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Tension high as teens, merchants plan mediation

By SUSAN LUNDY Driftwood Staff

Swearing, drinking and intimidation of customers by youths hanging around the Mouat's Trading Company buildings have led to volatile emotions in Ganges.

"Everyone is very tense," said one merchant, who did not want to be identified, fearing "negative feedback."

The merchant said that youths hanging around Mouat's Trading, the Salty Shop, Mouat's Clothing, Thrifty Foods and Jitterbug Briefs are blocking sidewalks and business entrances.

She said they do not move for customers, who either have to walk around the teens, or go elsewhere to do business.

"We have to go out there and ask them to please clear the sidewalks. Now they are getting lippy there is a real attitude prob-

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students gather in the downtown core during lunch break, merchants say. Although the problem was addressed in three meetings with the school late last year, and an apparent solution found, the growing battle between students and merchants is escalating.

One student who has "hung around" the area for years said merchants "are and aren't" overreacting to the situation.

Laura Redpath said "sometimes there are way too many kids" in the area. But, on the other hand, she has been asked by merchants to "move along while I was walking already," she said.

Redpath attributes some of the problems to the grouping of "rougher, rowdier kids" coming in from other parts of town.

Carol Fowles, co-chair of the GISS Parents Advisory Committee (PAC), said a mediation process involving representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, parents, school administration, student body and the RCMP is tentatively planned for mid-February.

Fowles says the meeting will

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Strange gas odour affects 3 islanders

A mysterious gas attack affected several Salt Spring residents and sent one woman to hospital Thursday afternoon.

Diane Hele, Beverley Reaume and Dr. Roland Graham all reported symptoms after walking through the passageway between the Bank of Montreal and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) in Ganges.

"It's like a little act of terrorism," Reaume said. She had gone to the Bank of Montreal and was walking along the sidewalk between the two banks at approximately 3:15 p.m.

"Something hit me, all of a sudden," she said. Her nostrils were burning and she began coughing violently, as if she were suffering from whooping cough. She noticed an older couple nearby were also coughing.

Diane Hele, who entered the walkway at about the same time from the opposite direction, noticed Reaume. "She was coughing terribly."

A few steps further along, Hele was also suddenly affected by an unpleasant chemical odour. "I couldn't breath. It was terrible." Gasping for breath, she managed to make it into the CIBC. Concerned bank staff called an ambulance.

Hele was taken to hospital and treated. In addition to suffering a burning sensation in her nose and an inability to breathe, hospital staff told her she had a rash on her skin, suggesting an allergic reaction.

After talking to Hele, Dr. Rol.

After talking to Hele, Dr. Roland Graham also checked out the passageway between the banks. He was at the site an hour to 90 minutes later, he said, but still felt a burning sensation in his nostrils and into his frontal sinuses when he took deep breaths.

He wonders if the problem was caused by chlorine gas or a similar compound, which would cause the burning effect.

"It was really awful because my nostrils were burning for five minutes," Reaume said.

Hele described the sensation she felt upon breathing the fumes as a mix of burning and effervescence.

Both women were concerned that their experiences could have been deadly for a young child, an elderly person or someone suffering from asthma.

"A young woman walking by with a baby — it could have been devastating," Reaume said.

Fire chief Les Wagg checked the area Friday after hearing about the incident but was unable to find any evidence of gas. He suspected something might have been thrown into a nearby garbage bin which was cleared out Thursday night.

Hele hopes anyone who had a problem while walking through the area Thursday would be willing to share their experience in the hope of identifying the source of the fumes. "I'm really concerned about safety," she said.





NATURAL ICE RINK: A flooded and frozen field just off Furness Road in the Burgoyne Valley kept ice enthusiasts happy several days last week. Here, hockey players Alvaro Sanchez, right, and Ben Rompre rush toward the net. Marie Beaudoin puts on her skates and her four-year-old daughter, Rosalie, tests out the ice.

Photos by Derrick Lune



Islands thaw as cold snap ends

By VALORIE LENNOX Driftwood Staff

The snow was disappearing fast by Monday afternoon after a challenging two-week-long cold snap which had islanders digging out their mittens and snow shovels while dealing with frozen pipes, empty oil tanks and stranded cars.

Weather observer Robert Aston said the cold snap was not unusual for the islands since similar mini-onslaughts of winter occurred in 1992 and 1993. "These things tend to come in little groups."

Total snowfall recorded by Aston in Ganges was 13.4 inches for the month.

The coldest temperature during the 17-day cold spell was - 10 C, recorded the night of January 29. That was also the coldest day, with a high of - 25

But the whole week, from Monday to Saturday, was cold. Tuesday night's temperature dropped to -5, Wednesday's to -5.5, Thursday's to -7, and Friday's to -7.2.

However, location played a big part in area weather conditions. While Aston's coldest recorded temperature was -10, another observer near Salt Spring's Cusheon Lake measured the mercury at -13.5 the same day. As well, higher elevations saw much larger amounts of snowfall.

All that cold meant islanders were searching for heat. Mary Ann McColl of Salt Spring Shell Bulk Products noted consumption has been up.

"We did have an awful lot of calls from people who weren't our regular customers," McColl added. "We had a real run on stove oil (used to heat

trailers)."

The company tried to make emergency deliveries when

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Provincial exchanges could promote understanding

It may be too late to bridge the gulfs that separate Canada's two solitudes, despite the best efforts of Canadians from coast to

However, it is never too late to try, particularly some of the ideas that have been surfacing at meetings across the country. Take the recent one at Fulford Hall, where the suggestion was made that exchanges between Quebec and other provinces could contribute a great deal to promoting under-

Too late, said one islander, observing that Quebeckers simply were not interested. He was speaking within the context of what Quebeckers want from Canada. Premier Lucien Bouchard and his colleagues are quite specific about the future they desire, and a greater understanding of their anglophone neighbours is not a priority in that future.

(It could be said that Canadians from

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neither Quebec nor Ontario place a high priority on understanding the rest of the country, especially when you consider the recent behaviour of Liberal Members of Parliament while visiting Vancouver. I am no great fan of our own Gordon Campbell, but he did not deserve the ill-mannered and offensive response he received to his address to the Ottawa Liberals. I think the climate has done something to their heads.)

Whether Quebec separates or not, though, the types of exchanges envisioned by islanders at the Fulford meeting have limitless potential for contributing to greater understanding between cultures.

Exchanges with the Republic of Quebec and the United States of America, for starters, would do wonders for relations with those two entities. Our understanding of both is clouded by misconceptions and

Looking further afield, the continents of South America and Africa are home to some of the world's poorest people, not North American poor, for which you can qualify by having family income of \$20,000 and more, but Third World poor. They have nothing in common.

The big problem with exchanges, of course, is the expense, and few governments have the wherewithal to foot the bill for international junkets by their citizens. (Unless, of course, they are parliamentarians and then there's cash for all kinds of gallivanting, usually in mid-January.)

The next best thing is to promote avenues of communication without the

benefit of the physical exchange. This is what's happening to a small extent among classes of students in three local schools this month.

The students are conducting their own little enterprise to promote international understanding by baking cookies, selling them and using the proceeds to purchase school supplies for some Third-World counterparts.

Project Love is a highly inefficient method of putting those supplies in the hands of impoverished African children. But it creates a link between us and them, and an opportunity for us to learn more about them and vice versa. Its benefits far exceed the additional costs incurred in assembling the packages of supplies.

If you believe in the merits of international understanding, buy a cookie or two and help strengthen the links between the First World and the Third.

Pearson's body found

A Pender Island mystery was partially solved Saturday with the discovery of Connie Pearson's body in a rugged area of that island.

82-year-old island woman's body was found in an area west of Signal Hill by several university students out looking for firewood.

Pearson disappeared from her home December 13 and was the subject of a massive three-day

Pearson, who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease, may have become confused by a power outage which darkened Pender Island around the same time she disappeared. Pearson left her home without money, a heavy coat or boots. She lived with her daugh-

Foul play is not suspected in Pearson's death, however, police say an autopsy will be done to determine the exact cause of

RCMP REPOR'

· A 34-year-old island man was treated for injuries at Lady Minto Hospital after he lost control of his vehicle and struck a pole.

The accident occurred at 1:38 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Upper Ganges and Lower Ganges roads. The driver was charged with driving too fast for road conditions, and the vehicle sustained some \$6,000 in

· A second island pole sustained damage Saturday when a 39-yearold island driver slid off the road just south of the trailer court on Fulford-Ganges Road.

There were no injuries or charges - the accident occurred due to "extremely slippery road conditions." The accident took place at 11:30 p.m.

· Sometime Friday or Saturday thieves entered a Channel Ridge home through a skylight, stealing \$150 worth of liquor plus a snake skin briefcase.

Hospital's first '96 baby born

A new member of the O'Donnell family is Lady Minto Hospital's New Year's baby for the second time in 10 years.

Rory O'Donnell was born at 11:26 a.m. Monday, the son of Diana Beech and Shane O'Donnell. Rory's cousin Ryan, the son of Danny and Darcy O'Donnell, was the New Year's baby 10 years ago.

Rory was the first of two babies born at the hospital on Monday.

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possible but was hampered by icy driveways which could not be negotiated by the oil truck.

The problem was exacerbated by removal of the Queen of Vesuvius from the Vesuvius-Crofton run, eliminating the dangerous cargo sailings used for oil delivery. McColl said Shell has the only on-island bulk storage, so the combination of no oil delivery and cold weather earned them new customers who didn't want to get caught short of oil again.

The oil shortage boosted business for Bill Miles, who started his island-based oil delivery service, The Oilman, last spring. During the cold snap, he also heard from people who ran out of oil before their regular deliv-

ery arrived from off-island.
"The phone's been ringing quite a bit," Miles said. He found many people didn't realize their regular oil deliveries came from off-island until they tried to get their suddenly empty tanks refilled.

"Roscommon"

Snow shovels usually gather dust on the shelves of Mouat's Trading Company. But when the snow hit, the shovels turned into hot sellers along with heat cable, space heaters and crazy carpets for sliding down hills.

Wendy Newton of Mouat's estimated 50 snow shovels were sold. "The last three years' supply gone, finally," she remarked.

People were picking up oil for lamps to compensate for power outages, and about 20 space heaters were sold. In two days, buyers cleared out all 30 heat cables - used to thaw frozen pipes - in stock.

Rick Toller of Rick's Gulf Island Plumbing Ltd. reported receiving 20 to 25 calls during the past week to deal with frozen pipes. Most of the pipes froze during the extended low temperatures from Monday to Friday last week, he said.

Because the temperature was below freezing for several days, the frost extended six to eight inches and affected pipes which have never frozen before.

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Lee Sawchuk of Lee The Plumber also received at least 25 calls from people with frozen pipes. Most calls were received between January 29 and 31. In some cases, pipes were frozen under driveways and people had to choose between having the driveway dug up or waiting for the thaw.

On a happier note, some folks found fun in the snow and ice. A frozen Stowel Lake and a flooded field in the Fulford valley drew skaters. After the snow fell, Mouat's sold five toboggans or sleds along with approximately 30 crazy carpets, plastic sheets designed for sledding.

Sleds were not the only sliders on the hills. Cars, either in ditches or prudently parked at the base of hills, dotted island

Bill Ashton took a do-it-yourself approach. Trapped on Quebec Drive by ice Sunday morning, he hauled eight bags of salt out of his home and salted part of the road so he could drive into Ganges.

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Ice park plans high students use

Participation by local students in money lost from school rentals. hockey, figure skating and curling is key to the success of a Salt Spring ice arena and curling rink proposed by the Salt Spring Ice Park Society.

If a bid for a BC 21 grant of \$833,000 is successful, the group hopes to start construction on the \$2.65-million facility in September.

According to a business plan drafted by the group, the arena could be built, operated and have its mortgage paid off in 10 years without any further tax dollars.

But the plan depends on heavy use of the facility by schools. According to the plan, seven hours of ice time would be used by students playing hockey or figure skating every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from September 15 to April 15 during school hours.

For this use, the school district would be charged \$60 an hour or \$1,680 a week. The remaining projected revenue of \$9,660 per week would be raised through an adult rate of \$140 an hour charged from 6 p.m. until midnight and a children's rate of \$20 an hour for programs operating between 3 and 6 p.m.

Public skating would bring in almost \$140 an hour, assuming 100 people skating over a two-hour period and paying \$2.75 per person.

Ice Park member Dwight Jones, who drafted the business plan, said use of the facility by the schools is critical to the success of the project. The financial revenue from school use is less important than a system which would have young people using the rink during school hours, leaving the ice free for rental to adults in the evening.

Concessions - perhaps even a lounge - could make up any

"One of the tragedies of arena use across Canada is the fact that most of them gather fog all day and then all age levels of every sport contest the few evening hours available to adults, which are the only hours adults can use," the business plan noted.

"If programming can be extended to school hours, with ice sports integrated into physical education, then new arenas can be built without concern for operating losses and all parties will have ample facili-

But school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert sees several obstacles. Schools have limited funds for sporting activities and, at present, figure skating and ice hockey are not regular school sports.

Something like that assumes all students must have skates," she observed. The projected cost would be \$2 per student per session and there would have to be transportation arranged to get students from some schools to the rink.

If an ice rink existed, she expected some schools would use the facility on an infrequent, informal basis, but not at the level projected by the ice park society. Even if money, transportation and enough skates were available, there may not be enough time, she noted.

"There's an awful lot that has got to be fit into the curriculum, not just physical education."

The school board has written a letter in support of the society's grant application but Lambert said the letter supported in principle any indoor recreation facility which would benefit young people in the community.

Proposed rates for the curling rink echo those for the ice rink. School use, projected to occur for three hours daily, Monday to Friday, would bring in \$60 an hour. The children's rate would be \$20 an hour and the prime time rate would be \$110 an hour.

The plan projects 65 per cent capacity the first year, rising to 80 per cent by the fourth. The plan also projects that strong demand for adult hockey and for curling will sell out the available space at the prime time rates.

Jones noted the projected \$140per-hour rental will only cost an individual adult hockey player \$6

A mobile office?

Off to a new use as a clubhouse for the Blackburn Meadows Golf Course was the former Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce office and visitor information centre. The building was lifted from its foundation and moved by a three-man crew from Island House Moving last Thursday and Friday. The structure has been also used as a real estate office, as a candle factory and as a cottage.



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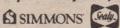
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Hydroxyl sewage system discussed

By VALORIE LENNOX Driftwood Staff

Gambling on a new, B.C.-developed sewage treatment system for the Ganges plant could yield economic and environmental benefits — if the technology works.

A presentation by Sidney-based Hydroxyl Systems touting the low cost and high effluent quality of their proprietary system was one of three options outlined at a public meeting January 30.

An evaluation of the options done by Stanley Associates Engineering Ltd. noted Hydroxyl is a promising technology but lacks long-term operating data, so a test program should be initiated to ensure the system would be appropriate for the Ganges plant.

Also proposed for the sewer plant upgrade was a proprietary system from Zenon Environmental Inc., based on membrane filters. The third choice is a conventional system combining aeration with the rotating biological contactor system now in use.

All three technologies were short-listed for the upgrade and presented to the Ganges Sewer Local Services Committee and the public for the first time at the meeting. Despite snowy roads, approximately 60 people attended the meeting at the Anglican Centre.

The chief concern for many present was environmental security— wanting to ensure that if any breakdown occurred at the plant, untreated sewage would not flow into Ganges Harbour.

"Everything that functions, malfunctions at times," noted Sharon McCollough of the Harbour Protection Association. Presenters were asked to describe any back-up measures they had planned and asked if they would post a performance bond to ensure any problems would be resolved quickly.

In summary, the major features of the options are:

• Conventional biological systems have been in use for over 100 years. The proposal for the Ganges plant, as outlined by Dr. Sam Jeyanayagam of Stanley Associates, would add an activated sludge or aeration tank to the

All three technologies were short-listed for the upgrade...

rotating biological contactor. The dual system would give two different methods of treating sewage.

The existing clarifier would be replaced with a new, more modern unit and the plant would continue to use ultra-violet disinfection before discharging into Ganges Harbour. Waste sludge would still have to be removed from the plant, Jeyanayagam noted.

Estimated price, in 1995 dollars, would be \$819,800 in capital costs. Annual operating and maintenance costs were projected to be \$4,600.

Hydroxyl, outlined by company president Juergen Puetter, has developed a series of treatment techniques. Smaller "nano-bubbles" increase the transfer of oxygen into the waste, improving oxidization. The system also accelerate

ates the movement of the sludge, breaking it into smaller particles which are easier for the microorganisms to digest.

"We're knocking the living daylights out of the little buggers," Puetter quipped.

No toxic chemicals are used and there is no waste sludge which has to be hauled away, he added.

Since the process is new, the company has offered to install the system and ensure it is working before expecting payment. The company already has a pilot plant serving Brentwood College in Central Saanich.

Estimated capital cost is \$714,600 and operating costs would be \$7,000 annually.

 Zenon's membrane-based system was likened by company CEO Andrew Benedek to natural filters like strands of seaweed or kidneys. "What we're talking about is really like a kidney membrane," he said.

Two of the membrane units would be fitted into an aeration tank. Waste would be treated with bio-oxidization while the membranes would filter out impurities.

To date, the company has over 95 treatment plants in place of which 42 have operated for more than five years. The system reduces the amount of sludge by 80 per cent over a conventional system. The company has a system operating at the Thetis Lake trailer park. For Ganges, the estimated capital cost is \$1,550,300 and annual operating cost was projected at \$25,000 if the company took over the operation and maintenance of the plant.

Fighting late tax penalty pays off

Determination on the part of at least one Salt Spring property owner has saved an \$85 penalty for late payment of taxes.

Patsy Siemens was one of several islanders who mailed property taxes at the Ganges post office on last year's deadline date of July 3. But they were unaware that the local post office no longer

stamped a date on the envelopes. That wasn't done until the tax payments arrived in Victoria the following day.

So the provincial taxation authorities deemed the payments late and assessed \$85 penalties.

Siemens and others fought the penalty for the next several months and finally succeeded in

having Canada Post Corporation resolve the dispute by communicating with the Surveyor of Taxes.

In one letter to Canada Post, Siemens said, she suggested that proceeds from the next postage stamp increase be used to purchase a date stamp for the Ganges post office.

Zoning change may scuttle resort plans

Plans for a resort on Bullock Lake may be scuttled by a rezoning proposed by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

The committee is seeking to rezone the property from commercial four (C-4), which allows resort development, to rural. Rural zoning would allow the property to be subdivided into minimum five-acre lots with single family dwellings.

The property to be rezoned by the bylaw is owned by Salt Spring Island Village Resort, which has proposed a 100-unit development for the 35-acre site. If the rezoning is approved, development of the property would be restricted to seven

Trustee Bob Andrew said the bylaw was given first reading by the Trust committee following a report from staff, who had attended a meeting in January at which the development plans for the property were outlined.

Andrew said the rezoning is consistent with the current Official Community Plan (OCP)

for Salt Spring and also consistent with all the input received to date for the new OCP.

He admitted there is a potential legal challenge to the zoning change but said the property owner should not be surprised by the bylaw. "We've let the resort people know there have been concerns all along."

The bylaw has been sent to other agencies for comment. Andrew welcomed comments from island residents and predicted the bylaw would go to public hearing in March.



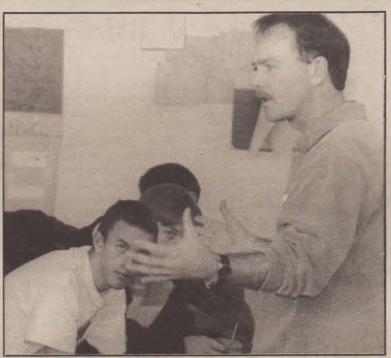












A sober warning against impaired driving was delivered to Gulf Islands Secondary School students by, above right, Ralph Causton of Qualicum Beach, who is watched intently by student Daniel Bennett. Causton's 17-year-old son was killed in a drinkingdriving accident on November 6, 1994.

Students hear perils of drunk driving

Approximately 300 students gathered Thursday to hear Causton's message, which included a video of his son before the accident and also showed images of the car after the accident. Since the accident Causton has travelled all over the province to warn students against the dangers of impaired driving

and give students white ribbons to place on car dashboards to remind them not to drink and drive. Listening to Causton's powerful presentation are students, from left, Amber Huth, Dawn Akerman and Chantelle Huth.

MEDIATION: All sides represented

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involve skilled mediators who will help "all interested parties" come up with solutions and ways to follow through with

"We want to see students welcomed into the community, but we don't want them being disrespectful," Fowles said, adding that the current situation is extremely tricky and must consider the rights of everyone

"Hopefully, (the meeting) will get the facts out for everybody and dispel some of the rumours which are rampant," she said.

Merchants said that on several consecutive days massive snowball fights encompassing the entire Mouat's parking lot saw iceballs "the size of footballs" hurled through the air, sometimes hitting passersby

"We welcome the kids downtown, but just don't want them to be a hassle," said Barry Hayne, property manager for Mouat's. "They don't have to stand around in groups of 30 blocking traffic.'

Hayne noted there are other places - the seawalk, the park area behind Thrifty Foods where they could gather. He said there has been the "odd shuffle and punch-up" but the situation "could be worse - they are just being kids." His main concern is the lack of respect the youths show to the elderly, who are sometimes forced to climb over rocks to avoid them, or to squeeze between them to get through a door

They don't want anyone telling them what to do," Hayne added. "I think if we asked them to come down, drink on the rocks, swear and smoke a big, fat one, they probably wouldn't

Fowles told the Driftwood the parent group became involved when it heard threats that the entire student body might be penalized for problems experienced in the Ganges core

Some merchants are requesting that GISS become a closed campus, not allowing students to leave the area during school

The mediation meeting will involve "a coming to the table and deciding how to deal with the situation realistically," she

Earlier in the year merchants and students thought a solution had been reached when the two groups negotiated specific areas in which the students could "hang around."

"Some students didn't respect it," she said. "And in reality, is

it real to expect students to enforce each other?"

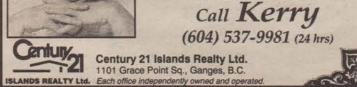
Redpath remains uncertain whether or not mediation will

"You can't say 'no' to some and 'yes' to others," she said. "I don't think there is a solution right now, but after the meeting, who knows?"





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Lynda Laushway

Laushway announces NDP candidacy Environmental and women's rights activist and artist Lynda Laushway of Salt Spring is seek. Battwan 1973 and 1981. Battwan 1973 and 1981. Battwan 1973 and 1981.

Environmental and women's rights activist and artist Lynda Laushway of Salt Spring is seeking the New Democratic Party nomination for Saanich North and the Islands

Party members will vote March 30 to choose their candidate for the election which must be held this year.

The 45-year-old Laushway said she has been thinking about running for six months and was encouraged by people in the community familiar with her work.

Her background includes a master's degree in applied criminology from the University of Ottawa in 1975 and a bachelor of arts degree

Between 1973 and 1981, she worked in the criminal justice field.

She has continued to write on criminal justice issues, including preparing a handbook for parents and teachers on young offenders legislation. She has also written brochures for the B.C. Corrections Branch on recruiting women to work as correctional officers, probation and community corrections.

In 1993, she became the facilitator for a B.C. Health Research Foundation project aimed at preventing violence and abuse against women, children and families on Salt Spring. Since last year she has been the coordinator of community development and research for Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA).

Issues she wants to address are violence against women and children. Crime prevention is also important, she says.

She believes in a strong social safety net, including health care, which gives support for seniors and for single mothers.

She disagrees with the recent provincial government cuts to social assistance. "I feel it's targeting the poorest of the poor," she said. Traditionally, New Democrats have stood for compas-

sion and caring for each other, so she feels this action by the NDP government needs a second look.

She also opposes school district amalgamation, especially for the Gulf Islands School District, which she sees as geographically unique.

Protection of the environment for future generations and fair treatment for First Nations including a stronger voice for native women — are priorities for Laushway.

Personal interests include visual arts and yoga. She exhibits her own art and is co-parenting to raise two teenage sons. She has lived on Salt Spring for 11 years.

Coell seeks Liberal nomination

Saanich mayor Murray Coell announced his intention January 26 to run for the provincial Liberal Party candidacy in Saanich North and the Islands.

The seat is now held by Liberal Clive Tanner of Sidney, who has decided not to seek re-election. Coell, who is in his second term as mayor of Saanich, is seeking the Liberal party nomination for the next provincial election.

"I believe it is my duty to run for provincial office, to represent Saanich North and the Islands at this critical time in B.C. history," he stated in a speech at Sanscha Hall.

"We face many challenges, environmental, economic and social. From land claims and land use issues to welfare overload and federal health-care cutbacks — the coming decade will not get any easier."

He called for the abolition of the New Democratic Party's labour standards act and the New Directions health care system and a decrease in government spending.

"Change is coming. The days of the gold-plated public trough are over," he

He said he would work to balance public and private interests, controlling growth to protect the lifestyle on the Saanich Peninsula and the Gulf Islands.

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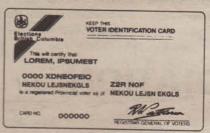
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Dismantling of the Porlier Pass Light Station is under way at North Galiano, where a new automatic light is expected to be in operation by the end of the week.

Preparations for the automation of the lighthouse have been under way for the last month.

The new light will consist of an aluminum platform on which a white fibreglass tower will be set. A new tower was shipped to the site last week but according to a Coast Guard spokesman, will be replaced by another better able to withstand high winds. The tower will replace the familiar white tower with its red roof at Race Point.

Concrete footings have been poured for the installation of solar panels which will provide back-up battery power for the new lights, with hydro being the major power source.

Meanwhile, efforts are under way to salvage some parts of the lighthouse with the hope that a replica might be built. According to North Galiano Community Association member and Driftwood correspondent Alistair Ross, the Coast Guard has agreed to try to save some parts of the structure.

The second tower — the Virago light — will remain as it is for now. That structure dates from 1902.

Light keepers Richard and Carol Nicholson and their three young children will remain on duty until the new station is automated and functioning successfully.

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Farm taxes: What are the rules?

Knowing the rules is essential to playing the game. But owners of farmland whose tax assessments have jumped dramatically this past year don't know the rules.

In theory, it is simple. To retain farm status on your property, earn at least \$2,500 in farm income. For larger properties, earn \$2,500 plus a percentage based on farm size.

But small farms which have crossed that income threshold are still seeing their tax status shifted from farm to residential on all or part of their property. According to speakers at a recent Farmers' Institute meeting on tax assessments, farm status was lost because of misplaced or missing fences, because a wood lot is no longer considered part of a farm operation or because an elderly couple are no longer farming all of their property full-time.

The saddest comment to come out of the meeting was a quip that assessors make up the rules as they drive down the driveway evidence of how arbitrary the judgments appear to those most affected.

It doesn't help the public perception of the assessment authority when the authority cannot or is reluctant to provide copies of the regulations which govern its decisions.

Assessments — and the taxes which arise from those assessments — must be seen to be fair. Ensuring everyone understands the rules is the first step to ensuring fair play.

Not only must the regulations be known, they must also be realistic. It is ludicrous to assess a farm property which is in the Agricultural Land Reserve on the Gulf Islands as residential land ripe for development. Even if the land could be eased out of the ALR — a dim prospect at best — the preserve-and-protect mandate of the Islands Trust almost guarantees no development will occur.

Islanders like their acres of green space, whether there are sheep grazing on the green or not. This community support for small farms on the islands, the mandate of the Trust and the existence of the land reserve should all be reflected in assessments.

Farm designation on property recognizes the difference in income which can be generated from 10 acres used for raising sheep and garlic and 10 acres subdivided into one-acre lots.

It is a valuable tool which makes it economically feasible for the island's small farms to keep operating despite the escalation in real estate values in the Gulf Islands over the past 30 years.

It should not be arbitrarily removed. Doing so stacks the deck against those islanders who are land-rich and cash poor and may well force them into reversing the equation.

Time for a sign

ittle would be gained by expending words in this space to extol the fine quality, superb craftsmanship and outstanding value to be found in the variety of arts and crafts created and sold on Salt Spring Island.

These are things we already know. The success of the small arts and crafts boutiques and the remarkable record of ArtCraft (whose sales records are quite understandably kept under wraps because they're so good) are testament to the creative talent and skill to be found on the island.

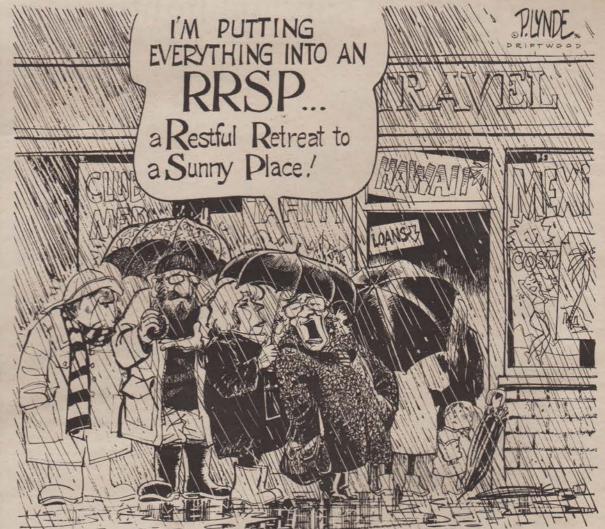
The entrepreneurial success of local artisans has also been enhanced by the recognition that tourists often run short of diversion after a couple of days of touring local attractions. Link an idle tourist with a busy potter and you've created a tourist attraction that does not require large pieces of real estate or huge investments of capital.

The annual studio tour, in which as many as three dozen artisans participate by opening their places of work to the visiting public, has been a very successful initiative, with but one exception.

It's time for a new sign.

The roughly stencilled image of a sheep and the words Studio Tour, used by participants to guide visitors to their studios, is clear and succinct. But it looks to have been done in haste, with little thought to esthetics and — most importantly — it makes no effort to reflect the value of the work whose purpose it is to help sell.

Artisans may find that a small investment in attractive signage may pay off in a greater number of visits from discerning tourists looking for quality and value in their holiday purchases.



Letters to the Editor

New club

In 1946, the Rotary Club of Victoria sponsored a new club located way out on the Saanich Peninsula, and the Rotary Club of Sidney was formed.

Years later, the Rotary Club of Sidney was successful in sponsoring a Rotary Club on Salt Spring Island (1969) and in Brentwood Bay (1981).

Due to the population growth on the Peninsula, another Rotary club is to be formed. This club will meet over breakfast and be called the Rotary Club of Sidney-by-the-Sea.

To celebrate the chartering of this new club, we will be holding dinner/dance on Friday, February 23. Rotarians will travel from Washington State as well as Vancouver Island to join with local Rotarians in welcoming the 34 new Sidney members into the Rotary family.

The purpose of this letter is to inform your readers that anyone interested in attending the social function can arrange tickets by calling 656-9393.

CLIFF RUTTAN Rotary Extension Committee

Turn-about troubling

The Local Government Options Study article in the January 10 edition of the Driftwood and the editorial and letters to the editor on this subject call into question the commitment of the existing government to the democratic process.

At a meeting of representatives from most municipalities in the Greater Victoria area chaired by Howard Sturrock last summer, Ministry of Municipal Affairs representatives stated that no initiative for amalgamation of municipalities could be

expected from the ministry. When asked how to get a study going on the viability of amalgamation of certain areas like the Saanich Peninsula, the answer received from Mr. Paiget of municipal affairs was to wait for the "grassroots" to organize a committee and perform a study. This answer seems to correspond with the position taken by municipal affairs on December 15

What troubles me now is the turn-about by municipal affairs on a local government options

In Salt Spring's case, the "grassroots" committee was shot down, putting to an end, for the time being, public participation in organizing a committee and getting a study under way.

On the Saanich Peninsula it is still the case that no government assistance or involvement can be expected. These two contradictory positions are disturbing and appear to prove that the present government is afraid to let people have the information necessary to make an informed democratic choice and are prepared to manipulate the rules to

suit that agenda.

C.J. (KIP) WILSON, **Brentwood Bay**

Rebuttal

I find it hard to believe that Susan Monahan is unaware of the letter I wrote to the Salt Spring branch of the Royal Canadian Legion prior to my publicly renouncing my member-

Ms Monahan is not only the daughter of the branch's than president, she was its secretary. In that letter I asked for my name to be removed from the membership list because of my strong disagreement with the outcome

of the recent "headdress" convention.

Nowhere did I attack or lay blame on Branch 92. I went on to express "much regret" for the necessity of my decision because of the valued friendships I had made during my three-year membership. This letter was copied to Dominion Command in Ottawa.

Although I received no reply whatsoever from the Salt Spring branch, Ottawa not only returned my severed card, they urged me to remain a member. "It is important," they wrote, "that members with your conviction remain within their branches and express their views.

But Branch 92 will not have me back: it needs me, after all, as a scapegoat. (I feel there must be more convincing ways of demonstrating benevolence than by attacking me!) What Legion members must realize is that the cutting of my card in two, was only a reaction: the call to incite riot was made by Legion delegates in Calgary.

I was not alone in my reaction. It was nationwide, negative, and has proved financially crippling. As I predicted, Her Royal Majesty the Queen joined in the fray. During her visit to the Victoria Commonwealth Games, she lunched with those five turbaned Sikls who had been from the Surrey branch.

Ms Monahan claims the Driftwood photo shows me "gleefully" destroying my membership card. My expression was far from gleeful since racism, as I've said before, is a serious matter for anyone who wishes to decide this for himself. That photo can be viewed at the Driftwood office. Letters to the editor are restricted to 300 words but a picture says a thousand.

DIANE HARRIS, Former Member R.C.L.





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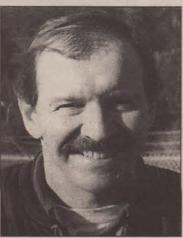
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: Did you notice any impact from the routing of all vehicle traffic through Fulford Harbour terminal last week?



Asho Hausbrandt I didn't notice anything (different) because I'm living on the end of Beddis Road, so I don't see much. I was lucky that I didn't have to travel.



Brian Travelbea Working with B.C. Tel, we've noticed there's been a lot more delays coming through and a lot more congestion.



Scott Hale I only come over once a week. I'm from Victoria. I would say no. Today, it's a little less than normal.



(at Rodrigo's) Summer traffic jams this time of year. It's been really busy down here, business is three times as busy.



Jane MacVicar I noticed the parking lot was more full than I expected on the 10 a.m. ferry.

Letters to the Editor

Didn't need ERT

Can we see it a different way? As I sat on the couch looking dumbstruck at the front page of my community paper two weeks ago, my 10-year-old daughter said What's wrong, mommy?

I said, "All this man needed was someone to talk to."

She looked at the picture and asked me to tell her what happened. I did, and we both sat on the couch with tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats.

This man didn't need to have the ERT after him, nor his life surrounded by police. He needed someone to talk to, he needed his life to be surrounded by support.

Where did he go? To his parents' house. What does a parent's house symbolize? The man wanted help. He was reaching out in a society that has no place for emotional, stressed-out men to reach

I have witnessed this in our community not long ago when a male friend of mine was under incredible work and emotional pressure. He reached out and was always turned away. "Come back next week" or "I'll make you an appointment ..." He did not need help next week - he needed it now

Women have effiergency shelters, community care workers, counselling support, SWOVA (which we are most grateful for) and our friends.

What do men have? Can they find help when they really need it?

Not all, but the majority of men live with an ingrained programming that they are supposed to be "tough and strong" and not show their feelings. We all know it is impossible to live this way and expect to be healthy, happy people capable of raising a family and being an asset to the community. We cannot give to others what we have not learned to give ourselves. So what happens?

The men hold in their feelings, they are afraid to express them, they feel unsafe and put on a stronger front. It may work for a while but eventually they explode, break down, have an affair, become "irrational." They have to release this pent up energy — it is

human nature, it cannot be contained, controlled, pushed down,

My question to you all is could this be what happened to Mr. Bader? Could you see it another

REAYANE KANNE, Salt Spring Island



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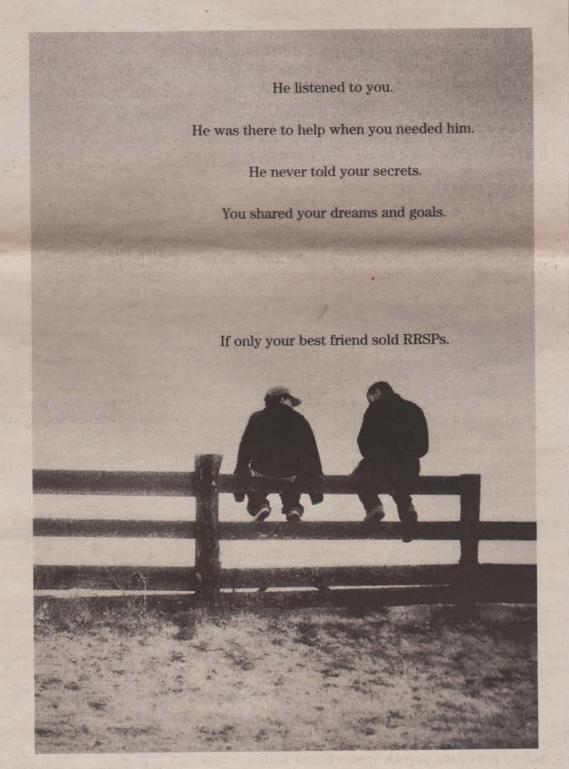
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Vander Zalm at helm of new pressure group

VICTORIA — Just when you thought he'd stick to pruning his tulips, or whatever one does with them, Bill Vander Zalm decided to raise his photogenic head again.

The man who became premier in 1986 with one of the biggest majorities the Social Credit party had ever scored, only to destroy the party in five short years, is among a number of British

Columbians who are heading a new political pressure group — the Christian Coalition of Canada.

Vander Zalm says

CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER

he has no political ambitions. Right. He may be determined not to run for public office again, but political ambitions can manifest themselves in various ways, including getting even with the NDP which wrested power from him.

The Christian Coalition of Canada is modelled after the Christian Coalition in the U.S., which is one of the most powerful pressure groups in that country, a fact that isn't lost on conservative politicians.

A tits convention in Washington, an impressive array of conservative political figures fell all over themselves to win the backing of the organization. They included House Speaker Newt Gingrich and presidential hopefuls Bob Dole and Pat Buchanan.

There is, however, a difference between the two organizations. Whereas the U.S. Christian Coalition endorses only the Republicatn Party, its Canadian counterpart will not support any single party.

Instead, the organization will work closely with other conservative Christian groups to make individual candidates publicly state their position on matters such as abortion and homosexual rights.

The group's focus will be on family values, and to that end, it will tap into the existing power bases of other organizations such as the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, REAL Women and Focus on the Family.

The Evangelical Fellowship has made a number of submissions to the Supreme Court of Canada and the federal government regarding issues such as homosexual rights and abortion.

Focus on the Family is more active on a regional basis. Last year, the groups distributed a voters' guide to the Abbotsford byelection.

That Vander Zalm involves himself in the affairs of the Christian Coalition of Canada shouldn't come as a surprise. When he was premier, he tried everything he could to put an end to abortions in British Columbia.

When I asked him once during an interview whether he really believed that he had the right to force his own personal beliefs on the people of British Columbia, he replied without hesitation that, indeed, he did.

If the premier of British Columbia didn't have that right, he added, the province might as well hand over the reigns of government to the Mafia.

He never really understood that a premier's rights are subject to the same limitations as those of the ordinary citizen. Of course, now that he is an ordinary citizen, he has every right to try to force his views on anyone who comes along, provided they let him.

Vander Zalm says the Christian Coalition of Canada plans to be a major factor in the next provincial election, but he admits that there isn't much time to prepare for battle.

I'll bet that the coalition will be ready. I can see the group sending questionnaires to all candidates, canvassing their views on issues such as abortion, and publishing them prior to the election.

I can see members of the Christian Coalition attending all-candidates meetings and grilling the hopefuls on the issues the group promotes.

Whether a group such as the coalition can have an impact on an election is debatable. In a close race, its activities can make a difference.

To those who would dismiss the Christian Coalition of Canada as yet another fringe group, I say that no political pressure group can be ignored by those aspiring to public office.

And to those who wish the Christian Coalition of Canada and similar pressure groups would just go away, I say that any exchange of ideas, any input into the political and democratic process, no matter how much one may personally disagree with the view points advanced by such groups, is desirable.

As for Vander Zalm, I always thought that we hadn't heard the last of him yet.

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More letters

Editor's note: Production errors changed the meaning of the following letter when it was published last week. A corrected version appears here.

Last chance

Oddly enough, I left the January 17 Canadian unity forum at Fulford Hall feeling that Quebec's separation might just be Canada's last chance for survival.

Our sense of identity has been deformed throughout our history by having as our only neighbour the United States of America. When we look out past our border, theirs is the only face we see. No matter our shortcomings, which grow more grievous by the day, we can always find solace and consolation by comparing ourselves to the USA.

Well, who can't? Cuba has an economy about a trillionth the size of the United States'. You want to compare infant mortality rates in those two countries' capital cities? Washington, D.C.'s is nearly twice that of Havana's. But us, we congratulate ourselves for being a kinder, gentler nation and return to our smug, complacent slumber while federal and provincial politicians from all parties shred our social safety net, decimate our national health, education and broadcasting systems, privatize national transportation and countenance levels of unemployment (while cutting back on UI) that would make a civilized people fall to their knees and weep.

Who knows? Maybe an independent Quebec would provide an alternative. All our politicians solemnly swear there is none. We won't find it south of the border. Our media are too myopic to bring us news of, say, Norway or Denmark.

But a social democracy smack on our borders, structuring its society differently right in between Ontario and the Maritimes? If Quebec's labour unions and social movements and popular organizations manage to pull it off, now that would be hard to ignore.

If we don't find some alterna-

tive to the reigning right-wing ideology, Canada as once we knew and loved it, with or without Quebec, is surely doomed.

MURRAY REISS,
Fulford Harbour

Quality

In terms of numbers of people attending the open house on February 3, the result was disappointing. However, what was lacking in quantity was more than made up for in quality!

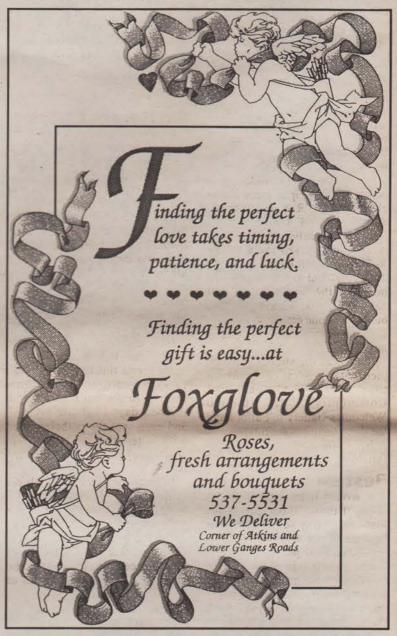
I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to those who took the time and trouble to come to meet me and share their views. I

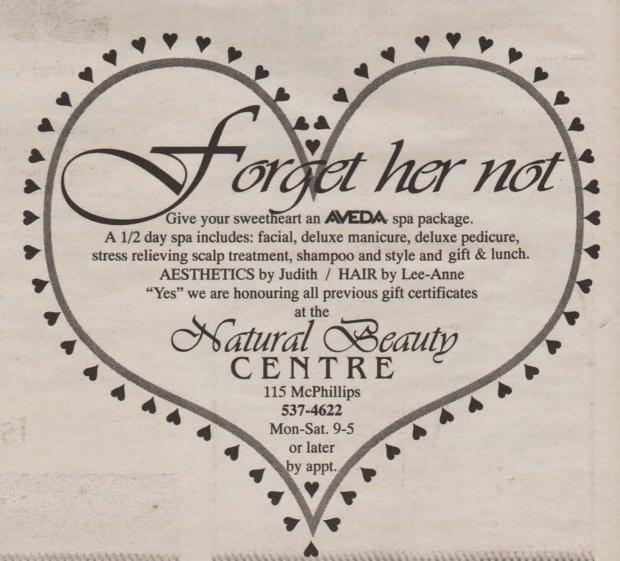
gained some valuable insights from our visitors and, through your paper, would like to say thank you to all who came.

I'd also like to express my admiration for the outstanding quality of the facilities at the Hart Bradley Lions Hall. The building itself is beautiful, well designed, functional and a great meeting place. Very best wishes to the Lions Club. I trust they will have continued success in all their undertakings and the good work they do.

It is to be hoped that more people will choose to join us the next time we come over.

C.J. (KIP) WILSON Brentwood Bay





More letters

Not news

In regards to the January 24 front page heading that "Theories, speculation rampant on Salt Spring," I would like to take this opportunity to say, "What's new!!"

S. GLANVILLE, Northview Place

Support refugees

I attended a recent meeting organized by the Island Refugee Support Group. The focus at present is to sponsor a family from Bosnia displaced by the war and now forced to live in a refugee camp in Zagreb, Croatia.

This is a community endeavour and it involves Salt Spring Islanders welcoming a family to live in our community and providing financial support for a

The treasurer reported that now more than half of the total sum has been pledged. The monthly pledges can be for any sum - it will all help. People will be asked to honour their pledges only after the group has been advised that a family is on its way to the community.

In order to provide donors with income tax receipts, three island churches, the Roman Catholic, Anglican and United, have offered to receive the contributions and forward them to the Refugee Support Group.

To reach out to one family will not save the world - we will have to keep on working on that; but to light one candle in the dark is better then to curse the dark-

Information sheets may be picked up at West of the Moon toy store in Ganges, the Community Centre, 100,000 Welcomes Gallery in Fulford and the three mentioned churches.

MARG SIMONS, Fulford Harbour

Best deal

It would indeed be tragic if some of those 30-odd properties lost their farm status this year because of not meeting the minimum income requirements.

The culprit this time may not be the bad ol' government, but rather the consumer who merely spends instead of thinks with

As with most other items, the price of food rarely reflects its cost. Buying your tomatoes from Mexico and your garlic from China may save a few dollars a month, but look at the cost: Groundwater contamination, irreplaceable topsoil erosion, pesticide poisoning, the appalling living conditions of farm labourers, poor nutrition from produce transported thousands of miles,

and the support of agribusiness which thanks us by trying to introduce irradiated potatoes and bovine growth hormone.

The benefits of buying local meat and produce, especially organic produce, include better nutrition, support of a family operation and leaving the environment in a better condition than we found it. Most important, it keeps more of our money at home where it benefits all of us.

The only way to stop unsustainable agriculture is to make it unprofitable. The consumer could achieve that overnight by refusing to buy their products. We do have the power to stop

In a world where price truly reflects cost, organic produce should be the best deal around because it is. Maybe then we'd be adding farms to Salt Spring, not removing them.

DIANE MELEN, Lee Road

Excitement back

Driving into Ganges to work this morning, I noticed that something had changed.

Something was amiss. What was it? That old excitement was back! The challenge again!

Then I realized what it was the potholes in the road, they're back. I missed them when the highways department filled them all in last year. Besides, being divorced and self-supporting, I have nothing better to do with my money than buy a few new tires every year!

Now each day on my way to work I can count how many potholes I miss this time. Or if I am in an adventurous mood, how many potholes can I hit. And on my best days I can use my ESP and even spot the potholes filled with water (that are invisible at that time) - extra points for

I can get out my driving gloves

Maybe we could make this a Salt Spring annual event. Advertise it on the ferry: pothole running. Get the Chamber of Commerce to endorse it. Who knows, it could be as good as hog calling.

DIANE JONAS, Deer Park Road

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Pensions threatened

I write to draw attention to the plight of those in receipt of British pensions and those who will become eligible in the future women at age 60 and men at

Canada is one of the countries which has no agreement with the United Kingdom for pensions to be unfrozen, so we receive only 25 to 30 per cent of pensions received by those who live, for instance, in the U.S. or those who remain in the U.K.

Our pensions depend on how long we worked or contributed while in Britain ... MP Winston S. Churchill calls my age group "the generation of war heroes' who are being short-changed by a succession of governments.

Members from all political parties agreed recently that the pension law is discriminatory and wrong. However, the time when laws were made because they were right or necessary are gone. Now the criterion is "Can we afford it?" The bottom line wins again, and again it is the poor and potentially disenfranchised who suffer.

The Canadian Alliance for British Pensioners (CABP) suggests those of us who may be approached to vote in the upcoming U.K. election should respond to the effect that we will vote only for the party or parties pledged to change the pension law. Thus far the only party so committed is that of the Liberal Democrats.

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Visitor meets strange, mite confusing customs

BRITAIN— The doctor's office over here is no office. It rejoices under the appellation of surgery. Which is a mite confusing.

Once upon a time there were no surgeons. A butcher possessed the implements to cut up flesh and bone as did the barber. The early-day surgeon enjoyed as much regard and respect as either of those skilled tradesmen.

When surgery grew into a new branch of medicine its practitioners were

not permitted to join the time-honoured profession of doctoring, and the surgeon was accorded the honorific of "Mister" to clearly indicate that he was not a



Today, in this land where the language was invented, the surgeon proudly retains that mark of distinction and is universally known among his fel-

Hence, you visit a general practitioner to see the doctor. He passes you on to a surgeon and you visit Mr. Surgeon.

And it is so confusing. The doctor's shingle tells the world that he is a GP. It also advises all the world that he is to be found in his surgery. The same doctor invites others to join him in his practice and up go the new shingles, "Dr. Brown, Dr. Smith, Dr. Jones." And nary a surgeon in the

Strange customs

I left this island a half-century ago. I left a land where the switches were up for off and down for on. I left the streets where you drove on the left and parked on either side. There were other customs peculiar to Britain which had never seemed strange

Upon my return, half a 100 years later, so many of those accepted norms seem so far from normal.

One custom that has me puzzled is to be found in the daily paper's court reports. At least, in some of them.

The report has little to do with any department of law. It refers to the comings and goings at the royal court. There's nowt strange about that.

You read through the reports on the Queen's activities of the day, and you reach the list of obituaries, with their startling explanation that the Queen, or Prince Philip, unable to attend, was represented by a nominee.

Such an explanation would seem appropriate in a social function. It seems quite acceptable in the case of funeral, where the function is partly religious and partly social. But when there is a service of thanksgiving for the life of the deceased, I find this representation less readily acceptable.

It is rather like reporting that when a praying man neglected his prayers this

morning, he was represented by a wife or brother, who prayed on his behalf.

A consoling thought is that the switches are still what was once the right way up, and the traffic is still left-handed.

The impropriety of growing old

The motoring public is kept informed on all matters relating to road conditions and possible hazards. And rightly so. If the road has been removed to plant next year's daffodils, we are duly warned. If there is a hole in the road, the warnings are clear. And where the elderly, the aged and the infirm are to be encountered, valiantly dodging the traffic, there is a common enough sign warning that such elderly and infirm pedestrians might be found on the road.

Like all modern signs, the message is centered on a sketch. Two elderly pedestrians are seen; one is male, one is female. Each is bent, which follows the practice of eliminating discrimination. Bent backs, walking canes and the driver gets the message

But some of the elderly, the aged and the inform are baulking at the signs.

They are unflattering to people like me, it is alleged. And it all comes back to that eternal question, am I being put down when I am identified as "old?"

I'm old. Once a month the federal government sends me a reminder of my great age. And I cheerfully accept it. If I fly I enjoy a reduction in token of my years: gratefully. I travel at preferred rates on B.C. ferries. Happily.

And when I come to this land on holiday I buy a senior's railcard. For \$30 I have a pass which allows me to travel by rail at two-thirds of the normal rate. Too young? Tough!

Call me lucky; call me cheapie; call me early; call me old. Bent of back, happy to use a cane, arthritic! Maybe they just need my picture on those warning signs. Target for tonight!

Good living

When members of parliament were talking last week about raising salaries for the representatives of the people, the suggestions appeared that members be paid some \$140,000 a year, with about double that figure for

I could live on that.

A further news report listed typical salaries for those employed by the public purse. And here they are: judge of the high court, \$200,000; viceadmiral, \$140,000; general practitioner of medicine, \$85,000; colonel, \$95,000; barrister, \$80,000; navy commander, \$80,000; secondary school principal, \$75,000; and dentist with the National Health Service, \$75,000.

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Plans for care facilty under way

Lady Minto Hospital's board of directors learned plans for a multilevel care facility are proceeding. Confirmation of service availability and zoning approval is currently being sought from the Islands Trust, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, Ganges Commission and B.C. Hydro. Letters will be used to accompany the hospital's facility proposal to the Ministry of Health.

The following items were also reported at the January 23 board

- · Almost \$20,000 has been raised to date by the Hospital Foundation for its birthing room and front entrance emergency bay fundraising drive. The birthing room renovation has now been
- Don Dowsley was appointed board director to replace Pam Pirie, who resigned December 27 to pursue university studies. Dowsley is

AMBULANCE

STATS

One case of hypothermia and

nine falls due to snow and ice

were among the emergencies

attended by Salt Spring para-

HOSPITAL BRIEFS

past board member of Nanaimo

and procedures as required by the Criminal Records Review Act. All hospital employees working directly with children or those potentially having unsupervised access to children in the normal course of employment must provide a signed authorization form for a criminal records check. Implementation

· Jean Brindamour reported on behalf of the hospital auxiliary that 17,000 volunteer hours were logged in 1995, not including the hours of junior volunteers. The Thrift Shop

· Acute care unit occupancy in December was 85.2 per cent com-

Regional Hospital. The board adopted its policy

begins October 1.

had its busiest month in December.

medics last month.

Local ambulance crews responded to 104 calls, 42 of which were emergencies.

Paramedic activity in January included responses to: nine people with shortness of breath; three with chest pains; seven motor vehicle accidents; five pared with 60.6 per cent for the same period in 1994. Average length of stay in December was 9.3 days compared with three days the previous year.

There were 23 day care surgical cases in December compared with five last year, while there were eight in-patient cases and none in December 1994.

Emergency room visits totalled 511 in December compared with 471 one year earlier.

· Mayne Island Health Clinic wishes to reactivate its satellite emergency status with Lady Minto Hospital. While operating as a satellite the clinic will use Lady Minto emergency room forms and submit them for inclusion in statistics. Emergency room medications and supplies will also be provided to the clinic.

The arrangement is identical to one between the hospital and Galiano's health clinic.

diabetic emergencies; three strokes; two cardiac arrests; 10 abdominal pains; two seizures; four collapses; one overdose; two maternity; and one choking

The list of calls also included 24 transfers, six water taxi calls and 16 public assists.



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STILL TICKING: Salt Spring Islander Sam Evans enjoys life with his four grandchildren after having a pacemaker implanted into his heart in 1992.

Heart month statistics given

The B.C. Heart and Stroke Foundation has issued the following heart and stroke informa-

· Cardiovascular disease kills 77,000 Canadians each year. In B.C., heart disease and stroke claim the lives of more than 170 people each week - or 9,000 per year.

 Heart disease and stroke cost our economy \$17 billion each year in medical and health expenses, lost wages and decreased productivity due to

· More than 4,500 British Columbians die from heart attacks each year. To reduce the risk: stop smoking; control blood pressure; eat a low-saturated-fat diet; eat a low cholesterol diet; be physically active; and maintain a healthy body

· There are three signs of a heart attack: uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the centre of the chest lasting more than a few minutes; pain that may spread to shoulders, neck or arms; chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath may also occur.

· There are three signs of a stroke: sudden weakness or numbness and/or tingling of the face, arm or leg; sudden difficulty speaking or understanding speech; sudden or severe unusual headache and/or impaired

· Smokers have twice the risk of heart attack as non-smokers. Chronic exposure to environmental tobacco smoke also contributes to the risk of heart disease in non-smokers.

· Physical inactivity is a risk factor for heart disease. It is recommended that people get 30 to 60 minutes of exercise three to four times a week.

SHING THE PACE.

Life with a pacemaker

By SUSAN LUNDY **Driftwood Staff**

He has a pacemaker and she has a grandfather.

The familiar heart and stroke foundation slogan - especially visible during February or "heart month" - could easily apply to Salt Spring Islander Sam Evans, who enjoys an active life both with and away from his four grandchildren.

Evans, a 75-year-old former electrical engineer, has run, swum, ridden bikes and walked briskly most of his life. He is trim, with an admitted weakness for whip cream, but has never "had trouble with smoking," and "drinks very little.'

There is no report of heart trouble in any of his immediate family. His mother died of a stroke at 82; his father died in his sleep at

Evans ran a couple of miles before breakfast every day until he was 65, and continues to take his dog for a brisk morning walk up the mountain near his Wilkie Way

Evans did not consider himself a candidate for heart trouble.

But early in 1992, Evans began to notice "something was not quite right" during his morning walks. He felt pains in his chest and suffered two fainting spells.

Because he and his wife were planning a two-year excursion to Brazil, he decided to "check into

Evans, it turned out, suffered from irregular heartbeat and a small amount of angina.

"I was surprised," he recalls.

Evans was admitted to a Victoria hospital where he was equipped with a pacemaker. The operation took place at the end of March, and two months later, he was off to Brazil.

Evans says he can't say if the pacemaker is helping him out or not - "I'm totally unaware of it. There is no indication to me that

anything is happening."
According to the B.C. Heart and Stroke Foundation, there are two parts to an artificial pacemaker. The pacemaker generator is a small battery-powered unit which produces the electrical impulses

"We object to our limitations and then we learn to live with them."

that start the heartbeat.

The generator is implanted under the skin through a small incision. It is connected to the heart through tiny wires which are implanted at the same time. The impulses are timed to flow at regular intervals through these wires to the heart.

As with any electronic device, pacemakers require some care. The batteries, for example, wear down over time, slowing down the heart rate, but not stopping it. A minor surgical procedure is used to the replace batteries.

A doctor may recommend implantation of a pacemaker if changes in heart rhythm occur. In people with a slow or irregular heartbeat, the blood is not pumped around the body well. A pacemaker makes the heart beat more regularly, allowing oxygen and nourishment to get to the body's cells.

Life for Evans has only changed moderately since he had the pacemaker inserted into his heart.

In Brazil, where he was working in community development, his chief means of transportation (in 35 C weather) was by pedalling a bicycle.

Evans says he cannot walk as fast as he would like, but "it's not very noticeable."

"I'd like to be more energetic . . but I'm better off than a lot of people my age," he notes.

Evans says he and his wife take a "more healthy approach" to food these days, but this is more a result of their own wishes than his need. They keep their diet low in fat and have "greatly reduced" their egg consumption.

"I love whip cream, and much prefer butter," Evans says, but they mostly avoid these foods.

"I can't grumble," says Evans of his life today. "We object to our limitations and then we learn to live with them."

Gosset asked to help in government scam

At least one Salt Spring Islander has been invited to help scam the Nigerian government.

Chris Gosset received a letter last month from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, inviting his participation in a \$65 million rip-off as a means of gettifig the cash out of the country.

Last February, Dr. Bassey Williams wrote, a US \$600 million contract was awarded to several multinational firms for an engineering, procurement and construction project in Nigeria.

"But my colleagues and I decided to over-inflate the contract sum to the tune of \$665 million, with the intention of sharing the remaining \$65 million among ourselves," the letter stated.

So where would Gosset come in? An immediate payment of \$32 million would be available for splitting among the scam's cohorts. Gosset would get 30 per cent in exchange for supplying a bank account into which the funds would be deposited. Williams and his friends would get 60 per cent, and the remaining 10 per cent would be allocated to expenses incurred in the course of the transfer of funds.

It is the payment of those expenses that results in the recipient of the letters being scammed rather than the Nigerian government.

Gosset had also happened to notice a story in the Manchester Guardian, which told of millions of pounds sterling being bilked from people agreeing to the same petroleum corporation col-

Typically, the victims are tapped for money to pay for taxes or bribes to help expedite the scam and effect the transfer of funds. Scotland Yard has uncovered a bank account through which \$27 million passed in 18 months, as victims forked over cash in expectation of a big

Names and addresses of victims are obtained from directories and

reference books.

95 species seen in annual count Results of the Christmas bird count on Salt Spring have been compiled.

The count took place on what one observer called one of the worst days of the year, December 10, the day after freezing rain covered everything

One hundred and twenty bird counters braved the weather and saw 14 919 birds of 95 different species

Prize sightings were 13 wood ducks and two white-throated sparrows. The largest number of a single species was 4,255 American robins.

There was a large drop in the number of western grebe sighted, only 61, compared to 5,361 in 1994. However, a raft of several hundred was reported shortly before the day

computer six years ago so it was relatively simple to transform the information into a Web page. "It just sort of fit together. I

But Walsh doesn't want his art stolen, so he has incorporated a

Scottish names, tartans now on-line

"The world is going to the World Wide Web.

So says Lou Walsh of Salt Spring's Celtic Studio, who has just made sure the world will find a strong Scottish air on-line.

He has created a site on the Internet's World Wide Web containing a comprehensive listing of Scottish names and tartans, all freely available to Web readers.

"This Web site is the largest of its kind in the world and offers free a wealth of information," he said. Included are 25,000 Scottish clan and related names, allowing those of Scottish descent to find their name and identify their clan.

By "clicking" on a name, anyone exploring the site will be able to see a full-colour, onscreen rendering of the associated clan crest. The clan motto, a translation and background information about the clan will also be displayed.

Walsh developed the database as part of his business, which specializes in creating customized products for those of Scottish or Irish descent. He started putting the database on

had all the things in place already - it was just a matter of formatting them for the World Wide Web," he explained.



CLANS ON-LINE: Celtic Studio's Lou Walsh has put his database of Scottish names, clans and clan badges on the Internet.

tiny copyright into each piece. Each image is set up so it can be viewed in full colour and detail on the screen but attempts to copy it from the computer screen will result in a poor reproduction.

If someone wants a good copy, Walsh will release a quality image upon a one-time payment of \$9.95. Once someone has purchased an image, they can make as many copies as they wish,

Walsh said. The Web site is also linked to Celtic Studio's on-line catalogue of 85 products. Walsh has invited other Celtic-oriented sites to link with his page free of charge. .

In the future he hopes to add the ability to view more than 8,000 tartans in full colour on the computer screen.

A similar database and information service is being planned for Irish names as well, he said. "There's a need for this type of

The Web page can be found at http://www.islandnet.com/~celtic/ studio.htm.

Snow and ice covers food supply for birds and other local animals

By LINDA CANNON **Driftwood Contributor**

Imagine how long you and your family would last if all the grocery stores on the island were closed. Before long, you'd be out of supplies. That's how this cold weather affects our island wildlife, because many of their food sources are covered with ice and snow. Birds particularly have a hard time during a cold snap.

Since the grocery store remains open to us, however, we can help our feathered pals. Simply fill your feeders and keep them that way. Yes, it costs, but remind yourself birds always pay you back within the year in cheerfulsong and/or faithful insect removal.

If you don't have a feeder, purchase

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the bird "bells" made from sunflower or mixed seeds, and hang those up. Too expensive? Try some of your regular household foods. Many will be gratefully received.

Don't use bread. It isn't nearly nutritional enough. Try small amounts of peanuts, walnuts, sunflower seeds, grated carrot, chopped greens, raisins, grapes, and cut up fruit. The birds will let you know what they prefer. Put out a dish of water, and keep it fresh and unfrozen during the day.

That old favourite, peanut butter, isn't recommended anymore. Used in very small quantities it might do, but only when mixed with lots of seed. Peanut butter on its own is too gooey and can plug up a bird's nostrils. It also may contain too much of the wrong kind of fat, possibly affecting bird metabolism and their ability to keep

Instead, try melting down hard beef suet and mixing in birdseed. As the mixture cools, you can spread it on fir cones, and hang those up. Or, dab the mixture on a piece of bark, and put that out. Simpler still, you can trowel it straight on to the rough trunk of a tree.

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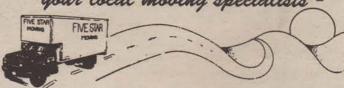
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selling centre. One book details Victoria School District scholarships, another book features local scholarships, and the third is a binder containing all of the scholarships and bursaries mentioned in this column. Drop by, have a cup of

examining these references. Watson has application forms and detailed information in the counselling centre about the following scholarships:

coffee, and spend some time

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FEB. 8: SS Weavers & Spinners Guild, Farmer's Inst., 7pm. FEB. 15: SS Weavers & Spinners Guild, open, meet in a members home, 10:30am.

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- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
- Macintosh User Group Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm
- (1st or 2nd Wed. ea. mo.)
- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.) SS Painters Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downstairs, 10:30-1:30.

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

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #160, bingo 2:00pm.
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.

EVERY SATURDAY

- Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fulford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.
- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- Core Inn, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

EVERY MONDAY

- "Bandemonium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.) Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- 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.
- Story time, library, 9:30am.
- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm. - French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon
- (not last Monday of the mo.)
- Ganges Residents Assoc., Mahon Hall, 7pm,
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- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
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Wednesday, only to be replaced by another crew a few hours later.

Katimavik crew needs items

A new Katimavik group arrived on Salt Spring last Wednesday, a few hours after the first team said

Project leader Suzanne Dufour said members of the new group are settling into their Kanaka Road house, but need several items to improve their comfort here.

"We are working with a low budget this year," she noted, "so we really need help from the com-

Dufour said the group's vacuum cleaner recently quit. She wonders if anyone could share or offer the group a working one. They are also in need of pillows, sheets, dressers and extra blankets. Dufour is seeking used bicycles and badminton rackets as well.

The group is living at 210 Kanaka Road and would gratefully accept donations of the above items. Dufour can be reached at 537-0801.

The new Katimavik crew consists of four young women and three young men representing Quebec, Alberta, Ontario, Newfoundland and New Brunswick.

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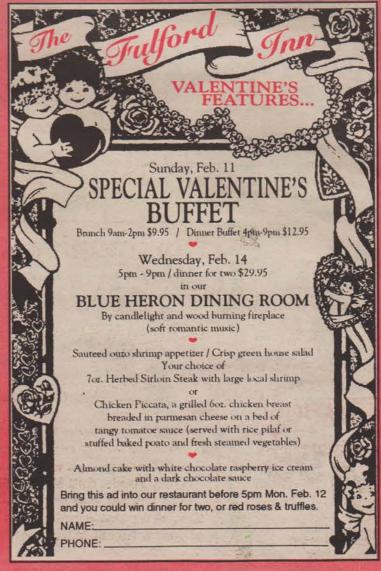


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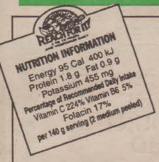
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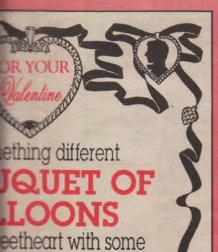
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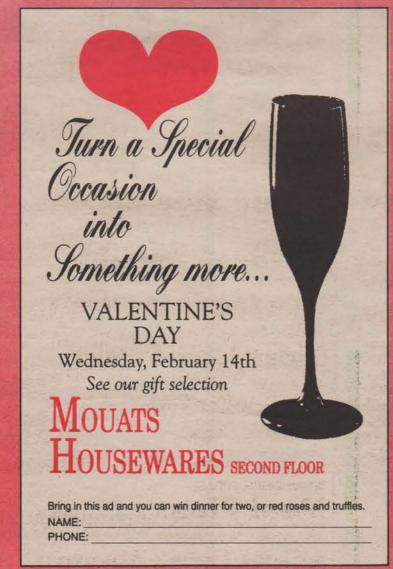




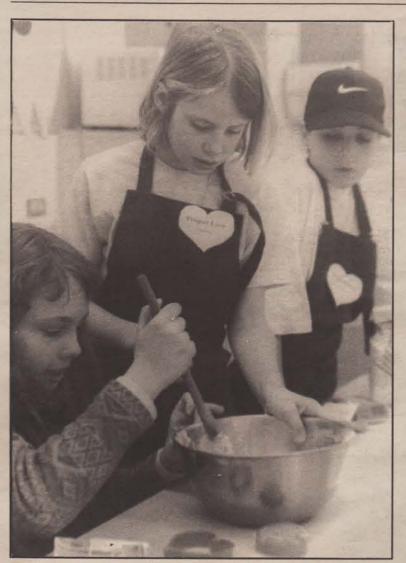


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RECIPE FOR LEARNING: Mixing up a batch of cookies for Project Love are, from left, Beth Cherry, 13, Maraysha Jones, 11, and Brent Schemilt, 11. Money raised from selling the cookies will help provide school supplies for children in developing countries.

Island children raise \$3,232

Despite a smaller student body, Salt Spring's elementary schools raised more money than ever for the 1995 UNICEF campaign.

\$622.95, and Salt Spring elementary pupils collected almost \$500.

SIMS students raised about \$200 for a project to send supplies

Cookies part of love project

Love will make the world go 'round later this month as students from Fulford Elementary, Phoenix School and Salt Spring Island Middle School sell cookies to finance sending school supplies to students in developing countries.

Entitled Project Love and sponsored by the Canadian Organization for Development through Education, the Canada-wide project links students in Canada and overseas.

Students from Phoenix School and the middle school will be selling cookies in downtown Ganges, near the firehall, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Valentine's Day, next Wednesday. Students from Fulford Elementary will sell their cookies at Patterson's

They will use the money they raise from cookie sales to purchase packages of school supplies - containing a pencil, ruler, eraser and exercise book - which they will send to students in a developing country. Students are able to write a personal note with each set of supplies.

The program also encourages Canadian students to study the country to which the supplies will be sent, increasing their awareness of other

Middle school students from Nicolas Mai's class and Susan Underwood's class, including Beth Cherry, Maraysha Jones, Brent Schemilt, Corey Fenton, Naomi Van

As Salt Spring UNICEF repre-sentative Margaret Haines pointed to a developing country through the "school in a box" program. A total of \$3,232.45 was col-Pelt, Gwyneth Brogan, Mark Drebert and Jamie Reimer, have out last week, with Grades 6 and 7 already baked their first batches of classes now part of Salt Spring lected throughout Salt Spring. heart-shaped cookies for the sale. Middle School (SIMS), the That included almost \$100 from They expected to make approxiisland's younger students had a donation boxes at island pubs, and mately 24 dozen cookies and bigger task to accomplish. \$107 from the sale of hasty notes. planned to sell some in the school Fernwood school led the annual Haines can be reached at 537starting today (Wednesday) in addifundraising drive with \$668.31. tion to their cookie sale on 4789 for more information about Fulford was close behind at UNICEF. Valentine's Day. **Burritt Bros.** Carpets On now until February 28, * Cork Floors form Portugal * Wool Carpets from Australia & New Zealand * Area Rugs from India, China, Iran, Turkey & Tibet * Plus Broadloom from Europe, the USA **(::** and of course Canada...in every price range! VISIT US...OR IF YOU'D RATHER SHOP AT HOME, CALL US AND WE'LL BRING THE SAMPLES TO YOU. "The world is at your feet…and affordable!" Burritt Bros. Carpets 120 Lower Ganges Rd. ARLENE DASHWOOD • 537-5533 • Vancouver • Coquitlam • Salt Spring

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Musical mosaic Barley Bro. Dave Roland, left, accompanies Crofton singer Geoff Howland, right, on the stand up bass as Open Stage at Vesuvius Inn gets under way. Below, left, Terry Warbey plays alongside David O'Neil singing Danny Boy. Barley Bro. Huckle is in the background. Also entertaining pub goers were Sam Mitchell on the flute and Lisa Unrau singing and playing the guitar.

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Musicians take to Open Stage at Vesuvius Inn













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Society honours Salt Spring poet

A budding island poet is on her way to becoming a well-known name.

In addition to publishing poetry in a national anthology for two consecutive years, Laura Lang was recently nominated as international poet of the year.

Although she did not win the title, she was thrilled that the International Society of Poets brought her name forward at its annual convention.

Lang, 32, recalls writing bits of poetry at the age of nine or 10, and then really working at it in her Prince George high school under the guidance of an inspirational creative writing teacher.

"Her comments really gave me a lift," Lang recalls. "After high school, I wrote continuously, but never shared it with anyone. I was just filling up a box."

In 1990, Lang's grandmother secretly entered one of Lang's poems called Stage of Life in the Sparrowgrass poetry contest.

"When my grandmother phoned me and said my poem was being published, I was stunned. It was amazing to me. . . . I wasn't looking for attention, I was just writing for me."

One year later, one of Lang's most "lengthy and inspired poems" (Masquerade) was published in an Elizabeth Fry Society collection called Please Don't Bring Me Flowers.

In 1994, the National Library of Poetry published a Lang piece called Silence in the Forest. One year later, it accepted her poem Time for publication in Sparkles in the Sand, a 662-page collection of work from poets all over the world.

In this anthology, Lang's poem won the editor's choice award —



ON HER WAY: Islander Laura Lang's poem Time received the editor's choice award after its recent publication in an international poetry anthology.

Photo by Susan Lundy

an acknowledgment of outstanding achievement.

Lang says her poems document just about anything she feels strongly about, including the environment, "what's happening to the world," and emotions. Many include images of the sea, which is her "greatest passion," she adds.

Although Lang grew up in Prince George, she has been visiting Salt Spring since the 1970s. She moved here permanently two years ago and works as a teller at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Now that she has been published by the National Library of Poetry two years in a row, Lang says she is more confident in submitting her work.

"If I write something I feel good about, I send it if I think it is worth sharing."



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GRUMPIER OLD MEN: In Grumpier Old Men, a comedy sequel to the 1993 Grumpy Old Men, Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau return in their roles as longtime best friends and verbal sparring partners John Gustafson and Max Goldman. The flick also stars Ann-Margret, Sophia Loren and Burgess Meredith. Mature with occasional coarse and suggestive language. Fri., Sat. 9 p.m., Sun.-Tues. 7 p.m.

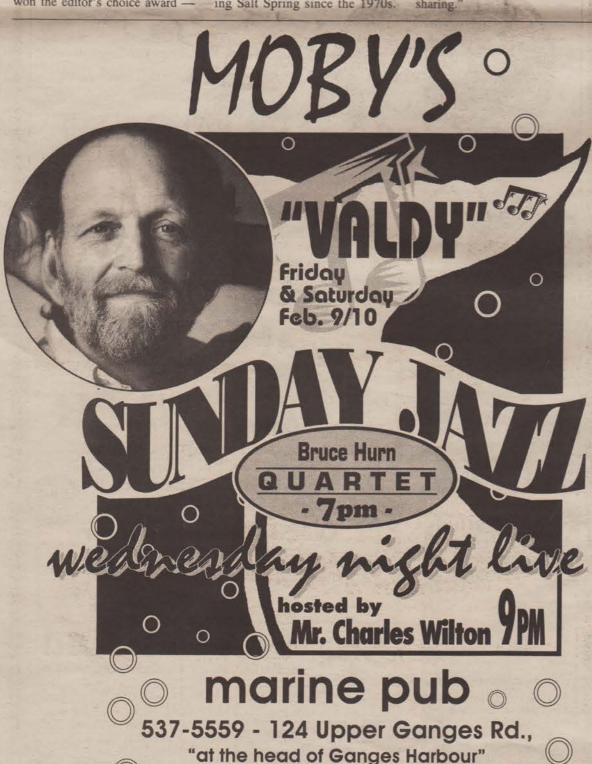
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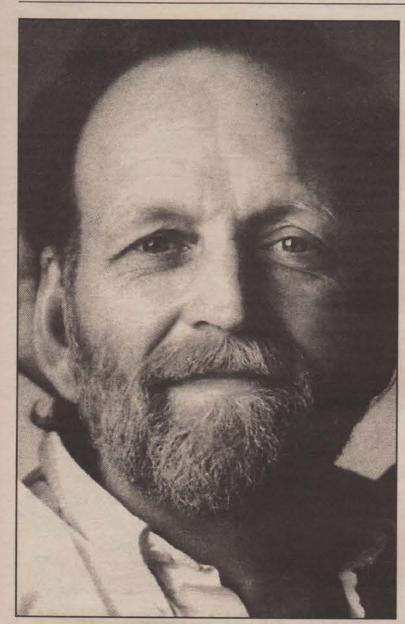
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On Tap at the Pubs

Community TV Schedule

Thurs., Feb. 8, 5 p.m	Canadian Unity Forum
Sun., Feb. 11, 3 p.m	Isle of Views
5 p.m	Canadian Unity Forum
Tues., Feb. 13, 11 a.m	Isle of Views
1 p.m.	Canadian Unity Forum





HOME ON SALT SPRING: Valdy, back from a cross-Canada tour, is happy to take a local stage this weekend for a two-night performance at Moby's Pub.

High energy acoustic thrash: Sunyata plays Beaver Point

High passion to match that most passionate of holidays, Valentine's Day, will be presented by Sunyata at a February 17 dance at Beaver Point Hall.

The three-member Victoriabased band has developed its own genre, which it describes as "high energy acoustic gypsy thrash." Victoria musicians Jim Gawne and Stuart Munro formed the band and named it Sunyata from a Zen term for "the seamless void."

To create their unique sound they draw on a variety of acoustic instruments, including a cuatro, a mandolele, a Gibson mandolin, a Celtic heart mandola, a Russian bass domra and an Irish bouzouki.

Organizer Stephen Glanville describes the band's music as "raw, passionate gypsy music." The band has produced two CDs and is developing a following for its sound. One CD, entitled Sunyata, has become the best-selling world music title at Hear's Music world music store in Tucson, Arizona. Their music has also been featured on CBC Radio's Roots and Wings program.

"Jim Gawne writes technically demanding pieces and plays them with his unique infectious passion," Glanville observed. "His collaboration with Stuart Munroe is a meeting of subtle structures, spontaneous improvisation and happy accidents."

Their recent performances have included visits to Saturna and Hornby islands in January. On February 3 they were part of the Rhythms of the World festival at the University of Victoria, which was sponsored by the Coalition for Global Awareness.

At the group's performance on Saturna, Glanville reported, the musicians' hands moved over the strings faster than the eye could follow. "Their fiery performances endear them to people who enjoy intense bursts of acoustic passion interspersed with quirky humour."

The dance is the first event

organized by Glanville's Two Knights Productions and Promotions. The event is co-sponsored by Off Centre Stage and the Vesuvius Inn.

Tickets for the dance will be \$10 at the door. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at et cetera. Children under 12 will be admitted free. The dance starts at 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments and food will be available.

Some of the proceeds will go to Grandma's House on Salt Spring Island, a retreat house for those in need, operated by the Victoria Human Exchange Society.

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Valdy back on island for two acts at Moby's

When Valdy takes the stage at Moby's this weekend, Salt Spring's rain may have faded the skiing tan he acquired in other parts of the country last week

parts of the country last week.

But it can't hurt his enthusiasm for performing on the island.

"I'm glad to have some time off to play at home," he said Monday, fresh from a musical-athletic jaunt.

A frequent cross-Canada traveller, Valdy took his skis as well as his guitar this time, heading first to Ontario. The skis came in handy for his part in ABC Canada's Ski for Literacy fundraiser on Blue Mountain by the Georgian Bay. It was his third

time participating in the event.

Then it was off to Calgary for a musical stint and another day of skiing — for fun only.

Valdy's latest greatest project is his live recording, which means the Moby's performances will be taped.

It will be the multi-award-winning singer-songwriter's 13th release since 1972 when his album Country Man brought him onto the national music scene.

Then in March it's back to mixing music and sports with an appearance at the Labatt's Brier curling event in Kamloops.

Valdy plays at Moby's Friday and Saturday night.





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Golf club future was discussed

Thirty-five years ago

· A meeting to discuss the future of the Salt Spring Golf Club drew a small crowd to Mahon Hall, approximately half of whom were club members. Those present endorsed changing the name of the club to include the words "and country." They also agreed that approximately \$45,000 in funding should be obtained to improve the present golf course, add a clubhouse and recreational facilities. The club should control the golf course property by way of a lease with an option to purchase, they agreed. All recommendations were to go to the club's next annual meeting.

Thirty years ago

• A 67-year-old Salt Spring man died from asphyxiation after his small cabin was filled with smoke from a smouldering mattress on his bed. The man was believed to have fallen from his bed or crawled under the bed to escape the fumes at approximately 4 a.m.

• Back on the island for a visit was former Driftwood editor Woody Fisher and his wife Bobbie. They were moving to Saskatoon to join the staff of the Western Producer, a prairie farm weekly.

• Two men from Vancouver were injured in a car accident beside St. Mary Lake at approximately 6:30 a.m. January 29. The vehicle, driven by Robert Byng-Hall of Vancouver, failed to make a sharp right turn near the north end of the lake and overturned, striking a concrete block pumphouse and coming to rest partially submerged in the lake.

Twenty-five years ago

• Fourteen members were chosen from 24 candidates for the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association at the first annual meeting of the organization. Chosen to serve on the association were Jack Russell, Noel McConnell, I.C. Shank, John Stepaniuk, Bob McWhirter, T.E. Harcus, Ray Hill, Wilf Bangert, Matthew Schubart, Mrs. R.R. Alton, Mrs. A.M. Brown, Eric Donnelly, Mrs. Cynthia Woody and Mike Larmour. McWhirter chaired the meeting.

DOWN THE YEARS

• Commuting to work in Burnaby cost Salt Spring resident Sam Hughes his life when his light plane crashed in Canoe Pass. First reports of the crash came in at 10 a.m. Monday, February 1. Hughes had lived on the island for 10 years and had been involved in many community activities, including serving as a school trustee. After moving to Salt Spring, he had continued to commute to work in Burnaby, where he coowned a lumber mill. He was survived by his wife, Barbara, and by two sons and two daughters.

Twenty years ago

 Avoiding a black cat was bad luck for Salt Spring resident James Captain on January 23. Captain swerved to avoid hitting a black cat while driving along Stark Road in his van. He lost control and rolled his vehicle, causing extensive damage.

• Islands Trust vice-president Marc Holmes of Salt Spring and Capital Regional District (CRD) chairman Jim Campbell of Saturna were disputing the value of the Trust in preserving the Gulf Islands. Campbell charged that the Trust was delaying planning on Salt Spring and Pender islands. Holmes pointed out the regional district had not done as good a job of protecting the islands as the Trust.

 Fulford resident Ted Walker received a medal honouring his 50 years' membership in the Royal Canadian Legion.

Fifteen years ago

* Local residents objected to a proposal to take out two homes and provide additional parking in Fulford. The plan called for construction of a causeway opposite the Fulford Inn, demolition of the old Patterson store building and the home above it, filling the bay and construction of a parking lot for B.C. Ferries traffic. Residents were urging the ferry corporation to find some other solution.

 The CRD board passed a loan bylaw for the Ganges sewer project. Another bylaw, passed by the CRD to remove the islands from the transit area, was rejected by the minister of municipal affairs. Islanders had lobbied to be removed from the transit area to escape being taxed for the operating costs of city buses.

Ten years ago

· MacMillan Bloedel had an agreement with island resident Murray Cyprus to sell Cyprus and a group of investors almost 5,000 acres on Salt Spring. The land was in seven blocks, three on Mount Maxwell, one on Mount Bruce, one on Mount Tuam, one on Stewart Road and another just south of Fulford Harbour. Cyprus said he intended to develop some of the property, use one site for a mariculture zone and one for a temporary log dump. Lot sizes would vary from five acres to quarter-sections, he said. Up to 200 lots could be created if all his planned applications were approved.

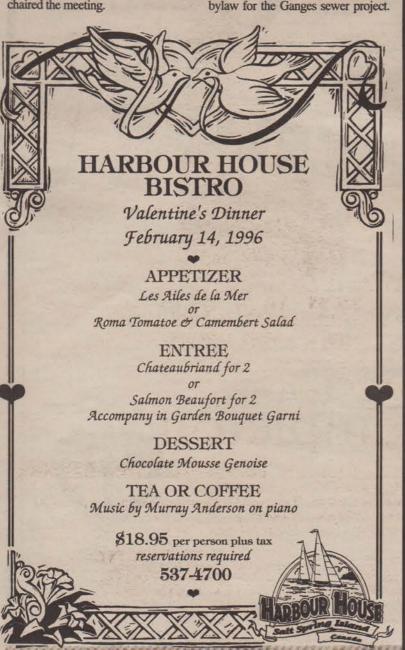
Five years ago

• A 13.6 per cent salary increase between July 1, 1990, and July 1, 1992, was one of the provisions in the contract negotiated between the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association and School District 64. Other parts of the contract called for reduced class size, a 190-day teaching year and consultation on course changes ordered by the Ministry of Education. District superintendent of schools Mike Marshall described the contract as within the "band of settlements provincially."

• Salt Spring community health council voted in favour of a regional health program despite objections from Lady Minto Hospital representatives. Hospital board chairman Gordon English said the hospital board feared the needs of Salt Spring would get lost in the Capital Regional District-wide health council





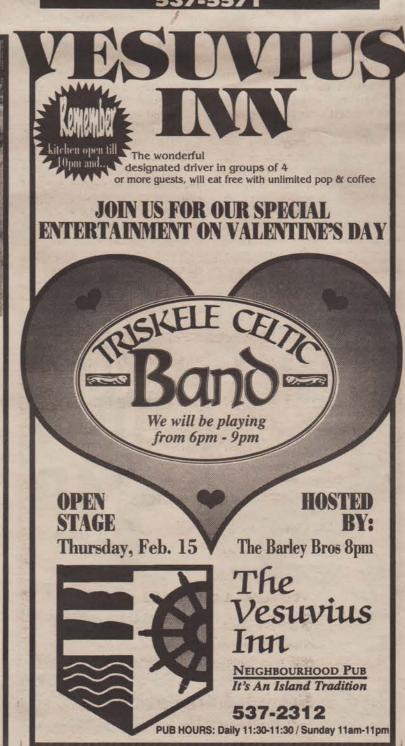




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Ferry closure causes hardships

By ALISTAIR ROSS Driftwood Correspondent

B.C. Ferries' removal of the Queen of Nanaimo from service last week with no replacement has caused hardship for many. Several commercial establishments here get their supplies from the mainland and some residents commute daily to work in the Vancouver

Getting to the mainland from Galiano by way of Swartz Bay is time consuming and can be tricky.

A weekend visitor with a Monday to Friday job on the mainland had to take the Monday ferry from Galiano to Swartz Bay and thence to the mainland as the Sunday evening sailing from here to Swartz would have arrived there too late to make connections with the last Sunday sailing to Tsawwassen.

Some here wonder if this is not so much a problem with an aging fleet as it is a "trial" to see if the corporation can get away with the abandonment of a non-economic run in winter. A cynic wonders if B.C. Ferries, unable to honour its commitment to reservation holders, returned the prepaid fares along with a \$10 bonus — the amount charged auto passengers who have to change their reservations at the last moment. Many

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feel the lack of service last week should not be allowed to go without comment.

Ratepayers meeting affected by snowfall

Enough snow fell last week to convince the Galiano Ratepayers Association's visiting speakers on property assessment to decide that home and hearth was best for them.

President Irene Frith chaired the meeting and read her review of the group's year of activities. In her comments as retiring president, Frith expressed the hope "for a round table group, comprised of individuals representing all trains of thought on the island. They would meet to discuss some common goals for the future."

Treasurer Gary Thomas showed a healthy balance in the financial report of the close to 300-member association. With several members retiring, an election was held for 1996 directors and table officers. Peter Hansche was elected presi-

dent; Valerie de Wint is vice-president; Mary-Jean Elliott, secretary. Thomas remains treasurer and Glenna Mattin was elected as a director. Those with a year remaining in their two-year terms as directors are: Robert Bender, John Donaldson, Bill Jones, Flemming Larsen, Bill Lucey and Clara Stevens. Frith remains on the executive as past-president.

A sincere vote of thanks to retiring directors Frank Hillier, Gerry Harrison and Jack Ford was made, Hillier being created a life member for his work in the creation of the ratepayers association.

Coming events

Concert number two of the 1995-96 season, the Gulf Island Concert Series: artist George Zukerman, bassoonist. The place, the south hall; the day, Monday, February 12; the time, 7:30 p.m.

February 12; the time, 7:30 p.m.
Galiano Garden Club, first meeting of 1996: the place, north hall; the day, Wednesday, February 14, the time, 1:30 p.m. Speaker will be member Andree Connell, a very knowledgeable gardener.

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Lavish event celebrates annual Scottish festivity

By GAIL TRAFFORD Driftwood Correspondent

After a brief and passionate courtship with sub-zero temperatures, Saturna's winterlude seems to be over. During this two-week affair, islanders huddled around their fires as power outages, slippery roads and frozen water pipes reminded them where they had come from and why they were here.

Resolutions are in the forefront for those who suffered from frozen pipes and thawed freezers, but their resolve may melt away with the last vestiges of snow. After all, it may be years before the temperature drops this low again. There should be lots of time to deal with those projects. And besides, the garden needs attention. The blossoms should be back any day now.

Life on Saturna continued during the cold weather and islanders celebrated the 200th anniversary of Robbie Burns Day with a lavish dinner and dance January 27, sponsored by the local Lions Club. Close to 65 people attended.

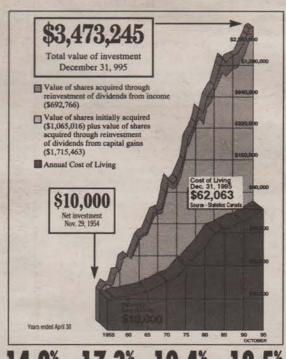
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Don Piper emceed the celebration. Jim Gililand, a true Scotsman, toasted the immortal memory. Derrick Woodcock toasted the lassies and Ishbel Elliot responded. Bill Bonar gave the ode to the haggis and Rod Frazer piped in the haggis.

Vancouverites Tracy Briltz and Kyla Cameron danced brilliantly for the guests. After dinner, Gertie Bonar led everyone in Scottish country dancing. This was low key and many complete novices were encouraged to give it a try.

The majority of guests stayed until late in the evening and enjoyed a wonderful time. Proceeds from the event will go into the Lions' general fund, used to support community projects such as the Santa Ship, Christmas hampers, gifts for local students and many other projects throughout the year. The Lions plan to continue the tradition next year.

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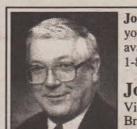
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Hutchings lecture looks at island insects

By GAIL TRAFFORD

Driftwood Correspondent

Gord Hutchings, a local volunteer with the Royal B.C. Museum, gave a lecture on local insects February 2. About 20 people were present for the presentation.

Hutchings tried to centre his talk around community questions solicited earlier. He brought slides of insects found locally to demonstrate the wide variety found on the island.

Hutchings talked about the many different orders of insects, the phenomenal number of types of insects within each order and their adaptability to different conditions. He demonstrated how the insect population indicates the health of an

He defended the disliked yellow jacket as a beneficial scavenger.

His main area of expertise in the insect world is the dragonfly and he spoke about the many types of dragonflies found on the island.

One area of Hutchings' focus was

the orchard mason bee. This native bee appears here beginning at the end of February and can be found until the end of June. This bee is a hectic worker and less organized than the honey bee, which tends to focus all its efforts on one area. This may cause the honey bee to miss whole trees, something which would rarely happen with the orchard mason bee.

These bees live independent lives. They do not communicate like honey bees. They do not produce honey, but they are 80 times as efficient workers as honey bees. They are diminutive, about the size of a house fly, and can be recognized by their yellow stripes.

Hutchings had specially handcrafted bee condos on hand, which can be hung on the south east side of a house near flowers and blossoming plants, especially native plants like blackberries. These bees do not sting and they can make interesting guests. They move into the home and add mud furnishings. Like hummingbirds, they are fascinating to

If you would like a mason orchard bee condo please call Hutchings at 539-3421. He was left with a surplus following the lecture and would be happy to pass them along for a small fee to cover his expenses.

Hutchings displays a passion for insects which has begun to awaken the curiosity of his neighbours. He has a high level of knowledge and his availability to the community is appreciated. Hutchings has asked for suggestions about areas such as old bogs or ponds which could be explored for insect life. Please pass along your ideas and thanks to Hutchings for his interest in our community.

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6 DEATHS

PETERS, ROD. Rod passed away suddenly at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 56 years old. He is sur-vived by his wife Margaret; vived by his wife Margaret; brother Larry and wife Cathy, of Toronto; in-laws May McKinley and Calvin Vernon; Linda McKinley and Brent Pedersen: three nephews Christopher, Wayne and Trevor; and, from Kamloops, Sandra McKinley and her children, Tammy and Ken. Rod grew up in White Rock, B.C., lived in Surrey for many years, and spent many summers in Atlin, B.C. He retired to Salt Spring Island in 1990. He was a car and airplane enthusiast and an avid sports enthusiast and an avid sports fisherman. He was a director of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society and a founding director of the Nanaimo chapter of Trout Unlimited. His many friends will miss him. Friends are invited to miss him. Friends are invited to open house at the Peters' residence on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. "ROD WINS!!"

MARTIN, MILTON R. Milton Martin passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, Martin passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C., January 29, 1996, at age 78, after a long and courageous battle with kidney disease. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife Alma. He is survived by one son Robert (Faye) daughter Jeannette (Allen). Stepchildren: Ned (Mareanne), Les (Lynne), Jacqueline (Brent) and Sandra. 10 grandchildren, 12 great 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, one brother Ivan, 2 nieces and 2 nephews, sister-in-law Babs. He was prede-ceased by his parents and one brother Armien. Milton was born and educated in Saskatchewan. 1945 he began a career in Alberta oil field work, retiring in 1979. In 1984 Milton and Alma retired to Salt Spring Island Memorial services were held February 3 with Mr. Bruce Budge officiating at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Ganges, B.C.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Milton Martin would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Buchan and staff, to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital, to the Ambulance personnel, thank you for all the care given Milton during his illness. o friends and neighbours for their kindness during Milton's 12 years of retirement on Salt Spring Island, we do appreciate your support and words of encouragement at this sad time also. Thank you again.

11 COMING EVENTS

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34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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More letters

Gullible journalists

I would like to congratulate Susan Lundy on her fine article about her inner self and the two magicians from California who so successfully assist her in finding her inner crowd through the wonders of alchemical hypnotherapy. The inner child, joined by the inner mother, inner father, inner mate and the higher self, together with previous lifetimes truly belong to this "place with a raised consciousness" that Diane Bialecki and Anastacia Wilde seek here on Salt Spring.

Or should this just be a place with a higher proportion of gullible contemporaries ... and maybe gullible journalists? Most newspapers at least clearly label advertisements when they could be confused with editorial content.

MARGA HANNON, Quebec Drive

One step at a time

As a former member of the "Gang of Five," I would like to outline my understanding of its current role regarding the local government study. Simply put, it has no further

The "gang" was created by a cross-section of island groups in order to convince the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that a Phase II restructure study had broad public support. For better or worse, municipal affairs is now proceeding with the study, which will investigate the benefits and costs of local government alternatives for Salt Spring and culminate in a referendum on alternatives. I stand to be corrected, but the group was never intended to continue once Phase II approval had been obtained.

Regarding municipal affairs' proposed selection process for the restructure study committee, I support the explicit involvement of our three local representatives. What is important now is to select a study committee that is objective, representative of the island as a whole, and has the necessary skills and experience to thoroughly assess the implications of local government options.

I think it is fair to say that most members of the "Gang of Five" were ardent supporters of incorporation, and may have been tempted to

HIRED EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways in the South Island District is compiling its Hired Equipment Lists and advises all persons or companies wishing to have their rentable equipment such as trucks, backhoes, loaders, excavators, graders, rollers, scrapers or tractors listed that they should pick up registration forms at 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5K8, Telephone: 952-4515.

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A valid Workers' Compensation Board registration number will be required at the time of registration.

These lists will be in effect for the Ministry's fiscal year: April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997. The deadline for registration is March 17, 1996.

The District Office has made personal contact by letter with currently registered owners. Final hiring lists will be compiled on April 1, 1996, and all registrations received after that will be recorded on the late registration list and consequently may not receive a share of the available work.

> R.E. Harold **District Highways Manager** South Island District



Ministry of Transportation and Highways

January 24, 1996

appoint committee members who would be advocates for this option.

In fact, three of the five groups supported an incorporation option in which Salt Spring would opt out of the Trust. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has now quashed this alternative.

I do have concerns regarding the timing of the restructure study. The selection of an effective study committee and consultant is crucial to the process, and should not be rushed. Also, islanders deserve to be adequately informed of the financial and other implications of alternative government structures before a referendum is held.

Public hearings on another very important component of our local government, the Official Community Plan, will begin within several months, and should be completed before embarking on a similar phase of the restructure study. Also, don't forget our local (and possibly provincial) elections in the

Finally, I hope that the Phase II Committee will consider a local government alternative similar to Option 3 recommended by the Phase I study group. This option would involve the forming of a joint council to integrate the planning responsibilities of our local Trustees

and the service function of the Capital Regional District rep, without taking on the financial responsibilities of incorporation. We all want to improve the effectiveness of our local government, but let's take it one step at a time and do it right. GARY HOLMAN,

McLennan Drive

Thanks Salt Spring

On behalf of the Katimavik group on Salt Spring Island, I would like to thank all families who lent their hospitality to the participants during their week of billeting, which took place earlier this month.

From December 29 to January 5, the 10 participants were taken in by eight island families and shown many aspects of this community that they may not have otherwise seen.

In short, all involved seem to have greatly enjoyed this unique experience and this chance to live within, and feel part of the community.

Their tour of duty on Salt Spring Island ended last Wednesday, whereupon they travelled to Saskatoon for another two and a half month stint of work projects and community involvement

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Tuesday Morning Seniors: Rita Brown 200, 205, Edie Gear 228, Helmut Losch 200, Wally Brown 201, Jack Godwin 226, Gordon Parsons 218, Bob McClung 210, Vanda Winstone 204,

Young Bowlers: Jordan Knister 111, 105, Christine Jarman 105, Nicholas Watkins 126, Zak Knott 118, Tristan Poltorak 133, Naomi Tweckile 159

Middle School League: Andrew Harding 151, 180, Casey Steele 151, Joshua Marshall 167, 155, Jonah Marshall 204, 165, 241/610, Stuart Sinclair 176, Tony Sevold 153, 162. Wednesday Ladies: Dee Kinney 215, Kay

Magee 250, Mary Fraser 201, Margaret Baker 203, Deanna Marleau 231, 224, Madge Bale 211. Wednesday Night: Lorraine Toller 239, 220/624, Brian Hartley 236, 236/657, Danny

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Legion: Sharon Sykes 238, Doug Sykes 206, 200, Shannon Boehmer 208, Milt Boehmer 254, Ron Cunningham 287, 207/677, Gary Bywater 215, Kathy Livingston 201.

Friday Afternoon Seniors: Marg Baker 293/644, Don Goodman 214, Bill Baker 271, Gene Graham 210, 251, Frank Cullis 254, Catherine McFadyen 208, Nancy White 203.



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Target sports group replaces archery club

Salt Spring has a new sports club that encompasses target sports such as archery, air rifle, air pistol and BB gun

The Salt Spring Target Sports Club is headed by president Barry Larsen and vice-president Zannie Beaver, Jan Hilton is director of archery; Betty Peters is director of programs and

Following is a compilation of the group's most recent activities.

· A youth Junior Olympics Program (JOP) "mail-in match" for archery is under way. The competition, which sees competitors shoot one score each month, goes until the end of February.

Chris Leier is currently fourth in the Cadet Boys Unlimited Compound; Luke Bradley-Richmond is fourth in the Robin Boys Freestyle Compound; and Dirk Wolfe-Milner is first in the Robin Boy Unlimited Compound.

· Eight families took part in a local tournament which saw the Hilton-Milner Family beat out the Byrn family for first place. The Eyles placed

· The club has started a six-week

archery league with three sections: adult, junior and sub-junior groups.

After three weeks of competition, Barry Larsen is first in the adult league, followed by Jan Hilton and Mary Bym. Denton Beaver is first in the junior league, Adam Milner is second, and Luke Bradley-Richmond,

Garrett Macdonnell is first in the sub-junior league, followed by Seth Bym and Devine Milner.

· All archery scores from the months of January to March will be sent to Newfoundland where they will be placed against archers from all across Canada in a mail-in match. The club took 13 medals in this competition last year and anticipates another good showing this year.

· Cam Cartwright gave the air gun section a gun safety lesson. All the club's young shooters are working in the American Jaycees Gun Safety

Club activities are held at Fulford Hall on Tuesdays and participants can take part any time between 4 and 8:30

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'Bald is Beautiful' seminar competes with Slugs tourney

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Salt Spring Slugs travelled to Courtenay this week to take part in the 10th Annual Bloodshot Hockey Tournament. Arriving with their usual truckload of heat liniment and other assorted pain relievers, the lads felt they could at least match their "C" division win of two years ago.

Their first game was against the Comox Base Totems, a group of young, athletic navy types who at first didn't know what to make out of a rag-tag bunch like the Slugs. Being used to this kind of mockery, the Slugs quickly used it to their

Deadstop was too busy preening and primping ... to pay much attention to the game.

Todd McIntyre swept alongside the opponent's net with the puck and banked it in off the netminder's butt. Once the Totems realized that we could actually skate and carry the puck at the same time, they settled down and gradually, over a period of 15 or 20 seconds, took control of the match.

They quickly added two goals after noticing that Deadstop was too busy preening and primping in the end boards glass to pay much attention to the game. Half way through the period, Pete "Crash" Schure got his first of the tournament after being set up nicely by Paul Sinclair and Kevin Porteous. But to the Totems this was just a speedbump on the way to their victory, as they buried three more goals before the end of the period and two more in the final frame to hammer us 7-2.

To add insult to injury, the losers of this match had to play again the same night at 12:30 a.m. The Slugs had all of their regular defencemen in the lineup, as Rodney Challborn was back in the fold. He couldn't make it to the first game as he was hosting a "Bald is Beautiful" seminar at the other end of town.

Paul Sinclair lit up the red light after picking up a nice pass from McIntyre. The lads kept right on pressing and Challborn gave us a two-goal lead after taking a pass at the point from Crash and snapping a low drive towards the goal. The Slugs

SLUG

period when Johnny Procter took a pass from McIntyre and drilled a rocket past the netminder.

Into the final period, (the games were only two periods long), both clubs really turned up the heat and the play started getting chippy. The opposition opened the scoring when the Slugs couldn't clear the zone.

But Procter and McIntyre hooked up again and scored an almost identical goal as in the first period. But the other team kept on pressing. When the Slugs accidentally left the door open on the bench, Deadstop snuck out for a shift, with predictable results: the score went

After the Slugs had Deadstop safely back on the bench, bound and gagged with several rolls of hockey tape, they felt it was safe to go on. They were right. With just minutes left to play, and leading by one goal, the Slugs sent out the combination of Paddy Akerman, Schure and Pete Huser, the pitter-patter line. The boys didn't let their fan (who would like to remain anonymous) down.

They flew down the ice sending crisp passes back and forth. Peter to Paddy to Peter who pitter-pattered it back to Padder, er, Paddy, who sent it over to repeat until finally, thankfully, Paddy snapped it past the netminder for the winning goal which sent us to the "B" division finals.

This left the boys with a full day to rest up for the Sunday afternoon match. To keep active on the day off, a number of Slugs went bowling. Everyone seemed to have a good time except for McIntyre who got thoroughly thrashed at the game by a grandmother. This really got to Mac, who later tried to drown his sorrows by diving into an ashtray with little success. A number of teammates offered to show him where the empty swimming pool was at the motel in case he wanted to put on another performance for us but he graciously declined.

The final game, for all the cookies, not to mention beer, trophy and bragging rights, started at 1 p.m. versus another local team, the Field Sawmillers, and it didn't look too good for the boys right off the start.

The Sawmillers came out hard and using aggressive forechecking had the Slugs hemmed in early on. They scored early when made it 3-1 before the end of the the Slugs couldn't clear the zone and then again five minutes later on a breakaway. It was beginning to look pretty bleak for the Slugs when the Sawmillers added a third goal against the boys but just before the end of the period the opposition got a boarding penalty and the Slugs put out the power play unit. Schure got his second goal of the tournament with just seconds remaining in the period.

This brought the Slugs out on a positive note for the start of the final period. The boys really started pressing the Sawmillers and they started taking more penalties. Each time they took a penalty, the Slugs put out the power play unit and each time we scored or, to be more precise, Crash scored.

Five minutes into the final period the game was tied, with the Slugs now holding the definite edge in play. With the faceoff deep in the opposition end of the rink, McIntyre cleanly won the faceoff back to Deadstop who, for the first time in his Slugs career, didn't screw up. Instead he passed it over to linemate Challborn who drilled a low shot at the net.

All this time Bernie Reynolds was parked in his office in front of the net. When he saw the shot coming he deftly tipped it as it went by and the Slugs were in the lead for the first time. But as usually happens, the Slugs let down for a minute and the Sawmillers came back and pulled to within one with just two minutes left.

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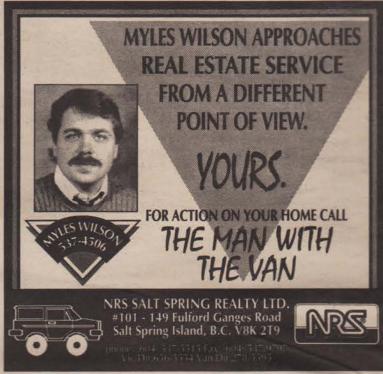
The Sawmillers were throwing everything they had at Slugs netminder Derek Topping, but he just kept on kicking out the saves. Then with just 19 seconds left on the clock, the faceoff was deep in the Slugs' zone. The Sawmillers pulled their netminder for the extra attacker and set up all around the faceoff circle.

Paddy Akerman took the faceoff and a wild scramble ensued. The puck ended up going back to the opposition defence with Akerman in hot pursuit. He blocked the shot and linemate Procter was there to save the day for the Slugs as he fired the puck into the empty net to seal the

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