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Delay welcomed by local health officials

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A provincial government delay in implementation of regionalized health care under the 'New Directions' program is welcomed by those involved with the process on Salt Spring.

"We're quite upbeat. We don't mind the breather," said Eileen Hunter, chairwoman of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Board.

Provincial Minister of Health Joy MacPhail put implementation of the program on hold June 21. A message to the regional health boards advised the groups that while the program is being reviewed, they cannot finalize amalgamation or affiliation agreements; make staff or resource transfer agreements; pass bylaws governing operation of the council; establish the required labour-management, medical and health service provider advisory committees or employ senior administrators.

Hunter expects the regionalization process will continue once the new health minister has become familiar with the issues and some

of the outstanding questions have been resolved.

Among the unresolved questions are how facilities which serve all of B.C., such as the Vancouver-based B.C.'s Children's Hospital, will be governed under a regionalized system; how to resolve disputes between local health councils; and the legalities of handing responsibility for patient care and doctors' credentials to a group outside the hospital.

On Friday a meeting is to be held in Victoria between Ministry of Health officials, chairmen of the health boards and senior staff to discuss the progress of the New Directions program.

"We really did need more time," said Jean Taylor, Salt Spring's representative on the Southern Gulf Islands Community Health Council. "It's business as usual."

Like Hunter, she expects the process will continue once the government re-assessment is completed. She points out the local

HEALTH CHANGES 4

Possible overboard spurs massive search

Reports of a splash and a body seen floating beside the Spirit of Vancouver Island prompted a massive search of Active Pass Friday night.

Just before 10 p.m. three passengers told the ferry crew they believed someone had just jumped from the ferry. The ferry was stopped, the Coast Guard notified and two rescue boats lowered into the water near Enterprise Reef, just off Village Bay on Mayne Island.

Ganges Coast Guard received the call at 9:55 p.m. and headed out in the Skua to join the search. Small vessels at the scene joined in

the search as did the Mayne Queen, the Queen of Vancouver, the Queen of Cumberland and the Queen of Nanaimo.

"It was light when it was reported," said Ganges Coast Guard coxswain Sid Jones. By the time the Skua arrived on the scene at 10:30 p.m., it was dusk. A Buffalo aircraft and a Labrador helicopter joined in the search and dropped flares to light the water.

At 12:45 a.m. the Spirit of Vancouver Island left the search and completed the trip to Swartz

FERRY SEARCH 2

Mill Farm subjects extended one week

Knots in the stomachs of many islanders awaiting the fate of the Mill Farm will remain for at least one more week.

An unidentified buyer for the 160-acre parcel has received a one-week extension to obtain financing for it.

Subjects on the offer were supposed to be removed by July 1, but the petitioners of the court-ordered sale have granted a one-week extension.

"Right now everything is on hold," said Mill Farm realtor Arvid Chalmers.

When and if the subjects are removed, a court date to sell the property — likely to the highest bidder — will be set. The communally-held land is on the market for \$1.3 million.

Because there is an estimated \$1.9 million worth of timber on the property, some islanders are concerned it will be purchased by

MILL FARM 2

Youth slashed by beer can

An 18-year-old Salt Spring youth was "extremely upset" after being hit in the mouth with a beer can as she walked along North End Road.

According to police, the young woman was walking near Stark Road at 1:34 a.m. Tuesday morning when the passenger of a passing vehicle stuck out a beer can and sliced her mouth.

She went to Lady Minto Hospital where she was treated for lacerations.

RCMP Constable Gerard Choquette described the incident, which appeared intentional, as "totally ignorant."

"She was extremely upset over what happened," Choquette said.

The suspect vehicle, thought to be a newer model, red Chevy Sprint, may have had up to five passengers in it.

Police are following a lead which they hope will result in charges.

Canada Post's ventures warrant serious debate

Philosophical questions about the way government operates are not likely to be considered by Prime Minister Jean Chretien and his Liberal administration in Ottawa, at least not in public. There is danger that the musings which would come with such deliberation might find disfavour with electors, and that's definitely something to avoid at all costs.

It's a pity because the cost of such bland government can be high in terms of inefficiencies.

Canada Post probably operates one of the best postal services in the world, and has earned for itself an international reputation. It's simply amazing that one can send an envelope anywhere in the country for only 45 cents.

And generally speaking, the speed with which that envelope will be delivered is something quite marvellous. (There are exceptions. An envelope mailed recently from Fulford Harbour to Off the Waterfront Gallery never

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reached its destination because it bore the gallery's pre-urbanization address, with the old postal code. It was returned to sender — "no such address." Yet the gallery sits immediately adjacent to the Ganges post office.)

There are, however, some deficiencies in the way Canada Post Corporation operates and they have little to do with moving the mail in a timely fashion. They were considered serious enough to warrant a government review of the corporation, a review that held a series of public hearings earlier this year.

Courier companies and newspapers were among those who lobbied hard for the review because they're the ones against whom

Canada Post is competing.

The philosophical question then is this: Should government or its agencies such as Crown corporations involve itself in ventures already being pursued by the private sector?

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers obviously thinks so. President Darrell Tingley described Canada Post as a "public sector success story." He's right. One can't help but feel good about a government operation that goes from losing almost half a billion dollars per year (in 1981) to posting profits in four of the last eight years, as Tingley points out.

But at whose expense are those profits being made? The post office is heavily into the courier business — it is, after all, in the business of delivering things, and federal governments in the past decade or more have been insisting that the corporation pay its own way.

It is also heavily into the flyer business, as every wasted-paper-conscious householder

knows. But flyers are — make that used to be — a significant source of revenue for newspapers as well. The growth of retail chains has been accompanied by the increasing use of flyers as a replacement for print advertising in newspapers. Having lost that advertising, newspapers are understandably going after the flyer business.

To my mind, governments should not be attempting to deliver services in competition with private interests. Tingley holds "public sector efficiency" in high regard, but the private sector will almost always do it better.

But that's not really the point. It is simply not fair that government should compete against its own citizens. Just as B.C. Ferries ought to be subsidized as part of the province's transportation network, Canada Post should receive the tax-supported funding necessary for it to deliver letter mail. It should not be in competition with private enterprise.

Fireworks and fire without works demand Coast Guard's attention

A bang wound up a busy week for the Ganges Coast Guard, as members helped with Canada Day celebrations by towing the fireworks barge out into the harbour and keeping other vessels clear of the spectacular display.

But fire without the works drew the Skua crew out at 12:20 p.m. Canada Day in response to a Mayday from the 42-foot wooden pleasure craft Shalom IV. The boat was in the Saanich Inlet, off Brentwood Bay, with four people aboard when a fire broke out in the boat's engine room.

A passing boat rescued those aboard and the auxiliary vessel Hardy, first on the scene, attempted to get the fire under control, with help from the Skua. Also on the scene was a navy vessel.

The coast guard was also called out at 10:43 p.m. Saturday to check out the Pearl E, a 43-foot wooden trawler which had gone aground on Hawkins Island. There was no damage to the boat, which was floated off at the next high tide.

The coast guard also checked the boat to ensure there was no danger of oil or fuel leaking into the water — a check which is now a standard procedure for the crew.

Just before 2 p.m. Thursday, the Skua left Ganges in search of a 22-foot pleasure craft with five people on board which had lost its propeller after striking a rock off the northeast corner of Portland Island. The boat was found being towed into Fulford Harbour by another craft.

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a logging interest.

In the meantime, a highly successful art auction and literary evening held last Saturday night at Beaver Point Hall raised an estimated \$19,000 for the Mill Farm.

About 150 people bid for more than 40 paintings, carvings, books and pottery at the event, which

organizer Roben Doobenen described as "meeting our highest expectations."

The Salt Spring Conservancy, which sponsored the event, is collecting pledges and donations as a show of community support for purchase of the property as park land.

The Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy has offered to pay one-third of the price for the farm.

FERRY SEARCH

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Bay, where witnesses were interviewed by RCMP.

The witnesses noted they had heard a splash and then looked overboard to see what appeared to be a body with long hair floating beside the ferry. None of the witnesses had seen anyone jump from the ferry. Nor could they tell if the body was male

or female.

Meanwhile the search by the Coast Guard continued until 2 a.m. No body was found.

No car had been left on board the ferry and, as of Tuesday morning, no missing person reports had come in which could be linked to anyone on the ferry, Sidney RCMP reported.

The case has been turned over to Pender Island RCMP.

FOR THE RECORD

You cannot have Strawberry-Orange Frost without strawberries.

The recipe published last week in Terra Tepper's What's Cooking column neglected to state that three pints of strawberries are required. The omission was due to a typesetting error.

BRIDGE TRICKS

Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club winners on June 18 were Cassie Cherniwchan and Yvonne Sollitt, Lois Johnson and Bev Howard, Conhor Hunt and Ian Thomas, Helen Shandro and Isabelle Richardson, Derek Arnold and Bryan Dawson.

June 25 winners were Helen Shandro and Isabelle Richardson, Norah Stone and Bill Buckler, Yvonne Sollitt and Peter Jaquest, Jill Evans and Lois Johnson, Ian Thomas and Conhor Hunt.

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Vivian Guinevan, in the foreground, and Christina Rainsford direct trucks, traffic and tourists during last week's barge unloading process.

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Island man acquitted of impaired driving

A Salt Spring man successfully defended himself in Salt Spring provincial court June 25 against charges of impaired driving and refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

According to testimony at the trial, James Vince Delaney lost control of his Chevrolet Impala, landing in a ditch at the intersection of Stark, Robinson and Walker Hook Roads. The accident occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m. May 1, 1995, and police constable Robert Doyle arrived on the scene five minutes after the accident report came in at 12:38 a.m.

Doyle testified that Delaney said he swerved to avoid hitting a deer and went into the ditch. However, based on an odour of liquor on Delaney's breath, his slurred voice and slight swaying on his feet, Doyle concluded Delaney was "moderately impaired."

He invited Delaney to come to the Ganges police station for a

breathalyzer test, although he did not make the formal demand until Delaney was at the police station.

The man initially complied but after arriving at the station and calling for legal advice, he refused to take the test.

Delaney pointed out he had been slightly injured in the accident, noting that police had later taken him to hospital. He suggested the symptoms which Doyle identified as indicating impairment could have resulted from the accident.

MacKenzie found that Doyle had erred in not reading the formal breathalyzer demand at the outset, before taking Delaney to the police station. This nullified the charge of failing to take a breathalyzer test.

MacKenzie said he believed Delaney had consumed alcohol that evening but said there was not enough evidence to prove Delaney was legally impaired.

Vintage boat at Fulford

Do you sing happy birthday to a boat?

Do you serve cake or caulking? Where do you put the candles?

Those are the issues owner Cal Annis of Cowichan Bay will have to resolve before bringing the Onaway I "home" to Fulford Harbour Saturday for the wooden boat's 60th "birthday party."

The date is the 60th anniversary of the boat's registration and Annis has planned a combined reunion and birthday party for those associated with the craft. Coming are Michael Ken of Nanoose Bay, a former Salt Spring resident who rebuilt the boat, and Kathleen Horsdal on behalf of husband Valdy, who owned the boat from 1976 until 1981.

Also expected to attend are boats (with owners) which like the

Onaway I are members of the Vintage Vessel Registry of the B.C. Maritime Museum.

The gathering starts at the Fulford Marina at 4 p.m.

Court will decide if guilty plea means forfeiture or restitution

Whether two youths charged with doing more than \$8,000 damage to a Salt Spring home should escape paying restitution in exchange for guilty pleas to a related offence will be decided between Crown counsel and defence lawyers before the youths' next court appearance July 16.

Defence lawyer Richard Schwartz objected when Crown counsel Martha McNeely recommended restitution June 25 during sentencing before Judge Brian MacKenzie.

Schwartz pointed out the two youths had pleaded guilty to breaking into the home and to theft but did not plead guilty to charges of mischief. Before guilty pleas were entered, he had understood the Crown would not be seeking restitution for the damage.

McNeely told the court that the home was entered through a broken side window between October 1 and 11. Some items, including a stereo, were stolen and windows, paintings, dishes, a banister rail and furniture were broken.

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A victim impact statement cited the owners' loss of personal security in their home and noted that after the break-in was discovered, one of the owners suffered a heart attack.

The owners also had to pay a \$500 deductible on their insurance, face a 20 per cent increase in insurance premiums and have a security system installed in their home.

Although the victims were not seeking restitution, the insurance company was, McNeely said. Given the \$8,289 damage to the home and the history of the two youths, she asked for three months' custody and restitution.

"There's a considerable amount of wanton damage to that residence," MacKenzie said. He agreed to order restitution if requested by McNeely.

But Schwartz argued the home had been left open to others after the break-in. His client denied doing all of the damage, he said, repeating that the guilty plea had only been entered on the charge of breaking, entering and theft.

McNeely withdrew her request for restitution but invited the judge to impose some form of compensation, at which Schwartz asked the judge for an adjournment of sentencing.

MacKenzie said he could not sentence the youths until the restitution issue was resolved. The case was adjourned until July 16.

Also in Ganges provincial court:

• A 16-year-old youth was given an absolute discharge by MacKenzie after pleading guilty to possession of marijuana. The youth was searched by police just before 11 p.m. April 20 in Ganges and four marijuana joints were found in his pocket.

He told the judge he has no criminal record, is living at home and attending school.

RCMP REPORT

A mother and son team have been charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Police received information regarding a "suspicious odour of freshly cut marijuana emanating from a vehicle," said RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette.

The pick-up truck was pulled over on Long Harbour Road last Thursday, where police found 42 potted marijuana plants, a small bag full of pot and a hash pipe concealed under wood in the box. Choquette said the plants were about 29 inches high.

A 52-year-old woman and her 34-year-old son, both Stewart Road residents, have been charged under the Narcotics Act.

In other police news:

• There were no injuries or accidents but a lot of tire squealing and fast-paced travel in a police chase through Ganges on Sunday night.

The incident began at approximately 11 p.m. when a black Mustang was spotted on Lower Ganges Road with its exhaust system dragging on the road.

When police pulled up behind the Mustang, the driver took off at a high rate of speed.

Police followed the vehicle as it travelled through parking lots, down a one-way street the wrong way and through stop signs — with tires squealing and speeds reaching 90 kilometres per hour.

The car eventually pulled onto Fulford-Ganges Road where it travelled at speeds of up to 130 kilometres per hour before smoke started pouring out of it. It pulled to a stop on Don Ore Road.

A young Victoria driver has been charged with dangerous driving. He was accompanied in the car by his younger brother who lives on Salt Spring.

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All is quiet on Bullock project as developer awaits permits

Development of 36 acres of Bullock Lake is becalmed, according to Salt Spring Island Village Resort co-owner Brian Hauff and Salt Spring Trust Committee member Grace Byrne.

Although the proposed 123 unit project was expected to be completed last month — according to projections in August 1995 when units were being pre-sold at the Pacific National Exhibition — Hauff is still waiting for the building permits he sought last

November.

"We're just sitting doing due diligence," Hauff said last week, adding that the permits will not be issued until all government agencies have given their approval.

Also becalmed is a proposed Trust committee bylaw which would rezone the property to Rural from Commercial 4. If approved, the rezoning would limit development of the property to seven units — one for every five acres.

Byrne said the Trust committee

has received comments on the bylaw from government agencies and is now waiting to hear back from Hauff before proceeding further with the bylaw. "Becalmed" is a good word. Nothing is happening," Byrne said.

Hauff thinks real estate agents are still "soft selling" the resort units but said he does not know how many units have been reserved by potential buyers. The property is owned by the Hauff family.

CRD grant will aid non-profit groups which work to clean up environment

Non-profit groups which seek to clean-up their communities may benefit from a new grant offered through the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The district has approved a new funding program which supports non-profit and non-government groups which make visible environmental improvements to their commu-

nities through organized clean-ups.

Financial support is available for projects which "achieve visible environmental benefits" and "encourage environmentally responsible behaviour."

Funding of \$1,000 per project per year is available on a first come, first serve basis.

All projects must occur within the Capital Region and

include the clean-up, rehabilitation or enhancement of the natural environment at one or more of the following areas: marine shorelines, ditches of roadsides (excluding highway litter clean-up areas funded by a highway maintenance contractor), lakes, creeks and harbours.

Application guides and forms can be obtained by calling the CRD Hotline at 604-360-3030.

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council, being smaller, is perhaps more successful than some councils set up in urban areas.

"I'm not surprised by the announcement," said Salt Spring Community Services executive director Jane Parlee. Although she is not on the health council, as director of an organization which offers health care services she has been following the process closely.

Once regionalized health care is in place, community services will have to apply to the regional council for funding to support the mental health and the alcohol and drug counselling services which it offers to the Gulf Islands.

"I think there are many questions which need to be answered

before we do the transfer," she said. Many of those questions came up during May's election campaign. Parlee noted the Liberals opposed New Directions and gained substantial support in the polls, forcing the New Democrats to take a second look at the program they initiated in 1992.

Hunter said the delay in New Directions was discussed at the June 25 hospital board meeting and at the Greenwoods annual general meeting Wednesday night, where the guest speaker was Helen Evans, chairwoman of the Capital Health Board.

Evans has said the Capital Health Board will continue to work towards regionalization without crossing into the areas prohibited by the minister's direc-

tive. Following the directive, the transfer of community health authority from the Capital Regional District to the health board was delayed to December 31 from August 31.

The Southern Gulf Islands Community Health Council has cancelled some meetings on amalgamation of services, pending the ministry's review.

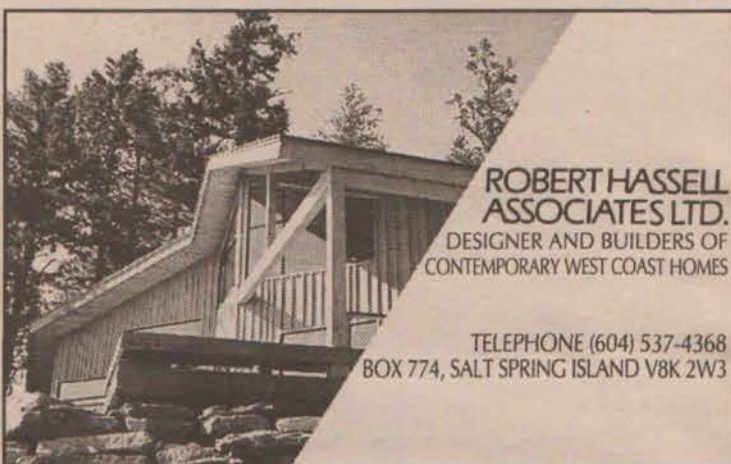
Hunter pointed out that amalgamation of facilities like Greenwoods Intermediate Care and Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was advocated before the advent of New Directions.

"Regardless of regionalization, we should be looking at this as a community to provide the continuum of health care which is best for the people in our community," Hunter said.

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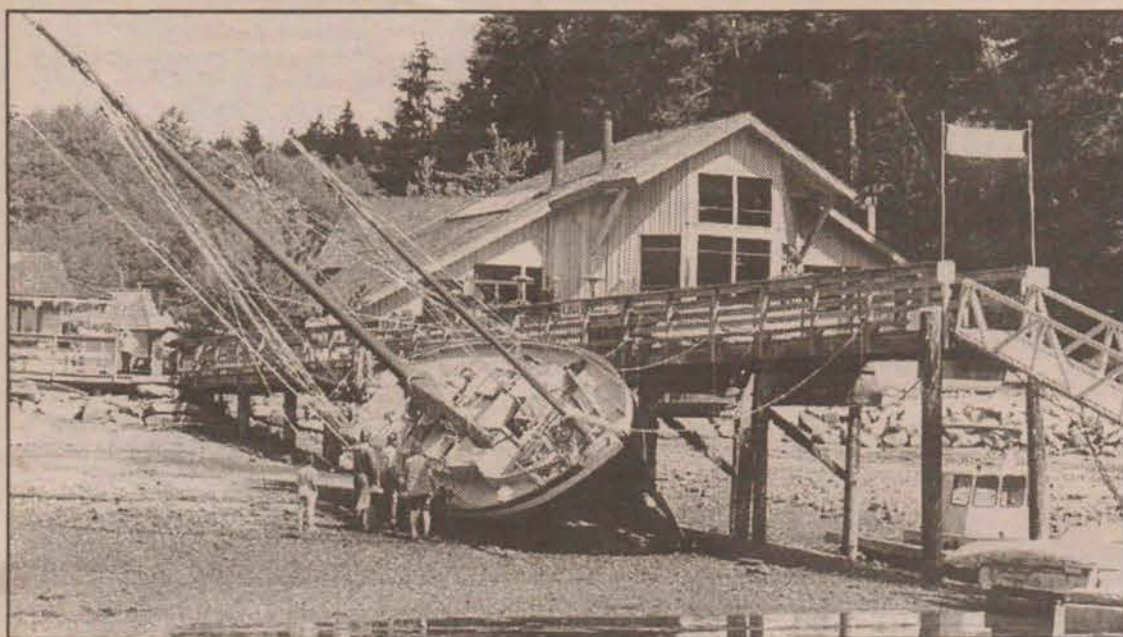
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Drop-in hours change

Family Place has changed its drop-in hours for the summer months.

Drop-in times for the family centre in July and August have been reduced to Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

A beach ball on the door means coordinator Ragnhild Hildred and drop-ins have gone to Beddis Beach.

Although the drop-in hours have been reduced, counselling by appointment is still available throughout the week.

In other Family Place news:

- Confirmation of federal funding, plus a \$5,000 grant from the Capital Regional

District has ensured another year of programming at Family Place.

- A cooperative child-minding program for children aged 17 months to four years is in the works for next year.

Hildred is working toward meeting all CRD health and safety regulations for obtaining a child-minding licence.

In order to make the program work, parents are needed to exchange volunteer child-minding time for duty days.

An organizational meeting has been set for Monday, July 8 at Family Place, beginning at 1 p.m.

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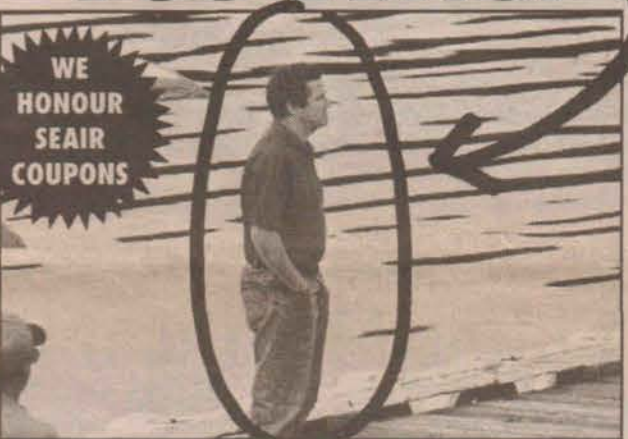
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A \$50,000 reduction in the projected budget is secretary-treasurer Ken Starling's year-end wish for the Gulf Islands School District.

At last Wednesday's board meeting, Starling said he hoped the deficit would only reach \$250,000 instead of the maximum of \$300,000 in the budget. However, he pointed out some items — such as pay-outs resulting from arbitration over

Secretary-treasurer hopes deficit won't reach maximum \$300,000

class sizes — had not been dealt with.

As of the end of May the budget showed a \$36,500 deficit. Starling said there are a number of large expenditures which occur at the end of the school

year.

He asked trustees if his month-by-month report monitoring the district budget — initiated after the district unexpectedly ran up a large deficit the previous year — had been useful.

Trustees asked him to continue with the reports. Charles Hingston suggested more money be allocated in the budget to the end of the year, given the additional expenses at that time.

In a bid to save money,

trustees agreed to switch to Westel for the district's long-distance telephone calls. Starling estimated the change would save the district \$6,000 to \$8,000 annually.

The district could easily return to B.C. Tel's service if necessary, he said. "It's a flick of a switch."

Trustees backed the change for a year and asked Starling to report back on any savings.



Moving madness

Jim Lightfoot's Grade Five class moved from portables into the newest wing at Fulford Elementary School last week. With only a few days left at the elementary school — the

youngsters graduate to the middle school in September — they wanted to be part of the new facility.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

School board tours new addition at Fulford Elementary School

Forty parents, some with wheelbarrows, turned out June 24 to help students at Fulford Elementary School move from portable classrooms into their newly renovated school.

Before their board meeting Wednesday, trustees visited the school. At the meeting, chairwoman Allisen Lambert praised the work done on the school. An official opening will be held in the fall.

Trustees also approved a new report card format for the school on a one-year, pilot basis.

Superintendent Mike Marshall said the new format will convey more information to parents on their child's progress at school.

Trustee Charles Hingston noted the new report cards combine a checklist with written comments.

In other school board news:

- Use of a portable classroom already on the grounds of Fernwood Elementary School was approved by trustees for the 1996-97 school year despite an anticipated cost of \$7,000.

- Secretary-treasurer Ken Starling said the additional classroom space was required due to anticipated enrolment at the school. However, the cost will have to be borne entirely by the district, with no extra financing from the Ministry of Education, since the projected enrolment does not exceed the official capacity of the school.

- Pushed off-track by the proposed school district amalgamation, work on a board policy to deal with parent complaints and harassment of teachers will continue next fall, Lambert said. Gulf Islands Teachers Association (GITA) president Larry Field had written a letter to

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the board asking that policy work begun in December 1994 be continued.

- In the wake of a recent school bus hijacking in the Okanagan, bus drivers from School District 64 asked to have video cameras operating in school buses at all times. The request was referred to the board's operations committee.

- A review of school district hiring procedures has been requested by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). At issue is how people get on the substitute list and thus gain seniority, secretary-treasurer Ken Starling explained. Trustees

agreed to CUPE's request for a task force to review the issue and directed Starling to bring terms of reference and recommendations for such a task force back to a future board meeting.

- Starling also said he would be working with the Salt Spring Lions Club to arrange appropriate transportation to and from school for a student in a wheelchair. He noted there are four students in the district who could require wheelchair-accessible transportation but only one needs transportation for the coming year.

- Up to \$4,000 was approved to convert three smaller classrooms in Gulf Islands Secondary School into two. Starling said the conversion could be reversed at any time and the changes will allow more flexibility in using the space.

Marshall finishes 14-year job

His 267th official school board meeting was outgoing superintendent Mike Marshall's time to say goodbye.

At last Wednesday's meeting, Marshall noted it was the last one at which he would sit as Gulf Islands district school superintendent.

He seized the chance to thank all of those "who make contributions to children," including the trustees, district staff and parents.

"There is no more dedicated group of teachers and other professional support staff," he said. He also praised fellow staff members Ken Starling and Pat Mullen for their help over the years.

He noted recent years have not been easy ones for the district and said he hoped the district could continue to count on support from "all those people who really make it work."

"It's hard to imagine 267 board meetings," board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said. She expressed appreciation for Marshall's efforts over the past 14 years.

In September Marshall will be principal at Pender School.

New superintendent Andrew Duncan is expected to take over effective August 26. Lambert said the next board meeting will be scheduled when Duncan is available.

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Money delays GISS telecommunications link

The pieces are in place to bring telecommunications to Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) but there isn't enough money to fund the connection.

School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said B.C. Tel has offered to connect the school — which was constructed with internal fibre optic wiring for computer communications — via microwave and a fibre optics line to the school.

Even if the school is linked to B.C. Tel's community connections network free of charge, Lambert said the deficit-strapped district cannot afford the ongoing costs of the connection. B.C. Tel has offered the connection at 25 per cent of the commercial rate, she noted.

At present, the district is working with the Ministry of Education and Camosun College on a pilot distance edu-

cation project which Lambert hopes will provide enough additional funding to allow the telecommunications connections as part of the project.

"A window of opportunity has opened up," she said.

But not everyone agrees the district should go through that window. Lambert's report on the project at the June 12 board meeting drew comments from both the Gulf Islands Teachers Association (GITA) and the District Technology Steering Committee.

GITA president Larry Field reminded the board that the distance education project would fall under the definition of tech-



Lambert

nological change in the collective agreement, so GITA would have to be notified a minimum of 90 days before distance education was implemented.

"This would begin a process of negotiation with the association (GITA) over problems arising from implementation," Field noted.

He also felt the district's technology steering committee should be kept aware of any technological initiatives being considered by the district. He was surprised to hear at the June 12 meeting that the committee and other "partner groups" had little information on the project.

Should the project be approved, he suggested the committee should determine how appropriate it would be for the district.

Bruce Stewart, chairman of

the technology committee, praised the project as a "timely and positive idea" following a presentation to the committee June 24.

However, he wondered how the project would help students in the district's middle and elementary schools since distance education appears geared to secondary and post-secondary students.

"If a considerable amount of what is going to be offered appeals to a post-secondary clientele, how does that fall within the mandate of the board, understood to be focussed on the delivery of K-12 education?" Stewart asked.

He also wondered if the project would include Internet access in addition to video links.

His major concern was the possible \$15,000 required from

the district in order to finance the project.

"The amount of district support called for may seem to be a pittance when compared to what we would receive from outside the district in equipment and services, but when taken from our minuscule technology funds (\$34,902) for a project that appears to be narrow in its student focus, we are dealing with a recipe for resentment from those involved with existing programs in need," Stewart said.

Lambert said the district will not be able to make arrangements for any telecommunications, Internet link or distance education with any supplier until funding is found.

She noted there would be another meeting with the technology committee to discuss the distance education project.

Budget guides technology planning

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Rapid change and a tight budget make planning for technology tough in the Gulf Islands School District.

So said Bruce Stewart, chairman of the District Technology Steering Committee, in his presentation to the school board last Wednesday.

"There are no guaranteed funds. There's not one cent of guaranteed money," Stewart said. In addition, rapid changes in technology make it difficult for the committee to plan future upgrading of district technology programs.

Stewart said Internet access was discussed extensively by the committee. At present, schools have access to the Internet through the Community Learning Network but there are only five lines serving the entire district, so it is very difficult to get on-line, Stewart noted.

He added that some schools have been given free trial accounts by Dwight Jones of Imagen, an island-based Internet service provider.

But committee members recommend against a district-wide contract

for Internet access given the shortage of funds and the pending development of a provincial learning network by the province.

Instead, the committee suggested individual schools use their own funds to purchase Internet access from a service provider. No school should enter into a long-term contract since new developments in telecommunications are expected during the coming year.

Since software and Internet access can be considered resource material, schools could use up to 20 per cent of their learning resources budget to acquire Internet access, Stewart said. "We stepped back and said 'go it alone for a year but be careful'."

Board chairwoman Allisen Lambert noted the Ministry of Education has promised more information by the end of August this year on access to a provincial learning network.

Stewart suggested district funds allocated for technology — estimated at \$34,902 this year and \$60,000 next year — should go to other options, including a "desperate"

need to upgrade computer hardware.

Stewart also recommended the steering committee continue to meet and be given control over the expenditure of technology funds within the district. A member of the clerical staff should join the committee so the group can represent all the needs of the district, he added.

Organized groups within the district would then be able to make presentations for consideration by the committee, he said.

He also urged the school board to set aside a certain percentage — such as two per cent — of the annual budget for the purchase and replacement of technological equipment.

"I know it's a large amount of money in a very tight budget," he admitted.

Trustees agreed to accept the recommendations of the committee, subject to budget limitations.

Stewart was acutely aware of budget restraint, as well. "We know the pot is very shallow. We better spend it really wisely," he observed. "We don't have one assured penny for the next budget year."

Laid-off teachers slowly being recalled

The 20 teachers laid off this spring are slowly being recalled as plans are finalized for the 1996-97 school year, superintendent Mike Marshall told school board members last Wednesday. Three of those laid-off decided not to go on the recall list.

To date, 11 teachers have been recalled and a few more recalls were expected in the final days of the month, Marshall said.

"We will have all of the people in all of the places when all of the students arrive," he said.

Recalled are Keiko Taylor and Rineke Cunliffe to Phoenix; Holly

Ziwicki to Galiano; Stacia Kennedy to Fernwood; Regina Repen to Pender; Robyn Smith and Elly Parker to Fulford; Gillian Kidd and Doug Bambrough to Gulf Islands secondary and Marg Wilson to Saturna.

Alan Irving has been hired as the chef instructor at the secondary school with the understanding that he work towards completing the College of Teachers-approved teacher certification program at the University of B.C.

Marshall noted the Gulf Islands school board was one of those which argued for a special teacher certification program to allow hiring of

experts in certain trades who do not have a teaching degree.

The new program is offered during the summer months and takes seven years to complete, he noted.

Trustees approved the hiring of a special education teacher to help severely learning disabled students at Salt Spring Island Middle School. The position will be financed out of the district's \$1.7 million special needs budget.

A request by Georgette Pauker for a leave of absence between July 1 next year and June 30, 1998, was approved by trustees.

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Legacy's offer is not realistic

Last week's announcement that the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy would aid in the purchase of the Mill Farm raised hopes among those who favour preservation of the 160-acre Mount Bruce property. It's too bad they were false hopes, based on an offer that had no basis in reality.

The legacy began life with a \$60 million pot of federal and provincial funding designated for parkland purchases. Some have already been made; others will follow over the next five years. Ultimately, these properties — those purchased so far are beautiful pieces of waterfront on three different islands — are expected to form a national park.

Members of the Salt Spring Conservancy, seeing a desirable piece of property on the one hand (though not waterfront) and a source of funds on the other, have lobbied somewhat successfully to have legacy funding directed towards the Mill Farm purchase. We say somewhat successfully because the controllers of the legacy's purse strings have pledged one-third of the anticipated cost of at least \$900,000.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada, it was said, would be called upon to put up another third, with the remainder coming from the Salt Spring community. Had the legacy people engaged in some communication with the Nature Conservancy they might have been apprised of the fact that the latter has no money. And to expect \$300,000 from islanders is ludicrous.

The local fundraising drive has exceeded \$80,000 since the weekend's art auction, an enormous amount considering the competition for donated dollars for various projects, mostly unfinished. It is difficult to foresee the campaign raising even half the required sum.

In short, the legacy's offer, while highly appreciated, is completely unrealistic. The funding formula as it now stands has little chance for success.

The voters were heard

Two recent decisions by the provincial government prove it heard the message sent by voters in the May 28 election.

First was the government's decision to freeze major capital projects while taking a second look at the province's books.

Fears that the NDP would spend the province into the poorhouse were likely behind the size of the popular vote won by the Liberal Party.

An election is not only about which party forms the next government. It is the equivalent of a government report card marked by the voters on how well they feel their government represents their interests.

After barely achieving a passing grade May 28, the New Democrats have sensibly started their new term by trying to identify and rectify some of their weaknesses. By practising fiscal restraint, they are responding to the concerns of a large number of B.C. residents.

Difficult as it may have been politically to set aside the capital spending plans upon which they campaigned during the election, fiscal prudence is the better course for all British Columbians.

A second government decision — the review of the New Directions health care scheme — can also be seen as fall-out from the election. The Liberals opposed the reorganization of the health care system on a region-by-region basis and promised to scrap the program.

The New Democrats are not planning to scrap the program — a good argument can be made for regionalized health care — but will likely slow the process to a more reasonable pace.

Their original timetable required a reorganizing of medical and administrative turf throughout the province, virtually impossible to achieve without a major upheaval in the province's entire health system.

By listening to the voters and by recognizing a wider agenda than that espoused during a political campaign, this government appears determined to represent all the people of the province.

No voter could ask for more.



When it comes to water supply, conservative approach in order

By MIKE LARMOUR

Water supply issues will increasingly be of critical importance on Salt Spring with the continued rapid growth in demand approaching major constraints in supply.

All our water originates as precipitation which falls on the island. We live in the "rain shadow" of Vancouver Island, which tends to keep us drier than most other coastal areas.

Of the rain that falls on the island, a very large portion is lost to evaporation from the land, lakes and streams and from transpiration from trees and other plants. Some of the remaining runoff is stored as surface water in our community water supply lakes or as groundwater. The importance of these reserves cannot be overstressed since they must carry us through each year's dry period (May to September inclusive) when less than 20 per cent of total rainfall occurs and also through prolonged periods of drought lasting more than a year.

But our natural storage of water on the island is quite limited. We have no snow pack or glaciers to melt in the summer, our lakes are relatively small, most of our creeks are seasonal and dry up in the summer.

Groundwater, little understood and complex in nature, is stored in fractured bedrock and areas of surficial deposits. In general, we do not appear to have large productive aquifers, the median well production being only about two gallons per minute. While many wells are successful, a significant number are not.

Both surface water and groundwater supplies are subjected to competing demands. In particular, the provincial government has allocated water for maintenance or enhancement of fisheries flows in most streams on the island, and has placed restrictions on further withdrawals from most of the community water supply lakes.

Most water utilities develop the sources with the best water quality and least cost first. Once



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these are fully utilized the development and use of new sources, if they are available, can result in very high operating and/or capital costs. In this regard, a distinction should be drawn between water utilities, which have certain rights and obligations under the municipal, health and other acts, and private individuals served by their own systems, who are less restricted in their actions.

So what alternative water supplies are there?

- Enclosed cisterns: Useful with treatment to supplement existing low-flow wells, good quality cisterns of a size to fully supply a residence during the spring, summer, fall period would cost in the order of \$30,000. They are not practical for community water systems or for most homeowners.

- Desalination: Here again, capital and operating costs for desalinating sea water are in the order of 10 times average water costs. Brackish water desalination is cheaper, but wastes large amounts of water. It is useful only in very extreme circumstances.

- Large artificial impoundment and dams on the lakes: Costs may or may not be beyond the means of a small rural community and are subject to approval from various government ministries, and may conflict with fisheries.

- Conservation: Most people on the island, either served by water utilities or on their own water systems, are conservative in their water use. It would therefore appear that large reductions in water demand through conservation measures are unlikely.

In conclusion, wise planning would suggest that the community adopt an informed and conservative approach to the question of water supply if we are to avoid major problems in the future.

Mike Larmour is manager of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

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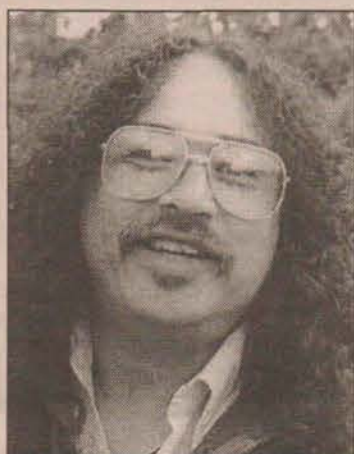
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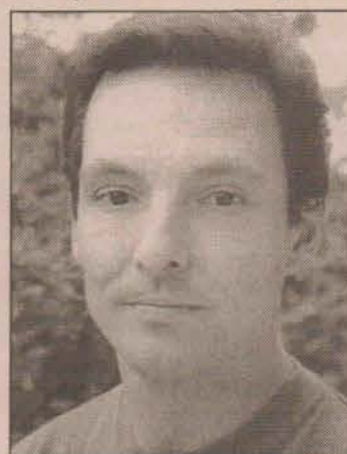
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Ron Crawford

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Tim O'Connor

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Letters to the Editor

Basic split

Those of us on the Official Community Plan Review's environmental focus group decided to write individual statements on our own portion of the plan as submitted, as well as on the changes that have been made subsequent to the public's response to that first draft.

First, our initial recommendations represented hard-won compromises between those of us who put the ecological health of the island as our top priority, and those who disagreed with this premise. On a global scale, this basic split seems to be where humanity stands today. Instead of the local, regional and planetary environmental needs being foremost in our minds, the economic and social needs of human beings are placed first.

This viewpoint will change. It must change before damage to the earth's ecosystems threatens the continuance of life as we human beings have experienced it.

As a last word on our little island's future, a simple — and short — way to protect the most sensitive areas such as foreshore, steep slopes, watersheds, fish-bearing streams, etc., would be to require an environmental assessment study before any kind of development is permitted. Such a study would be paid for, of course, by the land's owner/developer.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Quebec Drive

Colourful

I recently moved to Salt Spring and very quickly fell in love with the island and the way of life here.

I've met some amazing people in the last little while who have made my decision to move here one of the best decisions of my life. Included among these people is the group of family and friends involved in the Flying Saucer Cafe on Hereford Avenue.

I've been lucky enough to share

in the positive and happy energy that always surrounds Adrienne, Allison, David and Kim, and all the other people who are drawn to them. I want to thank them for letting me help out and for creating such a unique and colourful expression of their energy.

I wish them all the best and look forward to more good times. Remember how many supporters you have and that no one can tell the wind which way to blow.

Hugs and smiles to everyone...
JILL SCHEFFER,
Garner Road

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Can't Trust you
Now what am I supposed to do
When I can't Trust you?
Terror eyes
You accuse and abuse
Is it any wonder
I can't Trust you
And what am I supposed to do?
Roll over and play dead for you?

I can't Trust you.
You're so good
and I'm so bad
this is the worst date
I've ever had.
Oh Canada, can't you see
What the Islands Trust has done to me?
Made me an inferior Canuck
of a tyrannically "indistinct" society
Oh Canada.
From a 10th-generation free
(not for long) Canadian.
DREW CLARKE,
Ganges

Disappointed

Change is not always a good thing.

The six mentally-challenged ladies in our home have looked forward for a whole year to seeing the Sea Capers Parade. We checked the Sea Capers bulletin to make sure of the parade route. Then, as every year, we chose a spot in front of Choices on

McPhillips Avenue. This is a good location as we then have access to a bathroom, phone in case of an emergency and are out of the elements.

With no notification to the public that I'm aware of, the route was changed. As a result, they only saw the fire truck at the end of the parade.

We again checked the Sea Capers bulletin to ensure what was scheduled to take place on Sunday at Drummond Park. We then decided to go and have hot dogs for lunch and enjoy the live entertainment. We soon discovered there were no hot dogs available. The result was six very unhappy and disappointed ladies.

To say we as caregivers are upset about all of this is an understatement. We hope that future events take into consideration how misinformation impacts on both islanders and tourists.

LOIS DESCHAMPS,
Ganges

OCP choice

The following is an open letter to Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne, local Trust committee members:

In a couple of months, the second draft of the Official Community Plan — a draft whose preparation was imposed upon the trustees by public reaction to the first draft — will be published.

One of two things will happen:
• if the draft is written in clear English, with its principles plainly stated, and all its proposals linked to those principles;

• if it uses real-life examples to highlight differences between the effects of the present rules and the effects of proposed rules;

• if it explicitly asks for a critique of why any given proposal will not achieve its goal of supporting specific principles, and asks for specific public input for proposals which will achieve that goal — in other words, if the document respects the intelligence of its readers and invites them to find the best way to achieve a set of clearly-stated public-policy

goals which were proposed by the focus groups, then the vast majority of islanders will express relief, congratulate themselves upon having forced the second draft process, and get to work fine-tuning it.

If, on the other hand, the new draft:

• is written for lawyers and bureaucrats, and not for the community (it is, after all, a draft community plan);

• makes it difficult (if not impossible) to say what will happen in given circumstances to a given property, or how the outcome would differ from existing circumstances;

• fails to link its proposals to its principles, and includes such a level of detail that principles are left far behind and enforcement is

improbable;

• provides no clear process for amendment so that public hearings come to be seen as only window dressing; then there will be a storm of outrage, allowing for manipulation by interested parties, abandonment of planning goals for the common good, and a further collapse of faith in the idea of governance (not "government" but the means people in communities must have to get along together as individuals and to protect the well-being of the community as a whole.)

As a community, we urgently need the first outcome, not the second.

SUSAN BERLIN,
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While a professional background in a related field would be an asset, the Committee is interested in hearing from anyone who can contribute a broad understanding of the island and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character.

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Clark vigor necessary to save B.C. fisheries

VICTORIA — So the eastern media were all atwitter last week over Premier Glen Clark's outburst at the first ministers conference in Ottawa.

Clark called the federal government stupid, intransigent and arrogant. What would they have him call a government that ignores British Columbia's demand to take control over west coast fisheries?

That demand isn't just a grab for greater provincial autonomy. It is, according to all experts, a desperate

attempt by British Columbia to prevent the west coast salmon from going the way of the east coast cod.

Former premier Mike Harcourt went to Ottawa as a conciliator, placing national unity ahead of all other issues. In return, he was dubbed Premier Bonehead — also by some idiot of the eastern media.

Welcome to Glen Clark, folks. We like his style just fine. And if you think that our premier's remarks last week were a tad too harsh for your sensitive ears, get ready for more. We don't call the guy "pitbull" for nothing.

I don't believe in Ottawa-bashing for its own sake, but the fisheries issue is too important to be couched in diplomatic niceties.

Every expert I've talked to says the Mifflin plan isn't going to work. They say it is going to destroy small fishing communities along the coast. What we need is a home-grown plan, a course of action mapped out by British Columbians and followed through by British Columbians.

If sacrifices must be made to save and revive our salmon stocks, they're a lot easier to accept if the decisions are made right here in British Columbia rather than by some Ottawa bureaucrats.

The premier tells me that at a scrum in Ottawa, the national media asked him 20 questions, all of them about Quebec.

Well, there is life west of the Rockies. It may not live up to the lofty expectations of my colleagues in eastern Canada, but we like it fine, thank you. And there are issues other than national unity or Quebec. Fisheries is one of them — the most important one, in fact.

The Throne Speech opening the first session of the 36th Parliament left no doubt that Clark is determined to pursue the fisheries issue with the same vigor he showed in Ottawa, and I expect with the same language, if necessary.

Keep in mind that the Throne Speech is written by the government and certain to be checked and approved by the premier.

"My government will continue to press Ottawa to replace the Mifflin plan with a plan designed by British Columbians, for British Columbians, a plan that reduces the fleet in a balanced way, and provides adjustment for the workers and communities who are affected," Lieutenant-Governor Garde Gardom read from the Throne Speech.

And lest Ottawa thinks British Columbia isn't serious and determined to take jurisdiction over west coast fisheries from the federal government, here's what's at stake, according to the B.C. government and, I suspect, according to most British Columbians.

"People in this province have long recognized that the Pacific salmon is more than just a resource. It's part of our history, part of our culture, and part of our identity as British Columbians.

"Protecting this resource is more than just an economic imperative. It is the defence of our cultural, historic and natural heritage.

"The loss (of the salmon) would be measured in thousands of fisheries jobs and the devastation of our many fishing communities, but it would also be felt in the very soul of this province."

With stakes such as these, polite and diplomatic language would be folly. Stay the course, premier. Go for the throat.

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CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Taste police

Mark me down as one more voice in favour of gutsy colours that enliven downtown Ganges.

While I might have preferred something other than purple for the Old Manse, the choice is at least more fun than the "nuclear winter cerulean" of Grace Point Square, or the "cow pie brown" that dominates far too much of the rest of the commercial core.

Now if anyone wants to get into a discussion of a really atrocious waste of good paint, that pseudo-Santa Fe (or something) eyesore just up the street from the Flying Saucer makes a strong case for empowering a task force of taste police.

SANDRA MCKENZIE,
Vesuvius Bay Road

Suburbanized

The construction of 14 two-storey condominium units proposed for the intersection adjacent to the Harbour House Hotel presents the following problems.

Daily traffic from two pubs and backups from the Long Harbour ferry already present a major problem for island residents.

Some parkland is needed to enhance this area, a former midden and Indian burial site.

If rezoning is impractical, perhaps an extensive modification of existing plans is needed to prevent further "suburbanization" of what used to be a major island resort and recreation area.

SUE HISCOCKS,
Fulford Harbour

Unfair

The headline tells the story! Newspapers can distort fact with a misleading headline because it may be the only part the reader reads, or it may create a bias in the reader's mind as he or she reads the article.

Your June 19 headline "GITA Tells Board to Get More \$\$\$" does this. We never said that. But the message no doubt creates an image of greedy teachers wanting more taxpayers money. It is unfair!

Teachers' concerns are about the continued erosion of services to children in our schools over the past few years. Teachers are under constant pressure to do more with less — less classroom resources and support, more students, less help for students experiencing difficulties.

Librarians and counsellors, a critical component of each school, are now almost non-existent in the Gulf Islands school system. The list of now-extinct programs goes on. The system works on crisis management.

Teachers know money doesn't grow on trees but we are concerned that our children will lose as governments recklessly try to buy education on the cheap.

Dalton Camp, a prominent journalist, made this point when he said, "There is, as almost everyone knows, a correlation between public access to quality education, and the

lack of it leading to juvenile crime, joblessness, drug use, teenage pregnancy, abortion, and the incalculable waste of human life."

The message we sent to the board was this. We care about our students. We believe government does not adequately fund education in our community and, as a result, teachers' ability to deliver quality education is diminished.

The board has a responsibility to speak out on this matter because it is simply too important an issue to be relegated to back room bickering between teachers and school trustees.

If the Driftwood wants to do a service to education in our community, why not go where the action is — not the board office, but into the schools. Find out what effect spending cuts are having on students, teachers, programs and educational services.

These are the real issues and your readers have a right to know about them.

LARRY FIELD,
President,
Gulf Islands
Teachers Association

Air care

Regarding the future ban on smoking in local pubs and restaurants:

I'm wondering why an "air care" for buildings can't be imposed on restaurants and pubs instead of an all-out ban on smoking. To my knowledge the technology is out there to filter smoke out of the air. Proprietors could bring the air quality up to standards by air filters or by banning smoking in their own establishments. As long as they have a fresh air environment, who cares how they do it?

Give pub and restaurant owners the same amount of time (until January 1998) to figure it out, but give them a choice.

As with air care for cars in Vancouver, operators whose air quality doesn't measure up to standards would lose their licence.

I don't see how this could go wrong. The cost of air filter equipment would be great, but I compare this with the potential loss of revenue from smoking customers.

SARAH GALLAGHER,
Fulford

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More letters

Dramatic flair

I am writing about Brian Brett's most recent expose of the on-going plot by the "big bad Trust" to strip away our fundamental freedoms — in this case the right to paint buildings in the colours we choose.

Mr. Brett, a principal author of the informative adverts by the Salt Spring Preservation Committee on the draft OCP, is demonstrating the same flair for the dramatic in his latest contribution. For example, the development permit areas in the draft OCP apply only to new buildings. So all of those brave souls in Ganges who are defying the Trust by painting existing buildings need not fear any repercussions if the current draft was passed. In this respect, the new OCP is less restrictive than existing design guidelines for Ganges which do cover repainting of existing buildings.

Similarly, the origin of the development guidelines in the draft OCP is not nearly as exciting as Mr. Brett's theory of

American design imperialism. The guidelines were actually drawn from the existing design guidelines for Ganges Village (monitored by the Advisory Design Panel), and from the recommendations of the Ganges Village Focus Group (including the infamous restriction on blue roofs).

I do agree that the Trust has more important priorities than building colours. But unlike Mr. Brett, I believe these priorities include better protection of trees and water, with or without police. According to the OCP survey, over 90 per cent of people on Salt Spring also feel the Trust should be doing a better job on these issues, even if it means restricting private rights.

Or were the results of the OCP survey just another part of the Trust's grand conspiracy? I'm sure we're all anxiously awaiting the next installment of "Brian Brett: Freedom Fighter!"

GARY HOLMAN,
McLennan Drive

Quiet day

It's about 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, Canada Day long weekend.

I cradle my tea as I sit on the porch, my pet rabbits playing hide-and-seek between my feet. Have I painted you a perfect picture? Not exactly.

From where you're sitting, you can't hear the weed trimmer that wailed away from before 9 to after 12. Nor can you hear the yard mower or the heavy equipment operating in the valley.

Our noise bylaw allows noise between daybreak and dusk, seven days a week. Effectively, that means there is no time of the day when one can expect a few hours of peace.

I suggest that a small, rural community like ours could agree to a "quiet day," one day where neighbours would set aside their power tools. Sundays might be a good day or at least, let's try statutory holidays for starters.

LIBBY HUGHES-KLOEID,
Amblewood Drive

Waiting, waiting, lost in techno-lust

The first bit: Late lettuce

Computer equipment has the shelf life of lettuce — so what do you do about a shipment of lettuce which takes up to a year to arrive?

That's what I've been wondering — especially during the past six months — while waiting for the various corporate machines to cough up the terrific toys I'd won through Corel's 1995 World Design Contest, meanwhile fending off countless inquiries from the curious about the landing of the loot.

I was notified I was a winner on June 15, 1995. The last toys arrived Friday ... a mere 378 days later.

In between I practiced a thin veneer of patience which barely concealed a fever of techno-lust. I could hardly imagine snarling at Corel — they had, after all, been great hosts at their awards ceremony and arranged this wonderful opportunity to acquire the technological toys of my dreams.

Snarling at the contest sponsors felt equally petty and a touch risky, akin to insulting a used car salesman while still expecting him to steer you away from the lemons on the lot.

Corel's prize lot included a Pentium computer, a one gigabyte hard drive, a CD-ROM drive, a portable hard drive, a video accelerator card, a 17-inch monitor, a slide scanner, a flatbed scanner, a colour wax thermal printer and a photo CD collection.

These 10 prizes had to go from 10 different suppliers to 10 different winners in seven different countries — a recipe for chaos. For example, I'm in western Canada, practically next door to Silicon Valley from whence much of this stuff was coming, and three of the eight items shipped across the Canadian-US border hit snags. I shudder at the complications when the same shipments hit Bulgaria.

First under the wire was the computer, a Digital Equipment Corporation 75 MHz Venturis stuffed with 40 megabytes (megs) of ram and a Seagate hard drive. One small problem marred my delight — the SCSI hard drive could not be connected to the computer until I dashed out and purchased a SCSI card.

Deciding this computer and hard drive deserved the best, I set aside my usual penny-pinching and picked out a fast-fast-fast RISC-chipped Advansys card which sent benchmark test lines soaring off the screen. I plugged it in, consummating the relationship between card and motherboard.

It was a match made in hell. The motherboard hated the card. The card hated the motherboard. All the best

efforts of the technical support people at both companies were unable to heal the breach. The card only worked reliably with the computer when the PCI burst mode was off — rather like buying a Ferrari and only driving it in second gear.

The second bit: Operation Nudge

Five months into waiting for the remaining eight prizes to appear, I initiated Operation Nudge. I'd drop by one of the prize sponsor booths at a computer trade show, find the appropriate item and remark to a company representative how much I was looking forward to the undoubtedly imminent arrival of scanner/driver/printer etc.

Within a month, Hewlett-Packard had one of their flatbed scanners in my sweaty palms — thoughtfully upgrading the promised model to something a bit less wilted.

At a trade show in January, the fellow from NEC glanced at my press badge, murmured something about the delay not making the company look good and phoned a week later with the joyous news that a CD-ROM drive had been found and would be delivered shortly — which it was. NEC also upgraded its prize (originally a three-speed CD-ROM) to a fresher, crisper six-speed.

Tektronix came through with its printer, either at Corel's urging or because the Tektronix folks got tired of me drooling over the one they had on display at two consecutive trade shows.

BITS ON BYTES

VALORIE LENNOX



Given these successes I might have continued Operation Nudge had not a second CD-ROM drive arrived from NEC six weeks later. Leaving the package sealed, I immediately contacted the company, explained I already had one of their CD-ROM drives and offered to ship the second one back.

Paperwork phobia surfaced. Thank you very much for being honest, they said. We don't want to know. Please find a use for it.

I cancelled Operation Nudge, embarrassed that I had inadvertently confused corporate America.

Meanwhile, back at the Corel corral, a new team of bushwhackers were rounding up the strays. First they roped one of their own brand — a Corel Photo Gallery collection of 200 CDs — and herded it in my direction via federal express.

Waving legal contracts in the air, they spooked a flurry of shipments over the past four weeks: a Matrox video accelerator card, an Iomega portable harddrive (plumper by 100 megs over the promised model) and, in a grand finale Friday, a Nanao monitor, a Polaroid slide scanner and an unexpected garnish, an extra disk for the portable hard drive.

Finally, as promised 378 days earlier, my crisper is full. All I have to do is toss the bits together.



Their opinion

When asked last week as extra Salt Spring Says participants what colour they would paint any one building in Ganges, Tia LaFortune, left, and Ashley Lercher offered the same answer: "Paint the firehall red!"

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Eyes, ears and teeth — old age is for the birds

What's it like? That's the question they ask me all the time: what's it like growing old? As if I should know! I'll tell all when the time comes.

I can reveal that the occasions in the past when I would show up with odd socks or odd shoes just seem to come more often these days. And the hollow thud as my head hits the floor after I've inadvertently inserted two legs in one leg hole; that also seems to happen more often.

TO BE
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FRANK RICHARDS



Another feature is the need for auxiliary aids to living. A dozen years ago I could get along without any glasses at all... except whisky glasses. Now I have a pair for the car and a pair for my pocket and a pair in the bedroom and a pair in the living room and a pair solely for driving. And despite this profusion of optical glass I so often land up without glasses.

It's the same with teeth. Not so very long ago I went for a check in a city hospital. Before I had this scan the nurse asked me, "Are your teeth your own?" It sounds like an odd question with a trick answer. But I replied courteously that they were indeed mine.

I lay on the sliding shelf and as the process was about to begin I checked with the young lady, "Do you want me to take my teeth out?" Just making sure.

She was annoyed.

"You told me they were your own when I asked you," she recalled as I removed the offending chewing gear.

But, of course, they were my own. Even an old man doesn't normally borrow a set of dentures. And that is one of the features of growing up.

"What are you going to be, Frank, when you grow up?" They always used to ask me that when I didn't know.

Now I know the answer... old!

Old and lined up with spare dentures, I can't eat.

The first teeth I had made were beautiful, as long as I grinned a lot. When it came to eating they didn't chew so good. So, eventually, I got a new set and they were excellent. For the next 25 years I ate steadily. Towards the end of that stretch they turned on me and started biting me as I ate. So I got me a new lot. Not bad, really, but they try to jump out when I'm not looking.

I guess I'll have to grow some new ones, but I don't know how to go about that.

So far I can hear most of what they say.

Years ago I worked for a fellow who complained that people in public office should learn to speak properly.

"All they say," he complained, "is 'mumble, mumble, mumble!'"

Which is about all they say these days.

It is 60 years to a month or so since I first learned to drink alcohol. It was long before I contemplated marriage, but in later years my father-in-law would lecture me, "Beer before you're 40: whisky afterwards."

A few short months ago I started a new medication, not so much to avoid the inroads of great age, as to aspire to them. With the introduction to the new medication I was warned, "No alcohol!"

Which brings up another feature of the living process. Don't be an alcoholic! I had a twin brother. We grew up together, facing the same trials and temptations. He prayed too frequently at the temple of Bacchus and lived on and for whisky. I couldn't afford the liquor. He has gone to join our fathers and I'm still trying to discover who those fathers were.

Finally, you have to come back to the eyes: those eyes that rove so eagerly and so frantically so many years ago! But any comment in that direction was written in the 17th century and by an author unknown. At least, unknown to me.

"To woo is a pleasure in a young man; a fault in an old!"

When you're old; you're out in the cold. Zit's what you can't do... To wit, to woo!

In other words, age is for the birds!

Multi-level care home approved at recent health council meeting

Support for a multi-level care facility for Salt Spring Island was endorsed by the Southern Gulf Islands Community Health Council at its June 20 meeting.

The proposal is for a single-storey building on the hospital grounds which would offer 100 beds and multi-level care to meet the changing needs of residents.

At present, people requiring an intermediate level of care are admitted to Greenwoods Intermediate Care Facility. Those requiring more care are admitted to the extended care wing at Lady Minto Hospital.

However, if the condition of a Greenwoods resident changes and the person requires extended care, there is often a wait for a bed in extended care.

In addition, the patient must suffer the disruption of a move if and when a bed becomes available. A multi-level care facility would allow the resident to remain in the same place and receive the care he or she requires.

There are already waiting lists

for beds in both Greenwoods and extended care and some people in acute care hospital beds waiting for space in extended care, noted health council member Jean Taylor.

Once the provincial government lifts the current financial freeze on capital projects, she hopes the 100-bed facility for Salt Spring will be approved. The proposal was forwarded by the health council to the Ministry of Health and to the Capital Health Board.

In other health council news:

Council members recommended Jim Deas be named the interim chief financial officer of the community health council. Deas is now director of finance for Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and financial consultant for Greenwoods. He would continue both of those jobs in addition to serving as financial officer for the health council.

However, the recommendation cannot be implemented until the Ministry of Health finishes its current review of the province-wide changes to the health system.

Community nurses hired for North and South Pender islands under the "Closer to Home" program last year will be employed for the coming year on the island. The nurses are encouraging preventative measures, sponsoring a Walk for Hearts program, holding blood pressure clinics and teaching the public about common cardiac conditions.

Renovations to the Mayne Island Health Centre are complete. The centre houses a physician, a nurse coordinator, a physiotherapist, acupuncturist and chiropractor.

Council members heard a presentation from Marg Mullin, administrator of Salt Spring's Home Support Services, on home support services, Meals on Wheels and the alert line home emergency response system. Also discussed was training of home support workers, ideally through a distance education program so workers would not have to travel off the islands to attend college or university. The need for home support workers is expected to increase in the future.

New chemotherapy hood offers cancer patients local treatments

The hospital's new chemotherapy hood was one project discussed at last week's Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital board meeting.

Purchased thanks to a large donation by the hospital auxiliary, the hood has now been installed and the pharmacist is training medical and nursing staff on its use. The equipment makes it possible for many cancer patients to receive chemotherapy treatments on Salt Spring.

Other items discussed at the June 25 meeting were:

Expansion of the microbiology laboratory, which will allow for installation of the biological safety cabinet.

In order to create space for this new equipment on the main floor of the Lionel Beech Annex, the board agreed to purchase a portable building through the Gulf Islands School District and relocate the present meeting room and additional storage premises to that building. Capital Regional District Health will utilize the space currently occupied by the board room and has been asked to contribute towards purchase of the portable.

Patient days in the hospital's acute care unit from April 1 to May 31 were 690 days, an 8.5 per cent increase over the previous year. A total of 536 emergency visits were made to the hospital in May, an average of 18 per day.

Long service awards were presented to staff members on June 21, celebrating 10 and 15 years of service.

Ten years' service awards were granted to Dorothy Copeland, extended care; Elaine Fraser, laboratory; Connie Holmes, acute care; Deanna Kitchen, dietary; Gayle Parkinson, extended care; Paul Sadler, maintenance; Shirley Smith, extended care.

Fifteen years' service awards went

to Gordon Herman, laboratory; Kathy Kendall, health records; Carol Miller, x-ray; Jay Sturgess, x-ray; Terry Simard, activities; Monica Strohmeier, extended care.

The hospital received approval on June 13 from the Ministry of Health's food premises inspectors for a Food Safe excellence certificate with the following comments: "Premises are in excellent condition — new tile and paint."

"Staff are 100 per cent Food Safe trained and conscientious in food

handling and cleaning habits."

Twelve registered nurses completed a day-long trauma workshop presented on June 11.

An invitation was extended to nurses from other islands as well, and the nurse coordinator from Mayne Island was able to take advantage of this opportunity.

Regular dental hygiene services will be offered to extended care residents as needed. A dental hygienist will visit the hospital one day per month on a contract basis.



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More than 150 people turned out at Centennial Park Monday at noon to celebrate Canada's 129th birthday with an official flag raising ceremony, the singing of O Canada and cake-cutting in the bandstand.

Among those at the Chamber of Commerce-organized event were young Caroline Hoskin, bearing a flag, Legion representative Steve Wawryk and cake-cutters Bob Kirkpatrick, left, Bruce Rogers and Jeremy Moray.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



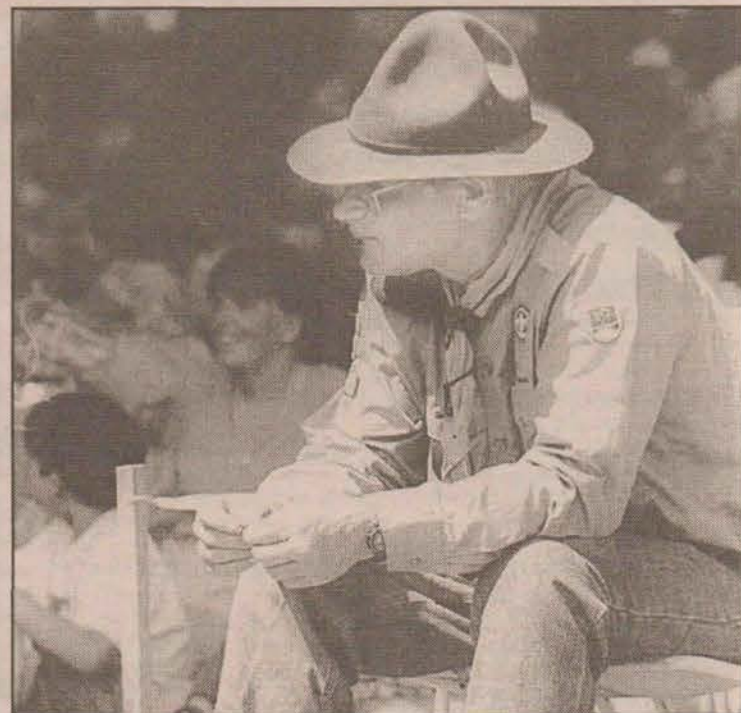
...celebrating 65 years



Islanders were in a celebratory mood as they flocked to the Legion grounds at Meaden Hall on Monday. Music, fun and food honoured the local Legion's 65th anniversary.

Seen here, at top left, are members of the Bandemonium horn section conducted at right by an enthusiastic Wendy Milton. At far right, Stan Peters takes time out from the Scouts to soak up the music and the sun, while young Amanda Hoy wins a prize on the ring toss.

Perfect weather and fun-filled activities made the Legion event a great holiday escape for young and old alike.



Katimavik benefits communities and participants

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

They were the third group of Katimavik workers to live on Salt Spring since last fall, and they definitely made their mark.

Since arriving in mid-April, Alexis Berube from Quebec City, Darren Ferguson from Kamloops and Regina native Dave Miller have finished the Rotary park next to Thrifty Foods; cleaned up hiking trails and especially the Jack Foster trail at the island's northern tip; replaced parts of the boardwalk near Centennial Park; improved Mouat Park, the Little Red Schoolhouse and the backyard of the Core Inn.

Danielle Desrosiers, of Winnipeg, has brought her natural openness and humour to the Community Centre and Family Place, where she gained more office and people skills. Last week, they all gave The Wall a new coat of paint.

The Salt Spring "posting" was their third and final one. They began last November as part of a group of youths working in Saskatoon, then Penetanguishene, Ontario before coming to the island.

Berube, 22, especially liked working in a Penetanguishene museum, taking pictures of old photographs to preserve them. The group also ran a sugar shack on a maple syrup farm, which led to one of the Desrosiers' favourite jobs — dressing up as a giant tree.

"I was the infamous talking, dancing tree," she said. The task was particularly challenging when a group of Boy Scouts tried to topple her.

In Saskatoon they worked in a conservation program and at a university school.

Desrosiers eagerly accepted the Community Centre job. "I liked it right away."



GOODBYE SALT SPRING: Katimavik workers have finished their 11-week term on Salt Spring, where they improved the community

for everyone. From left is Alexis Berube, Zane Hamm (supervisor), Darren Ferguson, Danielle Desrosiers and Dave Miller.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

"I've held more jobs in Katimavik than I'll probably have in the rest of my life," she said. That wide smattering has shown her what she does and doesn't want to do for a living, and opened more possibilities for her.

"It proved to me I can quickly learn different things," she noted, and sees public relations and management as two career options she hadn't considered before.

Miller, 18, said the program seemed like a good way to get the steady job experience he needed.

Three of the youths joined Katimavik at their parents' suggestion in response to articles and advertisements. Berube smiles when he describes how he was surprised to get the acceptance phone call because his mother had sent in

the application for him.

Nineteen-year-old Ferguson said "I thought it would be a good way to meet people and go places I had never gone before..."

They found Salt Spring welcoming and met more people here than in the previous two communities, in part because coastal spring weather meant they were outside and more visible.

Miller said working outdoors was one reason he thought time spent on Salt Spring was the best.

Berube and Charles Wilton, who supervised the work connected to the Parks and Recreation Commission, noted they have received lots of positive feedback about their work from islanders.

Before moving into their Kanaka Road home, group members were

billeted with island families for 10 days.

Group coordinator Zane Hamm said community members have been "incredibly generous" with goods and ideas for how the group can spend its time.

They went kayaking in Gulf Islands waters and whale watching in a zodiac off Tofino, and body surfing at Long Beach. Last weekend they went camping and hiking near Chilliwack.

Their group experienced an unusually-high drop-out rate and is now the smallest group in the country. Most began at 11 members and are finishing at eight or nine, says Hamm. The instability caused by some earlier members and their leaving was not easy, they say, but the remaining four have

become much closer to each other as a result.

Desrosiers, who had never been away from home, said her three male cohorts had become like brothers, and they all gained expertise in home maintenance and cooking. "I'm shocking my parents by cooking French onion soup when I get home," she said.

All commented on Berube's "experimental" cooking, although Ferguson was the French onion soup chef.

Desrosiers also learned "the garbage doesn't magically disappear" when you live without parents.

Completing the program in itself provided a valuable lesson. "One important thing we've learned is to finish something no matter what," said Ferguson.

"As a group I'm impressed with their ability to stick with it," said Hamm, "and they're highly entertaining."

Miller said he would "definitely" recommend Katimavik to other young people, and felt it would be even better for future participants, since this was only the first year of the revived federal program.

Where are they off to when their terms expire July 3?

Berube is going home for the summer and plans to attend school in Montreal. Desrosiers will also return to Winnipeg until entering the University of Regina in September, and Miller is aiming for technical school in Moose Jaw.

In the meantime, Miller and Ferguson hope to get summer jobs in B.C. — on Salt Spring would be ideal — and examples of their work are all over the island. Charles Wilton was their Parks and Recreation Commission work supervisor.

Anyone wanting more information about Katimavik should call 1-888-525-1503.

Family Place organizes two art courses for kids

Young children can enjoy two creative activities organized through Family Place this summer.

In July, Denise Bertrand — actress and director of Salt Spring's ASTAR program — will provide a four-week children's play and drama program, focusing on fun, improvisation, movement and creative imagination.

Classes, for children aged three and four, will be geared to attention, ability and needs of the individuals in a small group.

The drama classes run every Wednesday in July from 10 a.m. to noon at ASTAR Theatre in Grace Point Square. Cost is \$25 for the four sessions — a subsidy is available to those who need it through Family Place.

In August, Sherry Helm will lead an expressive art course for children aged five and six.

The classes will explore various art media with children in a fun and creative manner for four Thursday mornings.

Located at the Salt Spring Community Service Society building in the co-op preschool room, the classes will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participants are asked to bring a bathing suit, paint smock or adult shirt and a snack and drink. Cost is \$25, and a Family Place subsidy is also available for this program.

Registration forms are available at Family Place and the Community Centre. Call Family Place at 537-9176 for more information.

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

JULY 3: SS Painters Guild, sketching, Spindrift Resort, Welbury Pt. Rd. 10am.

JULY 5 & 6: Comedy Night, Festival of the Arts, SS Elementary School, 8pm.

JULY 7: Rick Scott, Festival of the Arts, SS Elementary School, 7pm.

JULY 10: Dance/drum wrkshp with COBA, Festival of the Arts, SS Elementary School, 5/7:30pm.

JULY 10: SS Painters Guild, sketching, Layard's garden, Booth Rd. 10am.

JULY 16: LaLeche League meeting, Family Place, 7pm.

JULY 17: SS Painters Guild sketching, Fulford Marina (Sargeant's Mercantile) 10am.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers 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.)

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

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

- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)

- Music & Munch, All Saints by-the Sea, 12:10pm.

- Slide show on SSI, United Church, 2:30pm (June 26-Aug. 31)

- Therapeutic Touch practise group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm (every 3rd Wed.)

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.

- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am (3rd Thurs. of every mo.)

- SS Weavers & Spinner, meet at Farmer's Inst., 10:30am (2nd Thurs. of June, July & August)

- Music & Munch, All Saints by-the Sea, 12:10pm.

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #160, bingo 2:00pm.

EVERY SATURDAY

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

- Core Inn, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

- Slide show on SSI, United Church, 2:30-3:00pm (June 26-Aug. 31)

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am

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

- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.

- French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)

- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.

- SS Weavers & Spinner, meet at Farmers' Ins. to us the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)

- SSI Buddhist meditation group, Lancer Bldg., rm #204, 7:30pm.

- Special Olympics swimming, Shelby Pool, 5pm-6pm.

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

- Air rifles, Fulford Hall, 7:30pm.

- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 6:30pm.

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Reflective perspective

Christina Lo Balbo was framed and mirrored Saturday market in Centennial Park. Photo by Derrick Lundy while she tried on a hand-crafted hat at the

These quail not indigenous

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

Suddenly a shuffling noise in the shrubbery catches your attention.

A male quail bursts out. He's quickly followed by a female, and she's pursued by a dozen tiny fluffballs, all running as fast as their little legs can carry them.

California quail are common residents of the Gulf Islands. They're also found on southern Vancouver Island and parts of the Lower Mainland and Interior. They aren't indigenous, which means they didn't occur here naturally, but were introduced. From where? Their name tells all.

California quail live in open woodlands, brushy areas, farms and gardens. Being typical Californians, they prefer a nice, cool water source nearby. After their summer broods are raised, they become quite gregarious, forming large flocks or "coveys" in the winter. A single covey can contain up to 200 members.

Quail are ground-dwelling birds, which means they'd

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rather run than fly. They can fly, though, and will pop up into the trees to roost at night. If you're thinking this sounds suspiciously like a chicken, you're right. Quail belong to the pheasant family, and from that family came domestic fowl.

Both sexes of California quail are small and plump. The female is modestly attired, but not so the male. He's very handsome, intricately patterned and flaunts a black head plume like a Napoleonic officer.

Each reference book I have mentions their distinctive three note call, but every book defines the sound differently. "Cacahco," says one. "Quaguergo," says another. It's "Where are you?" and "Who are you?" and "Chicago" and "Ohio."

Today I've listened closely to the calls of Salt Spring's California quail. What I hear in coloratura soprano is "Potato!"



DISTINCTIVE CALL: Reference books all note the California quail's three-note call, but none describe the sound in the same way.

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His mother may have affectionately called him a pyromaniac, but after 24 years with the Salt Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Grant Marcotte can safely douse any fire he starts.

"I always had a fire going if I went to the beach or something," says Marcotte, recalling his youth. "If you know how to build one, you know how to put one out."

Marcotte was honoured by the local fire department at a retirement dinner Saturday night. The island-born man is leaving Salt Spring next week, after accepting a promotion with B.C. Ferries that will see him working as chief engineer on a ferry route in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Marcotte says he is excited about this move to Sandspit in the Charlottes.

"I went on holidays in the Queen Charlottes and really liked it there, so I decided to put in for it (the job) when it came

up."

As a firefighter, Marcotte says he has seen a number of changes in the fire department over the last quarter century, mostly in the area of technology.

"We've gone from a hat, coat and boots to the real good stuff and from junk trucks to new trucks."

In the "old days," he recalls, firefighters wore canvas coats which have now been replaced by fire retardant material.

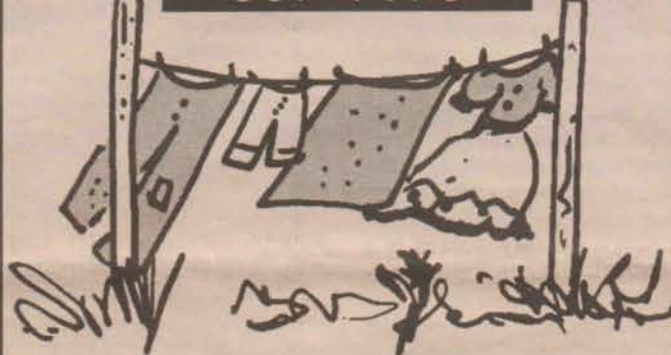
"And the old hats... well they didn't like it if they got too hot."

Among the many fires he has fought on Salt Spring is one which saw the Harbour House Hotel burn to the ground in 1972, and a to-the-ground-fire at the Vesuvius Inn some 20 years ago.

Marcotte says he doesn't exactly recall what spurred him to join the fire department, other than he "felt it was a good thing to do."

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CLIP & SAVE

Small 'c' cancer leads to new club

By ALEX MITCHELL
Driftwood Contributor

In my next life I think I'll come back as a dermatologist.

The hours are good and with a few psoriasis patients, no cure, just life-long control. He can put his offspring through university for many years.

Again, with the exception perhaps of melanoma, few presentations are life-threatening but rather lend themselves to experimentation with exotic salves and magic elixirs as recommended by our altruistic drug conglomerates.

Not for him the distressing probings of the urologist and proctologist with their invasive and indelicate explorations of human orifices.

No, all in all, a dermatologist's lot is quite a happy one.

My first encounter with one took place 15 years ago this month.

He smiled.

"Welcome to the club," he said, "Your biopsy has just come back and you have a malignant skin tumour."

I was not overjoyed. I did not want to belong to the club. I was never a joiner anyway, having successfully resisted the advances of the Masons, Rotarians and Kiwanis.

He put me at ease.

"You have cancer but don't worry, it's just a basal cell carcinoma and the chances of it metastasizing are slight.

In fact, if you have to have the big "c" this is the best one to have. It's rather like a little "c." Ha! Ha!

His humour escaped me and matters didn't improve when he cut the intruder out of my chest under local anaesthetic.

On the way home in a taxi it haemorrhaged and my lap filled up with blood. The driver wheeled into a pharmacy where they put things in order. This was not turning out to be a good day.

However, the dermatologist probably saved my life. I became aware and slightly paranoid. He monitored my keratosis, pre-cancerous skin, over the next few years, took out four more growths, all benign, and lectured me sternly about the effects of the sun on my freckled Celtic twilight skin.

When I retired to Salt Spring, I found to my great joy that there was a club I could join. The Liquid Nitrogen Club is run by Dr. Ron Reznick and meets every Friday at 3 p.m. in the office at the rear of Lady Minto.

All skin cancers, mainly basal cell and squamous are monitored and treated with liquid nitrogen, a painless and most effective procedure. Occasionally a melanoma is found and can be treated in time.

There is a tongue-in-cheek hierarchy in effect here. The basal cells look down on the keratosis upstarts, the squamous people feel superior to both and the melanomas lord it over us all.

Dr. Reznick is offering a wonderful service and I am grateful. Please take advantage at Lady Minto, every Friday at 3 p.m.

Seniors for Seniors July program
Chess: July 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

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Mah Jong: July 5, 12, 19, 26 at 12:30 p.m.

Games: July 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1:30 p.m.

There is also a blood pressure clinic on July 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.



We're out of here

These youngsters, photographed at Fulford Elementary School on one of the last days of classes, appear to be preparing for a quick exit from the school grounds.

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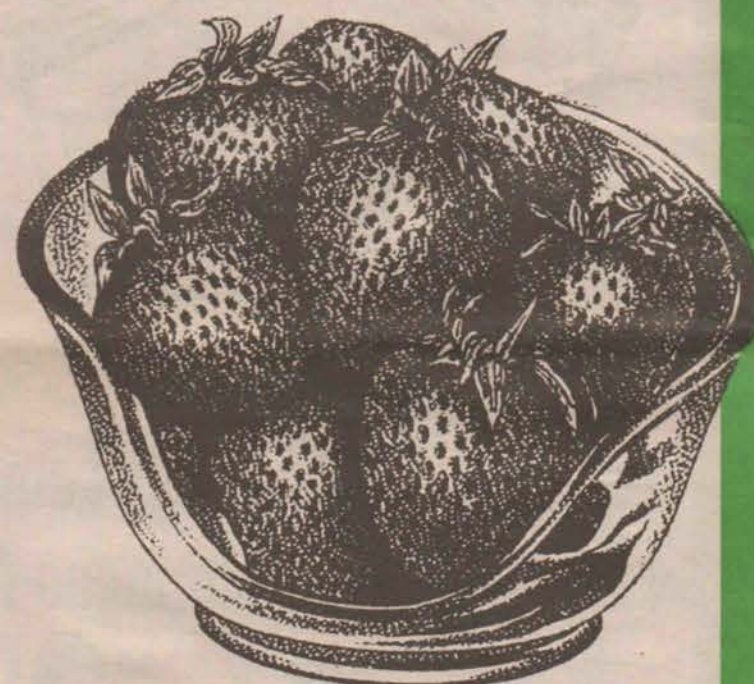
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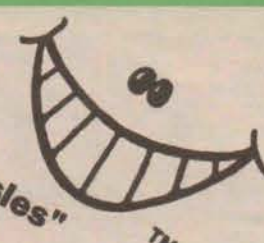
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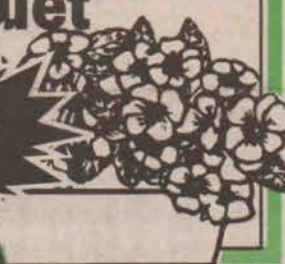
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS: The Salt Spring Hysterical Society is already celebrating its 10 years of existence. Seated is Mary Williamson. From left standing is Arvid Chalmers, Mike Hayes, Reid Collins, Sid Filkow, Thom Quine, Laurie Clarke (special guest) and Shilo Zylbergold.

Photo by David Borrowman

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

For 10 years now they've left no flinching stone unturned.

Everything from Beaver Point residential originality to the Grace Pointification of Ganges; from "sensitive new age guys" to the British monarchy's self-inflicted wounds has been parodied by this troupe.

People have responded hysterically to their shows; group members have become hysterical while creating their material. And like the more established historical organization their name shadows, the Salt Spring Hysterical Society has been a recorder of island history and society-wide trends and trappings since 1986.

This weekend they kick-off the 11th Annual Festival of the Arts with Friday and Saturday night performances at the Activity Centre in Salt Spring Elementary School. The shows include old favourites mixed with some hot-off-the-press material.

Shilo Zylbergold is one of the society's "originals."

He explains that all present nine members chose and voted on personal favourites for the 10-year retrospective show "in the normally dysfunctional way we do everything."

The show is also a tribute to the late Anne Lyon, a society member whose sudden death from congenital heart failure in 1992 left "a big hole" in the group, says Zylbergold.

The hysterical society was formed after an Alex Bruhanski acting workshop was held on Salt Spring in 1986. "Part of the exercise was to do a five-minute stand-up routine," recalls Zylbergold. He remembers asking himself, "Do I know anything funny?"

He and other troupe members were generally "class clowns" in school, but for him at least, "doing something in front of people

was something I never even thought of."

Comedy nights at Off-Centre Stage (which was in the Driftwood's current location) were the natural and immediately successful offshoot.

Current members are Arvid Chalmers, Reid Collins, Sid Filkow, Mike Hayes, Thom Quine, Larry Walske (a.k.a. Tiny the Clown), Mary Williamson and Zylbergold.

Laurie Clarke, of recent Virgin Clowns fame, is a guest for the 10-year retrospective show. She will do Lyon's part in the "It's been a long time" skit — where a couple is dividing their possessions at the time of break-up.

Some other skits islanders may or may not recognize will be: the Latin Building Inspector; Pump You Up; the Nurturing Warriors Men's Group; the Geezers; Queen of the Diner; Salt Spring Immigration Office; and Williamson, Quine and Walske doing their hilarious solo routines.

Zylbergold says one characteristic that makes the hystericals different from most comedy troupes is that their average

age is probably 50 or more.

It has prompted reflection on occasion. Zylbergold recalls one rehearsal where Chalmers was staring into space. Zylbergold wondered why.

"I just realized that in 17 years I'm going to be 70," confessed Chalmers.

Zylbergold couldn't let that one go. "I just realized that in 153 years I'm going to be 200," he quipped.

Development of their material is fuelled by spontaneity and pursuing the temptations of "side shoots" that spring from an original idea.

"When that's going on, it's at its best," says Zylbergold.

With regular appearances at the Festival of the Arts and at least one other show each year, Salt Spring audiences have come to embrace the group as their own. But the Salt Spring Hysterical Society has brandished its sense of humour well beyond our shores.

They've played a smattering of Gulf Islands, where most audience faces in their

first visits were recognizable as relatives and friends.

There also weren't too many people at the opening of a crack house, er... government-funded neighbourhood park in Nanaimo, which was closed a year later after becoming a popular spot for fans of the drug "crack."

"We're probably one of the few groups who can claim to have opened a crack house," notes Zylbergold.

The event had another benefit. A Nanaimo newspaper writer attending the opening helped coin a promo phrase they have used with glee ever since: "Barely worth the price of a ticket."

But when the group ventured into the play writing and producing business in 1989, with a Canada Council "explorations grant" it could no longer be the humble, bumbling collection of local yokels.

Paradise Lots, the story of a small island community coping with growth and greed and how everyone wants a piece of the action, was performed on multiple Gulf Islands, the San Juan Islands, Courtenay and the Belfry Theatre in Victoria. It was so popular the third and last show at the Belfry was sold out.

Zylbergold lets it spill there has been some talk of creating a "five years later" show tentatively called Paradise Relisted.

But until then, the hystericals will offer a bit of history in the July 5 and 6 shows.

Tickets are available "from the usual suspects," says Zylbergold — et cetera on Hereford Avenue and the Festival of the Arts booth in the Saturday market.

How much longer can we expect to share the planet with the Salt Spring Hysterical Society?

Well, one random count found 300 un-consummated ideas begging for immortality in the society's on-stage files. They should be definitely worth the price of a ticket for at least 10 more years to come.



IS IT TWINS? Shilo Zylbergold is the "mid-husband" examining his worried-looking patient — Arvid Chalmers. A retrospective show and tribute to the late Anne Lyon runs this Friday and Saturday night at the Activity Centre, the Festival of the Arts' opening act.

Photo by David Borrowman

Mask carving demonstrated

Falling chips will be the centre of attention in Grace Point Square this weekend as Thunderbird Gallery hosts a display by a group of renowned northwest native carvers.

The demonstrations start Saturday and Sunday at noon and continue until 4 p.m. Participating artists will be demonstrating the art of mask carving from inception to completion.

In addition, Salt Spring artisan Fah Ambers will demonstrate his skills as a jeweller, creating works in gold and silver which are inspired by his native heritage.

Born in Alert Bay as a member of the Kwagwiltz Nation, Ambers started his apprenticeship in northwest design with Douglas Cranmer. Throughout the 1980s he participated in numerous exhibits and shows, including helping Cranmer with major commissions of totem poles and canoes, including the Spirit Lodge for Expo '86 in Vancouver and the Wakus pole for Stanley Park.

Ambers recently completed a 40-foot traditional canoe for the U'Mista Cultural Centre and an 18-foot totem pole for a private collector in the United States. He also shares his artistic skills with native youth in his community.

Coming to Salt Spring for the weekend of demonstrations are Stan Hunt, Tony Hunt Jr., George Hunt Jr., Jay Brabant and Tom Patterson.

The three Hunts are Kwagwiltz artists whose family has a long history of preserving and advancing native art and whose work is found in collections throughout the world.

Stan Hunt uses only traditional tools to create his works and draws inspiration from the traditional sto-



NATIVE CARVER: George Hunt Jr. of Fort Rupert works on a piece outside the Thunderbird Gallery in Grace Point Square. He and five other native artists will be displaying their skills at the gallery this weekend.

ries of the Kwagwiltz people.

Tony Hunt Jr. began studying carving at the Arts of the Raven workshop while still in high school. His work is featured in the exhibition *Chiefly Feasts* which is now touring the world.

George Hunt Jr. also started carving while still in high school, working with his father, hereditary chief George Hunt Sr., and his maternal grandfather Sam Henderson.

Jay Brabant is of Cree descent but was brought up under the influence of the people of the northwest coast. He was 12 when he started carving under the tutelage of his father Gene Brabant.

Tom Patterson is a member of the Nuuchan-nulth tribe and

began carving at the Arts of the Raven workshop under the guidance of Tony Hunt Sr. in 1977. He considers himself a continual student of the art, researching through books, photographs and talking to elders.

"It's a learning process to understand more about my own history," he observes.

This weekend's demonstrations will be an educational experience for anyone interested in native art, said Jennifer Rosling of Thunderbird Gallery.

"We are sure this gathering will attract and entertain a cross-section of visitors from collectors to the general public," she said. "It's a rare opportunity to watch top northwest coast native carvers."

Wine festival planned for Farmers Institute

Top wines, a pastoral setting and melodious music will combine to create Salt Spring's second annual Wine Festival, presented by Tuned Air Choir.

The event will take place in the orchard at the Islands Farmers Institute grounds on July 13 from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

At \$20 each, tickets are available in advance only from Mouat's ticket office, Sharon's, Cap and Cork or by telephoning 537-9265.

Organizers say that following the great success of last year's festival, wine merchants and agents will again offer patrons the opportunity to sample a wide variety of domestic and imported wines.

Tuned Air will provide the musical backdrop.

Twelve merchants and estate wineries will pour wine from B.C., Washington State, Australia, Italy, South Africa, Chile, Bulgaria, France, New Zealand and other countries.

Several of the agents who attended last year's event were quick to accept the invitation to this year's Wine Festival, organizers say.

The event will raise funds for Tuned Air's November performances of Mozart's Requiem. This concert will have professional soloists, members of the CBC Orchestra and guest conductor Johan Louwersheimer.



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ANTONIA'S LINE: Starring Willeke van Ammelrooy, Els Dottermans and Veerle Van Overloop, this flick (in Dutch with English subtitles) picks up four stars from film critic Peter Birnie who says, "Feminism shows its soft side (in this) charming saga set in a sensibility where women have the smarts, guts and gumption to make their own way against a male tide." Antonia is an old woman who decides one day that this will be her last. Transported in her mind back a half-century to a post-liberation arrival, daughter in tow, in the tiny Dutch village where Antonia was born, we follow along through time as sweet memories span generations of matriarchal love and growth. Restricted. Fri. to Sun. 9 p.m., Mon. and Tues. 7 p.m.

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| 1. Sense and Sensibility (-) | 6. Heat(3) |
| 2. Dead Man Walking (-) | 7. Leaving Las Vegas ..(4) |
| 3. The Postman(1) | 8. Get Shorty(6) |
| 4. Crossing Guard(-) | 9. Golden Eye(9) |
| 5. Powder(2) | 10. Grumpier Old Men (8) |

On Tap at the Pubs

Vesuvius Inn: Open Stage hosted by Barley Bros., July 4, 8:30 p.m.
Fulford Inn: Monte Nordstrom, July 5, 6
Moby's Pub: Sunday night jazz with Barry Livingston Quartet, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday night live, July 10.
Alfresco's: Barrington Perry on piano, Fri. and Sat.
Harbour House Hotel (pub):
 (bistro) Murray Anderson on piano
 Fri., Sat. and Sun.

Community TV Schedule

Thursday, July 4, 5:30 p.m. ...1994 OCP Workshop Review #10
 7:00 p.m. Isle of Views #10

Sunday, July 7, 3 p.m.1996 Interfaith Service
 3:45 p.m. Mill Farm Video Postcard
 4:30 p.m. Matthew Coleman's Lecture on Buddhism

Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m.1994 OCP Workshop Review #11
 1 p.m. Mill Farm Video Postcard
 1:15 p.m.1996 SVOVA Women's Day Celebration



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I JUST WANT TO BANG ON ME DRUM ALL DAY? Members of COBA offer an African/Caribbean drumming and dancing

workshop Wednesday before their Festival of the Arts performance at the Activity Centre Thursday evening.

Photo by Joan Berger

COBA offers dancing, drumming workshops

A unique opportunity to learn African and Caribbean drumming and dancing skills will be presented next Wednesday in two workshops by COBA, the Toronto-based Collective of Black Artists.

A workshop in drumming runs from 4 to 6 p.m. while the dancing session is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee for either workshop is \$10.

This exciting 12-member group will also perform on Salt Spring

July 11 as part of the Festival of the Arts, showcasing their traditional West African and Caribbean-influenced dance and music.

COBA was formed in 1993 in order to preserve and celebrate the culture of the African Diaspora. In addition to earning critical acclaim for their performances, members are also interested in education across all ethnic backgrounds.

For information or to register for the workshop, call 537-4167.

Vancouver band will headline street dance

The Vancouver band People Playing Music will headline Moby's Marine Pub's fourth annual Street Dance set for August 17.

Once again the event will be a family affair for people of all ages, Moby's manager Barry Edwards said on Thursday. "It's not a teen dance."

The event begins with skateboard demonstrations during the afternoon, followed by a barbecue at 6 p.m. The music will begin about 7 p.m. when a local band, Earth Men, performs. People Playing Music will take the stage at 8:30.

Co-sponsored by Moby's and Pepsi, the street dance has raised \$10,000 for the Core Inn youth centre over the past three years. None of the operating costs comes out of the admission charge; all proceeds are turned over to the

youth centre.

Many local businesses provide support by donating door prizes and many individuals help out by volunteering their services at the event. Edwards said more volunteers are needed, particularly people with trucks to help move equipment.

Anyone interested should leave his or her name and phone number at Moby's, 537-5559 or 537-5883, or with the Core Inn's Trish Noble at 537-4167. Edwards said he would return the calls near the end of July to arrange volunteer shift times.

The street dance is held in the parking lot adjacent to Moby's, rain or shine.

Rules concerning the consumption of alcohol will continue to apply, Edwards said. "Alcohol will not be tolerated," he said.

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Haigh draws crowd

Not many artists sell 50 per cent of their work at one crack, but that's what happened to Carol Haigh at a Naikai Gallery show which opened Friday.

The show of 12 new original paintings brought "an incredible turnout" to the gallery, says owner Don Monteith.

A sea theme dominates most of the large paintings, reflecting Haigh's extensive sailing experience.

A few of them depict sailors scanning the seas from their vessels, as seen by another person on board.

Most are of Canadian waters and lands — with titles such as DeCourcey, Portland Island and Home Waters — but two were

inspired by time Haigh spent sailing in Mexico last fall.

One work is consummate Gulf Islands: a child perched on a branch of an arbutus tree as it sheds its "skin," revealing the neon green bones beneath.

Haigh's paintings capture all the shading and possibilities of coastal skies, from a spring forget-me-not-flower blue streaked with mare's tail clouds to the thick grey sky of winter.

The Salt Spring artist is a self-taught painter, with work in private collections around the world.

Her show at Naikai Gallery in Grace Point Square runs until July 21.



HAIGH ART: Northwest Wind is one of Carol Haigh's 12 new acrylic paintings on display at

Naikai Gallery in Grace Point Square until July 21.

Chemainus production features The Hobbit

Furry-footed hobbits, mumbling, grumbling dwarves and grimy goblins will be brought to life this summer with the Chemainus Theatre's presentation of *The Hobbit*.

The production, which runs from July 12 to August 24, has been adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's classic novel.

The theatre describes the production as "a perfect choice for theatre goers of all ages. It is a tale of fantasy for the child in all of us."

Islanders can catch *The Hobbit* at evening performances beginning at 7 p.m. every Thursday through Saturday night. Matinees run at 1:30 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays.

Cost for a matinee lunch at the Playbill Restaurant and theatre is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. To attend the matinee theatre only, cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Tickets can be obtained by calling the box office at 1-800-565-7738.

The Chemainus Theatre Company features actors from cities throughout North America and is affiliated with the Alberta Rosebud school of the Arts.

Established in 1993, it employs 20 full-time staff members as well as over 50 volunteers.



Bow Bard

Cellist Vaughan Hoy plays the cello with intensity at Everlasting Summer's Garden faire held this weekend. Hoy was just one of many entertainers featured at the event.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Toynbee publishes new volumes of short stories

Island writer Mary Toynbee has recently published two more volumes of short stories in her *Stories of My Life* series.

City People, *Private People* and *Lonesome Children* were published last week.

They follow the publication last summer of *Mountain People*, which was set in the Appalachian Mountains of the United States.

The first of the new volumes — *City People*, *Private People* — takes place across the North American continent and over-

seas into eastern Europe.

Lonesome Children, the final volume, returns to the Appalachia.

While some of the experiences described in these books are reminiscent of time Toynbee spent as a social worker in the 1950s and '60s, she says the stories are works of fiction and not intended to depict actual events.

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Life-size backdrop

Jacob Burton, right, is joined by friend Aidon Morris as he oversees mother Diana Dean's painting display at Everlasting Summer's Garden Faire on Monday. The two expressed a certain displeasure when they realized they'd been photographed in front of "Lovers on the Cliff."

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Local history is part of emphasis in island's 6th annual home tour

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Then pick up a ticket soon for the Sixth Annual ArtSpring House Tour set for Saturday, July 20.

As usual, the eight homes and properties on display are a secret until the big day and ticket sales should again be brisk. The event traditionally sells-out in advance.

According to coordinator Jan Macpherson, tour goers will see a house that was built for \$750; walk the beach where renowned artist Carol Evans painted the "little blue boat" picture; and learn about the "legend of the Thunderbird and the Killer Whale."

There is more emphasis on island history this year, with three historic buildings and the viewing of special artifacts.

One stop will see guests offered refreshing drinks while they enjoy the views from the home's balconies. Marine views are also one highlight of the "house of reflections."

A valley farm surrounded by horses, llama and sheep is another property on the tour and the Ruckle house is definitely on the tour this year.

Macpherson says homes are chosen for their "interesting architecture, fascinating design features such as incredible kitchens, historical significance, unparalleled settings, exceptional views, use of

construction materials, fine craftsmanship, unique private collections or simply 'island charm.'"

House tour proceeds benefit ArtSpring and last year the event raised \$13,000.

Tickets for the 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. move-at-your-own-pace house tour cost \$20. The tickets are in fact pin-on buttons, which must be worn all day as admission to the homes.

About 100 volunteers are involved in making sure the tour runs smoothly.

Drop into the ArtSpring office upstairs in Creekside on McPhillips Avenue or call the office at 537-2125 Monday through Friday to arrange for a ticket. Visa and Mastercard are accepted modes of payment.

Country fair set for Mayne Island

A "fan-full of activities" celebrating founding community members is planned at a country fair on Mayne Island.

The seventh annual event, hosted by St. Mary Magdalene Church, takes place July 13 from noon to 3:30 p.m. on the church

grounds.

Highlights of the event include a re-enactment of the 1913 Ladies Egg and Spoon Race — in full period costume — and the honouring of special guest Margaret Bennett, who represents two of the island's pioneering families.

These events will be interspersed with activities involving games, clowns, animals, horse-shoe pitching, a farmers' market, treasures, crafts, a tea room, a silent auction and "food galore."

Using the slogan "be a fan of the fair," the church is using a fan picture with the fair's numerous activities inscribed in each fan segment as its symbol.

Entertainers — one fan segment — will be Bill Bender's band, rechristened for the event as Rock of Ages, and the Islandaires, a women's singing group.

Children's entertainer on tap

What's a whimydiddle?

The answer may be revealed at Rick Scott's family concert in the Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School this Sunday.

The show starts at 7 p.m. and is a special added attraction for the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts.

Scott, who recently returned from a tour in Asia, lists the dulcimer, whimydiddle, guitar, trombone, tuba and Japanese flute among his instruments. In 1990 he turned his talents to entertaining children.

His recent release, Philharmonic Fool, was nominated for a Juno Award as best children's album.

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ASSENT OF ELECTORS-COUNTER PETITION
(SECTION 797, MUNICIPAL ACT, R.S.B.C. 290)

BYLAW NO. 2402: SOURCE CONTROL LOCAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Capital Regional District proposes to establish a local service for the control of direct or indirect discharge of contaminants into or through facilities connected to sewage facilities under the regulatory authority of the Capital Regional District.

Source control is a pollution prevention strategy that is aimed at reducing the amounts of chemical contaminants that industries, commercial businesses, institutions and households discharge to sewers. Source control focuses on point-of-discharge reductions of contaminants in order to protect the receiving environment, public health, collection and treatment systems and sewage sludge quality.

COUNTER PETITION

Pursuant to Section 797 of the Municipal Act, please be advised that after thirty (30) days of the last publication of this Notice, if the number of electors' signatures on counter petitions, or accurate copies of counter petitions, against the proposed Bylaw received by the Board represents fewer than 5% of the electors in the Capital Regional District, then the Capital Regional District Board may proceed to adoption of the Bylaw. **Those persons wishing to oppose this Bylaw are required to submit counter petitions, or accurate copies of counter petitions, against the proposed Bylaw on or before Friday, August 2, 1996.**

Counter petition forms have been prepared by the Board and will be provided to all persons who request them. Persons wishing to receive a counter petition or inspect Bylaw No. 2402 should contact one of the following CRD office locations (Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays):

- Corporate Secretary, Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, P.O. Box 1000, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 (Telephone: 360-3128, or toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3128) during office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Sooke Building Inspection offices, 2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke, B.C. V0S 1N0 (Telephone: 642-1616) during office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

- CRD Outer Gulf Islands and Langford electoral areas Building Inspection offices, #210-771 Vernon Ave., Victoria, B.C., V8X 5A7 (Telephone: 475-1581) during office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Salt Spring Island Building Inspection offices, #206-118 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2S4 (Telephone: 537-2711) during office hours: 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Pender Island Building Inspection offices, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M0 (Telephone: 629-3424) during office hours 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

The proposed bylaw is as follows:

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 2402

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL SERVICE FOR THE CONTROL OF THE DISCHARGE OF CONTAMINANTS TO SEWAGE FACILITIES

WHEREAS the Regional Board of the Capital Regional District may, by bylaw, under section 788(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, establish a local service for the collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of sewage;

AND WHEREAS the lieutenant Governor in Council has designated the Capital Regional District as a Sewage Control Area under section 17 of the Waste Management Act and the Capital Regional District has appointed a Sewage Control Manager and Municipal Sewage Control Officers;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board under section 18 of the Waste Management Act may by bylaw regulate the direct or indirect discharge of wastes into any sewer connected to a sewage facility operated by the Capital Regional District and has enacted such regulation under Capital Regional District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 1, 1994;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board wishes to establish a local service for the pur-

pose of controlling the direct or indirect discharge of contaminants into or through facilities connected to sewage facilities under the regulatory authority of the Capital Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board, pursuant to section 795(3) of the Municipal Act, has passed a resolution by two-thirds of the votes cast to permit assent to be given by electors in the entire service area;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board has obtained the assent of the electors under section 797 of the Municipal Act;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities is required under section 795(1)(a) of the Municipal Act;

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

1. Local Service

The service for the control of the direct or indirect discharge of contaminants into or through facilities connected to sewage facilities under the regulatory authority of the Capital Regional District is established as a local service.

2. Boundaries

The boundaries of the local service area shall be the boundaries of the Capital Regional District.

3. Participating Areas

The participating areas for the local service include all municipalities and electoral areas of the Capital Regional District.

4. Cost Recovery

The annual costs for this service shall be recovered:

(a) by the imposition of fees and other charges that may be fixed by separate bylaw for the purpose of recovering these costs;

(b) for an amount, as established by the Regional Board, to be recovered by the requisition of money under sections 809 and 809.1 of the Municipal Act to be apportioned in accordance with section 5(a) of this

bylaw and to be collected:

- (i) by a property value tax to be levied and collected under sections 810(1) and 810.1(1) of the Municipal Act; and/or
- (ii) by a frontage or parcel tax under sections 810 and 810.1 of the Municipal Act; and

(c) the balance, after deducting the revenue from sections (a) and (b) above, shall be recovered from all participating members by the requisition of money under sections 809 and 809.1 of the Municipal Act to be collected by a property value tax under sections 810(1) and 810.1(1) of the Municipal Act and apportioned in accordance with section 5(b) of this bylaw.

5. Apportionment

(a) Based on Annual Flow of Sewage
The portion of the annual cost attributable to this local service to be collected under section 4(b) above, shall be apportioned among each municipal participating area and each electoral area sewer local service area based on the ratio of the total annual flow of sewage from that municipal participating area or electoral area sewer local service area to the total annual flow of sewage from all

municipal participating areas and electoral area sewer local service areas into sewage facilities owned or operated by the Capital Regional District.

(b) Based on Converted Assessments

The balance remaining to be collected under section 4(c) above, shall be apportioned to all participating members on the basis of the converted net taxable value of land and improvements.

6. Maximum Requisition

The maximum amount that may be requisitioned under section 804(1) of the Municipal Act for the local service shall be the greater of:

- (a) six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000); or
- (b) an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of two cents (2c) per one thousand (\$1,000) dollars which, when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements within the local service area, will yield the maximum amount that may be requisitioned under sections 804(1)(a) and (b) for the local service.

7. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996".

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

It is estimated that the number of electors within the local service area, calculated as required under Section 797(10) of the Municipal Act, are as follows:

ELECTORAL AREAS AND MUNICIPALITIES	ESTIMATED ELECTORS	ELECTORAL AREAS AND MUNICIPALITIES	ESTIMATED ELECTORS
Electoral Area "B" Langford	1,224	District of Langford	10,544
Electoral Area "D" Sooke	5,865	District of Metchosin	2,700
Electoral Area "F" Salt Spring Island	5,351	District of North Saanich	4,379
Electoral Area "G" Outer Gulf Islands	2,746	District of Oak Bay	12,821
District of Central Saanich	10,156	District of Saanich	64,352
City of Colwood	8,300	Town of Sidney	6,552
Township of Esquimalt	5,554	City of Victoria	46,804
District of Highlands	901	Town of View Royal	4,150
		TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA.....	192,399
		5% COUNTER PETITION	9,620

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors are as set out below:

Resident Elector: You are entitled to submit a counter petition as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the day of submission of the counter petition, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in your community for 30 days.

Non-Resident Property Elector: If you are 18 years or older on the day of submission of the counter petition, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, have registered on or before July 19, 1996, you may submit a counter petition as a Non-Resident Property Elector.

Notes: Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may submit a counter petition per property, regardless of how many owners there may be; if you fail to complete your registration as a Non-Resident Property Elector you will NOT be entitled to submit a counter petition against Bylaw 2402.

APPLICATION PACKAGES for Registration as a Non-resident Property Elector in the ELECTORAL AREAS OF Langford, Outer Gulf Islands, Salt Spring Island and Sooke are available from: Corporate Secretary, Capital Regional District, P.O. Box 1000, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 (Phone: 360-3128 or Toll Free 1-800-663-4425, local 3128).

In the **MUNICIPALITIES** of Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Victoria and View Royal application should be made directly to the applicable municipality.

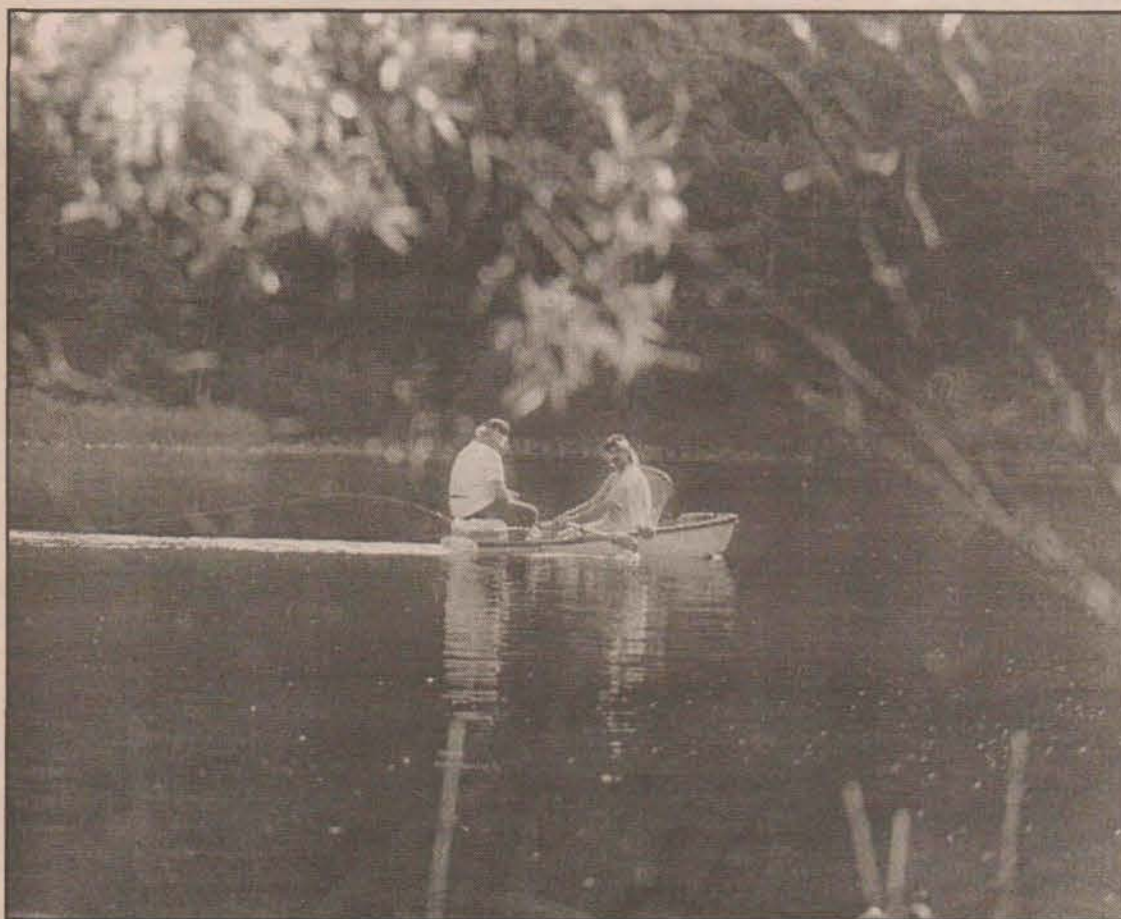
TAXATION IMPACT

The estimated annual cost, including debt servicing and operating costs, to a property owner having an assessed value on land and improvement of \$100,000 is projected to be approximately \$1.79 per year.

TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES

Please address any technical enquiries to the CRD Hotline 360-3030 (1-800-663-4425, local 3030) and advise that your enquiry is about Bylaw No. 2402, Source Control Establishing Bylaw, and provide your residential location.

Carmen I. Thiel,
Corporate Secretary



Fishing friends

Cusheon Lake provided a peaceful backdrop and escape for these two unidentified fishermen. With still waters and a calm breeze, the

only other ingredient needed is some fish for dinner.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Obstacles overcome, sailor starts Maui race

By DANIEL BENNETT
Driftwood Staff

Stolen sails, the passing away of one of his crew members and being deserted by the rest of his crew are some of the things Tony Brogan has had to deal with over the last couple weeks.

On June 25, Salt Spring resident Brogan overcame great adversity and got a Coast Guard's escort out of Victoria Harbour and started his journey from Victoria to Maui. On board the Brigantia, a 35 foot, 5 inch hunter sail boat, Brogan and his crew of four are taking part in the annual Victoria to Maui boat race.

This is Brogan's first year competing in the race. Organized by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, the 16-boat race began when Brogan was part of the first division that left last Tuesday, a second left the following Thursday and the final division left Saturday.

It is estimated that the race will take around 16 days to complete and, according to Brogan's wife Christine, the Brigantia's position as of Sunday was around 355 kilometres off the coast of Eureka.

The Brigantia is the smallest boat in the competition but that was one of the minor problems to overcome, said Christine Brogan. Three weeks before the start of the competition, Brogan was without a crew. One of his original members was diagnosed with cancer and decided he wasn't able to do the race. This resulted in another crew member leaving and, after a few disappointing practices with an undermanned boat, the remaining two crew members quit, leaving Brogan three weeks to find another crew, and his

problems were only just beginning.

After days on the phone desperately trying to find another crew, Brogan finally came up with four more people that wanted to man his boat.

Then he received word that a few of his original crew members had decided that Brogan owed them money because they were not going to enter the race. He refused to pay them and as a result they followed him around until they found the whereabouts of the Brigantia, climbed aboard and stole a couple of sails.

They then proceeded to demand that Brogan pay the money they thought he owed them in return for his sails. After consulting with a lawyer and the police, Brogan decided to pay the money and get his sails so he could concentrate on the race. He will be taking the issue up again in a small claims court when he returns.

With the Brigantia back in working order, Brogan received word his former crew member, a Coast Guard auxiliary who was diagnosed with cancer had passed away. The man's wife explained to Brogan how important the race was for her husband and asked if Brogan could take his ashes with him aboard the Brigantia. He agreed and is planning to scatter the ashes over the ocean when they are in sight of Maui.

Brogan was made an honorary crew member and has a Coast Guard flag to fly along with his Coast Guard escort out of the harbour.

Anyone interested in following the race can access information on the Internet.

Island relay team wins charity event

By DANIEL BENNETT
Driftwood Staff

A team organized by Salt Spring's Sandy and Dave Morgan came first in the Vancouver Island 24-Hour Relay for the Kids.

Eighteen people from Salt Spring and Victoria ran in the June 22 and 23 event, which raised money for the Lions Society of B.C. Camp Shawnigan. The Morgans' team finished first in the relay which was centred around the University of Victoria's Centennial Stadium, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday and finishing 10 a.m. Sunday.

The team of all ages was fondly named "Slim Pickins." Each member ran five laps of a 2.3-mile course around the university campus.

In between laps there was music, dancing, and a knock-out volleyball tournament.

The team managed to run a grand total of 207 miles and beat out 60 other teams to finish first. Some teams were from elite running groups such as the Running Room which they beat by one lap, 2.3 miles.

The charity relay itself was also very prosperous. When all was said

and done a grand total of \$221, 547 was raised for Camp Shawnigan.

This was the second and most successful year that a team with Salt Spring runners entered the relay. They reported that it really is great fun and a worthwhile event to take part in.

Other highlights included a trip to the semi-finals in the volleyball tournament, and the best-dressed prize for a team dressed as members of the Scottish army from the movie Braveheart. They all ran in their war paint and kilts, said the Morgans.

There was a lot of good food available throughout the night for dinner and breakfast, and when they were not running, dancing or playing volleyball, they were eating or trying to find a quiet, comfortable place to sleep for a couple hours.

Sandy Morgan would like to thank Thrifty Foods for providing fruit and juice to keep the runners going, K.I.S. Office Services for providing the printing on the shirts that were donated by Work Wear World, and all the runners that came out to run and raised money for a good cause.

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Part-time sports reporter joins staff at Driftwood

Daniel Bennett is the new part-time sports reporter at the Driftwood. Entering Grade 12 at Gulf Islands Secondary School in September, he is interested in journalism and plays a wide range of sports at a highly competitive level.

He hopes to become a professional athlete as well as a sports reporter.

Bennett has lived on Salt Spring for seven years, moving here with his parents Catherine and Richard Bennett and older sister Zoe from Scotland in 1989.

By RICHARD BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor

Island athletes took their longest road trip over the Canada Day weekend to travel to Kelowna for the annual Jack Brow meet.

With a number of championship meets coming up, this was a chance to try out against athletes from all over B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Australia.

Salt Spring's nine athletes were part of a grand total of 1,200 registered competitors, making this one of the largest meets of the year.

The weather co-operated and warm, calm conditions allowed everyone to perform at their best while spectators were treated to top class action.

For the local club, Jordan Morrison broke three minutes for the first time in the 10-year-old

Locals win medals, personal bests

boys category. Older brother Jeremy, aged 12, raised his high jump mark to 1.25 metres and lowered his 1,500 metres time to five minutes, 13.57 seconds.

Family success continued with sister Joelle in the 14-year-old girls division. She had personal bests in javelin, triple jump and won the high jump with 1.54 metres.

A second gold medal was won by Erik Jorgensen in the juvenile boys category. He threw 47.16 metres with the 800-gram javelin.

Also competing as a juvenile, Daniel Bennett once again equalled his high jump mark of 1.65 metres and ran 58.55 seconds for fourth in the 400-metre hurdles with less than a second between

the top four finishes.

Stephanie Collette continued her good form in the triple jump to bring home a bronze medal in the 15-year-old girls age group. Amanda Sadler, in her first year of competition, ran a powerful 400 metres to break 70 seconds and improved her triple jump record to 7.49 seconds.

The family team of Jenny and Kelly Kerr brought home five improved performances between them. Jenny in the 100 metres and javelin; Kelly in the 80-metre hurdles, 800 metres and discus.

Full results from the meet are: Jordan Morrison, 10-year-old boys: 400 metres, 78.3 seconds; 800 metres, two minutes, 59.61 seconds; high jump 1.10 metres;

shot 4.63 metres.

Jeremy Morrison, 12-year-old boys: 800 metres, 2.39.4; 1,500 metres, 5.13.37, fifth; high jump 1.25; long jump 3.45; shot, 7.23.

Erik Jorgensen, 16/17-year-old men: javelin, 47.16, first.

Daniel Bennett, 16/17-year-old men: 400-metre hurdles, 58.55, fourth; high jump, 1.65, sixth.

Kelly Kerr, 11-year-old girls: 100 metres, 14.67; 800 metres, 2.37.9, second; 80-metre hurdles, 15.03, fifth; long jump, 3.51; triple jump, 7.50, fifth; shot, 5.82; discus, 15.44, second.

Amanda Sadler, 13-year-old girls: 100 metres, 14.64; 400 metres, 69.92; 800 metres, 2.57.99; long jump, 3.47; triple

jump, 7.49.

Joelle Morrison, 14-year-old girls: 400 metres, not available; 1,500 metres, 5.07.94, sixth; high jump, 1.54, first; triple jump, 9.00; discus, 16.56; javelin, 21.68, fifth.

Jenny Kerr, 14-year-old girls: 100 metres, 14.24; 400 metres, not available; 80-metre hurdles, 15.87; 300-metre hurdles, 54.07; long jump, 3.73; javelin, 23.10, fourth.

Stephanie Collette, 15-year-old girls: 100 metres, 14.51; 400 metres, not available; long jump, 4.31; triple jump, 9.76, third; javelin, 19.50, sixth.

The next meets are on the July 13-14 weekend when Chilliwack hosts the B.C. Pentathlon Championships for all athletes 15 years and younger, and at Abbotsford when the juveniles, juniors and seniors will be competing for places on the B.C. team.

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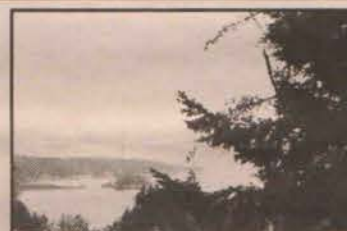
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5 BIRTHS

BORN: ONE baby oystercatcher at Walter Bay, Salt Spring Island, June 27, 1996. Both parents wish to thank Anne Miles, Dean, Abigail, and Zoe Taylor, Anne Humphries, Beth Appeldoorn, Susan Sandler, Briony Penn, Athena George, Jackie Booth, Gary Horncastle, Ken Broadland, Rob Butler, Kees Vermeer, Sofia Raginsky, Miles Drew, Lorne Bunyan, Joe Penney, Rob Doyle, Bill Hubbard, Wolfgang Brunnwieser, Bob and Margaret Jones, Patti May Lawson, Rosalie Le Tour, Elizabeth Anderson, Elfi Weir, Keith McHattie, Marc Consiglio, Valerie Lennox, John Price and Trudy Chatwin for your help and support over the past thirty days.

6 DEATHS

FARMER, PAULINE (Polly), passed away peacefully in Nanaimo on June 22. A resident of Salt Spring Island from 1980 to 1995 she was predeceased by her husband Tom in 1989, and is survived by her daughter Pat Barnes, grand-children David and Jenny Barnes and her sister Doris Durand. A memorial service will be held at Salt Spring United Church on Friday, July 12 at 3:00 pm.

ZOMAR, TIM, 37. Passed away at Vancouver General Hospital after a two week fight to survive injuries sustained in a single car MVA north of Qualicum on June 13. Speed and alcohol are suspected. Tim had many friends on Salt Spring who I know will be deeply saddened to learn of his death. Via Con Dios Amigo.

EASTON, MARY A.C., born July 31, 1915 passed away peacefully after a brief stay in Lady Minto Hospital on Thursday June 27, 1996. She leaves behind her daughters Patricia and Dinah, her grandchildren Mark & Monique, Kim, Judy & Jim, Nicholas, Ashley & Alan and Sean & Danielle and her great-grandchildren Candace, Krystal, Raquel and Brooke. Our thanks to Dr. R. Graham, Dr. R. Crossland, Dr. K. Shklanka and the Nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for making her so comfortable for those few hours.

VAPAUVUORI, EMMA Johanna passed away June 25, 1996. Emma was born in Finland in 1908. She was a long time resident of Salt Spring and was predeceased by her husband Rudy in 1965. She is survived by her daughter Helen Nicholson (Robert), granddaughter Lisa Butler-Cole (Thomas) of Salt Spring. Grandson Grant Nicholson (Tina) of Florida and great grandchildren Andrea, Adam, Ian, Amanda & Robert. Also nieces & nephews in Finland. No service by request, cremation arrangements, Goodman Jones Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Gulf Islands Lady Minto Hospital.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Emma Vapaavuori wishes to express their thanks to Dr. Roland Graham for his compassionate care of Emma over the years, Jane & Nancy for your kindness and smiles, doctors, nurses & staff of Lady Minto for caring for her on many occasions. Lastly the wonderful ambulance attendants, firemen & police officer who made a very difficult morning easier to bear. Helen & Bob Nicholson.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Come & Go Tea To Honour Madeleine Neault on the occasion of her 75th Anniversary
from 2:00 - 4:00pm
July 10, 1996
Lakeside Gardens Resort
1450 North End Rd.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy 50th Anniversary



Help us celebrate with **Delbert and Millie Valdez**
Sunday, July 7 after 1:30pm
for a luncheon picnic
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Against The Odds



Happy 75th Dad "O.P.A." from your 16 offspring

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11 COMING EVENTS

WATERCOLOUR CLASSES: Beg./Interm. - July 15-19, Aug 12-16, Sept 23-27, Call Val Konig 537-9531 or Libby Jutras 653-2030. Early Bird Special. \$200.

BRONZE MEDALLION and Senior Resuscitation being offered at Shelby Pool, Portlock Park, from July 12 to July 14, Friday, 5-9 p.m., Saturday 9-5 p.m., Sunday 9-5 p.m. Register at the front office. Prerequisites: 13 years of age, basic swimming ability. Learn the basic principles of life saving. The first step to being a life guard. Teaches basic first aid, rescue breathing, water emergency recognition. Fee \$110, includes exam and books.

AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN dance and drumming workshops. Wednesday, July 10 with C.O.B.A. Salt Spring Festival of the Arts. Info, register call Trish 537-4167.

RICK SCOTT Family Show. Sunday, July 7, 7 pm. Salt Spring Festival of the Arts. Activity Centre. S.S. Elementary School. Adults \$8, Kids \$5.

MERRY-GO-ROUND Studio. 125 Crofton Road. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Clays, curios, collectables, paintings, etc.

STEP AEROBICS Monday 5:30-6:30, Thursday 5:30 - 7:00 (20 minutes stretching) at All Saints by-the-Sea, Lower hall, everyone welcome 15 years & up. Drop in \$5 or prepay and save. Steps, bands, weights are supplied. Tone your whole body. More info: 653-4877 Damaris (no class holiday Mondays).

STRAW BALE Building introduction/slide show. July 5, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$10.181 Beaver Point Road. R.S.V.P. 653-4250.

GULF ISLAND Summer School of the Arts for kids 7 - 14 is filling up quickly, register soon. Watercolour, batik, sculpture, music, swimming, etc. Call 537-1211 for information.

FAMILY PLACE

Planning Meeting for Co-Operative Child Minding program for children aged 17 months to 4 years. Volunteer parents needed
Meet at: Family Place
Monday, July 8, 1pm
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For more info.

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July - August - September or his representative will be visiting the following islands and attending various events during the summer and early autumn to meet and to hear constituents views. Timings are approximations with weather permitting:

Galiano - Lions Club Festival - 3 August - All Day
Mayne - The Mall - 12 noon to 3p.m. - 12 July
Pender - Driftwood Mall July 13, 10am - 12 noon
Reform Party Pot Luck Supper - 11 Sep.

Salt Spring - Legion Hall - Aircrew Luncheon - 17 July - 12 noon.
Fall Fair - 21-22 September - all day.
Saturna - Visit to be confirmed later date.

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Salt Spring Island Children's Festival
Sunday, July 14
10:30am - 3:30pm
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Thank you.

The Driftwood's Holiday Weekend deadline means this ad is being written before we know the results of the

Mill Farm Art Auction & Literary Event

Nevertheless, we'd like to thank organizer

Robin Doobenon

and his team for their tremendous effort.
Brian Brett
Uri Cogan
Daphne & Catherine
Sharon Doobenon
Lisa Lloyd
Sam Mitchell &
David Lertzman
Sarah Morris
Jan van Stolk

Special thanks to Susan Lundy and the Driftwood for continuous coverage of the event.

And our heartfelt gratitude to all the artists and writers who selflessly contributed their work and their time to the event.

Please note: We still need your pledges.
Call your pledges in to Ann Richardson at 653-4632. Thank you.



The Salt Spring Conservancy

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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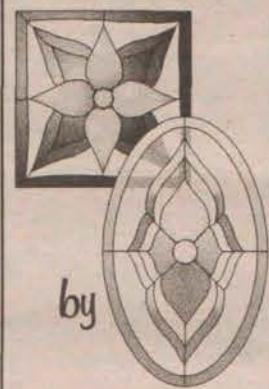
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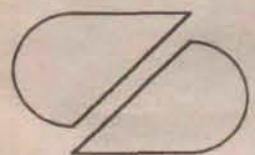
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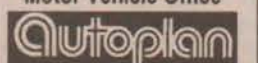
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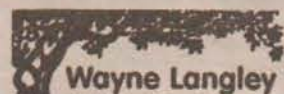
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
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Facility has surplus to end year

An unexpected provincial grant of \$23,000 allowed the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Long Term Care Society to finish its year with a small operating surplus of \$12,000, which will be used to decrease the society's accumulated deficit of \$78,000.

The financial bonus was among the reports presented at the society's annual general meeting Wednesday, which was attended by approximately 60 members.

Extra money from the government grant allowed the society to improve staffing at its intermediate care facility and also freed up extra funds elsewhere for maintenance of the building.

Elected to the board were Phyllis Bolton, Harold Brochmann, Max Fitch and Don Hartwig, who will fill either one-year or two-year terms. They join Leanoir Hearsey and Ken Strike, who are completing their terms.

Representing the Outer Islands on the board are Marsha Frease from Saturna, Judy Taylor from Mayne and Terra Tepper from Pender.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Capital Health Board chairwoman Helen Evans, who spoke on the province's decision to halt the New Directions regionalization of health care pending a provincial government review.

Evans felt the delay would allow some administrative concerns to be resolved and would slow the pace of change. This would be a welcome respite for those who have worked on the New Directions project for the past three years, she noted.

Considerable progress has been made towards amalgamating services and increasing cooperation between various facilities and services, Evans added. Even before any formal establishment of a regional board, she felt these cooperative ventures are making improvements and increasing economy in health care.

Following Evans' presentation, the society passed a resolution to amalgamate with the local community health council "at a date to be determined." The trustees were authorized to take the necessary action to implement that resolution.

Greater emphasis on home care is resulting in a change in the clientele at facilities such as Greenwoods, the annual report notes. For the most part, residents entering the facility are older, more physically frail and affected by psychogeriatric symptoms.

The report says the average length of stay is 2.5 years. During the past year there were 21 admissions.



Enjoying the sun

With a smile as broad as her hat, Fran Adamson enjoys the sun on Canada Day Monday. The holiday weekend brought the

warmest weather seen this year in the islands.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Marie Hopkins is winner of match versus par game

GOLF TEES

Marie Hopkins took the top spot in a "match versus par" game played last Tuesday by members of the women's 18-hole division.

Hopkins won with a plus-7 score. Taking second place was Connie Hardy with a plus-5, while Eileen Botham and Connie Broadbent tied for third with plus-4.

Hardy and Alice Fraser shared the putt pot with 28 putts each.

A Salt Spring Island women's team won a match against a Cowichan team.

The game was played at the Salt Spring golf club last Tuesday. The local women took the match 91.5 to 52.5.

Over 50 members of the women's nine and 18-hole divisions got together last Wednesday for a fun game, in which each hole had a special challenge.

Low gross went to Grace Murchie. Ann Monro and Elizabeth Kirwin tied for low net.

Monro also took closest to the pin and tied with Murchie for

closest to the line.

Isobel Fitch had the most putts on No. 5.

Doris Harvey was named queen of the "coarse," and new players Helen Keyes, Pat Warman, Ruth Hopping and Doris Harvey were presented with "golf tips."

The event was organized by Helen Ramsey and Ruthe Grant.

Men's golf division members gathered Thursday to compete in a two-ball best-ball event.

A. Botham and partner "Ghost" tied for first with the team of B. Marshall and C. Lawler. Both teams had a 59.

Coming second were P. Brodie and C. Walker with 60, followed by the teams of N. Wilkie and P. Dalton, D. White and L. Locke, H. Monro and G. Scott, and H. Stone and M. Spencer — each with 62.

Closest to the pin on No. 2 was Bob Jones.

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By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The students of Galiano School were joined by their teachers and parents at a year-end picnic at Montague Harbour Provincial Park last Wednesday.

After enjoying a leisurely luncheon on the grass, the picnickers gathered for the presentation of school awards, made by principal Glenn Goring and staff.

Jennifer Moore won the Marion Williams award for highest academic average, Tara Prevedoros the Larry Grills trophy for sportsmanship at the intermediate level. Citizenship plaques went to Katilee Marshall, Sarah Anne Koster and Stefan Labbe.

The fine arts trophy (primary and intermediate) was awarded jointly to James Sharp and Amber Smith. Jordan Haenen was awarded the sports cup for the upper grades, Jesse Schultz that for the primary grades.

Kadek Okuda took the track and field cup, Dylan Robertson the Hamish cup, Sasha Trueit the "skills for learning plaque for adolescents" and Tika Okuda its equivalent for juniors.

School end celebrated at community event

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Saturna students celebrated their successes both on Saturna and Mayne islands as the school year came to a close for elementary and junior high schools.

Celebration Day on Saturna was held at the community hall and the children played and sang for an appreciative audience. A display of the children's art work and a slide show depicting the children in and around the school helped make the day memorable.

Ishbel Elliott presented Katie Jones with the Arthur Ralph Memorial Award on behalf of the Community Club. This award is given to a student who makes a superior contribution in academics, citizenship and sportsmanship during the year.

Carol Money presented the attendance awards to primary students Angela Jenkins and Graydon Bruce. Gabriel LeBlanc and Jennifer Danyliw took the awards for the intermediate class. The whole student body took a first aid course during June and the community nurse, Laura Paul was on hand to present certificates to each child.

Michael Griffin and Keith Laing have completed their elementary school years and were acknowledged for their contribution to the school. Best wishes to both as they go on to bigger challenges in the future and also to Errol Bruce who will travel to a French Immersion class on Salt Spring Island next year.

At the Mayne Island School, Corinne House and Miranda Middleditch emceed the celebration. Kalal Hollings graduated from Mayne Junior Secondary School, taking with her the Dave Bentham Award for citizenship and sportsmanship. She also won a math award and a scholarship for placing in the top 30 per cent of her grade in all subjects.

Miranda Middleditch won a French award and Corinne House took the third-place medal from the Mayne track and field house competition.

UVic graduate

Ingrid Gaines, an islander since birth, graduated from UVic with her BA in History this spring.

She plans to take a year off school and spend six months working and the other half travelling in Europe. Although she has

Galiano students pick up awards

GALIANO NOTES

salute — he is the owner of the float at the cove! The sail-past featured 11 vessels, everything from a luxury troller and a sailboat, to a row boat and an inflatable. Flags were prominently displayed — the red ensign, the Icelandic flag and, of course, Canada's maple leaf in red and white. Air horns and klaxons were sounded and then the sail-past began, only to disappear into the hurry of traffic in Trincomali Channel that sunny Saturday afternoon. The event, first of its kind

held here as far as is known, ended with a potluck at the home of Bea and Jim Robson.

Marine protected area

The sail-past boaters, all of whom live along the Trincomali shoreline from Retreat Cove to Saltery Bay, are a bit concerned about an initiative of the Galiano Conservancy to have the sea front between Retreat Cove and Shaw's Landing designated a marine protected area.

The proposed reserve corresponds roughly with the government's Bodega Ridge Heritage Marine Park, although it fronts on only about a third of the coastline

being considered for "a rockfish nursery."

According to information sent out by the conservancy — first to some individual landowners in the preserve area, and then in a general mail-out to the whole island — the area between Bodega Ridge and Wallace Island has been selected "because of the value of Trincomali Channel in that area as a rockfish nursery" and because much of the surrounding terrestrial area has protected status.

The conference is scheduled for Saturday, July 13 at the Activity Centre in South Galiano and begins at noon with a luncheon. A participation fee will be levied. Three off-island speakers are featured and the afternoon will conclude with a panel discussion.

Adults Nadia Krebs and Deborah McKechnie were honoured by the students for their work on environmental issues.

The weather, still not too dependable, was excellent the day of the picnic — a great way to end a successful school year. Seven of the senior students go on to the middle school on Mayne Island next September.

Under the direction of staff member Lynn Scott, the students planted and cared for a vegetable and flower garden on the school grounds this spring. With funds supplied by the Garden Club, the deer fence was repaired, a new gate installed and tools and seeds purchased. The garden grew well, the produce ready just in time for a "pig out" on the next-to-last day of school.

A maritime sail-past

The beginning of summer was celebrated by north-enders with a sail-past at Spotlight Cove last weekend.

Commodore Chris Tidd took the

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no definite plans for a career, Gaines is looking toward the hospitality industry. She hopes to return to Camosun College following her travels to get a Certificate in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Gaines spent her two first years of post secondary education at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. These years were the most memorable of her school career. The people she met there and the drive across Canada, seeing many other parts of our country, have made a lasting impression.

Ingrid advises other students from the Gulf Islands to continue their education at a university or college in another part of Canada. She says that seeing other parts of our country goes a long way toward showing us how great it is in the Gulf Islands and how lucky we are to grow up here. She suggests students pursue a post secondary education not just for the education but for the new places and people.

Barbecue

Barbecue, barbecue, barbecue — it's that time of year on Saturna.

It seems like the community can think of little else toward the end of June. Off-islanders who see the amount of work and the commitment involved often ask why anyone would volunteer so much time. In reflection I have to reply that aside from helping to pay our own way, keeping the taxes low and having local control over many services, the main reason seems to be that it is a lot of fun.

Neighbours work elbow to elbow sharing laughs and grumbles. Everyone pitches in. It's easy to feel needed and important in the whole scheme of things. After all, volunteers are our most valuable community resource.

The barbecue has shaped our community for 46 years. Even in the midst of the 14,000th hour of meetings this year, neighbours are putting differences aside and pulling together to give a real sense of community to what might only be a shared piece of real estate in other circumstances. Bravo to everyone involved!

ISLANDS TRUST MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

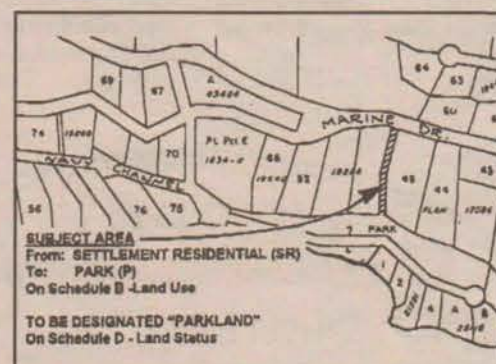
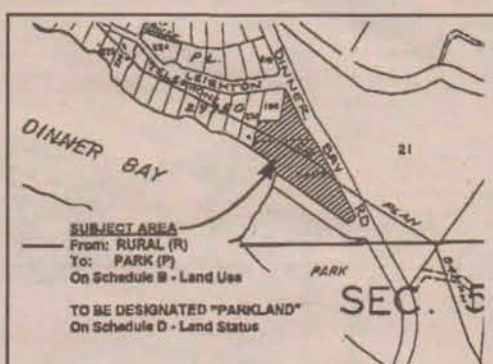
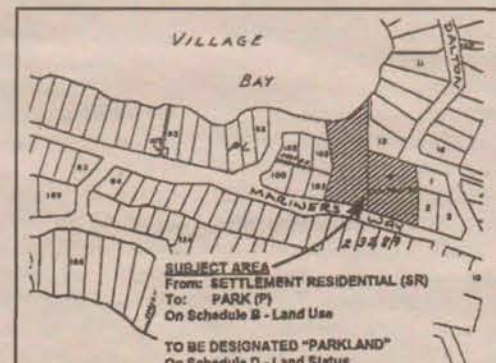
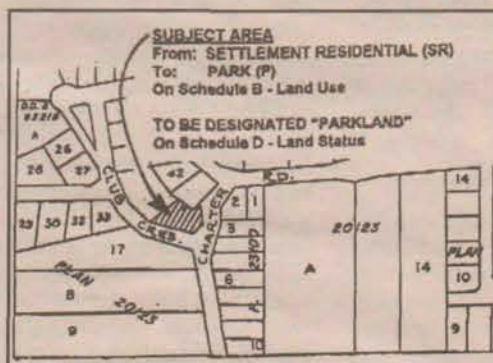
NOTICE is hereby given that Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing regarding proposed Bylaw No. 95, cited as "Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 86, 1994, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1996", for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, at the Mayne Island Health Centre, Mayne 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. 95 - "Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 86, 1994, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1996"

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 95 is to:

- add a minimum lot size in the Settlement Residential designation, which will maintain the minimum lot size from the current zoning bylaw into the new Land Use Bylaw, Section 2.1.1.4 is to be amended by deleting the words "0.6 hectares (1.48 acres)" and substituting "0.4 hectares (0.99 acres)";
- add a minimum lot size in the Upland designation, which will maintain the minimum lot size from the current zoning bylaw into the new Land Use Bylaw, Section 2.1.5.4 is to be amended by deleting the words "10 hectares (25 acres)" and substituting "1 hectare (2.47 acres)";
- correct a drafting error in the home occupation policies to permit two persons who do not reside on the property to be employed by a home occupation. Section 2.3.3.3 is to be amended by deleting the words "carried out only by residents that dwell on the property" and substituting "employ a maximum of three persons, one of whom must reside permanently on the property on which the home occupation is conducted";
- provide for updated road standards in the Land Use Bylaw by deleting Section 3.1.1.10; and
- update information on existing parks, by amending Schedules B and D, as shown on the following maps:



A copy of the proposed bylaw and reports that may be considered by the 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, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, June 26, 1996, and up to and including Wednesday, July 10, 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 notice boards (Centre Store, Trading Post, Agricultural Hall and Advisory Planning Commission notice board) on Mayne Island, B.C., commencing Wednesday, June 26, 1996.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- the office of the Islands Trust at the 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, prior to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1996.
- the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee, at the Public Hearing, at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 10, 1996.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Mayne Island Planner at 952-4182.

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

Gordon McIntosh
Secretary

Mayne Island Local Trust Committee

Vote favoured marina proposal by approving lease extension

Thirty-five years ago

Property owners voted 21 to 17 in favour of extending Art Young's foreshore lease by 500 feet — a move which would allow a marina to be established in Ganges. The vote did not extend the lease but was forwarded to the lands department for consideration with his application. Young's plan called for dredging a boat basin and the addition of fill to the foreshore. He expected his marina would add a further \$100,000 in revenue to the community and predicted a payroll of \$12,000 to \$18,000 annually. Young stressed the need for new industry in Ganges.

Most of those opposing the project were residents of waterfront homes adjacent to the marina. One feared the dredging could interfere with the normal drainage of the creek and argued that Salt Spring already had enough marinas. Another objected to the noise of dredging and a third compared the marina plan to Young's backing of a bridge to Vancouver Island.

However, other speakers thought Young had improved his property in the past and argued for the right of someone to make a living.

Thirty years ago

The possible formation of a village for Ganges was to be discussed at a meeting in Mahon Hall. Advantages to forming a village, cited by C.R. Horel, included receiving a healthy per capita grant from the province. Other advantages were an elected, local body to look after local needs and the possibility of bringing in sewer service using village taxes. A representative of the Department of Municipal Affairs was to attend the meeting to discuss the options.

Twenty-five years ago

Several islanders came forward with offers of land to help a student employment project on the island. The three-part project included production of vegetables for sale through market gardening, production of craft items to sell and an environment and pollution survey. Young people were already building collapsible stalls for the market, which was to be set up in front of Centennial Park, and were working on art and handicrafts to sell in the market. They accepted property offers from Zenon Kropinski, Doug Thomas and Oscar Wallace for their gardens.

A replica of an old paddle-

DOWN THE YEARS

wheeler called the Beaver received a unique welcome sailing into Salt Spring. The cast of Salt Spring Island Madness, dressed in period costumes, sang traditional sea shanties as the Beaver docked. All of the crew wore period costumes while serving on the ship, which was a joint Canadian Navy and B.C. government centennial project.

A bulldozer was required to rescue a car which dropped over a cliff and onto the beach off Walker Hook Road. The car had been parked in a driveway when the emergency brake failed and the vacant vehicle rolled across Walker Hook Road and over the edge of the cliff. At that point the bank was undercut and the car fell back under the overhang, making it difficult to retrieve.

Twenty years ago

Changes to government policy on ferry transportation were demanded at one of the largest public meetings ever held on Galiano. Those at the meeting agreed to send telegrams to the provincial government and regional district calling for reduced rates between Galiano and the mainland; a residents' rate for travel to the mainland; a review of parking rate increases; elimination of the overheight charge for all vehicles; and allowing use of commuter tickets on the Swartz Bay-Outer Islands route every day of the week.

A housing boom was underway on the Gulf Islands with 116 new housing permits issued between January and June. On Salt Spring, 74 permits had been issued. Second after Salt Spring were North and South Pender, for which 22 permits were issued. Third was Mayne, where 14 permits were issued and Galiano was fourth, with five permits. One new permit was issued for a home on Saturna. Total value of the buildings represented by all permits was \$3.6 million.

Fifteen years ago

A 40 per cent pay hike over two years was included in the final offer by the Gulf Islands school board to the district's 42 non-teaching employees. In the board offer was a pay increase of \$1.60 an hour in 1981 plus a cost of living adjustment effective January 1, 1982 and a four per cent wage increase in July, 1982. The offer included

improved benefits as well. However, CUPE president Don Gilman said the offer would not give CUPE employees parity with those in other districts. Those working on the islands made approximately 80 cents an hour less than those in other districts, he said.

Salt Spring's entry in the provincial drama festival, the locally written Joy as it Flies, received a certificate of excellence from the adjudicators. The play took first place in the zone festival in Duncan to win the right to represent the area at the provincial festival.

Ten years ago

New water events — a blindfolded rowboat race and a boat-building contest — were added to the Sea Capers line-up, promising a more exciting community festival. For the blindfolded rowboat race, organizers expected rowers to complete a course guided by a sighted passenger in the boat. For the build-a-boat contest, contestants were to be given plywood, 20 feet of wire and a tube of sealer. Using a hand saw, caulking gun, hand drill and pliers, contestants were to build a boat, launch it and paddle to the dock. All contestants were required to bring life jackets.

Five years ago

Some Gulf Islands taxpayers were charged too much for services on their tax bills, due to an error by the provincial government. Overcharged were those in the Fernwood water district, the Highland water district, the Malview sewer area and the Ganges sewer area on Salt Spring, the North Galiano fire district, the Magic Lakes sewer and water districts on North Pender and the Boot Cove water district on Saturna. The government was trying to figure out how to resolve the problem.

A bicycle accident which sent one visiting youngster to hospital underlined the need for cyclists to wear helmets. The 13-year-old boy flipped over the handlebars of the bike and landed on the pavement. His injuries included swelling and numerous abrasions to his face and body — injuries which police said would have been reduced had he worn a helmet. According to the Canadian Medical Association, which was launching a campaign to encourage cyclists to wear helmets, such a helmet could reduce risk of head injury by 85 per cent.



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