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LEST WE FORGET



Legion Branch 92 member John Richardson pins poppy onto the dress of Sophia Dammel-Sherrin as Frank Worsley, right, looks on. Holding flags in a Remembrance Day stance are Legion members, from left, Steve Wawryk, Colin Bisset and Reg

Lomas. On Tuesday, islanders of all ages attended a Remembrance Day parade, followed by a ceremony held at the cenotaph in Ganges.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ban angers crime victim

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

A publication ban preventing release of an alleged sex offender's name has infuriated some Salt Spring Islanders, including his victim who has asked the Crown to lift the ban.

"People on Salt Spring need to know (about him) for their own protection," the victim told the Driftwood.

The ban, which is now under review by the regional Crown's office, prohibits publication of any information that can identify the 32-year-old island man who was charged last month with sexual exploitation of a 14-year-old girl. He has pleaded not guilty to the offence and is fighting the charge at a trial set for April.

According to the case prosecutor, Crown counsel Laura Ford, the ban was ordered to protect the now 18-year-old victim. The Crown believes that associations between the accused and his alleged victim which are specific to this case could lead to identification of the victim should the alleged offender be named.

"It is not my job to protect the accused," she told the Driftwood. "But he can't be tarred and feathered before he reaches court."

Bans that prohibit publication of any information identifying a victim are not uncommon in the judicial system. It is less common for a ban to prohibit publication of the alleged offender's name.

In this case, however, the victim does not care if she is identified.

"I phoned (the Crown's office) and asked for the ban to be lifted," she said.

"It is extremely unusual for an alleged victim of a sex crime not to want the benefit of a publication ban," Ford said, adding that she sent a memo Monday to the regional Crown's office asking for direction, which may ultimately result in a lifting of the ban.

Charges against the man stem from an alleged sexual relationship that developed between the two when she was 14.

"I knew that because of the law it was wrong," the girl said. "But I didn't realize how much of a crime it was until later."

She went to the police last July.

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Reorganization changes emergency group focus

Communication and planning are the focus of the reorganized emergency preparedness program on Salt Spring, which is now under the control of a new coordinator and a new commission.

A review of the program earlier this year identified several problems, including the lack of an approved comprehensive emergency plan for Salt Spring and a lack of distinction between the emergency program and Salt Spring Search and Rescue.

Emergency program funds had gone to purchase Search and Rescue equipment.

Previous emergency program coordinator Chuck Hamilton had also headed the Search and Rescue group, noted alternate regional director Allisen Lambert. "There needed to be some kind of separation."

There was no misappropriation of funding but some areas — including planning and communication — needed more work, Lambert said.

One of the changes was appointment of a new emergency program coordinator, Norm Slater. Slater has volunteered to serve without the

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\$7,000 honorarium which had been paid in the past. This frees up additional funds for the emergency program, Lambert observed.

Last spring the Capital Regional District (CRD) created a Salt Spring Island Emergency Services Commission. This commission includes representatives of emergency service agencies like police, fire, ambulance and coast guard, along with support organizations and three members of the community.

Elected at the annual general meeting October 30 as community representatives were Brian Caunt and Brian Wolfe-Milner. Nairn Howe is the third representative. Lambert was chosen as commission chairwoman.

"We've got a group that includes key people, making progress and working together," she said.

One focus of the group is improving communication throughout the island, so links can be maintained between different areas. Another is ensuring emergency services can communicate with each other.

The group plans to develop a comprehensive, integrated emergency plan for the island and also

plans to develop neighbourhood zones with local volunteers to act in the event of an emergency.

The group has also applied for a 1998 federal government Joint Emergency Preparedness Program grant of \$20,000. If received, Lambert said, the money will help develop the island's emergency preparedness plan, enhance the emergency operations centre being established in the Ganges courthouse and provide money for training.

This year's emergency preparedness budget was \$44,000. Next year, Lambert said, the commission will request \$45,000.

Also on the emergency services commission are representatives of Emergency Social Services, CRD Engineering, Lady Minto Hospital and Salt Spring Search and Rescue.

Lambert noted Search and Rescue is undergoing some reorganization, which has included collecting, recording and upgrading its equipment.

"It will be maintained as CRD equipment," Lambert said, noting some of it was purchased with emergency services funds. However, the equipment will still be in the hands of Search and Rescue volunteers, she said.

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Others in the community are also upset with the publication ban, including the man's wife, who has filed for divorce.

"I'm concerned because I don't really know what he's capable of. He doesn't have much of a conscience ... he'll just keep using and abusing people."

Other women, she added, are likely to be "smitten" by him, "just like I was." The couple's union dissolved last July after one year of marriage and four years of association.

Although the woman has swallowed her bitterness and is aiming to forgive and get on with her life, the situation has been difficult. She believes that she and the young girl were not the only women he was involved with over the past four years.

According to police, the accused's conditions for release prevent him from associating with any females under the age of 18. They also prohibit him from consuming alcohol.

But an island man who is famil-

iar with both the accused and the victim wonders how a community which does not know the man's identity can police itself or the alleged offender.

"How can we help the law if they handcuff us?" he asked. "How is the community supposed to protect itself if we can't release a name or even say what he looks like? It irritates me to see this guy floating around."

He has contacted local police with information alleging the man has broken both conditions of his release.

Meanwhile, at the Crown counsel's office, Ford points out that community protection is achieved through local police who know the accused's identity.

And at the Ganges detachment, RCMP Sergeant Cliff Doherty stresses that the crime is still "alleged:" the accused is not a convicted sex-offender.

"I'm not minimizing the importance of the alleged crime," Ford said. "But we have to be patient and wait for the process to work."

COURT DOCKET

An island man charged with setting fire to three island churches will attend a preliminary hearing in Duncan Provincial Court on January 26.

Michael James Wells has pleaded not guilty to three counts of arson causing damage to property, one count of personation with intent and one count of breaking and entering.

The charges stem from fires allegedly set at Burgoyne United Church and St. Paul's Catholic Church on August 23, and at the Community Gospel Chapel on June 18.

Clara Clements and Kevin Clarke will appear in Duncan court November 18 to enter pleas in six counts each of offences charged under the Cruelty to Animals Act.

David Peter Lucas entered a plea of not guilty to impaired driving charges when he appeared in Duncan Provincial Court last Tuesday.

Ivor Edward Sater is set to attend court in Duncan on November 18 to fix a trial date and fight three counts of common assault and one count of mischief. He will also enter pleas on impaired driving charges.

Andrew Martin Haigh has pleaded not guilty to one charge of making harassing phone calls, and two counts of failing to comply with a court order.

His trial has been set for May 19, 1998.



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New look

Fulford Community Hall Association directors and volunteers picked up brushes last week to apply a fresh coat of paint to the interior of the century-old building. Numerous people helped out at the two-day work bee.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Offenders enter house, church

Ganges RCMP are reminding islanders to lock their doors after two break-ins occurred on Salt Spring last week.

On Wednesday morning police were called to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Parish on Drake Road after the church was entered sometime during the previous night.

Culprits rummaged through the parish and left a mess, police said, but nothing was stolen or vandalized.

On Thursday, a residence located in the 200 block of Fulford-Ganges Road was entered during the day. The home owner returned to discover a stereo set had been stolen.

Entry to both buildings was obtained through unlocked doors. Police are reminding islanders to lock doors and windows when they leave their premises.

Anyone with information regarding these break-ins is asked to call the local RCMP or CrimeStoppers.

In other police news:

Youths at a parking lot party at Beaver Point Hall are being blamed for a break-in at Little Red School House Saturday night, as well as a damaged door at the hall.

Police say culprits entered the school house after breaking a window. Nothing appears to have been taken.

Apparently, the party-goers travelled to Beaver Point Hall in search of a dance. Once there, they learned the event was a private affair. The youths decided to

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stay and party outside the hall.

Police said minor damage was inflicted on one of the hall's doors. Police have spoken to the individual involved.

The pro shop at Blackburn Meadows Golf Club was broken into sometime between 10 a.m. November 2 and 5 p.m. the following day.

Some \$50 worth of items was stolen.

Thieves entered the building by breaking a window.

Local RCMP members seized a quantity of liquor and issued one 24-hour suspension in a vehicle check conducted on Beaver Point Road last week.

During the two-hour, November 2 roadside check, police inspected over 50 vehicles and confiscated alcohol from several minors. Other bottles of liquor were seized after being found open in vehicles.

Police said, "The majority of the motoring public indicated that they were happy to see (us) carrying out this check."

Police, fire and ambulance crews attended a single vehicle accident in the 600 block of Walker Hook Road on November 3.

The accident occurred when the driver lost control of her vehicle on a gravel portion of the road. The car spun into the ditch and flipped onto its roof.

The two occupants, both from the Victoria area, were shaken but uninjured. The vehicle is most likely a write-off, police said.

No charges are pending.

A 53-year-old island man was arrested for shoplifting at Ganges Village Market last week.

The incident occurred around 5 p.m. on October 28. The man was charged with theft under \$1,000 after allegedly stealing \$10 worth of items.

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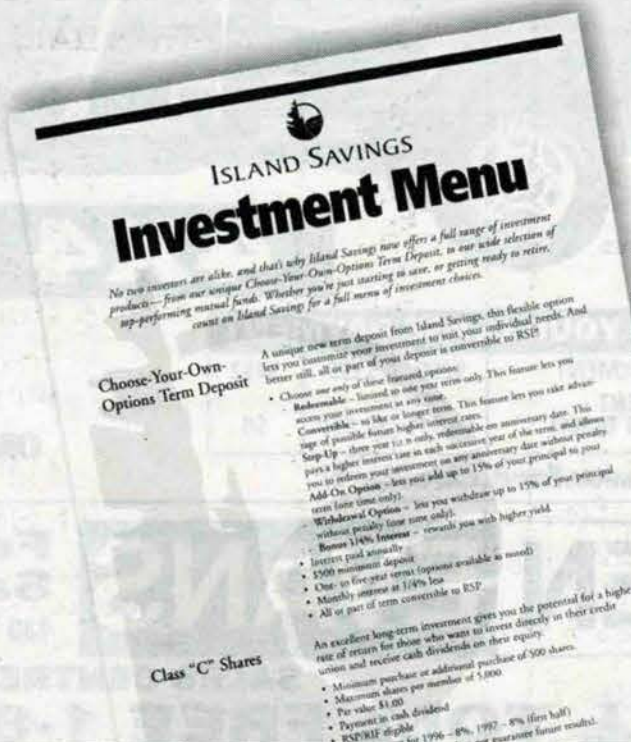


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Trustees 'mandated' to control forest lot development

By VALORIE LENNOX

Third in a series

For those who want controls on forest lot development, the battle was fought and won at the ballot box a year ago, with the elections of Margaret Griffiths and Debbie Holmes to the Galiano Trust Committee.

Both Griffiths and Holmes had campaigned on a promise to tighten proposed land use bylaws to restrict development on forest-zoned land. Galiano resident Geoff Gaylor said they collected two-thirds of the vote. "I think they do have a mandate," he said.

He, Gary Moore and Jim Macdonald support the trustees' current proposal for the forest lots, which would require rezoning before any building occurs.

Gaylor points out rezoning is the only way the rest of the island population will have any input on how the forest lots are developed, including such issues as access and impact on the water supply.

The gap between two court decisions — the July 30, 1993 quashing of the Galiano Trust Committee's forest lot bylaws and the August 10, 1995 appeal decision which upheld those bylaws — also saw the creation of 50 to 60 "undersized" lots of an average eight hectares (20 acres) each.

To legitimize those lots, Gaylor said, the trustees have proposed two options. One is a transfer of density, the second is a donation of land for community forest in exchange for increased density.

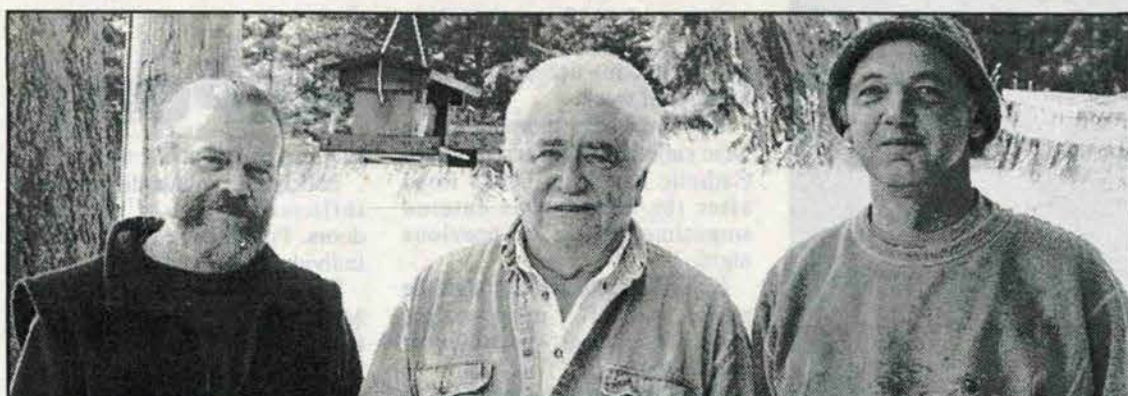
"I think the community feels we've given them some pretty good options," he observed. "To most of the community, it's a reasonable thing to be doing."

After all, he notes, the land is zoned for forest use and that was the zoning in place when the buyers picked up the land.

Moore feels buyers were warned by seller MacMillan Bloedel that future land use could be restricted. Preliminary approvals by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways subdivision approving officer also contained a clause stating that those approvals would be invalid if the zoning on the land changed — which is, in effect, what the appeal court decision did by reinstating the Galiano bylaws.

"There was a speculative aspect to this," Moore said, pointing out that buying forestry land and expecting to use it as residential would allow owners to profit from the changed use.

Gaylor said a substantial number of the buyers came from off-island and purchased the large parcels either singly or in groups. He recalls being told by one pur-



THIN GREEN LINE?: In favour of restrictions on forest lot development are Galiano residents, from left, Gary Moore, Jim Macdonald and Geoff Gaylor.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

chaser that it was the only chance to buy waterfront at such a low price.

Macdonald remarked that few people buy a quarter-section just to build a house.

Gaylor, Macdonald and Moore have heard some of the objections of the forest lot owners to the trustees' proposals.

"Their concept is: 'we have to be made to pay to get a residential density'," Gaylor said.

But he feels the forest lot owners are missing the point of the density transfers, which allow the potential for development on one property to be shifted to another

property.

In exchange for giving up the subdivision potential, the property owner is paid by the owner of the receiving property for the additional density.

An advantage of density transfer is that it allows development to occur on "receiving" lots while restricting development by an equal amount on "sending" lots, so overall population growth on the island would be controlled. Gaylor noted there has been a cap on Galiano's proposed population since the first community plan was developed in 1974.

"All of these bylaws have been

to protect this community's right to self-determination, self-sufficiency and the right to protect our planning process," Moore said.

The dispute over development on Galiano has been going on for 30 years, he added.

The forest lot owners may not be happy with the Galiano Trust Committee's proposals but Moore, Macdonald and Gaylor were equally unhappy with a counterproposal from the forest lot owners.

Both proposals suggest allowing increased density in exchange for land given to a community forest. But Gaylor fears allowing the

donor to choose the land to be given, as suggested by the forest lot owners, would result in the community ending up with problem property.

"A lot of this land has just been trashed," he said. "It's either been logged off or there's not enough to log."

They say some of the lot owners have gone on a logging spree over the past two to three years. "They've just whacked the hell out of it," Moore said.

Macdonald said those opposing forest lot development have "relied on the absolute justice of our cause and we don't have to get ugly." He suspects the forest lot owners — numbering 50 to 60 — are trying to "steer around" the island population of 900.

"The community is really tired of this," Moore said. "We've had dozens and dozens of community meetings ... it's a process of attrition."

As a result, he feels those with a financial interest are beginning to out-last those attending for altruistic reasons.

It's now up to the trustees elected last November to resolve the issue. "We feel the right people are in place to make the decision," Gaylor said.

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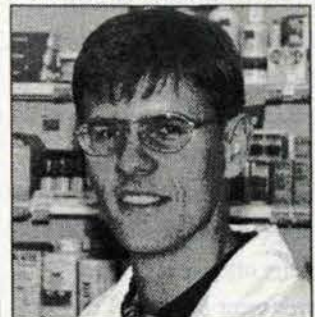
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SMALL SCALE: Island Pathways members, from left, Bob Stimpson, Mary Morden, Hank Schubart, Claire Heffernan and Wendy Webb view a model of a proposed Portlock Park beautification and paved bike-way project. The model and a slide show are available for public perusal by those interested in better understanding the project.

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Island Pathways' model shows proposed park-bikeway project

A recently-completed model of the area surrounding Portlock Park provides a visual representation of a proposed Island Pathways bikeway.

Created by Island Pathways vice-president Claire Heffernan, the model shows how Vesuvius Bay and Lower Ganges roads near the park will look if the group's Portlock Park Completion Project and Demonstration Paved Shoulder Bikeway goes ahead.

And as Heffernan notes, the project is "avalanching" forward.

Island Pathways members were encouraged recently to learn the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) has budgeted \$5,000 in 1998 to park improvements and cycling.

"Just the fact that it is budgeted for, for the first time, is a major accomplishment," Heffernan said. "It brings us a lot closer to our

goal."

The demonstration project involves construction of a 1.5-metre roadside bike lane around the perimeter of Portlock Park and extension of the road shoulder beyond the bike land. The shoulder, extended by construction of an organized, level grassy area, will be used for overflow parallel parking.

The project also involves beautification of the adjacent park land, introduction of vegetation to provide shade, a wind break and noise barrier, plus construction of a fence to prevent children from running onto the road and to prohibit vehicular access to the park turf.

Island Pathways has established a building fund for the demonstration paved shoulder bikeway and has already raised \$2,600 towards its \$9,000 goal.

Money raised by the local group will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the provincial government's Cycling Network Program which is an annual \$2 million fund established in 1995 to promote cycling.

The project's estimated total cost is \$37,000, with Island Pathways and the Cycling Network Program contributing \$17,500 and park beautification costing \$19,500.

Island Pathways hopes some materials and labour will be donated, reducing the cost of park beautification.

In the meantime, islanders interested in the project can contact Heffernan (653-4185) to view the model. Island Pathways, which is now a registered non-profit society, also has a slide show available providing further information about the project.

Low income parent sees community need after shoes, calculator stolen from school

Theft of shoes from a school locker has prompted a low-income parent to call for support from island service organizations.

And although the shoes were returned to her son a few days later, the woman believes community solutions can be found for an "obvious" island need.

The news of the theft last week set the woman to tears, she writes.

"I got an income tax return last month and after I paid last year's property taxes, bought car insurance, paid off the phone bill and a small debt, I managed to buy my son a badly-needed pair of shoes."

On Monday, the shoes were stolen from his school locker. Last week his calculator was stolen from his desk.

"I felt totally defeated."

When "tears and the anger passed," she says, "I talked to some other low-income parents. We all share similar stories."

School shoes are the "hardest things to come by," she adds. "In September, the schools ask that students have two pairs. Shoes that fit aren't available in second hand stores."

She believes there are many island students who do not have adequate footwear and wonders if an island organization could

raise and disperse funds through grants or bursaries to meet this need.

"There is a basic need in our community for something as basic as shoes and school supplies. Can something be set up so our children can ask for what they need and find a supportive community answering them?"

Adds the woman: "Perhaps if the need is met, some of the theft in schools can be reduced."

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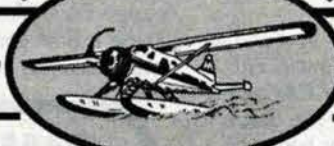
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People who are wondering what the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee has been doing lately will see some results of their work at a November 24 public hearing.

Three bylaws — one covering a rezoning proposal and two dealing with "technical amendments" to the zoning bylaw — will be considered on that date.

The committee gave first reading to the bylaws on October 24, although not at a public meeting.

Bylaw 347 deals with a rezoning application by Seachange Seafoods, a Salt Spring seafood packaging company which is seeking rezoning of property near

Trust to consider three bylaws

the corner of Robinson and Upper Ganges roads from a Rural to Commercial Services zone. The rezoning would accommodate the company's commercial activities. Bylaw 347 includes requirements to maintain buffers, reduce noise, minimize water use and manage drainage.

Bylaw 348 amends the zoning bylaw to clarify a couple of issues, including the temporary nature of transient accommodation in commercial zones. Trust senior plan-

ner Linda Adams explained that the linguistic changes are needed to tighten up Salt Spring's outdated zoning bylaw.

Another ensures people do not circumvent the intention of the bylaw by connecting several buildings via breezeways. Adams said the way the bylaw is currently written makes it "very ambiguous" for some people.

"We've had some really weird and wonderful ones of these come along in recent months," she said.

A clause in Bylaw 348 which allows bed and breakfast use in the Uplands and Forest zone simply corrects an erroneous past omission.

Bylaw 349 is also of a technical nature and applies only to property owned by the Bishop of Victoria on Ganges hill. The private property portion of a development which includes an affordable housing proposal from Community Services, the Catholic diocese now wants its 21 lots as a

bare land strata rather than fee-simple development.

The proposed bylaw allows more flexibility in how those lots are clustered. The previous bylaw would have caused a loss of five lots to the diocese under a strata subdivision.

Copies of all bylaws and more information is available at the Ganges Trust office in Grace Point Square or by calling the office at 537-9144.

The hearing is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24 at the multi-purpose room at the high school. A public information session begins at 7 p.m.

Ganges Coast Guard assists troubled boats

Two boats and one boat house drifted into problems in Gulf Islands waters in the past 10 days, requiring rescue by crews from either the coast guard or another vessel.

On Saturday, the 27-foot schooner Caroluk of Thetis Island ran aground on a rock off Penelakut Spit, off the north corner of Kuper Island.

The boat was listing over and an emergency call for help was sent at 3:30 p.m. Three of the five people aboard were children. The children were taken off by other boats and a Ganges Coast Guard crew, using the zodiac Ganges One, were on the scene by 4 p.m.

They found the boat was off the rock but wires had shorted out, burning out the craft's running lights and radio. The coast guard escorted the sailboat into Telegraph Harbour.

Meanwhile, at 5:30 p.m., a call for help was received from the sailing vessel Blue Magic out of Ganges. The sailboat had fouled on a crab trap off Beddis Beach but was assisted into Ganges Harbour by the Forest Ranger II before the coast guard could respond.

On November 2 at approximately 9 p.m., the coast guard secured a boat

house which had gone aground at Cape Keppel on the southwest corner of Salt Spring. The boat house had apparently broken free during high winds the previous day and been reported floating in Satellite Channel.

Although the coast guard was unable to locate the owner, officer-in-charge Dave Howell noted the boat house is now gone so he suspects it was retrieved by the owner.

Health group planned

Islanders will be voting early next year to choose representatives to sit on a Community Health Advisory Committee.

The group is one of two such committees being formed as part of the province-wide reorganization of health care administration.

"Because of the geographic isolation of our island communities, the Capital Health Region established the advisory committee as one of only two such committees in the entire region," noted Karen Davies, who has been appointed manager of patient and client care for the Gulf Islands.

The committee will report to Bob Myers, the regional director of community health centres.

Two representatives from each island are to be elected to sit on the committee. At present, terms of reference and a framework for the new committee are being developed by members of the former community health council, which has representatives from each island.

"As a community health council, island members learned to work together to share ideas, problem-solve and support new programs both at home and on other islands," Davies said, adding that she expected the same cooperation on the new committee.

The committee will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month in Saanichton and will advise Myers of issues and concerns regarding health care on the islands.



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Angry father claims police assaulted son

An irate Salt Spring father who believes his son was assaulted by a police officer on Hallowe'en plans to leave this community in the next few months.

"Our home has been on the market for nearly two years now and as far as we are concerned, sale or no, we will take our family and leave this place in the new year," writes the man, who cannot be identified under terms of the Young Offenders Act which prohibits publication of any information that could identify a youth charged with a crime.

"This (community) has lost something important, that being a need for each other," he adds.

The man's 17-year-old youth alleges he was assaulted by a police officer in an altercation in Ganges. Local police, however, say the youth assaulted the officer. The youth allegedly elbowed the police officer twice after the officer tried to arrest the teen.

The father claims "this assault was witnessed by literally dozens of people," however, one witness doubts that the "dozens" of youths who saw the altercation actually witnessed its beginning.

"There were kids all over the place," a Citizen's Patrol member told the Driftwood. "I don't think there were any kids standing right there when it happened ... but I can't say for sure."

The Citizen's Patrol member did not see the start of the fight either. "I saw it explode," he says. "I saw a police officer trying to arrest someone who was resisting."

He feels the officer did not use excess force.

However, according to the youth's father, the boy "was struck from behind by an officer

on bicycle patrol who then grabbed hold of him. As my son tried to pull away from his attacker, he repeatedly asked 'what is going on?'"

The father claims his son was then wrestled to the ground in a "rough and hostile manner."

"As more police arrived, my son was pinned to the ground and then told he was charged with assaulting a police officer. This assault was the bumping and twisting that took place as my son tried to free himself from his attacker."

In his decision to leave the island, the father also cites the school system here as lacking: "the schools here have never had the time, or perhaps ability, to try to instill any inspiration whatever as to careers."

He is concerned the "bogus" charge will thwart his son's decision to enter the air force upon graduation next June.

Ganges RCMP Constable Gerard Choquette told the Driftwood Monday that more than one individual has come forward as a witness to the event, for which police believe appropriate charges were laid.

Choquette says at least one youth was attempting to incite a riot by accusing the police of brutality immediately following the alleged assault.

In the meantime however, the father claims police and auxiliaries are "operating as though they were independent agents on this island."

He says, "I would advise the people of this island to take a very serious look at what is happening here. Unchecked, this behaviour will continue until it visits your home."



The buck stops here

A deer which appears to be grieving a loved one is seen visiting the cemetery at Baker

Road. The buck was spotted in the graveyard last week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island writer recognized

A Mayne Island writer has been shortlisted for the 1997 Governor General's literary awards.

Terry Glavin, nominated for his book *This Ragged Place: Travels Across the Landscape*, is one of six writers chosen in the English-language nonfiction category.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony in Ottawa on November 18.

Choppers land at Ruckle

Salt Spring was "invaded" briefly by three U.S. army helicopters October 26 — a landing all-but-unnoticed except for those present in Ruckle Park at the time.

The three were en route on a two day trip from Connecticut to Alaska when one of the pilots noticed a warning light while flying over Salt Spring, park caretaker Mike Lane explained.

Looking for somewhere to land, the pilot choose the open fields of the park. The other two helicopters also landed.

Lane described the helicopters as infantry craft and said they were on the ground for approximately 20 minutes while checking out the warning light.

Lotus Ruckle said the helicopters landed at approximately 1 p.m. "It was rather awesome. They were enormous helicopters."

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A flawed formula

There's something wrong with a funding formula which makes it more financially viable to run a school for six and a half students — the current enrolment at Saturna Elementary — than it does to shut the school down and send the students elsewhere.

Lest Saturna Islanders feel taken by the urge to pelt rotten tomatoes in our direction, we note that what we're talking about here is economics.

Not community values.

Not educational values.

Just the economics of running a school with the equivalent of 1.25 teachers to serve six full-time students and one kindergarten student in a district which will find itself short by \$800,000 this year.

But closing the school would not save money. Instead, it would increase the deficit by an estimated \$73,889.

Why?

Because of the grant structure, which allocates additional money beyond the per-pupil grant for any school operating in the district. Under this funding formula, if the school board could convince the Ministry of Education to increase the number of schools in the district — perhaps by dividing each elementary school into a scattering of smaller satellite schools — the deficit could easily be eliminated.

Of course, eliminating the deficit in the Gulf Islands district would come at a cost. The coffers of the Ministry of Education would be further drained to maintain many smaller schools. And since the same taxpayers foot both the district and the provincial bill, more and smaller schools are not a solution.

It would be to the Ministry of Education's fiscal advantage to enforce its regulation requiring a minimum of eight students to maintain a school and close down Saturna. The ministry would then save the \$73,000.

But it would end up with a school district even deeper in the hole than it is at present — robbing Peter to impoverish Paul.

This situation points out how complex, entrenched and unrealistic government funding formulas have become. Yet the province persists in trying to combat its budget problems by simply demanding cutbacks in expenditures, whether in education, health care, the courts or the ferry service.

The solutions are much tougher. Clearly what is needed is a comprehensive look beyond how much the government spends to determine how it spends.

Remembering war

Gratitude. Maturity. Compassion. Any of these could explain the increased interest in Remembrance Day, as demonstrated by the numbers who are turning out to the annual ceremony.

Not many years ago, the crowds were appearing smaller and grayer with each year. In the 50-plus years since the end of the Second World War, two generations of Canadians grew up, spared the shadow of war at home or overseas.

At one time, abhorrence of war appeared to justify a youthful cynicism which kept many away from the cenotaph on November 11.

But that is changing.

People of all ages now attend the annual ceremony. Many of the make-love-not-war generation have their own children in tow, introducing them to the solemn remembrance of those who fought in the First, Second and Korean Wars.

Perhaps it is gratitude. Seeing the carnage caused in other countries by war cannot help but make Canadians grateful for the peace and resulting prosperity they have enjoyed for generations.

Europe, where the battles of the Second World War were fought, still bears scars. Canada's scars are carried in the hearts of those who lost loved ones, but do not mar the landscape seen by the generations who have not known war.

Perhaps it is maturity that has dissolved youthful cynicism, replacing it with a greater awareness of the sacrifice made by an earlier generation. With age comes a greater appreciation of the capriciousness of fate and the flow of history.

The generations who went to war were no less moral than those who never took up arms: they just chanced to live at a time when they were forced into a choice which later Canadians have escaped.

Perhaps it is the flowering of compassion, the realization that every one of the lives lost in war was as full of dreams and desires as our own. At 20-something, the images of those who fought and died in the Second World War appear as adult contemporaries; at 40-something they are impossibly young and might be a son or a daughter.

Generation to generation, Remembrance Day is an opportunity to ensure our history is not forgotten.

WELL, IT IS AN ISLAND FAMILY WITH 3 KIDS, AND THEY COULD BUY US SOME TIME WITH THE EDUCATION MINISTRY...



Dialogue will focus on freeing youth from bondage of illusion

By RALPH D. MILLER

Gulf Islands schools invite our community to participate in an Education Day, November 19, which will present a variety of interesting workshops.

Anne Goodall and I will offer two separate sessions entitled Discovering Peace and Freedom in a Crazy World: Practical Perspectives and Strategies, based on our Gulf Islands Secondary School psychology classes, college courses and professional workshops. The following is intended to provide an idea of our orientation and to entice you to join in the conference.

My basic directives to my own children are simple: Be happy and healthy; help others; carry your own weight. As much as I am able, I treat my students as I do the young people in my own extended family — more like nephews and nieces than sons and daughters perhaps, but as honoured members of the tribe of which I am an elder. My primary personal goal is to manifest, model and express love, respect and acceptance, while offering helpful learning opportunities, firm guidance and inspiration.

My responsibility and intent, as a parent and teacher, is not to provide a democracy, but a benign dictatorship, in which the "tribal chief" (moi) listens openly and carefully to the opinions and desires of the young community members to whom he is in service. However, the service offered is not one of simple acquiescence to the fulfillment of their demands and desires. My role is one of facilitating our children's socialization into the tribe as responsible adults, rather than simply enabling the manifestation of the adolescent fantasies of young people who are yet in the process of initiating "walk about." No "natural" culture turns over the form and content of its "rites of passage" to its fledgling initiates. And our culture, bordering as it does on literal insanity, has filled their innocent heads with much nonsense — about what they are, what they need and want, and how to get it. No wonder there is frequent confusion, anger, despair and senseless acts of personal, social, and environmental



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disrespect and destruction among many of the less-fortunate members of our society — at all socio-economic and political levels! Much discernment and wisdom is needed to help guide the passage of our young into a world often seemingly

hell-bent on self-destruction.

Who are we and what do we need and want, really, in the end? How many of us truly know, and how many fewer still actually live a life consistent with their ultimate goal? How can we assist each other in this essential path of self-inquiry and discovery? How can this process be facilitated in our educational setting?

Our culture offers little valid life-long guidance to its young. The rapidly expanding Western monoculture's socialization process tends to focus on short-range personal and economic goals, and immediate gratification of conditioned needs and desires which are often incompatible with lasting happiness and a just and sustainable socioeconomic system. Our society seems to blindly perpetuate itself and its widely unrecognized and unexamined irrational core beliefs, myths, and superstitions about human nature. In addition to being nonsensical, many of these underlying cultural delusions are detrimental to society as a whole, its individual members the world-wide community of life.

Are we doomed to becoming the Star Trek "Borg?" — a dehumanized, semi-robotic life form, repeating in ominous monotone to all with whom we come into contact: "Resistance is futile. Assimilate or be destroyed," meanwhile racing casually toward extinction?

To what extent can we, as elders of the tribe, help free our young from the bondage of our illusions, and encourage the necessary attitudes and skills that they might joyfully and effectively engage in the game of life? Come join in the dialogue November 19.

Ralph Miller is a teacher and psychologist on Salt Spring Island and a former government scientist and university professor.

Our culture offers little valid life-long guidance to its young.

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: Why would a deer attack a car?



Ursula Regert

It could have been in mating season and the car was challenging his territory.



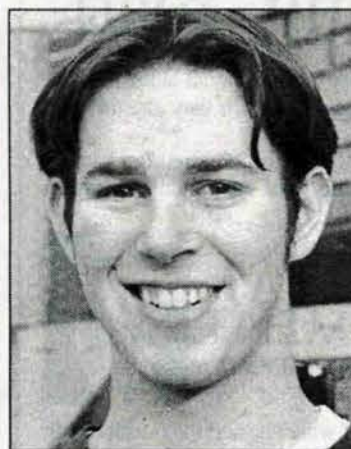
Sheri Smith, 18

He's taking after the teenagers on Salt Spring.



Bryn King

It must have been the year and make, doesn't like Buicks. He's a Ford guy. Real deer don't drive Buicks.



Jesse McLaughlin, 17

He was trying to be tough and challenge the car.



David Nix, 7

Maybe he wanted to protect himself.

Letters to the Editor

Transitions

I am writing to correct some errors in the November 5 Driftwood.

The Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network, which operates the Transition House and Crisis Line, and the soon-to-be-opened Transitions Thrift Store, received a \$10,000 start-up grant from the combined Victoria Real Estate Board and United Way Community Fund.

This was specifically for renovations and fixtures for the thrift store and did not directly contribute to the operating costs of the Transition House. By the way, Transitions with an "s" is the name of the thrift store which will help fund the Salt Spring Transition House.

Thrift stores which contribute in various ways to the welfare of women and children staying in transition houses already exist in Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo and Vancouver and the Lower Mainland. Transitions will provide furniture, linens, dishes and other household goods to women leaving the Salt Spring Transition House. It will also sell top-quality used goods donated by the community at thrift store prices.

Once established, the store will help fund the Transition House. We are most grateful to those who have helped us to date, but are still looking for more volunteers to work in the store and for anyone with a large van or truck which leaves the island regularly for Duncan or Vancouver to carry off our discards for a share of the expenses.

Look for Transitions Thrift Store to be open by the end of November.

GILLIAN SMITH,
Transitions Project
Coordinator,
Gulf Islands Women's
Resource Network

Knowledge

For those Gulf Islands residents with TV antenna systems with general line of sight to Mount Park on Mayne Island, there is an excellent "off-air" channel available — the Knowledge Network.

As most are aware, this home-grown B.C. "brain channel" is one of the finest non-commercial stations anywhere. Cable subscribers likewise appreciate the Knowledge Network for its invigorating cutting-edge programming.

Specifically for local antenna users with UHF hardware, we have a hard-working group to thank for this station's availability — namely

the non-profit Gulf Islands Television Society (GITS).

Years ago this group raised funds and installed a dish on Mount Park to receive the Knowledge Network off satellite then re-broadcast this signal in our area on UHF 49 (and thence to 44 and 55). Local reception of the Knowledge Network is thanks to the equipment and organization of the GITS and it deserves the support of those watching their signal to enable this valuable service to continue.

Late last spring the Knowledge Network itself changed its technology to improve quality and the re-broadcast transmitter on Mayne Island had to undergo a costly technical changeover to the new "digital" format. As a result we almost lost this service. In fact, the transmitter was off the airwaves for many weeks last summer but again thanks to the GITS the service survived and Channel 49 is back clearer than ever.

The Knowledge Network adds much to our cultural and intellectual life with its fine non-violent, non-commercial program offerings. If we do enjoy the Knowledge Network thanks to the society's efforts and want it to continue, then why not take out a \$20 membership, adding, if possible, a further tax deductible donation for its work. Gulf Islands Television Society's address is P.O. Box 173, Galiano Island, B.C., V0N 1P0.

CHRIS ANDERSON,
Salt Spring

Deer helped?

I was very troubled about the article on the deer who "using only its front legs stumbled farther into the woods" after an impact with a car which "may have broken its back."

Could you not have also reported whether or not help was summoned for the animal and chosen a different subject for your excellent cartoonist?

ROSEMARY PARTRIDGE,
Beaver Point Road

Attack deer

I want one of those deer!

Who in their right mind would want an attack dog if an attack deer was available? You wouldn't have to feed it or shelter it. I need one. Who do I call? How much would one cost? Do I need a permit?

MARSHA JONES,
Langs Road

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'Cultural crossings' take place alongside community exchanges

By JEREMY MORAY

On October 19, representatives of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and the Community Arts Council said goodbye to 15 Japanese visitors who had stayed on the island for three days.

As they left, the Japanese carried with them both a personal gift donated by a Salt Spring artist as well as 13 pieces of artwork representing a cross-section of the many different skills that make up Salt Spring's arts community.

This visit, led by Masanori Kamiguchi, chairman of the Yamanaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was the culmination of nearly four years of discussions between the chambers and several visits by local government officials, artists and businessmen from the town of Yamanaka in the prefecture of Ishikawa on the east coast of Japan.

The main purpose of the visit was to exchange gifts between the two chambers. The Japanese gave the Salt Spring chamber a selection of fine lacquerware, which will be on display in Pegasus Gallery until it finds a permanent home, and the Salt Spring pieces will be on permanent display in Yamanaka.

In the fall of 1994, the chamber hosted a mixed group of 25 politicians and local government officials from several different cities in Japan who came to Salt Spring to study why artists of such diverse talents landed on this island, and how a mixture of agriculture, the arts and tourism can support a relatively-stable economy.

Shortly after their return to Japan, Kamiguchi arrived on the island with his wife and son for a private visit, during which there were discussions about the possibility of cultural exchanges. It soon became obvious that, despite the many historical and cultural differences, there are many similarities between Yamanaka and its surroundings and Salt Spring Island, and Kamiguchi was in favour of setting up a series of cultural exchanges from which he felt everyone would benefit.

One particular event during that visit showed just how easily cultural barriers can be crossed. The Kamiguchis were staying at Hastings House where dinner is served at 8 p.m. precisely. By 8:20 on the Saturday evening, when everyone else had been served in their first course, Mrs. Kamiguchi appeared at the dining room door in the most gorgeous flame-orange kimono decorated with intricate



gold patterning. The proverbial pin would have sounded more like a tin tray on a tiled kitchen floor in the amazed and admiring silence that followed as she floated across the room to her seat at the table. Having consumed the obligatory glass of B.C. wine that was poured for her, she then asked her husband to order a pint of Granville Island lager. A better example of crossing cultures would be hard to find than this beautiful lady in traditional Japanese dress putting back a pint of the best.

So why Yamanaka out of all the cities in Japan?

Yamanaka traces its origins back to the year 1300 when the town was founded on the site of the hot springs that bring many tourists to the area today. Half of the population of 10,000 is employed in the arts and there is a strong similarity to Salt Spring in that the surrounding countryside has been preserved as both forest and agricultural land. The one main difference is that Yamanaka is dependent on the production of lacquerware and Kutani porcelain, whereas Salt Spring has a wide diversity of artistic talent; however, both places depend heavily on tourism to support their economies, with Yamanaka receiving 700,000 tourists a year to Salt Spring's 200,000.

The lacquerware for which Yamanaka is most well known has been carried on in the region for 400 years, as has the making of Kutani porcelain. Although a lot of the lacquerware is now mass produced, the craft of high-quality wood-based lacquerware, which has been handed down from generation to generation, is still preserved by some 200 artisans. In 1975, Yamaka was honoured as a centre of Japanese traditional arts and crafts.

The prefecture of Ishikawa is a very popular area for holidays at any season of the year. With its long coastline on the sea of Japan, alluvial plains and mountainous interior, there are many attractions for visitors from other parts of Japan as well as from overseas. Ski resorts, hot springs, seaside resorts, golf courses and many areas of historical and cultural interest have made tourism one of the mainstays of the economy. Ishikawa's natural beauty, history and culture attract two mil-

lion visitors every year.

As a result of his many visits to Salt Spring, Masanori Kamiguchi has become a good friend of the Chamber of Commerce and he in turn has become very fond of Salt Spring Island. He has been responsible for sending many of his friends and business associates to the island, all of whom have returned to Japan with a particularly favourable impression of the island itself as well as the hospitality they received during their stay.

This has led Masanori Kamiguchi to organize what he has called The Regional International Exchange Footholds Support Project. This is an official body under the umbrella of the Yamanaka Chamber of Commerce. The main objective of the organization is "to send delegations of Yamanaka small businessmen, especially those interested in tourism and the arts, overseas. Also, delegations from overseas will be received to put into effect a mutual exchange of business, economy and culture."

Throughout these talks, the Chamber of Commerce has always promoted the idea of sending artists and apprentices from Salt Spring to Japan on cultural exchanges. Now, in conjunction with the Community Arts Council, the Chamber of Commerce is planning the first visit to Yamanaka for March 1998. This trip has been made possible in large part by the great generosity of both the central (national) and the local governments of Japan and a good deal of persuasion by Masanori Kamiguchi.

During a visit in May of this year by a group of businessmen from Yamanaka, a comment was made by Masaru Nose, the young son of one of the board members of the Yamanaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

He said, "You are all very kind, your trees are very big and the air is delicious."

This kind of reaction to Salt Spring has made possible what has been a most enjoyable and profitable experience for all who have been involved so far. Hopefully it also lays the foundation for what will become not just a continuing exchange of artists and businesspeople, but a long-lasting friendly relationship between two similar towns with very different cultural and historical backgrounds.

The writer is the past manager of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

New historical book: a 'fascinating' read

VICTORIA — Whenever people say politicians are all alike, can't be trusted and look out only for themselves, I tell them they should meet Cyril Shelford.

Cyril is no longer in politics and hasn't been for 25 years. But back in the days of W.A.C. Bennett, he was minister of agriculture. He was a true gentleman then and he is now.

His thanks for serving the public faithfully and with dedication was a thwack across the back with a two-by-four, swung by an angry protester during the 1972 election campaign, at the end of which he and the Social Credit Party were defeated.

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Cyril comes from true British Columbia pioneer stock. His father, Jack Shelford, settled in central British Columbia, near Bella Coola, during the early part of this century. The Shelford Hills are named after him.

His father's journey to British Columbia, via South Africa, where he served in the Boer War, America, where he earned a living as a carpenter, and Alaska, where he became a proficient trapper and woodsman, are the subject of a book just published by Cyril. I met for coffee with Cyril, and he gave me a copy.

From War to Wilderness is a book that should be mandatory reading for every British Columbian, particularly every young British Columbian. It tells a fascinating and inspiring story in letters written home by Jack Shelford of war, adventure and an indomitable will to succeed, no matter what the obstacles.

The trail of letters describes the horrors of the Boer War, where young Jack serves with the British Cavalry. It was the war that changed Jack forever. Emotionally drained, he decides to get as far away from people and so-called civilization as possible.

Leaving England in 1903, Jack makes his way across the United States, stopping and working only long enough to pay for the next leg of his journey. Eventually he arrives in Vancouver, where he stays in a boarding house at 109 Hastings Street, then a mud road with a sawmill at one end and forestry operations at the other.

He tells of lots being sold on Granville Street, near False Creek, for \$18, less than three days' wages for a carpenter, but decides against buying because he feels that Vancouver will never grow beyond a fishing village.

Jack's letter from Alaska provides an insight into what life on the frontier was like. During winter, he looks after his trap lines, with a dog sled his only transportation and the dogs his only company. In the summer, he cuts wood which he sells to the steamers plying the rivers of the north.

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He tells of an old prospector friend who had lost all his teeth and spends the long winter nights whittling himself a pair of dentures from a piece of hardwood. When they finally fit, he glues bear and wolverine teeth into holes he had drilled into the dentures.

"Now I eat you with your own teeth," he says, eating his first bear steak with his new teeth.

When his brother expresses an interest in joining him, but wonders if he's suited for pioneer life, Jack writes back: "Take no notice of what people say about how tough it's going to be. Just go ahead and blaze your own trail."

Eventually, Jack decides it's time to settle down and raise a family. He buys land near Bella Coola, builds a log cabin and starts farming and ranching. Then he asks his sweetheart in England to come over and marry him. He picks up Safie in Montreal where they get married.

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Cyril's mom and dad are both buried on that most beautiful place on earth. And thanks to his dad's letters, we can now share in the wonder and excitement of its discovery.

From War to Wilderness should be in every school library in British Columbia. The book can be ordered through book stores. The price is \$19.95 and well worth it.

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More letters

Start over

The official community plan (OCP) should enable us not to disable us. Keep trying, Bev.

It appears that our planner got too carried away with the first and second drafts of the OCP to be able to finish the third draft. Who got the money? I said, who got the money?

At the last public meeting David Borrowman said the third draft had been written but that he liked the second draft and was going to bring it (Draft 2) forward as a bylaw to be our new OCP.

I seem to recall we were told we were going to get a third draft and more meaningful public consultation.

But for now let's recount our steps.

Draft 1 — the monster, Linda Adams' Frankenstein; public revolt and rightfully so.

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Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

Draft 2 — thinner because the development permit areas (DPAs) were gone.

Then David Borrowman said they would take this back to the chairs of the focus groups for input. (They had too much already, me thinks) and voila, Draft 2 has the DPAs reinserted.

They ran out of money and can't produce a legitimate third draft so what are we really getting for our \$250,000?

I think Draft 2 plus the DPAs

equals Draft 1 again and I think we've been had. The plan is a nightmare and we had better bite the bullet, fire the planner and start over. Because it's the right thing to do.

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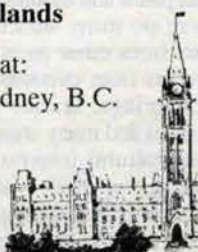
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Lions clubs take on Christmas Ship trip

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A familiar knee is returning this Christmas as veteran Christmas Ship Santa Tripo Costello resumes ho-ho-ing among the islands.

But the rest of the elves putting together the annual festive journey through the San Juan and Gulf Islands are a new crew, composed of Bellingham Lions and Lions Clubs throughout the route.

When the Bellingham Jaycees disbanded earlier this year, "that left the Christmas Ship in limbo," said Bellingham Central Lions public relations chairman Bruce Ayers. The Jaycees had operated the ship for 47 years.

But they didn't leave the cross-border project high and dry. Since many Jaycees were also Lions Club members, they approached the Lions to continue the project.

"We discovered there was quite a lot of support," Ayers said.

His club has approximately 170 members and three other smaller Lions clubs in Bellingham: Fairhaven, Sunrise and Harbourview are also participating.

Now known as the Bellingham Lions Christmas Ship, the voyage will wind through the islands on December 13 and 14.

Costello, who had retired as the Christmas Ship Santa seven years ago after 29 years, is also a member of the Fairhaven Lions. With the Lions taking on the project, he was drawn out of retirement to make his knee and ear available for countless island children.

"I just feel it's a duty of mine, being asked by the Lions Association," Costello said. "I've been a member for 42 years of the Lions."

He said the crew will include many Lions Club members and their wives.

He noted the Gulf Islands have always supported the voyage and he has many memories of visiting the Canadian islands, including Salt Spring.

"I've got a lot of youngsters over there — third generation — when I got off," he said.

He said he still feels like a kid despite his 74 years.

Ayers admitted Roy Abbott, who had filled in as Santa following Costello's retirement, was disappointed that he won't be playing the role this year.

"It was a hard decision to make — nobody was finding fault with anyone," Ayers said. "When you've got two good people wanting to do the same job, somehow you've got to pick one."

What it came down to was that Costello is a Lion and on the first

voyage of the Christmas ship under Lions Club sponsorship, it was appropriate that a Lion play Santa, Ayers said. Abbott may be invited back to play the role in the future, he added.

The Lions have budgeted \$7,000 US for the project, of which \$4,000 is required to rent the cruise ship. Approximately half the required amount has been collected, Ayers said. Already lined up as crew are 35 volunteers.

During the trip, the ship brings toys and a visit from Santa to island children and, on Salt Spring, Santa also visits the hospital.

Changes at sea also mean changes ashore. Although the Salt Spring volunteer firefighters will still be involved with the project, much of the organization is being passed to the Salt Spring Lions Club. "We're delighted they're taking over," said firefighters association vice-president Jeff Outerbridge.

The firefighters have coordinated the Salt Spring side of the Christmas ship visit for the past seven years.



Reversed poppyology

Judy Troesch reverses the roles as she pins a poppy on the lapel of Legion representative Janet Butler. Butler was one of many Legion

members seen handing out Remembrance Day poppies last week.

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The enigma of time: we are in eternity

Time is a very strange thing. Sometimes it goes so fast we can scarcely imagine that it has gone.

At other times, it drags on painfully slowly and no matter what we do, we cannot speed it up.

Sometimes there is no time, as when we say: "We are out of time." Then, at another moment, usually a golden one, we find ourselves saying that we have "all the time in the world." And how much time is "all the time in the world?"

Surely it cannot be measured. And yet we do measure

time. We measure it in seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years and so on. Unlike the atom, however, time cannot be split. Neither can it be manipulated in any way. But it can be used, foolishly or wisely.

They say time is wasted, but it is not so, for time outlasts everything in the universe. It is our lives we waste. As long as the universe lasts, there shall be time. At the end of time, the universe will also come to an end.

We talk about the beginning and the end, but there is no beginning and no end, really. Beginnings and endings are just turning points, significant events, milestones, heartbeats or moments of high drama in the lives of individuals or in history. Something has always preceded these beginnings and something will always follow these endings.

There is no beginning, no end of time. There is only the beginning and the end of the lives of sentient beings, those who are conscious and who can either use or measure time. In one very real sense, there is only the now. That is the only thing we can really possess in time — the now. And even this now we cannot really possess, only experience. The only real thing is really the now.

The child is either oblivious of time or feels it as a burden and a mystery.

"Daddy, when will I grow up?" the child asks.

For the youth, time is an opportunity to affirm the powers of self, to become what one is becoming, to find an identity. Only the aware individual is really conscious of passing time.

We may well fear time and fear it with reason. For like the tide, as the maxim says, it waits for no man, will not indulge the hesitation of any woman. It is more precious than gold but cannot be bought or sold. Though its effects are ever-determinative, it is intangible. It runs more freely than water through our fingers. The only way to truly understand time in this world is to measure and use it. This is all that can be done with time. Measure and use.

Time can be a harsh task master. To those who live by the clock, time may even be a slave driver.

But the tyrant of time can be governed. The despot of time can be conquered. The way to humble time, the trick in discomfiting Chronos, the Greek god of time, is to goad him into combat, to engage him in sport, to challenge him to defeat you in the arena of the busy life.

This contest, this sport, this bloodless war must be waged at sunrise. The gauntlet must be taken up in the early hours of day. The tyrant of time is overmastered by the strategy of the slow and steady pace. The race is won by running long into the hours of evening. Time is routed by the marathon that continues late into the night, even unto the first streaks of light at early dawn.

This old and venerable kindly father will smile on you if you respect his ways. If time becomes your benefactor and your patron, she will laud your persistent efforts with kindly praise.

But I tell you there is a real secret and a solemn mystery to time. Very few discover it while they are here.

This is the secret: to know that you are now in eternity and that time is your friend.

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PILGRIM'S NOTES

WITH JACK McLEAN



Skateboarders lobby PARC

A bid from local skateboarders for financial help to build a mini-ramp received a sympathetic hearing from Salt Spring's Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission on November 3.

Jamie Akehurst told commission members that the skateboarders need approximately \$4,500 to build the mini-ramp and a roof to protect the equipment. They have raised just over \$1,000.

The mini-ramp, which Akehurst described as a small version of a half-pipe, will be approximately 30 feet long, 20 to 30 feet wide and six feet high. It will likely be placed outside the Core Inn and will require a roof to protect it, he said.

Akehurst said students built the existing skateboarding equipment used at Kanaka Road in Gulf Islands Secondary School woodworking classes and expect to build the mini-ramp and the roof with help from parents and other volunteers.

The young people have approached a local service club for a donation and also expect to do more fundraising, Akehurst

said.

Commission members agreed they would have to review their budget before making a decision.

Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth said she would like to see the skateboarders' project supported if money is available in the budget.

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Diversity in learning workshops planned

Deadline-challenged islanders, who didn't register by Monday for next Wednesday's district-wide Education Day program at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), can still slip into any empty spaces.

Although Monday was the official deadline for registration, superintendent Andrew Duncan said people will be able to attend any programs where openings exist. He noted there will also be a late registration desk at the high school next Wednesday, to match would-be attendees with any available spaces in programs.

Planned are five day-long workshops plus 23 shorter workshops divided between three sessions.

The keynote address, *Where is Education Going: A Layman's Guide*, will be presented by Peter Norman, regional coordinator for the provincial Ministry of Education.

The theme is "diversity in learning" and organizers have drawn on local and off-island experts to produce a wide range of workshop topics.

In the morning session, slated for 10:15 to 11:45, participants can choose between workshops on reading with children, financial planning, learning disabilities, multiple intelligence, heart smart cooking, teenage relationships, primary mathematics and "the discovery of peace and freedom."

Afternoon sessions, from 1 to 2:30, include workshops on student assessment and evaluation, first-class telecommunications, handling fire alarms, multiple intelligence for the classroom, elementary science, youth and violence, meeting procedures, attention deficit, conflict resolution and the new social studies curriculum.

Between 7:30 and 9 p.m., there will be workshops on emergency procedures, parent advocacy, Buddhist meditation, community involvement in raising children and a repeat of the discovering peace and freedom workshop.

The longer, all-day sessions include workshops on integrating special needs children into the classroom, accommodating student differences when teaching, first aid, critical thinking and the Virtues Project.

Water taxis will be operating so residents from the Outer Islands can attend any of the sessions, either during the day or in the evening.

To allow parents to attend the sessions, child care will be available for primary-age children (Kindergarten to Grade 3) for \$5. For youngsters aged nine to 14, there will be programs available at the high school.

The morning session offers two

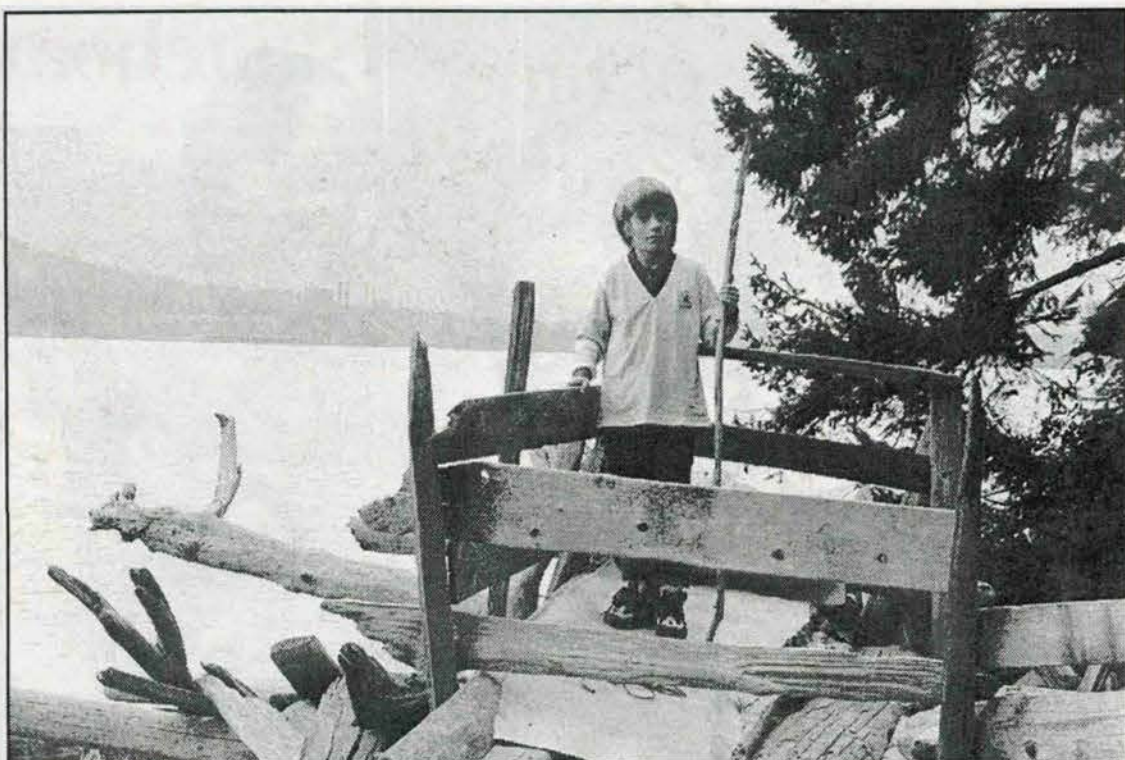
programs: basketball with Tony Mason and an introduction to cartooning and sequential art with Thomas McPhee. In the afternoon there is a choice of archery with Betty Peters or a drawing and mixed-media art camp with Patricia Brown.

In the evening, Julie Bedford will conduct a karaoke-with-kids session.

Duncan said the event gives teachers, parents, paraprofessionals and students a chance to share activities and gain some insight into each other.

"I think it is one of the most exciting things that is happening in the district," he said. "People doing something together and gaining understanding."

The first education day open to the community was held last March. It drew almost 300 community participants along with 220 employees.



King of the castle

Young James Knight enjoys a fort built at one of Salt Spring's rocky beaches while his father and grandmother sit on the logs below, enjoying conversation, salt air and scenery.

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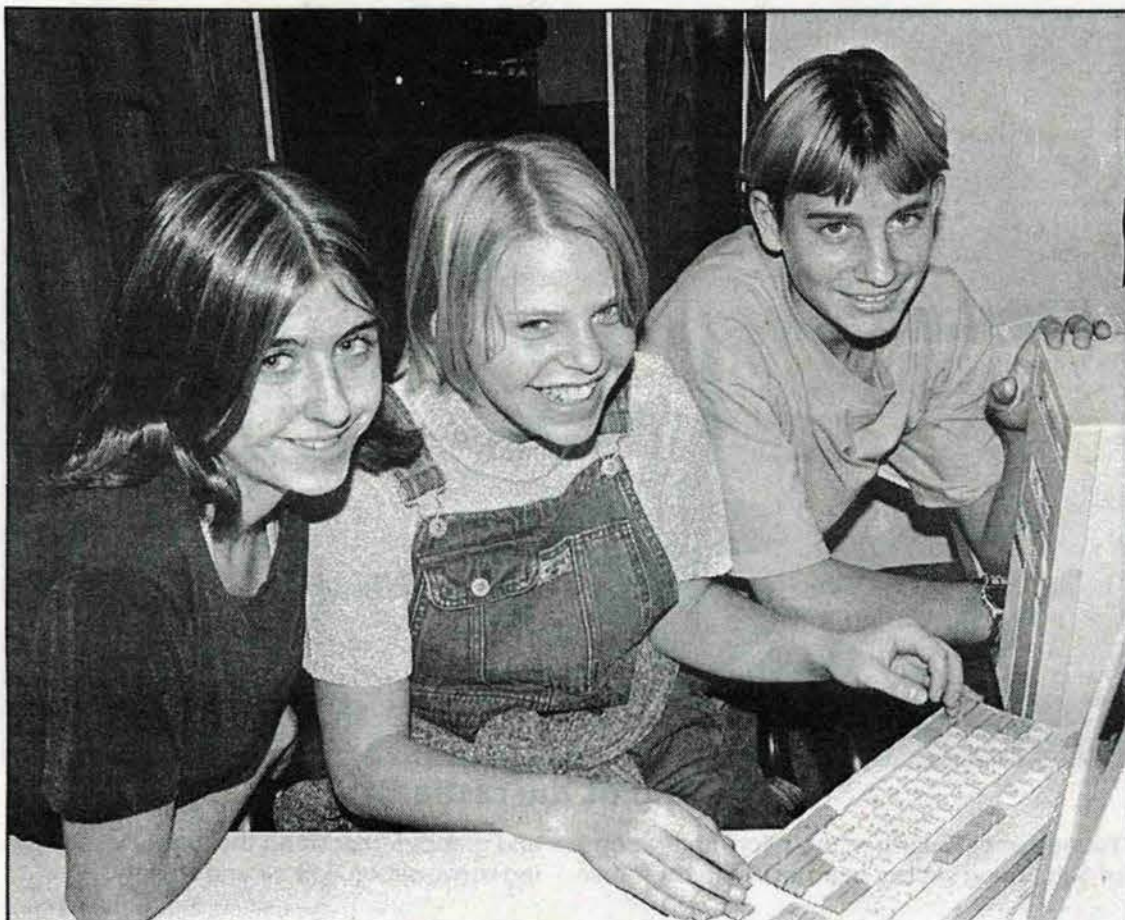
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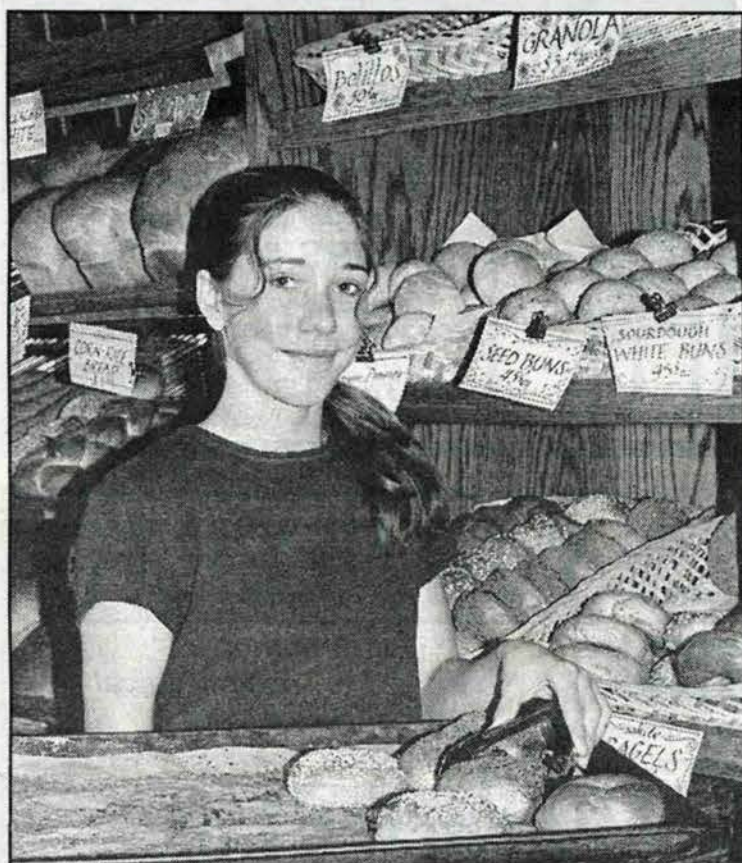
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Trying out a computer-based business at Imagen Communications Wednesday were 14-year-olds, from left, Kachina Brown, Markianna Jones and Luke Bradley-Richmond. At left is Nova Chamberlin, 13, who spent Wednesday learning what dad Alan does for a living at Barb's Buns The four were among approximately 90 Gulf Islands students taking part in a Take Your Kid to Work program Wednesday.

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Proposed Bylaws No. 347, 348 and 349

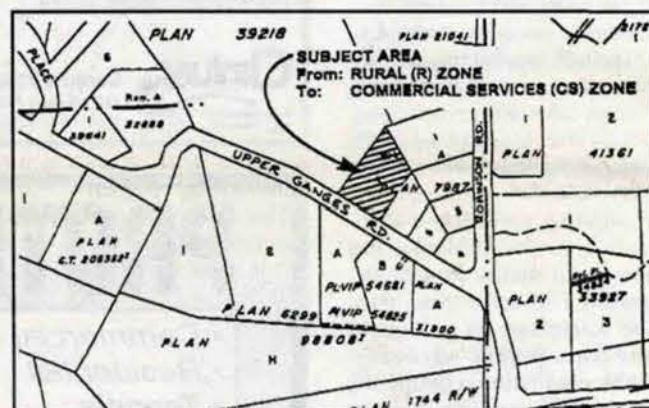
Notice is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing on proposed Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaws No. 347, 348 and 349, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed Bylaws, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 1997, in the Multi-Purpose Room, Gulf Islands Secondary School, 232 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC. A Public Information Session will be held prior to the Public Hearing, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 347, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1997".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to:

1. rezone Lot 7, Section 5, Range 3 East, Block A, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 7987, also known as 334 Upper Ganges Road, from Rural Zone (R) to Commercial Services Zone (CS), as shown on the following plan;
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2. Proposed Bylaw No. 348, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1997"

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to:

1. clarify the temporary nature of transient accommodation in commercial tourist accommodation zones;
2. permit bed & breakfast home occupations in the Uplands & Forest Zone;
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3. Proposed Bylaw No. 349, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 1997".

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Enquiries concerning the proposed Bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust, located at #1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9. Copies of the proposed Bylaws, and any reports that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect to the proposed Bylaws, are available for inspection at the above-noted address during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, from Monday, November 10, 1997, up to and including Monday, November 24, 1997. The proposed Bylaws may also be accessed via the internet at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca>

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

Gordon McIntosh
Secretary

GISS students spend day in the work force

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Teens got an inside look at the world of work last Wednesday when approximately 90 students from Gulf Islands Secondary participated in the federal Take Our Kids to Work program.

"I think it's good for them to have one day in the work world to realize how long it is," observed Maggie Allison, one of the two career consultants at the school who helped arrange the event.

The program was started in 1994 and this year involved approximately 407,000 students and employers across the country. In the Gulf Islands, there were 90 students and 85 employers involved, Allison said.

But because the islands are small communities and many of the students were already well aware of their parents' jobs — as opposed to urban communities where parents' work can be a mystery to their children — Allison said some trading was involved.

"We did sort of a creative twist on the program," she said. Some students who had already spent time at a parent's workplace traded with other students so each enjoyed a new experience.

"Our kids in a small community know really well what their parents do," Allison added.

For example, 13-year-old Nova Chamberlin said she had been to father Alan Chamberlin's workplace, Barb's Buns, before she spent Wednesday serving customers in the bakery. Her favourite part of the job was operating the espresso machine — and being relieved that she only had to report for work at 7:30 a.m. instead of 4 a.m. when the bakers start.

Nova hopes to become an actress. And 14-year-old Markianna Jones was accustomed to spending time in the family-run business, Imagen Communications, after school. "I've worked here before and I sort of know what to expect," she said.

She believes computers will be useful in her future career — she wants to be a writer — but doesn't plan a career in computing.

Not so the two friends she brought to work with her at Imagen.

Luke Bradley-Richmond, 14, wants to go into computer programming and 14-year-old Kachina Brown is interested in computer-assisted drafting.

Bradley-Richmond discovered he liked doing data entry and Brown was intrigued by the variety of passwords created by computer users.

Marsha Jones said she lined up several jobs for the students to do during the day, including some filing, data entry, answering the telephone and creating the disk sets for the software which Imagen hands out to the company's Internet service customers. The students arrived at 8:15 a.m. and stayed until just before 2:30 p.m.

Allison said approximately half the students were with parents and the remainder were with friends or host employers who volunteered to participate. The sponsors provided the school with information on organizing the event along with guidelines for participants.

For some students, the program meant a day off the island. One parent arranged for his daughter to spend a day at an architectural firm in Victoria. Another student spent half a day with air traffic control in the Victoria airport and half a day at the weather office, reflecting two jobs his father had done in the past.

Students also found a variety of work placement on Salt Spring. Amelia and Charlotte Argue spent the day at Salt Spring Island Llamas and Alpacos, Brandi Forsyth and Lael Johnson were at Greenwood's Intermediate Care Facility, Justine Simons was with the Salt Spring ambulance station and Eswen Blagdon with the Community Initiatives day program.

Four students, Korena Vine, Julia Keenan, Natalie North and Brad Smith, spent the day at school with Salt Spring Elementary principal Kevin Vine.

Amy Grayer was with tots at Tree Frog Daycare, Scott Richardson joined the Five Star Moving crew and Natalie Kingwell pitched in at Pharmasave.

Initial reaction to the day from both parents and teens was positive, judging by evaluations received so far, Allison said.

Ferry contract signed

A tentative two-year contract between B.C. Ferries and the 4,000-member B.C. Ferries Marine Workers' Union was signed Friday.

Deadline for ratification of the contract by workers and the B.C. Ferries board of directors is December 31. Both the union executive and the B.C. Ferries' negotiating committee are recommending acceptance of the contract.

Details of the contract will not be released until after the ratification votes. Earlier this year, workers turned down a tentative agreement reached in March, after approximately nine months of negotiations.

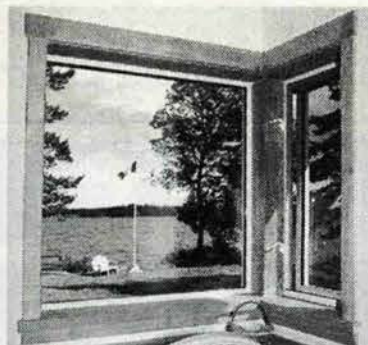
"We are confident that we have been able to resolve all of the outstanding issues," said Julia Bardos, B.C. Ferries vice-president of human resources.

The agreement includes a joint review of ways to increase productivity and increase revenues for the ferry corporation, Bardos noted, while still providing safe and efficient ferry service.

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SPORTS AND RECREATION



Battle for the ball

Soccer players in the U7 division vie for control of the ball as the Mad Dogs take on the

Cobras in Saturday morning soccer play at Portlock Park.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

'Tremenjous' game for FC

By ALAN WEBB

Driftwood Contributor

Victoria Kickers 1, Salt Spring FC 2

Mike Hill: Welcome to live coverage of international soccer on ESPN 2. Today, from Carnarvon Park, Victoria, Canada, it's Salt Spring FC and Victoria Kickers. I'm ESPN's token English commentator, Mike Hill, along with the Irishman Tommy Smith. And as we see the teams preparing for the kick-off, Tommy, we get a chance to look at the rosters. A lot of familiar faces in the FC side, Tommy.

Tom: That's right, Moik. We last seen FC a year an' a half ago when t'ey won t'league and t'is is a very similar side to that one.

Mike: In goal and having a fine season this far is Cree Binkley. And the defence, Tommy, is led by the Walde brothers, Andy and the captain, Colin.

Tom: That's roight. A lot of experience t'ere but t'big story may be t'play o' t'little fullback Eric Jorgensen. He's been absolutely brilliant t'is far.

Mike: Yes, with his shaved pate and his determined tackling he even resembles a Walde somewhat, Tommy.

Tom: Only to t'nearsighted, Moik. Walde's t'on't grow 'em t'at small.

Mike: The midfield is led by the Scotsman, #5, Duncan McGuffie and up front, Tommy, FC still fields the very dangerous troika of Harrison Jason, Corbin Scott and the Swedish International Mark Nordine.

Tom: Well, it's t'man in t' #10 shirt whose t'one t'watch here, Moik. Scott's a tremenjous striker o' t'ball.

Mike: And patrolling the touch-line in sunglasses and casual clothes, the coach, former FC and Lakehill star Lyle Brown.

Tom: Tat's roight, Moik. Ken Marr has gone into semi-retirement on his ranch where he's breeding Scotsmen and horses.

John Cleese: And now for something completely different, a Scotsman on a horse.

Mike: And we're under way. The Kickers take the kick-off and knock it back into their area. Josh Byron closes them down ... and the ball has struck him and fallen for McGuffie. And it's there. McGuffie has scored for FC and what an astonishing turn of events, Tommy!

Tom: Oh, tat was dreadful play, Moik. T'ey walk t'ball back into t'eir own zone and t'en give it up to Byron and McGuffie says, "T'ank you very much," and slides it home, and tere's t'bulge in t'old onion bag.

Mike: ... FC still leading from that first-minute goal and now it's Pete Aust ... pushes it for Dave McColl, McColl ... tries one! He's scored! McColl takes the pass from Aust, one touch to control and fires a bullet past the Kicker 'keeper.

Tom: T'is a brilliant goal, Moik. He takes t't'rough ball, gets it onto his utter foot and hammers it home. Tremenjous goal. He collects t'ball and boom! T'bulge in

t'ol' onion bag. Brilliant!

Mike: ... And there can't be too much time remaining on the referee's watch as the Kickers continue to press. Binkley has come off his line, and ... a penalty! The referee has awarded a penalty.

Tom: Well, he hat to to it, Moik. T'ree times t'ey tried and failed to clear and finally the goalkeeper says, "enough is enough" and rides him to t'ground like an Australian on a camel. T'referee hat no choice.

Mike: And there's the penalty and he slides it home to halve FC's lead 2-1.

Tom: Tremenjous shot. Binkley guesses right but t'ball squeezes right under him and t'ere's t'bulge in t'old onion bag. Brilliant. Tremenjous. Tremenjous shot.

Mike: ... And there's the final whistle and Salt Spring FC has defeated the Victoria Kickers by two goals to one.

And so for Tommy Smith, I'm Mike Hill, and this has been Match of the Day on ESPN 2. Coming up on ESPN 2, Corrections Facilities Football from Texas State Prison.

For our international audience, Toad Tossing from Australia. Goodnight from Victoria.

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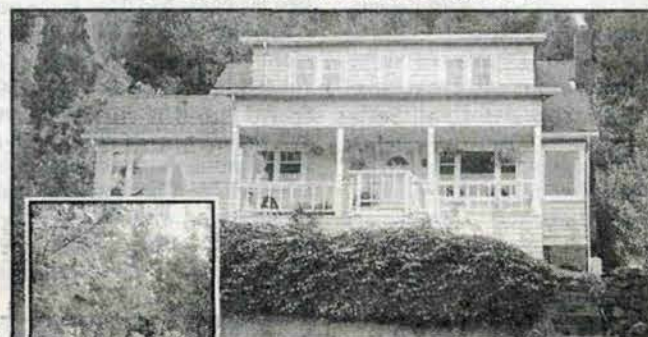


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Spencer will compete in numerous national events this year, travelling across Canada all the way to Newfoundland.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high scores in Kings Lane bowling league action last week.

Special Olympics: Stuart Elliot 143, Mahjor Bains 182, Sharon Way 170.

Circus league: Sam Cochrane 224.

Tuesday morning seniors: John Richardson 200, Ken Robinson 209, Isabelle Richardson 219, Edie Gear 217, Helmut Losch 203, Gordon Parsons 224.

Tuesday afternoon seniors: Vanda Winstone 205, Deke Noonan 233, Gwen McClung 237.

Wednesday ladies: Pat Taylor 236, Margaret Baker - 289/659, Frieda Lux 203, Nancy Mossop 244.

Golf ladies: Lorraine Toller 224, 212/608, Mary Campbell 208, Ruby Webster 202, 223, Mary Kirkpatrick 203, June Webb 201, Shirley Parsons 226.

Looney Tunes: Connie Hardy 267, 274/705, Lance Leask 205, 232, 243/680, Doug Sykes 222, Bob Graham 214.

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'Sudden death' shoot-out ends emotional but victorious game

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions claimed the North Vancouver Island senior boys soccer championship Friday.

Coach Doug Pearson described the Nanaimo event as "one of the most emotional playoffs in recent memory."

Gulf Islands took on Highlands from Comox and came out blazing, said Pearson. The local squad put on 20 minutes of continuous pressure before Tom Langdon finally notched the opening goal.

However, in the second half Highlands mounted a comeback and pushed GISS to the limit. With five minutes remaining, Tom Berry put Steffan Bond through on a counter-attack and Bond notched the insurance goal to the relief of everyone.

Pearson said the final turned out to be "a high school classic." Pitted against previously-undefeated Kwalicum, the Scorpions knew that they had to put on their best effort ever.

Three minutes into the game, Langdon pounced on a loose ball

in front of the net and slipped it past the goalkeeper. Then at the 30-minute mark there was a scramble in front of the Kwalicum net and Langdon was once again in the right place at the right time and suddenly it was 2-0 for the Scorpions.

Despite brilliant defending in the second half, Kwalicum stormed back with two goals. Both teams exchanged scoring chances and then Kwalicum scored stunning Salt Spring fans. Desperately, the Scorpions pressed for the equalizer as the clock ticked down and then, miraculously, Langdon dashed through the defence again and blasted home goal number three. As he was mobbed by teammates, the whistle sounded. The game would be decided by penalty kicks.

Pearson said that as darkness approached, fans from both teams moved nervously towards the "shootout" net. First up was sweeper Chris Urquhart, who had just played his best game ever. Everyone heard a "crack" as the ball hit the goal post.

The first Kwalicum shooter scored and Pearson said things looked grim with only four shooters left. However, Justin Smith, Mandu Goebel and Bond all scored while the fourth Kwalicum shooter missed.

The Scorpions' final shooter was red-hot Langdon, but the keeper made a terrific save on his shot.

If the next shooter scored it would have been all over for the Scorpions but he was stopped by Jonathan MacDonald.

The sixth sudden-death shooter was "rookie" Grade 10 student Jesse McEachern. He calmly stepped up and knocked the ball into the back of the net.

Finally, keeper Jonathan MacDonald made an outstanding save and everyone rushed towards him and buried him in triumph. "It was high school sports drama at its finest," said Pearson.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week the Scorpions go for glory at the provincials in Nanaimo.

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Slug regulars joined by 'farm team' for pair of losses

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Just when you think it can't get any worse, it does the Slugs' woes continued with a pair of losses this week.

The losing streak now stands at five games with the opposition outscoring the Slugs 25-8 during the drought. But losing is only the end result of our biggest problem, getting warm bodies into uniforms.

Our first game was against the Lake Cowichan Senators on Saturday night. On this evening, nearly one half of the nine skaters who showed up were call-ups from the Slugs farm team, the Fulford Flatulence. New faces consisted of Scott Wood, Daemon Baker, Jeff Walsh and Chad Kinnear and, needless to say, none of these guys knew what they were getting themselves into.

Now the handful of regular Slugs who did show up for this game were quite certain that we could beat the Senators with our regular lineup. But due to the fact that we don't know when the guys who didn't show up will get either early parole or be released from rehab, it meant this game would be an interesting affair to say the least.

This game started off as most

SLUG TRAIL

Slug games have recently, with the opposition hemming the boys in for extended periods of time. It took the new-look lineup a little while to figure out where everyone was supposed to be but once they did, they were able to mount some sort of attack which paid off with Paddy Akerman notching his first goal in four games.

That was the good news. The bad news was that we were already trailing 3-0 at that point. Despite this the lads didn't give up and following some hard forechecking and outstanding netminding we only managed to lose 5-1.

The second debacle of the week-end saw the Slugs face the Salt Air Sharks. This, for the regulars who did show up, was the second game in less than 24 hours and would really test their mettle, seeing as how most Slugs have to sleep at least that long after matches.

But the boys proved everyone wrong at the start of this game. Once again only nine skaters showed up, but this time eight of them were regulars. The only

unsuspecting soul in the lineup for this game was Brant Weninger and he fit in like a glove.

Right from the start, something was different. We got the puck across the centreline and we actually had the Sharks back on their heels. But also right off the bat we realized we were up against a red-hot net-minder. This didn't deter the boys, however, we just kept on taking it to them until we ran out of gas.

Entering the second minute of the game, cracks started showing in our armour. The biggest crack was Deadstop, who screened netminder Derek Topping for the first Sharks goal halfway through the opening period. But the boys didn't give up. Once they had Deadstop bound and gagged and locked in the dressing room they went back to work and put on an admirable show and even managed to tie the score partway through the middle frame. Paul Reynolds slapped in a rebound following a wild goal-mouth scramble in front of the Sharks net.

But the Sharks weren't done yet. With Don Sevigny in the penalty box for trying to teach one of the Sharks how to swear in French, the opponents took mere seconds to once again capture the lead.

The final period started off with a bang, literally. The Sharks, swarming in a frenzy in our zone, managed to crank a bullet drive towards Topping. But Topper, using all of his equipment, planned it perfectly so that the shot bounced off the post. The only problem was it went right to a wide open Sharks winger who only had to tap it in. This goal had a rather demoralizing effect on the team. Here we were playing well and getting nothing but bad breaks. What else could go wrong?

Just then Deadstop reappeared, having bribed a rink rat to cut him free. Back on the ice, he did what he does best, which is screen Topping with his Buick-sized butt so that the Sharks added yet another to take a 4-1 lead. In spite of this, the others carried on trying their best which paid off with another goal for the good guys. Paul Sinclair split the Sharks defence and got away a hard drive which their netminder stopped but gave up a big rebound to

Weninger, who popped it into the net.

By this late in the game the boys were getting very tired and Topping had developed a nervous twitch every time you-know-who stepped on the ice. This became most evident when, with just a minute left in the game, Topping missed a clearing pass from behind the opposition net because he was so worried what "His Largeness" would do next.

This ended the game at 5-2 for the Sharks but didn't end the

excitement for the evening. Topping was feeling so despondent about the last goal that he decided to end it all by jumping in front of the Vesuvius ferry as it was docking at Crofton. Fortunately, thanks to some fast maneuvering by the ferry captain and to the style of hockey that Topping plays, the boat went right between his legs and a crisis was averted.

Now if we can only get that ferry captain to come and play defence for us, we'll be away to the races.

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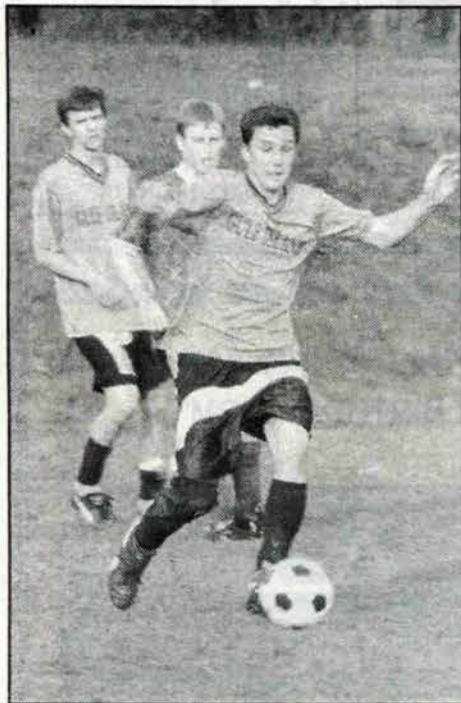
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Scorpions tie Woodlands

Justin Smith of the Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions looks a little surprised to find himself in possession of the ball during last Tuesday's game against Woodlands. The game finished in a 1-1 tie. The Scorpions went on to win the north island final. (See story elsewhere in this issue.)

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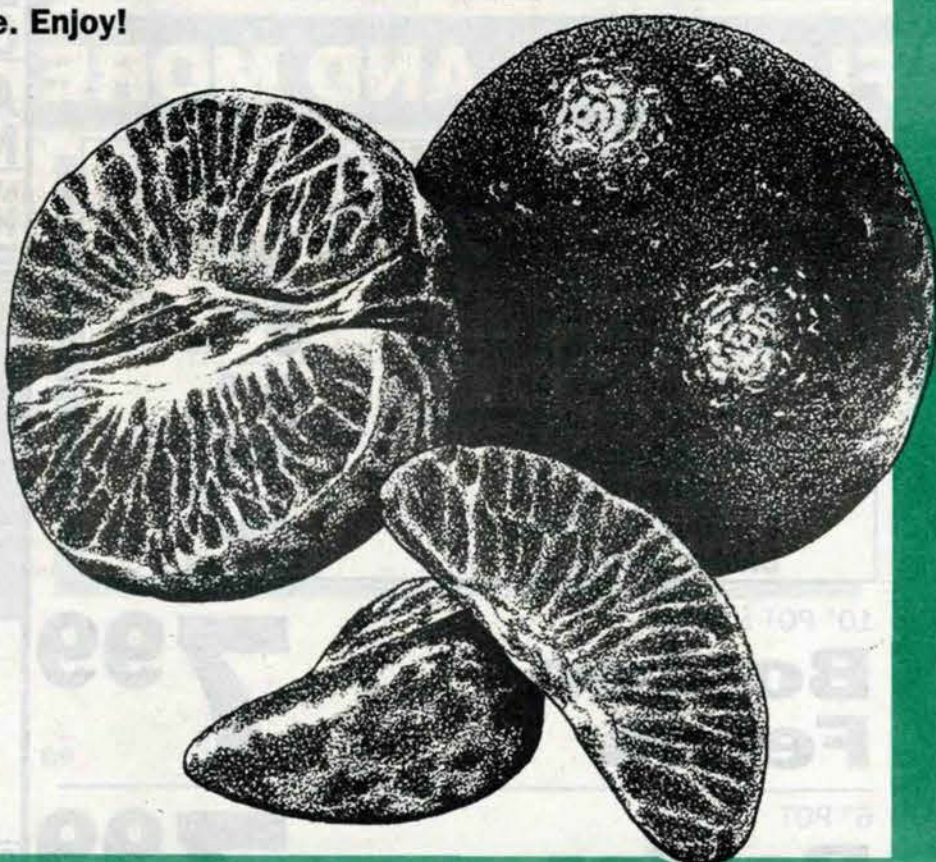
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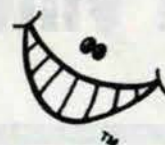
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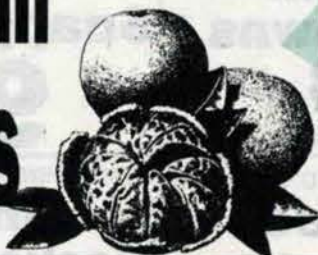
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Gzowski stop set for island

Fans of the long-running CBC Radio program *Morningside* will be happy to learn that host Peter Gzowski has included Salt Spring on a cross-country tour promoting his new book.

The veteran broadcaster hosted the program for the last 15 years and had a daily audience of almost 1.5 million listeners.

From the time Gzowski took over the program in 1982 until it ended last June, more than 30,000 interviews took place. Many of Gzowski's interviews included the stars of Canadian literature, such as Margaret Laurence, Robertson Davies, W.O. Mitchell, Alice Munro and Timothy Findley.

These interviews and more are included in Gzowski's new book, *The Morningside Years*. Included with the book is a compact disc that replays the *Morningside* theme music, as well as several interviews.

Gzowski will be on Salt Spring November 21, giving a short reading from his book and then opening the floor to a question-and-answer period. The event takes place in the upper hall of All Saints By-the-Sea, running from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at Volume II, Patterson's Store and at the door.

Gzowski agreed to include Salt Spring on his national book tour with the stipulation that proceeds from ticket sales be donated to the Salt Spring Celebration of Canadian Writers, the group bringing Gzowski to the island.



Service with a smile

Grade six student Tiffany Davies is one of several servers who dished up a delectable meal at a Core Inn fundraising dinner held Saturday night. The food was prepared by chef Doug Adsit, while Valdy provided the musical entertainment.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Sheri-D Wilson show not for 'faint-of-heart'

No one in the audience at a Sheri-D Wilson performance could walk away silenced by apathy.

They might be stunned into silence or ecstatic or mortified by the "action poet" who lives rather than reads her arguably outrageous work on stage. She last performed on Salt Spring at the 1997 Erotic Literary Evening.

On Friday she arrives at Lion's Hall on Bonnet Avenue for a show which tentatively includes a "duet" with island writer Brian Brett. The evening, which begins at 8 p.m., is not for the "faint-of-heart," says Brett.

Her three poetry collections are *Bull's Whips* and *Lamb's Wool*, *Swerve* and *Girl's Guide to Giving*

Head.

She has helped write and perform *Boy Wonder* for Ballet British Columbia, and has also held workshops and lectures at numerous institutions ranging from the University of Waterloo to Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design.

Her latest projects are a play called *The Sweet Taste of Lightning* and a video, called *World Travels*, based on her 1996 cross-Canada reading tour.

Admission to the November 14 Theatre Alive! and Canada Council-sponsored event is free, although donations are gratefully received since funds are needed to continue bringing writers to the island.

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Soprano takes centre stage

Well-known local soprano Janette Grey is presenting songs and arias by composers such as Faure, Gluck, Mozart and Saint-Saens at an upcoming afternoon concert.

Grey performs at All Saints By-the-Sea on Sunday, November 23, at 1 p.m.

She studied voice in Scotland before moving with her family to Canada, performing principal roles with the Rutherglen Operatic Society in the *Gondoliers* by Gilbert and Sullivan, *Rebel Maid* by Montague Phillips and *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss.

She also sang as soloist in Handel's *Messiah*, and *Elijah*, as well as being guest soloist at Robbie Burns suppers.

In Victoria, Grey sang with the

Choral Society, the University Chorus, Amity Singers with John Washburn, and Linden Singers, performing solos in church services and Handel's *Messiah*.

On Salt Spring, Grey has sung with the Salt Spring Singers, Tuned Air and Women of Note. She sings each week at Lady Minto and Greenwoods, performed in a successful recital last fall, has been guest soloist at Music and Munch, Burns dinners and has sung at a number of funeral services.



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- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Wednesday Night Live, 9 p.m., November 12.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Blues night with Dave Roland and Friends, with special guest Gary Preston, Thursday, November 13.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Open stage every Friday evening starting at 8 p.m.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Rock with The Bratz on Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Music Emporium** — Live music every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Gasoline Alley, across from Centennial Park.
- **Vesuvius Pub** — Simone Inertia and the Procrastinators perform on Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- **2 Hours Maxx** — Lisa Maxx in concert at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday, November 15. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at et cetera and Patterson's.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Derrick, Ray and Lloyd Quintet, November 16, 7 p.m.
- **Una Notte Stupenda** — A musical event that includes something for everyone. Mary Anne Barcellona, soprano; Michael Collins, basso cantante; Sharon Wishart, accompanist; and guest artist Betty Rothwell, mezzo soprano, in concert at All Saints By-the-Sea on Sunday, November 16 at 2 p.m., doors

open at 1:15 p.m. Also performing Saturday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students, and are available at et cetera and Sharon's.

Community TV

- **Wednesday, November 12** — 7 p.m., Talk Around the Rock Remembrance Week Special
- 8 p.m., Viewer Video: Fun with Children's Soccer
- 8:30 p.m., Satsang with Ganga Ji
- **Sunday, November 16** — 6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock with Dave Phillips
- 7 p.m., Viewer Video: Fun with Children's Soccer
- 7:30 p.m., Satsang with Ganga Ji

Stage

- **Waiting for the Parade** — An Active P.A.S.S. presentation by John Murrell, about Canadian women waiting at home during World War II. November 14, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m., Mahon Hall.

Family

- **Pre-School Storytime** — Mary Hawkins Library, every Monday at 10 a.m. The more the merrier!
- **Storytime at West of the Moon** — Every Tuesday morning. Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join us!

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- **Thunderbird Gallery** — An evening soiree Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. Wine tasting with Steve Coopman,

"down under" canapés by chef Doug Adsit, and new works by artist Paul Bryans. Call 537-1144 to reserve. Tickets \$25 per person.

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- **Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar** — Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at All Saints By-the-Sea.
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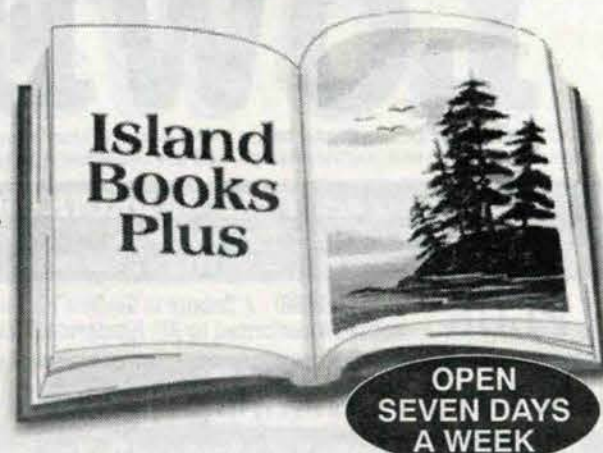
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Flamenco group set for 'red-hot' shows

Islanders are in for a memorable time next Saturday when Rosario Ancer and her red-hot flamenco group ignites Beaver Point Hall.

In Vancouver, Ancer is flamenco. She and husband Victor Kolstee run the dance studio Centro Flamenco, organize the perennially sold-out Annual Flamenco Festival and are in high demand for public appearances.

A seven-member group of dancers, guitarists and singers will put on the Salt Spring show.

People who saw their performance here a few years ago have been impatient for a repeat, notes organizer Bob Potter — hence the Rosario Returns to the Hall subtitle of the November 22 shows.

There is an afternoon performance at 3 p.m. and an evening cabaret beginning at 8 p.m.

Ancer probably understands why islanders who saw her the last time couldn't forget the experience.

As she told the Vancouver Courier in June of this year, "If you get hooked on flamenco, you can't leave, whether you are dancing, playing music or just watching."

Flamenco music and dance orig-

inated in the Andalusian region of southern Spain, its roots in East Indian, Arabic and European Gypsy music, nurtured through a turbulent period of history.

In material supplied by Ancer and Kolstee, the elements of flamenco are described.

"The essence of flamenco is 'cante' or song, often accompanied by guitar music, hand clapping and improvised dance. The music and dance fall into three categories, 'jondo' or 'grande' (profound or deep) which is intensely sad and deals with themes of death, anguish, despair or religious sentiments; 'intermedio' (intermediate), less profound but also moving, often with an oriental cast to the music; and 'chico,' (small or light) with subjects of love, ribald humour and happiness.

While flamenco has been recently popularized by groups such as the Gipsy Kings and Ottmar Liebert, Ancer and company will heat up Beaver Point Hall with the "real thing" at its finest next weekend.

Tickets for the matinee performance are \$7; the cabaret costs \$17. Tickets are available at et cetera.



SHE'S BACK: Flamenco artist Rosario Ancer, along with guitarist husband Victor Kolstee and five other performers come to Beaver Point Hall November 22 for two shows. Popularity of a previous performance demanded their return.

War time play succeeds in stirring hearts

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

I remember how affected I was by reading Barry Broadfoot's *The War Years* book in high school.

Digesting first-person accounts of what Canadians went through gave history a "live" voice not heard before.

Watching Active P.A.S.S.'s production of *Waiting for the Parade* at Mahon Hall Saturday night had a similar effect.

With authentic characters, set and costumes we are transported back to 1940s Calgary. "There's a war on!" as duty-stricken Janet (Sue Newman) reminds the other four women in the play. We witness the lives of Janet, Eve, Margaret, Catherine and Marta as they wait — for letters, news, hope and, eventually, parades to mark the end of the war.

John Murrell's play shows what a huge effect the Second World War had on people in Canada, what the women believed and how they and their beliefs changed with time.

At one point Eve (Caitlin Brownrigg) and Catherine (Ann Cullingham) are trying to find something besides the war to talk about. "Isn't anything else happening in the world anymore?" asks Eve.

As director Margaret Jardine knew from seeing the play years ago in Ottawa, *Waiting for the Parade* is an excellent, artfully-crafted character story and the five Salt Spring actors did a marvelous job. Their characters are entirely credible and endearing — even the "sergeant-major" Janet, in her own way. They grow as individuals and in their relationships with each other.

I couldn't help feeling immense sympathy for Lottie Devindisch's portrayal of the Germany-born Marta — the discrimination and pain she endured! I don't think Murrell's play could have been really extraordinary without that element, and Devindisch gave us its maximum effect.

While the core subject is obviously serious in *Waiting for the Parade*, there is ample humour, too. Lynda Jensen as Margaret, the worried, pessimistic mother of two young men, provided ironic lightness. Cullingham's Catherine, left at home by her gung-ho husband, showed us so well the loneliness women must have experienced. The teacher Eve is the woman who seems to change the most through the war years and Brownrigg realistically portrayed her growth.

Each scene in this play has impact. No words or actions are wasted.

I hate to criticize enthusiasm, but Saturday's audience started clapping after each scene — the first time spontaneously and then it seemed because they thought it wouldn't be respectful to carry it on. But there are numerous scenes in this play so the evening contained lots of clapping which often interfered with the mood-changing music or sound effects intended to set the next scene, or even the chance to reflect on the previous scene.

While on the subject, the smooth changing of scenes and handling of lights and sound is a credit to the technical and backstage crew.

The women are always doing something — rolling bandages, arranging fruit baskets, practising their singing, dolling themselves up — there are lots of items to keep track of. The variety of the action is also one of the play's strengths.

At various points I wondered how some of the older people in the audience felt; what it may have stirred in them. Purely for interest's sake, I would enjoy hearing feedback about the play's effect on people who remember the war.

Waiting for the Parade runs this Friday through Sunday, 8 p.m. at Mahon Hall. Tickets are \$10 and available at et cetera. There may be some available at the door but I don't recommend taking a chance and missing it.

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STRING QUARTET: Salt Spring cellist Paula Kiffner, right, will be joined by fellow musicians, from left, Trudi Conrad, Corinne Hambourg and Christine Prince in a concert set for Victoria this Friday.

Local cellist performs in Victoria

For fans of cellist Paula Kiffner and string quartet music, a trip to Victoria may be in order this Friday.

The well-known cellist and Salt Spring resident joins other Victoria Conservatory of Music faculty members in a performance of music from the Romantic era on November 14 at 8 p.m. in the Young Building Auditorium at the

Landsdowne campus of Camosun College.

The string quartet of Trudi Conrad (violin), Corinne Hambourg (violin), Christine Prince (viola) and Kiffner will perform Schubert's Quartettsatz in C-minor and Mendelssohn's Quartet in E major, Opus 12.

Kiffner will also team up with pianist Eve Solar-Kinderman in

Schumann's Five Pieces in Folk Style, Opus 102.

Further concerts in the series will be held February 6, March 13 and April 9, 1998.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. Series tickets are also available.

For information, call 250-386-5311.

(m)Other Tongue writing workshops teach fiction, freelancing and poetry

Island writers can shine up their computer keys and sharpen their pencils in anticipation of workshops set to run this November.

Organized by (m)Other Tongue Press as part of its Fall Writing Workshop series, the writing sessions range from classes in short fiction to the art of freelancing.

On November 15, a five-hour workshop on freelancing will be led by freelance writers Sandra McKenzie and Tom Koppel.

The workshop will explore the realities and challenges involved in writing for magazines, covering everything from "deadline to byline."

Both facilitators have written articles for numerous Canadian maga-

zines. The workshop runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$65.

There are still a couple of spaces left in Poemcrazy, led by renowned Canadian poet Susan Musgrave on four consecutive Sundays.

Running November 16 to December 7, the workshop will focus on "big themes — from the unfinished business of childhood, the past and family, love and death to pain and possibilities and 'arriving at the light'," notes promotional material provided by (m)Other Tongue Press.

The workshop will involve helpful exercises and provide each participant with an opportunity to discuss his/her own poetry.

Writers of short fiction will also

have their day in two Saturday workshops running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., November 29 and December 6, with writer Rachel Wyatt, whose fiction was recently heard on CBC Radio's Between the Covers program.

Participants will read from their own work, offer constructive critiques of others' work and consider several aspects of short fiction writing.

Wyatt is a playwright, radio dramatist and fiction writer. She is also the director of writing at The Banff Centre.

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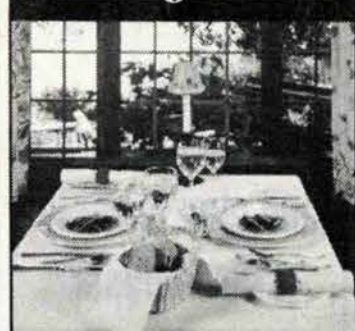
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MUSIC to the MAXX

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Lisa Maxx's pain-killers are served up in bars, half-notes and quarter-notes spilling from her guitar, soaring on her voice.

When she is performing, the slender 36-year-old woman is transported beyond the pain that imprisons her, which at its worst hampers her ability to stand, to walk and to sleep.

"Music is the one thing that really helps me," she says.

She has been told that when she is performing, the beast is soothed and the pain reflected in her face fades.

It's true, she says. When she performs, the pain is gone.

Which is why her upcoming solo concert, this Saturday in Beaver Point Hall, is important both musically and personally.

"It gives me something to focus on outside of the physical body," she observes.

She needs the focus to help her cope with yet another attack of the crippling arthritis which first struck three years ago. She remembers at that time thinking that when her knees became swollen she would just rest for a week and then resume her active life.

But that is not what happened. Over the past three years the arthritis has stubbornly refused to vanish, forcing Maxx to draw on her emotional, spiritual and physical resources to maintain her positive spirit and fight the disease.

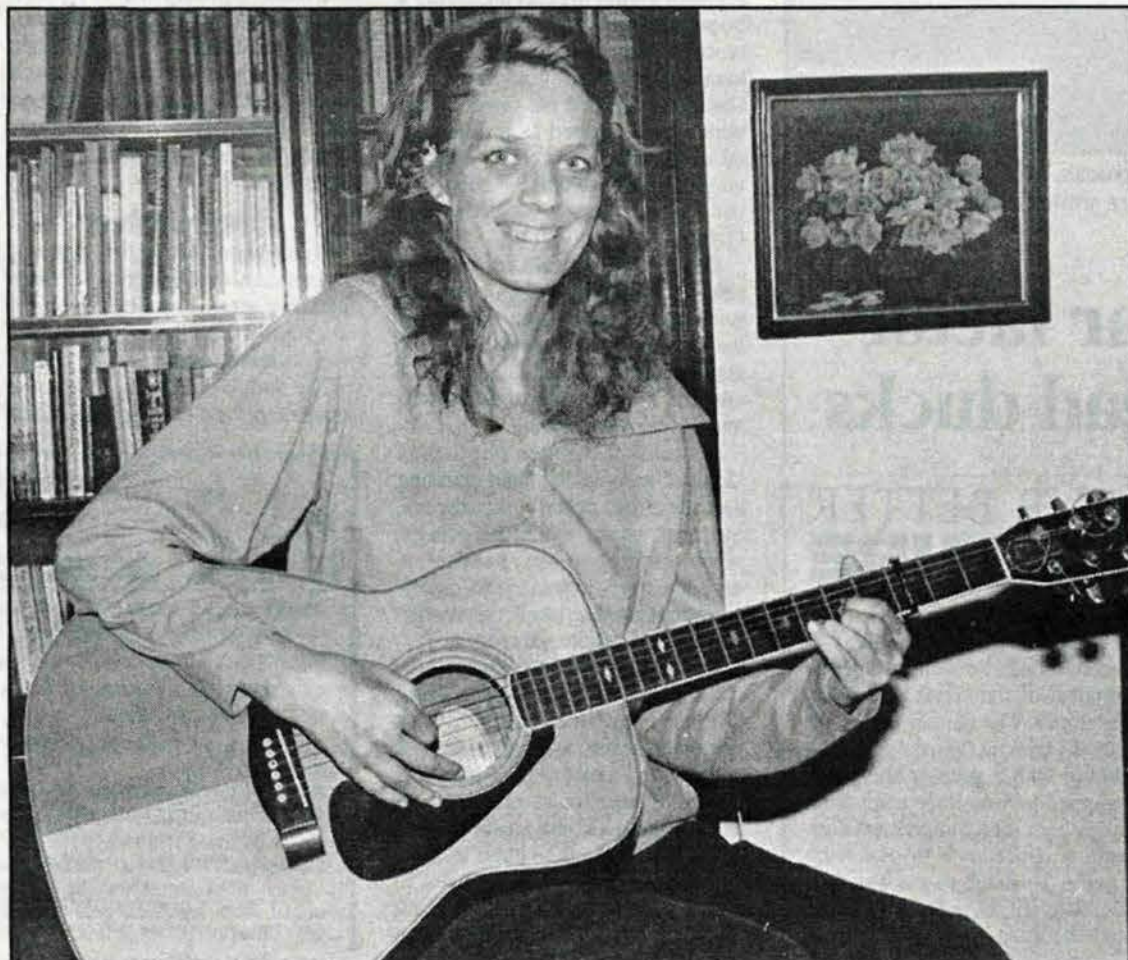
"It's really been a good teacher in taking one day at a time," she said. This fall the arthritis has flared up again, as it has when the season changed the past two years. Maxx struggles to stand and uses a walker to inch around her home.

When life is good, she revels in it. When not, she tries to sleep to ease the pain and hope she will wake up to a better moment.

The medical prognosis is uncertain. Maxx dislikes naming the disease and describing the symptoms, as if doing that gives it more power over her life.

"I'm keeping the hope and belief that I will return to good health."

It was the onset of the disease that forced Maxx to focus her energy on what she most loved: the writing, playing and singing of songs. "You don't want to waste your life not doing what your passion is," she says. "I'd better start



Island singer takes refuge in music

MAXXED OUT MUSIC: Singer-songwriter Lisa Maxx performs this Saturday at Beaver Point Hall in a concert entitled Two Hours Maxx.

She started performing on Salt Spring as a teenager and has written more than 100 songs.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

really doing what it is I'm passionate about and that is music."

When the disabling arthritis first struck, her first refuge was music, singing along to tapes. She has continued writing and singing, creating more than 100 songs, despite obstacles created by the arthritis.

"If the guitar is sitting across the room, I can't pick it up and carry it over here," she confesses, perched on a daybed in her living room.

A walker waits to assist her painfully slow progress when she must move: a wheeled table keeps as much of her life as possible within easy reach. Ideally, she would be able to exercise in a swimming pool, which keeps weight off damaged joints and allows her to strengthen her mus-

cles.

But there is no pool on Salt Spring and it is difficult to travel off-island for aqua therapy. Fortunately, she can still drive a vehicle and home support helps her maintain the cosy place she shares with 11-year-old daughter Jessica.

Jessica, she notes, is also helpful although she strives not to rely too much on her daughter.

"I'm keeping the hope and belief that I will return to good health."

"I get frustrated because it hurts when I play," she admits.

She used to be able to play guitar for hours. Now she must pace herself and the old-fashioned piano tucked into a corner of the

living room is closed.

Still, her talent and optimism shine through. "I've had a lot of encouragement from friends and family — people who've stopped me in the street and said, 'aren't you the singer?'"

Many islanders have heard her perform. She began singing on Salt Spring as a teenager, and remembers downtown Ganges when stores were flooded after heavy rain.

"I'm almost an old islander now," she says.

Almost a decade ago she performed with the Lisa Maxx Band. As a soloist, she has opened for island performances by Buffy Sainte Marie and Rory McLeod and shared the stage in other concerts.

But Saturday's performance will be a new challenge: her first

solo concert, albeit with a lot of support from other island performers. Slated to share the stage are Sandra Profitt, Kate Bragg, Brian "Buck" McDonald, Graeme Maltby, Terry Warbey, Arvid Chalmers and Lisa and Charlie Erck.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. to specialty coffee and goodies catered by Interlude. The show starts at 8 p.m. and will include two 40-minute sets. Maxx plans to perform some cover songs and much of her own work, some familiar to islanders and some new.

She describes her work as "new country flavour, a lot of ballads, a lot of songs of the heart."

Some reflect her upbeat attitude and humour, other pieces tug at heartstrings and tear ducts.

"I get blamed a lot for ruining people's make-up."

She remembers learning about the power of performance when she was 12 at a Beaver Point Hall dance. The musicians would perform, delighting the audience, and the audience's delight would in turn fuel the musicians' performance.

"I remember thinking 'what an amazing thing, to be up there, to be able to sing and give this joy'."

The singer in the band that night, Wende Sinclair, became the young Maxx's idol and mentor. Maxx still occasionally dedicates a performance to Sinclair.

Although physically Maxx cannot push herself, musically she is stretching her boundaries as far as she can.

"I'm open to the music taking me where it will. If it is to Beaver Point Hall once a year, that's fine. If it is to Nashville, that's fine too."

She quips her stage name, Lisa Maxx, will at least be easier for fans to remember than her legal name, Lisa Sigurgeirson.

"My last name has 12 letters in it and nobody knows how to say it or spell it."

The stage name will also fit better on the CD which is in production.

Given a choice between giving in and going with as much gusto as she can, Maxx chooses the gusto.

"I might as well laugh," she says.

And, on a similar note, she might as well sing.

"I might as well do what makes me feel good — because there's a lot in my life right now that doesn't feel good."

Pre-med student named university homecoming queen

The daughter of a Salt Spring Island couple has been named the University of Washington's 1997 Homecoming Queen in recognition of her academic achievements and "outstanding role in the community."

Melba Taylor's Homecoming Royalty status is the latest in a steady stream of awards and recognition given to the 25-year-old, who is the daughter of Stewart Road residents Amos and Joanne Van Pelt.

Earlier this year Taylor was awarded the \$20,000 National Institute of Health Undergraduate Research Scholarship. She has also won the African American

Student Recognition Award, the Presidential Scholarship and William Gerberding Award.

"She's well on her way," says Joanne Van Pelt, noting that her daughter will know in a few months if she has been accepted into medical school. "And she's beautiful too."

In the spring, the six-foot-tall Taylor was named Miss Black University of Washington.

Currently a senior studying biochemistry, Taylor has also been active on the university campus, founding ONYX, the African American Seniors Networking group, and holding the office of treasurer

for Delta Sigma Theta. She is also involved in the Black Student Union, undergraduate research and Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-medical honour society.

In the community she is involved with the Citizens' Oversight Panel for King County, which evaluates school-linked health centres. She is also the founder of Science with Melba — which exposes inner-city grade school students to science — and tutors high school math and science.

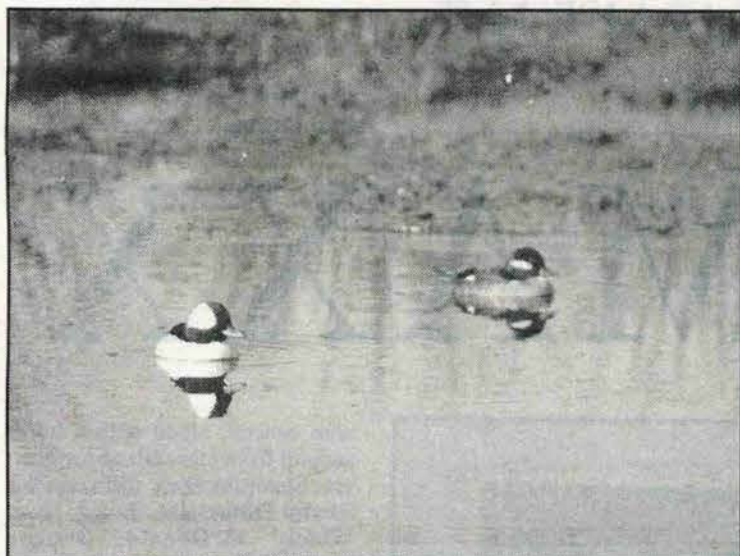
After completing her medical education, Taylor hopes to establish a health care clinic in a traditionally unserved area, focussing on local access to health

care and education. She is also interested in teaching medicine in a university setting.

The University of Washington's homecoming selections were based on academic excellence, campus and community involvement and leadership.

A 12-member panel reviewed 90 applications, short-listing and then interviewing 14 students. The top six candidates were selected for Homecoming Royalty, with two being named "king" and "queen."

As homecoming queen, Taylor wins a \$1,000 scholarship from the university's alumni association.



WARM FUZZIES: Bufflehead ducks, the smallest of the North American sea ducks, inspire smiles even as the winter "drearies" approach.

Photo by Jonathan Grant

'Teddy bear factor' in bufflehead ducks

By LINDA CANNON

Not much about November makes my heart leap, but I'll admit to feeling the warm fuzzies for one particular species of duck that has returned for the winter.

If you're a walker or a watcher, you've already noticed the seasonal turn-over in feathered residents. The summer folk have fled south and the winter migration is well under way.

If you haven't noticed these changes, take time and look. If you don't have time to look, then take a peek at Fulford Harbour, Long Harbour or Vesuvius Bay the next time you're rushing to the ferry. Ducks, grebes, loons ... they'll all be there, doing their thing, whether you're on time or not.

See if you can pick out a bufflehead. And be prepared to smile. Bufflehead have the Teddy Bear factor, that indefinable thing that makes you want to hug them. Perhaps our human hearts are fooled by them because, like babies, these ducks' heads are a little too big for their bodies.

At any rate, many of us have frozen our knuckles off smitten by the sight of these black and white butterballs bobbing about

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winter seas.

At about 33 centimetres (13 inches) long, bufflehead are the smallest of the North American sea ducks. The dapper males are white below, glossy black above, with a great white patch wrapped behind their head from eye to eye. The females are dark with a white oval above each cheek. In both sexes the bill seems small, especially so in the male because of that puffy head.

Bufflehead are lively divers that pop up and down like corks. They're also proficient flyers and can take off from the water without running along the surface the way other diving ducks do. Once bufflehead are airborne, you'll often see them skimming just above the water.

In November, the best time to spot bufflehead and other sea birds is before or after a good storm. If you are suffering from the here-comes-winter drearies, put on your warmest coat and gloves, trot down to the salt chuck and look for bufflehead. Your heart may not leap, but you'll feel better.

Party launches island arts season

The Saturna Arts and Concerts Society celebrated the beginning of the season with a wine and cheese party at the home of Brian and Jane Dixon-Warren Saturday night.

Close to 100 people attended the event and admired the handiwork of local artists and artisans.

Roger Friesen honoured the society with a carving donated as a door prize. Friesen credits the society with giving his carving career a boost and making his trademark wooden Santas a popular item at local galleries and craft fairs. Jim Campbell donated the raw material which he described as a dilapidated cedar fence post. The carving was a popular item at the show and the lucky winner was Melanie Gaines.

Other prize winners for gift certificates redeemable from either the wine and cheese party display or the local galleries were won by Roy Barrow (\$50), Ishbel Elliot (\$100) and the grand prize of \$150 was awarded to Geri Sinclair.

Some of the goods on display included samples of hand-spinning and weaving, pottery, woodwork, quilting, glass work, paintings, prints, photography, sheepskins, wooden toys, sewing and crafts, sculpture, poetry, jewellery, wooden utensils and handmade soap.

During the evening, local musicians Gord Kristjensen and Greg Sumner entertained the guests on piano and strings as people mingled and enjoyed a selection of wine and delicious appetizers provided by talented local kitchen artists.

The society took in close to \$700 at the door which will be used to cover expenses for the evening including the door prizes and wine. Their goal, which was well surpassed, was to meet expenses and to support the visual arts within the community as well as to promote subscriptions to this year's concert series. Funds from the door prizes

will go directly to the artists as the winners make their prize selection from the local galleries.

The coming season begins with a concert December 6 featuring Fiddlers GF, a group of eight young fiddlers between 16 and 21 years old. To date there are over 40 season ticket holders which is well over half of the society's goal of 60.

All concerts will be held on Saturday nights this year to make it more feasible for weekenders to attend. Subscribers who would like to join the team of directors would be welcome.

Fungi seekers

Mushrooms were the topic of discussion at Campbell's farm Saturday afternoon when close to 60 people joined Paul Kroeger for a walk in search of the prolific fungi.

The sunny bright day made the occasion perfect for studying mush-

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rooms or just hiking about admiring the autumn leaves. The walk was sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Campbell family provided accommodation for Kroeger and opened their farm to the walkers.

Pig barbecue

Next weekend Saturna's local firefighters invite everyone to the semi-annual pig barbecue. Dancing will follow dinner with music by a group from Galiano Island.

The bar opens at 4:30 and dinner is served at 6 p.m. Spanish rice and coleslaw are included on the menu.

Tickets are available at the usual locations and cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.



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OF THESE DATES

- NOV. 14, 17, 20, 25:** Flu Vaccine Clinic for seniors, SSI Health Office, phone for times & appointments.
- NOV. 14, 17, 20, 25:** CRD flu vaccine, @ CRD Health Office.
- NOV. 15:** Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar, All Saints Church, 10-2pm.
- NOV. 15:** SPCA Goods & Services Auction. Doors 6pm Meaden Hall-Legion. Auction starts 7pm. \$2. Refreshments.
- NOV. 15:** Lady Minto Hosp. Aux. Society, special sale of Thrift Shop items, meeting rm in hospital grounds, 10am - 3pm.
- NOV. 19:** Garden Club AGM & dinner, Seacourt Rest., 4-8pm.
- NOV. 19:** School Dist. 64, Education Day, GISS, all day.
- NOV. 19:** S.S. Health Assoc., Lady Minto Board rm. 4-5:30pm.
- NOV. 20:** UNICEF sale of cards & other gifts, Bank of Montreal, 10-3pm.
- NOV. 20:** "Island Pathways" Mexico (Baja) slide show, Hart Bradley Hall, 7:30pm.
- NOV. 24:** Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society, United Church Hall, 2pm.
- DEC. 3:** Music & Munch, All Saints by the Sea, 12:10pm.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
 - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
 - Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
 - Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
 - Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
 - Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
 - O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
 - Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - Sports & arts & crafts day, Core Inn Youth Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - SSI Painters' Guild meetings, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- French Conversation, Seniors for Seniors, 10-12pm.
 - Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
 - Luncheon, Seniors for Seniors, 12 noon.
 - Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
 - Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14.
 - Tony's Pizzeria, Core Inn, DJ and great pizza, 7-11pm.
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
 - SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00
 - Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
 - Games afternoon, Seniors for Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - Friday Feast, Core Inn Youth Centre, 6:30-8:30pm.
 - A Course in Miracles, study group, 552 Rainbow Rd. #A, 10-11:30.
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- EVERY MONDAY**
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
 - Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
 - Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
 - OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
 - Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
 - Spanish conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
 - SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
 - SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
 - Bandemonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.
 - Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm
 - Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - Autumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.
 - Children's storytime, Mary Hawkins Library, 10am.
 - Drawing class, library, 1:15-3:15.
 - Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea. mo.)
- EVERY TUESDAY**
- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
 - Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
 - Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 4:30-6. Archery lessons 3:30-4:30.
 - Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
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100-year-old guild still 'using hands' for church work

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Not many groups on Salt Spring can claim a century of activity.

St. Mark's Anglican Church Ladies Guild can do just that, however, and at this Sunday's service will be honoured for 100 years of taking care of the picturesque church at Central.

As current guild president Valerie Watt explains, looking after the altar and linens, arranging the church for communion services, creating a series of hangings, and buying items such as carpets, oak pews and books for communion are some of the guild's undertakings over the years. Guild members always ensure there are fresh flower arrangements in the church, and they join other island Anglican groups in fundraising teas and bazaars.

The church itself was built by Carl Walter, finished by Samuel Beddis in 1889 and consecrated in 1894.

The guild was inaugurated on November 11, 1897 with an initial meeting of 12 women at the Broadwells' home. Mrs. Broadwell was elected president and the Reverend E.F. Wilson — who recorded much early island history — became secretary-treasurer.

Present were Mrs. Berrow, Mrs. Collins, Miss Pedder, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Cotsford, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Mahaffy, Mrs. Percy Brown, Mrs. Ed Walter, Mrs. Wilson and the reverend's daughter Winnie. According to information compiled from historical documents by Sue Mouat, Wilson felt "that using one's hands to further the work of the church was more appropriate than raising money by concerts and theatricals."

After its first year, the guild had received \$10.50 in subscriptions, a \$4 donation from Mrs. Booth, and



\$31.60 from the sale of goods made. With \$10 paid for church insurance and \$30.05 for various materials, the guild had \$6.05 on hand.

A garden party held at the Wilsons' home in 1900 was likely the precursor to the Anglican Parish's annual bazaar. In 1938 the garden party title was dropped in favour of the Anglican Fete, which continued into the 1970s on the Harbour House grounds.

The group assisted the wider community, as well, paying off the balance owing on an organ purchased by the Divide School in 1903.

After meeting at the Broadwells' home, the guild met in the unused feed store in the creamery building in Ganges, which acted as a church and parish

meeting place until St. Mark's was built in 1913.

Mouat notes that few records exist for a number of years of the guild's life.

However, guild members continued to "use their hands" to beautify the church. It is known that Bunty Carvosso, Joan Springford, Freena Aitkens and Violet Case-Morris were responsible for much of St. Mark's needlework.

The November 16 service begins at 11:15 a.m. and a light lunch will be served afterwards. Everyone is welcome to visit the historic church.

Descendants of charter members may especially want to be part of the celebration — Hedger, Dodds, Gyves, Caldwell, Lee, Crofton and Weatherell are some

of the current family names descended from original guild organizers.

St. Mark's is a treasure box of island history, adorned with stained glass, rich hangings, carved oak and memorial plaques of all shapes and sizes, honouring pioneer and church-serving families. It is an intimate place where the flame of loving memories can be protected.

In a 1965 publication called St. Mark's On the Hill, John Rhodes Study wrote:

"When I enter St. Mark's on the hill, and sit alone and think about things a little, I have that feeling. This, I know, is a 'true' church, for me.

"In my mind, I have the idea, too, that something special must have touched it in the beginning."

BELOVED CHURCH: St. Mark's Church Ladies Guild president Valerie Watt places a fresh flower arrangement in the beautiful church at Central. Everyone is welcome to mark the guild's 100th anniversary at a church service on Sunday.

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Tibet slide show slated for All Saints on Friday

Tibet — it's a magical but now politically-repressed place that few will ever see.

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Tibet — a Poetic Journey through a Wounded Land comes to All Saints By-the-Sea this Friday evening. One show starts at 7:30, with a second running at 9 p.m.

Greenspoon, from Oak Bay, mounted 70 rolls of film taken on his own journey with a special stereo-realist 3-D camera. With

four slide projectors, special screen and 3-D glasses, the images seem to jump off the screen in real-life three-dimension.

The Chinese occupation of Tibet and concurrent human rights abuses spurred Greenspoon to travel to the country with a camera in hand, hoping to affect people back home with the images he captured.

Poetic Journey also includes a photo introduction from Courtney Milne's Sacred Earth.

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SPCA hopes costs can be met

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Help a homeless islander, sweeten your evening and pick up a treasure for yourself or a friend at this Saturday's SPCA auction.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for viewing and the auction starts at 7 p.m. in the Legion's Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Road. More than 120 items have been donated, ranging from eye treats like a Robert Bateman print to tongue treats like a quadruple chocolate cake.

"We have items for the very young to the not-so-young," SPCA president Cathie Newman said.

There's a skateboard, basketball and stuffed animals along with coffee makers, watches and pottery. Some donations have animal tie-ins, including cat-patterned sheets and oven mitts.

Local businesses have also given a number of donations, including a \$100 gift certificate from Fraser's Thimble Farm and an electronic auto locator from Quadratic Solutions/Radio Shack.

Newman notes local businesses are continually asked to support various causes yet still responded generously to the SPCA request for auction donations.

"Local craftspeople have also come through with flying colours

again this year with some beautiful handmade items available," Newman said.

The event will include both a silent auction and a bidding auction conducted by Peter Bardon and Randy Sloan.

"A number of items up for auction or silent auction would make great Christmas gifts," Newman said.

Admission is \$2 and includes dessert and a chance to win one of five door prizes. The winner of the SPCA quilt raffle will be drawn that evening, however, last minute tickets can be purchased at the event.

Newman said the auction has raised approximately \$5,000 in previous years.

The organization's second-largest fundraiser, the Christmas mail-out, will reach fewer homes this year because it is bulk mailed and anyone refusing "junk mail" will not receive the appeal. This year only 3,500 requests will be sent, compared to 4,800 last year.

"We are very concerned because we are in a deficit position of over \$5,000 so far this year and still have two months to go," Newman said.

One unexpected expense was caring for animals seized from a farm shortly before Christmas last year.

Another expense is moving the cat shed from private property to the

Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic. The shed must be moved because its current site has been sold.

Those expenses include clearing the land, drainage, electrical and plumbing connections, site preparation, fencing and the actual moving of the shed.

"A number of local people are helping out but the cost will still be significant," Newman said.

The SPCA had applied for a \$6,800 grant-in-aid from the regional district to defray moving costs but the group was turned down.

She expects the SPCA deficit will reach \$10,000, of which only \$6,000 to \$7,000 will be covered by auction proceeds and donations from the pre-Christmas appeal.

Other unexpected expenses have included replacing cat traps and portable cages because some of those lent out have not been returned.

The flood of homeless cats and kittens coming into the SPCA is continuing, increasing the SPCA's costs for food and litter, Newman said. There is a waiting list of cats to come into the shelter and the inspectors and some SPCA members have excess cats in their homes.

"In just seven years, one unsprayed cat and her offspring can produce over 450,000 cats," Newman pointed out.



UP FOR BIDS: SPCA president Cathie Newman and 13-year-old Skooner, a wheaten terrier cross, check out two of the items which will be available at Saturday's SPCA Goods and Services Auction: a skateboard and a stuffed dog. More than 120 items have been donated for the fundraising event, which starts with a preview at 6 p.m. in Meaden Hall.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

'Grounding' hematite needed to feel settled

This week's featured affirmation is "I love who I am and who I am becoming."

What is an affirmation? It is a statement of intent; something you wish to bring to your life; and a positive way of thinking.

I suggest taking a few minutes throughout the day to focus on yourself, preferably in front of a mirror, since our eyes are the mirror to our soul. Say your affirmation — you now have the intent — and trust!

Dear Carole,

I am very interested in the concept of chakras. I was recently told that my base chakra is off-balance. I have made many changes in the last months — a home move and a work change. Would this be the reason for the imbalance and could you suggest a crystal to help me get grounded? Thank you. Susan

Thank you for your letter! I am not at all surprised your base chakra is out of sync. It is known as the root chakra — no pun intended but you have been rather "uprooted" lately, to say the least!

This chakra or "wheel of energy" is the "seat" of all things and will erupt when changes are made. I suggest you meditate and bring the colour green to your base — you will have good results. A stone I suggest is hematite for grounding — to get the settled feeling back.

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Dear Carole,

I am a Capricorn born January 12, 1941 and my partner is a Virgo born September 10, 1940. We have had our share of tension in the last eight years from an iffy real estate purchase and illnesses. I need to know if we will relocate and have a better time of it. Thank you for your time. Grace from Salt Spring

Think positive — you are heading into a better cycle after February of '98. Focus in the next months will be on a comfortable move and more challenge in the work area. A settled feeling is coming to you — hang in. Both the move and the career area is familiar to you — no heavy surprises. I am going to suggest a couple of crystals for both you and your husband — rose quartz for contentment and some tiger eye for ambition.

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