyone may attend these public meetings and speak, but voting privileges are reserved for elected members.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL

Southeastern Highway District

In accordance with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Act, Section 45(1), sealed tenders are invited for the following:

Location: South Island District

Description: Traffic Control "As and When Required" to March 31, 1997 within the South Island District, including: Victoria, Sooke, Port Renfrew, Lake Cowichan, Cowichan Valley, Chemainus Valley, Cobble Hill, and Salt Spring Island.

Sealed tenders, completed in accordance with the Conditions of Tender on the forms provided, will be received by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways at 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5K8 until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on March 29, 1996, when tenders will be opened in public. (Fax revisions to the tendered amount must be sent to: (604) 952-4514).

A security deposit/surety bid will be required (in accordance with the Conditions of Tender).

Tender documents, complete with envelope, plans, specifications and conditions of Tender are available from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, South Island District, 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5K8 at a COST of \$16.00 + GST + PST = \$18.24 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays.

Where required, payment for contract documentation shall be made by cheque or money order, finance payable to the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. All purchases are non-refundable.

For further information, contact John Marriot, A/District Highways Manager, at (604) 952-4515, or fax (604) 952-4514.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Southerner to head up North Galiano group

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For a number of years the Galiano Club (based in South Galiano) has been led by Sue Friend of North Galiano. Now a South Galiano resident, Emily Switzer, has been elected president of the North Galiano Community Association.

She was elected at the northern group's recent annual general meeting, along with Bill Patterson who is the new vice president, Irene Howard the secretary and Ellen den Holder the treasurer. The five directors are Miriam and Ted Bings, Brian Cowperthwaite, Peter Hansche and Walter Roos.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Mel Turner, manager of planning, south coast region, Ministry of the Environment, Lands and Parks. Turner coupled his talk here with a meeting earlier in the day with a group of seven association members who will soon commence mapping for the parks branch in the Bodega area, noting prominent and unique features, plants and trees. It will become resource material for any future development of the area.

In his talk at the general meeting, Turner told the association that the Bodega lands have not as yet been dedicated to the parks branch and until they are nothing will be done to develop them. He has the feeling the area will remain a wilderness park as that seems to be the will of most Galiano people. The general feeling expressed by those at the meeting was for an area accessible to all, so dedicated access is considered important.

Access through private lands was discussed, with Turner mentioning that dedicated trails through private lands are being sought. He stated that the parks branch would assume liability insurance coverage on any access trails from landowners and land tracts are other possibilities, he continued.

After Turner's address the association's business meeting was held, starting with a report from president Nancy Davidson and followed by others from the treasurer, Geoff Bonser and Ted Waterman, fire chief.

Waterman stated that 1995 was one of the volunteer firemen's quietest years since the department was organized, there being no house fires reported and no major bush fires. The crew was, however, called out to several auto accidents where extrication equipment was thought to be required. The construction of an equipment trailer to go with the Jaws of Life is now complete, Waterman reported. The meeting confirmed Waterman as fire chief for the coming year.

In his financial report, Bonser showed a healthy balance of funds. The total was down from his 1995 report because of expenditures required to put a new metal roof on the hall last summer.

At the conclusion of the reports an honorary life membership in the association was awarded by president Davidson to Aini Hakki. From 1980 to the present, Hakki has been a very active member supplying, free of charge, flower arrangements for every occasion. Home baking, another Hakki specialty, has always been available for the asking, as has been her work in the kitchen for the Burns Suppers, the July 1 Jambores and many other events.

Retiring members of the executive Nancy Davidson (president), Connie Gray (secretary), Geoff Bonser (treasurer) and long-time directors Arne Hakki and Harold Wike were thanked for their years of service. The latter two have

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served for a long time — Hakki since 1980, and Wike during the early '70s and then again from the late '80s to the present.

Membership secretary and archivist Alistair Ross concluded the business meeting with an update on the saving of the Race Point lighthouse. The salvaged portion of the tower — the lantern — is now safely stored and will remain where it is until a museum society is organized to take over its restoration.

They are back

With the flowers on our native red currant bushes about to burst into bloom, locals thought it must be time to find their hummingbird feeders and get them filled and outside once more.

Before this could be done however, one little fellow was on site, checking out the spot where a feeder had hung last year. The date was March 14, right on schedule.

Other birds were spotted on Devina Drive several days earlier we understand. Spring is here again.

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Under the Charter of Rights we as citizens of this country have been granted very specific rights. The right to: 1) Privacy, 2) Security of Person; 3) Cultural and Social Identity. Further in the Charter we have the right to present injustices to the crown and when such violation of our rights has been made known to the Supreme Court, the laws, bylaws, and ordinances which obstruct our rights must be made void and our security of person restored.

The violation of our right I wish this day to inform you of is: The Enforcement of the National Building Code.

Presently the Building Inspection department of the Capital Regional District of Victoria is violating our rights to: Privacy; Freedom of expression; Individual, social and cultural identity and Security of home and person.

The manner in which the building codes are being enforced has removed our rights to free choice, has destroyed our private property rights and denied us all, as parents, the ability to protect the health and safety of our children.

How may we as citizens feel any sense of trust in our Authorities when they knowingly ignore our basic rights. The principles of a democratic society are based on the respect of the individual's rights, and the opportunity of all to exercise free choice of lifestyle, cultural and social identity within the boundaries defined by a constitution made of and for all of the people.

I would ask that you recognize the manner in which these rights are being violated. As a home owner presently constructing a home for my family and as a builder of twenty-three (23) years experience, I am aware of the present requirements set forth in the building code. In almost all areas of construction from foundation through to finishes, I am required by law to use highly toxic chemicals and further, plastic vapour barriers which force containment of these chemicals within my indoor environment. Science has validated at least twenty (20%) percent of our citizens show allergic reaction from exposure to formaldehyde, pentachlorophenols, poly vinyl chlorides and other such chemicals now common in building materials. There is now so much information available to the public to support the dangerous effects these toxins have on our bodies, that most people live in fear. Through the ignorance of those who develop the building code, we are assigning cancer, asthma, emphysema and a host of immune deficiency diseases to ourselves and our children by no more than adherence to the building code.

Under the present code, I must use the required chemical agents or risk being fined for bylaw infractions, not have my permit

approved, and possibly losing my financing because of a non-conform status placed on my file. These types of consequences are forcing people to live in toxic homes that would not be built if the homeowner had the right to freedom of choice, privacy and lifestyle as granted to us in the Charter of Rights.

Further I would like to point out that inspectors who rely solely on the manufacturers' recommendations have not the faintest idea if these recommendations are being met or exceeded not only in our homes but in all public buildings as well.

How may we with any confidence, place our children, our seniors and ourselves in enclosed environments, entrusting their health and well being to a set of recommendations set forth by the manufacturer without any testing whatsoever by the inspectors and institutions that endorse those buildings as safe for our habitation.

The Canadian Standards Association has for years been funded directly by the Corporations who are to profit most from the sale of these chemicals. I would say to you as trustees of the health and safety of our citizens that you all through what I hope to be ignorance, have in fact placed the Fox in charge of the Hen House. The department of health will attest to the alarming rise in breast and lung cancer. Also the fastest growing areas of medicine today are Immune System Disorders. How may we as a Society address the escalating costs of Health Care? When through such ignorance, those same Public officials are directly responsible for the problem.

Let the alarm bells ring across the land, should our leaders choose not to recognize these obvious violations of our basic rights. I have no doubt the disintegration of this our nation is at hand. Please open your hearts and your eyes to this dire circumstance immediately as each day this continues our children's futures are being destroyed.

I ask each and every person to demand your rights. Sign this letter along with me. Together we can make a future for all to be proud of. OUR CANADA, TRUE, STRONG and FREE.

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School dancers won at Cowichan music festival

Thirty-five years ago

Local dances cleaned up at the Cowichan Music Festival in Duncan, taking three trophies for folk dancing. The Grade 6 dancers scored 85 points and won the intermediate class cup for their performance of a Korooshka. The Grade 8 team and Grade 9 team both danced the Sicilian Tarantella, with the Grade 8 score of 87 points winning the cup by two points over the Grade 9 team. The senior high school group took the trophy in their class with a performance of the Neapolitan Tarantella. Students were directed by Mr. J. Wickens and Mrs. D. Fraser. Almost 80 Salt Spring students participated in the competition.

Thirty years ago

Fears that Ganges would lose the main wharf at the end of the causeway were laid to rest with the release of plans showing the wharf would be rebuilt. The new structure would be 50 feet shorter at the sea side, measuring 130 feet long, and the present shed would be moved 50 feet north.

Plans for the Lions Club's Pioneer Village project had been approved and construction was expected to start within weeks. Prince Rupert Sacred MLA William Murray was guest speaker at the Lions Club dinner meeting. He reviewed the history of parliamentary procedures.

A large crowd of spectators and racers turned out for the annual pancake race sponsored by the ladies auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion. Jack Evans won the race for the perpetual trophy. In the previous year's race, Evans had lost out by dropping his pancake just before he crossed the finish line. After the race, participants and spectators were served a pancake lunch by the auxiliary.

Twenty-five years ago

Administrators from throughout the Capital Regional District toured the island, taking a close look at the local hospital and island development. Chairman Hugh Curtis said the tour was an attempt to give directors a better sense of conditions on Salt Spring.

A Salt Spring man reported waiting almost three months for

unemployment insurance (UI). Despite paying into the program, he had not received any money. Other islanders in the same situation had given up on UI and applied for welfare, which was paid promptly.

Fishermen on Galiano were protesting the introduction of wharfage rates on island wharves, many of which were described as being in poor condition. Fishermen had used the wharves for 50 years. The introduction of the fees was estimated to affect 26 boats.

Twenty years ago

A 25-year-old man who had lived on Salt Spring for three or four months was picked up by Victoria RCMP on a Canada-wide warrant. He was wanted by police in Richmond and Toronto for conspiracy to traffic in narcotics. A warrant had been issued for his arrest in Newfoundland two years earlier.

Regional director George Heinekey outlined a plan to extend the sewer area of Ganges in order to spread the estimated \$1 million cost of the facility. The first area to be sewered would be between Embe Bakery and Lady Minto Hospital but the system would eventually be extended to cover all properties within a one-mile radius of Ganges.

Islanders contributed more than \$2,500 to a Guatemala earthquake relief fund, initiated by island churches. Chartered banks also accepted contributions as did the Canadian Red Cross in Victoria.

Equipment and tools valued at \$5,000 was stolen in an overnight break-in to the B.C. Hydro substation at Trincomali. Ganges RCMP were investigating the theft.

Fifteen years ago

North End Road was closed for two days by the second slide of the winter. A tree came down with the slide, tangling power lines and leaving the north end of the island without electricity for approximately four hours. Highway foreman Ken Stevens estimated the slide dumped 450 to 500 yards of dirt on the road.

Enrolment at Salt Spring Elementary School had surpassed the school's capacity of 323 students. By the end of February, enrolment had reached 367 students and principal Tom Watson was predict-

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ing serious problems unless the overcrowding was resolved.

Ten years ago

Islanders were being surveyed on whether the community should purchase an option on 5,000 acres of MacMillan-Bloedel property. Land developer Murray Cyprus offered his purchase option to the community after his development plans were attacked in a brief by NDP riding candidates David and Carol Vickers. Cyprus had said the land could be developed into between 180 and 200 lots.

Gulf Islands school trustees

were asking Victoria to make up a \$300,000 to \$400,000 shortfall in the 1986-87 budget. Board chairman Lorraine Campbell said the board would ask taxpayers to cover the shortfall if the government did not come through with extra money.

Five years ago

Almost 400 people turned out to a public hearing on Galiano to debate controversial bylaws proposed by the Galiano Trust Committee. One bylaw restricted the use of forest-zoned land to managed forestry practices only, the second set minimum parcel size in the forest zone at 20 hectares (50 acres) from 20 acres and the third eliminated residential building on all lots owned by MacMillan Bloedel. The

bylaws had been introduced following the announcement that MacMillan Bloedel planned to sell its property on the island. The forest company opposed the bylaws.

Saunich and the Islands MLA Mel Covert resigned as provincial finance minister, saying he could no longer support Premier Bill Vander Zalm. The premier was being investigated over the sale of his Fantasy Gardens property in Richmond.

A cut of 2.2 per cent in provincial funding for education hit the Gulf Islands school district hard, costing an estimated \$1 million in lost revenue. Schools superintendent Mike Marshall said the cuts hit the islands school district harder than many other districts due to the cost of operating eight schools on five islands.

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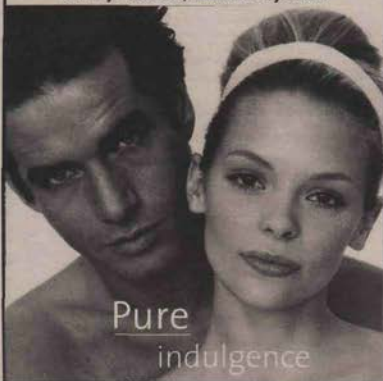
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