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In rehearsal

Megan Caron, left, choir director, and Laura Cairns, as King Jehoshaphat, rehearse for this weekend's presentation of a children's musical called Fat, Fat Jehoshaphat. The production involves 20 children aged six to 14 from the Baptist,

Community Gospel and Pentecostal churches on Salt Spring. It will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Baptist church on Lower Ganges Road.

Photo by Tony Richards

Piers ballot mistake is not a problem—More

A goof in the Capital Regional District (CRD) election process on Salt Spring does not concern the chief electoral officer.

"It's a fairy tale," said Thomas More on Tuesday. "It is not a problem."

The mix-up occurred when Piers Island — which votes with Salt Spring in the Islands Trust race, but with the Outer Islands for the CRD — was sent CRD ballots for Salt Spring.

Piers Island resident and Islands Trust candidate Lorne Andras told the Driftwood that he and others were handed the Salt Spring CRD ballot when they arrived at the polling station.

"One group standing there said 'this seems weird — the lady we thought we were voting for was acclaimed.'"

But, he added, "as member of the public, who the hell knows?" So several voters cast ballots for the Salt Spring candidates.

"It doesn't concern me," More said, noting the Piers Island votes are identifiable. "I'll just reject them because they are out of the jurisdiction."

He said the situation does not merit a re-vote because the votes can be subtracted from the total unofficial figures and do not affect the final result.

Piers Island gave eight votes to Lynda Laushway, seven to Kellie Booth and four to Dietrich Luth.

5 inches of snow recorded

There is a good reason why it feels early for snowfall on the Gulf Islands.

It is. According to Salt Spring weather observer Robert Aston, a total of 5.3 inches of snow fell Sunday and Monday. This compares to a 10-year average of 0.2 inches for the month of November.

In fact, according to Aston's record, it has snowed in November just four times since 1977. In 1993, we saw a November snowfall of two inches — hence the 10-year average.

Snow really doused the island in November, 1985 with 22.3 inches recorded. However, the November slate is clean of snow prior to 1985, all the way back to 1977.

This year, Aston recorded snowfall of 3.8 inches between 4 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday and an overnight low of minus 1.5 C. He estimated an additional 1.5 inches fell, mixed with rain, on Monday.

Aston also noted that "vastly different amounts of snow fell at different levels" on the island.

Voting sees close races

Squeaky close is the only way to describe the results of Saturday's local elections, which toppled the Salt Spring Capital Regional District (CRD) director and produced some tight races.

At least two recounts are expected on the Penders, and former CRD director Dietrich Luth has asked for a recount and a procedural audit of the regional district race.

Chief elections officer Thomas More has until this afternoon (Wednesday) to provide official results. He said Tuesday that the Salt Spring Trust race — where second and third place were separated by only 24 votes — might also be recounted.

A recount in Langford on Monday afternoon changed the results in that riding, he noted.

It could not have been much tighter on South Pender Island where Trust candidates John Rumble and Steve Wright tied for first place with 77 votes, John Jones took second with 76 and Ted Anchor won 75 votes.

Second-place North Pender Trust results were not much more decisive with only one vote separating Barry Lynd (396) and Tom Ward (395).

A close race and wrong information had second-place Trust candidates for Salt Spring scrambling to determine official results the day following the election.

Trust candidate Gary Holman went to bed Saturday night thinking he had placed a close third behind David Borrowman, only to be informed Sunday morning that a cable television report had him in second place.

Borrowman told the Driftwood he and Holman spent most of Sunday chasing rumours and trying to determine who had placed second behind winner Bev Byron.

Eventually, they had an electoral officer "go to the safe, get the results out and tell us what we already knew."

"It's unfortunate because I had to go through it again," a somewhat deflated-sounding Holman said Monday.

Results in the CRD race were also close, with only 99 votes separating first and third-place contenders, according to unofficial results.

Only 50 votes behind winner Kellie Booth, second-place finisher Luth told the Driftwood Monday he had asked for a recount. However, More said Tuesday he was unaware Luth wanted the results re-determined.

ELECTION RESULTS

CRD Director

x=incumbent

Salt Spring Island

Kellie Booth1,149
x-Dietrich Luth1,099
Lynda Laushway ...1,050

Outer Gulf Islands

Jacques Campbell acclaimed

Islands Trust

Salt Spring

(two to be elected)

Bev Byron1,612
David Borrowman ...1,418
Gary Holman1,394
John Ellacott1,224
Paul Marcano300
Drew Clarke234
Douglas Rajala128
Lorne Andras52

Mayne (two to be elected)

x-Larry Holbrook308
Rich Tamboline257
Bob Knapman153
Lynn Perrin98

Saturna (two to be elected)

x-John Money126
William Sheffield119
Jim Campbell97

South Pender

(two to be elected)

John Rumble77
Steve Wright77
John Jones76
Ted Anchor75

Gulf Islands School Board

Salt Spring

(three to be elected)

x-Charles Hingston ..2,076
Jane Parlee1,899
Judith Boel1,568
x-Kenneth Lee1,309
Dwight Jones609

Galiano (one to be elected)

Bonnie MacGillivray ..424
Joy Brown253
x-Bonnie Robson196

Mayne (one to be elected)

x-May McKenzie acclaimed

Pender (one to be elected)

Russell John Searle ...549
x-Jean Mabblerley368

Saturna (one to be elected)

Susanne Middleditch ..105
Pamela Joy Janszen ...90

On Salt Spring, Islands Trust results are favourable

Those nice congratulatory messages on the accuracy of an election prediction that appeared recently in this corner were very welcome. In case you missed it, the forecast was that Bev Byron and David Borrowman would be the happy couple to represent Salt Spring's interests at the Islands Trust.

But before you leap to the conclusion that forecasting such things is a special gift reserved for insightful newspaper columnists, let me share with you my heretofore unpublished calls for CRD and school board results in the Salt Spring elections.

Not anticipating that backlash from the province's financial woes would extend to the local level, I called for Lynda Laushway to squeak by Kellie Booth for Salt Spring regional director.

Unfortunately for Laushway, she was among a host of civic election candidates — most notably in Vancouver — to fall victim to the fallout from Glen Clark's sticky finan-

TONY RICHARDS



cial situation.

On the school board, I was out only one candidate: I picked Ken Lee to serve a second term, simply because he was the incumbent. But voters gave short shrift to school board incumbents on two other islands, with Bonnie Robson (Galiano) and Jean Maberley (Pender) both losing their seats.

Meanwhile, back at the Trust, there seems to be fairly widespread agreement that the results on Salt Spring are to be cheered. Bev Byron will bring a much-needed perspective to the Trust committee, that of a long-time islander who has seen remarkable change take place over the years.

For people like Byron, slogans like

"Getting the Island We Want," which has been used in association with the community plan review, must sound silly. For most people, the island they want is the island as it was when they arrived.

Fortunately for Byron — and the rest of us — her fellow Trust committee member is regarded as a moderate compared to his predecessor, Bob Andrew. The weaknesses in the Trust structure were never more evident than when Bob Andrew and John Stepaniuk did their best to preside over land-use issues on the island.

Put a few more people on a Trust committee and you might end up with a workable organization.

Fortunately for Borrowman, he's got Byron to work with rather than someone like Drew Clarke or John Ellacott. Somehow those pairings just didn't seem copacetic.

And happily for the rest of us, Borrowman won't share his duties with Gary Holman. Holman and Ellacott, believe it or not, have

something in common. Both tend to react quickly to issues without adequate thought or research.

Saturday proved to be an unhappy day for Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth. Not only did Luth lose his seat but he lost his dog and companion, Jimmy.

Jimmy died at the ripe old dog's age of 12. And while we're on the subject of pain, I can't imagine that Grace Byrne or Bob Andrew are feeling any. In fact, I expect the outgoing Salt Spring trustees are positively joyful at the prospect of not taking any more crap from islanders — including me.

But as they take leave of public office, let's not think lightly of the contribution of time our elected representatives make. And consider too that there has been no personal gain for either in speaking out for what they believe in.

You may not agree with their beliefs but at least you can respect them for having some.

Pump-outs costlier than reported

Septic tank pump-outs are going to cost more than indicated in a story last week.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) board is expected to approve next week a proposal by Salt Spring's liquid waste disposal committee to increase septage tipping fees from six cents to 15 cents a gallon.

However, the fees are charged to homeowners on the basis of the pump-out truck's capacity, said Lois Peterson of Gulf Islands Septic Ltd. on Tuesday.

The CRD charges Peterson's company a tipping fee

based on the truck's capacity, not the quantity of septage it is carrying. That means a tipping fee of \$112.50 will be charged to homeowners if the new fees are approved.

But that's only when two homeowners can have their tanks pumped at the same time and share the cost. In the case of an emergency, where a second pump-out can't be found to share the cost, the homeowner will be \$225 for the tipping fee.

Those fees don't include the charge by Gulf Islands Septic for pumping and hauling the septage.

VOTING: Tight races on Saturday

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Luth also said he was requesting a procedural audit, based on the possibility for voters to cast ballots at multiple polling stations and an "abundant turnout far in excess" of expectations. Voters who were not on the voting list were able to present identification at any polling station and receive a ballot.

Luth said he is unsure of how much of a deterrent the potential \$5,000 fine would place on the temptation for multiple voting. He

noted that the numbers of voters appeared substantially higher than in the election three years ago.

More said a total of 3,282 ballots were handed out to Salt Spring voters in 1996. Statistics from the 1993 CRD election indicate just over 2,000 voters cast ballots.

A procedural audit would occur at a later date, More said.

In the election of school trustees, voters denied three incumbents the opportunity to

return to the school board. Kenneth Lee (Salt Spring), Bonnie Robson (Galiano) and Jean Maberley (Pender) each lost out to fellow candidates.

Incumbents Charles Hingston from Salt Spring and Mayne's May McKenzie (acclaimed) were returned to the board.

A number of new faces will also sit around the Islands Trust Council table, with four of six incumbents returning and a full 22 new trustees taking office.

Skateboard meeting 'positive'

Some common ground was found last Wednesday when about 50 people gathered at the Core Inn to discuss the future of the Kanaka Road skateboarding area.

"It's not actually the school board's property. It's not the kids' property. It's the Ministry of Highways," observed Lynn Bissett, mother of one of the skateboarders.

She noted it is not the skateboarders who are causing the greatest concern for supervisors from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS). However, those at Wednesday's meeting agreed some school rules must apply to the area. "We'll see what happens. It sounds very positive," she said Thursday.

SIMS principal Bob Brownword also felt the meeting went well. "I'm certain that out of the whole thing will come a workable plan," he said.

Skateboarder Micah Booy was also pleased with the outcome of the meeting. "It went really well," he noted.

He had already been thinking about some of the guidelines which could be posted in the area. These could include no smoking during school hours, use the park at your own risk and be aware of less experienced users in the park.

FOR THE RECORD

Salt Spring bodyshop owner Richard Murakami was incorrectly identified in a photo caption last week. He was referred to as Bruce, his brother.

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MOORED IN GANGES: This barge, with its load of crushed cars, drew a lot of attention in Ganges Harbour Saturday after a salvage operation during the night near Active Pass. Les Pragnell, left, and Luke Marshall were among those drawn by the barge. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Coast Guard rescues sinking tug

Salt Spring Coast Guard members took a leading role in the rescue of a sinking tug which was towing a loaded scrap barge on the east side of Active Pass early Saturday morning.

The 68-foot Storm King called the coast guard just after midnight, saying it was taking on

water and in danger of sinking. The local crew hurried to the scene, immediately placing two men and salvage pumps on board the tug.

A second tug headed toward the scene to pick up the barge.

By 1:10 a.m., the Skua salvage pump had the intake of water

under control.

The second tug, the barge, the Skua and the Storm King eventually made it into Ganges Harbour, where the Storm King's certification was lifted the following day.

Another tug arrived to tow out the scrap barge early Sunday morning.

Trustees decide against layoffs

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

There will be no teacher layoffs. Despite a looming \$400,000 deficit by the end of June, trustees agreed Wednesday to stick "to the high road" and not lay off staff at the end of December.

Their decision followed a detailed, class-by-class analysis by superintendent Andrew Duncan, which compared class sizes with the collective agreement between the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) and the district.

Duncan said he spent three days collecting the data for his presentation.

"I can step you through every school, step by step and grade by grade."

His report showed most classes were adhering to the collective agreement as far as possible within the constraints of small, isolated schools. "We're running about as close to the collective agreement as we can," he observed, adding that elementary schools were "cut to the bone."

Further cuts will mean lost services, he said. He recommended the district make no cuts in staff but focus instead on bringing the issue to the Ministry of Education's attention and on optimizing the resources which exist.

Cutting staff would be educationally unsound and disastrous in human terms, he said. Increasing stress levels among district staff will lead to more illness, which raises the district's sick leave payments.

One example of potential cost is the leap in the projected deficit over the past week from \$355,000 to \$400,000 — caused by one seriously ill staff member going on long-term sick leave.

In the past few years, Duncan said the teaching staff level has been cut by 10 per cent, the number of support paraprofessionals is down and other support services and maintenance have been cut back.

"We are not the only district in the province facing this problem," Duncan said. "I believe we're just the first of the dominoes to fall."

In a November 6 letter to the education minister, Duncan described the district as "rapidly approaching the point of financial insolvency."

On Wednesday he told trustees the small size of the district combined with the extra costs in the collective agreement and the geographic isolation of the five islands has increased the impact of government cutbacks in funding.

"We have hit the wall one year sooner than one-third of the dis-

tricts in the province," he said, adding that other districts are also facing deficit budgets.

"It's good to see a new superintendent suggesting we take the high road," trustee Ken Lee remarked. But he and other trustees feared the classes which do not meet collective agreement provisions would lead to grievances, which would further empty the district's coffers.

One factor which has led to past grievances being settled in GITA's favour is the existence of non-classroom teachers in the system. Trustees wondered if these staff members should be assigned to classrooms to protect the district against grievances.

However, some of those non-classroom teachers — such as counsellors at the high school — are providing services which would be lost if they were moved into the classroom solely to protect the district against grievances.

Galiano trustee Bonnie Robson wondered if the district could get some assurance from GITA that the association would not launch class size or class composition grievances.

"If we get a repeat of last year, we'll be taking money out of the classroom for these grievances," Lee remarked.

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Two Salt Spring residents were treated for minor injuries at Lady Minto Hospital following a motor vehicle accident Monday.

The accident occurred late in the afternoon at the intersection of Leisure Lane and Upper Ganges Road.

Police say there was extensive damage to the vehicles involved.

RCMP REPORT

In other police news, a car in the Thrifty Foods parking lot was damaged in a hit and run incident last Wednesday. Anyone with information is asked to contact the RCMP.

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ArtSpring in 'superb shape;' completion in '97, says Curtin

1997 will be the year.

So says self-titled "eternal optimist" Bill Curtin, who has worked toward completing the ArtSpring dream for seven years.

But this time, following a positive annual general meeting last week, he thinks the next 12 months will see Salt Spring's arts centre completed.

Curtin said people at the Island Arts Centre Society annual meeting on Thursday learned the group is in "superb shape" with a sound financial statement, no debt and big steps taken forward in the areas of construction and fundraising.

Furthermore, the group has only \$355,000 left to raise and is involved in ongoing "conversations" with several estates and families, two foundations and federal government officials. Curtin noted the society has received funding from each level of government except the federal one which had promised a \$150,000 Communications Canada grant in 1989. The money never materialized due to a change in government.

The directors' report at Thursday's meeting cited several "good news" points, including the fact almost 200 volunteers worked for ArtSpring in 1996.

"They put on special events, ran the office, raised money and wielded paint rollers and hammers. Volunteers carry the flame for this community project and it burned bright this year!"

The financial statement indicates a modest year-end operating surplus for the society; fundraising efforts resulted in \$105,000 in cash and \$185,000 in pledges toward construction and endowment goals.

Volunteers from the arts society and the Salt Spring Ice Park Society made "major progress" on the interior finishing of the ArtSpring building. Interior painting is almost complete, most of the ceiling trims were installed and clear-finished, fir window liners and casings were measured, shimmed, milled, pre-cut, pre-finished and installed.

Major work still needs to be done on the building in the areas of sprin-

kler, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems, the meeting learned.

Fundraising sparked some debate at the meeting as some society members pushed for turning once again to the island community for funds.

In accordance with a fundraising strategy developed last year, the society agreed not to run a community-wide campaign until it reached the final \$155,000 thrust.

Although the group still needs to raise \$355,000, some members noted a change in island demographics over the past seven years — which has resulted in a younger, more financially-independent population — might make it more realistic to turn to the community now.

Curtin said the board will consider the proposal.

The society's board of directors will remain virtually the same during the upcoming year as all four directors up for re-election were returned to the board. The one new face is Joan Farlinger.

Community work ordered for threats

A former Salt Spring man will perform 65 hours of community work after his drunken threats caused a fearful neighbour to spend one week living in a transition house.

In sentencing 31-year-old James Richard Hamilton, Judge Keith Bracken considered as part of Hamilton's punishment the six days he spent in custody following the incident last May. He also placed him on probation for 18 months. Hamilton pleaded guilty to the charge of uttering threats which occurred May 9 at 8 p.m. when he returned "highly intoxicated" to his half of a duplex.

The couple who lived in the other side of the duplex with an 18-month-old child became frightened when Hamilton started yelling and "pounding and kicking on the wall," Crown counsel Evan Blake told Ganges provincial court last week.

Blake said Hamilton's profane deluge included a threat to "cut your tongue out" and "to cut up your wife."

The couple called the police who arrived at approximately 10:30 p.m. — well after the 15 to 20 minutes of yelling had stopped and Hamilton had fallen asleep.

Because he was facing other charges at the time,

Hamilton was kept in custody for six days and eventually released on bail.

According to a victim impact statement described to the court, the situation had a "significant impact" on the woman, who moved with her child to the Salt Spring transition house for one week. Unable to stay in the transition house, the man went to live in Sidney for a week, commuting daily to work on Salt Spring.

Counsel for the defence, Jim Pasuta, said a rash of charges had left Hamilton feeling "picked on" by the police. He noted his client does not normally drink much alcohol, but drank to "excess" on the night in question.

"He doesn't remember saying anything," Pasuta told the court. "Then he ran out of steam and fell asleep."

Pasuta also noted that Hamilton's landlady had appeared in court on his behalf and had "nothing but good things to say."

Hamilton has since left Salt Spring, Pasuta noted, giving up a job and a good rent situation. He asked the court to consider Hamilton's period of incarceration as part of his sentence.

Chamber unable to save lights parade

There will be no Festival of Lights parade in Ganges this year.

A last-minute attempt by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce to keep the parade going was abandoned Friday due to lack of interest.

The parade, which was first held six years ago, was popular with youngsters who would parade

through Ganges on the Friday evening before the annual Light-Up celebration, carrying candles and flashlights.

It was also a source of funds for the local Special Olympics group, which sold refreshments to parade-goers.

When the chamber learned last week that no one was organizing

the event, it stepped in to see if it could be saved. However, spokesman John Cade said there simply wasn't enough time remaining to complete preparations.

Light-Up takes place this year on Saturday, November 30. The parade would have been held either the same day or the Friday before.

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Bicycle paths still on agenda; demonstration lane planned

Salt Spring's cycling committee is fast pedalling toward making island roads safer for cyclists.

"Bike paths have been on the agenda for years and years and years," says Claire Heffernan, chairwoman of the Islands Trust's advisory cycling committee, which was established last March. "One hopes that this time we actually can get somewhere."

A new grant program created by the provincial government to aid cycling groups in municipalities and unincorporated areas has given new optimism to the island group which hopes to tap that funding for bike lanes.

The cycling committee is currently seeking grant money to establish a demonstration bike lane at Portlock Park on Vesuvius Bay and Lower Ganges roads.

"This would show what the rest

of the island could look like," Heffernan said. "It will allow people to ride bikes with some measure of distance from automobiles."

While bike paths refer to off-road recreational lanes linking various areas, bike lanes are created from paved shoulders on major roadways, Heffernan says.

Paved shoulders, she said, benefit everyone on the road — not just cyclists — providing a walking lane for pedestrians and horseback riders, and establishing an area for vehicular pull-outs.

"They also preserve the life of the road."

Heffernan and at least one other committee member were to meet with local MLA Murray Coell on Monday, hoping to obtain a letter of support for the grant application.

In the meantime, Heffernan said, a new paved shoulder on Rainbow Road in front of Gulf Islands Secondary School — put in place by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways — has provided a "safer environment" for pedestrians and cyclists.

The committee's aim to spread that "safer environment" to other areas of the island could be helped by more committee members, she added.

While the group presently represents the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and cyclists, it needs representation from the school district, RCMP and medical community.

Anyone interested in joining the committee can contact Heffernan at 653-4185.

Recycle prices plunge

Paper isn't what it used to be. Neither is cardboard nor cans.

So Salt Spring Recycling Depot has a new customer for its recycling operation: the Capital Regional District (CRD), which also funds the depot operation.

Last Wednesday the CRD board approved an environment committee recommendation that the CRD take over marketing the "blue box type" recycled materials from Salt Spring.

Salt Spring depot manager Peter Grant says the agreement will mean an extra \$2,000 a month for the island operation, which had been slipping into the red as market prices for recyclables dropped.

Under the agreement signed last April, Salt Spring Recycling had the option of either selling its recycled materials independently or participating in the joint contracts for newsprint, tin cans, magazines and mixed paper, cardboard, glass and plastic arranged by the CRD.

Given the prices paid last spring, the depot was better off arranging its own contracts, Grant said. At that time the depot was getting \$300 per tonne for cardboard. But that price has now dropped to \$60 a tonne, compared to the CRD contract of \$135 a tonne, Grant explained.

Likewise, the CRD is still getting \$30 a tonne for mixed paper while the Salt Spring depot gets nothing for the paper yet must still pay to haul it off the island. "We were starting to get into the red more and more," Grant said.

Anticipating that prices will remain low for the duration of the contract, Grant decided to take advantage of the recycling depot's option to join the Blue Box program. "We're trying to get the best of both worlds. We are

now officially selling those things to the CRD."

Salt Spring is a relatively small part of the CRD's entire operation, Grant notes. But the sales of recyclables help keep the depot operating, so efforts are made to get the best price possible. "Every month we get so much money for the items we ship."

Also at Wednesday's CRD board meeting:

- Mary Ruth Wilkinson of Galiano was appointed to the Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission for the next year as a representative of the North Galiano Fire Protection District.

- Appointed to the Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Local Services Committee on Saturna are Don Piper and Don Close. Their terms expire December 31, 1998.



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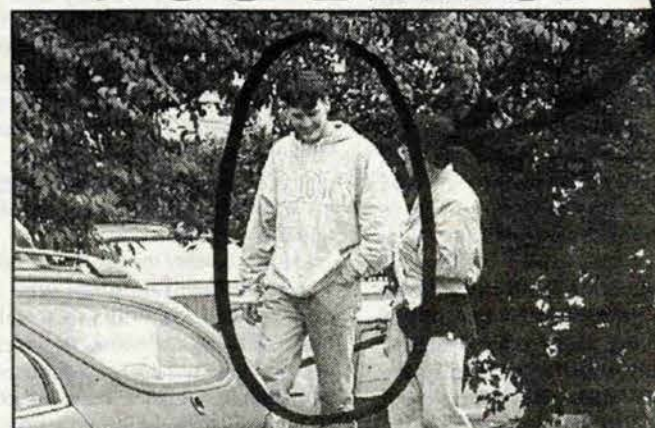
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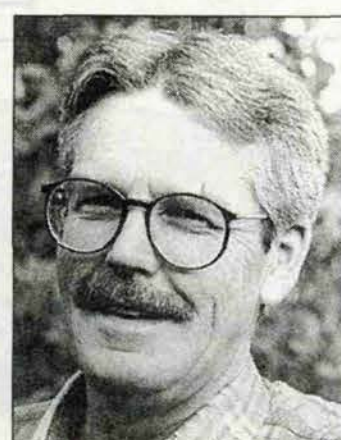


We extend a sincere thank you to all those voters who supported us in the recent election. Also a special thank you to the fine committee who worked so hard on our behalf. To those candidates who were successful in their bid for election to the Islands Trust, the C.R.D. and School Board — Congratulations!

To all who ran for election, you have served democracy well.

Bev Byron
BEV BYRON

John Ellacott
JOHN ELLACOTT



Legality of Trust's Mill Farm bylaw was in doubt

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff
Third in a series

MILL FARM SAGA

Launched with the confidence of the Titanic, Mill Farm Bylaw 297 looked solid from the outside. No one could predict a fatal crash loomed on the horizon.

Bylaw 297 would give each of the 10 Mill Farm shareholders the opportunity to build a house and seasonal cottage on their magical Mount Bruce property in exchange for conservation covenants and a trail dedication.

But squabbling broke out over the regulatory nature of the covenants and finally the legality of the proposed bylaw itself was scrutinized.

Co-owners Dennis and Gloria O'Hara developed several objections to the proposed covenants, protesting most aggressively the trail dedication which would cut through the Sacred Grove — an area they wanted protected from the public. The O'Haras also felt the Mill Farm co-owners' own constitution could adequately regulate protection of the old growth forest.

"As we have had personal experience regarding public access, our concern is not only liability but damage to the old growth area from fire, horses, trail bikes, campers, hunters," states a list of the O'Haras' concerns, outlined to at least some fellow shareholders and the Islands Trust between December 1993 and June 1994.

The O'Haras also objected to Trust regulation of the land through the covenants.

"As good stewards of the land," they wrote, "we can manage our own old growth forests." Among other restrictions, the proposed covenant prohibited any component of the old growth forest — "including soil, gravel or rock" — from being "disturbed" or "moved or removed;" and dictated the owners obtain written permission from the Trust before altering or interfering with the hydrology of the area.

Chronology

- 1981 — Vivian Murrill purchases Mill Farm from Smith family heirs, arranging for several friends to buy into it as tenants in common.
- 1990 — April. Mill Farm members consider strata title ownership of the land.
- 1991 — March. Susanne Hunter signs a rezoning application for the Mill Farm property.
- 1991 — June. Dennis and Gloria O'Hara purchase a Mill Farm share.
- 1992 — September. Bylaw 297 is given second and third reading.
- 1993 — September. O'Hara's obtain expired letter of undertaking.
- 1993 — December. O'Haras begin opposing proposed covenants.
- 1994 — September. Title search indicates rezoning applicant is not a Mill Farm owner.
- 1994 — July. Trust gives Mill Farm owners until February 1995 to indicate preference for deferral or withdrawal of Bylaw 297.

"It is not practical to expect people to live on the land and not do some disturbance. All of these points should be discussed and reworked to reflect an approach that is more livable ... " they said.

In a May 1994 letter written to trustee Bob Andrew, the O'Haras wrote, "Basically, Bob, we are not prepared to allow the government i.e. the Islands Trust etc. to have further control over our lives ... Unless all of our concerns are met, we are not prepared to go ahead" with Bylaw 297.

The following month, the crash sites were firmly in place with a letter from Bruce Williams to fellow Mill Farm members, in which he also objected to the proposed regulation of the land that conflicted, he said, with the group's original mandate and vision of an alternative, communal community.

The covenants issue was not the only stormy front.

Some six months earlier — in September 1993 — the O'Haras' fax machine became the bearer of unpleasant news for the couple when a letter of undertaking was faxed to them in error.

Dated September 23, the letter should have been faxed from the local Islands Trust office to Sid Filkow — lawyer at the time for one of the Mill Farm owners.

"This was the first time we became aware of this unauthorized Letter of Undertaking," the O'Haras' affidavit states. "It revealed the basis of the Trust's approval of second and third readings of the rezoning bylaw."

Notwithstanding the above, the affidavit continues, this document had expired on March 31, 1993.

"On this basis, we did not pursue it further."

Court documentation indicates the O'Haras placed a great deal of emphasis on the fact the letter of undertaking had expired as they climbed various government hier-

archies attempting to have Bylaw 297 declared illegal.

However, local trustee Bob Andrew and Trust planner Linda Adams describe it as a non-issue.

In the early 1990s, they note, there was no provincial legislation allowing conservation covenants. A letter of undertaking was necessary to provide a framework for these covenants. The expiry date was a safeguard for the applicant, and not something binding the Islands Trust, Andrew and Adams said.

"It (the letter of undertaking) has no legal status."

A further issue complicating the legality of the bylaw evolved in September of 1994 when the O'Haras conducted a title search on the Mill Farm and discovered that Susanne Hunter — the woman who signed the original rezoning application for Bylaw 297 — was not listed as a Mill Farm owner. Only her spouse, Barry Hunter, was named on the land registry title.

"We take this situation very seriously and are disturbed that you did not give the members full disclosure of your position of non-interest in this property when you pursued (sic) a rezoning application with the Islands Trust," wrote the O'Haras and Bruce Williams in a letter to Hunter dated September 1, 1994.

A copy of the original application indicates the applicant was asked if she was "the owner of the property discussed above." Here, Hunter has written "yes, altogether eight owners (tenants in common)."

Today, other Mill Farm owners feel this is a paltry point: if Susanne and Barry Hunter had divorced, they note, she would have been entitled to half the property whether or not her name was on the title.

And, as the Islands Trust points out, rezoning can be carried out by agents of the owner, or anyone, for that matter.

"The Trust doesn't need the owner's permission to go ahead

with rezoning," says Adams.

However, evidence indicates the Trust was concerned with the bylaw's legality.

In July 1994, the Trust sent a letter to all Mill Farm owners asking if they wanted the application "withdrawn or deferred."

Deferral, trustees explained in an August 18 letter to co-owner Bob Twaites, would leave the bylaw at its current point in the process until a request was received for further discussion. Withdrawal of the bylaw would extinguish it completely.

In the same letter, the Trust notes: "... while our new procedures require that all property owners sign a rezoning application form, this procedure did not exist when the application was made in 1991, and it is not legally clear that all owners consented to the original application."

Background for this letter was found by the Driftwood in the Islands Trust Mill Farm file on a sheet marked "Confidential." The page, which included hand-written, point-form notes taken during a

"conversation between Islands Trust staff planner and Islands Trust legal counsel," was denied twice to the O'Haras when they attempted to view it through access to information legislation.

The unfinished notes state "... if unanimous consent isn't there, it wouldn't be proper —/ if only motivation is only to sort out —/ there must be a public purpose —/ and finally "acknowledges there may be a problem with initial application and therefore wants to —"

The letter to Twaites further notes that the majority of shareholders had requested the bylaw be deferred, while two (the O'Haras and Williams) asked it be withdrawn, placing the Trust in a "difficult position." In light of the above, the Trust would seek unanimous consent before choosing to defer the bylaw, the letter concluded.

Mill Farm owners were given until February 12, 1995 to reach an agreement — an action that spawned threats and hostilities among shareholders.

Bylaw 297 was sinking.

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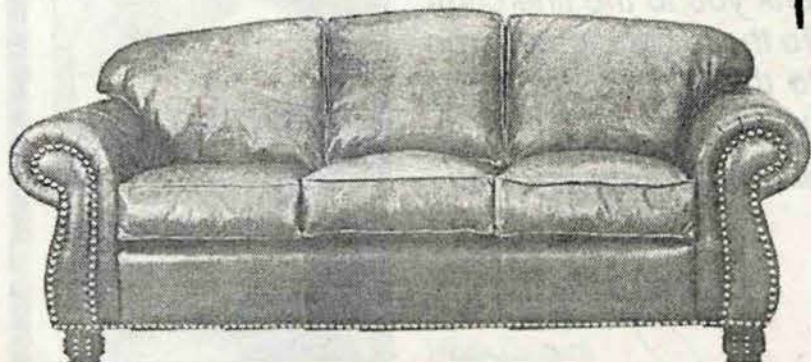
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Orientation on agenda of Trust Council meet

Class will be in session December 5 and 6 for new Islands Trust representatives elected Saturday.

Much of the quarterly Trust Council meeting in Victoria December 5 to 7 will be devoted to orientation sessions for new trustees.

Also on the agenda are planning and budget workshops. A base budget process will be reviewed for possible use in developing the 1997/98 Trust budget, which will be considered more fully at the March 1997 council meeting.

A business meeting will be held December 7 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. On the agenda is a request for legislation giving a local Trust committee the authority to require a regional district to withhold building permits which conflict with the Trust mandate.

Also on the agenda is a proposal for voluntary stewardship of natural areas on private lands.

Delegations wishing to speak at the meeting should reserve an appointment through the secretary of the Islands Trust by 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 2. Requests should include the subject to be addressed and the name and address of the speaker(s) and should be faxed to 250-952-4193 or mailed to the Islands Trust, 2nd floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8.

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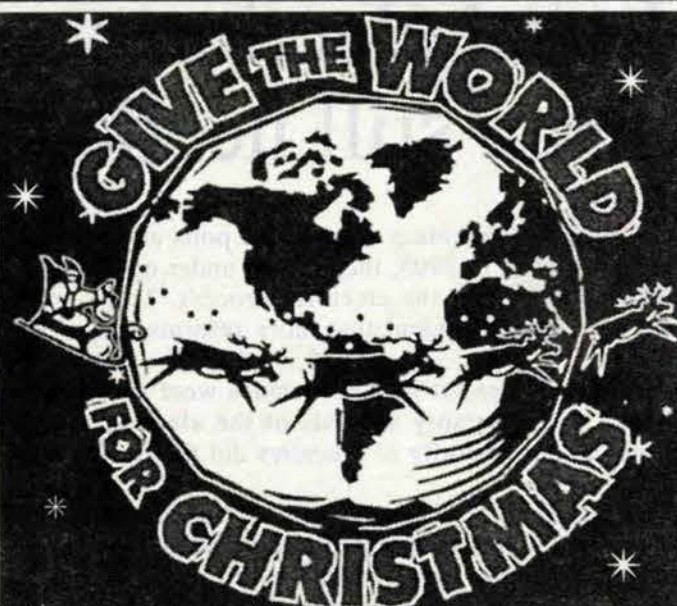


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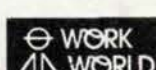
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Local elections: reform still needed

When British Columbians went to the polls and voted in local elections in 1993, they did so under new legislation designed to reform the electoral process. Three years later and it's become evident that more reforms are necessary.

Voter turnout figures for the Gulf Islands were unavailable at presstime, but a cursory analysis of the election results reveals that a good majority of islanders did their civic duty and voted.

The same cannot be said in the city of Vancouver, where only 37 per cent of voters bothered to cast votes. One strong discouragement is the ballot itself. It ran to 18 inches in length so as to accommodate the names of all the candidates, many of whom were simply trifling with the system.

It has become far too easy to become a candidate for mayor of Vancouver. It has also become far too easy to vote. On Salt Spring, only a time-consuming cross-check of individual polling records would reveal whether someone had voted at more than one of the three polls.

It is unlikely that anyone did so (a hefty fine could be the penalty), but the opportunity remains.

One solution to shortcomings in the voting procedure would be to initiate a system of voting by telephone. The technology exists for such a system, and its cost could be split among the three levels of government, federal, provincial and local, allowing us to vote in any election from our homes.

This would remove a significant obstacle to achieving a high voter turnout, that of getting people to the polls.

There is, however, another obstacle for which no ready solution comes to mind. A growing number of voters find themselves ignorant of the important issues facing different bodies of government. As well, they don't feel sufficiently familiar with the candidates and their positions on those issues to make an informed choice in the voting booth.

Life is more complex, less simple than days gone by and many people simply cannot keep up with matters that may not directly affect them.

This is a serious obstacle which poses a severe threat to the manner in which we govern ourselves. It's easy to say that people should take an interest in these matters, but reality is that they don't.

Without widespread public participation in the process, democracy cannot function.

A colourful term

The results remain unofficial, but we believe it's safe to say that one election, at least, is over.

It's time to say farewell to regional director Dietrich Luth, who placed a close second in a race against Kellie Booth and Lynda Laushway on Salt Spring.

Luth's three years in office have been marked by colour and controversy. From scenes of high-speed car chases between the director and Victoria media outlets to the bitter dispute over choosing representatives on the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC), Luth has run the gamut of political experience.

There are mixed reviews of Luth's record. His financial support for ArtSpring and his ushering of Salt Spring into the regional parks system will be viewed favourably by some, not so favourably by others. His opposition early in his term for continuing with the local government options study won him few friends at all. And his shabby treatment of PRC administrator Tony Hume stands out as the worst blemish on an otherwise not-bad record.

Luth lost the election over some of those issues, but communication was his worst failing. Behind the scenes, he worked hard on various projects with a number of organizations but his unwillingness to communicate — especially with this newspaper — left most people in the dark.

That seems to be how he preferred things. But it may have cost him re-election.

Will he be back? We'd put money on it.



Grasp of reality is Trust's problem as surprise subdivision proceeds

By J.D. McGANN

Hey, wait a cotton-pickin' minute. What's going on here! You published a letter November 6 from Linda Adams, Trust planner, in which she questioned Tony Richards' grasp of reality and as one of her examples used the subdivision of the Dunbabin property which she said was discussed at the October 4 public meeting of the Salt Spring Trust Committee.

From my standpoint, reality is not so much Mr. Richards' problem as it is of the Islands Trust planning department, and not just reality but also competence and service to the public. I went to the planning department in early February 1996 to find out what was going on when surveyor's ribbons began appearing on property across from my home on Stark Road. I was told the property could not be subdivided because it was a long narrow five-acre piece belonging to a family who had a residence at one end of the property. I asked to be kept informed if anything happened to that five-acre piece.

Seven months later when heavy equipment was tearing into that five acres building driveways, I wrote to a local member of the Trust committee to find out what was up and then, in a letter from the Trust dated September 11, 1996, I was told that the five acres belonged to the Dunbabins and that a subdivision plan had been received at the Islands Trust office on February 16, 1996. Clearly, the five acres did not belong to the folks who had their residence at one end of that acreage — they had two acres.

What seems clear is that the planning department did not know who owned the five acres in question and when they learned who owned it and what was to be done with it they did not have the courtesy to tell me as I had asked until some seven months later when I pushed the matter further.

Incidentally, my letter to the Trust committee



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member was delivered by hand on September 3, 1996, in plenty of time for the committee's September meeting but apparently the matter did not come up until the October meeting, or at least that's what I gather from

Ms. Adams' letter to your newspaper.

And, by the way, does her comment mean that the subdivision of the Dunbabin property which the Trust was notified of on February 16 was not discussed by the committee or brought to the committee's attention until October 4 when she said it was discussed, i.e., seven months after the planning department knew of it? Shades of Bullock Lake no less!

But we are not through yet. The Trust told me that there would be four driveways on Stark Road serving two building lots each. Right now the seventh driveway is being completed and the fifth well has just been drilled. I mention the wells because the planning department told me that my neighbours and I would have existing well checks to see if new wells would impact our water supply. Has that been done? Is the Pope a Hindu?

From this letter you might think I am upset, to which I would simply say, "you bet your sweet petuzzi I am," and embarrassed too because I have given information to my neighbours

which was given to me by the planning department and it was poor, inaccurate, incomplete and downright wrong.

Right now my neighbours and I are faced with a subdivision of the Dunbabin property which will see 23 building lots with 23 wells and 23 septic fields and 23 God-knows-what-elses. And all of this right next door to the Bullock Lake development. Who in the name of the good Lord is running the Trust's planning department and what the hell are those people trying to do to this island?

J. D. McGann is a Stark Road resident.

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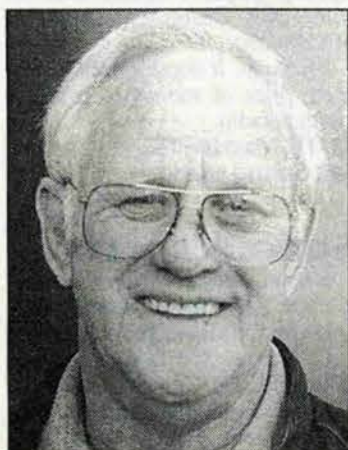
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We Asked: When do you start feeling the Christmas spirit?



Lynne Richardson

Not before two weeks before Christmas — make it December 11. I don't want to see flyers in my mailbox in November.



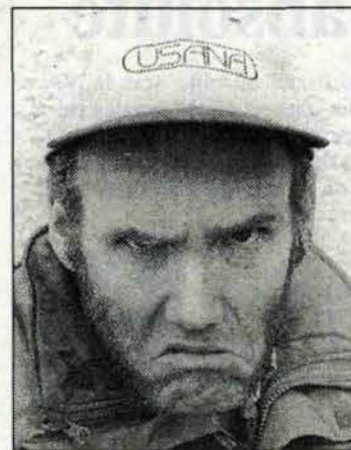
Bob Walker

About 9 p.m. Christmas Eve, and usually at five to nine, I start my shopping.



Marjorie Martin

All too close to Christmas — the week of Christmas. I'm turned off in mid-November.



**Ebenezer Scrooge
aka Eric Booth**

That's easy for me. As soon as Scrooge is over — I play Scrooge until the 22nd of December.



Beth Appeldoorn

I've never had a Christmas spirit in my life. I think it's nonsense. We should have the spirit all year round.

Letters to the Editor

New equation

I find a statement made by Gregg Clackson in the October 16 Driftwood quite interesting.

While discussing the Fulford-Swartz Bay schedule, he stated that 3,000 travellers per month connect to a Vancouver sailing. B.C. Ferries has consistently claimed it cannot provide through-fare statistics because all through-fares are counted as Route 1 fares only. This policy increases Route 1 profits at the expense of the Gulf Islands.

If we take the stated 3,000 travellers per winter month as a starting point, we can do some interesting extrapolating.

Using 3,000 as a minimal year-round figure, suppose that half the people take cars and the other half are passengers.

Let's average the round-trip fare out to \$68, multiply that by 3,000 per month over 12 months and you have \$2,448,000 which should be counted as Gulf Islands income but is not.

Let's again suppose that by some chance an intelligent schedule was drawn up for Route 9. By eliminating Otter Bay from the schedule, you save one hour per trip. With a

much shorter travel time and reasonable departure times, those people now using Swartz Bay could be brought over to Route 9.

Side benefits are numerous. The Queen of Nanaimo uses about 800 litres of fuel per hour. By reducing sailing time by four hours per day, you save 3,200 litres per day, or just what a super ferry burns in one hour, and at approximately 33¢ per litre, that amounts to \$385,440 annually.

Add into the equation simplified loading, which increases on-time performance, increased year-round traffic, reduced overtime, reduced traffic at Fulford, and suddenly old Route 9 doesn't look so bad after all.

Pender residents would not be neglected. They would have a choice of connecting to Route 9 at Village Bay or Swartz Bay to Route 1.

By a simple alteration of the schedule we have increased revenue, performance, schedule flexibility and decreased costs. What part of this equation does B.C. Ferries not understand, or do they have their own agenda?

K. BUTLER
Seaman,
Long Harbour

Deserve applause

I am writing to express my disappointment with Gail Sjuberg's account of the Williamson-Collins performance on October 19.

Ms. Sjuberg is entitled to her opinions about whether this performance, which I found very amusing and entertaining, was or was not entertaining, but I think her account should have been at least factual.

Where was the "scatological humour" which I missed completely (although I know Mary is capable of it at times)? And which were the "favourite" skits from the Salt Spring Hysterical Society? The only resemblance as far as I could see was Reid's "the Queen" where the dialogue was completely different and certainly well accepted by the audience.

I think we are very fortunate to have talents such as those of Mary Williamson and Reid Collins on our island and I think they deserve our applause.

M.P. MORRIS,
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Freedom of speech cannot be absolute

VICTORIA — Peter Gary, a good friend of mine, was in New York some years back. One day, he parked his Mercedes on a street in the Jewish section of the city.

A woman approached him and asked whether he was Jewish. Yes, Peter said. "Then how come you're driving a German car," the woman wanted to know.

Peter asked her where she was in 1944. Right here in New York, the woman replied. "Well, lady, in 1944, I was in Auschwitz, and I drive any damned car I want," said Peter.

Peter is a Holocaust survivor. He is also one of the most active members in the Victoria Holocaust Education and Remembrance Society, an organization that wants to make sure the world doesn't forget about the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis.

As time marches on, the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles, and the task of keeping the memory of those horrible years alive becomes more and more difficult, particularly in the wake of concerted efforts by those who would rewrite history by claiming the Holocaust did not take place.

Holocaust denial has become a major industry in North America. Its false and dangerous message is embraced by former Nazis, neo-Nazis and a number of strange fundamentalist Christian sects. And wherever the Holocaust deniers spread their hateful and noxious ideas, they have a chance of converting naïve and uninformed people to their cause.

Any attempt to stem the flood of hate propaganda, however, is being met by the purveyors of lies with hysterical claims that their freedom of expression is being trampled upon. And that gets me to the point.

Freedom of speech is not absolute. Any freedom is inextricably bound to an equal share of responsibility. And both must be founded on common decency.

If freedom of speech were absolute, one would retroactively have to include the Nazis' right to convince a largely uneducated German populace that Jews and Poles and Slavs and Gypsies were sub-humans and, therefore, to be killed at will.

If freedom of speech were absolute, one would have the right to publicly advocate assassinations of political opponents.

I generally loathe censorship of any kind. I don't agree with those who would force film makers and television networks to censor their products for sexual content. I don't even like the idea of the V-chip, which allows parents to lock out programs they deem inappropriate for their children. I would not want governments to start "regulating" the Internet.

I draw the line, however, at allowing hate groups to openly preach their loathsome message. And that includes Holocaust deniers. Yes, to deny them the right to publicly vilify Jews and the memory of those who died in the world's greatest genocide is an intrusion into someone's freedom of speech, but it is a necessary one.

Years ago, I thought that hate groups and Holocaust deniers, which are often identical, would be better dealt with by allowing them to publicly expose themselves to ridicule. I have changed my views.

Those who experienced the horrors first hand, those who lost their families in the death camps, are getting fewer. Meanwhile, those who would deny the truth of the Holocaust are becoming ever more slick in their tactics to rewrite history.

Who will speak for the victims of the Holocaust when the last survivor has died? Who will keep the memory of man's greatest aberration alive? Who will make sure that it never happens again?

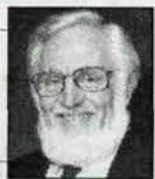
The seeds of the Holocaust were sown 58 years ago. During the infamous Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass, storm troopers invaded the homes of Jews throughout Germany, destroying everything in their path.

I can tell the Holocaust deniers that I was there and saw it happen. I also saw Jews herded to the railroad station for transport to concentration camps. Most of them would never come back.

I'm afraid I have no sympathy for Holocaust deniers who insist on their right to freedom of speech.

Beyer can be reached at tel: 920-9300; fax: 385-6783; e-mail: hubert@coolcom.com

CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



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Who are they?

Who or what is the Walter Bay Preservation Society?

I am interested to hear their ideas on the preservation of Walter Bay and the wildlife that resides there.

Do they support restriction of motor boats? How would they protect the nesting sites of oyster-catchers?

I hope to hear more about this group. Perhaps an article in your paper?

SHARON BYWATER,
Maliview Drive

No voice

This is a comment on the Bullock Lake development, a saga of greed, thoughtlessness and incompetence.

With respect to our former CRD director Dietrich Luth, either:

1) He knew about the Bullock building permit application and did not inform the Trust as per agreements; or

2) Elected CRD politicians and staff did not inform our director about the largest development ever constructed in our area.

So, the result of either scenario is that we, the constituents, have been without a voice.

RON AIRD,
Robinson Road

Co-op talk

If you don't mind, I'd rather blow my own credibility than have it blown for me by fanciful reportage.

To set the matter straight: When I was asked what I thought of CBC

cuts for the November 6 Salt Spring Says, I spoke also of Vancouver Co-op Radio's budget of \$200,000.

My point: It doesn't need to cost great piles of money to produce relevant radio.

KEITH MACHATTIE,
Salt Spring Island

Serious sports

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game.

Unfortunately, thanks to the B.C. School Sports Commission ruling, Harley Comeau isn't even allowed to play the game. Being a B.C. student, I am ashamed that such a decision has been made at all. I am amazed that high school sports have become so serious that a student can't even play the sports he loves without a battle. I wonder how such a call has been made, cutting short all hopes for senior year sports.

I think a ruling like this one which can affect a student so greatly should be considered on an entirely personal level. Was this decision a fair, thought-out ruling, or simply the enforcing of a new law?

I don't know all the details and can't make any assumptions, but I do hope that, for his sake, (not that of B.C. or GISS or anyone else), Harley Comeau does get the chance to play sports.

GEMMA D'ATTILIO
Grade 9 GISS student

Surprise sight

To all persons who have never seen a "log and flog" operation:

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I'm not against logging. It's a good and necessary industry. I would just like to see a few big trees left standing.

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Ironically, the previous owner had an excellent development plan. With the property zoned for four lots, they proposed six lots using two acres for each dwelling and not allowing secondary units or cottages. The remaining property was to be allowed for neighbourhood hiking trails.

It leaves a lot to be desired.

R.A. BRIGHT,
Mount Belcher Heights

Even scarier

My son and I attended the Mahon Hall Spook House on Hallowe'en night.

We would like to thank all the people who constructed and performed in it — they did a fantastic job!

My son says: I liked the Spook House very much and I thank you for having it and please have it again next Hallowe'en. And even scarier!

LESLEY and DOUGLAS JOHNSON,
Fernwood Road

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BC Hydro reminds the public to stay clear of downed power lines.

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Anyone who sees a line on the ground to call Hydro immediately. They should warn others to stay clear and make no attempt to move the lines — even if the road is blocked.

Lines lying on the road can look deceptively harmless. The public has no way of knowing if the wire is still carrying electricity.

Motorists should be advised that in the event a line falls onto a vehicle. Above all else, stay in your vehicle! You will be safe as long as you stay put. If you must get out, leap free from the car. Leaping ensures no part of your body touches the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Then keep your feet together and take short hops or shuffle until you are at least 10m (or 30 ft.) away.

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Protection

The Bullock Lake catastrophe illustrates the need to be engaged and vigilant in preserving an environment that we can enjoy and one that will sustain us.

We expected elected officials to protect us, but for various reasons, suddenly we face an urban-scale project in valuable wetland threatening the local water supply as well as the rural residential character of the island.

It would be wise if, at the outset, our new officials would prioritize the environment and identify and rezone areas threatened with inappropriate over-development such as the Bullock Lake situation. Our officials could prevent or downscale such projects. Additionally, sensitive areas and features and wildlife protection can be negotiated for on a case-by-case basis.

Protection of heron rookeries is a case in point. While provincial legislation exists in draft form that will protect wildlife habitat, we still rely on local representatives to negotiate the best deal for threatened nesting areas such as the North Beach Road property, containing some 75 nests, and the 18-acre property on Churchill Road which is about to be subdivided.

Local government needs our views that these issues are important; provincial government needs pressure to enact this legislation. Fax or write Paul Ramsey — 387-1356 — and our new Islands Trust trustees.

CHRIS ANDERSON,
Salt Spring Island

Corrections

I would like to correct some errors in my letter published in the November 6 Driftwood regarding B.C. Tel's referendum on the option to provide local calling to Victoria for south-end subscribers at extra cost.

It appears that there will be no advantage in the proposed deal to Internet users. Imagen, Salt Spring's Internet service provider, has already matched B.C. Tel's Internet rates. In my experience, Imagen provides excellent and comprehensive Internet service.

It also appears that for technical reasons, delivery of multimedia via B.C. Tel's phone lines is quite a long way off.

My statement about local calling to Sidney was also in error. The proposed service includes calls to Victoria only.

I apologize for any misunderstanding I may have caused.

URI COGAN,
Fulford-Ganges Road

Anatole wrong

Now that the figures are in, the lure of the calculator is irresistible.

I refer, of course, to the preliminary legal bill for fighting the Pearson Airport lawsuit. If you missed it, Kim Campbell's friends have sued the nation, i.e. you and me, for the loss of \$662 million in "anticipated profits" because Jean Chretien cancelled the Pearson Airport deal they had wrangled from Kim. Her futile attempt at re-election will cost us big bucks.

This preliminary legal bill is

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\$12.5 million. The answer to the classic C.D. Howe question "what is a million?" I get from my calculator is that it would have enabled over 2,000 needy Canadians to survive for a year.

And while any such needy person caught cheating the system of a few extra bucks would be presented to his Lordship to receive appropriate punishment, Kim is lodged in a mansion complete with swimming pool, servants, stocked liquor cabinet and countless other amenities.

"The law, in its majestic equality, forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, beg in the streets or steal bread," Anatole France wrote. Little did he know of Canadian politicians on the eve of the 21st century.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
Ganges

Adopt policy

First I would like to say it has been a privilege to serve the residents of Salt Spring Island as one of their school trustees for the last 13 years.

Many thanks to all those who have supported me between and at all the elections over that long time. I decided not to run again with mixed emotions. I hope I have contributed a little. I know I have learned and gained much from the experience.

As I write this the elections have not yet occurred. On reading the last Driftwood before the election, I was concerned to see a number of letters to the editor which cast different candidates in a negative light. Of course we all have the right to our opinions and it is fair for them to be published.

My concerns arise from the fact that many candidates have put a lot of time and resources into their campaigns yet just days before the election they may be "blindsided" by a negative letter to the editor making claims or accusations that, because it is the final edition of the paper, they have no opportunity to defend themselves against.

I know at least one other paper of similar size in B.C. has a policy of not accepting negative letters about candidates in their final edition. I would ask the Driftwood to give consideration to adopting such a policy.

And finally, speaking of the Driftwood, thanks to its staff for sitting through all those school board meetings and reporting my and the other trustees' actions to the community.

DAVID EYLES,
Beaver Point Road

Rebuttal needed

The letters to the editor portion of a newspaper provides an excellent platform for the expression of opinion, and occasionally of humour.

However, it can also be a platform for the spread of incorrect information and sometimes even malicious attacks on individuals.

A prime example was the recent letter of Frank Woods attacking school board candidate Judith Boél. If malicious attacks are to be accepted for publication, then at least the person attacked should be allowed to defend themselves in the same columns in the same issue.

In scientific publications, when

the interpretation or results of a published study are being attacked, the author is given a copy of the critical letter and is allowed the opportunity for rebuttal. It would seem to me that this is only fair.

Because opinions become so heated during an election campaign, I would suggest that letters of criticism or endorsement of particular candidates be banned from publication for the weeks running up to the election. It is much too easy to slant information or take comments out of context and incorporate them into a letter.

I am not advocating censorship, but merely a shift in the forum for expression of opinion from the newspaper to the all-candidates meetings where those being attacked have the opportunity for rebuttal.

Let's keep election campaign rhetoric civil and honest.
BRIAN I. FINNEMORE,
Fulford Harbour

Muckraking

The Mill Farm having sold, I had hoped to let the whole "saga"

slip into memory.

Accusations printed by the Driftwood, however, demand a response.

For the record: my wife, Susanne, and others worked on the Mill Farm rezoning application with the full knowledge and consent of each and every member of the Mill Farm group. Many meetings were held (minutes or not) and they were conducted openly. Progress on the application for rezoning was frequently discussed.

In keeping with Driftwood tradition, neither my wife nor myself were ever asked to comment on any of the events "reported" on.

Driftwood, this is not journalism, this is muckraking.

BARRY HUNTER,
Cusheon Lake Road

Editor's note: Because each of the Mill Farm owners has a different recollection of the events which transpired and do not agree on the facts, reporter Susan Lundy has chosen to use court documents, including letters and affidavits, and Islands Trust files as a basis for her series, the Mill Farm Saga.

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Moratorium

I'd like to comment on your article about the Salt Spring fish farmer who says the Suzuki Foundation's report on fish farming is "unscientific."

He says Atlantic salmon couldn't survive in the wild. Where does he get his information?

I have worked on a fish packer for 19 years. We collect salmon from seiners and gill netters all over the B.C. coast. For the last 10 years we have had Atlantic salmon delivered to us from Johnstone Strait to Prince Rupert. Last summer we had two or three Atlantic salmon every week for eight weeks. Some of the fish were caught on their way up the Skeena River!

We are one of hundreds of fish packers. Our fishermen catch a small percentage of the fish. Can you imagine the number of Atlantic salmon running with our wild stocks? We turn over the fish farm escapes to the federal fisheries officers at our fish canneries. Don't the fish farmers ever read Fisheries reports?

We have enough threats to our wild stocks: voracious mackerel brought by the El Nino current, poaching on a massive scale up our spawning rivers, silting of spawning beds by logging and farming, poisons dumped in the waters and over-fishing by sports and commercial fishers.

Why add a new set of threats by fish farming? They include dead bottoms under the pens from excessive feed, dead fish and feces, fungicides on nets, penned fish eating the wild smolts, diseases from overcrowded fish (some resistant to antibiotics) and escapes to pollute the wild gene pools.

If fish farming is such a good idea why has Norway, the first to try it, banned all shallow water pens and moved the farms to dry land? They had to poison their rivers, killing all their wild stocks when those stocks became infected by incurable diseases from the farmed salmon.

We have a great wild salmon resource. Let's not endanger it! Keep the moratorium on new fish farms!

KATHY CONNER,
Ganges

Misconstrued

I would like to clarify my position regarding the real estate market and housing.

I believe that the real estate market is a free-market system. I do not believe in putting ceilings on housing prices. I also believe that affordable housing is an important issue that affects all members of our community.

It is unfortunate that a zealous talk host cornered me on my first public appearance as a political candidate last spring and made a great deal of media hype out of some misconstrued words. The words quoted in last week's Driftwood in the letter from Mr. Bundock were not my words nor were they my intention.

LYNDA LAUSHWAY,
Ganges

No silence

This is a response to Frank Woods' November 13 Driftwood letter:

I'm not writing this to defend myself. There's no need, because your information was wrong (i.e. SVOVA received the grant and sent out the first lengthy survey while I was still out of the country. Also, the RCMP records verify the data regarding local wife assaults).

I'm not writing this to challenge your political opinions. You and I are both entitled to our opinions and, in a healthy community, there is room to disagree. I am not writing this to offer you help out of your pain and confusion, although help is available. I think you must be suffering to have such anger within you.

I'm not writing this as a protest because there was no time to set the facts straight in the Driftwood before the election.

I'm not writing this as a professional who has been counselling women and men in recovery from childhood abuse and violence as adults for 20 years on this island, because that work is invisible, as it should be to protect the individuals involved.

I am writing this as one of the 35 per cent of B.C. women, now

living in the Southern Gulf Islands, who have been assaulted physically and/or sexually by someone who claimed to love them.

I am one of the women who filled in that lengthy survey. I have survived childhood sexual abuse, rape and physical violence in a former marriage. You claim I made up the answers to those surveys; I tell you that I read story after story on those surveys and wept. So many of us were not believed or supported when the abuse occurred. So many of us were re-victimized, over and over. So many of us were made to feel unworthy and invisible.

I cannot speak for other women and men in recovery, their stories are theirs to tell or not tell. I can and will speak for myself. You cannot re-write my history. You cannot make me invisible. You sir, cannot silence me! Nor can anyone else — ever again.

JUDITH BOËL,
Isle View Drive

Gospel hungry

There seems to be a real hunger for the word of God up here on Maliview Drive.

I've had three Gospel signs (with scripture on them) stolen in the last while. I just hope those who took them have enjoyed the word of God.

But I believe by now they should have memorized the ones they have, so why not bring them back? I could display them again on the rock in front of our place, there are others who are hungry for the word of God who would love to see and read them.

Why be so selfish to keep my gospel signs all to yourselves? Why not display them on your front yard if you don't want to bring them back?

If you really want more of the word of God why not stop by and see me some day during the daylight hours (I know you usually do your deeds after dark) and I could arrange to give you a copy of the complete Bible with the understanding you will read it and learn more of God's love to mankind.

TOM LITTLE,
Maliview Drive

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Saturna gets portable after all

The two portable classrooms left at Fulford Elementary School are waiting for their next move, trustees heard at last Wednesday's board meeting.

Board members had agreed one of the portables should go to Phoenix School but turned down a request from Saturna School for the second portable, deciding instead to sell the unit.

Then the Saturna Parents Advisory Council offered to share the cost of moving the second portable to Saturna and to cover the custodial, light and heating costs for two years, at which point the agreement will be reviewed.

Under those terms, trustees agreed to spend up to \$2,500 on moving and setting up the portable for Saturna.

The agreement with the parents group is still being finalized, associate secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold reported, and the cost of moving the other portable from Fulford to Phoenix School is still being determined.

In other school board news:

• As of the end of October, enrolment in Gulf Islands schools is down to 1,737 from the 1,755 students predicted last spring.

Lower enrolment means less money for the district as provincial funding is based on the number of students in local schools.

• A school loan bylaw transferring \$2.7 million in borrowing for capital projects into a 30-year debenture was adopted by the board. Secretary-treasurer Ken Starling said the borrowing funded some renovations for Salt Spring Island Middle School, work at Gulf Islands Secondary, a new maintenance facility and three buses.

• A difficult choice for the district's new administrative assistant was resolved with the hiring of Kathi Singbeil for the position.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said the district received 25 applications for the position and eight people were short-listed. Following a second review of the application, four applicants were singled out for interviews.

It took two sets of interviews and much discussion before Singbeil was hired, Duncan said. "The candidates were all excellent and brought some wonderful skills."

• Changes in the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training — a copy of which was received by

trustees Wednesday — show the organization is expanding its responsibilities to include post-secondary education, Starling observed.

Of the 33 directors reporting to the deputy minister, 12 are concerned with public education issues from kindergarten to Grade 12 and another dozen are assigned to deal with post-secondary education.

Board chairwoman Allisen Lambert noted the ministry is downsizing and has asked school boards to support them through the process and "pick up any balls" which the ministry may drop.

• New policies on tuition fees for students attending schools in other districts, on boarding and transportation assistance were approved by the school board.

Also approved was a violence prevention policy, which is required by the Workers' Compensation Board, and a policy on the development of policies.

• Trustees agreed to give a right-of-way across school board property on Drake Road to allow a sewer line for Community Services' affordable housing project and a future trail.

Graduation unaffected by review process

Accreditation of Gulf Islands Secondary school (GISS) is in doubt but that doesn't mean that students cannot graduate from the school.

Principal Eric McMahon told the school board Wednesday that he had heard from at least one student who feared her graduation would be invalid if the school were not accredited.

Trustee Ken Lee said he had also heard from people who feared GISS diplomas would be invalid.

McMahon said the accreditation process has no impact on the credit-granting ability of the school. He pointed out the school has not failed the accreditation process but has not completed all the work required by the external accreditation review team.

Meanwhile, staff at the school have been working towards completing the accreditation work required by December 31 deadline, McMahon said. So it was a shock to hear from the Ministry of Education that the entire process may have to be repeated.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said the district received a call from the Ministry of Education three weeks ago which suggested GISS would have to repeat the entire accreditation review.

Duncan said he argued that would be counter-productive, take time away from other needs and create a morale problem in the school. He understood the ministry is now reviewing its position.

"It comes as a complete surprise that the ministry would consider this process," McMahon said. The report from the external team did not recommend a repeat accreditation review.

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Seawalk clean-up

Ganges Residents' Association volunteer Janet Marshall was among those who turned up for a seawalk clean-up Saturday morning in Ganges. Association members cleared the brush from the stretch of seawalk near Ganges Marina. Photo by Derrick Lundy

No legal action in school sports issue

School trustees will not pursue legal action against B.C. School Sports for disqualifying a high school student and will instead try to get one of the group's policies changed.

Trustees agreed at last Wednesday's board meeting to send a district representative to the B.C. School Sports annual general meeting in May to make a presentation on the controversial policy.

School board members had considered legal action after the sports organization ruled that Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) student Harley Comeau could not play sports with school teams because he had transferred from a school in Ontario and lives with his grandparents on Salt Spring. Two appeals of the ruling were unsuccessful.

Comeau was barred from the team by a rule intended to keep star athletes from being recruited by high school coaches from outside their home district. Comeau had transferred to GISS for his final year of high school because of the school's technology program. He had hoped to play soccer and volleyball with school teams.

Trustees were advised by the board's lawyer that legal action against B.C. School Sports would take two years, be costly and have a low chance of success.

The board also agreed Wednesday to send a motion about the B.C. School Sports policy to the B.C. School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) annual general meeting, which occurs just before the B.C. School Sports annual general meeting.

Trustee David Eyles suggested a resolution from the entire BCSTA should have considerable impact on B.C. School Sports. The new B.C. School Sports policies were introduced this year. Following complaints from sever-

al districts, including the Gulf Islands, the BCSTA passed a motion last month asking the sports body to review its policies.

School trustee Kellie Booth said that even if the regulations are changed, the change may not take effect until next September, after Comeau graduates. She noted a similar case has just surfaced in Nanaimo where a student was forced off a school team by the new regulations.

Flowers on doorstep moment to remember

What does the past three years on the school board look like?

According to retiring chairwoman Allisen Lambert, it's "uh-huh" + "oh wow" + "uh-oh" + "oh, God" = "ah-hah!"

Lambert presented the equation last Wednesday as part of her final report as chairwoman. "Now that we've got it figured out, the corporate board is changing," she said.

Lambert, Salt Spring trustees David Eyles and Kellie Booth and Saturna trustee Lorraine Campbell all decided not to seek re-election to the school board.

Picking a memorable moment of her six years on the board, Lambert said she recalled a board meeting which was "the pits of despair a year and a half ago" only to find on her doorstep when she returned home some flowers with an anonymous note thanking her for her efforts.

Galiano trustee Bonnie Robson took the opportunity to thank Lambert for her volunteer work on the board, which she described as being above and beyond the call of duty. "I think everything you did was honest and caring and you worked from the heart."

Lambert paid tribute to fellow trustees — "what a bunch of great people" — and to staff, saying "the board is only as good as its administration and as good as its staff."

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Sewing slippers subject of course

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Family Place has teamed up with Sue McNair of Sooz Sewing to offer a two-hour class in sewing polar fleece slippers. It takes place at Community Services on November 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. The board room at the centre has also been reserved from 9 a.m. Thursday through 4 p.m. Friday so people can lay out their projects and work undisturbed.

The class is free to families with children under the age of six. There will be a minimal cost for supplies, with polar fleece donated by McNair. People should also bring their own fabric scraps.

Contact Family Place as soon as possible at 537-9176 to register. Enrollment is limited.

Sewers should also note that the Family Place sewing machine can be booked for three-hour periods by calling Rags Hildred at 537-9176.



One world

Lesby Martinez performs a dance from the Honduras during the Baha'i Community's recent One World Family celebration on Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Fall fair earns high marks

If they gave out agricultural fair report cards, Salt Spring's annual fall fair would make the honour roll.

And two local fair volunteers, Joyce Taylor and Margaret Reid, were both honoured with certificates at the provincial association's annual general meeting in October. Taylor, who has been secretary-treasurer for 15 years, was nominated as volunteer of the year, and Reid received an achievement certificate for her many years as a volunteer.

An assessment of the event by the B.C. Association of Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions produced high scores in almost every department. Especially noteworthy was the perfect score — a row of 10 points out of 10 — given for the egg competition.

The "wine cellar" display created for the wine-making competition earned a pair of 10s.

"The Salt Spring Island Fall Fair is truly a country fair for families which you can be proud of," wrote Jim Levin, who did the evaluation. "Your fair has something for all ages and all ages were in attendance. I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

All of the horticulture displays earned top scores as did family horticulture, the honey display, canning and preserving, junior vegetables and junior flowers, photography and sev-

eral 4-H displays.

When rating the special events, Levin especially liked the blacksmithing demonstration, antique equipment from Greenspring Farm, the museum and the scarecrow competition. He also appreciated the directional and informational signs posted on the grounds, the organization of the games by Grade 12 students, the free day care, an activity booth for children, and the Baha'i group's washing of dishes to reduce the use of disposable plates.

Other areas given top marks were the variety of food and the eating fa-

cilities, the entertainment, information booth, and the commercial and outside displays.

Taylor said the fair has been evaluated by the association for the past five years. "Every year we try to improve to make the fair a better fair."

A better evaluation may mean a larger grant from the province towards the event although Taylor said the fair does not rely on government funding. Over the years, the grant has ranged from \$700 to \$3,500.

"We never know until we get a cheque in the mail," Taylor said. She doesn't know if a grant will come for the 1997 fair.

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- **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets from 2-4pm every Friday in the Family Place, starting on October 4th. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & upcoming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
- **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
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Sheffield wins Trust seat in third try

By GAIL TRAFFORD

Driftwood Correspondent

John Money and Bill Sheffield will represent Saturna on the Islands Trust for the next three years.

Money continues in his position from the previous term. This is Sheffield's first term in service although it was his third race for the office. Sheffield was an active member of the drafting committee for the Official Community Plan steering committee so he brings a wealth of knowledge to his post. The three-way race was close and all the candidates had a significant amount of support from the community.

Susanne Middleditch has tackled the job of school trustee for Saturna. The race for her position gave her a small but definite majority. She will represent the interests of local children to the school board at a time when the budget is in great distress.

All the candidates deserve congratulations for offering to serve their community. Those who have been elected will need support and encouragement in order to undertake the tasks they will face in the next three years.

Bridge news

Bernice Crooks and Beth Jones took top honours at the semi-annual bridge tournament Saturday

SATURNA NOTES

night at the Community Hall.

Bill and Nancy Harrower placed second. Margaret Fry and Lil Cunningham broke with tradition and came in third place. They have been consistent winners for the last two years.

A set of bridge cards was offered as a slam prize for the evening and Beth Jones and Bernice Crooks took that award, too. There was a good turn-out and the laughter and chatting throughout the evening indicated that the players enjoyed the tournament. The next one will be held in June.

Health and school

On Monday the health committee sponsored an evening called for the Wellth of It — A Session on Wellness featuring Lara Lauzon from CHEK 6 Body Moves.

Lauzon was contacted as a member of the UVIC Speakers Bureau. The session started with a pot luck dinner and a talk followed. The health committee is working to bring education on health matters to the community since it is extremely difficult to attend educational lectures in the

city while living on the island. Their efforts must be applauded.

The Parents Advisory Council has purchased new equipment for the school playground.

The children are enjoying a log roller and working on their balance and cardiovascular fitness. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Commission and local volunteers who installed the log roller and to John Money who dug the hole and provided the gravel.

Coming events

The annual Christmas Craft fair will be held November 30 at the Community Hall.

This is a great place to find elegant and quirky gifts while supporting local artisans. Coffee, tea and a great variety of delicious Christmas snacks will be available. Don't miss the fun.

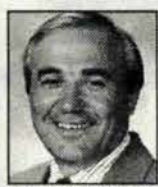
• Boot Cove Lodge will be busy on Thursday night as the parents invite community members to a fundraising dinner.

Reservations must be paid for in advance. Call Colleen Edwardsen for more information.

• St. Christopher's Church has invited the choir from St. Peter's Church on Pender to join them for an evensong service this Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Kitten has home after found in bag on beach

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Timely action by islanders did more than the mythical nine lives to ensure the survival of two cats.

One — a mite of a kitten a mere eight weeks old — was fished out of a plastic bag dumped on the shore of Long Harbour two weeks ago.

The second, named Baby, is a three-year-old who was returned to owner Reayane Kanne three months after the cat went missing.

The kitten, tentatively dubbed "Jetsom" by rescuer Susan Moreton, was one of two eight-week-old kittens put in a plastic garbage bag and dumped on the beach at Long Harbour.

Moreton was walking her dog Woody along the shore near the ferry terminal at approximately noon on October 28 when the dog began sniffing a partially-submerged garbage bag. As Moreton approached to lead her dog away, she heard an almost inaudible squeak from inside the bag. "It wasn't a full-blown cry," she recalled.

Opening the bag, she discovered two tiny kittens. One ginger-coloured mite had been lying in the water and drowned. The second was in part of the bag which rested on a rock and was still alive. "She was soaking wet and didn't look that healthy."

Moreton took the kitten home and dried the fur with a towel and hair dryer to reveal an undersized, part-Manx, tortoise-shell female. "She was very quiet at that point. I wasn't sure she was going to survive."

But within a day, Jetsom had sprung back to life.

"Every time I look at her, I think, 'how could you?'" Moreton said. She understands that not everyone can keep kittens. But why not give them a chance by turning such

adorably adoptable, eight-week-old kittens into the SPCA?

Why keep the kittens for two months before dumping them in a garbage bag thrown carelessly at the water's edge? "It looked like they had just tossed it," she said.

For Kanne, the unhappy loss of cat "Baby" ended with a joyous reunion last week, thanks to the help of former neighbours and former landlord Judy Stevenson.

Kanne was living on Mount Belcher with her two children, a dog and four cats when the house they were renting was sold and they were forced to move last July.

Unable to find a reasonable place to rent, Kanne camped in Ruckle Park with her children until the beginning of September when she rented her current home. Meanwhile, she arranged for her animals to stay with friends.

But the cats disappeared — two from a friend's home on Mount Belcher and one from a friend's home on Dukes Road. Kanne began hunting for all three. One showed up two weeks later wandering in the bush on Mount Belcher.

The second, which had run away from a friend's home on Dukes Road, showed up two months later at the home Kanne had just left on Mount Belcher.

But the most amazing return was Baby's. Several neighbours and friends told Kanne they had spotted the large, long-haired black cat but the animal was becoming wild and would not let anyone approach it.

Then last Tuesday, Kanne was called by Stevenson, who owns a home on Mount Belcher where the Kanne family had lived 18 months earlier.

"It's one of these simple beauties in life," said Kanne.



Newlyweds

Robert Dean Akerman and Tanja Joy Konig were married recently at Fulford Hall. The two are back home on Salt Spring after honeymooning in Mexico.

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IODE hosts 72 players at annual bridge event

By MARY CAMPBELL
Driftwood Contributor

The H.M.S. Ganges chapter of the IODE held its annual bridge luncheon November 14 at All Saints by-the-Sea.

Regent Pearl Newstead welcomed the 72 participating bridge players. A brief outline of the goals of the IODE and some of the activities and organizations it supports was given, followed by a warm invitation to join the chapter.

The kitchen of All Saints was a hive of activity. Food had been prepared by IODE members under the capable direction of Laura Faulkner. Lunch was followed by a draw for a door prize — a beautiful floral arrangement made by Laura Faulkner and won by Isabelle Richardson.

Eighteen tables of bridge set-

tled down to somewhat serious play, with social communication also enjoyed. The high score was a 5,290 made by Vivian Storr and Tony Luton. Blanche Poborsa and Jean Conlan took second prizes with a score of 4,370. Consolation prizes were also given. Five tables played at a good pace enabling everyone to arrive home before darkness settled in.

All tickets were sold weeks earlier, leaving some people disappointed. However, the hall was full and players moved easily in table progression.

Proceeds of the luncheon are donated to Lady Minto Hospital with an amount added from the club treasury. As all food and prizes were donated by IODE members, a substantial sum was realized. A number of donations were also gratefully received.

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NOV. 21: SS Weavers & Spinners, xmas sale preparation, Farmers' Institute, 10:30am.
NOV. 22: Guilds of Xmas sale opening Mahon Hall, 5-9pm, daily 10am-5pm till Dec. 1.
NOV. 23: A Christmas Patisserie & Mini Bazaar, Our Lady of Grace Church, Drake Rd, 11:30am.
NOV. 23: Canadian Fed. of University Women, luncheon meeting, Seacourt Rest. 12 noon.
NOV. 25: Lady Minto Hosp. Aux. Society, United Church Hall, 2pm.
NOV. 25: Blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors, 10-12 noon, free!
NOV. 27: Dina Ridenour, Hospital dietician: seniors & nutrition, Seniors for Seniors, 2pm - free!
NOV. 27: SSI Painters' Guild, Sheena Lott-slide presentation & prep for workshop in the new year, Lions Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm.
NOV. 28: SS Weavers & Spinners, Farmers Inst. upstairs 10:30am.
NOV. 29: Guilds of Xmas sale presents Wish List Evening, 6:30-8pm, Mahon Hall.
DEC. 4: Music & Munch, All Saints by the Sea, 12:10pm.
DEC. 4: Chermains Theatre party, Seniors for Seniors.
DEC. 5: SS Weavers & Spinners, Xmas luncheon, 11am.
DEC. 10: Victoria Christmas shopping trip, Seniors for Seniors.
DEC. 19,20,21,22: "Xmas with Scrooge" Mahon Hall, Thurs, Fri, Sat, at 7pm, Sunday at 2pm.
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- 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 & Spanish conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.
- SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
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By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

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The latest form of resumes is the video portfolio resume. Many of our senior students are learning how to produce these in classes taught by Dave Betts and Maurice Last. Parents may find it useful to familiarize yourself with this form of resume — particularly if your child is considering pursuing a career in computer animation. Besides asking your child about it, the following web site will give you some notion of what this new resume process is all about: (www.digipen.com)

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• During the spring school break in March there is an environmental education project for youth called the LIFEboat Flotilla Program being offered to students

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• Students from GISS have designed Christmas Cards that are now on sale at several businesses in our community. The cost is \$6 for 12 cards. Proceeds help the GISS Parents Advisory Council fund various projects at the high school.

Another fundraiser by the parents group is a Cookies for Christmas bake sale on Sunday, December 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church. You may support the efforts of the parent's group by dropping off a couple of dozen cookies or squares along with a list of the ingredients. What makes this bake sale different is that the donated cookies are mixed to create variety packs. Call Fiona (537-2789) or Cherry (537-2328) for details.

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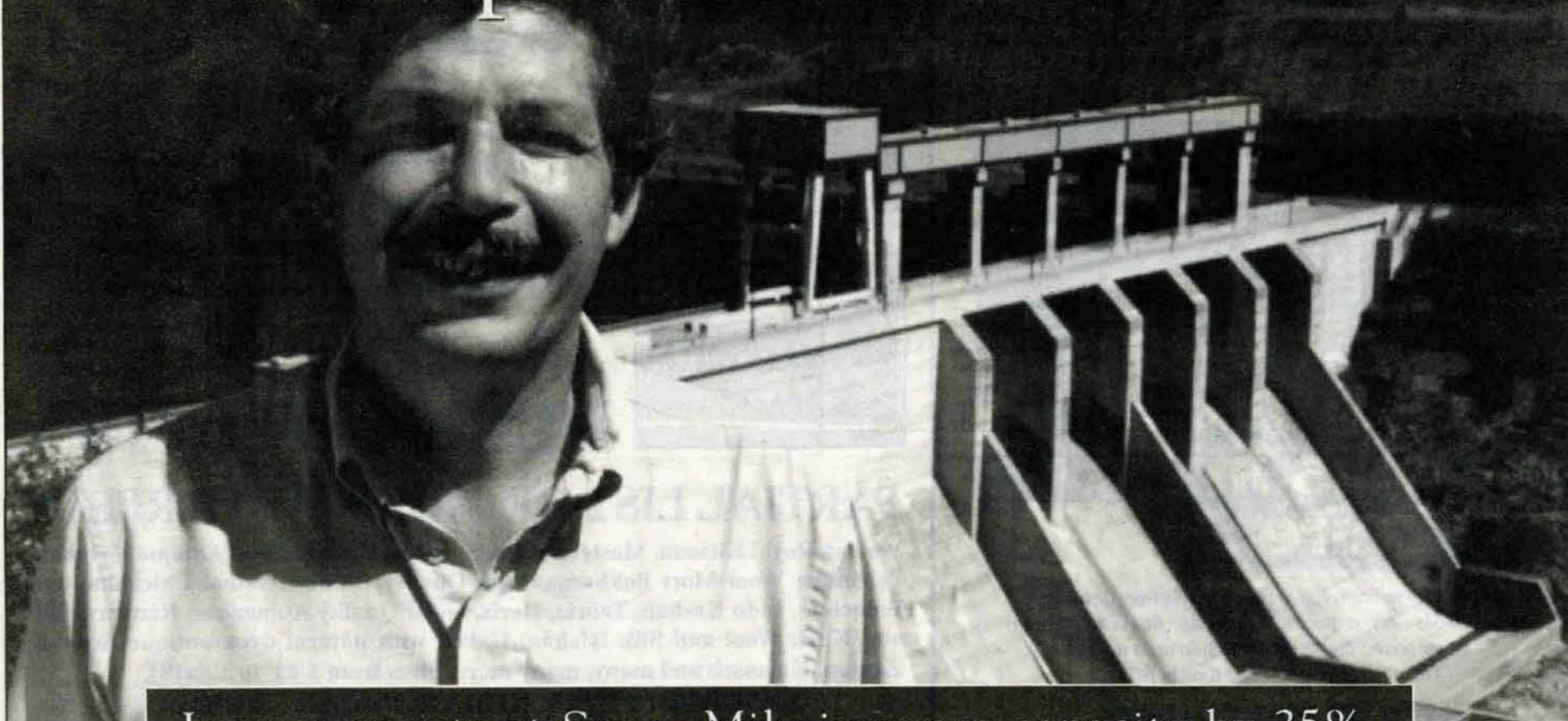
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Craft fair sees drop in shoppers, sales

By ALISTAIR ROSS

Driftwood Correspondent

North Galiano's 17th annual Christmas Craft Fair was, as usual, an organizational triumph.

Its success over the years has tended to attract new participants and this year was no exception. Set up boutique-style, the hall was transformed, lattices trimmed with artificial fir swags and poinsettias formed the walls of the booths.

A committee of fellows from the community association set up the hall — Walter Roots, Bill Stafford, Ted Bings, Brian Cowperthwaite, Norm Cuthbertson and Al Gray. Julia Pearson did a marvellous job of the very tasteful decorations, aided by general organizer Nancy Davidson. Trish Cowperthwaite and Lindsay Fukushima were in the kitchen on Saturday, producing steaming bowls of bean soup and tasty sandwiches. Monica Roots was in charge there on Sunday afternoon, Connie Gray on Friday evening for the member's preview.

Salespeople at the booths were Ena Hooley, Aini Haksi, Barbara Gibby, Edith Mussell, Joan Waterman, Miriam Bings, Margaret Edgar, Monica and Walter Roots, Paulina Barnes, Marion Williams and Bev Yeomans. Cashiers were Brian Cowperthwaite, Ellen den Holder and Mary Hope Lovell with Phyllis Stafford in charge.

A new crafter at the fair was Terry Halverson, creator and painter of wooden ornaments. Also present were painters Shannon Lithgoe and her friend Stefan. Tom Hennessy printed t-shirts to order.

Shoppers were fewer this year, and sales down a little, a problem for the community association which depends on the 10 per cent made on every sale to pay the building's expenses throughout the year. However, all who came were enthusiastic and seemed to enjoy their day of browsing and shopping.

Thanks to Dorothy Ross for the many hours spent making and packaging her Christmas chocolates, to the ladies who made the pots of soup and to the quilt group for its active partici-

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pation.

Thanks also to Runciman Hooley — "Mr. Raffle" — who sold all the tickets. The raffle prizes were donated by 19 crafters. The tea basket of goodies went to Irene Frith, the men's to Alistair Ross, the Christmas basket to Donna Marben, the flower basket to Peter Hansche and the child's basket to Pauline Topp.

Garden club

The Galiano Garden Club ended its 1996 season of meetings with a potluck luncheon in the North Hall last Wednesday.

The food was as good and plentiful as always. After lunch the yearly awards were made.

The winners this year: Overall winner, club president Margaret Edgar; cut flowers, Alistair Ross; floral art, Emily Switzer; vegetables, Don Gain and Bev Yeomans; potted plants, Monica Roots; and orchids, Shirley Gain. Master gardener was George Stephen.

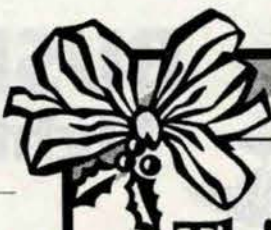
In the elections for the 1997 board, Margaret Edgar will continue as president. Her vice-president will be Monica Roots. Don Gain will continue as treasurer and Gloria Clothier as secretary.

Membership secretary will be Ella Johnson; program and publicity, Andree Connell; library, Barbara Gibby; social, Lola Haenen; show bench recorders, Janet Hahn and Barbara Scoones; set-up, Dorothy McEwan and Nancy Davidson; sunshine, Audrey Cooke; and field trips, Bev Yeomans. Show bench judges will be Aini Haksi (floral) and Jane Edwards (vegetables and herbs).

This week

Saturday, November 23 at 1:30 p.m. in the South Hall is the time and place for the Galiano Health Care Society's seminar "traumatic brain injury — emergency and long term care."

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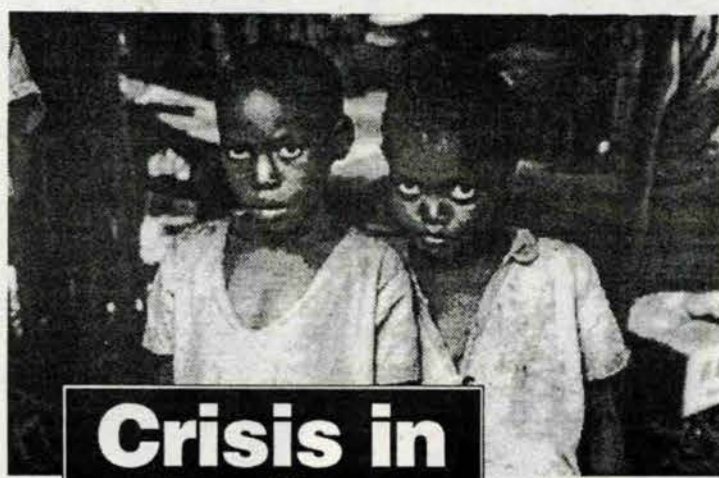
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Celebrating a zest for music

WOMEN OF NOTE WILL PRESENT TWO CONCERTS ON WEEKEND

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

They are notable, musical women.

Women of Note choir members are in their fourth year of singing for the public and themselves, and are working hard for their upcoming concert.

Circle of Song will celebrate the cycles of the year and the birth and death of seasons with a varied selection of choral music. Songs will range from 14th century lute tunes and chants to well-known classics and contemporary choral music.

The concert is at Ganges United Church on Saturday, November 30 at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, December 1 beginning at 2 p.m.

The women, who are directed by Dawn Brooks, have also prepared some "amazing" Croatian pieces — Brooks has a special interest in Eastern European music and Croatian friends provided invaluable help with pronunciation.

Brooks says the choir's 12 women have formed a cohesive group over the past few years. All had or developed their musical skills with the choir. More importantly, though, "All of the women have a zest for the music," says Brooks, which is needed in a small group where everyone must be "on" at all times during a performance.

For choir member Sandra McNie, singing is relaxing and healing. She credits that in part to the way Brooks opens practice with techniques which focus each person inward before the singing.

At a recent rehearsal at Hart Bradley Hall, the women were definitely focussed and in heavy duty "work mode." A demanding and demonstrative conductor, Brooks drew an impressive dynamic range from her choir.

"Like this," she explained, singing an "Alleluia" the way she wanted to hear it back, striking the first syllable from "above."

"With conviction," she urged, during another piece. "Don't let that energy go!"

Brooks pointed out what had improved since their last run-

through, and asked if there was anything the singers wanted to check.

Also at that rehearsal, some women offered their ideas about Women of Note: They are successful at giving emotions to the music; their individual voices have improved through being together; and singing simply lifts their spirits. "We all feel better for singing," said Rory Kyle.

"There's a certain spirit that goes with working with a group of women," observed Lynn Quinn, who is also the choir's accompanist.

McNie picked up on that by half-joking, "We're a group of wonderful women who are in tune with each other."

Two of the choir members — Joyce Kallweit and Dorothy Patton — even sang together as teenage girls when they lived in Prince George, and in 1954 their choir toured England.

While group singing is personally rewarding for each individual, Brooks also puts its value in a wider context. It is especially during the pre-Christmas, materialistic frenzy, when music that feeds the soul is "so clearly needed to balance our lives in community." The audience will be able to experience this further at the concerts by singing with the choir for a couple of pieces.

Then there is the image of individuals pooling their musical passion and efforts to create a greater "whole."

"Choir singing is a great metaphor for what community means," said Brooks.

In her role as choir director, Brooks feels the most important thing she can do is offer members good, challenging and interesting music. "If you choose music that is worth singing, the



TOGETHER: Women of Note choir members follow the lead of director Dawn Brooks at a rehearsal last Wednesday. The group is

performing Circle of Song — celebrating the cycles of life — at Ganges United Church on November 30 and December 1.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

singers will want to sing it."

Both McNie and member Tiova Ascher agree there are no unremarkable pieces in their repertoire. The music challenges and energizes the women.

"We come away really charged," notes McNie.

"(Joining the choir) was perfect for me," says Ascher, mother of three, "an outlet that's just for me."

In addition to Ascher, McNie, Kallweit, Patton, Kyle and Quinn, other choir members are Joyce Bonfield, Dawn Budd, Janice McLean, Andrea Rankin, Cordula Vogt and Anastacia Wilde.

More women are welcome to join them, including young women at least 15 years old.

Women of Note members are also now available to sing at parties or ceremonies.

Not only do these women sing well together, but their potluck suppers are reportedly out of this world.

Anyone interested in joining the choir or hiring it for singing engagements should call Brooks at 537-9159.

Tickets for next weekend's concerts are available at Treasure Chest in Creekside and Sharon's in Grace Point Square. Because some people find it difficult to get out to buy advance tickets, they may also be reserved by calling choir member Ascher at 537-9106.

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Sheila McMaster to read from new book Saturday

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Women shattering the mold and the universal pain in humanity are two of the themes Sheila McMaster explores in her poetry.

A Salt Spring resident for the past 15 years, McMaster has just published a book of poetry called *Shards of a Woman*.

She will read selections from it during the book launch this Saturday at 3 p.m. upstairs at All Saints by-the-Sea on Park Drive in Ganges. She will be joined by Victoria writer Smaro Kamboureli.

McMaster credits moving to the island with providing the right environment for getting serious about writing poetry. When she

lived in Vancouver, children and grandchildren kept her too busy for literary pursuits.

Friends and colleagues have said her poetry is "mystical and surreal," a description she agrees with. "Life is surreal," she says, "You are always thrown into unlikely combinations of things that happen."

McMaster also does not hesitate to acknowledge the pain in life, and notes that "small moments tear at (people's) lives." Her poems are often about those painful



McMaster

moments. But, she adds, "out of pain comes beauty."

How one's upbringing influences people is another subject she illuminates. One of McMaster's perspectives comes from growing up in an upper class home in Vernon at a time when females were controlled by conventions. She remembers envying her father's patriarchal freedom.

"A great deal of female sensuality is hidden under layers of conditioning," she observes.

That idea crystallized one day on Salt Spring: the image of a doe appeared in her bedroom mirror — a deer was outside the window. "Suddenly I saw the reflection of myself as the doe — wild and free."

At that moment it seemed that years of conditioning had caused the loss of her "beautiful self."

She has since broken out of the mold in many ways.

McMaster also enjoyed the "business" side of publishing *Shards of a Woman*. Paul Marcano did the dynamic cover and design; KIS Office Services handled the printing; and Melanie Furman did the binding.

McMaster took French and Fine Arts at UBC and taught primary school before getting married.

Since living on Salt Spring she has received coaching from Governor General's Award-winners Patrick Lane and Robert Kroetsch. She also took a three-year poetry workshop with Ron

Smith at Malaspina College.

Kamboureli will read from her book called "in the second person" — a journal which examines two sides of her self — Greek and Canadian.

Kamboureli is a writer, teacher, critic and editor who lives in Victoria. In addition to publishing short fiction in literary magazines and a book on Canadian literature, she has written *Making a Difference: Canadian Multicultural Literature*. She is currently finishing a novel and working on a non-fiction book on multiculturalism.

Kamboureli has lectured in Canada, Europe, India and Australia.

Saturday's reading is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Two more guilds join annual Christmas sale

Islanders are invited to "beat the Christmas rush" by attending the second annual Guilds of Christmas Sale.

The show and sale opens Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. at Mahon Hall and continues daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, December 1.

This year, the 10-day presentation is larger than ever with the addition of two new guilds. The show will feature work by over 90 artisans including painting, clothing and fabric creations, weaving, jewellery, woodwork, pottery, glass, dried flowers, lotions and balms and more. Each guild juries the work of its members to ensure exceptional quality.

Admission is free and there will be daily door prizes donated by the guilds.

"This year we are trying out something new — a 'wish list' evening on Friday, November 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.," said Catherine Bennett, the show's manager. "We will have a gift registry set up for anyone who wants to submit their wish list. This registry will be ongoing from the opening evening to

closing at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 29. Then that evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m., partners or whoever can come and refer to the registry for gift ideas. We really want this to be a fun evening and of course everyone is welcome."

Each participant volunteers a few hours of their time to the show for set-up or customer service during opening hours. "We couldn't run this show without the help of all the contributors," explained the show's assistant manager Gail Sibley. "In addition, each guild takes on a responsibility such as distributing flyers or putting up posters."

This creative showcase is presented by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council and money raised is used to provide bursaries, grants for arts education, community arts programming and to enrich the fine arts experience in Gulf Islands schools.

"Don't miss this opportunity to see and buy the cream of the artistic crop and to complete all your Christmas shopping," said Sibley.

Joy Tide playing till Dec. 21 at Chemainus Theatre

A tale of love, hope and unexpected Christmastime reunions, packaged alongside music and song, is currently playing at the Chemainus Theatre.

Joy Tide by Lucia Frangione runs until December 21, Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and at 2 p.m. matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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Little Red Schoolhouse grads invited to boogie

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The home of a pre-school for more than 15 years, the Little Red Schoolhouse opened in 1885 after being built by John Beddis and a volunteer crew.

Saturday's dance will feature the Michael Kaeshammer Trio, a Victoria group that plays blues and boogie-woogie.

Organizer Lisa Erck says any-

one is welcome to attend the dance, particularly school alumni and friends. An early start time — 8 p.m. — has been set to encourage youngsters to attend.

Refreshments and Little Red Schoolhouse t-shirts will be available.

Kaeshammer, 19, studied classical piano in Germany for seven years before discovering boogie-woogie and jazz. He made his Salt Spring debut a few weeks ago at Moby's Sunday night jazz.

Authors of sailing story bring show here Tuesday

Salt Spring is one stop on a slide show, music and reading event conducted by Maria Coffey and Dag Goering.

The authors of *Sailing Back in Time*, Coffey and Goering have put together a multi-projector show which combines Goering's photography with music, live narration and readings from the book.

They will be at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church on Tuesday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sailing Back in Time is about Allen and Sharie Farrell, a couple now in their 80s who spent their lives on the B.C. coast involved in fishing, homesteading and building boats.

In the summer of 1995, Coffey and Goering explored the Strait of Georgia in their 26-foot dory Luna Moth, accompanying the Farrells on their last cruise on the 42-foot China Cloud.

"We really look forward to bringing this presentation to Salt Spring," says Coffey. "The Gulf Islands played a big part in (the Farrells') lives and they have many close friends here."

Coffey and Goering are well known for their slide shows which have been presented to audiences as large as 500 people in venues such as Robson Square Centre in Vancouver, and throughout Great Britain, Canada and the United States.

Spaces are left in writing workshops

Would-be songwriters, children's authors and humourists take note: there are a few spots left in three (m)Other Tongue Press writing workshops.

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Music

• **Moby's Marine Pub** — Wednesday night only — Valdy! An evening of song and participation. 124 Upper Ganges Road.

• **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Open Stage every Friday night at 8 p.m. 109 McPhillips Avenue.

• **Fulford Inn** — Knutson Greenhouse plays on Friday, November 22. 2661 Fulford-Ganges Road.

• **Alfresco's Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Friday and Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. 3106 Grace Point Square.

• **Gilbert & Sullivan** — Mikado, Gondoliers, Pirates. Directed by Wendy Milton. Shirley Bunyan, Accompanist. Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m., at the United Church. Tickets at Sharon's or Love My Kitchen. Adults \$12, children \$6. Sponsored by the S.S. Music Guild.

• **Moby's Marine Pub** — Grames Brothers play on Saturday night only.

• **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — The Basics play on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23. 121 Upper Ganges Road.

• **Fulford Inn** — John Bottomley BMG/RCA recording artist live with Knutson Greenhouse, Saturday, November 23.

• **The Purple Parrot Restaurant** — Simone Grasky sings jazz standards, rhythm and blues and contemporary ballads Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m. 170 Fulford-Ganges Road.

• **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the

Peter Taschuk Trio, November 24 at 7 p.m.

• **Fulford Inn** — Pickin' and Grinnin' with Buck. Acoustic musicians and singers welcome. Sunday, November 24, 2 to 5 p.m.

Cinema

• **The Associate** — Starring Whoopi Goldberg, Dianne Wiest, Eli Wallach and Tim Daly. Goldberg plays a Wall Street whiz who doesn't find her worth until forced to take on the bullish men of the markets at their own game. She creates a fake partner whose fictional financial exploits will block for her as she does an end-run around sexism. Goldberg's practical gal eventually finds it necessary to bring the brilliant Robert Cutty, named for a whiskey, to life. Playing on November 22, 23 and 24 at 7 p.m., and on November 25 and 26 at 9:15 p.m. This movie is rated Mature. B.C. warning: occasional nudity and coarse language. Salt Spring Cinema, Central Hall.

• **Jude** — It's worth seeing this stark adaptation of Thomas Hardy's Jude the Obscure just for the extraordinary performance of Christopher Eccleston (Shallow Grave) as Jude Fawley, the stone mason in turn-of-the-century England whose dreams of university scholarship are thwarted. If you haven't read the book, you may find yourself saying "huh?" to the jumpy plot about two nomadic sad sacks strangled by class, religion and sexual oppression. If you have read it, you may wonder why Jude's cousin and soul mate, Sue Bridehead, played wanly by Sense and Sensibility's Kate Winslet, is so mercurial in her nonconformist attitudes toward sex and marriage. Playing on November 22, 23 and 24 at 9:15 p.m., and on November 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. A matinee will be shown on November 26 at 4 p.m. This movie is rated 14 years. B.C. warning: scenes of child birth,

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Slashers brave nasty weather to pull off win over Oak Bay

By MALCOLM LEGG

Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Slashers I, Oak Bay 0

The Slashers limped into last Saturday's cold, cold game on Salt Spring but were able to limp off the field with their heads held high after a gutsy 1-0 victory over Oak Bay.

Adversity is something every team faces and injuries are one of these adverse conditions, but in the Slashers' case the injury bug has hit the girls squad like seagull droppings at a ferry terminal.

Tanisha Van Pelt has been lost to the team for the season with a knee injury, Stephanie "The Streak" Collette with tendon problems, Alex Howard with a bad ankle, Aslon Sinclair with a muscle pull and Leah Martin (back). It's a list which has really decimated the line-up.

Coupled with Joelle Morrison playing with bad hips, the Slashers coaches would have had a better line-up if the teams played in wheelchairs.

To make matters worse, the cold wet weather made game day unfit for man or beast, although in this case "woman" might be more politically correct.

Cold or not, the girls knew they had to play and, with second place on the line, the game was going to be a tough one.

As seems to be the case in recent games, the Slashers started slowly, allowing Oak Bay to carry the play in the first 15 minutes, but the defence anchored by Heidi "Sure-foot" Straarup held solid, giving Oak Bay few scoring chances.

Slowly the Slashers seemed to wake up (considering the game is a 2:15 p.m. start it amazes this writer that they would still be tired) as the midfield of Launi Legg, Andi Nelson and Sarah Cameron took control.

With the play swinging Salt Spring's way, the "K-twins" offence of Kate "Taz" McNair and the team's newest player, Kyla "Dare-devil" Dares, started to heat up the play around the Oak Bay goal.

The chances started to come as McNair and Dares started combining together and late in the half won a penalty shot when

Dares was brought down in the box. Dares' penalty shot was missed, as was one by Legg early in the second half, but the Slashers kept pressing and were quickly rewarded as the "K-twins" combined once again with McNair putting the finishing touch on the goal.

At this point the local squad ran into more injury problems as Morrison finally gave in to her sore hips, Robin Morris came out frozen and Nelson took a kick on the leg.

Coupled with a cold wind blowing against them, the Slashers found themselves undermanned and hemmed in with 25 minutes still to go.

But once again the defence came up big as Straarup, Hannah Smith, Maia Vaillancourt and Jenny Kerr valiantly kept the ball away from their goal on every Oak Bay rush.

When Oak Bay did get in, goalie Lisa Baker came up big with one confident save after another.

The weather got colder, the pressure was intense, but slowly the time ticked down and with the

final whistle the girls could celebrate a well-earned win and a solid grip on second place.

This weekend the Slashers head to Gordon Head for a big game, hopefully with at least 11 players and lots of thermal underwear.

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By ANDY NAUMANN
Driftwood Contributor

Rest assured all you avid Slug fans who have vainly scoured the Driftwood for news of your favourite hockey team these past months — we are still alive and kicking, skating and scoring, and shooting towards the goal of becoming "the" hockey powerhouse of Lower Paradise.

We consist of the same nuclear core as in previous years and are consistent in reaching our customary standards of inconsistency. Our line-up, more than usual, has been different for each game, due to injuries, ailments and other commitments. The most positive thread throughout, however, has been the addition of Pete Schure and Brad Patchett who have contributed a good measure of skill and enthusiasm, distilling our team spirit and chemistry, on and off the ice.

Since September, we've wrestled and tangled with a wide variety of animals, people, weather and even the blues. We've been

'Hockey powerhouse' loses 8-6

bitten twice by the Sharks, been mauled by the Bruins and have split decisions with Squid Roe. We've harpooned the Whalers, erased the Primetimers, slugged the Twisters and beat the Blues; the Saints were just too good for us.

Over the last few games, two lines have gelled somewhat, although not necessarily in the same game: Pat Akerman, Pete Schure and Bernie Reynolds; Todd McIntyre, Pete Huser and Andy Naumann. The defencemen have been Paul Sinclair, Rod Challborn, Jim Black (Deadstop), Patchett and Kerry Rompain, although not always all present at the same time. Sinclair, by the way, received a wicked shot on the calf and is presently in hospital recovering.

Last Sunday, wearing new sweaters, we faced the Nanaimo Red Wings in a seesaw game as slippery as the road conditions.

Very early on, Schure spotted Akerman all alone in front of the Wings goal and fed him a pass. Akerman had enough time to make himself a cup of tea, dunk the puck into it and eventually slap it into the net — it looked easy.

The Wings, though, weren't impressed and scored two on a defenceless Corey Monteith who was filling in for our regular Derek Topping. Akerman, again, tied the game just before the end of the first period with a neat tip-in off a Schure pass.

The Wings scored first in the second. Patchett replied minutes later with a blast from the point,

assisted by Schure and Rompain. Again the score was tied at the end of the period.

The ice was cleaned. The teams regrouped for the final frame. The action was end-to-end-to-end. Finally, on a solo rush, Schure skated through both teams, deked the goalie and scored on the short side, giving us the lead. It was, however, to be short-lived.

On the next shift, the Wings scored two more to go ahead. Patchett, just after we'd missed numerous chances on the power-play, tied the score again on another pass from Schure.

"Where were the other Slugs?"

you may ask. In short, in the ozone. Linemates McIntyre, Huser and Naumann were handcuffed and arrested every time they managed to get momentary possession of the puck, misfired on their chances and were on the ice for most of the Wings' goals — they should have been arrested.

Very quickly and methodically the Wings took advantage of turnovers and converted them into goals. With the score 8-5, Akerman won the draw in their zone back to (you guessed it) Schure, who blasted the puck past their surprised goalie. But that was as close as we got, despite pulling Monteith and frantic last minute pressure.

Judo club wins two medals

Salt Spring Judo Club members brought back two medals from an international tournament in Steveston on the weekend.

Gavin Hamilton, 11, earned a gold medal in the over-46 kilogram category, beating all his opponents.

Andrew Greig, 16, beat all his opponents except for the provincial team member to bring home silver in the junior men's open.

A third entrant in the tournament, eight-year-old Calum Adams, placed fourth in a field of 11 in the nine-year-old division.

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

The annual Queen of the Lanes event is only two weekends away. Sign up now. It takes place November 30 at 3:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. Sunday evening: Lance Leask 235, 201/633.

Circus league: Ron Cunningham 208, Brian Radford 209, Deke Noonan 212, Gordon Ruckle 204, Ben Cooper 256, 261/688, Bunny Cooper 213.

Tuesday morning seniors: Edie Gear 210, Catherine McFadyen 209, Helmut Losch 209, 214, Cliff Jory 223.

Tuesday afternoon seniors: June Webb 241, Vanda Winstone 252, Reg Winstone 206, 209.

Special Olympics: Gloria Dale 165, Mahjor Bain's 200, Stuart Elliot 143, Jim Beck 141.

Ladies Wednesday afternoon: Elisabeth Socher 214, Margie Farup 286, Margaret Baker 224, 232, Deanna Marleau 211.

Golf ladies: Connie Hardy 226, 208/618, Mary Kirkpatrick 201, Kay Booth 216, Maddy Cooper 282, 214/657, Josie Aleksich 209.

Looney tunes: Ron Cunningham 233, Pete Erdos 204, Milt Boehmer 210, Dennis Kaye 237, Doug Sykes 221, 268/669, Sharon Sykes 247, Leslie David 203, Steven Marleau 203,

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Friday afternoon seniors: Margaret Baker 206, 207, Jack Godwin 203, Ken Robinson 211, Gordon Parsons 201, Don Goodman 203, Edie Gear 317, Beth Robinson 206, Mike Elrington 263.

Children's leagues: Chris Cairns 103, Stephen Greenwood 103, 116, Edward Ritson 100, 115, Stephen Portingale 130, Jesse Hume 121, 108, Zander Ritson 123, Stephen Severn 116, 105, 119, 104, Calum Adams 107, Devon Cass 100, 122, Jordan Borth 155, Christine Jarman 118, Liz Wiebe 107, Rebecca Dixon 120, Alanna Wagg 89, Mario Denu 75, Cameron Gottes 77.

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6 DEATHS

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THANK YOU Salt Spring for your support at the polls! Special thanks to Amei Parks, Kathy Tanner and Karen Reiss! Let's all continue to work together to show how District #64 puts kids first! Judith Boël.

Jane Parlee would like to thank all those who supported her during the election. I look forward to working on behalf of the Community, for our children in our School District.

11 COMING EVENTS

P.U.G.S. - PC Users Group of Salt Spring meets at 7:30 pm. Thursday, November 21 at Seniors or Seniors. Program: Best (Canadian) stops on the Internet, presented by Mark Ward, webmaster of Canada's Internet directory, Maple Square, and Maple Reviews. Special Interest groups by Bob Lawson. Everyone welcome. Info: 537-4931.

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Open Daily
10am - 5pm
23 Nov. - 1 Dec.
Mahon Hall
Ganges, S.S.I.

11 COMING EVENTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING



is a problem for many Salt Spring residents...

...it can be even more of a problem for people coping with a mental illness such as chronic depression, manic-depression or schizophrenia.

If you have had or are currently experiencing difficulties finding housing due to a mental illness, Salt Spring Community Services needs your input into its:

Mental Health Housing and Support Needs Assessment Survey

Phone Ellen Garvie at **653-4755** or Kathy Mara at **537-5056**

\$10 Honorarium Offered. All replies confidential.

7th Annual Christmas Craft Fair at Fulford Community Hall (2km from Fulford Ferry on Fulford-Ganges Rd.)
Fri., Nov. 29.....6-9 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 30.....10-5
Sun., Dec. 1.....11-4
• 50 vendors •
Toys, jewellery, clothing, candles, ornaments and other craft items for sale.
Refreshments: home made soups, salads, desserts, tea & coffee
Admission fee: 25¢
PLEASE BRING A DONATION FOR THE FOOD BANK

DIANA DEAN STUDIO invites you to a show of recent paintings and sale of smaller works.

Wine & Cheese Reception
Fri. Nov. 29, 7 - 10pm
Show & Sale
Sat. & Sun. Nov. 30, & Dec. 1 - 11 - 6pm
135 Northview Plc.
537-9587

FAMILY PLACE
Christmas Workshop Series
Topic: Sew Polar Fleece Slippers from scraps and pieces.
Speaker: Sue from Sooz
Place: Salt Spring Island Community Centre
Date: Thursday Nov. 28
Time: 7 - 9pm
Free to families with children under age 6.
Register early - minimal supply
For further information call: Ragnhild Hildred
Child and Family Counsellor
Phone: 604-537-9176

Driftwood is OnLine!

Reach us on Raven Net to place your classified ad!

11 COMING EVENTS



LADY MINTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SOCIETY
NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING
Will be held on Nov. 25/96 at 2:00 p.m.
UNITED CHURCH HALL
Visitors welcome

BINGO

THURSDAY NOV. 21, Meaden Hall, Legion

Early Bird 7 pm.
Doors open 6:30 pm.
• Bonanza • Odd/Even

Sponsored by: Hospital Foundation for purchase of hospital equipment.

BOOK LAUNCH

Sheila McMaster

introduces her book

SHARDS OF A WOMAN

and

Smaro Kamboureli

will read from her book

in the second person

Date: Sat., Nov. 23

Time: 3:00pm

Place: All Saints By The Sea Anglican Church (upper hall)
110 Park Dr. Ganges

DON'T FORGET...

This Sat., Nov. 23
11:30am
Our Lady of Grace on Drake Rd.
• Christmas Patisserie
• Mini Bazaar
• Light Lunch

Gilbert & Sullivan Concert

Nov. 22, 23 at 8:00
Nov. 24 at 2:00
Tickets \$12 at

Sharon's or Love my Kitchen

Salt Spring Island
ROD & GUN CLUB
Annual Game Dinner & Dance
Sat., Nov. 30
Doors open at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm
For reservations call: 653-4495 by Nov. 27

Driftwood
328 Lower Ganges Rd., V8K 2V3

11 COMING EVENTS

Step Aerobic Classes
Mon - Wed - Fri
9am - 10am
babysitting available
All Levels Welcome
at
All Saints by-the-Sea
More info call Brenda
653-4352

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Mill Farm Update:

We're more than halfway there with pledge fulfillments. Thank you for your donations. If you still haven't sent us yours, we hope you will as soon as possible. Please mail your cheque to The Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Box 722, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2W3. Make Cheques payable to Salt Spring Island Conservancy. For a memory jog on your pledge amount call Susan Evans at 653-4311 or Ann Richardson at 653-4632.

Mill Farm Celebration Pot Luck & Boogie

Fri., Nov. 22 6pm
Beaver Pt. Hall,
Everyone Welcome!

The Salt Spring Conservancy

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T'ai Chi
T'ai Chi Classes
BEGINNERS & ON-GOING
Thurs. 9:30-10:30 am.
Central Hall
Evening Classes
Thurs. 7-8pm SS Elem. School
Music Room
1ST CLASS FREE
For more info, call Tao at
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Annual North End Neighbourhood TREE TRIMMING
Sunday, Dec. 1 - 1:30 pm
Bring your handmade ornaments made from recyclables.
SOCIAL afterwards at 2670 North End Rd.
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11 COMING EVENTS

Women of Note presents
Circle of Song
~ A celebration of the cycles of life ~
Directed by Dawn Brooks
Ganges United Church,
111 Hereford Ave.
Sat. Nov. 30, 8:00pm
Sun. Dec. 1, 2:00pm
Tickets available at
Treasure Chest and Sharon's.
Adults \$10 Students \$8

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SCROOGE IS COMING
"Bah Humbug!"
DECEMBER 19-22

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14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-604-975-7054.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Dee Roberts, 653-4655.

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26 LEGALS

PUBLICATION REQUEST RE: CHANGE OF NAME
NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Director of Vital Statistics for a change of name, pursuant to the provisions of the "Name Act" by me: Rosemary Joy Gray, 2825 Fulford-Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1Z2, telephone #653-2019, to change my name from GRAY, ROSEMARY JOY to MORGAN, ROSEMARY JOY GRAY. Dated this 12th day of November, 1996. Signed by Rosemary Gray.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

PARTIAL PLATE found Friday in front of Post Office. Can be claimed at the Driftwood Office, 328 Lower Ganges Road.

FOUND: SMALL tool box full of tools, on the roadside at the end of Frazier Road. Call 653-4542 to identify.

FOUND: WATCH in need of repair in small brown envelope, near Centennial Park. Claim by identifying at Islands Trust Office.

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

FREE BROCHURE: Septic System Maintenance - A Guide for Home Owners. Reserve yours, call Sandy Fuoco 537-2773.

PUBLISHED AUTHOR interested in possibility of joining/starting small writers group. Please write Department G, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3.

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

LARGE SELECTION of good Fir logs. Will mill to your specifications. 653-4437.

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

SSMUG MEETING, Salt Spring Mac Users Group meeting, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Driftwood office, 328 Lower Ganges Road.

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- wild life trees
- gary oak
- arbutus
- maple
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- land restoration

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WANTED. OLD toys. Girls and Boys. Pre 1970's. Wind-ups, Teddies, Games, Banks, Robots, Mickey, etc. 653-9201. 537-2420.

LUTH: JIMMY. On election day, man's best friend, Jimmy will be missed by all.

COME TO the Mill Farm Celebration Pot Luck & Boogie. This Friday night, November 22, 6 pm. Beaver Point Hall. Featuring music by Kelly Cavanaugh, Susan Cogan, Chris Dixon, Peeter Prince. Master of Ceremonies: Shilo Zybergold. Special Guests: The Old Geezers. Everyone welcome. Bring the kids. Sponsored by The Salt Spring Conservancy.

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NANCY VAN PATTEN, Terry Warbey and Stefanie Denz will be at the Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair December 6 - 8, Friday 5 pm - 9 pm, Saturday 10 - 5 pm, Sunday 10 - 3 pm.

FOR RENT: December 15 - March 15/97. Cozy 2 bedroom home in Vesuvius. W & D, wood & electric heat. 537-9100.

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AT THE Legion... (back by popular demand). Ed Peekeekoot, Saturday, November 30, after the Meat Draw. Buffet supper from 5:30 pm. Members and guest welcome.

TANGACHEE GOEBL, Donna Johnstone and Melissa Searcy will be at the Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair, December 6 - 8, Friday 5 - 9 pm, Saturday 10 - 5 pm, Sunday 10 - 3 pm.

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ATTENTION CHRISTMAS shoppers! The Guilds of Christmas Sale opens at Mahon Hall, Friday November 22, 5 - 9 pm. This 10 day event continues daily 10 am - 5 pm through Sunday, December 1. Why not try mid-week shopping to avoid the crowds. Plenty of Choice!!

FOUND: YOUNG grey & white cat, female? Please call 537-4156.

FREE FRIDGE: Westinghouse, side-by-side. 31 1/2" wide. Working fine. Some minor problems. 537-5995.

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EVERYBODY'S FOODSAFE Kitchen is coming in time for Christmas. You can reserve your copy now by calling 537-1883 or find it in our local shops on December 14. Your step-by-step guide to the safe preparation of food is easy to understand and gives you the latest information and methods for ensuring your family is eating food that has everything you do want and none of what you don't want. Good Eating!

YOUR XMAS/New Year visitors could rent my comfy home near Beddis Beach, December 18 to January 31 or part thereof. 537-5917.

PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS, S.S.I. Community Centre, kids born 1993 & 1994. Learning through play - 2 day program. Phone Gail 537-9149 or pick up forms at Pre-school.

ADVENT CALENDERS have arrived. They're beautiful! one is a little mailbox with 24 letters from Santa. Another is 5 ft. long! Check them out at West of the Moon. 537-1966.

FOR RENT. Large, comfy home has a huge, sunny room for rent. Share kitchen, bath, laundry. Walk to town. \$350. 537-1934.

BARB'S BUNS, our famous Christmas cakes and shortbread are now available. Orders taken. 537-4491.

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AT LAST! Evening shopping at the Guilds of Christmas Sale, Mahon Hall on Friday November 22, 5 - 9 pm and Friday November 29, 6:30 - 8 pm.

SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS - Buy one to three at 25% off regular price, buy four or more at 50% off regular price. Also...all stock of Calvin Klein T-shirts on sale now. Great Christmas gift ideas at Mouats Clothing Co.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 2500 sq. ft. home, on 40 acres, furnished, \$650/month. Available December 15, 1996 - June 1, 1997. 653-9565.

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ARTHUR BLACK: Humour & Writing for Various Media, Monday, November 25, 7 - 9 pm. Sandy Frances Duncan: Writing for Children, November 24, 11 - 3:30. Bill Henderson: Songwriting, December 2, December 4, December 6, 7 - 10 pm. at the Lion's Club. There's still a few spaces left. Call Mona. (m)other Tongue Press. 537-4155 to register.

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WISH-LIST EVENING at Mahon Hall! Come to the Guilds of Christmas Sale, give us your list, and then send your partner in to shop on Friday, November 29, 6:30 - 8 pm. It's that easy!

SHARED HOUSE: Room in vegetarian house close to Cusheon Lake. Laundry and hydro included. \$285. per month, prefer female. Call 537-9522.

REMEMBER THAT first aid course you've been meaning to take so you'll know what to do if there is an emergency situation involving your child or a child you care for? The Canadian Red Cross Childsafety course will be held on Saturday, November 30 from 9 am to 4 pm at the S.S.I. Community Centre. Babysitting is available on request. Call S.S.I. Parks & Recreation at 537-4448 to register.

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IT'S TIME again for our "Garage Sale of Picture Frames" at "A Thousand Words." Artists, photographers and crafts people - stock up on bargain priced frames in a wide variety of sizes and styles, all including glass. Sale starts at 10 am on Sunday, November 24, at 785 Fulford-Ganges Road. 537-5131.

PART-TIME COOK needed /weekends/ - apply in person to Dagwood's Diner. Upper Ganges Centre.

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BYERS CHOICE Carolers have arrived! Come and see. West of the Moon. 537-1966.

2 ROOMS. PRIVATE entrance, own kitchen, share bathroom with Mom & Son. \$375.00 537-4065.

SUNDAY SHOPPING starts November 24 at Save-On Saltspring in the Upper Ganges Centre. Open Sundays 11:00 am. to 3:00 pm. until Christmas.

ADOPTION REUNIONS: The Emotional Cyclone. Be prepared, be successful! Know the issues for adoptees, birth parents and adoptive parents. Learn to address them to avoid costly mistakes. December 2 at Family Place 7 - 9 pm. \$15 per person, at the door. Presented by Kathy Tanner, M.Ed., adoptive parent and adoption professional. 537-0724.

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Planned Parenthood clinic expected here by spring

A Planned Parenthood clinic should be open on Salt Spring by early spring.

Planned Parenthood of B.C. has approved first-year funding for a clinic which will operate in — but independently from — the Core Inn, likely beginning in February or March.

According to public health nurse Chris Smart, who has worked with other health and social service providers on the project, the clinic will initially be open for a few hours a week and staffed by a nurse who will

also be the clinic's supervisor.

The first official meeting of the local Planned Parenthood group is tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at the Core Inn. Anyone interested in supporting the clinic or becoming a volunteer is welcome to attend.

A working group has met for the past six months to determine how to get the clinic up and running. Members are Karen Davies, chief executive officer of Lady Minto Hospital; public health nurses Chris Smart and Pam

MacKenzie; Jane Parlee, executive director of Salt Spring Community Services Society; and Beverly Unger, chairwoman of the Core Inn Youth Project Society.

Prior to setting up the working group, a needs assessment was done, with motivation from local doctors, hospital staff and high school students.

However, the Planned Parenthood clinic is for adults as well as teenagers who want to prevent pregnancy.

Smart stresses that before

any birth control devices or pills are dispensed from the clinic, individuals receive a session on their range of birth control choices and a doctor's check-up.

She also notes that studies show adolescents are generally less sexually active when they have more information about pregnancy and birth control.

Planned Parenthood of B.C. is a non-profit agency. Its goals include:

- promoting the provision and use of family planning ser-

vices as a fundamental right of all people, an aid to responsible parenthood and as a means of improving the quality of human life;

- preventing unplanned pregnancy and promote optimal reproductive health by providing education, information and clinical services to individuals, groups and communities.

A clinic also enhances the community's educational resources, such as books and videos.

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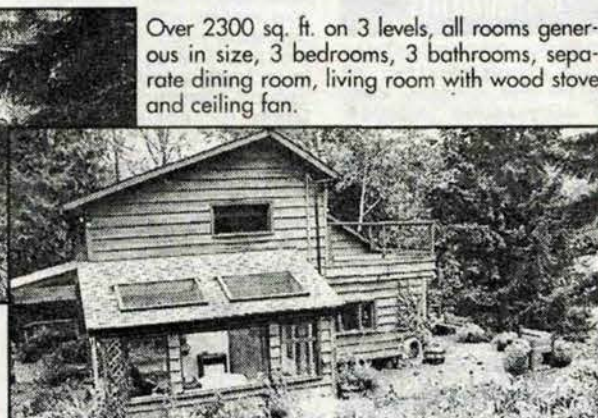
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Highways, chamber treed to improve safety of road

Thirty-five years ago

• Efforts of the highways staff and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce had been unable to rectify a dangerous curve on Scott Road known as the Helman corner. There had been an accident on the curve the previous April and activity at the pozzolan plant had increased traffic beyond that of a usual country road. The Driftwood advocated straightening, widening and blacktopping the entire road even if that meant expropriating a piece of land in order to straighten the dangerous corner.

• Eighty people paraded from the Legion Hall for the Remembrance Day parade in the largest turn-out of veterans in recent years. Legion president John Sturdy was in command of the parade and parade marshal was Frederick Jackson. Nursing sisters from both world wars were the guests of honour at the annual veterans dinner in Mahon Hall.

Thirty years ago

• B.C. Ferries declined further discussion about an Isabella Point terminal after being approached by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce on the issue. The chamber agreed to meet with the Fulford Ratepayers' Association over the issue. Chamber members also com-

DOWN THE YEARS

plained to B.C. Ferries about the long walk for foot passengers going to and from the island and to and from the mainland.

• An irate housewife complained to the chamber about the high food prices in local stores. She noted that five carrots cost 21 cents.

• Three men escaped serious injury after their telephone company line truck overturned at Retreat Cove on Galiano. The three, Fred Robson of Galiano, Gus Erickson and lineman Bob Griffiths of Victoria, were working on the community line project and driving on Porlier Pass Drive, which was in poor condition due to recent heavy rain, when the truck swerved into the soft shoulder of the road and overturned.

Twenty-five years ago

• A million dollar referendum for school construction due to be held December 11 was delayed until the spring although a vote on a \$50,000 community centre was going ahead. The school construction referendum was cut by the provincial government to \$782,000 from \$940,000, so a new referendum

question had to be drawn up and approved by the province before a referendum could be held. The community centre was a related project since it would be part of an activity room at Salt Spring Elementary School. If approved, the work would have to wait for the vote on the school referendum.

• School trustees agreed the dormitory at Ganges, used by Outer Islands students studying at Gulf Islands Secondary, would remain closed. Students were now staying in boarding homes instead of the dormitory.

Twenty years ago

• Three workmen were injured when roof trusses being erected for the Mayne Elementary School gymnasium collapsed. The three, Ray Hill of Salt Spring, Jack Morbin and Danny Aitken of Mayne, were working on the roof when a truss they were bracing fell and knocked over the other trusses. Colin Drummond of Salt Spring was also working on the roof but was able to leap clear as the trusses collapsed.

• School district trustees approved a \$2.1 million provisional budget for 1997, up 12 per cent from the 1976 provisional budget of \$1.89 million. The budget included an eight per cent increase in salary and wage rates plus provision for a

6.8 per cent increase in pupils.

Fifteen years ago

• A new contract between Gulf Islands teachers and the school board included a 17.8 per cent wage increase over one year and improvements to the dental plan. Both sides also signed a separate learning and working conditions agreement.

• A bid to take the islands out of the Capital Regional District was proposed following a heated debate at the board table over the missing record from a meeting which was not tape-recorded.

Ten years ago

• Incumbents did well in local elections with incumbent trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne returned to the Salt Spring Trust Committee over challenger Rick Rockliffe. Both Gilbert and Byrne received more than 1,300 votes to

Rockliffe's 292. Incumbent school trustees Bert Beitel and David Eyles took the two school board seats over challenger Susan Bradford.

Five years ago

• Nine complaints had been received by Ganges RCMP since the November 1 start of the hunting season. There was increasing concern over hunters discharging firearms in residential areas and leaving trash behind. One hunter had shot two fawns while trespassing on private property marked with signs prohibiting trespassing and hunting.

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Extra winter precautions might be wise

The Glory of November is in its silvery, sparkling lights ... the trees so tidy and stripped of their leaves; the meadows and pastures clothed with clean dry grass, looking as if they had been swept; ice on the water and winter in the air ...

— Henry David Thoreau

With the last autumn colour toppling from tree tips to the cool earth below, winter surely is upon us. Still, there is time to safely plant any remaining spring bulbs below the frost line. Hopefully by now though, tender shrub roots are well-insulated beneath a thick, nourishing mulch, vegetable beds have been sown with a cover crop, lawns have been aerated and fed for the winter, and next year's seed catalogue orders are in the works.

By some estimates this could be another fairly long and cold winter and so it might pay to take extra precautions this year. Potted plants, especially tender shrubs like sweet bay, were hit hard by winter last year so be sure to bring them under cover and mulch around the pots with straw. Even wrapping the pots in fibreglass

insulation will help during a hard freeze. Plants in small pots are especially at risk but small pots can be placed in an empty larger pot or barrel and then the space between the two pots is filled with sawdust, bark mulch or some other bulk material.

Straw houses

The Province of Manitoba is promoting what is touted as the world's first strawboard manufacturing plant.

The plan is to turn prairie straw into moisture-resistant sheathing material to replace wood-chip wall board. Local farmers are enthusiastic about the project and over 300 of them have already started organizing a formal straw cooperative.

Though a recent government press release described the project as a "modern day Rumpelstiltskin ... spinning wheat straw into a wealth of new jobs and opportunities," just how environmentally friendly this project will turn out to be, nobody knows for sure. There is always the possibility

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that, in the vein of that famous fable, it is politicians who are spinning public opinion.

Question: I have heard that snow is actually good for the garden. Is this true?

Answer: Snow is good for the garden for a couple of reasons. First, unlike frost which can seriously damage plant roots and foliage, snow actually insulates and protects plant roots.

Snow can also be a source of nitrogen for your garden. Through a complicated series of natural processes, including lightning, pure atmospheric

ic nitrogen is converted into a nitrogen compound that plants can utilize. This fixed nitrogen is brought down from the atmosphere by both snow and rain. A roughly ploughed or porous soil will absorb more of this nitrogen.

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Farm offers online auction

A Salt Spring llama farm is making history on the Internet.

Richard and Maggie Krieger's Salt Spring Llamas & Alpacas company is conducting the world's first online llama auction. It began Friday and will run for six weeks, with final bids due New Year's Eve.

Bidding for the llama, named Pocahantas, has been started at \$3,000. Information on the llama and photographs of it can be found on the site, located on the World Wide Web.

"Llamas are relatively rare,

extremely intelligent, personable and, perhaps most importantly for the newcomer, by far the easiest to care for of all domestic livestock," said Richard Krieger in a news release. "Llamas seem tailor-made to be the groundbreaking livestock to herald the Internet's increasing influence as a living network of our times."

Designed by Salt Spring's Paul Marciano of the Visual Breakfast Company, the site can be found at <http://www.islandnet.com/~rkrieger/auction.html>.

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