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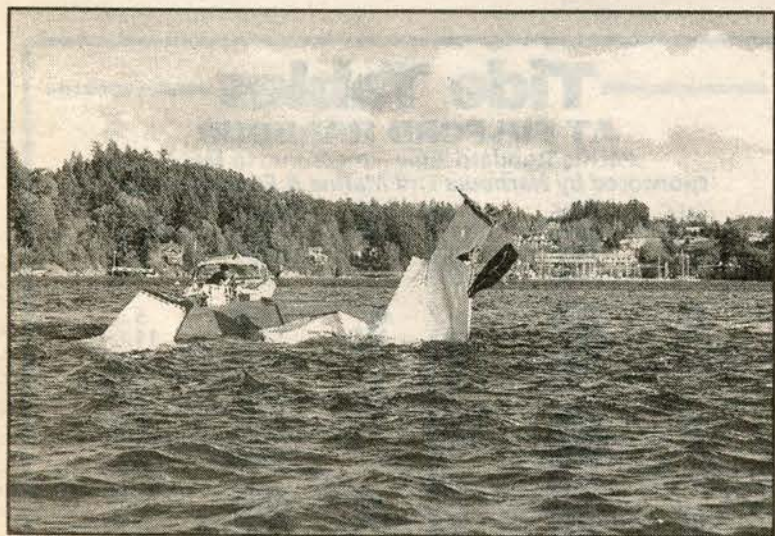
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Pilot okay after wind downs plane



PLANE CRASH: Damaged beyond repair, Gene Bellavance's plane is lifted, at right, from the water. Above, Bellavance oversees salvage of his plane, while below, a photo by accident witness Patti Whittaker shows the crash site.

Photos by Derrick Lundy and Patti Whittaker



Crash into Ganges Harbour destroys 'beloved' Cessna 180

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

An airborne Cessna 180 struck from the side by a gust of wind just after noon Friday overturned and crashed into Ganges Harbour.

But although Gene Bellavance suffered a gash on his forehead and lost his beloved airplane, the Salt Spring pilot said the crash has not changed his love

of flying.

"If I'd had another plane I'd have been flying Saturday," he said a few days after the crash.

Bellavance had executed a "routine take-off into a light head-wind." He was levelling out the plane at an altitude of between five and seven metres (15 to 20 feet), when the "micro-burst" of wind hit.

"It's similar to a wind shear,"

Bellavance said. "You can't see it coming and once it hits you there is not a thing you can do."

He tried unsuccessfully to recover the plane and then cut the throttle to lessen the impact of the crash. The plane landed upside-down in the water.

"I wasn't scared to death; I

PLANE CRASH 2

Analysis of ferry options shows improved service but no savings

There aren't any financial savings in options under consideration by the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee.

A detailed analysis by B.C. Ferries of six options was released last week for discussion at the next committee meeting December 12.

The study found the Village Bay hub concept offers improved service.

The current service, without the Skeena Queen on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route, would be the most cost-efficient for the corporation. With the inclusion of the Skeena Queen, the most cost-effective option is S7-1, which includes closing Long Harbour and routing all lower mainland traffic through Fulford Harbour.

The best service is offered by option S5-4, which proposes a Village Bay hub for Gulf Islands service and three ferries, the Skeena Queen, the Queen of Nanaimo and the Mayne Queen, home-ported on Salt Spring.

However, this option ranks third out of four financially and would rack up an estimated loss of \$125 million over 10 years, compared to the current service which is projected to lose \$98.6 million over 10 years.

One factor increasing the costs for all of the options except the base case, which is based on the service offered in 1996-97, is the addition of the Skeena Queen. Ferries spokesman Stephen Nussbaum said

Tuesday that the evaluation of the ferry's six-month trial period will be completed within two weeks.

Passenger amenities on the ferry will be improved during its first refit, Nussbaum said.

The \$22.6 million capital cost of the Century-class ferry is added to each of the Gulf Island options, minus the \$1.5 million the ferry corporation expects from selling the Bowen Queen.

However, analysis of the ferry service without the larger ferry on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route projects that within eight years vehicles would be left stranded at Fulford Harbour following the last summer sailings, either mid-week or on the weekend.

New funding policy threatens library

By **VALORIE LENNOX**
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring's unique volunteer-operated public library is under attack by a government policy which could eradicate the library's \$20,000-plus per capita annual provincial grant.

This year the library received a \$22,826 provincial grant along with a warning that starting next year, the province will cap the per capita provincial grant at an amount equal to the contribution from local government.

Salt Spring's library does not receive ongoing support from any local government.

Library Services director Barbara Greeniaus notes the new policy is designed to ensure local government provides adequate support for public library services. But the policy appears to have no provision for libraries in areas where there is no local government.

In response, the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association prepared a detailed report for provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs Michael Farnworth, explaining the library's operation.

Association president Lois Slotten had a meeting with Farnworth scheduled for last

LIBRARY 3

Gulf Islands growth rate higher than elsewhere

Population of the Gulf Islands grew by 2.5 per cent between 1996 and 1997, according to figures released Monday by BC Stats.

The growth rate is not only well over that of the Capital Regional District, whose population grew 0.9 per cent, but higher than that of the province, which registered a two per cent increase.

The Gulf Islands population was estimated at 14,023 at the end of July this year, up from the 1996 figure of 13,685. (That total is higher than the number determined by the 1991 census because BC Stats has factored in an "undercount" to compensate for people who were missed.)

Population figures for individual islands have not been compiled.

PLANE CRASH

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was quite calm," Bellavance said. "Then suddenly everything was quiet and I could hear the lapping of the water as it started to seep into the plane."

Bellavance reached into the back of the plane to recover his log and a floater coat.

"It took a minute to open the door," he said. "When you're upside down the handle swings the other way."

Bellavance climbed out of the cockpit and onto the exterior of the sinking plane where he was retrieved by Andre Dupuis, the first boater to reach the scene.

Second on the scene was a rubber boat owned by Long Harbour Road residents Neil and Patti Whittaker, who witnessed the crash and scrambled into their boat with life preservers.

"It was a terrible feeling," Patti Whittaker said. "We didn't know what we were going to be faced with when we got out there."

Just five minutes prior to the crash, the Whittakers watched another plane take off from the harbour.

"It was struggling," Patti recalled. "I said to my husband 'I wouldn't want to be doing that right now.' It was almost like a premonition."

By the time the Whittakers reached the crash site, a mayday call had alerted the community and several boats rushed towards the site, including the Spirit of B.C. which diverted from its course to launch one of its high-speed rescue craft.

Arriving next on the scene was the Enterprise from Harbours End Marina which had first-responder personnel on board.

Bellavance's immediate concern, he said, was to organize salvage of his plane, and he had already attached a tow line to Dupuis' boat. However, a cut in his forehead was bleeding profusely, and emergency personnel convinced him to return to shore where an ambulance was waiting. The cut was later stitched.

Ganges Coast Guard officer in charge Dave Howell was on the vessel 701 in Tsehum Harbour near Sidney when the mayday came in. He and his crew departed immediately for Ganges Harbour, about a 45-minute ride.

He said it was difficult to be en route to the scene, awaiting details: "We all know Gene and we were certainly relieved to hear that he was okay."

Three coast guard auxiliary vessels rushed to the scene, including the Ganges One, led by off-duty officer in charge Ian Kyle, Too and Again and the Cutty Shark.

Howell, who noted the coast guard has been actively training its auxiliary members, was pleased with their quick response.

"When the mayday went out, there was a good response in the harbour itself," Howell said, noting that Ross McLeod, aboard the coast guard auxiliary vessel Too and Again, was just entering the harbour at the time of the crash.

Within an hour of the accident, Ganges One had towed the aircraft into the harbour where Bellavance organized a salvage team, including a tow truck and a Dawes Excavating crane.

Although Bellavance knew the plane was damaged beyond repair, he felt responsible to salvage the wreckage quickly and in the best possible condition.

"It was the nicest 180 on the coast," Bellavance said of his plane.

He bought the Cessna in January and had just finished a major refurbishing job, which included stripping it down completely, re-doing the interior and installing leather seats.

"It flew like new," he said. "I'll get another plane someday, but it will never be as nice as that one."

The recent refurbishing and a not-yet-updated insurance policy has left the plane about \$40,000 underinsured.

The plane's maintenance man and Bellavance's son both chartered flights to Salt Spring to assist in dismantling the plane after the crash Friday. By 7 p.m., Bellavance said, they had it fully loaded on a truck and trailer and ready to take to Vancouver on Monday.

"The whole thing was incredible," he said. "I can't say enough about all the people who helped out."

Between the flying community and the Salt Spring community, he added, he has received condolence calls from "all over."

Bellavance, who was licensed to fly float planes just last July, is devastated by the loss of his plane but is not deterred from flying, nor has the crash scared him away from the sport.

"There's no way I could have survived that impact on land," he noted. "But I love flying and I'm gonna fly again."

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny with cloudy periods. 20% chance of precipitation. High 12.

Thursday: Mainly sunny; windy. 30% chance of precipitation. Low 4, high 11.

Friday: Mainly cloudy. 30% chance of precipitation. Low 4, high 10.

Saturday: Mainly cloudy. 30% chance of precipitation. Low 4, high 10.

Normal temperatures for the week: low 2, high 8.

Less rain recorded last month

Islanders got a chance to dry out last month with less rain than usual reported by Ganges weather observer Robert Aston.

November's rainfall was 13.5 centimetres (5.33 inches), 20 per cent less than the average rainfall for the month recorded over the past 20 years.

Aston notes average rainfall for November is 16.9 cms (6.65 inches), including two inches of snow. Temperatures were also mild throughout the month and 14 days were free of any precipitation.

"That's very good for November," Aston said.

FOR THE RECORD

Burgoyne United Church workers have been hard at it, but not quite to the extent reported in last week's Driftwood. Mark Hemmingsen and Tony Roland have used 90 litres (not gallons) of stripper in their work at the church, which has included stripping, sanding and applying three applications of polyurethane.

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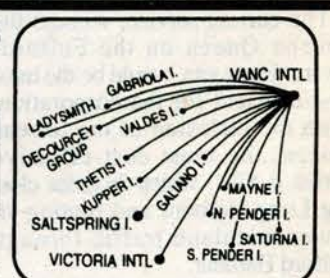
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Furness Road residents angered by increased traffic and noise

Increased traffic and activity at odd hours in the Furness Road area has piqued the interest of local police who plan to expand their presence in the area.

And the Ministry of Transportation and Highways may also have an increased presence there as it responds to the neighbourhood's request for installation of speed bumps on the road.

Ganges RCMP Constable Paul Seymour said Furness Road residents are growing irate as a "whole whack of cars" execute "donuts" and speed along the road.

A police spokesperson said a

Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw enforcement officer investigated the situation last week and issued a \$100 ticket for a noise infraction to residents at 250 Furness Road.

Loud music at a party three weekends ago apparently led to the bylaw infraction. Seymour said police received five or six noise complaints that weekend and attended the area several times.

Police curiosity has been peaked by increased traffic in the area at "non-peak" hours, Seymour added.

In response to complaints, police are sending extra patrols to the

area and planning sporadic road checks.

Installation of speed bumps on Furness Road is being considered at the request of residents, who want the speed bumps despite the hampering effects they would have on snow removal in the area.

The Islands Trust has also been requested by neighbours to address various alleged bylaw infractions. Area resident Bob Ellison asked trustees at the November 25 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting to enforce the Trust's land use bylaws regarding the property at 250 Furness Road.

LIBRARY: Under siege

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Wednesday but that meeting was cancelled, raising doubts about the library's budget for the coming year. The association is asking Farnworth to exempt the Salt Spring library from the requirement for local government funding in order to receive the provincial per capita grant.

"I don't know how they can possibly think that tax money is the only measure of support for a community library," Slotten said.

In her report to Farnworth, she cited all the other ways in which the community supports the library.

More than 100 volunteers operate the facility, which is fully staffed and open 38 hours a week. In addition to bequests, the library also receives an average of \$5,000 a year in community donations. In 1995, computerization of the library was supported by donations of \$30,000. Although library membership is free, Slotten notes that 83 per cent of adult members voluntarily pay the \$10 fee to join the library association and so support the library. Local organizations and businesses frequently donate goods or services.

As a result, Slotten notes the

library is able to spend 52 per cent of its budget on the purchase of books and other lending material, compared to a provincial average of 15 per cent. The library costs \$6.64 per island resident to operate, compared to a provincial average of \$24.10.

Slotten said the library has arranged a stopgap solution with a \$10,000 grant-in-aid approved by Capital Regional District (CRD) director Kellie Booth. That grant will count as a local government contribution and allow a per capita grant of up to \$10,000, thus ensuring the library will receive at least \$20,000 in government funding next year.

But Slotten said the library cannot expect the CRD grant again as current guidelines prohibit ongoing grants.

Slotten is also pointing out that the library offers a free service, refuting a claim made in a letter last July by B.C. Library Association president Frieda Wiebe that the "Salt Spring Library, through operating as a quasi-subscription library, does not exhibit the free and open access that the public has a right to expect from libraries in British Columbia."

Access to the library is free,

and more than 500 of the library patrons do use the service free-of-charge. "The Library Act says we can't charge - we don't charge."

Slotten said community support for the library is so strong that the majority of users voluntarily elect to pay the \$10 membership for the association.

Slotten demanded and received a written retraction of Wiebe's statement.

She hopes a meeting with Farnworth will be scheduled early in the new year so the library's status can be resolved.

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell has been following the library issue and feels the Salt Spring volunteers will be able to make their case once the meeting with Farnworth is re-scheduled.

"I think that Salt Spring is going to continue to push the case of the volunteer library as a positive option for the islands, unique to the islands," he said.

The volunteer library which serves North and South Pender Islands is also facing the same problem, he noted.

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Rezoning goes ahead despite 'time bomb' accusation

Two rezonings – one spawning public input and another not – and a multi-faceted housekeeping bylaw received second and third reading November 25.

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee propelled bylaws 347, 348 and 349 forward after the issues went to public hearing the previous evening.

Bylaw 347 rezones property at 334 Upper Ganges Road from Rural to Commercial Services to allow construction of a seafood packaging business by owner Sea Change Seafoods Ltd. As co-owner John Millerd explained at the November 24 public hearing, Sea Change grew from a garage to its current location at the end of McPhillips Avenue, which has been too small for about two years. A search for an appropriate

property ended in three different real estate offers falling through, he said, before the Upper Ganges Road property was acquired.

Some neighbours expressed concerns about the plan both through written letters and in person at the hearing. Allowing up to 30 per cent site coverage on the lot, when Sea Change's building will cover only eight per cent, was questioned most often.

Business co-owner Nicki Cameron said the main reason for not limiting potential coverage to eight per cent was due to requirements of financial lenders.

"We need to develop a proposal that has a value in order for the bank to be happy with our plans," she said. The property cannot be viewed as unadaptable to other uses should the bank or another

party acquire it in future.

She added that because of the nature of the property and other bylaw constraints, it was unlikely anyone could ever achieve 30 per cent site coverage.

Neighbour John Fulker still felt that by allowing 30 per cent site coverage the Trust was "creating a potential time bomb" like the C-4-zoned Bullock Lake property now being developed.

"If you permit it, somebody is going to build it..." he said.

At Tuesday's meeting, trustee David Borrowman said that in spite of "some misgivings" about the 30 per cent figure, he felt "the property was adequately protected by other provisions in the bylaw."

Bev Byron also acknowledged neighbours' concerns but said, "We can't put so many restrictions

on a commercial piece of land that we take away all of its commercial possibilities."

Trustees suggested placing a restrictive covenant on lands adjacent to Fulker's property before adopting the bylaw.

Construction of Salt Spring Village Resort at Bullock Lake was also one of the considerations behind Bylaw 348, which tightens up definitions of 'transient' and 'temporary' accommodation, and clarifies the intent of allowing buildings connected by breezeways.

The Trust received little public response to this bylaw, and most of it was favourable. Don Walser, who lives on North End Road, commended the Trust committee for acting on the complaints of his neighbourhood about excessive

use of resort property on St. Mary Lake.

Don Stevens and Colin Bisset, both of the Beddis Waterworks District, also spoke in favour of Bylaw 348 clauses which clarify that only one single-family dwelling can be built on properties in 13 different zones. Through stretching a provision allowing separate buildings to be connected by breezeways, some property owners had in effect been creating or planning to create more than one family dwelling. Bisset and Stevens noted this could affect their district's water supply.

Bylaw 349, which allowed the Bishop of Victoria to create a strata title rather than fee-simple subdivision on property just south of Ganges was not raised by the public at the hearing.

Trust issues addressed

Salt Spring's local Trust committee had a fair bit of business to address at its November 25 public meeting, and there were more people than usual to witness it.

Thirteen members of the public attended, and most made comments or asked questions about a range of subjects, from the official community plan to Crown lands to specific bylaw infractions and enforcement.

Meetings in the last year have attracted few people.

Trustees Bev Byron and David Borrowman gave approval to issuing a one-year temporary use permit for a 450-square-foot hairdressing salon at the Harbour House Hotel.

Approval was also given to a boundary adjustment on property located at 183 Margolin Drive. Because the land is partially in the Agricultural Land Reserve, the application was referred to the local Trust committee by the Agricultural Land Commission.

As Byron pointed out, the boundary adjustment puts the house and barn on the same lot.

The committee issued a development variance permit to applicants Hank and Mona

TRUST BRIEFS

Doerksen to allow construction of a garage up to five metres in height within the usual front and side setback limits.

One neighbour had objected to allowing the variance.

The local Trust committee passed 30 resolutions without meeting between September 23 and November 20.

These ranged from appointing Guy Rowell and Jamie Squier as Advisory Transportation Committee members to releasing a covenant on property owned by Texada Logging

A complete list of resolutions passed between public meetings is available from the Ganges Trust office.

Trustees Byron and Borrowman have proven a frugal pair so far this year, having spent only 36 per cent of their trustee expense budget, and only 32 per cent of their local expense budget – which covers items such as advertising and some office expenses.

Trustees give OCP first reading

Giving first reading to the island's official community plan (OCP) – Bylaw 345 – had a celebratory ring to it at the November 25 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee meeting.

Copies of the third OCP draft which the committee is putting forward for public debate and hearing are now available from the Ganges Trust office.

Local Trust committee member Bev Byron said she felt the proposed OCP was a compromise between islanders who want no regulations and those who want complete protection through regulation.

Trustee David Borrowman noted that including development permit areas for environmental protection sparked a

great deal of discussion in the community, including constructive criticism.

"We think we've gone a long way to meeting peoples' concerns," he said.

Trust committee chairman David Essig estimated the OCP could be made law within six months, with a public hearing possibly in February.

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Pathfinders Laura Richardson, left, and Cara Temmel hand out mandarin oranges and candy canes to the close to 200 children who attended the Bank of Montreal Saturday to relay Christmas wishes to Santa. Earlier, a ho-hoing Santa arrived in Ganges via plane and was greeted by a crowd of island children and adults.

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Island Savings Credit Union took the grand prize in Salt Spring's annual Christmas decorating contest, after judges viewed nearly 20 entries on Friday evening.

The credit union added local flavour to the "12 Days of Christmas" theme in designing a simple but effective window display. Judges Ann Coombs, of Coombs Consulting, and partner Alan Roaf were unanimous in their choice of Island Savings for the Best All-Round prize. It is worth \$150 as an advertising credit with the Gulf Islands Driftwood, sponsor of the event.

Winner of the best use of materials category was the Vesuvius Inn for its attention to detail and its clever use of seashells, starfish and other items. The Tangled Web, 124 Lower Ganges Road, placed second for its depiction of Little Red Riding Hood off to visit Grandma for Christmas.

Most creative display was that of Love My Kitchen, 140 Fulford-Ganges Road, which employed natural materials in producing a striking window display.

Mrs. Clean Laundromat, Gasoline Alley, placed second in that category for the creative use of laundry on a clothesline.

The Sophisticated Cow, 133 Hereford Avenue, was chosen for the best use of lights. The gallery-store, the judges discovered, stands as a brightly-lit beacon at the end of Hereford Avenue. STS Ltd. at 125 Grantville Street, a winner in this category last year, earned a second place this year.

The judges were impressed by the fact that Hal Keown of STS has 5,000 bulbs in his display. They were also impressed by the commitment of both Keown and the Vesuvius Inn to the local food bank. Donations can be dropped at both locations.

Other entries that caught the judges' attention:

- the Bank of Commerce for its fabulous snowflakes and its gift project for needy children;
- Clayworks, Mouat's Mall, for the handmade penguins;
- Island Star Video, Creekhous,

for Christmas lights strung on film, "a creative interpretation of their business;"

- Re/Max of Salt Spring, 131 Lower Ganges Road, for the open house and its price in candy canes;
- Thrifty Foods, Mouat Centre, for the sense of festivity created by its decorations;
- the Travel Shop, Harbour Building, for its plane;
- Uniglobe Pacific Travel, Creekhous, for the large amount of origami;
- Pegasus Gallery, Mouat's

Mall, for the basket-candles and waxed nylon line; and

- Ganges Village Cobbler, 118 Lower Ganges Road, for the train display which was close to one judge's heart.

Winners in each category receive \$100 worth of advertising; runners-up receive \$75 worth.

Coombs and Roaf travelled from Victoria to judge the contest. Coombs had offered to do so while on Salt Spring giving a seminar to local businesses earlier this year.



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Micro-brewery will produce 'flavourful' island ale

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Life on Salt Spring has its own unique flavour — so why shouldn't it be celebrated by its own unique beer?

That's the thinking of Bob Ellison and Murray Hunter, who are starting the Gulf Islands Brewing Company micro-brewery to produce a unique island taste in a bottle.

Their first product, dubbed Salt Spring Golden Ale, has been developed by brewmaster Hunter, who describes it as "just on the outside of the normal commercial taste, a tad more flavourful and aromatic."

Hunter has been brewing beer for five years and operating Murray's Brewplace for two and a half years. He developed the Salt Spring Golden Ale at his business, along with another, as-yet-unnamed darker and more flavourful ale created with five different malts and six different types of hops.

But products created at a u-brew business cannot be sold, so neither ale can be found in local pubs or restaurants, despite increasing demand from consumers for interesting brews.

That's why the island's first micro-brewery is being developed as a home-based business on Ellison's 16-acre south-end property, an idea which germinated last November when Ellison and Hunter both attended a beer festival in Victoria.

"There's a real market here for this type of brewery," Ellison said. Afficionados now tend to look for locally-produced beer when travelling and the response to date from local pubs and restaurants has been positive.

"Most of the reaction has been 'it's about time someone started a brewery here,'" Ellison said.

He notes part of the demand reflects the changing taste of baby boomers, who now seek a glass or two of really good beer on an evening out. "What they want is quality, not quantity."

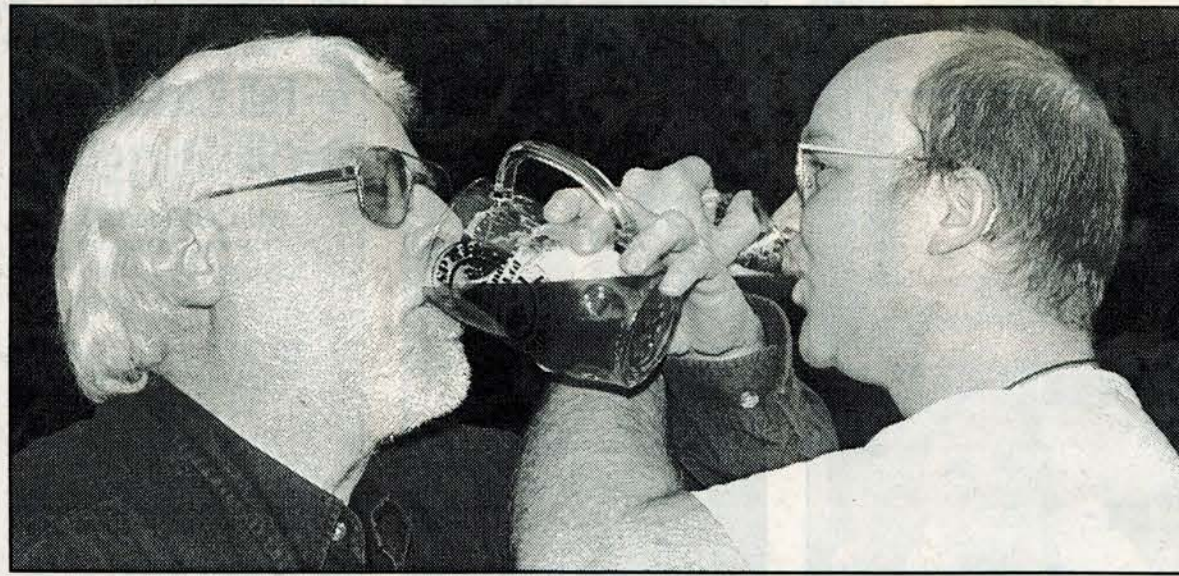
Ellison and Hunter expect the brewery, now under construction, will be in operation by next April. The building will look like an old-fashioned barn with the brewery operation designed to fit into 500 square feet, although the building will have additional space for future expansion.

They also plan to be environmentally friendly. Energy consumption will be reduced by such measures as building a cold room into the hillside, to take advantage of natural cooling. Use of water cooling instead of chemicals and the concept of a zero emissions brewery, for which all "waste" materials are re-used or recycled, are part of their proposal.

"We want to be a company with values," Hunter said. "A lot of it has to do with acting responsibly and with integrity."

They're also keeping the venture home-grown. While they're working on the physical foundations for their brewery, they're drawing on island investors for the financial foundation.

For the first year of operation,



BREW BUDDIES: Toasting the future of the Gulf Islands Brewing Company are founders Bob Ellison, left, and Murray Hunter. They are sampling their first product, Salt Spring Golden Ale.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

they estimate they need to raise \$100,000 in capital, most of which will go into machinery. To date, they have raised over half that amount from mainly Salt Spring investors.

Their first shareholders' meeting was held at the end of October and featured an update on the company's plans as well as samples of their ale.

They're seeking more shareholders to help launch the brewery. "We're doing this at a considerably lower start-up cost," Ellison said, noting the company is using existing assets like Ellison's property and the trucks from his water delivery business.

They have an agreement with the German-based Keggy drink systems to test-market the company's small, portable kegs, which will allow the island-produced ale to be sold as draft beer.

"We really think it's a vote of confidence by the Keggy company," Ellison said.

Another asset is the water from the island. "There's really only four ingredients in beer: water, hops, malted barley and yeast. And we've got tremendous water," he added.

They may also try to incorporate local grains or hops. Historically, Salt Spring was a good area for growing hops and Ellison said some people have expressed interest in reviving the crop.

Micro-breweries also have a well-established history, Ellison notes. Before the advent of mass production and transportation, every community had its own brewery and locally-developed brews.

"Historically, in all of the small towns in Europe, every little town had its own micro-brewery to supply its population. We're getting back to that now in North America," he said.

Micro-breweries supply only the local area, so do not need preservatives to allow for transportation or a longer shelf life.

Islanders will be the first to discover the taste of Gulf Islands Brewing Company products. "Our intention for the first few months is just to serve Salt Spring Island," Ellison said.

Then they hope to expand distribution of their product to the other Gulf Islands and to Vancouver Island, south of Nanaimo and north of Victoria.

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Teachers join B.C.-wide demand for increased education dollars

Gulf Islands teachers are joining other teachers province-wide in calling for increased education funding.

Funding cutbacks have eliminated school librarians and elementary school counselling services, notes Gulf Islands Teachers Association president Larry Field.

Province-wide, over the past six years, Field said funding per pupil has decreased by \$427 while enrolment has increased and the number of special needs children is up by 60 per cent.

"The cuts have hurt different districts in different ways," Field said. In this district, he noted, "school librarians no longer exist."

This loss deprives teachers of assistance with curriculum planning and instruction and deprives students of direct instruction in

searching out information. Librarians also help schools adapt to computer information technology.

Counselling services in elementary schools are also gone. "Teachers are overwhelmed by the ever-increasing social and emotional needs of students," he said.

"Classroom teachers do not have the professional qualifications and experience to handle many of the complex interventions required by professional counsellors."

Early intervention for children in crisis is becoming limited, he said.

In addition, the ratio of students to teachers has increased to one teacher for every 16.05 students from the 1990-91 ratio of one teacher for every 13.39 students.

The result has been larger classes and elimination of support services for teachers.

Affected are support for curriculum development and technology, gifted student programs, fine arts, secondary music, outdoor education, second languages and reductions in learning assistance.

Field said current funding by the province falls short of what is needed to sustain the province's world-class school system.

"We need a strong and united community voice to speak in support of our schools," he said, pointing out the provincial government has cited education and health care as priorities. "We really need Victoria to hear our pleas on behalf of our students because they deserve the best education we can give them. They'll need it to succeed in the 21st century."

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Courier aids EI recipients

A.C.E. Courier is helping employment insurance (EI) recipients cope with the postal strike by bringing E.I. cheques to the island post office.

Courier Robert Owen offered to pick up the cheques free of charge from the Victoria EI distribution centre and to also take in EI report cards from the island to Victoria for a 50 cent fee, the equivalent of a stamp.

The service started Friday with delivery of EI cheques to the island post office. EI report cards are being collected from KIS Office Services in Ganges and Patterson's Store in Fulford. The service will continue until the end of the strike, Owen said.

FIRE CALLS

A fire lit in one of the boy's washrooms in the lower level of Salt Spring Island Middle School caused minimal damage.

The fire was reported at 10:30 p.m. last Wednesday. Since the room has a concrete floor and walls, fire chief Les Wagg said there was no structural damage although there was minor smoke damage.

Firefighters were also called out at 4:25 a.m. Thursday to a fire in a 42-foot cabin cruiser berthed at Salt Spring Marina. People in nearby boats helped get the blaze under control initially, Wagg said.

Wagg said an electrical problem related to a combination washer-dryer on the boat is the suspected cause of the fire. He estimated damage at \$5,000 to \$10,000.

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OPINION

Library under fire — again

Debt-burdened governments have only two options when reducing their budgets: eliminate services or get someone else to pick up the tab.

In recent years, Canadians have seen both alternatives practised by almost all levels of government. Self-sufficiency is being encouraged as governments strive to transfer services from themselves to community.

So when a government stumbles across a glowing example of a self-generated community service, it ought to be trying to clone the marvel, not sweep it away.

But that has escaped the folks across the water in Victoria, who cannot seem to cope with the concept of a successful, volunteer-run community library like that on Salt Spring.

For the second time in three years, the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association is locking horns with provincial government regulations.

Three years ago the library association faced down a dictate from the province that it could not charge its \$10 user fee since new legislation required all libraries to be free to the public.

The local library appealed to the community. Islanders responded. More than 80 per cent of library users now voluntarily pay a \$10 membership fee to join the library association. That money replaces much of what was lost by elimination of the user fee, and the library is still free to those who choose not to join the association.

But community goodwill cannot resolve the current threat to the library's finances. In a bid to ensure local governments are also supporting library services, the provincial government is changing the rules for its 1998 grants to libraries.

The amount received by any library will be "capped" at the level of matching funds from the local government. Although a bit heavy-handed, the message the provincial government is sending is clear to local governments with taxpayer-funded library systems. Want provincial money for your library? Then fork over some local tax dollars to help support the service.

But the government's new tune doesn't play on Salt Spring, where there are no local tax dollars coming into the library coffers, there being no municipal government. There's lots of community support for the library — clearly seen in the volunteer hours, the donations and the \$10 per year forked over by the majority of users who appreciate their unique, well-stocked, professionally run library.

But that doesn't count.

At risk is a per-capita grant of \$20,000-plus. A partial stopgap for 1998 has been provided through a \$10,000 grant-in-aid from CRD regional director Kellie Booth. That grant could be counted as local government funding, guaranteeing at least \$10,000 in provincial funding.

But it is not a solution. The \$10,000 was an unusually large grant made to respond to this specific situation and library association members do not expect such largesse from the CRD grants-in-aid fund to continue.

A far better solution would be recognition by the provincial government of the uniqueness and value of Salt Spring's community supported library service. The service receives no tax dollars other than the provincial grant, is run by volunteers, is self-sustaining with a balanced budget and spends the majority of its budget on acquiring new materials for borrowers to enjoy.

In a time of over-taxation and government cutbacks, such a service should be emulated, not eliminated.

Cheers

Let's raise our mugs in a toast to a new island venture, Gulf Islands Brewery.

In creating their home-based micro-brewery, entrepreneurs Murray Hunter and Bob Ellison are going to tap into a market that gives a high priority to quality and one that favours the local product.

Homegrown goods, be they legal or otherwise, are preferred by many islanders. A Salt Spring ale ought to be able to capitalize on that preference. And microbreweries have a good track record in Canada for producing quality beer.

Moreover, with our own suds-producing factory on island, neither strikes, nor ferry breakdowns nor fare increases will keep us from the golden elixir.

Now if someone would just start making pretzels and beer nuts.



Sea Change Seafoods bylaw ignores Bullock Lake 'fiasco'

By JOHN FULKER

On November 25 the Islands Trust gave second and third reading to a zoning bylaw changing the zoning on a property at 334 Upper Ganges Road from Rural to Commercial Services.

The property has been purchased by Sea Change Seafoods in the hope that they can relocate their packing operation which currently takes place on McPhillips Avenue.

Bylaw 347 is a site-specific bylaw which applies only to this property. The owners of Sea Change Seafoods have gone to some lengths to explain their plans to area residents and to seek their input. In most regards the concerns have been addressed.

I personally, and I believe most of the other area residents, have no strong objection to the plans put forward by Sea Change Seafoods and the rezoning has the approval of most of us.

However, in one respect, it is my opinion that by accepting this zoning bylaw as currently worded, the Islands Trust has created for its successors a problem identical in nature, if not in magnitude, to the problem we inherited from earlier members of the Trust when they chose to place Commercial-4 zoning on the Bullock Lake property now owned by Salt Spring Island Village Resort.

The problem is one of potential density. Despite repeated correspondence from myself and letters from several other area residents, the wording of the bylaw permits site coverage of 30 per cent. This, to the uninitiated, sounds fine, it leaves 70 per cent of the site not covered by buildings. However, when translated into square feet, the 30 per cent coverage permits a building covering 18,000 square feet on the ground floor; since a two-storey building can be erected on the site this means a future owner could put up a 36,000-square-foot building.

This, coupled with the fact that the zoning permits certain types of retail operations, particularly one covering home building and repair supplies, leads to the possibility of future developers putting in a huge retail business with all of the traffic problems that must follow. This, I believe, is entirely inappropriate for the

location.

To put this potential size of building in perspective, the Home Design Centre main building covers 2,000 square feet, so we are faced with the possibility of a building nine times this size. The

ArtSpring building is less than 9,000 square feet; we could be faced with a building twice the size of ArtSpring.

Sea Change Seafoods owners' plans call for about 6,000 square feet, or 10 per cent site coverage. This is precisely what the first draft of the bylaw called for, and many feel exactly what should have stayed in place. Since the allowable size of building is so far in excess of anything that Sea Change plans to build, or could conceivably need to build in the future, why is the bylaw worded so as to permit it? It's no use saying it doesn't matter because no one would build it; if we are convinced no one will build it, why permit it? If we have learned nothing else from the Bullock Lake fiasco, it is surely that if the zoning permits it someone will try to do it.

The owners of Sea Change Seafoods say that they hope to be on the site for many years to come and their attitude as good neighbours is our protection. However, they are also the first to admit that they cannot foresee the future. Times may

change and they may choose to sell, the new owners will inherit zoning that permits them to destroy yet one more part of our island. Surely foresight should be an essential part of any planning decision.

Some greater limitation on the future use of the site is precisely what is required. Not zoning that merely acts to facilitate future speculation in the property.

The worst potential outcome of this may not take place for many years and maybe never, but the threat will always hang over us because of this decision by the Trust.

I wish Sea Change Seafoods well in their new home and I hope they will be there for a hundred years, prospering in a 6,000-square-foot building, but I doubt it.

The writer owns Bullock Lake Farm, which adjoins the Sea Change property.

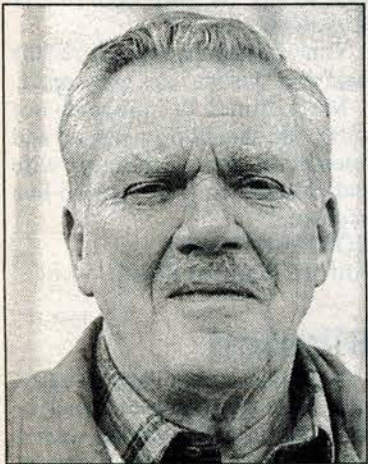


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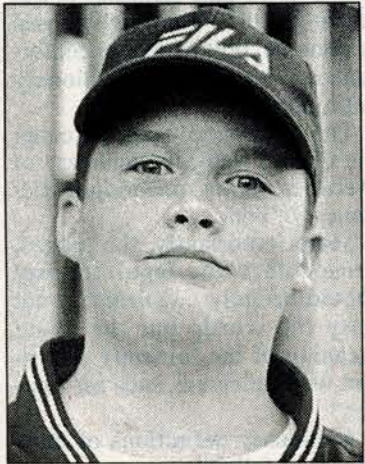
SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: What makes you feel the Christmas season has arrived?



Arthur Gale

Seeing my granddaughters' faces when they see Ganges lit up for Christmas.



Tyler Morris

When it snows or when Christmas lights start going up.



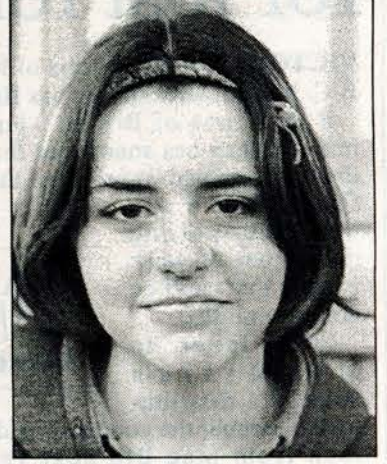
David Hensel

The Christmas music, just hearing it in the background.



Claire Olivier

The flyers, I hate to admit, but that's what starts to kick it off.



Emily Walsh

The tree, when we put on the decorations.

Letters to the Editor

Justifiable

All of us who work and operate businesses in the Gulf Islands should be encouraged by the provincial government's rationale for bailing out the Skeena Cellulose plant.

The reason, said Dan Miller on CBC Radio news, is "to maintain the stability of the economy of northwest B.C."

The B.C. government is prepared to spend about \$250 million (the value of loans and equity in the company, according to Vaughn Palmer in the Vancouver Sun), to support about 2,000 jobs.

A ferry subsidy is completely justifiable using the above rationale. Let's remember Dan Miller's words. They might come in handy at some point.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
Sky Valley Road

Visualize

As of Monday, Bicycle Bob (a.k.a. Bob Simons) was still undergoing neurological tests at Vancouver General Hospital and is on a life support system. There seems to be little, if any, medical progress.

I find it difficult to imagine this healthy man hospitalized now for six weeks.

This leaves me feeling that maybe along with medical expertise, there may be another route to take to let Bob know that we are with him and hoping earnestly for a speedy and full recovery.

The "two minutes" of silence last Remembrance Day and the "time for reflection" utilized in churches prompted me to think in terms of "mass prayer" or creative visualization, meditation, etc. What if everyone who is aware of Bob's plight takes one minute to pray, think positive thoughts, visualize, meditate on or for him for one minute this coming Sunday at 12 noon? Imagine, if you will, him cruising through Ganges on his bicycle with his children and that sparkle of boyish freedom in his eyes.

Anyone who has owned a bicycle or has children with bicycles knows the benefits of Bob's trusting and fair ways. Now it's our turn to give some of that back to him in the form of mass "good vibes."

There's been many instances where the power of prayer (not even mass prayer) has greatly influenced or improved someone's well-being. Let's give it all our energy for just one minute this Sunday at noon.

D. L. MARSHALL,
Salt Spring

Doesn't wash

On two separate trips through B.C. we had the opportunity to ride on the Albion and Arrow Lakes ferries and noticed that the arm patch on the workers' jackets read Marine Branch, Department of Transportation, confirming their existence as part of the B.C. highway system.

Just recently we heard that these ferries (17 in all) are subsidized to the tune of \$50 million with cars and passengers travelling free!

The argument that we choose to live on an island and should therefore pay for the privilege just doesn't wash. The Arrow Lakes residents aren't punished for their choice to live along the lakes; Langley residents aren't punished for living near the Albion ferry and using it to travel to the Mission area for business or pleasure.

Maybe it's time to put tolls on the roads to Whistler, Mount Washington and to Tofino! And maybe it's time to consider boycotting the corporation by cutting our own trips to the bone (as if the last rate hike didn't already accomplish that).

It most definitely is the time for all of us to use our telephones, fax machines and e-mail to request a hearing with our premier and Dan Miller to find out why they are using their potential provincial deficit and incredible ferry mismanagement to punish island ferry customers.

Their numbers can be obtained by phoning 1-800-663-7867 (Enquiry B.C.).

ROSEMARY BAXTER,
Cranberry Road

Slippery slope

At last I begin to realize the importance of protecting the rights of people such as Doug Collins to express their opinions, vile though they may be.

Free speech advocates talk of a "slippery slope," but I did not fully understand its dangers until reading the Driftwood of November 19, and I owe it all to Elizabeth Poole.

If we can stifle the voice of a hate monger, then surely we have the right to stifle the voice of one whose sense of humour does not match our own? From there we move on to more worrisome types, such as those who dare to voice an opinion before they have lived on Salt Spring for the required length of time.

Ms. Poole does not say how, specifically, Arthur Black "commercializes" our privacy, and I have to admit I have not heard all

of his talks on the CBC. But the ones I have heard — waxing enthusiastic over our fall fair, admiring the wild peacocks on the south end, profiling a rather interesting Galiano senior, praising the variety of Salt Spring's potluck dinners — did not seem overly vindictive to me.

But then, I have lived on the island for less than 20 years. Perhaps I am not yet entitled to an opinion.

DAYLE GAETZ,
North Beach Road

OCP nightmare

The so-called fantasy campaign that Drew Clarke ran last fall can still be found on the Internet at <http://www.islandnet.com/pmarcano/clarke.html> for anyone who would like to shop and compare.

Personally, I'd rather have fantasies over nightmares any day and I think it's a nightmare that the peoples' official community plan should have fallen into the hands of the Islands Trust and its followers. The Great Galiano Economic Depression should speak volumes on that point!

But our duly elected trustees should not be so sanctimonious as to imagine that the dramatic drop in public interest for this OCP is necessarily a green light to go ahead

with it but rather, perhaps, it is an indication that it is so overwhelming in its threat to peoples' lifestyles and livelihoods that people other than a few like Mr. Clarke are afraid to even bring it up in private conversation.

If this sounds a little extreme it is a minor pill to swallow compared to how much this plan will empower the Islands Trust, not the people. But hey, don't shoot the messengers, we didn't vote for it!

PAUL MARCANO,
Churchill Road

Cauldron

I have hesitated a long time to write this letter, well aware of the fact that I was picking up a glowing ember of an issue.

Being a newcomer to this country and to this culture I did not want to be too visible at first — my accent giving me away anyway. Four and a half years on Salt Spring have given me enough perspective and confidence to address a phenomenon which has been deeply disturbing me ever since I came to this place.

In the past it was mostly women being singled out and burned at the stake. We have come to a place in history where it is the men who are becoming the victims of a modern form of witch hunt. And just like

their "sisters" in the Middle Ages, they have no chance whatsoever to defend themselves once the verdict has been spoken.

Once they are branded they are branded forever, whether these accusations are based on any truth or on pure fantasy. Once they have been turned into rapists, pedophiles, child abusers, wife beaters, they are it forever. And the only thing which is left to them is either to leave the island or to bear the persecution and wear the Scarlet Letter sewn on their shirts visible to everybody in the community.

Who are they, those judges, anyway? The ones who wear their clean impeccable shirts with such pride. Who are they? The ones pointing fingers and talking behind backs?

This island has become a cauldron. The poisonous stew of gossip is stirred and added to every day. Downtown Ganges. The coffee shops. It has become quite an unwholesome brew. But, as it will turn out in time to come, the very cooks themselves will have to swallow their own broth.

Bon appetit!
ISABELLA S. LINSER,
Frazier Road

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'God's little waiting room' under fire

Editor's note: Perhaps due to the current postal confusion, the following letter from Salt Spring resident "Jack" to "Clare" in Ontario made its way into the Driftwood office.

Dear Clare,

Greetings from the old sod, I don't mean me, I mean greetings from your beloved Salt Spring.

Since I came back from real God's country (Ontario, of course) I have been catching up on the back copies of Driftwood. I can't resist sending the enclosed cuttings from one of them.

I think they will do a lot to vindicate the dim view I have of this drippy little island, this square mile or two of Ugh! Douglas Fir which dares to call itself "Lotus Land," when the only Lotus that can be found on this fogbound rock is Gwen Ruckle's mom.

Our dear mutual friends, Valerie and Lewis, who, like you, appear to be hypnotized into thinking that we live in a corner of heaven, informed me that in an apparent state of madness you

had booked a flight back to B.C. We dearly look forward to seeing you, but our joy is already tempered.

After reading one Lawrence Linstead's realty ad (which I enclose), the serene complacency (not without a streak of smugness, mind you) of the average islander was shattered last week, when they were duly informed by archangel Linstead that we are all living, in his words, in "God's little waiting room."

When one considers the shadiness and the temptations of our night spots, the annual "erotica" that goes on under the guise of an art show, the dark undercover fornication that thrives in Bohemian shacks, hidden in the dark dim forests, there is no wonder that there is such a rapid turnover of partners on this shocking, shacking island.

"Hell's kitchen," I call it. Another manifestation of island madness is the absolute refusal by the populace to admit that winter ever comes. The blind adherence to shorts and sandals

all through the monsoons, which reminds me of another misfortune which will literally dampen the spirits of little island mothers this winter.

Now that the courts have given the okay to breastfeed in public, in such places as park benches and sidewalk cafes, etc., one can be sure that there will be chilly babes and wet bosoms everywhere, bosoms that belong to little moms who refuse to admit that it is raining.

I could go on, Clare, but I don't want to discourage you from returning.

It occurred to me the other day (I just mention this in passing), that I have been, from time to time, confused by the onset of minor seismic tremors that we all experience now and then on this coast. When you're away I am no longer confused. I know that the tremor is seismic and not you dashing off on another orbiting social activity.

We all miss youse.
Love from Elsie and I, your old curmudgeon friend, Jack.

Thank Greenpeace for lost forest jobs

VICTORIA — After years of lobbying abroad for a boycott of B.C. lumber, Greenpeace has finally struck pay dirt.

B & Q, one of Britain's largest do-it-yourself furniture-maker chains has announced that it will boycott B.C. hemlock, the predominant species on the West Coast. O.K., so it took Greenpeace a few years, but putting people out of work is a job that can't be done overnight.

In a letter to MacMillan Bloedel's distributor in Europe, the company said it intends to stop buying hemlock from Mac Blo next year and switch to pine from Scandinavian forests.

The decision to find a substitute for hemlock was made because B & Q doesn't believe that MacMillan Bloedel and other West Coast forest companies will achieve international standards for logging of hemlock by the end of 1999.

The Forest Stewardship Council, an international group of representatives from industry, government, environmentalists and others, set those standards in 1994 at a conference in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Regional councils were to adopt the standards that deal with issues such as environmental impact, tenure and use rights, indigenous peoples' rights and rules for monitoring.

A few years ago, businesses in Britain informed Canadian companies that they would look elsewhere for wood products if the Canadian companies didn't move towards those standards.

B & Q's decision to stop buying hemlock isn't going to be the end of British Columbia's forest industry. The company buys its wood all over the world. MacMillan Bloedel's market share is between \$1 million and \$2 million a year. But B & Q's move could prompt other companies to follow suit.

B & Q is a member of a buyers group that includes 79 other companies with annual sales in wood products worth about \$7 billion. That's considerable clout. And we owe it all to Greenpeace.

For years, Greenpeace has spread fear and loathing by using its massive international influence to portray British Columbia as the Brazil of the North. Its tactics have included every trick in the book.

The former Harcourt government established the Commission on Resources and Environment, which came up with detailed land-use plans. It brought in a tough Forest Practices Code, so tough, indeed, that rigid adherence to it would place the entire forest industry at risk.

Nothing was enough for Greenpeace. The organization continued to lobby against the province and its forest industry around the world, which earned it the name "enemies of British Columbia" from Premier Glen Clark.

Greenpeace said B & Q's decision to stop buying hemlock from British Columbia was a wake-up call for government and industry. To me it's more of a wake-up call for ordinary people to take another hard look at Greenpeace.

To engineer a boycott of our forest products thousands of miles away is no achievement. It's a disgrace.

You can't blame B & Q for pulling the plug. These people are in business to make money. And if the buying public in Britain is convinced, thanks to the efforts of Greenpeace, that we ravage our forests, B & Q won't buy from us, no matter what the reality may be.

One final word to Greenpeace: if you want to find out how to be responsible and effective environmentalists, read "To Save the Wild Earth" by Rick Careless.

In the 25 years Rick has been active in the environmental movement, he's done more to make British Columbia a better and more beautiful place than Greenpeace could ever hope to achieve.

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CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Arthur's defence

I'm a longtime CBC fan who had the pleasure of Arthur Black's voice in my own home just the other day.

When I spoke with him (by phone) I felt the warmth of recognition, as though a cousin or distant relative had called. His show is not one I have often caught but he is part of that extended family that CBC has provided me for years.

Warmth is what I expect most from a community. I'd rather hear and read cheerful burlblings rather than snarley bites any day.

Surely Arthur has every right to speak with pride and delight about his recent home.

Please, please don't let it be true that such inhospitable sentiments as expressed by E. Poole are really the feelings of the majority of islanders.

S. OLIVER,
Seymour Heights

Not guilty

The November 19 Driftwood editorial notwithstanding: Robert Latimer could and should have

been acquitted under existing statutes.

Our laws and criminal codes are in English. The English used is accurate, precise and in conformance with accepted dictionary definitions.

The dictionaries used are either the Oxford English Dictionary or Webster's current unabridged dictionary or both.

More importantly, the judges, prosecutors and legal counsel should be fully cognizant of not only the words but the exact meaning of the critically important words they use, such as "murder."

Dictionary definitions of murder are as follows:

"Unlawful killing of a person with malice aforethought." (Oxford)

"To kill (a person) unlawfully with malice." (Websters)

Malice is defined as "ill-will, desire to harm."

Without malice there is no murder.

Mr. Latimer killed with compassion as his only motive. Compassion is the direct opposite of malice. Killing without malice is not murder.

The desperate anguish and ago-

nies of the past four years of Mr. Latimer and his family far exceed any wrong he may technically have done.

This is a classic case where "the law" and "justice" are poles apart.

Mr. Latimer is innocent, not guilty. He should be acquitted and released at once to join his wife and children on their farm to live in peace.

NORMAN F. BEST,
Fulford Ganges Road

Blinded

Now that it gets dark so early, why don't the people who walk or hitchhike in dark clothing wear a reflective band on their arm or back like the cyclists do?

I'm driving home towards Fulford meeting all the ferry traffic with trucks and vans whose lights are so much higher than a car I am almost blinded and cannot see walkers.

Another point - why are the police not doing a check on drivers with one light? Maybe issue them with a check-up slip to have them fixed in 24 hours.

DODIE DILLABOUGH,
Ganges

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Picturesque

Dressed in an old-fashioned red and white coat and hat, young Molly Opal Atherton looked like one of Santa's helpers as she waited at the coast guard dock for the seaplane arrival of St. Nick on Saturday. The youngster drew appreciative glances from women who recalled wearing similar outfits in their youth.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

More letters

More info

A picture is worth a thousand words is one of the oldest clichés in the English language and often used to describe an event without having to go into great detail.

The excellent photo by Derrick Lundy of a group of teenage cyclists visiting Salt Spring captured a moment when young people were really enjoying an organized outdoor event.

In the accompanying caption the group of 22 youths and five adults were described as "hordes ... descending on Salt Spring." Unfortunately, this description provided readers with virtually no information about the event.

I contacted Shoreline School in Victoria and spoke with organizer Dave Ferrier, the physical education instructor, to find out more about their trip.

Shoreline School has an outdoor club led by Mr. Ferrier and

they organize approximately four trips a year. Earlier this year they hiked the Juan de Fuca marine trail and several years ago they cycled 400 kilometres from Banff to Jasper.

The kids who toured Salt Spring range in age from 14 to 16 and are participating in a bike-athon to raise money for their bike trip to Oahu, Hawaii planned for the 1998 spring break. Each raises anywhere between \$50 to \$1,000 through a pledge system. They spent not one but three days on Salt Spring, cycled approximately 100 kms, and stayed two nights at Cusheon Creek Hostel.

Mr. Ferrier chose Salt Spring because he wanted the kids to experience staying in a hostel and get them to think about how they can travel in other parts of the world using the hostel system.

Through these types of activities the kids are introduced to the

basic rules of the road, are learning how to bike right and are acquiring fundraising techniques and leadership skills. Cycling is a low-impact activity on the environment, a good cardiovascular workout and a confidence builder. A group this size also requires a high degree of cooperation and awareness between its participants - no small feat when you're trying to lead 22 teenagers along one of our busiest island roads.

I believe islanders would enjoy regular reports on topics that reflect their interest in cycling, hiking or other non-competitive leisure activities. Another option is to provide a monthly column on recreation opportunities and information on education and safety programs occurring both on and off the island.

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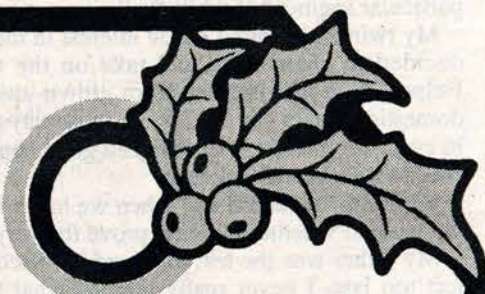
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Outside toilet evokes 'naturalist' memories

I missed my calling. Reflecting back on a fairly long life I readily convince myself that I should have been a naturalist. Even in my very tender years I was always close to nature. Sometimes close was too close.

Like using the outside toilet.

The entire process was spread over the shortest possible time. It was a dash into the cubicle and a dash out again. Winter or summer, there was always a good, sound reason for minimizing the time wasted there. In winter the place was abominably cold. In the summer it was the gathering point for all arachnids attending the annual spiders' convention.

TO BE FRANK
FRANK RICHARDS



A quick trip to the toilet was uneventful. We would scrunch our shoulders in to avoid any possible danger of proving attractive to creepy-crawly beasties and the pressure to hasten was evident at all times. It was undoubtedly a relief to be out of it. The grim aspect of this essential accompaniment to long life was the seat.

You were that much closer to the animals of the outside toilet while seated. I would sit and gaze fearfully at the walls with their daddy-long-leg breed of spider to be seen at irregular intervals all over the white, lime-washed walls.

I never did find out what those spiders lived on. They never seemed to move and they were always there, immobile, from the moment I went in. I can still see them in memory's eye, little button body with long legs spread out as if to file formal claim on that particular segment of white wall.

My twin and I found a new interest in the outside toilet when we decided to clean it up and take on the role of Mother's Little Helper. With no guidance from grown-ups we selected a constant domestic cleaner for the job. In those days of a cast-iron fireplace in every room there was always a good supply in the cleaning cupboard so we used black lead.

We weren't boastful and when we had a nice shiny black seat we did wonder whether it would prove the very thing for the toilet.

My father was the test pilot and he discovered the cleaning project too late. I never really learned what made him tick and this experience was about par. We had this dainty little room for a common purpose. My twin and I freaked out over a few spiders, but we liked a good black seat. And there was my father, ignoring the beastly spiders but roaring off about the clean seat.

Restricted parking

I have a friend who was cautioned when learning to drive that the driver should, properly, back into a parking space rather than simply drive in. The advice is offered in respect of parking places and spots which require either backing in or, later, backing out.

I listen politely to such advice with all the scorn of a man who has been driving for many decades.

One day recently I went to my car and discovered a paper on the windshield remonstrating with me for parking in a space reserved for the handicapped. It offered me a new and excellent reason for running forwards into a parking spot and reversing out afterwards.

The prohibition painted on the pavement cannot be seen from the driver's seat when the car is backed in.

Short of soap?

Gel is a shocking means of keeping clean.

Stricken with eczema, I avoid soap. The other day I found one of the shortcomings of my alienation from soap.

I opened a plastic bottle of medicated gel and squeezed it. There was a light crackle as the goo oozed out of the bottle and I was the conductor of a minute charge of static electricity.

Never just say, "Charge it!"

Straight, accessible and direct

I have been among the antis when a bridge between Salt Spring Island and Vancouver Island has been proposed. Now I'm not so sure.

A bridge would be there all the time, day and night. No weather would close it and it boggles the mind to envisage a day when traffic between the two islands might reach proportions requiring a second bridge.

The delight of such a bridge is the freedom from government pressures. Islanders would be in the same net as those provincials enjoying a road to the outside. There would be no extras on the cost of travel to and from the islands.

Maybe the province will consider the feasibility of a bridge. It would be cheaper and more effective than providing all islanders with webbed feet.

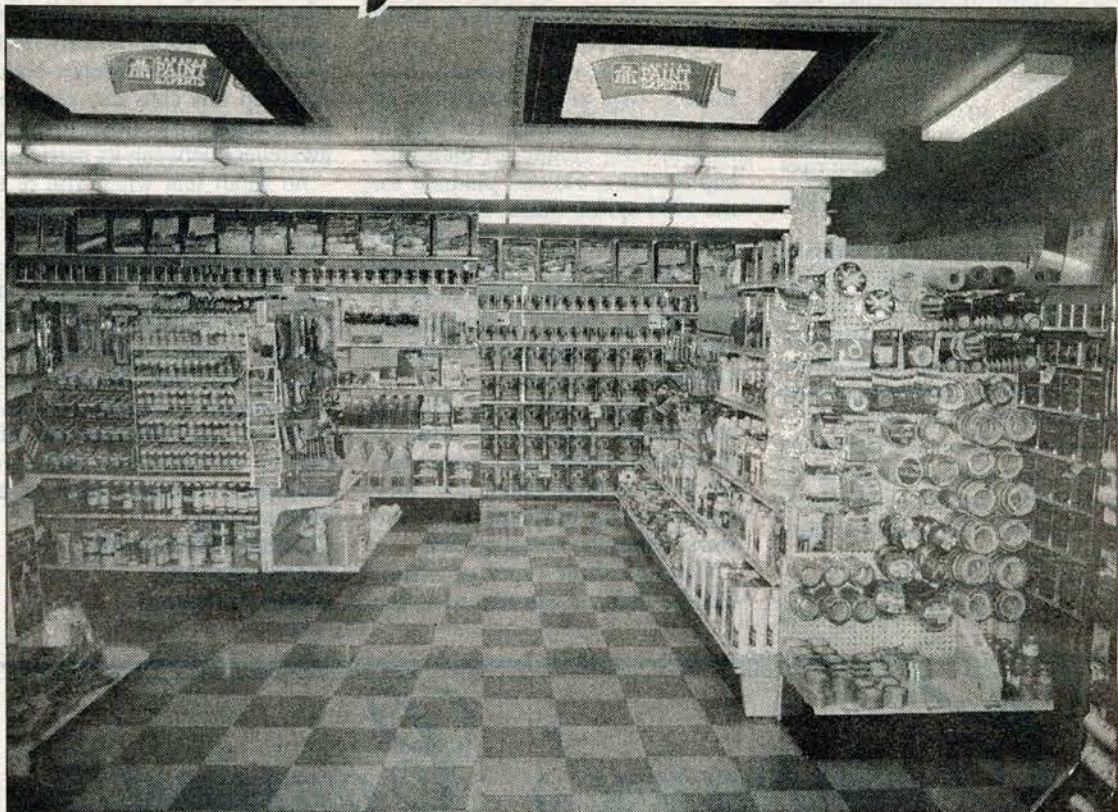


Lions finish heliport

A helicopter sits at the new heliport during its dedication Saturday by the Mayne Island Lions Club. Named in memory of longtime club member Ron Mitchell, the heliport cost

\$30,000 and more than 1,000 volunteer hours to complete. Private donations and Lions Club activities raised the money. No government funding went into the project.

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Government delays ArtSpring bid approval

A disagreement between the federal and provincial governments over whether cultural projects should be included in their joint infrastructure grant program is delaying a decision on the ArtSpring bid for \$200,000 in funding.

Island Arts Centre Society president Bob Weeden said Friday he understood the federal government originally wanted 15 per cent of the funding to go to community and/or cultural projects but after negotiation, both governments agreed on 10 per cent.

The province is now resisting that allocation, Weeden said, so

the federal government is holding back on approving any grants.

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell, who has been following the progress of the ArtSpring application, said he also understands the delay in awarding grants is caused by a dispute over how grants should be allocated.

Coell said the province wants to see all the grants awarded to transit and/or transportation infra-



Weeden

structure projects. The federal government wants a greater variety, including arts projects, Coell said.

Some grant applications have been rejected, he noted, but the Island Arts Centre application is still under consideration, pending resolution of the federal-provincial dispute.

"All of the approvals are late at this point," Coell said.

Weeden said he understood the issue is likely to be resolved in December. "We're hoping this is the month."

If money is allocated for arts projects, he feels the ArtSpring bid has a good chance of being

approved.

The society raised \$400,000 in donations and pledges from the community in order to apply for the \$200,000 grant.

Due to the delay, Weeden said, successful grant applicants will have until March of 1999 to complete their projects instead of the original deadline of March of 1998.

At Thursday's meeting of the arts centre board, current officers were approved to continue serving for the coming year. They include Weeden as president, secretary Karin Weber, treasurer Raymonde Vachon and vice-president Bill Curtin.

Lice costs reimbursed

Parents battling head lice following outbreaks at Fernwood and Fulford elementary schools this fall can get a little bottled help from the school district.

Under district policy, the school will either provide special shampoo to combat the lice infestation or will reimburse parents for the cost of the shampoo.

"We'll provide the shampoo or if people come in with their receipts, we'll reimburse them," school superintendent Andrew Duncan said.

Under board policy, schools are directed to hold checks for lice in September and January each year. Affected students are sent home with instructions for eradicating

the lice and cannot return to school without a letter from parents stating the problem has been treated.

Parents must also submit the label from the shampoo used to treat the infestation.

Students are to be checked again within two weeks of their return to school and any chronic problems referred to the public health nurse.

Duncan noted some people associate lice infestations with a failure to keep clean but he said that is not an issue. Lice can reside in squeaky clean hair and homes.

"It's just a creature which happily lives in people's hair and is very hard to eradicate," Duncan said.

Jump rope raises \$3,300

Salt Spring Elementary School students raised more than \$3,300 from their Jump Rope for Heart event Thursday.

Erin Foster collected the most pledges with \$230, while students in Donna McWhirter's and Ann Marie Pearson's Grade 3 classes topped all classes with pledges of more than \$750.

Over 200 students, teachers and parents took turns jumping rope for two-hour periods, after collecting pledges for the past few weeks.

Funds raised help the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C./Yukon to continue funding heart disease and stroke research and health promotion in B.C.

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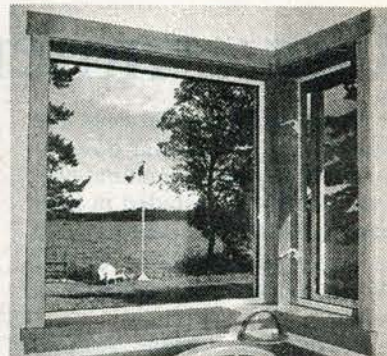
Salt Spring Islander Dave Beck shows no signs of fatigue after 40 hours of partying at Beaver party (to mark his 60th birthday), numerous friends joined Beck for a dance with the Bill Point Hall. On Saturday, day two of a 60-hour Hillys.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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SWOVA vigil marks massacre

A candlelight vigil to mark the eighth anniversary of the Montreal massacre will be held this Saturday in Centennial Park, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by SWOVA, Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse, the vigil will

recognize the 14 young women killed in a mass attack at the University of Montreal Ecole Polytechnique on December 6, 1989.

The women were all engineering students. The incident is the worst mass murder in Canadian

history and has become a symbol for violence against women, noted Sinikka Elliott of SWOVA.

Saturday's vigil will acknowledge both the massacre victims and all women who have been victims of violence. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coell tours roads

Island MLA Murray Coell took a road trip earlier this month which he hopes will result in road repairs on North and South Pender next spring.

To demonstrate the poor road condition, he toured North and South Pender November 14 with staff from JJM Maintenance and Bill Bedford, regional manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH).

Coell said Friday that JJM is working with ministry staff to prepare a road re-surfacing program for next spring, which will require MOTH approval.

Salt Spring also needs work on roads, he said.

"We're hoping to do a roads tour on Salt Spring in the new year," he said, adding that roads on Salt Spring and the Penders are the worst in the Gulf Islands.

Coell has also changed positions in the Liberal opposition's shadow cabinet. The former social worker was originally the critic for the Ministry of Children and Families. However, following a "shadow cabinet shuffle" at the start of November, he is now the critic for the environment, lands and parks ministry.

Draw winners

Celine Gaspar was named winner of a furnished doll house raffled off by the Golden Hands group.

Winners of a surprise draw were Margaret Mae Johnston and Dot Hedger.

Golden Hands members say the group has staged many successful events this year, including a November 1 bazaar where tickets to the raffle were sold.

The group has donated funds to Lady Minto Hospital in memory of Ora Lang, and to Lady Minto Extended Care and Greenwoods for a Christmas treat.

Also benefitting from Golden Hands funds were Central Hall, the local food bank and the Bessie Dane Foundation.

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Sense of urgency propels marine environment workshop

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Grassroots solutions by local island groups, exchanges of information and an examination of the success of marine protected areas (MPAs) were among the highlights of a workshop on Salt Spring last Friday and Saturday.

Sponsored by the Islands Trust and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, the workshop drew 138 participants, who discussed issues ranging from provincial and federal government policies to growth pressures to how to reduce the impact of campers on local beaches.

"There's a sense of urgency," Trust area services manager Robyn Addison said, noting that many workshop participants felt the federal and provincial processes required to establish marine protected areas took too long.

Although there was no overall conclusion from the workshop, Addison said the networking and exchange of information was useful and needs to be continued. "We're trying to set up a working group to exchange information."

Trust staff will be recommending a second workshop for the entire Trust area next June, Addison said. The recommendation will go to this week's Trust Council meeting in Victoria.

Some participants felt more groups, including fishermen, needed to be involved in developing protected areas.

"It's pretty clear that MPAs work. They are a way to protect communities of fish and so on," Addison said.

In her opening comments, Sabine Jessen of the 10,000-member Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society said the first marine protected area was established more than 60 years ago and there were 118 such areas in 27 countries by 1970. Now there are more than 1,300 marine protected areas.

Australia is the world leader with 303 marine protected areas, including the 340,000 square kilometre

(136,000 square mile) area surrounding the Great Barrier Reef.

"We think we really need marine protected areas in B.C.," Jessen said.

Addison said some participants felt there should be a way to build local initiatives and interest in marine protected areas to better connect with the government processes. Several presentations at the workshop by local groups illustrate what could be done at the local level.

Among the more entertaining was John Baxter of the Salt Spring Island Paddlers, who brandished a large orange bucket while outlining the group's development of its own Certifiable Reliable Androgynous Portable Politically-correct Excrement Relocater (CRAPPER).

Although slightly tongue-in-cheek, his presentation focussed on the environmental damage of doing what comes naturally when there is an increasing number of kayakers, campers and canoeists on beaches.

The bucket is accompanied by a shaped wooden seat, recreational vehicle potty fluid and a plastic bag to hold toilet tissue for later disposal. Baxter said the unit has been successfully tested by Island Paddlers members.

The group has also put out two pamphlets aimed at educating people about conservation issues. One, entitled "Sh-h-h ... You are Not Alone" warns kayakers, boaters and walkers not to approach wildlife too closely.

"If you're close enough to cause a change in behaviour, you're too darn close," Baxter said.

The second, low-impact coastal paddling, outlines tips to reduce human impact when camping in the wild.

All three projects were low budget and done by volunteers, Baxter noted.

Paul LeBlond of the Galiano Conservancy Association outlined that group's efforts to establish a marine protected area in Trincomali Channel in order to protect the rock-fish population.

"We're looking for support in the

community, joint interest from people on Salt Spring, because it is in the waters between us," LeBlond said.

The proposed area would be between Wallace Island and Galiano Island.

A variety of community-based initiatives were described by Louis Vallee of the Mayne Island Naturalists. The group received a \$1,700 grant from the Richard Ivey Foundation to promote marine protected areas and embarked on a series of educational events.

In addition to a potluck supper with a guest speaker on the issue, Vallee said the club sponsored an

"Oceans Day" celebration on Mayne last June.

Events included a water-based arts display, a presentation by the Vancouver Aquarium, divers bringing up species to the beach for people to view, a local quadrant study done by the school and displays by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and Georgia Strait Alliance.

Vallee said the group wants to put a permanent educational display in the island's new lighthouse park, which was visited by 13,500 people last summer. They would also like to correlate the environmental data collected over 20 years by diver Andy

Lamb, who lives part-time on Mayne Island and who works for the Vancouver Aquarium.


"It's quite important to see what changes have occurred," he said.

More information on marine protected areas is available at an MPA strategy web site: <http://habitat.pac.dfo.ca/mpa/MPA/MPAFIN.htm>

Both the federal and provincial government are working to develop a MPA strategy for the west coast. A draft discussion paper on the issue is due for release in January and will be followed by open houses throughout the province.

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New book offers intimate look at wildlife rehabilitation

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

The life and death stories of a poisoned eagle, a seal pup in the bathtub, a crow named Psycho and numerous other wild animals form the core of a new book by Salt Spring wildlife rehabilitator Jeff Lederman.

Cries of the Wild: A Wildlife Rehabilitator's Journal is a highly-readable, anecdotal account of Lederman's experiences rescuing and treating some of the 80 species of wild animals that have passed under his caring hands.

In *Cries of the Wild*, readers join Lederman in an intimate look at the treatment — both traditional and homeopathic — of sick and injured wild animals, and journey with him through heart-warming success stories and a few sad endings.

The anecdotal nature of Lederman's book combined with its compelling subject matter makes it absorbing and entertaining.

Although the book suffers periodically from poor editing, it provides a rare insight into Lederman's work and probably reveals more of the author's nature than Lederman, a soft-spoken, unassuming man, intends.

In fact, the book works best when Lederman brings the reader right into his head, revealing his biases and quiet humour.

In many ways, Lederman's actions reveal more about himself than his words. And while he presents a strong case for keeping an emotional distance between rehabilitator and animal, it is obvious Lederman feels strongly about the

animals in his care.

Take the remarkable rescue of Tardy, a harbour seal pup, which involved rappelling down a sheer cliff, inserting a life-saving needle into the unconscious pup, using a stick and a crack in the rocks to establish a free-flowing IV, and

chock-full of adventure, right up to her release back into the wild.

One of the book's most compelling stories is about a crow whose comical antics garnered him the name Psycho. Too tame to release back into the wild, Lederman ends up taking the crow with him when he moves from one wildlife centre to another.

This anecdote, like a few others, winds up on a sad note and the reader understands that life and death are all part of the job.

Making his job more difficult, Lederman points out several times, is human carelessness and stupidity.

He tells the story of discovering a nursing mother coyote caught in a leg-hold trap. He is able to free her and then carefully follows her snow prints through the forest back to her den.

She collapses at the mouth of the cave, allowing her cubs to nurse for one last time before she dies. Lederman takes the cubs back to the wildlife centre, where they are fed and eventually released.

In another story a "hunt'n, fish'n, shoot'n kind of guy" takes a rifle up to his attic to investigate some scratching noises. He then shoots a mother raccoon and calls Lederman to come and take away the newborn kits.

Other animals suffer the effects of humans too: several deer, a fox and a porcupine struck by cars; a doe trapped in a hole created by a new house foundation; a seal caught in a fishing net; an eagle poisoned by toxic sediment created by lead shot in its food chain.

In addition to Lederman's anecdotes, the book contains four short essays written by Stephaniea

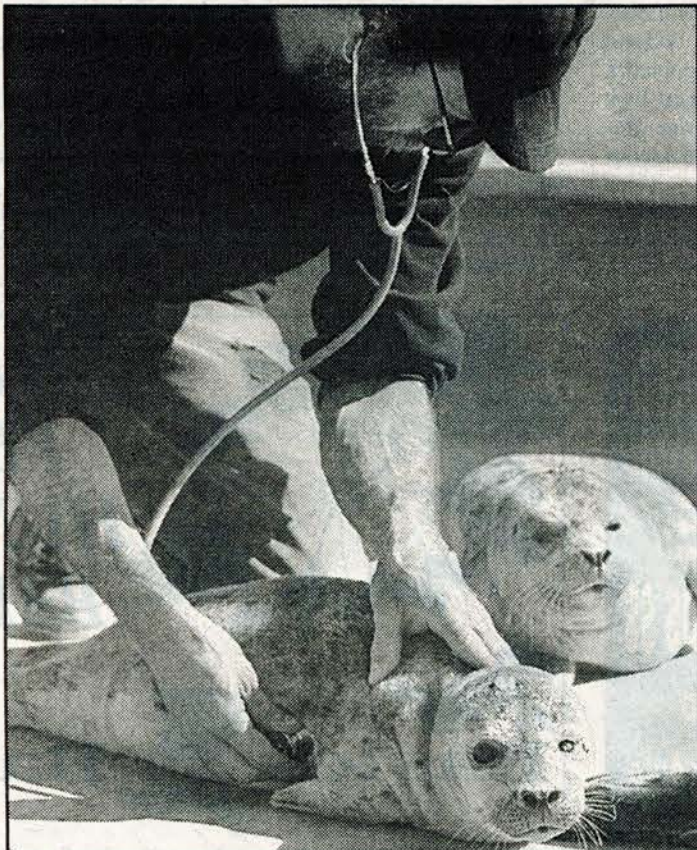
then spending the night on the rocks with the slowly recovering seal pup until the tide retreated.

Because Tardy arrived at the rehabilitation centre late in the year, all the outdoor seal facilities were frozen and the outdoor plumbing was drained and shut down.

So Tardy spent three week living in Lederman's bathtub.

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The story of Tardy's recovery is



WILD SIDE: Salt Spring wildlife rehabilitator Jeff Lederman, who runs the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, has released a new book, documenting his work with wild animals. Proceeds from the book are being directed to the local wildlife centre.

Gaspari entitled *Foraging Behaviors and Lead Poisoning, Threats to Marine Mammals, Coyote Extermination, and Diversity: the Key to Life*.

Also included in *Cries of the Wild* are numerous photographs, plus line drawings donated to the projects by Salt Spring illustrator Donald Gunn.

Although most of the stories take place in American wildlife centres, the book gives several plugs to Lederman's current Salt Spring wildlife centre, including a three-page descriptive story on it by Charles Hart and a donation form which readers can use to contribute to the Island Natural Wildlife Centre.

Proceeds from sale of the book will help defray costs incurred at the local centre.

The 144-page, soft-cover book costs \$19.95 and is available at local bookstores. However, customers can support the wildlife centre to a greater degree by ordering it directly from Lederman at 537-0777. He will deliver them to island homes.

Lederman said it was tough writing those anecdotes which brought up painful memories. But he hopes his book will make a difference to some of its readers.

As he writes in the introduction: "I hope these stories will inspire readers to tread more softly on the earth, help an injured animal find its way to a rehabilitation centre, drive a little more slowly in areas inhabited by animals and become aware that every action you take has some impact on life somewhere else."


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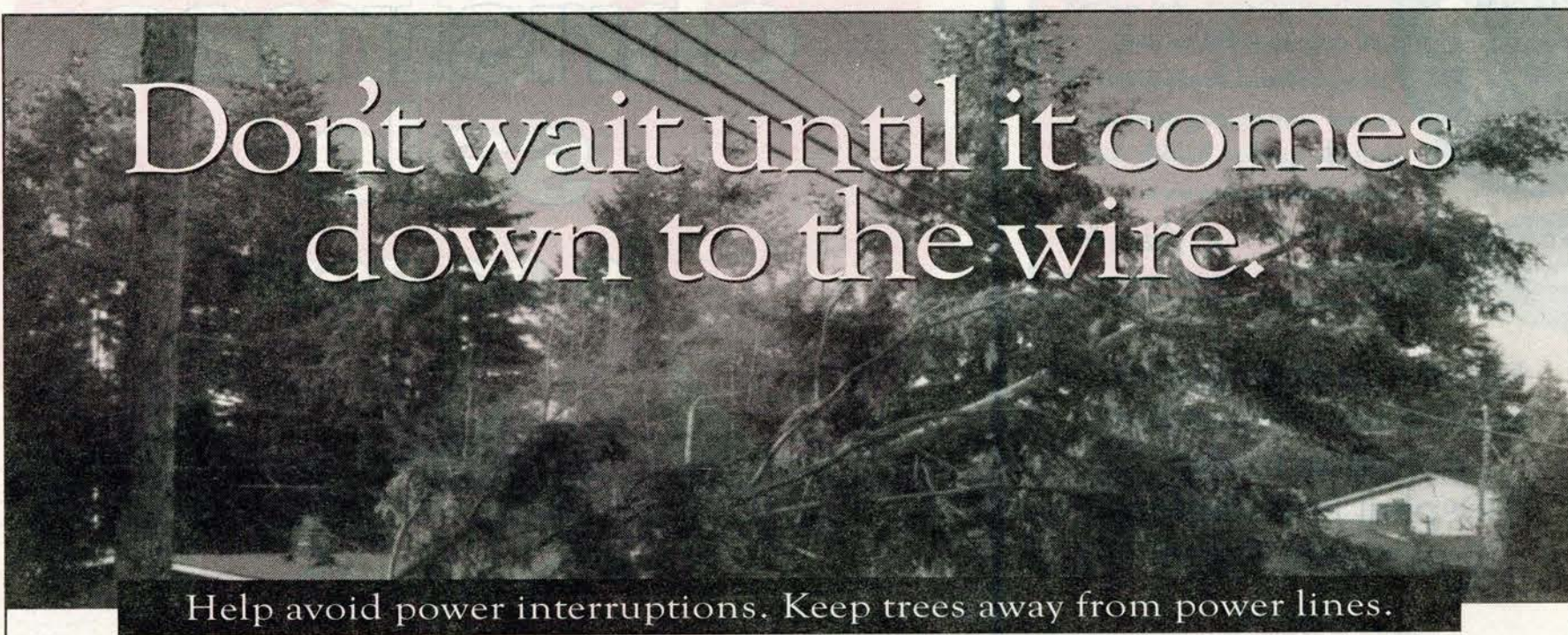
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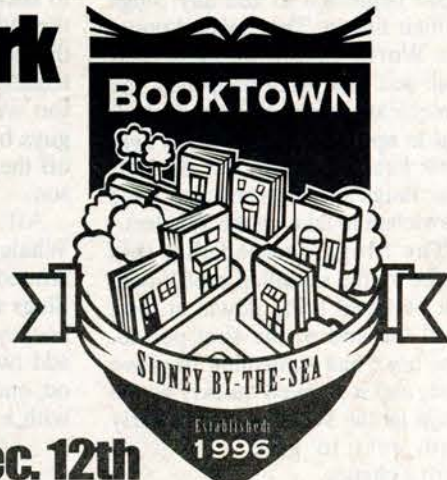
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A Bernie Reynolds trophy moose oversees a group of youngsters who attended the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club's Annual Game Dinner held Saturday. These youths, from left, Calvin Wieler, Nicola Howard, Will Roland, Morgan Howard, and Tyler Roodenburg joined their parents for a carnivorous feast.

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Island wrestlers win four ribbons

Training and perseverance paid off for Salt Spring Island wrestlers last weekend. Students from grades 6 to 12 travelled to Campbell River and brought back four ribbons from a novice wrestling tournament, competing against students from all over Vancouver Island. Coached by Jack Barclay of Salt Spring Island Middle School, the team of five girls and three boys each competed in three to six matches. Ed Pickell placed first in the senior 90 kilogram

category, while Cam Beals (junior 60 kg), Travis Beals (senior 74 kg) and Jenn Berry (junior 70 kg) all won second-place finishes. Other team members, Alyssa Dares, Trinity Forbes, Tanya Van Schetsen and Kacie Miller also proved to be strong competitors. Barclay said the athletes are enthusiastic competitors and good sports. Two more out-of-town tournaments are planned in coming months.

HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high scores in bowling league action at Kings Lane Recreation last week.
Special Olympics: Gloria Dale 189, Mahjor Bains 154.
Circus league: Bunny Cooper 258, Tony Farr 239, Inez Farr 209, Ben Cooper 254, 209/646, Gordon Lowes 203, 223, Glenn Hewitson 203, Sam Cochrane 235, Amin Athanasious 223, Deke Noonan 207.
Tuesday morning seniors: Edie Gear 270, 208/609, Ken Robinson 207, 274/670, Isabelle Richardson 226, Catherine McFadyen 209, John Richardson 202.
Tuesday afternoon seniors: Doris Redquest 206, 229/607, Vanda Winstone 202, June Webb 210.
Tuesday business women's league: Melanie Iverson 214, Ruth Hume 222, Alice Richards 261, 234.
Wednesday ladies: Deanna Marleau 215, 205, 286/706, Sylvia Ryles 293/618.
Golf ladies: Mary Kirkpatrick 209, Maddy Cooper 200, 212, Kay Booth 239, Cora Tosh 201.
Looney tunes: Ron Cunningham 229, 220/614, Bob Graham 226, Doug Wellingham 202, 208, Martin Hoogerdyk 221, 204/619, Leanne VanSchelsen 203, Doug Sykes 221, 303/695, Sharon Sykes 222, 210/611, Lance Leask 251.
Friday afternoon seniors: Madalene Jory 233, Anne Isbister 207, Doris Redquest 217, Marg Baker 237/612, Ken Robinson 216.
Children's leagues: Nicholas Watkins 100, Rosie Hamilton 104, Steven Dawson 109, 101, Zander Ritson 100, 127, Jordan Borth 127, Ryan Clemente 82, Liz Weibe 136, 136, Jesse Hume 116, Chris Cairns 124, David Piperno 155, 164, 135, 177, Patrick Buitenwerf 83, 79, 144, 194, Justine Watkins 89, 132.

SOCCER SCORES

Results from November 29 and 30 Salt Spring youth soccer travelling team action are as follows:
All home games were cancelled while some away games were played.
Boys
U12 silver SS 2, Cowichan 4
U14 SS 1, Lakehill 2
U16 SS 3, Cowichan 5
U19 SS 4, Prospect Lake 3
Girls
U11 SS 1, Prospect Lake 0
U11 SS 1, Lakehill 2
December 6 and 7 schedule
Boys
U12 silver SS away to Gorge
U12 bronze SS away to Gordon Head
U13 SS away to Lakehill
U14 SS away to Peninsula
U15 SS away to Bays United
U16 SS bye
U19 SS home to Bays United
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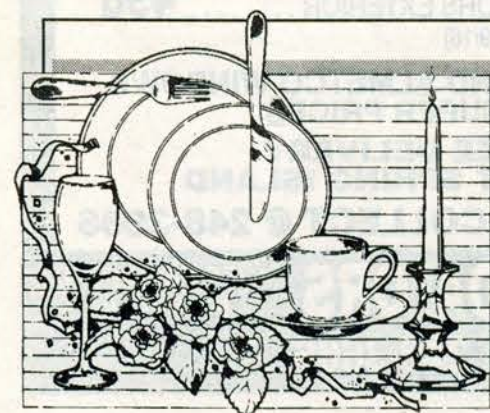
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Backhanded Slug goal spurs Olympic committee phone call

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Slugs felt a little put out prior to this week's match.

It seems that the officials in charge of Team Canada's hockey selection committee have once again neglected to add any Slugs to their lineup. They missed out at the World Championships last time and look what happened, the Americans won, heaven forbid. But in spite of this, the boys held their heads high up out of their beer mugs and marched into Lake Cowichan to take on the Whalers.

The Slugs decided that this slight by the so-called pros would not be taken lying down, at least until the end of the first period. The boys had something to prove here, and it showed quickly as the Slugs let the Whalers take an early lead, just to give them a chance.

Then we got down to business. First it was Brad Patchett lighting the lamp. After a nice passing play from Pete Schure and Paul Sinclair, Patchy moved in from the

point with the puck. With defenders hanging off him like a pile of nasty Klingons, Patchett deftly switched to the backhand and roofed one over the sprawling netminder. As soon as we finished congratulating him for this he ran out and put in a call to the Olympic committee to let them know just how good a goal it was, but they were still unimpressed.

Into the second period it was 'Crash' Schure's turn to look good. Crash had been all over the ice up until this point. This time he wasn't coming off the ice without scoring. After both Patchett and Sinclair moved the puck out of the

SLUG TRAIL

Slugs zone, Crash took over at the opposition blueline. Moving in at a blinding speed, Crash managed to stickhandle around nearly all of the Whalers on the ice before he drilled a snap shot over the goaltender. Following his goal, Crash too went to phone the Olympic guys but their phone seemed to be off the hook for some strange reason.

All this time, however, the Whalers were not exactly sitting around doing nothing. In fact the Slugs were forced to play catch-up hockey as the Whalers managed to add two goals in the second period, one of which Crash assisted on with a beautiful tape-to-tape pass

With defenders hanging off him like a pile of nasty Klingons, Patchett deftly switched to the backhand and roofed one...

to a Whaler that gave him a clear-cut breakaway from centre ice. We decided not to be too hard on our netminder, Derek Topping, because he said he had Twinkie dust in his eye and couldn't follow the puck. But trailing in the game only made the boys more determined. The Slugs managed to tie it up late in the third when Paddy Akerman popped in his own rebound following a beautiful give-and-go with Crash.

Patchett set the tone of the third period by cranking a bullet drive off the goalpost on his very first shift. We were all so impressed by his shot that no one other than

Topping seemed to notice the Whalers charging right back with the puck. Topping, who had made some outstanding saves in the first two periods, went into the dressing room between periods and put in his contacts which he had played the first two periods without. The result was that since he could easily see the puck, he missed a two-bouncer from the point.

Once he had that monkey off his back, Topper settled down and held the Whalers off the scoreboard for nearly 20 minutes. In between, the Slugs set to work. First it was Rodney Challborn nailing his second goal in four games after Crash set him up from the corner, and then Akerman got his second of the night when he parked in front and got a feed from, you guessed it, Crash. This goal gave us our first lead of the match and we gamely went about protecting it.

What we forgot in doing this was "the best defence is offence." Instead we went into a shell and Topper saw more rubber in the next couple of minutes than the Goodyear blimp. He turned aside tons of shots but once the Whalers got it in close a big scramble ensued and the puck ended up in the net.

So once again, while we didn't exactly lose, we did find a way not to win. But one point is better than none and we'll take it.

Still, if we have to nominate one who should be going to Nagano, after this game at least, it should be Schure. Anybody who can collect six points in a five-goal game at least deserves a look.

Heck, even Danny Akerman can't get that many points in one game.

'Noble chances bring forth knights' in feisty, 2-1 Gunner-Lakehill loss

By MALCOLM BOND
Driftwood Contributor

Despite being understaffed, the under-14 Salt Spring Gunners still generated the best scoring chances in a 2-1 loss to Lakehill last weekend.

The team nearly found a way to win or at least tie the game, even though coaches had the flu or work commitments and stalwarts Connor Walsh, Asher Squire, Brent Schemilt and J.M. McColl were not playing.

It was said of Britain's airmen during 1940 when but a few stood between the world fascist hegemony and democratic ideal destruction, "Every morn brought forth a noble chance, and every chance brought forth a noble knight."

The Gunners found their knights in abundance. Dylan Logan-Webb filled the breach in goal in spectacular fashion. Dylan Hume, but for some unlucky shooting, was outstanding in the front. Eric Beamish in front and back worked relentlessly. Mason Bennett had quick forays in attack which kept the Lakehill defence on edge. Kevin Ostapowich was steady at the back. These knights stood out.

Lakehill was held scoreless until 10 minutes from the end when the Gunners (smaller and short-handed) gave way to two quick goals. But they charged back with tremendous midfield


hustle and work by Jeremy Morrison paying off with a pass to Emily Bond, who bullied her way through three defenders for a goal with two minutes left. The same pair again nearly equalized with seconds left as Bond whistled a 25-yarder inches over the bar with the goalie beaten.

Nick Abley, Derek Kitchen,

Willie Atkins and Myles English ran miles to generate chances from different positions. Jonathan Sinclair and Jeff Millerd were their usual reliable selves. Thomas Baker at striker had his best game of the year to date.

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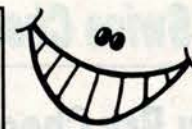
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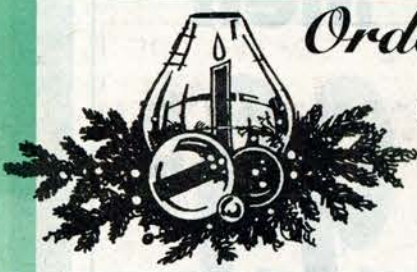
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Jazz night beat

Sunday night jazz-goers at Moby's Pub two weeks ago enjoyed the energetic musical antics of the Newman family and friends. Seen here, from left, are singers Amy Newman and Sue Newman, accompanied by father Ray Newman on the saxophone.

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A gift that warms both the heart and the toes is being offered by volunteer Sheila Reid, who has brought in hand-woven Guatemalan blankets to sell at this weekend's Beaver Point Hall craft fair.

Just over half the \$100 selling price will go into a scholarship fund to help Guatemalan Mayan students continue their education. The remainder is divided between paying the weaver for the blanket and covering shipping and importing costs.

Reid feels the blankets are excellent Christmas gifts which confer the added benefit of helping people in a developing country.

"This is the most straightforward way to lend a hand," Reid said.

"These students either find scholarships to continue their studies after middle school or they are forced to abandon school and return to the fields," she notes.

The failure to complete their education is tragic as the Mayan people realize they will no longer be able to support themselves with only their traditional skills in the future.

By sending their children to alternative primary education programs, they hope education will prepare the youngsters for

better jobs.

"But they have no way of supporting their children through high school without outside help," Reid said.

The students must leave their villages to complete their education. Instruction fees, books and other materials, and room and board cost the equivalent of \$75 a month or \$750 a year for the 10-month school year.

Reid has brought in 50 blankets for the craft fair. The Beaver Point Craft Fair is being held in Beaver Point Hall this Friday from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Odd Men Out CD release party: poignant reminder of Brunette

BY CLAUDIA FERRIS
Driftwood Contributor

It's been a long wait for the legendary jazz trio Odd Men Out to release its new CD but the group did so on Sunday at Moby's jazz night.

The atmosphere in the pub was infused with the artistic spirit of Ron Brunette, the band's much-loved singer whose tragic death of hantavirus in April 1996 did not silence his unique voice.

It was an appreciative crowd that came to celebrate the release of Changes. This disc is a compilation of live and remixed recordings, many of which were made at Moby's, where Ian Van Wyck and Mike Simpson, surviving members of Odd Men Out, were joined on Sunday by saxophonists Jeff Cooper and Monik Nordine.

Cooper's emotionally charged playing made the absence of Brunette's voice more poignant still on the pieces he sang so often. When Nordine launched into her soprano sax solo on We'll Be Together Again there were many moist eyes.

It was a room full of people who had such fond memories of Brunette singing that piece at that very spot — the effect was one of a pleasant, consensual sort of a haunting. Fuelled by these strong fellow-feelings Van Wyck and

Simpson played pieces of the Odd Men Out repertoire as if they were performing a joyful requiem for their lost voice.

Simpson's composition Bar Talk, for piano and bass, was played with mesmerizing proficiency. Cooper, a newcomer to the band as well as to Salt Spring and the pub, was impressed by the atmosphere and vowed to return soon. Van Wyck, a veteran of jazz night at Moby's, noted that this reaction by visiting artists is invariable.

so wickedly fond.

The CD itself is a pleasing and eclectic mix of jazz standards, originals, and improvised poetic sound-scape. It was produced by Odd Men Out and Brunette's wife Anna Haltrecht, and mastered by Paul Brosseau at Nomad Music. It has an evocative cover, designed by Van Wyck and Christina Lobalbo, based on concepts and artwork from an opera Brunette had written, and printed by Barnyard Grafix. Apart from the actual manufacturing it was entirely a local effort.

It captures several of the wild scat vocal numbers for which Brunette was renowned, and leaves one with the feeling of being transported back in time. From the liner notes: "Now Ron starts to sing and scat.

Suddenly jazz is a rollicking, living, breathing thing — made all the more poignant by Ron's passing. Listening to them now is like returning to those magical moments when jazz was a kind, chimerical creature and Ron Brunette rode it bareback and with total abandon."

Changes is available at local stores or by contacting the Cats Pajamas Studio at 537-5681. All proceeds from sales will go to the Ron Brunette Memorial Fund and will be used to promote further artistic endeavours. Haltrecht says another CD is a possibility.

"... (the CD) leaves one with the feeling of being transported back in time."

"They all love to play here," he said. "The attention they receive from the audience is gratifying, but also their treatment by the house is a welcome change for most of them. They can't wait to come back. I know it's the best gig around."

During breaks several tracks from the CD were played and Brunette's big, rich voice filled the room. Those familiar with him were reminded vividly of the loss of his many talents. Indeed, there was renewed speculation that his death itself must be one of those elaborate hoaxes of which he was

Painters set to meet

Practising or prospective painters are invited to put their brushes aside for a morning and socialize with fellow island artists.

The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild is holding a coffee party on December 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lions' Hart Bradley Hall on Bonnet Avenue. The guild especially invites past or potential new members to the casual gathering.

The group meets each Wednesday morning, offering workshops and related arts exercises, mutual support and friendship, and an opportunity to exhibit works. Guild members also receive preferred rates on longer workshops, such as those given this fall by well-known artists Randolph Parker and Ann Hunter.

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- **Music and Munch Christmas Concert** — Free concert with B. Valentine on the organ playing Christmas songs, followed by a delicious light lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$4.75. Wednesday, December 3, 12:10 p.m., at All Saints By-the-Sea.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Wednesday evening is Blue Grass Music night from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Donnie McDougall and Colin Weibe, formerly with the Guess Who and Randy Bachman Band, perform on Thursday, December 4 at 9 p.m.
- **Harbour House Lounge** — Karaoke with Harvey on Friday, December 5.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Dance to Monte Nordstrom and Groovedigger on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **The Purple Parrot Restaurant** — Simone Grasky performs Saturday evening, December 6, from 7 to 10 p.m.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Peter Taschuk Trio on December 7, 7 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Sunday Brunch Music Menu music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. December 7: Terry Warbey and Derek Duffy.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Tuesday evening is the Celtic Music Circle from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **The Christmas Concert** — Presented by Tuned Air, directed by Bruce Ruddell ... "a pageant from a one room schoolhouse,"

with the Fernwood Elementary School Senior Choir. December 10, 11, 12 and 13, 7 p.m., Salt Spring Island Activity Centre. Adults \$15, students \$6. Tickets at Mouat's ticket office, Sharon's, Murray's Brewplace, Stuff & Nonsense and at the door.

Cinema

- **Bean** — Rowan Atkinson's endearingly outrageous British bumbler will score big laughs from his fans in this convulsively-funny comedy in which the cheerfully malicious Mr. Bean is mistaken for an art scholar during a visit to L.A. Playing Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, December 5, 6 and 9, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m. 1 hour, 30 minutes. Rated PG. Cinema Central.
- **The Full Monty** — Held over ... because we love to hear you laugh! This cheeky British mega-hit is about a motley crew of unemployed steel workers who raise some cash and their flaccid self-esteem by putting on a male strip show. Playing Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, December 5, 6 and 9, at 9 p.m.; Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Monday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. 1 hour, 30 minutes. Rated PG. Cinema Central.
- **Seven Years in Tibet** — One final matinee show. Many requested a matinee so we got the OK! Hope this gives you the chance you need to see this beautiful film. Playing Saturday, December 6 at 3 p.m. 2 hours, 15 minutes. Rated PG, violence, coarse language. Cinema Central.

Family

- **Pre-School Storytime** — Mary Hawkins Library, every Monday

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 • **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!

Community TV

- **Wednesday, December 3** — 7:30 p.m., Isle of Views returns! Saltspring TV is pleased to welcome the return of Paul Marcano's critically acclaimed local series
- **Saturday, December 6** — 7 p.m., A special night for a special special: "2 Hours Maxx" — Lisa Maxx in recent concert at Beaver Point Hall
- **Sunday, December 7** — 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 GangaJi

Grab Bag

- **Fulford Community Hall Christmas Craft Fair** — Friday, December 5, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, December 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Beaver Point Christmas Craft Show** — Friday, December 5, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, December 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Cookies for Christmas** — Gulf Islands Secondary School Parent's Group fundraiser Saturday, December 6, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., All Saints By-the-Sea basement.
- **Book Launch and Poetry Reading** — Featuring Cathy Ford — Cunnilingus or How I Learned to Love Figure Skating. Sunday, December 7, 7 p.m. at (m)Other Tongue Press, 290 Fulford-Ganges Road.

Ford launches chapbook Sunday

Islanders are invited to a special book launch and poetry reading by Cathy Ford on Sunday. Ford will read from Cunnilingus, or How I Learned to Love Figure Skating, which has just been published in exquisite chapbook form by (m)Other Tongue Press and includes tipped-in custom photographs. Ford was a chapbook poetry contest winner who has also taught through (m)Other Tongue Press's

workshop series. The event takes place at the Writer's Retreat of (m)Other Tongue Press at 290 Fulford-Ganges Road beginning at 7 p.m. "Please park safely on the road," advises Mona Fertig of (m)Other Tongue. Refreshments and limited edition books — only 100 have been created — will be for sale. Call 537-4155 for more information.

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| 3. Lost World(1) | 8. Grosse Pointe Blank ... (8) |
| 4. Fifth Element(5) | 9. Operating Condor ... (-) |
| 5. Romy & Michele's H.R. ... (4) | 10. Chasing Amy (-) |

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GIRLPOWER

Grrls group meets at the Core Inn

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

It's a Grrls Group Thursday afternoon at the Core Inn.

About a dozen Grade 6 girls are animatedly talking as they pull together a circle of chairs and get settled for Week 7 of a program which helps them explore themselves and the society they live in.

Interspersed among them are several young women, most in Grade 12 at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS). There's a special kind of connection between the older and younger females; a sense of mutual respect and the invaluable dynamic of positive role models.

On November 20, Ganges RCMP Const. Jamie Tretiak was there as a role model too. The theme for the day was "girl power," with a brainstorming session on defining personal power and talking about future goals, with an emphasis on becoming who you want to be. That's where Tretiak came in — as a "20-something" woman who wanted to be a police officer since she was a teenager and maintained that desire through a series of challenges: first being rejected as too young; attaining a sociology degree; and once accepted into RCMP training, passing stringent physical and intellectual tests which are identical for men and women.

Molly Phillips and Nicki Ruddell are the leaders of today's session. The group of facilitators chooses topics to present, then in pairs they develop the session they will lead. Subjects range from body image to health, self-esteem and personal identity.

Phillips' and Ruddell's program includes an inspirational talk about developing personal power, a group physical

exercise, an art activity, Tretiak's presentation, the brainstorming session and, finally, a snack from the Core Inn kitchen afterwards.

The first responses the girls give to the "What is power?" question from Ruddell and Phillips are ones they are inundated with through TV and other forms of media — guns, seduction, physical violence. But the leaders soon get the girls talking about positive forms of power, such as respect for self and others, accomplishing goals, liking your body, sticking up for yourself, and they quickly catch on to the redefined view of power.

Core Inn coordinator Marion Selfridge points out to one girl how her voice — which was heard frequently that Thursday — is a source of power.

Helping and respecting each other is also emphasized throughout Grrls Group sessions as a way to produce "girl power."

Molly Phillips, one of the Grade 12 facilitators, said the girls are "really enthusiastic" and she enjoys her role in the program. "It's really neat to see how they're all thinking about their identities," she observed.

Getting the girls to "stop putting each other down," and to not believe the negative things boys tell them is an important aim of Grrls Group.

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The leaders get their material from peer counselling resources at GISS (many are in the peer counselling program there), use various books and talk to their teachers.

Grrls Group began last winter with funding from the provincial Healthy Communities program.

"I'm really glad I'm a part of it," said facilitator Jamaica Wrate, who also participated when she was in Grade 11.

"You feel like you're trying to be a good role model," she said, and positive community connections are made for the younger girls as they enter an especially challenging period of life.

Along with the material presented, getting to know young women who have successfully made it through the difficult period can make a big difference to the girls.

About 50 Grade 6 and 7 girls have taken the 10-week course this year.

Unfortunately, Healthy Communities funding has now disappeared. Monies are used to give facilitators a small honourarium, buy art supplies, pay for special activities and some coordinator's time.

But the participants feel so strongly about the need for this program that they are committed to finding the funds themselves.

On Sunday, December 14, the girls will team up for a "youth blitz" and canvass Salt Spring door-to-door for donations to keep Grrls Group going.

If anyone who would like to make a donation is missed in the December 14 blitz, or would like to donate in advance and save the legs of canvassing youths, they can bring their donation to the Core Inn from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday or from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

'End in sight' for steep Core Inn climb

Like the determined Little Engine That Could, the Core Inn Youth Project keeps gaining ground, even though the terrain has at times been steep and rocky.

"At first it seemed insurmountable," recalls long-time Core Inn Youth Project Society board member Trish Nobile.

That was when the group got an up-close look at the large heritage building a community member purchased for use as a youth centre on McPhillips Avenue in 1993.

But somehow, after more than four years of serious and constant fundraising, building renovation and efforts to get youth using the Core Inn, "the end is in sight."

Of course there is no end to the evolution of the Ganges youth centre but there may soon be an end to the sound of hammers and the building supplies stacked in hidden corners.

The society is within striking distance of being able to complete installation of a sprinkler system, which will allow the building's second and third floors to open, translating into more activities. A successful goods and services auction on Saturday, December 13 (postponed from December 7) at the Core Inn has the potential to raise the funds needed, although more donated items would be greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, new things keep happening at the Core Inn.

Numerous individuals and Gulf Coast Materials and the Ganges branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce recently helped put a basketball court behind the inn.

The FoodSafe kitchen is functioning and food is available when the centre is open. Barb's Buns and Mobile Market make donations on Friday and kids can even exchange work at the Core Inn for food.

A skateboarding group is also doing its own fundraising to build a mini-ramp behind the building. Inside there are various games, ping-pong and pool tables, Nintendo and a stereo set. (Youths sold jam, had a garage sale and car wash to purchase the portable set.)

Arts activities have taken place when community members offered their skills, and between the inn's piano and the instruments people bring, music seems a natural part of the scene.

Bo Tree School, with up to eight correspondence students, meets Tuesday through Thursday at the inn, with teacher Julia Hengstler.

Nobile says having Marion Selfridge, the inn's paid part-time coordinator for the past 11 months, has made a big difference.

"(Selfridge's) role has been invaluable to the board and in the day-to-day connecting with youth, and in liaising with the community."

Maintaining the coordinator's position is another goal of ongoing fundraising efforts. Selfridge is completing her term at the end of this month, and a goodbye party for her will coincide with an open house on December 20.

The centre is open from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, with special events as scheduled. A monthly activity schedule is posted in the entrance way.

What really needs to happen at the inn, explain Selfridge and Nobile, is for more youths to bring their ideas for activities to Selfridge or the Core Inn board. Anyone will be "totally welcomed and helped," says Selfridge.

They stress that ideas initiated by young people will always be most successful, since those affected will feel some ownership of the idea, and will probably have floated the idea among friends.

"Nothing is carved in stone," says Nobile. "We're always open to new ideas ... Please join us!"

One of the centre's credos is "By youth, with adults, for the community."

Having youth be the "real programmers" at the inn also gives them a chance to develop the valuable skill of organizing events. Today they initiate an open stage; tomorrow it could be a music festival or community-building conference.

More and more teens are using the Core Inn, either as an after-school drop-in centre or for a specific activity. But Nobile and Selfridge want the momentum to keep going. They and others see so much potential in the building and the community, and are buoyed by visualizing use of the second and third floors.

Word-of-mouth is the most effective way for use to increase and, especially because of the Grrls Group program, more parents are learning about the centre.

"Parents are realizing the kids have a good time and are supervised," says Selfridge. (Two adults must be on duty at the centre at all times.)

More adult volunteers are also needed to staff the centre. Volunteers need to pass an RCMP criminal records check, receive training and have a good rapport with young people. Usually, but not always, this means the volunteer was a teenager not so long ago.

Although the Core Inn has been officially open since January and was open in the summer of 1996, Nobile and Selfridge are surprised by the number of people who don't know about the centre. They encourage everyone to find out and offer support to island youth in whatever way they can — by volunteering, supporting the December 13 goods and services auction, making a donation, encouraging youth to bring their energy and ideas to the centre or serving on the board.

The Core Inn Youth Project Society will also soon be offering memberships to individuals and groups.

Whatever the funding situation, the Core Inn is here to stay and with a solid history of chugging through the obstacles, anything is possible.

Cancer survivor trains for fundraising marathon

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A dozen years ago, a diagnosis of cancer forced a change in how Susan Clarke lived her life.

At the time, she was given six months to live. To combat the cancer, she combined conventional and alternative therapies and focussed on living her life as well as she could.

"I recognized I could either focus on dying or focus on living," she said.

She has met many others faced with the same challenge and feels the victors are not only those who survived, but those who made the most of their lives regardless of how the disease progressed.

"I don't think my best gift was living but how I learned how to live," Clarke now says. A dozen years later, the 37-year-old Clarke divides her time between Gabriola Island and Salt Spring Island, where she works as a community counsellor for Salt

Spring Community Services Society.

These days she's on the road a lot – literally – as she prepares to run a 26-mile marathon to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

"I get up every morning at 5:30 a.m. and go out running for an hour-and-a-half," she said.

She started training in July with shorter runs and has gradually increased her stamina. On weekends, she runs for two and a half to three hours, covering up to 20 miles.

The Honolulu Marathon, in which she plans to compete, is 26 miles long and will be held on December 14.

Like recovering from cancer, she finds preparing for the run has been a challenging experience where the process has been as important as the end result.

"This has been an incredible journey so far. The commitment to train and put the mileage in

has been challenging," she observed. "While running I have had many opportunities to look back at my own personal journey in facing and moving beyond cancer."

It was a phone call from her sister which sparked her interest in the marathon. Her sister, who lives in the United States, is part of a team participating in the marathon to raise money for a U.S. leukemia association and had told Clarke that she was running in Clarke's honour.

Clarke also decided to participate but to put her efforts towards raising a minimum of \$3,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. "I decided I'd prefer to raise money for a Canadian agency."

She hopes to create a fund to help cancer patients access alternative and complementary treatment programs in addition to conventional medicine.

"Really, anything is possible



Susan Clarke

no matter what the medical model tells people," Clarke said.

She and her sister are having a friendly little competition over who is raising more money through the run. Clarke admits it has been hard for her to approach friends and co-workers for sup-

port – and it is even harder to approach the community through the newspaper. "I am not one who is very good at asking for money."

But she has found many people whose lives have been affected by cancer willing to support her venture. "I have been touched by the stories people have shared with me about themselves and the people they love and care for who are struggling with cancer."

For the run she is preparing a T-shirt filled with names. Some contributors have asked her to run in honour of or in memory of those they know who have struggled with cancer.

Clarke leaves next Wednesday for Hawaii. Until then, potential donors can contact her through the Community Centre at 537-9971. Or they can send a contribution directly to the Canadian Cancer Society, 207-225 Canada Avenue, Duncan, B.C. V9L 1T6. Cheques should be marked 'Susan Clarke's Run.'

'Unconventional' island artist dies

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

An artist whose skill and whimsical sense of humour delighted many islanders passed away suddenly November 17 following a short illness.

Esther Travis, 51, moved to Salt Spring with her husband Roy in 1992. She quickly gained a reputation for her unconventional work, which often melded social commentary with artistic ability.

One piece, two tiny scenes inside a box, showed two sides of alcoholism. Peering through a fish-eye lens, the viewer saw a book-lined study with a well-to-do man enjoying too much to drink. On the other side, was a skid row scene showing a drunk slumped to the ground.

The work was chosen as the most original concept in the March 1993 "Boxed-In" island show.

A year later her entry in the Look 94 show was one of three to receive "people's choice" awards. She was one of 20 artists chosen from 200 to participate in the province-wide Images and Objects VII show in Campbell River, which also led to a show, Markings, in Victoria in June 1994.

For almost 20 years she

worked at drafting and illustrating and supplemented her income by painting. In 1982, she enrolled in Emily Carr College of Art and Design, graduating with honours in 1986. She also studied book illustration and painting.

In addition to her three-dimensional works, her interests included stained glass, computer art, graphic design and painting with acrylics, oils and watercolours.

Her previous accomplishments were a people's choice award from the Expo '86 art show in the B.C. Pavilion, participation in the Artists in the Square '89 show and in a three-person show in Vancouver's Ace Gallery in

June 1993.

"She had all kinds of things going," Roy Travis said.

A showing of her work Saturday drew approximately 50 people, many of whom are part of Salt Spring's artistic community.

"I'm not sure she realized herself how well thought of she was, especially in the arts community."

She had been organizing this year's erotic art show. The Alliance of Salt Spring Artists has decided to dedicate next year's erotic arts show to her. Also proposed is a retrospective show of her works in a bid to establish an arts bursary in her name.

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OF THESE DATES

DEC. 3: 9:30-3:30pm Christmas Sewathon, Family Place.
DEC. 3: Chamber of Commerce annual member meeting, 7pm at the Harbour House Hotel.
DEC. 4: Common childhood illnesses, Family Place, 1-3pm.
DEC. 4: 9:30-3:30pm Christmas Sewathon, Family Place.
DEC. 3: Music & Munch, All Saints by the Sea, 12:10pm.
DEC. 10: Child safety & first aid, Family Place, 1-3pm.
DEC. 10, 11, 12, 13: Tuned Air production "The Christmas Concert", SS Activity Centre, 7pm.

EVERY SATURDAY
- 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.
- Authumn 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
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, SS Health Unit behind Lady Minto Hosp. 4:30-6:30pm.
- French conversation, Croftonbrook, 10:15am - 11:45am.

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
- 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.
- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00

EVERY FRIDAY
- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
- Games afternoon, Seniors for Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.

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Born in New Westminster, island green thumb Yvette Clements moved to Salt Spring in 1975 with her husband John and children Dan and Carol. After their move here, the Clements launched the Sunshine Health Food store. Now retired, Clements volunteers with the United Church, arranging flowers among other tasks. But her favourite activity, she says, is gardening. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Rotary fundraising auction planned

There's everything from a seaplane excursion to Internet website design on the auction block Saturday when the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island holds its first annual goods and services auction.

Club spokesman Roland Hanoski, who will share the auctioneer's responsibilities with Dave Phillips, said pilot Ed Davis has donated a \$250 seaplane trip while Anu Jolliffe has contributed a four-page website.

Other offerings include:

- 3-D cameras donated by Eve's Attic;
- a framed Robert Bateman print;

- an original watercolour by Gwen Butcher;
- two nights at Chesterman Beach, Tofino, courtesy of St. Clair McColl;
- a 4x5 area rug from Calypso Carpet; and
- several gift certificates from Blackburn Meadows Golf Course.

Hanoski said a total of 61 items worth \$9,400 had been donated as of Monday afternoon.

The auction will begin at 7 p.m., following a dinner that starts at 5:30. The event will be held at the Lions Club hall on Bonnet Avenue.

Candles to mark Human Rights Day

Shine your light on human rights.

That's the message for the coming year from Amnesty International, whose Salt Spring members plan to use candles next week to mark Human Rights Day Wednesday,

December 10.

Spokesman David Massy said Amnesty plans to place large candles in local churches and other public locations, along with copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Next year is the 50th anniversary

of the declaration, and the 25th anniversary of Amnesty International.

In placing the candles, Amnesty members hope to encourage people to pledge their support for the organization's activities.

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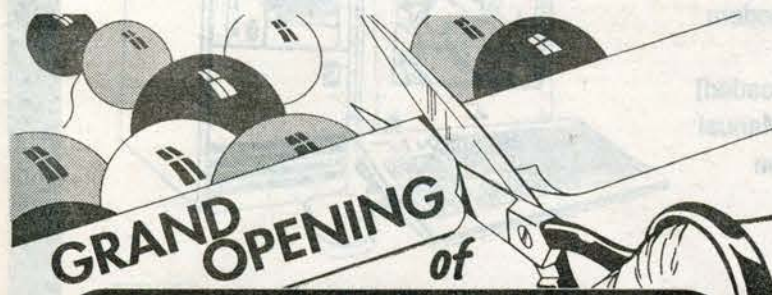


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Etchings by Galiano artist selected as APEC gifts

Galiano artist Ronaldo Norden's etchings were chosen as Canada's gift to the heads of state attending the APEC conference in Vancouver.

Jim Currie, who once assisted shop-keeper Paul Petrovski at the now closed Spanish Hills Store, currently operates an art gallery in Ottawa where he exhibits Norden's works among others. Looking for a suitable presentation work, the government's deputy director of protocol saw Norden's delicate etchings and chose two of them for consideration by the External Affairs department. The result was a commission for 25 prints, all as similar as possible.

Ronaldo's works, printed from inked plates are all hand-wiped, so variations are possible, if not probable. September, when the printing was completed, was a busy month for the artist.

800+ years

The year 1917 was a good one

from all appearances — well, North Galiano's inheritance from that year was good.

Four local residents when they reached 70 decided they would celebrate their birthdays together. So for 10 years Woody Coward, Thom Liddell, Aini Haksi and Harold Wike (and their respective spouses) celebrated by having supper together at an island dining spot. This year they met again, joined by another octogenarian, Irene Howard of Retreat Cove (formerly of Porlier Pass Light Station), and were feted by the community at a potluck supper organized by the North Galiano Community Association. Close to 70 attended.

Four of the five have served on the North Galiano Community Association executive over the years. The exception, Thom Liddell, was for a number of years North Galiano's fire chief and the

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secretary-treasurer of the Garden Club. Speeches of appreciation and jest followed the supper, along with the partaking of two beautifully-decorated birthday cakes. In addition to the 400 years of 'life on earth' represented by the five, there were others present who had reached their 'eightieth' some time earlier — another 400-plus years — Ken Allen, Barbara Gibby, Arne Haksi, Muriel Hamilton and Peggy Liddell. It was a special evening.

Brine remembered

Close to 90 attended a celebration of life for the late Ralph Brine on Sunday afternoon, November 23.

Held in North Galiano where the Brine's first settled on coming

to the island, residents gathered from north and south for a "stand-up" potluck luncheon. Later seated, they listened as family members and local residents alike recounted memories of their late father, neighbour or friend.

All family members were present to pay respects and support Ralph's widow Marne. The latter listened quietly as the speakers mentioned Brine's commercial successes, his love of the outdoors, his conversion to sheep farming, his expertise as a card player and golfer, his sometimes irreverent pranking and his generosity of time and funding to community needs. Five family members spoke — eldest son David, daughter Janet, two granddaughters (Eva Markvoort and Kaylie Brine) and son-in-law Bill Markvoort.

On their arrival at the hall, celebrants were serenaded by kilted piper Brad Rossetto. Master of ceremonies Alistair Ross, also in family tartan, greeted all at the door. Brine was proud of his

Scottish ancestry — his family came west from Nova Scotia. Brine named his farm on Galiano "Hunterstone" after the family home in the "old land."

This week's events

First concert of the 1997-98 Gulf Islands Concert Series takes place in the South Hall this Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Featured will be Fiddlers G.F., a young and lively group which is finishing its current cross-Canada tour here in the Gulf Islands.

The following evening — same time and location — a photo study on Tibet is to be given by author-photographer Brian Harris, who is Tibetan Voices project manager.

On Saturday, December 6, at the South Hall once again, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Ladies Service Guild will hold its Christmas Fest, featuring a raffle, crafts, baked goods and sweet things. Hot soup and sourdough bread will be served, also desserts with coffee.

Movement patterning workshop scheduled

Anyone wanting to bring more awareness and spontaneity into his or her everyday life might want to attend a December 14 Helen Walkley workshop.

From noon to 4 p.m. next Sunday at Cats Pajamas studio, Vancouver-based Walkley will lead a workshop called A Practice of Everyday Life, Movement Patterning and Improvisation.

"Movement patterning" is a detailed look at habitual movement patterns, how they serve us and the possibility for change and transformation into self-expression.

According to Anna Haltrecht of Cats Pajamas, Walkley will begin the workshop with a warm-up designed to develop participants' awareness, sensitivity and attention. It will also focus on the sensuality of the senses and presence of mind. Working with the imagination through structured improvisation and the creative process will follow.

Walkley is an improviser, choreographer, performer, teacher and certified Laban movement analyst with knowledge of the most innovative ideas in the movement field. She has lived and worked extensively in the United States, Germany and the Netherlands.

Fee is \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Call Haltrecht at 537-5681 for information and registration.

CFUW 'unplugs Christmas machine'

"Unplugging the Christmas machine" was the theme of Saturday's pre-Christmas luncheon for Canadian Federation of University Women on Salt Spring.

Local United Church minister Sharon Cooke spoke to the group about ways to avoid getting involved in the over-commercialization of Christmas.

The club's next meeting is on Saturday, January 31 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lions Hall. It will feature a panel of financial planners who will speak and answer questions about RRSPs, RRIFs and other forms of investment.

Current and new members of the club are encouraged to attend. Further information is available by calling 653-9158 or 537-1481.

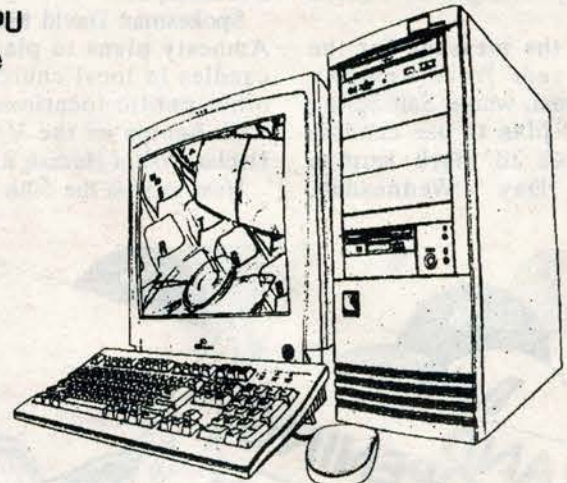
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New Cubs

Tyler Anderson is invested into the 1st Ganges Cub Pack during a ceremony November 24 at Ganges. Officiating at the ceremony were, from left, John Teagle, RCMP Const. Jamie Tretiak and Chris Coates. About eight youngsters were invested into the pack, which now has 24 members.

Photo by Tony Richards

New owners take on island design centre

Salt Spring Home Design Centre is now under the new ownership of Richard and Jean Elwell.

The couple has moved to the island from Vancouver where they worked as chartered accountants.

The business, which sells wood, gas and pellet stoves, Beachcomber hot tubs, ceramic tile and home decorating items, was previously owned by Mike Hogan and Donna Martin.

The Elwells say they are "com-

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mitted to delivering the same high quality products, service and advice that customers have come to expect."

They plan to expand the business to include sale of unique outdoor furnishings and high performance gas barbecues.

Affirmations—positive thinking aids desire to get goals in action

I am often asked about affirmations — what they are and if they really help.

I believe in positive thinking. After all, we do have our options. I would rather have a half-full cup than a half-empty one. Therefore, I suggest people think this way and it will be!

An affirmation is a statement of intent, something you wish to bring into your life or remove from your life. For example, if you are feeling like everything is happening at once and you are not in control in either your emotional or work areas, find a quiet spot, preferably in front of a mirror, and say clearly: "All is well in my world and I reclaim my power."

I suggest a mirror because our eyes are the mirror to our soul and when we have the intent or desire to make changes we need to be focussed.

If you have a desire to lose weight, say "I release the need for the excess weight on my body."

Feeling like you have had too

many "going nowhere" relationships yet you know you'd like to meet that special someone? Try "I allow only positive relationships in my life."

I believe that if we can trust in ourselves and our abilities, take time to listen to that ever-present inner voice that says "yes you can," and don't give energy to the limiting voice that tries to test our intent by saying "are you sure?" then we will be well on our way to a life of satisfaction and well being!

A formula I follow and suggest to my clients and friends is "desire, intent, allowance, surrender and trust." If we have the desire to get our goals in action, the intent is the next step. For instance, if our desire is to have our own business, the intent would be to take a small business course. Assess the opportunities that are available. Practise discipline with money and look at real

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estate locations for the business. Now comes the difficult part — allow it to happen. Stand back, surrender to the universe. You have clearly shown your desire and intent. The universe has its own way of catching on. Now turn it over and trust.

Always remember, you have your options, so why not start today with a half-full cup. See what happens!

Enjoy!

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Gord Kristjensen offered lunch and delicious seasonal treats along with his traditional cinnamon buns and fine coffee. Many shoppers stopped and savoured the ambiance of the Christmas fair while enjoying lunch.

The crafters donated close to \$300, which was 10 per cent of the sales, to the Community Club for use of the hall. This was a great way to begin the season of giving on Saturna.

During the festivities Jon Guy was observed, clipboard in hand, recruiting volunteers to put on the annual Candlelight Dinner. This festive event will be on a Sunday (December 14) for the first time in recent history. Tickets are on sale for \$15 at both stores until December 8. All proceeds from this event go to providing equipment for the Community Hall.

Coming events

This Thursday there will be a ben-

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efit slide show to raise money for people in Tibet at the Community Hall. Notices posted about the community hint at some very colourful and interesting photography as well as some insight into the culture and economy of Tibet.

Fiddlers GF open the Saturna Arts and Concerts Society season Saturday night with an evening of lively fiddle music. This long-anticipated concert will set your toes tapping.

Those without seasons tickets can call Nancy Angermeyer at 539-3217 to arrange for admission to all the coming concerts. Single concert tickets are also available at the door.

Don't forget to mark December 9 on your calendar. That's the night the health group has booked the Community Hall for a lecture about memory or the lack thereof. Not remembering seems to be a worry for people of every age group in our busy society. Come on out and find out what scientists are saying about memory and hopefully how we can improve it.

Saturna Elementary School students are planning to entertain you December 12 when they put on the play "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" for the annual Christmas concert.

Admission for this must-see event is a donation of a non-perishable food item for the local Christmas hampers. The following morning at 10 a.m. the Santa Ship will sail into the government dock with gifts for all the children.

Tiny, colourful gift boxes are available at the library for a donation toward buying turkeys for local food hampers. These boxes were hand-made by Elly Molnar and donated to help fund this worthy event. Make sure all your tiny gifts are presented in one of these fine packages. This will be sure to warm many hearts.

The Community Club holds its fall quarterly meeting December 15. The evening will start with a potluck dinner at 6:30 at the Community Hall, followed by the meeting at 7:30. One item of business will be selection of representatives to the Southern Gulf Islands Health Advisory Committee. All islanders are urged to participate in this club.

Moist bara brith bread at least 100 years old

By TERRA TEPPER
Driftwood Contributor

This week I have a very old Welsh recipe for you from Gwyn Strike's mother, so we're talking at least 100 years old here.

In those days, Wales was a pretty hard-scrabble sort of place, with little industry except for coal-mining in the south, and the miners themselves were paid precious little. Rich baking ingredients like butter and eggs were saved for special occasions. At tea time there were no squares or cookies, just bread and butter or fruit bread.

Sponge cake with jam in the middle was a real special occasion treat because of the number of eggs required.

Gwyn's mother made a fruit bread called bara brith (pronounced Breeth) as a standby in their home and Gwyn has continued the tradition, at least, as she said, until she discovered the joys of zucchini. A feature of this bread is that it contains absolutely no fat except the yolk of the egg, yet is moist

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enough to slice very thinly.

BARA BRITH

1 3/4 cups mixed dried fruits, including raisins or currants
1 cup brown sugar, packed
3/4 cup cold tea

Place the fruit and sugar in a bowl and pour the tea over. Allow the mixture to stand overnight. This steeping process makes the fruit plump up and become very tender.

Then mix 1 egg and 1/2 tsp. salt. Beat well and add to the fruit mixture.

Sift together:
2 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
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What's up?

Salt Spring appears to be moving into a busy season as three banners are installed on poles outside the Ganges firehall, reminding islanders of Christmas season events.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Historical society guest speaker covers angles of fishing industry

By **KEN MACKENZIE**
Driftwood Contributor

Noted Canadian historian Rosemary Ommer treated Salt Spring Island Historical Society to an informative lecture on fishing November 25.

The second in a series of evening lectures sponsored by the historical society, Ommer's talk was titled Can and Should Coastal Fishing Communities Survive? Reflections from the East Coast.

She told the audience of 30 as succinctly as possible how the centuries-long Newfoundland fishing industry was brought to its knees, with no fish to speak of being caught. She dealt with every aspect of the issue, from the availability and types of fish, to the human dimensions of the fishery, to the regulatory and political regime that contributed in no small way to the demise of the industry, all interspersed with anecdotes and personal asides that snared the attention of everyone present.

There are various levels on which to study history, and first and foremost must be its role in

mitigating the effects of decisions and actions of people when it appears they might be repeating yesterday's errors. Ommer's talk was outstanding in this regard, as she gave her blueprint of how she believes a portion of the east coast fishery can be brought back. Her emphasis on a fishing "industry" was no coincidence, for her underlying message was the urgent necessity to move away from the "industry" and all that word connotes.

We are told the world is now in a post-industrial age and from Ommer's standpoint it is high time fishing's major participants realize this and bring us back from the brink to a sustainable business world wide. Gone are the days when ever-more efficient technology can be sent out to sea to mine indiscriminately the living resources in the world's oceans. We must get back to a more kind and sensitive regime.

Ommer professed to see hope in the B.C. experience, firstly in having the Newfoundland example front and centre and, secondly,

because she sees an affinity between coastal communities in B.C., where they still appear determined to work together for a common good towards the survival of communities such as Ucluelet or Sointula or Prince Rupert — or even Salt Spring Island. Our fishing community is not large but as became evident in the discussion after the talk and, as Arthur Black points out, we have our experts: The Elliots, the Rajalas and the Scarfos know what the problems are and in their own ways are working towards ensuring as much as possible that coastal fishing can survive.

The group got together afterwards for coffee and sticky buns, and in true Salt Spring fashion "schmoozed." Out of this have sprung initiatives for survival, thus fulfilling the primary role of history.

Anyone wishing to join this historical process is invited to attend future meetings of the historical society. The next meeting is at 2 p.m., January 8, at Central Hall. Look for details in the Driftwood.

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Small enrolment threatens 'homey' pre-school



By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

A curl of smoke winds from the Little Red Schoolhouse chimney, radiating a feeling of home that is matched by the building's cozy interior.

It is Thursday morning and the second of two weekly pre-school sessions is under way at the historic one-room schoolhouse, which is over 100 years old.

The schoolhouse is small, but every corner is used as about 10 children move between play centres. Two boys stand beside an elevated sandbox, another plays with a train, and two girls dress themselves in costumes. A play-dough table is tucked under the stairs; a small bed lies on one side of a two-part loft.

At one craft table, early childhood educator (ECE) Janet Hoag checks on a small boy painting a large picture; she then moves to another table where two girls are working on a nature craft.

Bly Kaye is overseeing a group of children enjoying a tea party in the loft, while a third adult — a volunteer parent — uses the phone to track down one child's mother. The child is tearful because she forgot to bring her doll for show-and-tell. She is concerned about its safety.

The walls are covered with bright and bold children's artwork, heat pulses from a carefully blockaded wood stove and the hardwood floors are warm underfoot.

"There's a nice feeling; it's very cozy," says Hoag. "It's a comfortable place for kids to be."

But the little schoolhouse, which has been a centre for learning since the late 1800s, is facing financial difficulties this year as fewer children have enrolled in the pre-school program.

Bills are just met by the monthly \$80 tuition fees of 12 children. Fifteen children is a financially comfortable number, but this year only eight registered. Since then, two more have joined.

Hoag says the numbers have dwindled for various reasons. Last year the pre-school had 15 children, 12 of whom left to attend Kindergarten. Numbers of pre-school-aged children tend to climb and fall, Hoag adds, and for some

people, a pre-school option is less convenient than care provided at nearby Tree Frog Daycare.

"Tree Frog is great for people who are working," Hoag said.

A pre-school program offers exploratory learning for children, but it only runs two mornings per week and is not flexible like daycare in its hours of operation.

Like many aspects of Little Red Schoolhouse Pre-school, financial strains are being met by an active group of parents, who are currently selling raffle tickets for an annual draw held at the Beaver Point Christmas Craft Fair. The raffle, organized by parent Anne Buckley, includes a donated item from just about everyone vending at the fair. All proceeds from the raffle are being directed to the preschool.

Parents are making and selling calendars as a further fundraising event.

Little Red also benefits from an annual donation from Fulford Day proceeds and has, in the past, received funding from the Capital Regional District.

The program is led by Hoag, who has a teaching certificate plus her ECE degree. Art teacher Kaye works on Thursdays and assistant Sandy McKerrill helps out on Tuesdays.

The pre-school was launched about 17 years ago when two Fulford-area groups approached the Beaver Point Park Committee for rental of the building which was suffering at the hands of vandals and

lack of use.

Kaye moved a pre-school group into the school in the mornings, while an alternative school ran each afternoon. Eventually the alternative school disbanded.

Running water and electricity has been added in the past decade to meet increasingly-stringent licensing regulations, but the school is able to operate with an outhouse, due to a "grandfather" clause which exempts it from current plumbing rules.

However, because of the outhouse, the school must always employ two people (so one can accompany a child to the outhouse) regardless of the number of children participating.

Parents frequently attend the sessions as well, some bringing a special activity, others offering to help.

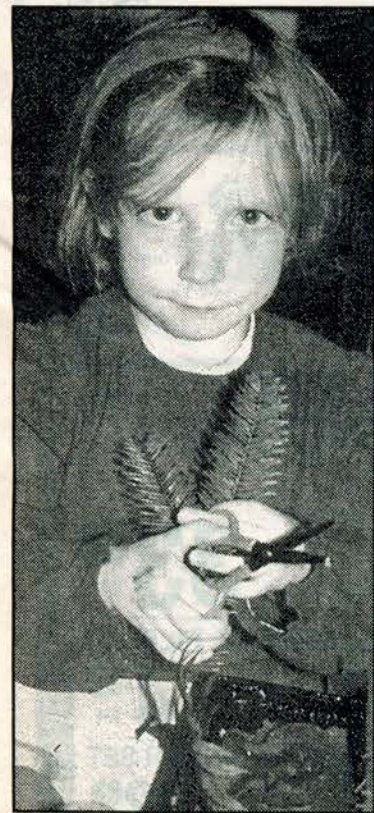
"We have a really wonderful, supportive group of parents which really enriches it for me," says Hoag. "And it helps the kids be more connected to the school."

The children travel on fields trips and spend a lot of time hiking through the wooded area surrounding the school.

"It feels as though it is a place of power," Kaye says. "It has a kind of magic that is hard to put into words."

Hoag believes the Little Red pre-school program differs from others in its incorporation of the natural environment plus its strong art component.

And, of course, it feels a lot like home.



CRAFTERS: Little Red Schoolhouse Pre-school participant Luc Comeau, above, uses paint to create a bold, colourful picture while Rebecca Edwards sits at a second art table to work on another craft. About 10 children played at the pre-school's many activities during a recent Thursday session.

Photos by Susan Lundy

Article features farm

Winsome, curly-horned angora goats, the green fields of Salt Spring, a llama or two and skeins of brightly coloured yarn are showcased in a feature article in December's Harrowsmith Country Life.

The article by Salt Spring writer Sandra McKenzie describes John and Iris Fulker's Bullock Lake Farm, where sheep, llamas and goats co-exist with farm vacation guests. The article also touches on Salt Spring Island Fibre Studios, which was established to promote the use of wool fleeces.

Photographs by John Fulker accompany the article.

"I think we'll get quite a few inquiries about fibre from that. I think they did a good job. Good exposure," Iris Fulker said.

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School meetings elected two trustees

Thirty-five years ago
 • Trustees were elected at two school district meetings on Salt Spring. At the Fulford district meeting, Robert Patterson was elected to represent that area. In Ganges, Mr. C.W. Harrison was re-elected along with Marshall Sharp as north Salt Spring trustees.

• A contract was awarded for construction of a newsprint building at the B.C. Forest Products Limited Crofton plant. The contract was given to Smith Brothers & Wilson Ltd. of Vancouver. Approximately 150 men were to be employed on the project.

Thirty years ago
 • Four school trustees and a regional director were elected by acclamation but two more positions were going to a December 9 vote. Contesting the Salt Spring regional director's seat were incumbent Douglas Cavaye and Gilbert Humphreys. Vying for the Mayne Island trustee's chair were incumbent Elizabeth Ross, James Clarke and Alfred Donaghy. Elected were Salt Spring school trustees G. M. Heinekey, P.A. Frattinger and R.M. Patterson, and Saturna trustee J. M. Campbell. Also elected was Outer Islands regional director Joan Purchase of Pender.

Twenty-five years ago
 • Improvements to telephone service on Galiano Island were delayed when a ship's anchor tore out a submarine cable laid in Active Pass. The 200-pair cable stretched for 3,000 feet between Mayne and Galiano islands. The cable was pulled with such force that the concrete-encased shore ends were broken, two anchor guys were snapped, anchor bolts were bent and a telephone pole on Mayne Island was pulled over. The damage was expected to take until mid-1973 to rectify.

• Salt Spring property owners were going to the polls to vote on spending \$50,000 to create a community centre in conjunction with an activity room being added to Salt Spring Elementary. Pender voters were to choose between incumbent Bertha Matthews and Elizabeth Vasilev for the school board.

Twenty years ago
 • Four people were killed when a Cessna 220 plane crashed on the northwestern side of Mount Erskine. Dead were pilot John Zerk and his son Wesley, both of Nanaimo, and Roy and Sophia Zerk of Port Alberni. The plane had taken off from Cassidy Airport enroute to

DOWN THE YEARS

Seattle. Poor visibility caused by fog and rain was blamed for the accident.

• A delegation of 45 Salt Spring residents turned out to the Capital Regional District (CRD) board meeting to support a sewer system in Ganges. One speaker noted Ganges rats were the size of alley cats and cited the health hazard of untreated sewage in the downtown core.

Fifteen years ago

• The start of sewer installation at Ganges was halted by a CRD board decision to reconsider the project at its December meeting. The board had received a recommendation to accept two tenders on the project but then learned of court action against the project. Some Salt Spring residents, headed by Yvette Valcourt, were challenging the establishment of a sewer designated area in Ganges.

• Pender Island residents were unhappy with the service they were receiving between Pender and Swartz Bay. Residents found they had to line up at least an hour ahead of the sailing time in order to gain a spot on the Mayne Queen for the morning and evening sailings. Some people had been left behind overnight on Vancouver Island.

Ten years ago

• Tree cutting taking place at two sites on Galiano was halted by islanders. The cutting was being done by contractors working for MacMillan-Bloedel as a preliminary step to full-scale logging the following year.

• Booth Bay area residents were disturbed by an influx of night time commercial clam harvesters into the bay. Concerns included noise and lights and threats to the local shellfish population.

Five years ago

• A CRD engineering study revealed it would cost between \$1,653 and \$2,942 per home to connect North Beach homes to the Fernwood Waterworks system. Capital cost was estimated at \$1.3 million and the annual operating cost would be \$62,670.

• Texada Logging Ltd. withdrew its bid to rezone part of its Burgoyne Bay property from Rural to Industrial-4. The bylaw had received third reading but Texada president Michael Steeves said the company decided not to proceed with the rezoning until a specific use had been determined for the property.

800 dogs euthanized this year: northern SPCA seeking homes

Islanders have a chance to save canine lives this season as a northern B.C. SPCA worker attempts to find families for homeless dogs.

Gayle Burandt, a former Pender Island resident who spends summers on Salt Spring, has written to the Driftwood from her Prince George home about a "constant and rather desperate situation."

Despite ongoing educational programs on neutering and spaying, the Prince George SPCA has too many dogs and not enough homes.

Between the local pound and the SPCA, says Burandt, over 800 dogs have been euthanized already this year. While some of the dogs were sick or otherwise "unadopt-

able," the "vast majority were good healthy animals."

"The situation is very discouraging for the people who are faced with the grim task of destroying beautiful, healthy pets."

Burandt says she adopted four dogs from the pound and SPCA shelter, two of which she found homes for on Salt Spring.

Due to an Air B.C. program, cost of flying the dogs south is free.

Using this service, the Prince George SPCA shelter has been flying dogs to the Victoria shelter. However, the Victoria branch now has enough local dogs to satisfy local demands.

"My experience with adopting


out dogs on the island (Salt Spring) led me to believe there are a great number of good homes in that part of the world."

Three different homes expressed interest in one of the dogs she had available, and only one of the three had actually seen the dog.

"If there is any chance that folks on Salt Spring or the surrounding islands can give these animals good homes, we will do whatever it takes to get the right dog to the right home," she says, adding that the dogs can be shipped free of charge to the Victoria airport.

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