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Islanders battle noisy float planes

A bid by some Salt Spring residents to reduce the noise of float planes in Ganges Harbour is being backed by a campaign to encourage travellers to insist on quieter planes.

"It's the only weapon we have. We've exhausted all the other routes," residents' spokesman Mel Sumner told the Driftwood last week.

His ad-hoc committee is asking islanders, their friends and their

employers to insist on a plane with a three-bladed propeller when booking flights. Sumner said such a propeller cuts the noise of a float plane by approximately 50 per cent from that produced by a two-bladed prop.

At a meeting January 8 between committee members, local politicians and representatives from Transport Canada and float plane operators, Sumner said, it became obvious there is

little control over harbour traffic.

Some harbours have commissions responsible for such things as float plane noise or safety, he pointed out, but not Ganges. "Nobody has control of the water down there."

Sumner would like to see a harbour commission formed by the Capital Regional District and/or the Islands Trust. "They will be able then to enforce regulations on the water." But until then, he said, residents will have to take action on their own to reduce the noise created by ever-increasing float plane traffic.

The meeting January 8 was cooperative, Sumner said. Airline operators who were present agreed not to have flights take off from the harbour before 7 a.m. and also agreed not to have planes fly below 1,200 feet over land unless the restriction poses a

safety hazard.

The third recommendation from the meeting was that all planes with a two-bladed prop should be retro-fitted with a three-bladed prop to reduce noise.

Depending on the aircraft, that can cost \$10,000 to \$25,000 per plane, Seair manager Peter Clark told the Driftwood. He said his company had retro-fitted all its

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Baseball season threatened

If volunteers don't emerge from the dugouts soon, Salt Spring baseball fields could be empty this spring.

The local association needs people to handle registration and fill a variety of organizational positions to make the 1998 season fly for an estimated 300 children.

Baseball coach Roy Kinnear said Sunday, "(The season) probably won't go this year if other people don't come forward."

He said that without a president and treasurer, the group can't even access its own funds.

A variety of people are needed to fill a range of jobs, from basic executive positions to handling uniforms, maintenance and registration.

"If two people try to do it, it's not going to work," said Kinnear.

Pat Akerman agrees. He is another coach concerned about potential cancellation of the season.

He explained that previous executive members deserve praise for several years of hard work, but now that their children are grown up, it doesn't make sense for them to keep volunteering for the baseball association.

If enough people agree to help this year, each position should not demand a great deal of time. An organizing meeting has been set for Saturday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in the meeting portable at Portlock Park.

The season runs from April through June.

Activity will likely proceed regardless for the few older athletes who compete against off-island teams, said Kinnear. It is the younger children who play against each other on Salt Spring that would be affected.

For more information, call Kinnear at 537-9216.



Scottish delight

Jim Ballantyne uses expressive hand gestures and rolling Scottish "Rs" to address the haggis in the fourth annual Robbie Burns celebration held at Meaden Hall Saturday night. As some Salt Spring Islanders gathered to eat haggis and enjoy music provided by the Legion Pipe Band and Triskele Celtic Band, others enjoyed several rounds of Scottish dancing at Fulford Hall. See pages 21 and 31 for more photographs.

hoto by Derrick Lundy

Unwanted party 'hoodlums' trash house

By SUSAN LUNDY Driftwood Staff

The honeymoon ended quickly for a Salt Spring couple whose house was trashed Friday night.

Ingvaar Straarup and his wife of two days returned home Sunday to find their home damaged by unwanted party-goers.

Police, who were called to the

Leisure Lane party twice on Friday night, are considering charges of either obstructing a police officer or personation against a teenager who identified herself as the party host and sent the officers away.

In the meantime, an angry and shocked Straarup family is picking up broken glass, calling in

cleaners and making a list of stolen items.

According to Straarup, his 16year-old daughter invited about six girls to the house Friday evening after he and his new wife left the island for a short honeymoon. One of the girls planned to sleep over. However, word got out and about 110 youths showed up at the house, ready to party.

Although police and the Straarups have not put a dollar figure on the cost of damage and the value of stolen property, police say the amount is "considerable."

PARTY 2

Accident shuts down terminal

Salt Spring's ferry link to the rest of British Columbia hung by a single vessel Saturday morning after an accident with a semi-trailer shut down the Long Harbour terminal.

The accident occurred as the truck was being loaded on the Queen of Tsawwassen for the 6:40 a.m. sailing to Tsawwassen. The underside of the truck caught on the apron hinge and the weight of the vehicle pushed it forward, bending the apron tie rods and creating a gap in the ramp.

B.C. Ferries was forced to close the Long Harbour terminal until repairs could be made to the apron and the ramp structure inspected for damage. With the Fulford terminal already closed for ramp replacement, loss of the Long Harbour terminal meant only the Vesuvius terminal remained in service to handle vehicle traffic between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island.

As many vehicles as possible were routed through the Vesuvius-Crofton route. The Skeena Queen, sailing on a revised schedule between Swartz Bay and Long Harbour during the Fulford terminal closure, did not carry vehicles but was able to bring in passengers and a dock maintenance crew to Salt Spring by 9:45 a.m.

Then the Skeena waited at Swartz Bay for repairs to be completed. Service resumed at approximately noon Saturday.

Weather created the only other snags in ferry service during the week. High winds and seas Friday afternoon and evening forced cancellation of the 4:25 p.m. sailing from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen.

In addition, the water taxi running between Fulford and Swartz Bay was forced to turn back to Fulford Friday afternoon due to high seas. B.C. Ferries arranged with Azure Transport bus operator John Cade to take the foot passengers to Long Harbour, connecting with the 5:30 p.m. sailing of the Skeena Queen to Swartz Bay.

The water taxi was back in ser-

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planes with three-bladed propellers and described his craft as the newest and quietest in the harbour. "We like to brag about that."

He also backs the call for no early morning flights as does Chris Holmes, operations manager for Pacific Spirit Air.

Holmes said his airline now uses a two-bladed prop plane but will retro-fit the plane as soon as it is financially feasible. "All future aircraft we acquire will likely have three-bladed propellers."

He felt all the major carriers out of the harbour will be trying to resolve residents' concerns. "We don't want to be fighting your residents."

Sumner points out that the regularly scheduled flights out of Ganges Harbour are only a small part of the traffic. He listed seven airline companies which are carrying passengers to and from Ganges: Harbour Air, Seair, Pacific Spirit, Kenmore Air from Seattle, Baxter Air from Nanaimo, Cooper Air from Sidney and Thetis Air from Thetis Island.

Then there are company planes and planes chartered for specific trips. Realtor Ed Davis said demand is high enough that he is planning to start a charter flight business, using his two-bladed float plane.

But he doesn't plan to retro-fit the plane with three blades until he has to replace the engine, although he notes that could happen this year.

He points out float plane traffic has existed in Ganges Harbour for decades. His own log book dates back to 1972. "Float planes have been going in and out of the harbour ever since I've been here. There's no easy solution."

For safety reasons, planes sometimes have to fly low when making an approach. And the placement of the harbour doesn't allow many safe variations in approach. "Everybody wants to abide by the wish list rules."

Davis likens complaints about float plane noise from recent residents to buying near an airport and then complaining about the noise as traffic increases. He suspects Ganges may be one of the busiest harbours on the coast, after Vancouver and Victoria.

Sumner says traffic is heaviest in summer. Last summer a committee member counted 27 aircraft over a three-hour period. At present, scheduled flights alone account for 12 planes a day into Ganges by three airlines.

Sumner hopes working on the problem now will ensure a solution is in place by summer. Although operators are cooperative, Sumner points out they were equally cooperative at a meeting held in 1994 but the problem was not resolved.

He doesn't want to shut planes out of the harbour, just shut out some of the noise. "Noise is the thing we're after."

Weather

Wednesday: Periods of rain; windy. 90 per cent chance of precipitation. High

Thursday: Periods of rain; windy. 90 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 6, high 12.

Friday: Periods of rain; windy. 90 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 4, high 10.

Saturday: Periods of rain; windy. 80 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 4, high 10. Normal temperatures for the week: low 0, high 6.

FOR THE RECORD

An incorrect address for the Wellness Fair was given in last week's Driftwood. The address should read: c/o Salt Spring Seniors, 379 (not 879) Lower Ganges Road, SSI, B.C., V8K



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PARTY: Unwanted guests trash house

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The most devastating loss for the newlyweds is missing photographic film that was shot at their wedding Friday afternoon.

"How can you ever replace something like that?" Straarup

Among the other missing items are a mini recorder, pellet gun, drinking glasses and about \$100 worth of food.

Damage included a dented metal door, a hole in an inside door, stained carpets and couches, cushions burned by cigarettes, a computer mouse filled with booze and a smashed photograph and window.

Straarup says a scratch on a kitchen wall means the entire kitchen will have to be repainted.

He says fighting youths knocked over a \$700 television, and the use of a bow and arrow in the basement may have damaged his fishing equipment, including a radar screen which could cost up to \$4,000 to

"My daughter is in complete shock," say Straarup. "She can't eat, can't sleep, can't do any-

He says he has collected names of the party-goers and knows

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who inflicted what damage.

"This is were the buck stops," he says. "I can get rough with the best of them."

He says names have been collected by friends of his daughter and by anonymous phone calls from other party-goers.

"These guys are hoodlums, not heroes," he says. He plans to pay a personal visit to "ring leaders" and present each one with a bill for damage.

According to police, the party got out of hand early Friday evening. At first, Straarup's daughter called on friends to help remove unwanted guests. Eventually, she asked someone to contact police.

Two police officers attended the residence just before 10 p.m., dodging a full can of beer dropped from above as they approached the door and asked to speak to the person responsible for the party.

A teenager came to the door, identified herself as the host and stated there were no problems. She told police their assistance was not required.

The officers, who had not received any complaints from neighbours, left the scene, realizing a short time later that someone had smashed the taillights on one of the police cars.

A second call for assistance was received an hour later. Again, police were met by the same teenager who said "her mother" was in the process of clearing out the house and no assistance was needed.

As youths started to leave, the officers blocked the driveway to prevent additional party-goers from arriving, and checked for impaired drivers. They also called a tow truck to remove illegally parked vehicles.

A frustrated Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Cliff Doherty said Monday that youths must call police when the first few unwanted guests begin arriving at a party.

"We want that phone call when the first car load pulls up," he said. "We are not equipped to disperse 100 to 150 people.

If homeowners call right away, police can "get down there and block the road."

"This is proactive policing," he

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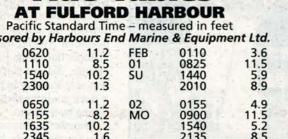
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vice Friday evening but again had to tie up due to poor weather conditions on Sunday night.

During the final week of the Fulford terminal closure, foot passengers will be getting a break on bus fares. The fare for a one-way trip between Ganges and Fulford will drop to \$1 from \$2.50. Passengers can board the bus in Ganges or they can wave it down at any point between Ganges and Fulford.

Harris said use of the 22-seat bus has been lower than expected. "A lot of people are doing kiss and ride at Fulford," he remarked, explaining that travellers are being dropped off by family or friends.

But more travellers have opted for the bus as time passes and Harris wants to test the market by dropping the price.

"We want to see what the maximum use might be," he said. Traffic on the water taxi has also increased during the past week and the first morning sailing is often close to capacity. The water taxi operates on the same schedule as that normally used by the Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry.

Work on the Fulford terminal is on schedule and is expected to be finished in time for the terminal to reopen February 5, according to B.C. Ferries project engineer Gary Gawdin. Some work which does not generate noise can be done at night, he noted. Hydraulics for the new floating ramp are to be installed this

"We're on schedule right now," he said Tuesday morning.



RAMP REPAIR: A B.C. Ferries repair crew works on the Long Harbour terminal ramp Saturday morning after a semi-trailer damaged the structure while being loaded on the Queen of Tsawwassen for the 6:40 a.m. sailing to Tsawwassen. The ramp was out-of-service until noon while ferry workers did repairs and checked to ensure the structure was safe.

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Nation-wide, counterfeiting has become a huge problem, with a record amount of fake bills seized last year.

According to RCMP statistics, close to \$6 million worth of phony Canadian and American money was either passed (and later detected) in business transactions or seized by police last year.

The amount brings the counterfeiting business to an alltime high.

RCMP name change request gets approval

The local RCMP has received approval for a name change.

Officials at the Ministry of the Attorney General agree the name Ganges RCMP does not "accurately describe the geographic area served by the detachment."

The force's name has been changed to Salt Spring RCMP. In other police news:

· A building and a van sustained damage after the van slid from the Harbour House parking lot, across Upper Ganges Road and into a Harbour End Marine and Equipment building.

Police were called to the accident at 9:13 p.m. last Thursday.

The van, which was not occupied at the time of the accident, sustained about \$500 damage. It will cost some \$1,000 to fix the building.

A canoe has been reported missing from a beach in Ganges

Worth about \$700, the

RCMP REPORT

Bridgen canoe is 16 feet long and made of green fibreglass.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

 A Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) was lost in Ganges on January 18.

Because FACs involve picture identification, they cannot be used by other people. Anyone finding the FAC should return it to the local RCMP.

· A warrant is being held at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment for the arrest of Gene Edward Sandberg, 32, for harassment. A second warrant is being held for Vicki Shackleton, 40, for failing to

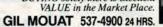
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Knife-bearing Salt Spring youth sentenced to seven days in jail

A 15-year-old Salt Spring boy was sentenced to seven days in a youth detention centre after he threatened Mouat's Clothing store employees with a knife last summer.

The youth, who appeared in Duncan Provincial Court last Thursday for sentencing on four offences, cannot be identified under terms of the Young Offenders Act.

Shoppers at Mouat's Clothing alerted employees to the youth who had stolen a pair of shorts and slipped out the back door. The employees confronted and then chased the youth, lost him and eventually found him in Centennial

Park, where he was showing the shorts to other youths.

According to police, the youth pulled a knife and waved it at the employees in a threatening manner when they approached him in the park.

He was charged with failure to comply with a court order, theft and possession of a weapon. The court heard a pre-disposition report before it handed down the youth's sentence. In addition to seven days of incarceration, he must forfeit his knives, complete 30 hours of community work service and spend 18 months on probation.

The boy also appeared in court

last week for sentencing on an older charge of willful damage, which police say involved the scratching of a car with a knife.

For the willful damage charge, the youth received a concurrent 12-month probation period. He was also ordered to pay \$207.75 in restitution.

In other court news:

• Dalieh Fouad pleaded guilty to one count of fraudulently obtaining food and lodging when he appeared in Duncan Provincial Court January 20.

He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and given three months probation.



CPAC diversion plan awaits ministry funds

Salt Spring's Community Diversion Program has been described as an "excellent proposal," but it may be months yet before it obtains funding from the Ministry of the Attorney General.

According to Meredith Knox, the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) member spearheading implementation of the diversion program, the ministry has offered CPAC two choices in launching its program.

Those choices were presented in a letter last week from the alternative measures programs manager in the Corrections Branch of the attorney general's ministry.

On option is for CPAC to establish an informal diversion program, using a direct referral from a police agency to a community program run by volunteers, and access \$5,000 in start-up ministry funding.

However, CPAC's proposal to the ministry includes a proposed annual budget of \$56,000.

"If you wish to have funding supplied by government," the letter states, "this would need to be done through a formal contracting process with the appropriate ministries."

"The idea all along has been to have a more formal project," said Knox.

Although CPAC's original

diversion proposal, in the making for close to two years, planned to rely entirely on volunteerism, the group now wants to hire a fulltime, paid coordinator.

"It's a huge job," Knox notes.

Under the diversion program, first-time offenders of minor crimes such as shoplifting and vandalism will be put through a program that involves meeting with victims, appearing before a panel, and developing and completing a contract leading to some form of restorative justice.

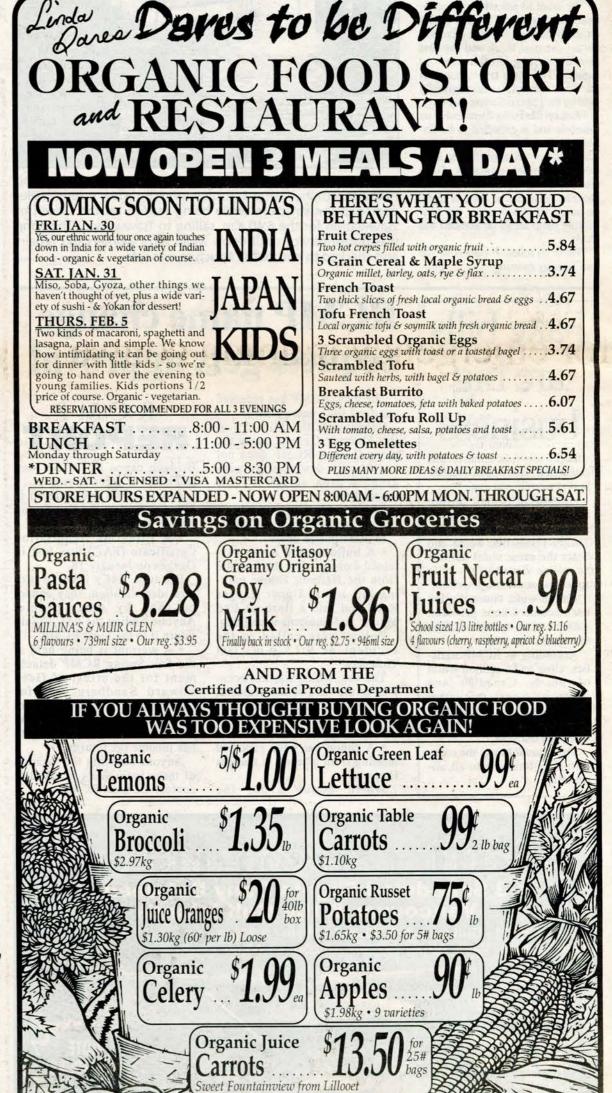
If CPAC chooses to pursue a government contract, it will have to separate adult and youth programs. While adult offenders fall under the jurisdiction of the attorney general's ministry, young offenders are dealt with by Youth Probation Services through the Ministry for Children and Families.

Knox believes this is the right time to approach the government for creation of a funded diversion program.

"Everything is so up in the air," she said, "it doesn't feel onerous to pursue it."

However, government projects are notoriously slow in their implementation process.

Therefore, said Knox, "it's going to be awhile yet."



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Hands on

Grade 10 student Tyler Byron, left, spent part of last week learning masonry skills from Ray Shergold at a work site on Saturna Island. The work experience was part of a Gulf Islands Secondary School program.

Internet training offered

A helping hand to the Internet on-ramp is being offered to island women by SWOVA Community Development and Research Society.

Financed by a \$1,600 grant from the Ministry of Women's Equality, the Internet training program gives two hours of one-on-one training to any woman who wants to learn how to explore the Internet and World Wide Web.

Volunteer Sinikka Elliott teaches the program, scheduling the evening one-on-one sessions in the SWOVA office. The grant paid for an extra phone line into the office, an Internet connection and some additional training for Elliott from Robert Borbas.

"I already had a fair bit of knowledge," Elliott said. She finds approximately one-

third of the 18 people she has coached so far already knew the basics of using the Internet and appreciated more advanced information. Because sessions are oneon-one, she can respond to what the student wants to learn.

Elliott had offered to use her own computer for the course. But donations from the Royal Canadian Legion and from the Gaia Collective allowed SWOVA to purchase a computer equipped with an Internet browser for the program.

Top trainers attend Salt Spring for emergency training course

Salt Spring was at the "cutting edge" of emergency preparedness training last week when a dozen participants joined in a five-day course on the incident command system (ICS) which has been adopted by the province for emergency situations.

Representatives from the ambulance, coast guard, fire protection, police, hospital, Gulf Islands Marine Rescue and the emergency operations centre took the course, which was offered at the Ganges firehall by Dean Monterey, an instructor with the emergency management division of the Justice Institute of B.C.

Monterey's experience includes the 1988 Olympic Games, the Exxon Valdez disaster and the Persian Gulf War.

It was Monterey and Tully Waisman, coordinator of ICS for the Justice Institute, who told the Salt Spring Emergency Services Commission that their program put them on the "cutting edge," chairwoman Allisen Lambert reported.

Last week's course was unusual because it was offered on-site instead of at the justice institute. Emergency coordinator Norm Slater arranged to have the course offered on the island, cutting the cost per participant by almost two-thirds.

When Slater took the course at the justice institute, the course cost \$450 in addition to the expense of six days on the lower mainland, bringing the total to over \$1,100.

But the cost for last week's course was \$450 per participant, which was split equally between the emergency services commission and each of the agencies involved. The justice institute covered all the other costs.

"We got the two top trainers to come to Salt Spring," Lambert said. She noted offering the course on the island also allowed the instructors to deal with local issues and topography as part of the program. "Activities and

design of the course could be very specific to Salt Spring.'

The course was held from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. January 19 to 23. "It was a heavy commitment of time for the people who took it," Lambert observed.

Based on a system used in the United States, ICS was adopted by the province in 1995 as its emergency response management system. The Justice Institute of B.C. is responsible for training in ICS.

Lambert said the emergency services commission listed training as one of its three priorities for this year, even before a recent auditor general's report on the province's earthquake preparedness cited the need for increased training province-wide.

Lambert said the commission hopes to increase the level of training throughout the community. Participants in the course also plan to hold monthly meetings to ve inter-agency comm cation and to develop an emergency plan for the island.

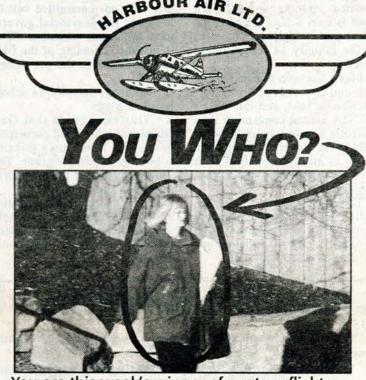


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Official community plan costs amount to more than \$135,000

What's the tab for Salt Spring's new official community plan (OCP) and land use bylaws?

An estimated \$135,742.98 in "out-of-office" costs have been spent on the process since 1994, explained Salt Spring senior planner Linda Adams in a January 20 memo to the local Trust committee.

That includes contract costs for specific services from individuals, geological studies, background documents and data collection, map digitization, legal advice, focus groups, a survey, workshops, printing, hall rentals and advertising.

The total has been broken down into \$54,624.44 for contract assistance, \$25,207.41 for research, \$55,584.34 for public consultation, and \$326.79 in miscellaneous costs.

Approximately 75 per cent of funds has been cov-

ered by a grant from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, while the remainder comes out of the Trust budget.

Adams notes that "a number of expenditures for OCP items will also be used for the land use bylaw, i.e. map digitizing, legal advice."

Trustee David Borrowman added that the figure does not include regular staff costs, which would be the same if staff were working on the OCP or any other project.

At the January 22 local Trust committee meeting, Adams said public hearings on the new OCP could be held in late February or in March. Exact timing depends in part on responses received from about 20 government agencies which must deem their interests adequately addressed by the OCP.

Trust looks at options for spending \$50,000

Salt Spring's local Trust committee wants ideas on how to deal with a \$50,000 Trust-wide budget surplus.

At its meeting last Thursday, committee member David Borrowman said Islands Trust Council was "cautiously" predicting a \$50,000 surplus from its \$3.37-million 1997/98 budget.

If the funds are rolled into next year's budget, it would translate into a two per cent tax reduction, estimated at \$3-4 for the average property owner.

Borrowman, who is also chairman of Trust Council's finance

committee, said a couple of possibilities included putting the funds into reserve or helping with promotion of the Trust Fund Board.

He said that armed with public response to the issue, he and fellow trustee Bev Byron could argue Salt Spring's position when it is discussed at Trust Council in March.

"At least we can pull for a zero per cent (property tax) increase," noted Byron.

Byron and Borrowman can be reached at the Ganges Trust office to discuss the surplus funds issue.

School trustees 'fight' for education

Advocacy for education is the current focus of the B.C. School Trustees Association (BCSTA), Gulf Islands School Board chairwoman May McKenzie reported at the January 14 school board meeting.

May 1 has been declared Public Education Advocacy Day, McKenzie said, and this year's BCSTA annual convention is in Victoria — after years of being held in the Lower Mainland — in order to arrange meetings with members of the provincial government.

The BCSTA wants to see education given enough provincial funding to cover increases in enrolment, costs of inflation and existing contracts with staff.

McKenzie noted one of the roles of the board's new community relations committee will be lobbying the provincial government to support education. "This is just the beginning of the fight for education in the province," she said.

Also at the January 14 school board meeting:

• Trustees agreed that Gulf Islands schools could participate in the Wild Bird Trust's greening school grounds program. The Trust plans to offer the program to five schools in the district.

The program offers information and partial financing to help schools create easily-maintained landscaped areas within school grounds. • Three Gulf Islands administrators have been invited to serve on accreditation teams for other schools. Robert Brownsword, principal of Salt Spring Island Middle School, has been invited to join the external accreditation team for Royal Oak Middle School in Saanich.

Ken Trotman, principal of Mayne Island Elementary-Junior Secondary, has been asked to serve as the external chairperson for accreditation of Port Kells Elementary School in Surrey. Barbara Aust, Fulford Elementary, has been asked to serve as the external chairperson for Miracle Beach Elementary School in the Comox Valley district





A black and white warbler was spotted on Salt Spring Island last week.

Birdwatcher Nina Raginsky reported the sighting, saying it was only the second time the bird has ever been seen in this region.





For wet days: body warmth, Salish jokes and old growth

On really wet days, I tell myself three stories to keep warm and dry.

Like a widgeon in Fulford Harbour, the only way you can keep dry in the winter is in your mind.

The first story is one that a veteran told me when I was 16. His words etched my fresh brain like glacial striations in the granite. He had survived the war on his Snortin' Norton motorbike when he was sent to the Arctic to patrol the DEW line. One day, he got lost in the snow and collapsed from hypothermia. He gained consciousness several days later to experience his feet being slowly warmed on the chest of an Inuit woman.

He told me that from that point on, worldly pursuits of power and money became insignificant and all that mattered at the end of the day was body warmth. In hindsight I realize that this is a rather innovative opening line but at the time I earnestly took his advice to heart, studied outdoor skills, avoided the stock market and married a very warm man. At the end of the wettest day there will always hopefully be body warmth.

The second story is by Salish elder Hank Pennier, who, in his book called Chiefly Indian, recounted how Indians kept warm in the old days.

"They didn't put on a Cowichan sweater like my wife knits for us all now. They would make a thin cord from cedar bark, which is fine and stringy and can be used for all sorts of useful things. They would use this to hang up a large rock about the size of a man's head about three feet off the ground. They would then lie down underneath this rock at night time and just thinking about what would happen if the fine cord broke would make them sweat and stay warm all night."

This impressed me as an innovative closing line and so I studied the history of cedar trees and Salish jokes. At the end of the coldest day there will always hopefully be a cedar tree and humour.

The third story was told me by a forest ecologist a few years ago who secretly wished to ride a Snortin' Norton. The story starts with Martians descending onto



the coast during the summer. They see earthlings spending their time in clearings behind houses where they skip about, forage and cook on small fires. They sleep out under the stars in sleeping bags. Martians assume their habitat is open clearings. When the Martians return in the winter, there are no earthlings in sight, they have all retreated to the centre of their houses, spend much of their time under quilts and are foraging in cupboards.

She used the story to explain to people why old-growth forests were important to coastal animals, because like houses they provide shelter, warmth and foraging opportunities in bad times. This story impressed me since it was quite simple and my brain, now heavily striated and clogged full of Salish jokes, could retain it without much effort. At the end of the wettest and coldest day, hopefully there will always be old growth forests.

These three stories always come to mind when it is wet and the bonds between cultures and other creatures seem strong. We all have a common fear of being left out in the wet and cold and it gives you a warm feeling to know there are fellow sufferers: elders, youngers, ecologists, motorbike riders, birds and trees.

The thought that really keeps me warm and dry is my small sustaining hope that one day the world will regain consciousness from industrial hypothermia and conclude that body warmth,

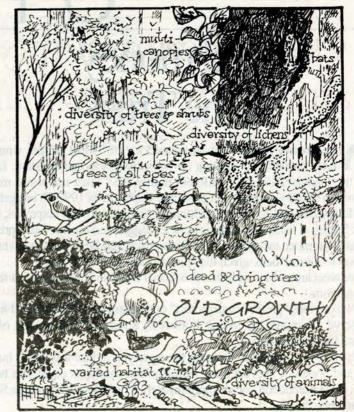


Salish jokes and old-growth forests matter — especially on wet and cold days.

> Definitions from Wrangellia

Old growth in the Georgia Strait applies to forests that have the qualities of a fine hotel. Lots of rooms and furniture, upstairs and downstairs with staircases, windows, small patios and diverse choices of food from leafy lichens to succulent voles. There is lots of privacy and security in an old-growth forest; places to hide from predators. An old-growth forest has ongoing small disturbances of individual trees or small groups of trees from floods, fire and wind, but these are never on the scale of a clearcut. Natural fires leave most of the structure and live trees in the forest. Clearcuts might appear full of animals at times but during bad weather you'll find them holed up in old-growth

Write MLA Murray Coell and Premier Glen Clark and tell them you want the new Vancouver Island Land Use plan to protect the remaining old-growth forests and reflect the recommendations of the Clayoquot Scientific Panel. Input is being accepted until the end of this month. Their address is: Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.



Old growth forest









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Mad money at the Trust

What would you do with an extra \$50,000? Most people would have no difficulty coming up with answers to that question. But for the Islands Trust it's a different matter. The Trust has some mad money to spend as a result of a projected surplus in its 1997-98 budget.

More accurately, the money belongs to taxpayers and so taxpayers, on Salt Spring at least, are being invited to suggest uses for it. Salt Spring Trust Committee members David Borrowman and Bev Byron want taxpayers to submit ideas which they plan to relay to Trust Council.

We went around the table of our editorial board to come up with a few suggestions.

Two obvious "preserve and protect" options suggest themselves. First, preserve the money by salting it away in a reserve fund in case of a future fiscal emergency.

Or protect the taxpayer by using the money to reduce this year's budget and hopefully prevent a tax increase. The surplus is equal to a two per cent tax reduction, worth approximately \$3 to \$4 for the average Salt Spring homeowner.

Other options?

- Hand the money over to the Trust Fund Board. While \$50,000 won't buy much in the way of Gulf Islands real estate, it would help promote the board's efforts to fundraise for property purchases and educate islanders about stewardship options.
- Fund a study into current needs. As the islands face continuing pressure to grow and develop, their social topography is clearly changing. Would the Trust benefit from an updated look into life on Trust area islands?
- Pay for additional planning time. This is a perennial favourite of trustees although we suspect it's about as popular among many of their constituents as tax increases.

Those are some of the more sensible suggestions that we expect will come up when the entire Trust Council meets on Salt Spring in March.

But this is island money, after all, so we did come up with a few, more

- Return a rebate-on-Trust-government to every taxpayer. It would only be a toonie or so per parcel but it's the thought that counts.
- Hand the money over to B.C. Ferries in exchange for a ride-free-fora-day bonus for foot passengers.
- Commission a coat of arms to illustrate the concept of a federation of islands which don't quite agree with each other. Design a flag and send one to every islander on request. If the feder-
- al government can do it, why not the Trust? Develop an anthem suitable for singing during protests at the provin-
- Sponsor an exchange program among islanders, so individuals can experience first-hand the difference in lifestyle between a wealthy retiree

on Salt Spring and the owner of a pot plantation on Lasqueti. And since we're sure each of our readers has equally inventive solu-

 (fill in your option here) Happy spending!

Let's not let baseball strike out

It's time to play ball with the few remaining volunteers sustaining Salt ■ Spring's baseball program or the kids won't be stepping up to bat this

The baseball association desperately needs people willing to donate a ew hours so an estimated 300 island youngsters can play.

Like many activities on the island, juvenile baseball relies on a core of volunteers who fill executive positions and take on the many jobs required to set up and run the leagues. Many of the names which filled the roster in previous years have dropped out of play as their children have grown up.

There are still coaches available for the teams but there cannot be an association without an executive.

As a cooperative, relatively low-cost sport, baseball offers young players a chance to develop teamwork, fitness and coordination under the guise of a lot of fun. And it is the younger players, those who can benefit most from the experience, who will lose out if there are not enough volunteers to operate the league this year.

An organizing meeting for the coming year is scheduled for 7 p.m. February 7 at the Portlock Park meeting portable. Anyone able to share a few hours during the April-to-June baseball season is guaranteed a spot on the team.



Love flowing to stricken Quebec shows national unity in Canada

VIEW

POINT

By SUSAN ROSS

This is a letter of hope for the future, and also resignation for the same, addressed to Lucien Bouchard. May it be read and considered.

In the year of Canadian confederation, 1867, my great-great-grandfather and three of his colleagues built four summer homes on the shores of the St. Lawrence River. Sir John A. Mcdonald was also building in an adjacent town and stories of my distant grandfather and Canada's first prime minister collaborating on their plans still echo from the walls that encompass the dining room table. Since 1867, seven generations have ascended the stairs of our house, each generation creating a new history to recite to the next.

I have strayed from the roots of my existence, and

have tried to replant in the province of B.C. From the distant west coast'I have listened, watched and read about the recent catastrophe that hit Quebec. In the midst of the ice storm, I spoke to my parents regularly, receiving updates on how they were coping with their state of emergency, how my uncles and aunts were holding out, and how my cousins, some in shelters, were surviving with their

In listening to the CBC, I heard people from sea to sea expressing

concern and grief about the citizens of Quebec; about the old and the young, of the livelihoods of the farmers and their animals, of the maple tree growers, the women about to give birth in areas where electricity was nonexistent; the list goes on and on. Being submerged in the culture of B.C., I have in the past heard incredibly negative reactions about Quebec and its driving force to separate itself from the rest of Canada. The gut reaction of bar talk is to say "to hell with Quebec. Let them go. Who needs them any-

Seeing it from both sides I can understand this ignorant reaction of hurt and betrayal, but truly knowing Quebec and the wonder of its citizens, I can begin to conceive of the loss Canada would suffer without our beloved, "La Belle Province."

As I listened to CBC, a tale of generosity from Prince Edward Island whispered over the radio. Ten thousand batteries were sent to the people of St. Jean-Sur-

Richelieu. Generators powerful enough to light whole blocks were shipped off in hopes to eliminate some of the suffering of those in struggle. Not two hours after this broadcast, I heard from our Pacific province that a forest company donated enough money to buy 60 airfares for students missing school. These students have gone to Grand Forks and are being billeted by the folks of this small town to continue their education in a wonderful and broadening sense.

Letters, donations, spiritual and mental support

have flooded Quebec from around the country. Any hostility that might have been felt towards our swaying province has been put aside and a united Canada has banded together to help the people who have fallen under the ice.

When we are born into a family, that family becomes our lifeline. We love, cherish and support them as they do us. When we are born into a country, that country defines who we are and instills a pride that radiates throughout the world. We stand on guard, oh Canada, and

we give in times of need. Quebec's emergency has rallied Canadians together in compassion, generosity and love for our fellow citizens. An unprovoked message shone across the country stating loud and clear that we are one body; we are one nation. If, after this display of the pure humanity, the obsession to go and leave the net that caught you still drives you into alienation, there is little the citizens of Canada can do to change the events of history.

So be it and the best of luck to you. You will truly be out on your own, even in the mind of this one Quebecer whose roots extend across the province, across the country.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

We stand on guard, oh Canada, and we give in times of need.





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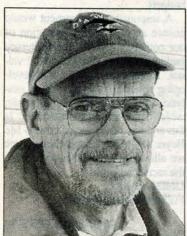
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: How should school field trips be financed?



Robert Brodgesell
School field trips should be financed by the students. If a family can't really afford it, they should have some help.



Pat Barnes

Extra-curricular or non-core
curricular activities should be
financed through fundraising
by those involved. Otherwise it
should be part of the education program.



Peter Valbonesi
The people who don't have very much money should be cross-subsidized by the people who do through creative fundraising.



Bonny O'Connor I don't mind paying for certain extraneous expenses but I understand certain people can't afford it. I think there should be a fund, established by PAC, to help those kids who can't afford the extras.



Gordon Gilbert
Depends on the student's ability to pay. I don't have any kids in school any more.

Letters to the Editor

Remarkable

On January 11 the Johann Strauss Foundation presented Tamara Hummel, soprano, a recent scholarship winner of the foundation, accompanied by Robert Holliston, piano, in an exciting, wide-ranging celebration of classical and contemporary vocal music at its best, and of local (B.C.) talent in particular.

It was then that the appreciation of music revealed itself in the ranks of the Pump Primers, the Rotary Club, the Salt Spring Tennis Association and of course such prominent performing groups as the Salt Spring Singers and Tuned Air. Individuals and merchants alike participated generously and helped to make our first self-organized recital

in Ganges a resounding success.

Thank you, Salt Spring, your support was remarkable.

SEPP KANDLER,
President,
Johann Strauss Foundation

Lunatic notions

I spend part of my time on Salt Spring and part of it away. Lately, whenever I return, I'm flabbergasted by the launch of yet another lunatic notion by the Islands Trust.

Reading back-issues of the Driftwood, I see that David Borrowman's vision for 1998 involves use of the Islands Trust budget to acquire land. Surely these people who want to meet in secret and indulge their fantasies with

other people's money don't have the authority to raise our property taxes. Can a more responsible level of government reign them in? Does recall legislation apply to trustees?

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
Sky Valley Road

MAI watch

The Driftwood has recently featured two ads announcing an educational event which will be held in March on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). This flawed agreement is to be signed by the Canadian government in the spring — without a parliamentary debate.

While you're waiting for the forum, write to our prime minister,

the trade minister and government critics, demanding a parliamentary debate on the MAI which will, in its present form, negatively affect almost every area of our lives.

Write c/o House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A6.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien, fax (613) 941-6900. Minister of Trade, Sergio Marchi,

fax (613) 947-4452. NDP Trade Critic, Bill Blaikie,

fax (613) 995-6688.

Reform Trade Critic, Gary Lunn, fax (613) 996-0850.

As well, ask Premier Glen Clark to mount a legal challenge to protect B.C.'s interests. A similar challenge is now being undertaken by a Vancouver law firm.

Keep watching the Driftwood for

details on the March event.

ROSEMARY BAXTER,

Cranberry Road

Monstrous burden

The national debt of approximately \$600 billion is of great concern.

It eats up 38 cents of every tax dollar. It makes governments desperate to extract revenue from an already over-taxed people. It causes internal struggle and turmoil among Canadians competing for non-existent government funds.

It puts in jeopardy our social services. It makes daily living more difficult and expensive for all Canadians. It contributes to the low value of the Canadian dollar. It stultifies our ability as a people and nation to contribute to the improvement of the human condition. These are just a few of the reasons that our federal government should establish a national formula for the systematic reduction of this monstrous burden of the Canadian people.

LORNE C. PATTISÓN, Pender Island

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Power and greed overtaking seed industry

By DAN JASON

Here comes another Seedy Saturday!

Salt Spring's third annual seed exchange at All Saints By-the-Sea on February 14 is likely to be even seedier than last year's. People are getting smitten by the concept of a happy, light-hearted event that also achieves serious, important results.

The notion of people getting together to preserve tried and true seed varieties is even more compelling than it was a year ago because changes are happening extremely quickly in the world of seeds.

Seeds have been my business for over a dozen years. When I look back over that time, I am truly amazed at trends and developments. It took awhile for petrochemical and pharmaceutical corporations to tie seeds in with the fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides they produce. But now that they have, all hell has broken loose. I've heard predictions that two or three transnational giants may soon control 90 per cent of seed production in the world.

When I first started Salt Spring Seeds, a major issue was hybrid vs. open-pollinated seeds. The seeds of open-pollinated plant varieties come true whereas hybrid seeds do not. Because seed companies control the parent lines of hybrid seeds, customers are forced to repurchase seed every year. In spite of the fact that hybrid seeds are usually bred to withstand the very fertilizers and biocides the companies market, I wasn't overly annoyed back then.

After all, people could make



their own choice and our federal government was actively researching and preserving nonhybrid seeds.

In 1993, I was privileged to

In 1993, I was privileged to observe seed conservation in Ethiopia. I was very surprised to find a much more sophisticated approach to seed-saving than in Canada. Farmers were very respected and genetic preservation was equated with food security. Databases were extensive and strong back-up systems were in place. I returned to Canada inspired to organize similar databases and preservation networks.

As an executive of the Heritage Seed Program of Canada, I envisioned working with Agriculture Canada scientists. How naive I was!

In the past four years, the Canadian government has stepped back from seed research, handling it over to agri-business interests. Canada's two most important gene banks, in Ottawa and Smithfield, Ontario, have been closed as have been research stations across the country. The bottom line of seed development is now profit rather than taste or nutrition, and corporations have become much more aggressive in controlling the market.

It's increasingly difficult to find non-hybrid seeds these days. And now we have patented seeds and bioengineered seeds

as well. For the first time ever, seeds have owners and they come with rules and regulations that exclude farmers and gardeners from the seed-saving process.

Four years ago, when I was on the biotechnology committee of the Canadian Environmental Network, the question was whether we could stop the testing and introduction of transgenic crops until environmental and health impact studies had been done. How naive I was!

Not only have transnational corporations been given carte blanche with their gene splicing, they have been permitted to market their altered seed without identification. Basically this means the public is denied the right to choose unmodified food or to know what kinds of genes have been added to their food.

Two examples are indicative of how extreme the takeover of our seed crops has become. Monsanto Corporation has bioengineered a soybean which can stand applications of their herbicide Roundup, which is the #1 best-selling herbicide worldwide and kills any green living thing. Monsanto officials don't agree but I say there is a qualitative difference between normal soybeans and ones with extra genes inserted to survive such a powerful poison.

60 per cent of food products contain processed soybeans and nine million acres of Roundup Ready soybeans were planted in 1997, with many times more than that to be planted in 1998. It's likely that most everyone in North America will soon become part of Monsanto's

monopoly game and no one will know if they're eating simple soybeans or manufactured ones on any throw of the dice.

Monsanto has also been one of several corporations to splice genes of the soil bacterium Bacillus thuringienses (Bt) into food crops. For many years, organic growers have used Bt selectively as a relatively safe and quite effective pesticide. In the past year, some bugs became immune to Bt for the first time undoubtedly because of extended exposure and accelerated adaptation to it. Many people have wondered if rendering useless a very important organic resource was calculated all along.

So where do these events leave these seeds in the public domain — those seeds that have been selected for their nourishment, usefulness and beauty by generations of keen farmers and gardeners? It definitely leaves them in a very precarious position as it becomes harder to find them and harder to grow them.

I have long contended that we don't have any real need for technologically-produced designer seeds. The ones that have been lovingly handed on to us by our forebears, imbued with a dedicated love of the land, work far better than those imbued with greed for profit, power and control. If more of us don't start saving our basic seeds now, there may soon not be any seeds to save.

So come to All Saints By-the-Sea, Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring seeds, trade seeds, buy seeds, discover seeds, honour seeds. Help keep seeds alive.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Did you see something you liked or disliked in this week's paper? Write your comments below and send them to us by mail at The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, or by fax to 250-537-2613. Please include your name and phone number.

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	THE RESERVE TO SERVE

Justice prevails over gambling government

VICTORIA — All but the most partisan British Columbians have for some time now been offended by the arrogant and high-handed attitude Glen Clark and his NDP government have displayed in its ruthless pursuit of potential revenue from gambling.

Like a schoolyard bully, the government has pushed

through its unseemly policies in the hope of grabbing a larger slice of the gambling pie, hitherto reserved for charitable organizations.



Alas, at long last, the bully was sent to the principal's office and appropriately reamed out. A B.C. Supreme Court judge has put the kibosh on the government's greedy plan to rake in hundreds of millions of dollars from charity casinos.

In a decision that left the government in a state of confusion, Mr. Justice Dermod Owen-Flood ruled that although the stated purpose of the new gambling regulations were to protect the revenues charities now receive from gambling, the real purpose is to get more money for the government. And that, the judge said, is contrary to the Criminal Code.

The ruling is a prime example of the advantage of living in a society governed by the rule of law rather than might.

Governments, even in democratic societies, are often viewed as all-powerful and contemptuous of the citizens. Here, one judge says, "no you don't," and the government, in spite of all its power, perceived or real, must abide by the rule of the solitary judge. What an awesome concept.

The government's method of getting access to the gambling revenue was as deceitful as it was intimidating. Having closed the door, for now, to "Las Vegas-style casinos," it tried to weasel its way through the back door by expanding charity gambling and cutting itself in for a big piece of the action.

The hours of charitable casinos were lengthened to operate from noon to 2 a.m. and betting limits were increased to \$500. As a result of these changes, the government expected about \$50 million in revenues this year and \$270 million a year after the expansion was complete.

The charitable casinos, the government hoped, would be quiet, lest their existing revenues be jeopardized. Well, they weren't quiet. Jacques Carpentier of the Nanaimo Community Bingo Association took the matter to court.

It was also Carpentier who blew the whistle on the Nanaimo Commonwealth Society scandal that eventually prompted former premier Mike Harcourt to resign, even though he was not involved personally.

As an aside, I suggest that next time the government has to go to court, Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh send his lawyers armed with better arguments.

Government lawyers told Owen-Flood that the money from gambling revenues would be spent on education and health care which could be considered charities. That was a rather "novel proposition," the judge said.

"It goes without saying that government responsibility for health care and education is not a matter of charity but one of duty."

Owen-Flood noted that the new gaming regulation "encourages and facilitates a massive and unparalleled expansion of charitable gaming in B.C. and then enables the government to take the largest piece of this greatly enlarged pie."

And he went on to say: "Just as it would have illbehooved Robin Hood to have robbed from charity to give to other charities, likewise, it ill serves the government, even with the best of motives, to in effect expropriate charitable and religious funds."

Let's hear it for Mr. Justice Owen-Flood. Let's hear it for the rule of law. It is satisfying to see that a government, no matter how determined to ride roughshod on people, can be reined in.

Let this be a lesson to you, premier.

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Surplus

It appears that the Islands Trust will have a small surplus in hand at the end of the financial year on March 31.

The treasurer cautions us that the figures are tentative, but his working numbers for the moment are in the region of \$50,000 to \$70,000.

Trust Council will dispose of the surplus and decide next year's budget when it meets on Salt Spring in early March. We would like to be forearmed with a firm position from Salt Spring taxpayers on what to do with the surplus.

Here are a few suggestions: use the money to reduce taxes; turn it over to the Trust Fund Board for its programs; set it aside in a reserve; or any combination of these and other suggestions which the public may have.

To help taxpayers decide, here are some figures to help determine the effect of the surplus on taxes. Each \$28,000 in the Trust budget represents one percent on taxes. If the surplus was \$56,000, it would therefore represent two per cent. The absolute numbers are small: \$28,000 is about 70 cents per hundred thousand assessment. If a typical assessment on Salt Spring is \$160,000, the surplus would represent about \$2.25 to the average homeowner.

Please let us have your views by calling the Trust office at 537-9144, faxing us at 537-9116, or sending e-mail to www.islandstrust.ba.ca.

BEV BYRON, DAVID BORROWMAN, Trustees

Core values

I was deeply saddened reading Hubert Beyer's January 14 Capital Comment on school libraries.

I find the growing trend of tax rebellion and government cutbacks both ruthless and distorted in its perspective.

Nostalgia allows me to recall my early elementary school experience without a library, but I can also remember the joy and excitement when a small start was made with donations of books as our school began to build its own library. Living in a small rural community on the outskirts of Winnipeg, reading opened up a wonderful world for me, enriching my childhood beyond measure.

I must ask Mr. Beyer: "Are we moving backwards or forwards as a society when we advocate the removal of these precious resources?"

Now, as I raise my three children (ages 10, 12 and 14), I work hard at building their literary strengths. When they were young, I dutifully read to them every night and still encourage regular times for reading in our home. This is no easy task as a parent competes with a host of distractions, including TV, video games

DO YOU HAVE AN INDOOR POOL?

School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

Special Education Department requires the use of an indoor swimming pool on Salt Spring Island for therapeutic programs for students with special needs. The pool would be needed once a week for one-one half (1 1/2) hours per day with full supervision by school district staff.

PLEASE CALL: Linda Boyd Coordinator of Special Services School Board Office (250) 537-5548 and unwanted information on the Internet. But I believe I have succeeded in instilling literacy as a core value in our home. Both the school library and the public library played key roles in helping me reach this objective.

As I watched what is happening in the world around us, most notably increased violence particularly among the youth, I can't help feeling that, if anything, more emphasis is needed on encouraging our children's love of literature, certainly not less!

In the larger picture of fiscal management, it appears to me that irate taxpayers are truly throwing the baby out with the bathwater. We need to

balance our priorities as well as our budgets.

A responsible government would ensure an equitable distribution of our country's resources with literacy ranking high on terms of social values. Libraries are important in developing research skills as well as analytical thinking in our young people, which leads me to the question: Is this an issue of the sacred cow as Mr. Beyer would like us to believe or are we allowing our children to become the sacrificial lambs?

LINDA PARKE, Fulford-Ganges Road

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SCOUTING LEADERS NEEDED

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Not sustainable

I do not envy the members of the parliamentary standing committee on fisheries and oceans who invited suggestions from the public at Dunsmuir Lodge last Wednesday.

The meeting was crowded and attended by the predictable vari-

ous interest groups.

MP Gary Lunn, who quietly and ably chaired the meeting, led off with the statement that the fish belonged to everybody, not solely to any particular interest group. His point, in terms of what might be achieved at the meeting, was a good one. It should, however, be pointed out that the fish do not in fact belong to anybody, they are part of an eco-system, one that we as a single species are heavily pre-

The commercial fishermen, who were a vocal presence at the meeting, can only be perceived as a spoilt elite who have been heavily subsidized by the taxpayers of Canada for many years. It was ironic that they complained strongly about the so-called Mifflin Plan, the federal government's plan to put the fishery on a profitable and tax-paying basis, and then appeared to demand that anyone displaced by the plan should be paid "retirement" benefits for the rest of their lives.

They also attempted to howl down the people who pointed out that the emphasis ought to swing towards the recreational sector, the one part of the fishery that brings a positive return to the people of Canada, despite the fact that it catches only four per cent of the fish. On chinook and coho, for example, the sport fishery in 1994 resulted in a direct surplus to the federal and provincial governments of \$70 million. The commercial catch of these same fish resulted in a deficit of \$2.4 million and a subsidy on the other three species that was very much greater.

The simple fact has to be faced that the harvesting of naturallyreproducing salmon stocks by highly efficient vessels equipped with space age technology is not sustainable. Humans with guns and railroads wiped out the buffalo, and humans with nets that have become electronically-guided "curtains of death" could wipe out our salmon.

There are two other important issues the standing committee will hopefully address and possibly move to curtail. One is the obviously damaging practice of allowing draggers and trawlers to scour the ocean floor in an indiscriminate fishery that targets one species but destroys many others. The other is the fisheries for things like herring roe and krill which target essential parts of the ocean food chain and thereby undermine the survival of all larger species. C.W. GOSSET,

Salt Spring

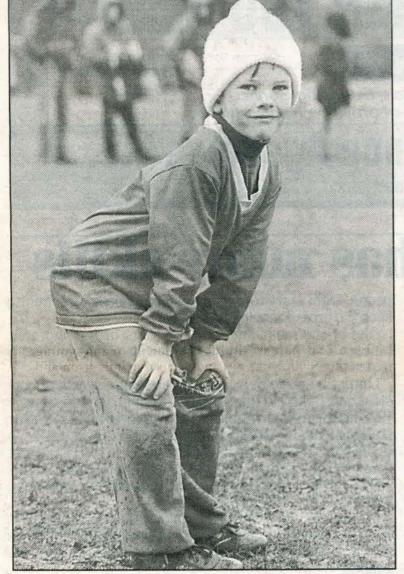
Study results

I was interested to read the suggested solution to the battle against drug addiction and its associated criminal activities in Hubert Beyer's January 21 column, i.e. making drugs available to addicts free of charge.

I believe that for several years there has been just such a program in the U.K. Without the benefit of statistical information and using only personal observation as a frequent visitor to the U.K., I can see no decline in criminal activity. In the relatively small town where I lived, you would be hard-pressed to find someone whose home has not been broken into or at the very least knows someone personally whose home has been defiled in this manner. Go down any street and it soon becomes apparent what a massive growth industry has been established by companies which install burglar alarms.

Before initiating a free drugs program it would be wise to study the results of similar actions in other countries.

S. TWEDDLE, Lower Ganges Road



Blocking the shots

Jordan Daniel Lee, goal keeper for the Cobras under 8 soccer team, momentarily diverts his attention for soccer action on the field to check out the photographer.



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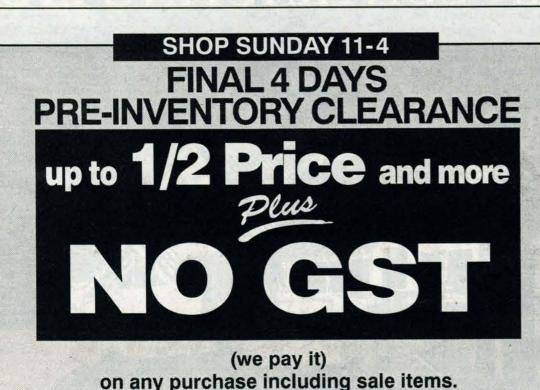
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Smoking? Eh? How about driving and lead paint?

I have a considerable amount of money invested in tobacco. After a misspent youth learning how to smoke and a misspent early adulthood putting it all into practice, I figure that for at

least 30 years I was building up an impressive account with the tobacco companies. It all started small like most of what I do except that mostly my life is filled with those little scenes of starting small, living small and finishing small.

But not when it came to smoking. I can remember shaking in my shoes when I was caught red-handed testing a Player's. I was 15 when Daddy said we could smoke. That made three of us in the family, male, going somewhere and a cigarette cocked jauntily in this defiant gesture that was destined to be knocked off someone's face. But all in good time.

It is too long gone to try to estimate our consumption of fags when Bill and I were tuning up the addictive gears.

Smoking was foolish, we learned from the few relatives who didn't indulge. And we would save hundreds of pounds if we were to quit now, while we were young.

And we sucked away at the golden brown stuff in the paper tube. We knew better. We knew that we hadn't spent any hundreds of pounds that could be saved.

It was a terrible life. There we were driving as well as smoking. We knew nothing of lung cancer and gasoline pollution was a thing to come. We drank water when we could get nothing else and the water came to us by way of lead pipes.

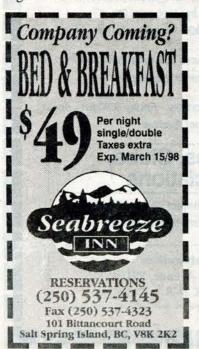
The house was painted with lead paint but we never licked paint off the walls. If we had only known!

By the end of the Second World War I was in high gear. What with free issue of cigarettes and reduced prices we could indulge this heady way home all we could afford. By the time war was over my cigarette bill was dismaying. Me! A veteran of cheap smokes couldn't keep it smoking. And even when I was on three packs a day, it an allergenic reaction to smoke that persuaded me to quit my hobby and switch to cigars.

Bill had nothing shoving. He wasn't about to give it up. And no more he did!

Maybe smoking killed my father. It waited in the wings until he was in his mid-80s. Maybe it just shortened his life, we'll never know! And maybe he was resigned to the end and for all I know he was drinking himself to death from lead poisoning and driving himself to the end by breathing his own gasoline fumes. I don't imagine he went around licking walls.

There was only one loser in my family. Bill, my twin, was not given to taking advice. He didn't take snuff and he rarely looked at a cigar. But he smoked until he







coughed and he coughed until the end of his road. But even now there is none to say that he would have survived had he quit cigarettes years before.

He was the worst kind of smoker: a pig-headed smoker.

A noise annoys

It was a loud and offensive noise. It was so annoying that I suggested terminating the call to find what was what. And there it was again! It sounded like a car horn, but nei-

ther of us had a car on the line.

It was too loud and too intrusive to be tolerated. I accused my daughter of messing up the phone and the connection. She pleaded not guilty. And I knew it wasn't me. And there it was again!

Was I inadvertently pressing some other key, enquired Val. It was a ridiculous question and I responded contemptuously. But I did pause to check. I was holding the phone by its middle and to my utter horror I realized that I was the noisemaker of the day.

Each time I wriggled my arm, one of my fingers reached the "4" on the dial. It wasn't really me what done it, it was my finger. It could have happened to anyone.

A familiar term to me: it could

have happened to anyone! When Tony creamed my car about 30 years ago that was his observation. It could've: but it didn't've.

Maybe we're just not a logical family.

It's time for time!

We were discussing clocks. I was starting to assemble a kit-clock from a clock-kit that I acquired about 10 years ago and I was debating the problems of guessing where different pieces of wood might be expected to fit with Salt Spring Island horologist A.N.T. Varzeliotis.

What is time? If you were discussing time with someone who had never sought to measure time, how would you define it?

Time is what we don't have in order to do those things we don't want. Time passes but I've never seen it moving. We measure time by clock or calendar but even after it is carefully and scrupulously measured we haven't seen it; we haven't touched it and we don't know whether it exists.

This is all to the good because while I set up my clock to measure time, the short delay of a decade between my purchase of the kit and my working on it will be only measurable by the time passed and I still find difficulty in identifying time.

And even if I don't know what it is, I hope, as I age so quickly, that I yet have time to get that clock cracking before I run out of time.

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A good builder has many skills

What's the difference between a carpenter, a builder and a project manager?

To people who are unfamiliar with the construction industry, there may be little apparent difference. But Robert Langevin believes he can call himself a builder after 27 years in construction, having started out as a carpenter by trade. And as for the term project manager,

it is simply a popular current buzzword.

"I prefer builder," says Langevin.

A good builder, he says, must possess a working knowledge of all construction trades so as to coordinate them efficiently. A good builder must also have the ability to manage people. Building a typical residence may involve anywhere from 30 to 50

people from start to finish. Each one needs direction to keep the project moving smoothly.

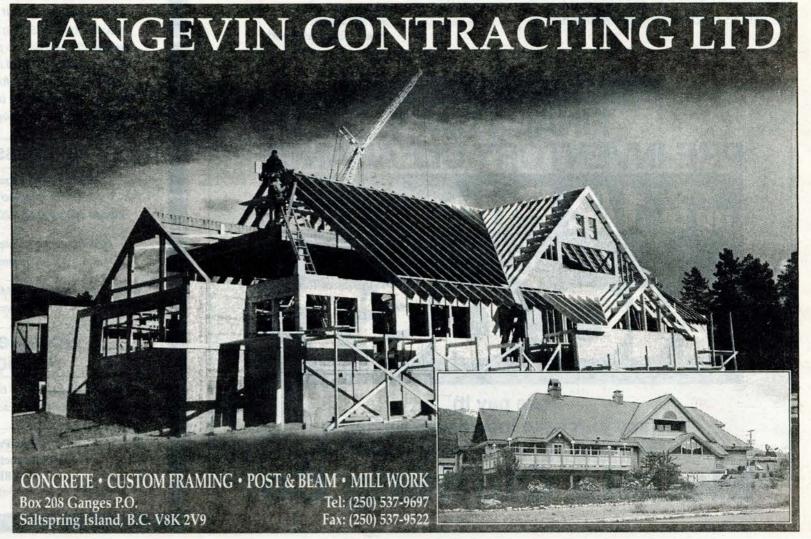
One of the most important talents of a competent builder is "problem-solving." And that comes only with experience.

Langevin specializes in the three main aspects of construction. Concrete foundations, framing and finishing. In 1978 he spent a short time in Japan to upgrade his timber framing skills. "Post & Beam construction is what I like to do best of all", he says. When he moved to the island last August from Jasper, Alberta, it took four trips with his 18-foot trailer to haul his concrete forming equipment, along with his 16-foot tool trailer.

Making the move to Salt Spring is something Langevin had anticipated for many years. Now that's here he looks forward to being of service to residents of all the Gulf

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Before you start your next project, call Robert Langevin for a free estimate and ask him for his local references.





Independent ferry service

Ferry travel to and from Salt Spring may be a bit challenging at present, but this is taking that challenge a bit too far! Actually, this kayaker was likely out for a recreational excursion, despite the apparent roughness of the sea.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Wine cellar improves wine, mood

In the depths of winter, with below freezing temperatures outside, and a blanket of white covering all green and growing things, I take comfort in two things.

First, I remind myself that somewhere in the world, grapes are growing plump on the vine. Second, because December always leaves my wallet very thin, I find great solace in my wine cellar.

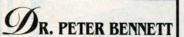
A basic cellar need not be very large. In fact, a couple of bottles stuck in reserve after your last trip to the liquor store is how it often starts. Soon you get into the habit of making sure you always replace the bottle from your small stash that you drank last night.

Next, when you discover a wine you really like, you splurge and buy three bottles, one to drink now, one to drink with friends next week and one to put away for a while just in case you want some of it when it's not available at the store.

Then, one day you notice that same bottle is now a dollar more in the store, and you notice that the bottle at the store is a later vintage than the one at home. Your cellar now contains a wine that has aged a year longer and initially cost less.

You have bargains at home, you have rare vintages, you can boast to your friends, "This is the last bottle of this particular vintage on the island." They will "ooh" and "ahh" and sip appreciatively.

A case in point. I recently noticed there had been a price increase of Concha y Toro's Casillero del Diablo, a cabernet sauvignon from Chile. This wine has been a perennially-good example of a full-bodied cab-sav. For years it was held at \$9.95 and is still an excellent cellar value at



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Wines of the month

While looking for the perfect match for poached coho salmon last week I re-acquainted myself with an old friend, Flynn Vineyard's Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley. A great value for Oregon Pinot Noir at \$14.95,

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this wine has a wonderful "nose" of cherry, cedar, lemon, vegetable and earth. The taste is bright berry on the attack and a lingering fresh finish that complements salmon perfectly.

For a recent dinner party, where I knew an escargot pate appetizer would be served before an entree of beef tenderloin in wine sauce, I needed a good full-bodied red. What I found was Louis Martini, Cabernet Sauvignon 1992 at \$16.95, an outstanding value for a Californian wine from a well-respected vintner.

With five years in the bottle, this wine is tasting the way a cabernet should with black currant, leather, chocolate and wood on the "nose," and a velvety-smooth, mouth-filling flavour with still enough tannin to keep it going a couple more years if you care to buy a case.

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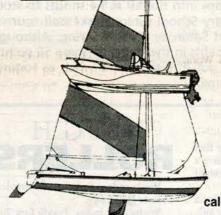
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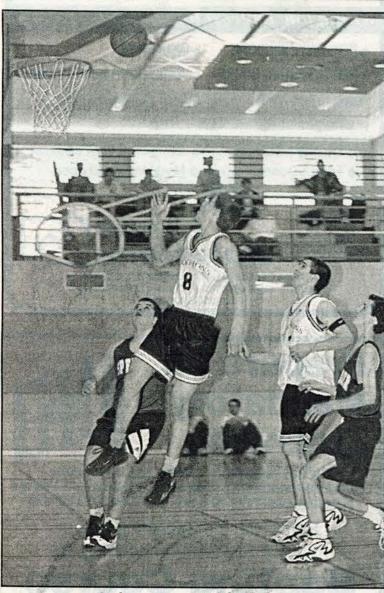
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Going to great heights

Scorpion Ryan Fogarty leaps into the air as he shoots to score in a Gulf Islands Secondary School junior basketball tournament held last Friday and Saturday on Salt Spring. Although the boys beat their opponents in this game by some 50 points, the team placed seventh out of eight overall. But, as Fogarty noted, they had a great time.

By RUTH HUME

Driftwood Contributor

On a personal note ... I got my first 600 triple this week! I guess there's hope for all of us, as I never thought I'd see the day.

Monday Special Olympics: Gloria Dale 166, 238, Mahjor Bains 168, 192.

Circus league: Josh Marshall 200, Mary Tanti 214, Ron Cunningham 213, Gordon Ruckle 205, 223/625, Ken Strike 239, Marjorie Radford 258, Deke Noonan 210.

Tuesday morning: Helmut Losch 208, Ken Robinson 222, Madalene Jory 228, Wally Brown 204, Catherine McFadyen 218, Jerry Latvala 205, Gordon Parsons 214, Ann Kowal 212.

Tuesday afternoon: Reg Winstone 214, Walter Nicol 216, Deke Noonan 238/612, Doris Redquest 292/613, Murray Anderson 244.

Tuesday business women's league: Alice Richards 219, 227, Audrey Denton 209.

HIGH ROLLERS

Wednesday Special Olympics: Mahjor Bains 149.

Wednesday ladies: Frieda Lux 204, Margaret Baker 226.

Looney tunes: Milt Bochmer 220, Ron Cunningham 213, 232/620, Ruth Hume 296, 206/665, Doug Sykes 226, Sharon Sykes 263, 215, 245/723, Lance Leask 266, 263/701, Martin Hoogerdyk 224, Leanne Vanschetsen 229, Connie Hardy 225, 212.

Friday afternoon seniors: Jack Godwin 211, Doris Redquest 206, 210, Edie Gear 208, Ken Robinson

Children's leagues: Justine Watkins 100, 75, 107, 100, Chris Cairns 104, 134, Jesse Hume 131, 158, Nicholas Watkins 110, Kailee Budd 92, 101, David Piperno 126, 81.

Trail, nature club plans activities

Following is the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club's schedule of activities for February.

February 3

Walk: Channel Ridge with leader John Myers. 10 a.m. carpool from Centennial Park to meet at the pumphouse by 10:30. No "railroads" on this

Ramble: Ruckle Park with leader Ann Fitz-James. 10 a.m. carpool from Centennial Park.

Hike: Channel Ridge with leader Angie Mills. 9:45 a.m. carpool from Portlock Park.

February 10

Ramble: Sundown Spit with leaders Joan Lott and Alan Best. 10 a.m. carpool from Centennial

Walk: King Eagle easy walk with leader Bud Williams. 10 a.m. carpool from Centennial Park to Ruckle Park entrance, about one kilometre beyond Beaver Point Hall, for 10:30

Hike: Mount Maxwell with leaders Marjorie and Brian Radford. 10 a.m. carpool at Centennial Park.

February 17

Hike: Off-island leader's choice with Lynn Thompson. 8:30 a.m. carpool at Portlock Park to take 9 a.m. Vesuvius

Walk: Baker Road, Booth Bay with leader Carol Howell. 10 a.m. carpool from Centennial Park.

Ramble: Churchill/Long Harbour Road area with leader Peggy Jacobs. 10 a.m. carpool from Centennial Park.

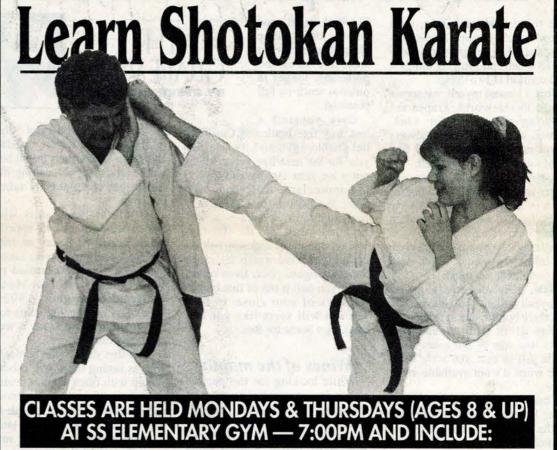
February 24

Walk: Galloping Goose, "leg one" with leader Bud Williams. 8:15 a.m. carpool at Centennial Park to catch Fulford ferry at 9 a.m. to reach Thetis Lake parking lot by 10 a.m.
Hike: Ruckle Park with lead-

ers Jean and Fred Howell. 9:30 a.m. carpool at Centennial Park to gather at Beaver Point Hall at 10 a.m

Ramble: Blackburn area with leader Toni Luten. 10 a.m. carpool from Centennial Park.

The month's social will be held February 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church.



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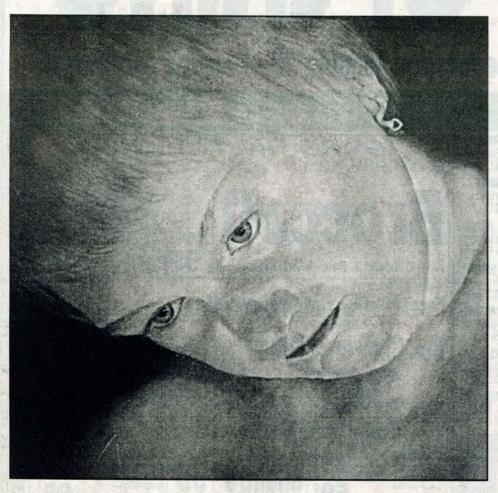
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Show honours Esther Travis art

By VALORIE LENNOX **Driftwood Staff**

A bittersweet collection of the unexpected: that's the Esther Travis Memorial Show which continues until Friday at 131 McPhillips Avenue, opposite the Core Inn in Ganges.

Sponsored by the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists, the show pays tribute to Travis, who passed away suddenly last November. The pieces on display convey Travis' wit, whimsy and sometimes disturbing artistic commentary.

She worked in a range of mediums: woodwork, sculpture, models and paint. Her most unique creations are her detailed "peeping" boxes, each with a tiny opening or fisheye lens through which the viewer peers to discover the scene inside.

Creating these scenes to appear natural despite the distortion of the lens required a delicate juggling of perspective. Viewers can appreciate Travis' expertise in such works as Ohhh Susannah, a masterpiece of miniaturization and characterization in which the viewer becomes a Peeping Tom, looking into a turn-of-the-century boudoir.

Equally compelling is the award-winning Points of View, two sides of the same box, one scene showing a wealthy man drunk in his home and the second showing a stereotypical skid-row bum, equally drunk but sprawled on the street.

School Days conveys a tiny school hall scene inside an ornate wooden box while the Wonder Box is just that, a glimpse down a magical eye to the world of an elf.

Behind Closed Doors, a row of doors into which the viewer peeks to see three unique scenes, calls to the all-too-human curiosity about what may lie behind the street facades of others' homes.

Perhaps the most disturbing of the tiny scenes is Live and Let Die. Peering into the lens placed in the torso of a pregnant woman, the viewer appears to be looking up from the bottom of the grave an effective reminder that birth inevitably leads to death.

Such works are lightened by other pieces reflecting Travis' playful side. A flower-shaped side table duplicates a bouquet, with a

top of clustered flowers resting on a pedestal of stems and leaves.

Joys of Boating celebrates the west coast while From Then to Now effectively contrasts past and present by showing a driver looking forward to a paved road while the rearview mirror shows a winding dirt track and farm.

To Live is a celebration of creation, displaying a real-to-life pregnant woman amid a cluster of softly fecund leaves. Another series of paintings pays tribute to the play of light through coloured

Then there are Travis' works of social commentary. Peepers, Goods and Services, and Candy are drawn from the seamier side of life in Vancouver's east end.

A mix of resilience and chal-

lenge reaches out from the rainbow-hued portrait entitled The Performer, while Portrait of a Survivor makes an effective statement in monotone, in which only the eyes and lips blaze with colour.

There is equal drama, darkly disturbing, in the flame and shadow-strewn Night of the Gypsy or in two of Travis' earlier works: one showing hard, human-faced dolls dropped on a floor and the second portraying apples bouncing on an endless reach of cracked pavement.

The show is manned by volunteers and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday, giving islanders a chance to see Travis' thoughtful and thoughtprovoking work.



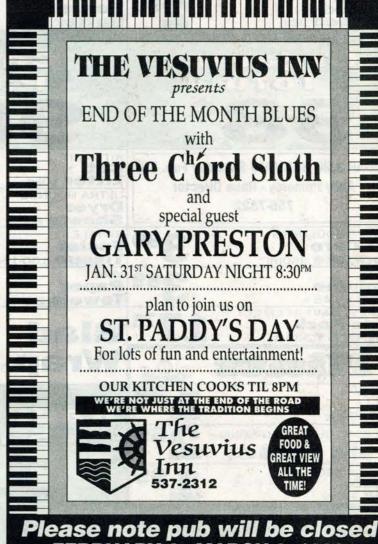
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FEBRUARY 2 - MARCH 3, 1998

Folk Club show presents famed songwriters

Two of Canada's most celebrated songwriters are sharing the spotlight at the Salt Spring Folk Club's concert on February 2.

An impressive double-bill, Ian Tamblyn and the Susan Crowe Trio have included Salt Spring on a midwinter west coast tour. The concert is at Mahon Hall beginning at 8 p.m.

Crowe is known as a poetic song-

smith whose music and lyrics reach her audience's deepest places.

Her debut album, This Far From Home, was chosen by Georgia Straight as one of the top albums of



1995 and nominated for a Juno award in 1996.

Her second album called The Door the River received great reviews in Canada and abroad, and has consistently been a top seller



Tamblyn

for the Festival Distribution company. ... Crowe's hushed and throaty voice will wash over you until one day you realize her songs have seeped under your skin. It'll happen as easy as breathing," stated the March 8, 1997 Montreal Gazette.

Crowe will be joined by mandolin maestro John Rieschman and bassist

Brent Gubbels.

Tamblyn has been a beacon of the Canadian music industry for more than two decades, writing songs for records, theatre and film, creating solo albums and producing the work of other musicians and performing artists. He has received numerous awards and nominations for his work. Rooted in Canadian folklore and tradition, Tamblyn's rich music delivers his politics, humour and vast knowledge of the world.

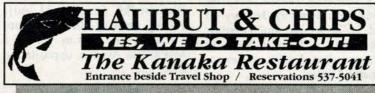
His most recent recording project

was The Body Needs To Travel, inspired by extensive world travels to places such as the Arctic, Antarctic, Russia and Japan.

A guest appearance by local group Seventh Wave will kick off the

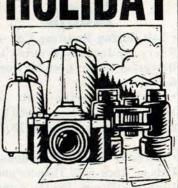
Doors for next Monday's concert open at 7:30 p.m., and Salt Spring Roasting Company will be offering beverages and goodies.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the Roasting Company's Ganges and Fulford locations, or at the door.





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'Stunning McIlwaine takes stage in February

Ellen McIlwaine recordings and memories of her performances are part of any serious blues and slide guitar fan's life.

McIlwaine's distinctive, hard-driving playing and voice have been stealing the breath and hearts of her audiences since the late '60s. She will do it again on Salt Spring at the Harbour House next Thursday, with a show that begins at 9 p.m.

She has made eight albums, appeared on two "celebration of blues" compilation CDs and other artists' CDs, and loves to tour throughout Canada and the U.S.

Musicologist Connie Kuhns remembers the first time she saw McIlwaine on stage.

... I felt like Mama Cass watching Janis Joplin at Monterey. We were all stunned. It was a sunny day at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival. Ellen was on stage in a whirl of hair and sweat, her voice matching note for note the squeal of her fingers on the steel strings of her guitar... When she finished playing I couldn't breathe.'

Joseph Blake of the Times Colonist couldn't write enough about a 1995 McIlwaine performance in Victoria.

"Launching a muscular, earpiercing version of Hound Dog that owed a lot more to Big Mama Thornton than to Elvis, the guitarist sent me reeling to the back of the coffee-house," he wrote.

About her rendition of Standing on Shaky Ground, Blake said, " McIlwaine's phrasing blew the song to life from a whisper to a scream - past pain to pure, unbridled ecstasy."

Tickets for the February 5 event are \$10 and available at the Harbour House front desk

"Valentine's Day" Seacourt Restaurant

The Seacourt Restaurant presents a special wine & dinner event in honour of famous lovers throughout the centuries, on St. Valentine's Day.

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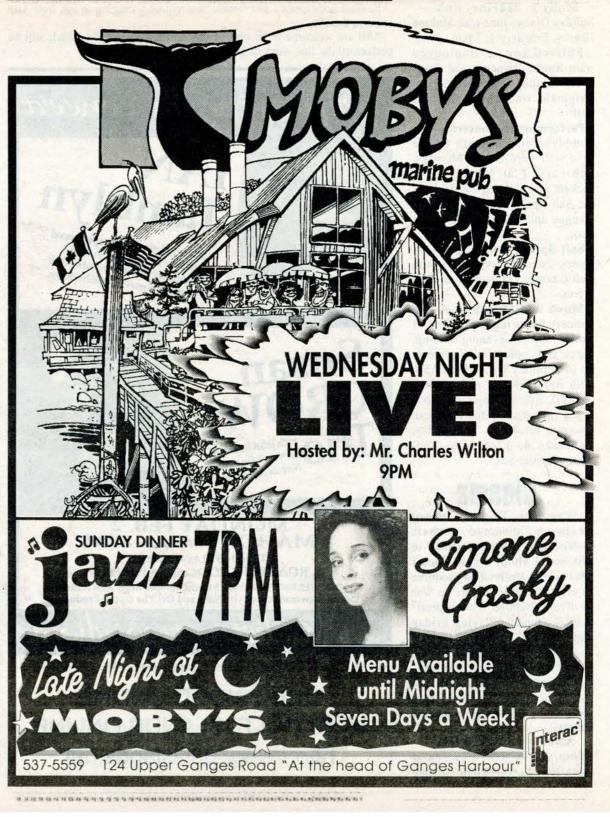
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· Salt Spring Roasting Co. -Every Wednesday evening is Bluegrass Music Evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

 Moby's Marine Pub — Wednesday Night Live hosted by Charles Wilton, January 28, 9

· Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub - Rock with Thunder and Lightning on Friday and Saturday, January 30 and 31. Also, Randy Bachman, Colin Wiebe and Donnie McDougal will make a surprise appearance on Saturday night, January 31.

· Alfresco Restaurant -Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.

· Vesuvius Inn — Three Chord Sloth and special guest Gary Preston will perform on Saturday, January 31 at 8:30 p.m. (Please note: the pub will be closed from February 2 to March 3.)

Bandemonium Anniversary Concert - With special guest, Black by Popular Demand, Arthur Black. Saturday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, February 1, 2 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose room. Tickets from Murray's Brewplace, Sharon's and Music Emporium. Adults \$10, students \$5.

· Moby's Marine Pub -Sunday Dinner Jazz with Simone Grasky, February 1, 7 p.m.

· Fulford Inn - Unplugged with Randy, Graeme and Buck every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Originals, traditional, new and

· Performing in Concert — Ian Tamblyn and the Susan Crowe Trio will perform on Monday, February 2 at Mahon Hall. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Salt Spring Roasting Co. (in Ganges and Fulford) and at the

· Salt Spring Roasting Co. -Every Tuesday evening is the Celtic Music Circle from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

· Music and Munch — A free concert featuring a preview of Curtain Up (an evening of song, dance and comedy to be presented in February by Active PASS, with Ray Newman and assorted friends), followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$4.75. Wednesday, February 4, 12:10 p.m., All Saints By-the-Sea.

· Wag the Dog - Barry Levinson directed Robert DeNiro and Dustin Hoffman in this satire about a spin doctor who hires a Hollywood producer to electronically "create" a war to divert attention from a presidential scandal. Playing Friday and Saturday, January 30 and 31, at 7 p.m.; Sunday and Monday, February 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday, February 3 at 9:15 p.m. 1 hour, 40 minutes. Rated P.G., coarse language. Cinema Central.

· Alien Resurrection Sigourney Weaver's muscular alien butt-kicker Lieut. Ripley

returns as a clone of her former self in Jean-Pierre Jeunet's stylishly grotesque and humourous continuation of the outer space monster movie series. This time soldiers, scientists and smugglers foolishly take on an army of bad-tempered aliens on a military research vessel Playing Friday and Saturday, January 30 and 31, at 9 p.m., and Tuesday, February 3 at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated 18A, violence. Cinema Central.

· Pre-School Storytime -Mary Hawkins Library, every Monday at 10 a.m. The more the merrier!

· Storytime at West of the Moon — Every Tuesday morning. Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join

Galleries

· Memorial Art Show — An art show in memory of Esther Travis will be held from Wednesday, January 21 until Friday, January 30. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 131 McPhillips Avenue, opposite the Core Inn.

· Book Discussion — The Salt Spring Reading Group will be discussing "In the Presence of the Enemy" by Elizabeth George at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4 at Island Books Plus. Free tea, coffee and cookies.

Auditions set Sunday for 'innovative' play

Director Marnee Bellavance will be selecting a cast for a new radio play slated for production on Salt Spring.

Performance of Leaving Home, by Canadian playwright David French, is part of Salt Spring Community Theatre's latest venture.

On Air is being produced with partial proceeds to benefit the Salt

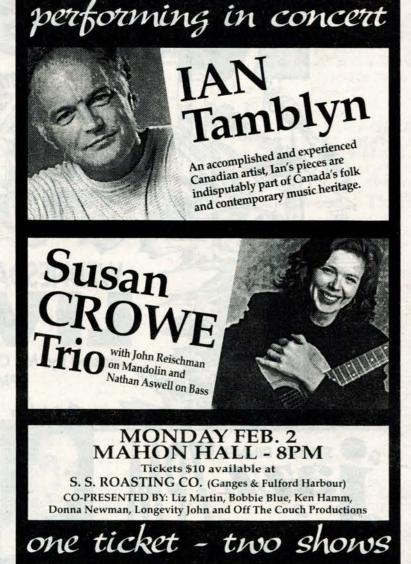
Spring Island Community Radio Society. According to a press release from Bellavance, "This innovative con-

cept will make islanders the studio audience on a sound stage." French's play will run complete with line sound effects and locally

sponsored announcements, she says. Auditions will take place this Sunday, beginning at 2 p.m. at the United Church on Hereford Avenue.

Several actors, male and female, are required, ranging in age from late teens to the 50s.

"All are welcome to be part of this community project which will be performed the first week of March," Bellavance says.



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Love's passion and pain explored in duo's All Saints performance

Islanders can indulge in some of the most passionate Renaissance music ever written with world-class musicians when Ellen Hargis and Paul O'Dette perform on Salt Spring February

Drawing from English, French, Italian and Spanish works from the 16th and 17th centuries, Hargis is a soprano with an unforgettable, expressive voice, while O'Dette is a virtuoso on lute and chitarrone.

The duo's program will explore the theme of love in all its colourings of passion and pain.

The show is the first in what will hopefully be a series of concerts featuring artists of international stature. The Salt Spring Concert Society is the sponsoring group, which is spearheaded by Lloyd and Diana English, Peter Bardon and Tamar Griggs.

English says the group hopes to develop Salt Spring as "a destination point for great performers and, in turn, off-island audiences

He notes people attending the concerts at All Saints, where the acoustics are excellent, will have an unprecedented opportunity to witness world-class performances in an intimate setting - how chamber music really ought to be heard.

Hargis and O'Dette have performed together for years, especially in Europe, and leave a stream of blazing reviews in their

Ceramics exhibit slated

Salt Spring artist Judy Weeden will exhibit her porcelain and stoneware ceramics at the B.C. Gallery of Ceramics on Granville Island beginning January 31.

The show theme called About Journeys allows Weeden to interweave new and retrospective ideas from her 25-year pottery career.

"A basic theme throughout the show embodies both corporeal and spiritual aspects of my own - or anyone's - life journey," Weeden said in a prepared statement.

A reception with the artist will open the exhibit between 2 and 4 p.m. on January 31.

The show runs until February

The Globe and Mail newspaper called O'Dette "the clearest case of genius ever to touch his instrument," and his performances at early music festivals around the world have often been singled out for admiration.

The Sterophile publication states that O'Dette is "the greatest living lutenist, bar none.'

Regarding soprano Hargis, the Vancouver Sun noted: "The evening's highlights, without question, were the handful of songs that featured the pure, shining voice of Hargis."

The Milwaukee Journal wrote after a Hargis performance: "Her rich, yet clean, voice resonated beautifully ... a perfect blend of clarity and ripe emotion."

Lloyd English notes the duo's concerts are educational, as well, since they are committed to performing the works in their original form. The songs' texts will also be distributed to the audience

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and available at et cetera, Sharon's and Acoustic

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'Lassies' term okayed in Robbie Burns toast

The haggis was marched into the Community Hall with the skirl of pipes and the swagger of kilts Saturday night in honour of Robbie Burns.

It was the seventh annual Saturna Lions Club dinner which celebrated his memory.

During the "attitude adjustment hour" before dinner, Jim Campbell was heard polling the women about whether they minded being called lassies. He revealed the results of his survey in his Toast to the Lassies where he advised that the most accepted term to use was "the fairer sex." But he added that the name "lassies" was considered far more acceptable than "girls." Jacqueline Fraser graciously responded to his toast.

Many of the guests were resplendent in full Highlands dress. Derrick Woodcock served as master of ceremonies with pomp, ceremony and humour as expected on such an occasion. Pat Ropars welcomed the guests and Rod Fraser led the Selkirk

When dinner was about to be served, Harvey Ackerman and Darrell Jones carried the haggis to the head table with the skean where it was ceremoniously butchered. The haggis was then served to all the guests with roast beef, chappit tatties, bashed neeps, peas and oatcakes.

Following dinner, Danika Surm and Emily McDougall danced two Irish jigs for an appreciative audience. Later, Jack McLeod played the piano for the bawdy singers led by Mike Tate and Neal MacDonald. Everyone joined in the fun. Dancing followed and even the uninitiated were able to keep step to the music.

Mary Jones took home the top prize from a 50-50 draw and Grant Dickey won a ticket to the Valentine's dance which the Lions are planning for February 14. That's a date to mark on your calendar for February!

Weather

High winds and rough water created havoc on Saturna last weekend. Power outages, although short-lived, affected many islanders.

Water taxi and ferry services were disrupted as well, bringing students home early from school Friday and leaving other travellers

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The church service was cancelled on Sunday when Rev. Bruce Bryant-Scott, his guest speaker and musician were unable to cross Plumper Sound from Pender Island.

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Planning Seminar, Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet, 1:30pm. FEB. 4: Music & munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm.

EVERY WEONESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, SS Seniors bldg. 11am Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Stamp Collectors all ages, SS Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am.-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.) ore-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 Practioners group, SS Seniors, 7pm (every
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community 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, SS Seniors, 12 noon.
- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14. 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, SS Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
 Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of

To have your no charge event listed here free, just drop it off to the Driftwood office by noon Friday!

SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.

A Course in Miracles, study group, 552 Rainbow Rd. #A, 10-11:30.
Smiles Café, United Church-Ganges, 12-1pm (4th Friday of ea. mo.)

EVERY SATURDAY

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- EVERY MONDAY - Free blood pressure clinic, SS 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, SS 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.
- Health & nutrition for families. Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea mo.
- Grief Recovery seminars, United Church, 7pm (Jan. 19-Feb. 23)

- Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.

- EVERY TUESDAY
- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, SS 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.

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Island students to get hands-on experience building park cottage

Woodworking students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) are tackling a special community project this semester, the building of a 800-square-foot caretaker's cottage in Mouat Park.

Plans were finalized this week for the one-bedroom cottage, which will include living quarters and a small office for the caretaker. The 24 Grade 11 and 12 students in the class are expected to start working on the building in March.

Teacher Kelly Knister said the idea was first raised last November after the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) realized it would cost approximately \$20,000 to upgrade a former portable classroom for use as a caretaker's resi-

Administrator Tony Hume estimated the materials to build the cottage wouldn't be much more than the cost of converting the portable classroom and the resulting building would blend in better with the park.

The portable classroom, one of two purchased by the PARC from the school district, could be used for some other purpose, Hume said. He noted the one classroom set up as a meeting space in Portlock Park is often fully booked by community groups

Capital Regional District (CRD) building inspector Dick Stubbs is one of the volunteers working on the project. He noted woodworking students from the Delta School District have twice come to the island to work on projects, but it had been many years since island students had built a structure for the community.

Students will gain a wide range of hands-on experience, he predicted. "This one is going to be from one end to the other, start to finish," he said.

Local contractors have been approached to help with the project as well. "Without exception, the people I've done initial discussions with have been very support-



COTTAGE CRAFT: Teacher Kelly Knister and CRD building inspector Dick Stubbs check out the shop's current collection of wood scraps, which students often transform into smaller projects. This term the students are tackling a big project, the building of a caretaker's cottage in Mouat Park.

ive," Stubbs said. Donations are also being sought from suppliers to minimize the cottage's cost.

The project will be broken down into components and students will work on the cottage section by section. In late March there will be a career education week at the school, during which Knister expects the woodworking students will be able to work full-

time on the cottage. The partially finished project

will also be on display a week later when the regional Skills Canada competition is hosted by

Stubbs said the students are so enthusiastic about the project that some have offered to landscape the site once the building is com-

Knister said she hopes the cottage will be the first of other community-oriented projects for GISS woodworking students.



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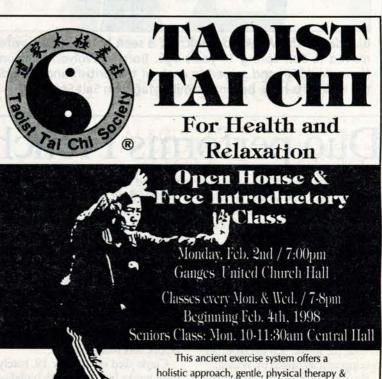
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Grade 9 woodworkers win prizes for projects

Crafting wooden side and end tables earned Grade 9 woodworking students prizes which will be presented Thursday at Gulf Islands Secondary

First place in the competition went to Nathan Stam, second to Leif Palmberg and third to Tyler Morris. Honourable mentions went to Katy Parthew and Chris Vezina.

Judges were Salt Spring Woodworkers Guild members Illtyd Perkins and Roger Cameron.

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ISLANDER OF THE WEEK



Islander of the week Ron Holcroft is seen here with his wife Nancy Holcroft, with whom he moved to Salt Spring 11 years ago. Born in Wolverhampton, England in 1916, Ron married Nancy in 1956, and served in each of the British and Canadian armies for 12 years. Both of the Holcrofts have become familiar faces on Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Duo performs French selections

Victoria residents Keith MacLeod (clarinettist) and Anita Wilson (pianist) were the featured artists here at the second of this winter's Gulf Islands concerts.

It was a program chosen from the French repertoire — Francis Poulenc, Olivier Messiaen, Henri Rabaud and Claude Debussy, all composers active during the last hundred years. Debussy's three Preludes for solo piano evoked a Spanish flavour, the music rich in colour and development as played by Wilson.

Poulenc's Sonata for Clarinet and Piano, which opened the program, caught the audience's attention, the artists' total immersion in its playing noteworthy. Beautiful tone and flowing melody was consistent throughout.

Contrasting with the largely unfamiliar French pieces were two by Austrian Fritz Kreisler — Liebeslied and Schon Rosmarin — both toetapping favourites.

Beautifully played as well were two encores — Erik Satie's familiar Gymnopedies and a short piece by Igor Stravinsky. It was a satisfying concert.

Clarinettist MacLeod, now principal clarinettist with the Victoria Symphony, spent his teen years in Richmond, later attending UBC and studying in the U.S. He reminisced in a private conversation after the concert about those years in Richmond and how the place has developed since then.

"A hot summer day and with bare feet we kept to the painted lines down the middle of No. 3 Road (because the painted lines were cooler than the asphalt). Those were simpler times."

MacLeod, his wife Jennifer and their two daughters live on five acres in the outskirts of Victoria.

Currie remembered

Those attending North Galiano Community Association's past Burns Suppers will remember Bob Currie.

Bob came with the Cairngorm Dancers (a Vancouver-based Scottish country dance group) who were annual visitors here. He was the fellow who traditionally recited Burns' Ode to the Haggis. None could do it quite like Bob — he obviously enjoyed every moment of it and his accent was right!

Bob was born in Methihill,

Scotland and grew to maturity there. He was a big man, had a ready smile and loved to be with people. Over the years Bob had amassed a great num-

ber of Scottish records and had one of the best such collections in Canada. His Cairngorm dance partners benefited from his generosity as he made all available to them. Other groups benefited as well.

Currie died on January 19, barely three weeks before his 77th birthday. Since his last visit here in 1995, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. From that time he steadily lost ground in his fight for life, but remained good-natured and positive until the end. He is survived by his wife Nancy and three sons, Ian, Callum and Graham.

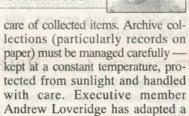
Museum society

Three members of the executive of the Galiano Museum Society met recently in Victoria with Lee Boyko of the B.C. Museum Society in order to learn the ins and outs of museumkeeping.

Contacts for possible funding were touched on, as was the choice and

GALIANO NOTES

items.



Plagued by sicknesses over the past month or so, executive members will meet soon to make plans for the months ahead and for the society's first annual meeting scheduled for April.

room in his house for the care of such

Dance classes

Instructor Monica Roots has scheduled Scottish country dance classes for the inexperienced on Monday afternoons, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the North Hall. These will continue for about six weeks.

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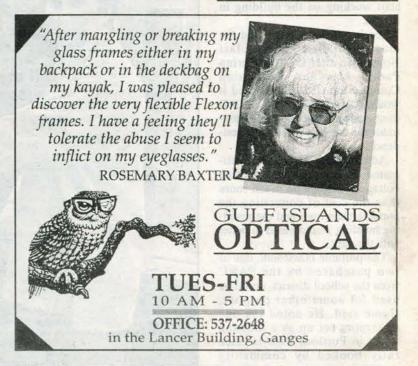
Workshops are set for Sunday, February 1 and 15 from noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 in advance or \$80 at the door.

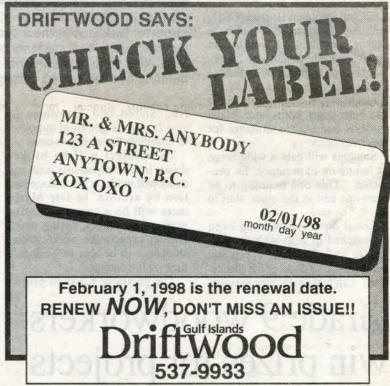
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THANK YOU to Murray Shoolbraid and family for bring-ing Pantomime to Salt Spring Island. We are really looking forward to next year's. Well done from the Gardner Clan!

TO ALL THE wonderful people on Salt Spring Island who sent us such lovely cards, notes, goodies and flowers after Bill died, many heartfelt thanks. He will be remembered as the giver of Werther's! Vera Petapiece

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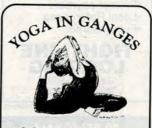
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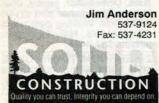
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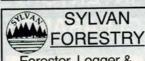
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DEATHS

GOLBY: JAMES Wake. Wake died suddenly at home on Saturday, January 24 at the age of 48 years. He leaves his wife, Hrromi, and three children: Risha, James and Darcy. A memorial service will be held 3 p.m., Saturday, January 31 at the Empire Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street in Vancouver. A gathering of triands in planeaut for Setudous riends is planned for Saturday, February 7 on Salt Spring Island. Please phone 537-9618 for information. Flowers are gratefully declined.

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FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, side x side duplex, long term, ocean view, 1 month free rent, children welcome, no pets please. \$725 + utilities. 653-4500.

FOR RENT. Upper, very modern, 2 bedroom apartment (large), nice carpets & drapes, open Dining Room and Living Room. Electric heat & fireplace, (owner keeps bottom apartment when in town). N/Pets please. \$650. plus utilities. 653-4500.

FOR RENT: 2 brand new, 1 bed-FOR HEN1: 2 brand new, 1 bed-room & den, for quiet persons, skylights, bright and in-floor heat-ing. F/S & DW. N/S & N/P please. \$695 + utilities. 653-4500 please. \$695 + utilities. 653-4500

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FEBRUARY SPECIAL - Internet access half-price on Sundays (only \$2.25 per hour) at Island Books Plus, 104 McPhillips Ave. 537-2812. P.S. We still have a few calendars left at 50 and 60%

10 PIECE GINSU Knife Set on sale for \$9.95 at Save-On Saltspring in the Upper Ganges Centre, (next to Dagwoods).

FOR RENT: March 1, 1998, near Bowling alley. Modern 3 bedroom, mobile, clean, large yard, propane & wood heat. Children welcome, \$725 + utilities. 653-4500

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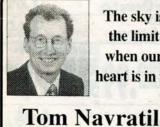
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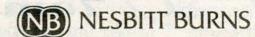
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Globalization marks spirit of our times

"Coming-ofage" has become a trendy catch phrase these days. Motion pictures, television, writers of fiction and non-

PILGRIM'S NOTES



fiction are attracting audience attention with "coming-of-age" stories.

The last one that caught my eye was an advert for Chris Bohjalian's recently published suspense thriller Midwives. The ad tells of a "complex and rivetting coming-of-age tale." The expression "coming-of-age" beckons both reader and viewer through psychological intrigue: a dramatic turning point, an initiation or self-affirmation, an awakening. The heady phrase also seems to be tied to the notion of empowerment.

Here I would like to turn the phrase to the bigger picture of humanity's collective life. For the process of coming-of-age applies, not only to fictional or real-life characters, but also to humanity's ordered societal life. Above all, the coming-of-age of the human race suggests that we are moving inexorably toward world unification, a recognition of humanity's oneness and wholeness and some form of world government.

The process is intriguing. What seems to be occurring is that symmetrical microcosmic and macrocosmic relationship found in the philosophy of the ancient Greeks, still proving true today. It might best be simply described as "as for big, even so for small" or viceversa.

What holds true for the growth and development of the human body and the individual also holds true for the body of humanity. An irresistible process, similar to that which drives individuals to maturity and self-realization must also function at the world level in the political, economic and social spheres.

Coming-of-age consciousness is clearly apocalyptic and points to rapid evolution followed by sudden transformation. It has all the features of a moving drama.

Recognition of humanity's oneness can only be gradually perceived through crisis, the predominant feature of our age. The unity of nations can only be forged in a crucible of untold universal suffering.

British historian Arnold J. Toynbee (D. 1975) in his 12-volume Study of History likened the birth, growth and death of civilizations to the patterns of growth and decay in living organisms.

One of the patterns that Toynbee discerned in his monumental study was that of "challenge and response." Civilizations flourish when they are able to ultimately overcome the challenges brought on by dysfunction.

The remnant that survives and adapts to the newly-emerging environment also participates in the creation of the new world order. Toynbee felt that war-ravaged western civilization was on its last legs but that a larger world civilization might yet be born, one that was more fully integrated and less dominated by Caucasians. We have already begun to discern the early evidences of that process in decolonization, Pacific Rim economic activities, new Asian prosperity (recently setback) and in free and fair global trade.

At the end of the day — or better put — at the end of the age, the fittest will be those who survive, not by conquering with "tooth and claw" in Darwinian fashion, but rather those who perceptively discern the spirit of the age, who correctly perceive the movement of history and both take up its challenges and concern themselves with its requirements.

For every age, like every person, has its own personality, a spirit that characterizes its emerging identity.

Our Zeitgeist (spirit of the times) is clearly expressed by a word that has only recently emerged, a word that could not have come into use except through a quantum shift in consciousness — globalization

Globalization is the key to understanding the present age and will determine the course of world events in the third millennium. Although this word originated in the field of macroeconomics, globalization is a code word that may be applied just as fruitfully to other vital fields than world markets. Globalization also applies at the political level and envisions a more fully-functioning UN, supported by strong auxiliary agencies, including a truly effective world police force that could be mustered to crush aggressors and impose peace upon belligerents, aggressors who in frenzies of violence continue to callously massacre innocent citizens in civil strife.

In religion or spirituality, the term may be applied to the concept of a world faith, or to discerning common core patterns of spirituality in the great religions. Today, globalization even applies to "world music" in the hybrid strains that blend African, European, North and

South American, Caribbean and Asian songs.

Locally, each of us can contribute to the process of globalization by combatting prejudices and stereotypes, becoming volunteers, participating in international organizations and joint ventures, protecting the environment, learning the folkways of other cultures or joining Interfaith or UN associations.

World unity is no utopian dream. It is the functional imperative of this age and the next.

Taste of sun for those staying home

By TERRA TEPPER
Driftwood Contributor

At this time of year, lots of folks go to Hawaii, California or Arizona to soak up the sun. If you can't be one of them, you can at least have a taste of the tropics.

This week's recipe comes from the Jolly Roger Restaurant in Honolulu. It makes two high, substantial loaves, with only about 3/8ths of a cup of oil in each. Last weekend I saw a Louisiana TV chef put two cups of oil into a single yam cake, so the amount of oil in these loaves compares most favourably.

The recipe can be halved to produce a single loaf but since it's wonderful toasted and buttered and I understand makes great French toast, you'll be

WHAT'S COOKING

able to use both loaves. Fruit breads freeze well in any case.
JOLLY ROGER'S ORANGE BREAD

4 1/2 cups flour
2 Tbs. baking powder
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. salt
Zest of two oranges
1/2 tsp. soda
3/4 cup oil
4 eggs
1/4 cup white corn syrup
1 Tbs. orange extract
Juice of two oranges
1 tall can evaporated milk
2 cups currants

Combine first four ingredi-

ents in a very large bowl. Combine orange zest and soda and let stand for five minutes, then add to the flour mixture. Whip oil, corn syrup, eggs and orange extract together. Mix orange juice and evaporated milk together to make 2 1/2 cups of liquid. You may have to add a bit of frozen orange juice if the fresh oranges are not sufficiently juicy. Add the juice/milk mixture to the oil mixture and slowly beat the liquids into the flour until you have a smooth batter.

Place in two greased 9 x 5 loaf pans and bake for one hour at 350 degrees. Since the batter is quite runny, you may want to test for doneness with a toothpick or straw after the hour and perhaps leave the loaves in for another five minutes.



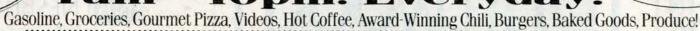
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Feng shui refers to harmony with land

Throughout the year I am often asked about "feng shui," the Chinese art of living in harmony with the land and getting the best possible benefits from it for peace and prosperity.

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As we believe in astrology from the stars above, the Chinese believe in taking their information from beneath the ground. As we approach the Year of the Tiger, what better time to share my views

Feng shui literally means "wind and water" and was named such by the Chinese when they discovered that the life-giving "chi," also known as the cosmic force, was held by water and released by

The word "chi" is frequently used in the Chinese language. Some of its meanings are "breath" and "air" and it is also used with the application of acupuncture. In the case of feng shui it means "favourable currents," such as when a well-placed residence has good "chi." A poorly-placed residence has "sha," or unfavourable

Sha is said to be caused by geographical faults in the earth and, interestingly enough, San Francisco is situated on one of the worst "sha" locations because of the "San Andreas fault," yet it has one of the largest Chinese communities outside China. Something to think about!

It is said that an ideal setting/landscape is one facing a river backed by mountains and smaller mountains on each side. The mountains protect the landscape/house and the river keeps the chi force from getting away.

The chi is actually an existing magnetic field. I personally call it an aura and see it as the same energy we have around our bodies.

There are many theories and ways through feng shui to have a more settled atmosphere. One of my favourites: If you live in a house that has another home beside it but you have a garage or garages between the houses, this brings the feeling of living close with arms reaching out for each other, a comforting concept.

I have a belief that I follow in my home. If you have a door that follows down a hall to another door or window, this means that money goes in one door and out the other.

A feng shui expert would be called in to a house, examine it, look at the long hall and suggest a screen or partition be put there to block the path of energy going out. I suggest my clients hang a crystal midway down the hall and have had positive feedback from this.

The placement of a bed in a room is also very important. The Chinese believe that a bed should not be in direct sunlight. Why? Too much stimulation, which causes less sleep. As well, a bed should not face a mirror or the door.

Another interesting fact or belief is that a store or shop will do well if it is near a bus stop or traffic lights — the energy is good. But if it is located near a main road of traffic, the energy is moved away - not good! This is where a feng shui mirror is placed to deflect that

For homes with a swimming pool, don't install it on the west side of the house, as this is said to bring financial problems. The Chinese are so strong on this belief that they would fill in the pool with mud or something else.

I personally agree with their way of getting rid of restricting energy. It is all relative. Indian people

smudge with sage or sweet grass. Tibetan monks would ring their harmony bells, as we know them to clear the surrounding air of any negativity.

The Chinese also believe that when making a home purchase you are wise to bring a small child with you. If the child plays or is comfortable then the home has good chi.

For further information on this fascinating tradition I suggest two books: one by Derek Walter called The Feng Shui Handbook, and Feng Shui, A Layman's Guide by Evelyn Lip.

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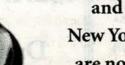
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Campbell was named school board chair

Thirty-five years ago

· Jim Campbell was elected chairman of the new Gulf Islands School Board at its first meeting of the year. George Heinekey was chosen vice-chairman. Trustees were also appointed to the six board committees: finance, buildings and grounds, policy and management, personnel, salary contract and grievance, and transportation. An arbitration board ruling gave teachers in the Gulf Islands an average salary increase of 3.8 per cent, upholding an offer made by the school board.

• Salt Spring residents were upset by the loss of the Lions Club Christmas tree on the Ganges causeway, which was cut down by vandals. The vandals partially sawed through the trunk of the tree, which was then pushed over by the wind, falling across the road. Fortunately, the tree fell shortly before midnight when no one was on the road, so a potential car accident was averted. Christmas ornaments on the tree were smashed.

Thirty years ago

• Thieves were targeting flags on Salt Spring with a second outbreak of flag-napping. Two flags, one Canadian and one provincial, were stolen from flagpoles in Centennial Park.

• A youth from Ontario was sentenced to two and a half years in jail for a series of crimes committed while he was living on Salt Spring. The youth was charged with contributing to juvenile delinquency, theft of a radio, camera and coin collection

Opportunity to support new mental health plan

Islanders concerned about government funding for mental health services are invited to join a celebration at the provincial legislature next Tuesday.

The event is being held to mark last week's announcement of a new provincial mental health plan by Minister of Health Joy McPhail. Last Wednesday, the province unveiled the \$125-million plan, which is expected to provide more housing and services for those suffering from mental illness.

Event organizers are the Victoria Branch of Canadian Mental Health, the Capital Mental Health Association and the B.C. Schizophrenia Society, Victoria branch

Those with a mental illness, their family members, service providers and the general public are invited to gather on the front steps of the legislature at noon to show their support for the new plan and to encourage the government to designate funding for new programs as soon as possible.

The demonstration is slated for 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

"We wish to show support for the programs just announced and to confirm the urgent need for community support systems such as housing and rehabilitation services," said Gail Simpson, executive director of the Capital Mental Health Association.

For more information, call the association at 1-250-389-1211 or the B.C. Schizophrenia Society at 1-250-384-4225.

DOWN THE YEARS

from a home, several charges of obtaining money by false pretences by passing worthless cheques and obtaining lodging by fraud.

Twenty-five years ago

• The Islands Trust took over responsibility for land use control in the islands from regional districts. Under new legislation, the Trust would handle all zoning changes and planning amendments although the Ministry of Highways would continue to handle subdivision approvals.

• The provincial government approved a call for tenders to construct a new elementary school in Fernwood. The school was expected to cost \$570,000 and would serve 160 elementary and 50 kindergarten students. Construction was to start in the spring with the school due to open in September 1978.

Twenty years ago

• Car crusher SAM was coming to Salt Spring to help islanders dispose of old wrecks. The service was offered free-of-charge for the first 200 cars registered with the Capital Regional District (CRD). Both the Salt Spring Planning Association and the Chamber of Commerce had urged the CRD to offer the ser-

vice. The removal service was also offered for refrigerators and similar appliances.

• Salt Spring's garbage service, operated for the past eight years by Wally Twa, would not be shut down without notice, a pollution control board official said. The garbage dump on Twa's Blackburn Road property did not meet pollution control board standards and Twa had told the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce that he could not afford to upgrade the dump to meet those standards.

Fifteen years ago

• A provincial arbitrator approved a three per cent wage increase for Gulf Islands teachers. The wage increase added an estimated \$80,000 to the 1983 budget although a provincial restraint program held budget increases to less than one per cent. For individual teachers, whose average salary was \$32,500, the wage increase translated into just under \$1,000 extra per year.

Ten years ago

• Concerns over provincial curriculum were expressed to the Royal Commission on Education, which held a hearing on Salt Spring. Locals stressed the need to "teach the whole child," talked about school programming and wanted students to have greater choices in courses and in planning school activities. High school students felt

courses did not always offer sufficient challenge.

• Salt Spring Trust Committee

e Salt Spring Trust Committee gave second reading to a bylaw amendment which changed a land-use contract governing Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road. A public hearing was held into the changes, which would allow a wider range of uses on the property in exchange for regulations which would protect the environment.

Five years ago

• A foot of snow gave islanders a chilly start to the new year and kept road crews working around the clock. McColl's Shell tow-truck service reported receiving 160 calls, most to help people stuck in the snow.

• A 17-year-old driver was charged with failing to stop for a police officer, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and driving without a licence following a high-speed chase from Ganges to Channel Ridge. The vehicle was spotted speeding in Ganges at 10:40 p.m. and did not stop when signalled by police. During the chase, the vehicle reached speeds of up to 150 kilometres per hour. Besides the driver, there were three young passengers in the vehicle.

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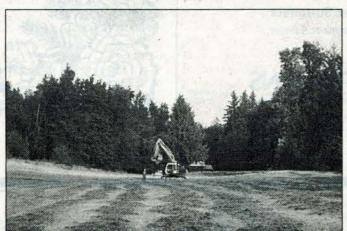
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all doing aerobics to counter the effects of too many coffee-time treats. Today, most of us still eat the treats but we've given up on the aerobics. But not Damaris. Ten years later she's still the fittest member of the staff! But not only that, she remains a key member of our advertising sales department.

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- Tony & Alice Richards

