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The roof and front room of a Beaver Point Road home was destroyed in a Thursday morning blaze.
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Camp protests Texada road use at Mt. Tuam site

By TANYA LESTER and MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Conflicting jurisdiction between government ministries over a 400-metre road on Mount Tuam has led to a standoff between protesters and Texada Land Corporation.

The road, running northeast from Musgrave Road just past the Dubois Road turnoff, is being used by Texada as an access between Musgrave and its current logging site.

Protesters who are opposed to the rate and extent of Texada's south-island logging claimed the road sits in provincial forest designated as parkland in Salt Spring's official community plan and is therefore unusable by company machinery.

As many as 20 protesters set up an encampment blockade Saturday, denying the thoroughfare to Texada vehicles and access to an on-site medical truck, although they indicated they would not block any "significant" emergency efforts.

They also believed use of the road required a permit from the relevant govern-

ment ministry.

Company officials claimed the previous Texada owners had permission to use the road, which was then transferred to the current owners.

Ministry of Forests operations manager Dan Powell told the Driftwood permission was granted in 1997 but that its transfer was still under discussion by his ministry, the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks (and its B.C. Assets and Land Corporation [LC] department) and Texada's lawyers.

He explained the road was sited in LC-controlled "vacant Crown land," not provincial forest, which is under forest ministry control.

"The problem stems from an overlapping of jurisdictions of two ministries. Texada applied to the land corporation and the protesters went to the forest ministry. I could see how (the protesters) jumped to the conclusion that it is being used illegally, but under the Land Act it appears this may not be the case," Powell said Tuesday morn-

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GICAC members turn out in force

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

There is nothing like a little cheating to rekindle a stale love affair.

After years of a comfortable yet arms-length relationship with their community arts council, Salt Spring's artists have had the fire of passion re-ignited. And all it took was some unpopular, unilateral action by the council's board of directors to light the match.

The board is now gone, its resignation accepted by a mass turnout at Mahon Hall Sunday. One hundred and twenty members of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) attended the meeting to wash away old grievances and select an interim board to take the council to an annual general meeting sometime in the next two months.

"This turnout obvious shows how concerned the membership is, and how they are willing to be part of any solution," said Ken McKenzie, a member of the interim board. "It is a great sign for getting the GICAC decisions back into the hands of its members."

The crowd voted unanimously to overturn the previous board's March decision to split the GICAC into two separate councils — the Trincomali Community Arts Council (already active) and the Salt Spring Community Arts Council (moribund) — and delete any subsequent actions,

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ON PARADE: Chris Seymour was one of close to 80 Sparks, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Pathfinders accompanied by leaders and parents who walked from Ganges Village Market to All Saints By-the-Sea Sunday in the fifth annual Hike For Hunger. Some 10 grocery bags full of food were raised for the local food bank.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ridge sells to Alberta investor

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

At a time when B.C. real estate is considered a cautious play, at best, Bryce Chapman is betting the other way. And he considers Salt Spring to be one of the province's top options for a property recovery.

On Friday Chapman, head of Red Deer's Property Team management company, announced he had purchased the entire 589-hectare (1,472-acre) Channel Ridge development from Lindholm brothers Marshall, Mark and Jason.

Terms of the January 31 deal were not released except that it was 100 per cent buyout for cash. The Lindholms will stay on as management consultants.

Like Texada Land Corporation, Chapman is betting that industry naysayers have got the timing wrong about coastal land. Both are betting tens of millions of dollars on their own analysis.

"There are lots of big investors who still won't touch B.C., saying it is at least four years before anything changes. But that is Ontario (financial industry) money and it is booming out there so they aren't interested in western Canada," he explained.

Chapman feels eastern institutions are quick to ignore the healthy economies in Saskatchewan and Alberta, which will spread to B.C. sooner than expected.

"I think it will be 18-to-24 months before there is a turnaround (in B.C.) — for political reasons — but within five to seven years there will be a wave of Baby-Boomer retirees here like you've never seen."

Chapman has based his strategy on 650 private investors who have funded Property Team's projects during the past 18 years.

"They're normal, middle-class people of all ages who are looking for something a little better than what the banks return. I did a straw

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\$46 million mortgages on Texada property

By TANYA LESTER
Driftwood Staff

Texada Land Corporation (TLC) might own 10 per cent of Salt Spring, but two major creditors have dibs on the first \$46 million-plus-interest the company earns

from the island and its Horne Lake property.

And according to TLC mortgage documents obtained by the Driftwood last week, the first mortgage payment must be made to Texada Logging Ltd. (TLL), previ-

ous owners of the land, by November 1. It is a whopping \$10 million plus 7.5 per cent interest (per annum) for a total of \$10,750,000.

The same amount is due to TLL on November 1 of 2001 and 2002.

Those are the basic repayment terms of the \$30-million mortgage held by TLL, with some options for earlier payment using net timber proceeds.

The TLC property also has a \$16-

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million mortgage with the Toronto-based Manufacturers Life Insurance Company (MLIC), with a 10 per cent per annum interest rate. Principal and interest must be paid by November 1, 2002.

TEXADA MORTGAGE

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It means the TLC lands on Salt Spring and at Horne Lake are encumbered by \$46 million on a reported purchase price of \$50 million.

TLC owner Robert Macdonald told the Driftwood Thursday that an estimated 10 logging truck loads of timber were being harvested from the TLC property on Salt Spring Island and another 10 loads at the company's Horne Lake site each working day.

At that rate and based on current forest ministry log and lumber selling price averages, it appears TLC could raise the \$10,750,000 needed by its November deadline from logging alone.

Macdonald denies, however, that his company is under the gun and must harvest 10 truck loads per day on Salt Spring and at Horne Lake in order to pay off its first year of mortgage obligations to TLL.

"I could write a cheque for \$10 million today," said Macdonald. "I'm not in a panic."

Some of the logged area on Hope Hill is now visible from the Fulford ferry terminal.

Regarding Manulife's involvement with Texada, spokeswoman Donna Morrison from Toronto said, "It's a matter of policy that we don't discuss the details of business relationships with clients."

She added that Manulife is not involved in the day-to-day operations of any company it lends money to.

Coastland, the Nanaimo business purchasing timber from TLC, would also not disclose how much it pays the company for harvested logs. However, Steve Fletcher of the B.C. forests ministry said prices for Douglas fir in a three-month period ending on January 15 ranged from \$37 to \$300 per cubic metre.

A local forestry expert, who preferred not to be named, indicated that \$100 per cubic metre of wood is probably a good ball park

figure to put on TLC timber. According to Fletcher, a logging truck holds 40 cubic metres of timber. At the rate of 20 truckloads coming off the sites daily and with 21 working days in a month for a 12-month period, TLC would bring in \$20,160,000 by November 1, 2000.

An estimated half that amount would be paid out in wages and other logging expenses, leaving \$10,080,000 for the one mortgage bill that TLC needs to pay by that date.

Bill Turner, executive director of The Land Conservancy of B.C., said that despite the rate of logging, he is unable to speed up land purchase negotiations with TLC.

For example, the Capital Regional District interest in the property between Mount Tuam and Lee's Hill is subject to a number of government steps taking place before anything would be purchased, he said.

"Unfortunately, it (land purchase negotiations with TLC) is a process that can't be rushed, although I wish it could be," Turner said.

FOR THE RECORD

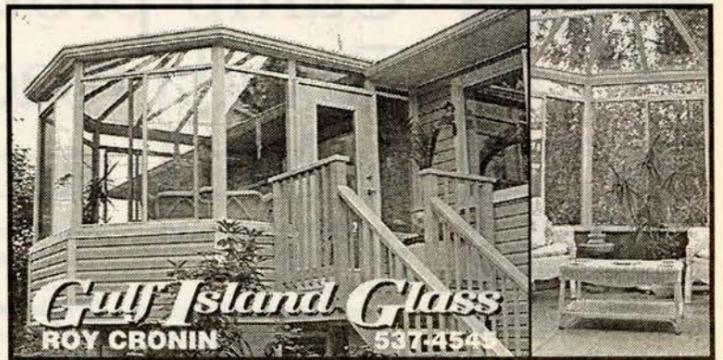
Misinformation from the RCMP resulted in an incorrect accident report last week. Police say the three-car collision on North End Road occurred as follows: A northbound Nissan slid across the road and struck a southbound Subaru. The Subaru spun around and into the northbound lane where it was struck by a pick-up.

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GICAC: Finances uncertain

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based on official Societies Act bylaws that deemed those moves unconstitutional because they were not passed by a quorum of council members.

The interim board selected Sunday included five members from Salt Spring — McKenzie, April Steel, April Curtis, Marlene Smith and Illyd Perkins — and two from the Outer Islands — Heather Maxey and Marlyn Turner.

When a new board is chosen at the AGM it will include four members from Salt Spring and five from the Outer Islands.

The biggest problem facing the interim board is to try and make some sense of the GICAC's finances, especially with significant liabilities on its books and with money needed to get this season's ArtCraft off the ground.

But the situation is currently a termite hill of possible directions.

The interim board was only to get its first look at the council's bank statements Monday, although its financial records remain something of a battle between the new board and former chairman Lawrie Neish.

Neish claims he has turned over all the council records; the interim board denies this has happened.

The Trincomali council threw a wrench into the works last week when it filed a caveat prohibiting the GICAC from using its biggest asset — a McPhillips Street property — as collateral for borrowing.

Without that financial vehicle, the GICAC is concerned about an upcoming government bill for about \$15,000 in unpaid taxes and as much as \$10,000 in other liabilities.

Several thousand dollars are also needed to prepare ArtCraft, set for a late-May opening.

"I am absolutely sure that ArtCraft will go ahead. Outer

Island artists depend on it for a huge part of their income so I think the Trincomali council will have to be part of the solution," McKenzie said. "As far as we can tell, very few of those members are dissidents."

The board will also talk to Trincomali treasurer Carolyn MacDonald about removing the 60-day caveat which was put in place to guarantee a fair share of GICAC assets for the Outer Islands.

"Unfortunately the next 60 days are critical to our financial future, and we are not even sure what the GICAC's assets are," said Perkins.

The money questions will have to be answered before further steps are taken concerning relationships between the councils.

It is likely another meeting will be held after the GICAC's financial situation is clarified and before the AGM.

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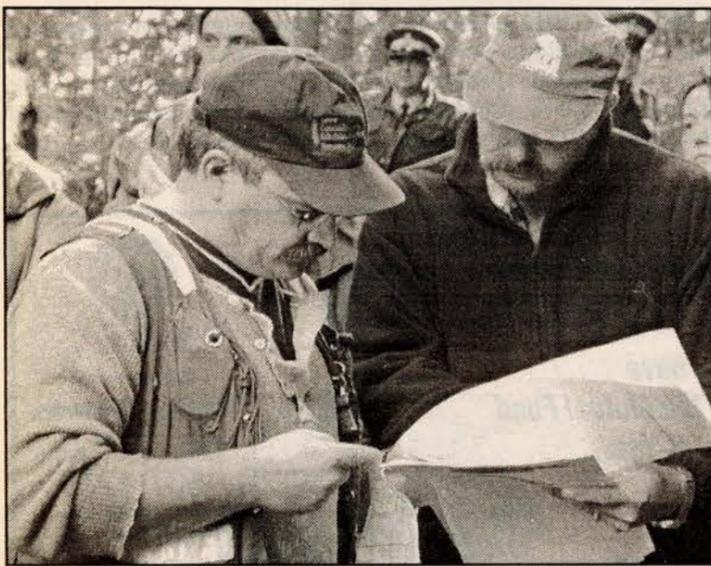
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CHECKING OUT THE LAND: Forests ministry road engineer Doug Erikson (left) and B.C. Assets and Land Corporation's Keith Anderson examine plans of vacant Crown land, occupied by protesters, as part of their on-site research before deciding whether to grant Texada Logging Corporation a logging access permit in the next few days.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

PROTEST: Road use questioned

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ing. "After lengthy discussions we've decided that the land corporation will make the decision."

On Tuesday LC senior land officer Keith Anderson trekked up the mountain in response to pressure from Salt Spring residents.

"(This) is not provincial parkland. We're here to look at what kind of access permit would be required. It is a priority and we'll make a decision within the next few days," Anderson said.

Permission to use the road for full logging operations would likely require a significant upgrading of the site. And that could take as much as a month.

Texada may not wait. "Our goal is to respect whatever the government decides, but we are looking at other options," said operations manager Brent Kapler.

The standoff has brought company transportation to a halt. While cutting continues, there is no sure way to move the logs off-site.

Just east of the protest site Texada equipment operators are currently preparing an alternative route into the logging area, which would bypass the disputed area.

"(Another access road) is defi-

nately an option. We are looking at anything that will minimize road costs and maximize timber value," Kapler added. "Right now our lawyers are looking at the legalities of access."

Protesters indicated they had no plans to move their encampment, leaving potential legalities to the local RCMP.

Sergeant Paul Darbyshire monitored the situation Tuesday and indicated he had no intention of taking any overt action.

"We'll take it one day at a time. We're proactive, not reactive," he said.

Forestry's Powell also said both the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District have asked to see any access-permit application before being issued.

Local trustee David Borrowman visited the site Tuesday.

"We have reminded (the forest ministry) that we're the land-use authority, and we would expect to be consulted on any land-use permit," he said.

Up-to-date information on the entire Texada lands issue will be discussed at a public information meeting set for Gulf Islands Secondary on Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

Driftwood among top 3 in B.C.

The Driftwood has been nominated as a finalist in a provincial better newspaper competition.

The B.C. & Yukon Community Newspapers Association announced last week that the Driftwood is one of the top three papers in its circulation class. Other nominees in the competition's general excellence

category are the Williams Lake Tribune and the Salmon Arm Observer.

Last year, the Driftwood took first place in the annual competition.

The newspaper is also in the running for an advertising design award. A full colour ad prepared by account representative Peter

McCully and creative consultant Lorraine Sullivan has been nominated for best ad design in process colour. The ad was a full-page for client Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply and was published last March. Winners will be announced at the newspaper association's annual convention in Vancouver in April.

Protestors face tense moments

By TANYA LESTER
Driftwood Staff

About 20 protesters who have established a park reserve preservation camp (PRPC) on a Crown lands road being used by Texada Land Corporation received a rude wake-up call on Monday at 7:30 a.m.

"It was very intimidating and very loud and very fast," said PRPC spokeswoman Aylwin.

She was referring to the two excavators driven by loggers which came barreling towards them from TLC land. It appeared that they were not going to stop.

"We linked arms and gulped and my heart was definitely fluttering," said Aylwin.

She said the loggers parked the excavators right on the boundary line between TLC property and the Crown land initially identified as park reserve land.

The loggers began cutting hundreds of trees, estimated at approximately five acres by 2:30 p.m.

The loggers also kicked down a number of protest signs hanging up in the area, according to Aylwin.

At around 2:30 p.m., a Workers' Compensation Board official came and escorted loggers off the site.

Later in the day they returned via another access road to begin moving timber off the land, working well into the night.

Items such as food, water, toilet paper, batteries and Band-aids are needed for the camp and can be dropped off at Salt Spring Roasting Co. in Fulford.



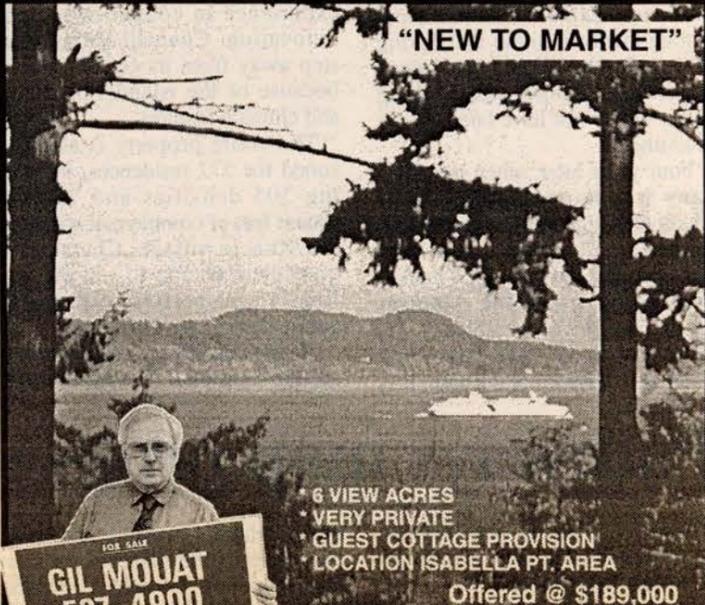
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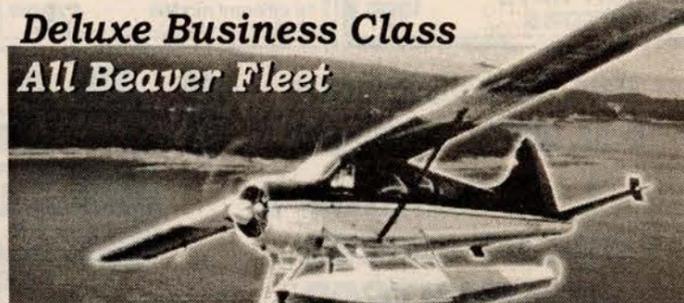
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poll of the 400 invested in Channel Ridge and I'd say 40 to 60 per cent have indicated they would like to live on Salt Spring (as part of their return on investment)," Chapman said.

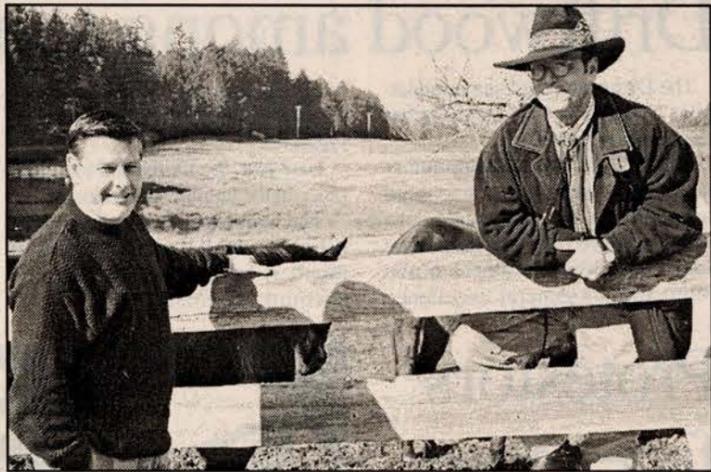
Property Team buys existing rental properties, often in distress, and adds value. Fort McMurray apartments are one example of a market turnaround that brought investors a 50 per cent profit.

"We're contrarians. We go into places that people don't think will ever come back, fix them up and hold onto them. Sure there is a profit to be made but we become part of the community because our investors live there," Chapman said. "Not that Channel Ridge is in any way distressed. It's a gift we're giving ourselves."

The gift started in 1992 when Chapman held first tentative discussions with the Lindholms about getting involved in the Salt Spring project. But he quickly shied away because the market was peaking and it would not have been a wise investment.

Four years later, when the company was moving offices, the Channel Ridge portfolio literally fell out of Chapman's desk onto the floor. By then the B.C. market had changed, and the Alberta-based interest was rekindled.

"Investing in real estate has nothing to do with real estate. It is



about the attitude of the people who want to live there and the confidence they have in the area," he explained. "This market can't stay down forever, and Salt Spring is right up there on the priority list. (Our investors) are small-town people; we know what we want."

Chapman said Property Team is not a developer, although it has experience in construction and renovation. Channel Ridge is a step away from its core business because of the island's physical and climatic features.

The entire property is already zoned for 577 residences, including 305 densities and 75,000 square feet of commercial space in the 90-acre village. Chapman's immediate plan is to sell off the final 15 properties in Phase 6 before starting on the village.

"It may take two to three years to get the right plan (for the village)

but once it starts it will hit critical mass quickly," he explained.

The Lindholms have long said that the largest portion of Channel Ridge's profits will come out of the village, with its higher density housing and commercial space.

Their concept of a European-influenced design is something Chapman wants to retain.

"I like the idea of concentrating residences, with pedestrian corridors, and leaving the rest of the island in a natural state. It's a style that seems to sit well with local residents," he said. "We're going to make some mistakes, step on some toes, but we're also looking for input from (Channel Ridge) owners and maybe even the neighbours."

Chapman said he plans to move to Salt Spring within five years, once his children are finished with high school.

SURVEYING THE LAND: Bryce Chapman (left), new owner of the Channel Ridge development, checks out the Sunset Road farm of Marshall Lindholm (right) during a quick trip to Salt Spring last week. Chapman heads a private investment group that is betting Channel Ridge will take off soon.

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Pathways map project at library

Heritage Week in B.C. will be celebrated locally with display of a heritage mapping project.

Photographs, maps and text focussing on Salt Spring's unique heritage will be on display at Mary Hawkins Library as Island Pathways showcases its heritage mapping project this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The goal of the project is to gather information on all aspects

of the island's heritage and then use some of the material for our map project," said Islands Pathway president Claire Heffernan in a press release. "We hope residents will drop by the library to provide more information or ideas that could be included in the map."

Island Pathways has raised over \$8,000 to help cover map printing costs. Some of the maps

will be distributed free to schools and community groups, while others will be sold to help raise money for Island Pathways projects.

"The map will not only allow residents and visitors to take a self-guided tour of the island's unique history, it will also be a record of what the island looked like in the year 2000," says Heffernan.



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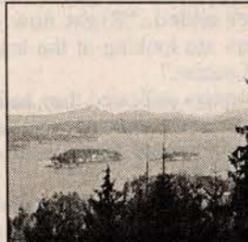
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF HARTLAND LANDFILL TIPPING FEE AND REGULATION BYLAW AMENDMENT

The Board of the Capital Regional District gives notice that it intends to adopt Bylaw No. 2763, *Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 4, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2000*, at its meeting of March 8, 2000.

The intent of the Bylaw is to increase the tipping fee for dropping off yard and garden waste at the Hartland landfill composting facility, effective April 1, 2000, as follows:

- \$50 per tonne for unprocessed yard and garden waste
- \$45 per tonne for processed yard and garden waste
- \$5 minimum charge for processing and unprocessed yard and garden waste.

Copies of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive (except statutory holidays) from the date of this Notice until March 7, 2000 at the locations listed below:

- CRD Administration Department, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.
- CRD Hartland Landfill Administration Offices, Hartland Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

You may also view the bylaw amendment on our Internet web site at <http://www.crdinfo.crd.bc.ca/bylaws.cfm> (Select Bylaw No. 2763)

Questions regarding the Bylaw may be directed to Mr. Alan Summers, Manager, Solid Waste, CRD Engineering, 360-3080. Residents of the Gulf Islands may call 1-800-663-4425, local 3080.

DATED this 19th day of February, 2000.

Carmen Thiel
Corporate Secretary



BATTLING THE BLAZE: Firefighter Jeff Beaver Point Road cabin that caught on fire Outerbridge follows a fellow volunteer into a Thursday morning. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Morning cabin fire destroys roof

Dry weather, chimney sparks and a shake roof created a potent cocktail for a Beaver Point Road family Thursday.

Salt Spring's fire department got the call just before 9 a.m. and arrived to find the roof completely

burned with some damage to the cabin's front room. The blaze was brought under control quickly and by Tuesday the residents had nearly completed repairs. This time the roof will be a metal one, said fire chief Dave Enfield. He also noted

the absence of an address designation on the main road.

"It was another case of a long driveway and no number. This can be a very dangerous situation because of the time it takes us to pinpoint where a fire is."

Fast reaction contains gasoline spill on Tachek

There is a reason B.C. Ferries doesn't allow smoking on its car decks.

Sunday morning a Shamrock Fuels tanker aboard the Tachek had one of its segmented fuel tanks punctured at about 8:30 a.m. as it was leaving the vessel at Galiano Island's Sturdies Bay dock.

Within seven minutes about 5,400 litres of gasoline spread over the boat's deck and flowed into the surrounding water.

The Coast Guard, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Tachek crew members moved immediately to contain the spill with booms and fuel mops. The quick action virtually eliminated any mortality among shoreline flora and fauna, an Environment Canada official said Monday.

The corporation closed the terminal, reopening it at noon. Neighbours were warned to avoid sparks and flames as the gas started to evaporate.

The Tachek was making an early morning dangerous-goods run when the incident happened. There were no passengers on board.

As the truck moved onto the ramp, something punctured the underside of the 35,000-litre tanker section. Fuel tanks are divided into several units so the spill was confined to a relatively small volume.

But the exact cause of the accident was not evident.

"We're getting a lot of conflicting reports about what really happened, which is why we are doing our own investigation this week," B.C. Ferries director of communications Betty Nicholson said Monday.

She added that the boom curtain and mops were deployed from the Tachek. "I guess all those drills paid off."

Environment Canada spokesman Chris LaRock said luck played a big part in containing environmental damage.

"The Fisheries and Oceans people from Duncan were out Monday looking at the site and they said everything looks much better than expected," LaRock said. "The spill happened on a falling tide with an on-shore breeze. With these conditions you'd have to expect a lot of mortality among the organisms on shore and in the tidepools. But they said the barnacles were feeding and all the anemones were alive. I guess the weather conditions just happened to be conducive to rapid evaporation."

LaRock added that the situation could have been much worse. If the accident had happened even two weeks later, a nearby herring spawning site could have been devastated.

FIRE CALLS

Chimneys created havoc for local firefighters Thursday when they were called to three separate incidents.

One sent sparks onto a south-end home's roof, producing a major structure fire, while two others, on Dukes and North End roads, were confined to the chimneys themselves, without serious damage.

Members were also called to a grass fire on Fulford-Ganges Road the same day but found it under control.

Saturday a car fire in Ganges was quickly brought under control but not before it engulfed the entire engine compartment.

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10 sailings returning to Fulford

After three weeks of study, B.C. Ferries has decided to reinstate its schedule of 10 daily return-trip sailings on its Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay run. But residents will have to wait until March 10 before the schedule takes effect.

The route currently uses the 70-vehicle Bowen Queen, a smaller vessel than the run's usual 100-vehicle Skeena Queen, which is in drydock for repairs.

The schedule was expanded because the corporation determined eight daily trips were insufficient to cover traffic demand.

The route originally had 10 runs until last August when a drop to eight was needed to compensate for engine-vibration problems on the Skeena.

When the Bowen took over in January the route remained at eight runs while corporate ana-

lysts monitored the traffic flow.

The following schedule will be in effect as of March 10:

Fulford-Swartz
6:15 a.m., 7:35 (except Sundays), 9:15, 11:00, 12:30 p.m. (except Wednesdays), 2:10, 3:45, 5:15, 6:45, 8:15
Swartz-Fulford
6:55 a.m. (except Sundays), 8:20, 10:00, 11:45 (except Wednesdays), 1:10 p.m., 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30, 9:05

Ferry union rejects third contract

Despite a solid rejection of its collective bargaining agreement and the possibility of a new ferries minister hanging over its head, the ferryworkers union is not likely to call a strike, according to union president Ken Michael.

"While it could be necessary to make the union's position very clear before bargaining recommences, I think there is a general assurance of peace until July," Michael said Monday.

Two-thirds of voting union members rejected a third-straight

agreement with the corporation February 11, based on continuing wage controls and the news that some senior bureaucrats would receive an average nine per cent increase.

"Premier Miller's irresponsible announcement (of the pay hikes) ensured a negative response," Michael added. "The executive is also nearing the end of its term and we don't see the need to do anything unnecessary."

The current union executive finishes its term at the end of March.

A significant number will not run again, including Michael.

Elections could take several weeks, with a restart to contract bargaining not expected until July, the president said.

Recent changes within the ruling New Democratic Party will also have some effect. The union favoured Gordon Wilson to take over the premiership. Despite his loss, Michael would like to see Wilson remain as ferries minister.

"He has a great deal of experience with the ferries and understands the issues we face," Michael said, adding that he felt it would be a mistake if the government decided to put all Crown corporations under the Ministry of Finance.

Northern seal a first at centre

By TANYA LESTER
Driftwood Staff

It could be from anywhere as far west as Japan and as far south as California, but Jeff Lederman of the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre (IWNCC) thinks their first northern fur seal guest came from the Alusian Islands in Alaska.

The northern fur seal, which is actually a miniature sea lion, arrived at IWNCC on February 8 after being rescued from Kelsey Bay in Sayward on Vancouver Island. It was being harassed by people at a fish farm who often kill sea lions and other animals preying on fish, even though it is illegal to do so, said Lederman.

The woman who saved it said the sea lion was in the same part of the water for three days.

Lederman said that at 15 pounds the seal is at 50 per cent of its body weight. Like all sea lions, it walks around on its flippers and is "adorable," according to Lederman, with a big head and big flippers attached to an emaciated body covered in soft, grey fur.

Since its arrival, IWNCC volun-

teers have been struggling to keep it alive with five tube feedings of fish formula each day, Lederman said.

It is living in the indoor intensive care ward and being given antibiotics as well as homeopathic remedies for dehydration, pneumonia, bowel problems and flukes, a body parasite in the tapeworm family, according to Lederman.

He said the northern fur seal will appear close to death one day but will be improved enough to climb the walls on the next day. Lederman said the sea lion likes to bite when he is feeling better.

Northern sea lions can live in the water for months, said Lederman. They swim and sleep in the water with 75 per cent of them going to the Alusian Islands to breed each June.

The IWNCC has had an 80 per cent survival rate with harbour seals, which are much more common residents. Other animals recently rehabilitated include three ducks still left over from the last canola oil spill, two bald eagles, a great blue heron and a gull.

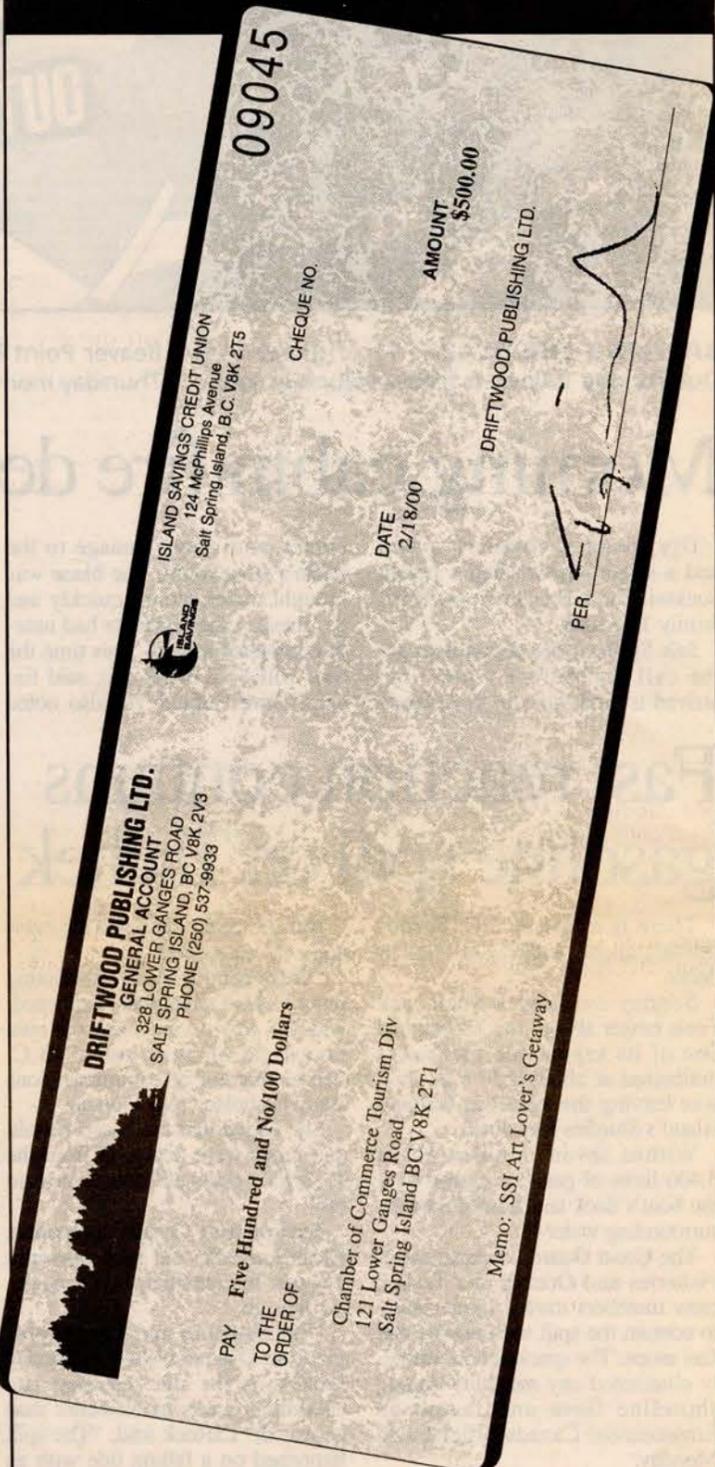
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Fearsome Foursome

Salt Spring Judo Club coach Shaun Adams (front) has been going from success to success. Thursday he will send four members — Sophia Haase, Megan Leitch, Gavin Hamilton and Nico Lohmann — to Quesnel for the B.C. Winter Games and in late March has at least two others going to the national championships.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Spirit Air offers discount fares

Gulf Islanders enjoy excellent air connections with the Mainland thanks to the three airlines that offer scheduled services. And this month one of those airlines has introduced some discount fares.

BUSINESS BEAT
WITH TONY RICHARDS



Pacific Spirit Air, a firm that started out as **Hanna Air** 15 years ago, is offering a 10 per cent discount for three months — February through April — on flights from Ganges to Vancouver airport and back. Travellers must reserve and pay at least seven days ahead. Companion tickets are also being offered for a total of \$69.60 return.

Another discount is being offered on the last flight from Ganges to the Mainland if you return on the first flight back the following morning. The return fare, called an Island Escape, is \$69.60 for tickets reserved and paid within five days of travelling.

Pacific Spirit, which now has only de Havilland Beavers in its fleet, is offering a frequent flyer

program that gives passengers a free taxi ride from the airport's south terminal to the main terminal. Alternatively, complimentary monthly parking is also available at the south terminal.

Other changes at the airline have seen a new owner come on board. **Bob Conconi**, who also operates **The Timbers**, a resort on Pender Island, has joined **Mark Sager**, who owns **Silva Bay** resort and marine on **Gabriola Island**, as a partner.

The airline has also reorganized its routes, giving Salt Spring travellers one stop or less between Ganges and Vancouver, and streamlined its reservation system.

Pacific Spirit Air can be reached at 1-800-665-2359.

Tools and building supplies can make popular gifts, a fact that has been recognized by Salt Spring's

Windsor Plywood.

Manager **Ken Marr** reports that the store has instituted a gift registry program in response. Customers can indicate what kinds of tools or supplies they might wish, and gift buyers can then consult the registry and purchase something appropriate.

Marr says many people are marrying at an older age these days, and are frequently fixing up or building homes. The registry should prove helpful for such people, especially for weddings, Father's and Mother's Day, birthdays and Christmas.

Windsor Plywood is located at 166 Rainbow Road.

It's time to start planning for graduation, advise the owners of **wearEverywear clothing** in Ganges.

The store now has graduation dresses in stock, with the latest styles from New York. Gowns can be selected with matching gloves, purses and tieras, and no two are alike.

wearEverywear clothing, owned by **Linda O'Connor** and **Heather Bright**, is located on McPhillips Avenue.

Density trading gets first airing

Island landowners will be watching a Thursday Advisory Planning Commission meeting closely as it deals with the first case of residential-density trading under Salt Spring's official community plan (OCP).

Under consideration will be an application to the Islands Trust for a density to be transferred from a 160-

acre Mount Bruce property to a Rural-zoned 6.5-acre lot on Baker Road.

It will be a test case for a new OCP bylaw that changes the minimum lot for a residence from five acres to three.

The meeting is set for the Lion's Club Hart Bradley Hall at 1:30 p.m.

The Mount Bruce property,

owned by a Prince George resident, is in an OCP-designated donor area. The move will drop its density permits to seven 20-acre parcels, which means the final 20 acres will likely be put under a covenant. It cannot buy back a density in the future.

The Baker Road lot is in a receiver area, which means it can never sell the permit.

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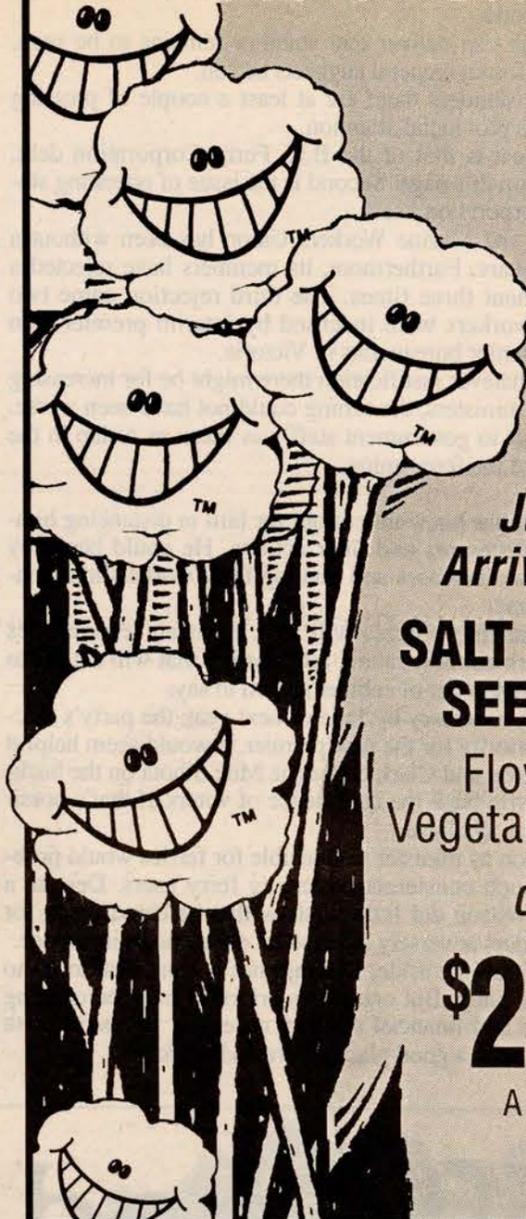
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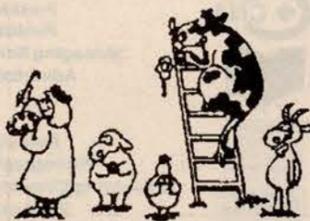
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OPINION

A crippling debt load

The news from the B.C. Ferry Corporation this week is encouraging.

At long last it appears the corporation has asked for debt relief from the provincial government.

Not only that, but Salt Spring Islanders can look forward to improved service at Fulford Harbour with the forthcoming return to a 10-sailing schedule by the Bowen Queen.

But the news on the debt situation is what islanders should celebrate first, because without a reduction in the \$1 billion-plus that the corporation owes, ferry service will continue to deteriorate.

The debt is an anchor, preventing B.C. Ferries from moving ahead on the construction or acquisition of new vessels, either for replacement or to supplement existing ones. And it is an anchor largely forged by the government through politically-motivated interference in B.C. Ferries' business.

Islanders' bread and butter is based on tourism. Either directly or indirectly, we all depend on visitors to maintain a reasonably healthy economy.

But visitors in turn depend on reliable and affordable ferry service. That means schedules that don't change from week to week, vessels that are capable of maintaining those schedules and fares that don't require a bank loan to purchase.

Uncertainty over transportation links is the biggest threat to our tourist industry. Every time a ferry experiences a mechanical problem or the ferry workers union utters the word "strike," potential visitors are scared off, diverted to other coastal destinations.

By removing the debt load from the ferry corporation's books, the B.C. government will create a favourable financial environment for addressing the long-term capital requirements of the coast's major transportation system.

We look forward to a response from the new premier.

Finally, a new premier

The most important feature of the weekend's leadership vote by the provincial New Democratic Party is not who was elected. It's that British Columbia finally has a premier with some permanence.

That's not to say that Ujjal Dosanjh's prospects for winning the next provincial election are good. But after so many months of interim premierships, it's nice to know that there is some faint hope for stability in Victoria.

Whether Dosanjh can deliver that stability remains to be seen, but his record as attorney-general suggests he can.

Meanwhile, for islanders there are at least a couple of pressing matters that require provincial attention.

First and foremost is that of the B.C. Ferry Corporation debt, already addressed on this page. Second is the issue of operating stability within the corporation itself.

The B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union has been without a contract for two years. Furthermore, its members have rejected a negotiated settlement three times. The third rejection came two weeks ago after workers were incensed by interim premier Dan Miller's bonus to senior bureaucrats in Victoria.

Regardless of whatever justification there might be for increasing the pay of deputy ministers, the timing could not have been worse. Miller's parting gift to government staff was taken as a slap in the face by members of the ferry union.

And rightly so.

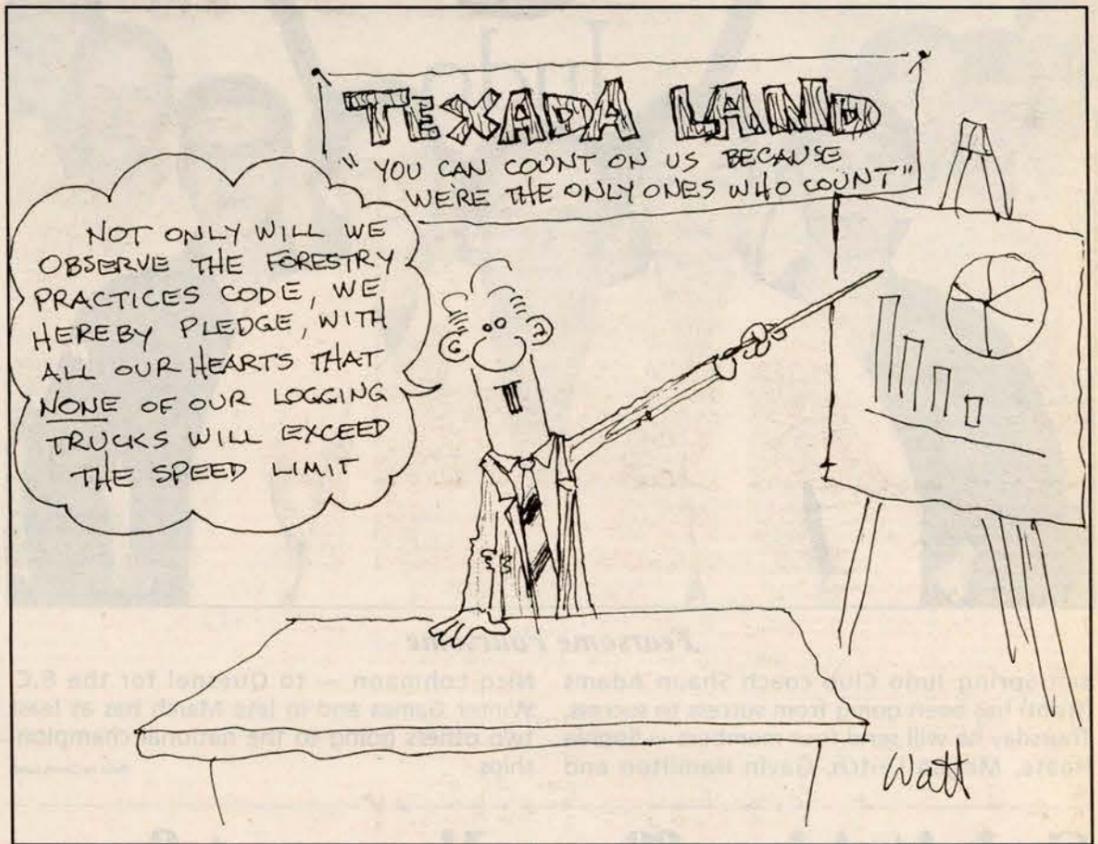
Premier Dosanjh has his work cut out for him in distancing himself from his predecessors and their actions. He could begin by rolling back the pay increases and inviting ferry workers to reconsider the new contract.

Part of the distancing process will have to mean severing ties with the Glen Clark administration, but whether that will extend to leaving Gordon Wilson out of cabinet is hard to say.

With an election necessary by June of next year, the party's electability will be a priority for the new premier. It would seem helpful to install both Wilson and Clark colleague Moe Sihota on the backbench in a bid to win back the confidence of voters, if that's possible in the short time available.

Removing Wilson as minister responsible for ferries would probably not cause much consternation among ferry users. Despite a sympathetic ear, Wilson did little to show that he cared much for the plight of islanders adversely affected by deficiencies in service.

The makeup of cabinet aside, Dosanjh has a great deal to do to restore faith in his party. But one of his priorities must be creating the administrative and financial stability necessary to restore faith in British Columbia as a good place to live and work.



Tour of New Zealand forest lands point to tree museums, monoculture

By MICHAEL NICKELS

The breeze blows down from the amphitheatrical hills that surround this ancient forest bowl.

Giant trees tower amongst the mottled pattern of grey, olive and brilliant green foliage of the surrounding forest and the winding note of the whip bird takes me back through the time and space of my journey.

I started off my travels in New Zealand and am now making my way through Australia visiting with and learning from foresters and permaculturalists wherever I go, partaking in their lives and all the various challenges that they encounter.

New Zealand was a very different place than what I had imagined and seems to be full of surprises.

The countryside of the North Island is largely pastoral, with huge rolling grassed hills dotted with countless numbers of sheep and cattle, that have caused a lot of terracing and severe erosion, causing entire hillsides to collapse.

The majestic forests have largely been reduced to a few reserves, of which the Kauri forests had the greatest impressions on me.

I stood dwarfed, humbled and silent amongst these Kauri giants that I would have considered to be fictitious fables, had I not stood there myself.

Most of the Kauri forests were decimated in the 1800s through to the 1970s when their scarcity determined government action to save the last remnants. Kauris were harvested for their precious wood as well as for their gum (resin) that the trees produce.

There is a huge Kauri museum dedicated to these beautiful trees and to the industry that caused their demise.

It offers a stark reminder of the perilous impact that people so often have as they unsustainably devour forests for short-term profits. I couldn't help but think of Joni Mitchell's words: "Take all the trees and put them in a tree museum and charge the people a dollar and a half just to see them; all in all it seems to go until you don't know what you've got till it's gone; they pave paradise and put up a parking lot."

As fate would have it, the next place I went was a small community of young families who were living in the far north at the very end of the road. They



were growing their own food and tens of thousands of Kauri trees. My friend Paul, from Salt Spring, and I helped them transplant thousands of Kauris ranging from a few centimetres to some over four centimetres tall.

They were being sold all over the country to people who felt some special connection to these incredible trees.

Monoculture plantations of non-indigenous pinus radiata cover much of the abandoned former sheep farms of both islands.

I had heard so much about the progressive New Zealand forest industry, but was very much disappointed to discover the severely negative impacts that it has.

Many amazing hardwood forests have been cleared to make way for this industry that depends so heavily on mega amounts of herbicides and pesticides that are used to grow these 20-year rotation plantations.

The strangest aspect was that these plantations were planted in straight lines up and down hills and mountains for easy future harvesting. Once harvested these mountainsides are strewn with hundreds of eroding furrows that have caused many major slides.

Most of this pine wood has to be treated with harsh chemicals due to its susceptibility to insect damage.

The larger tracts of indigenous forests of the South Island are stunning, as are the wild landscapes of the west coast, and this is the kind of amazing landscape that most people really seemed to be drawn to.

Around the Nelson area I ran into a surprising number of former and present Salt Spring residents and every one of them commented on what a truly wonderful place Salt Spring is.

With this I end the first chapter of my journey and hope that most of the beautiful forest lands managed by Texada Land Corporation can still be saved for the future needs of wildlife, recreation, tourism and sustainable harvesting of forest products.

The writer, a Salt Spring resident and permaculturist who operates Seven Ravens Farm, is sending "travelogue" pieces to the Driftwood.

"I had heard so much about the progressive New Zealand forest industry, but was very much disappointed . . ."

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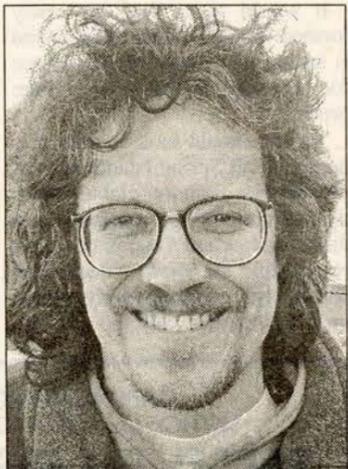
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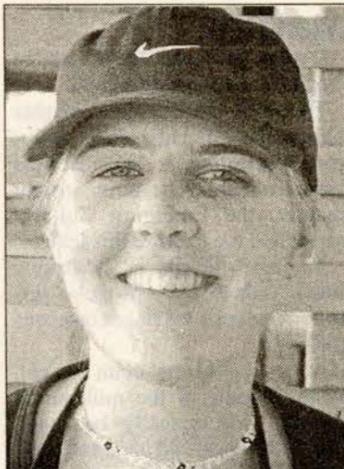
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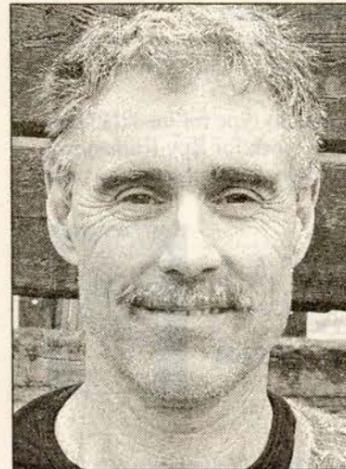
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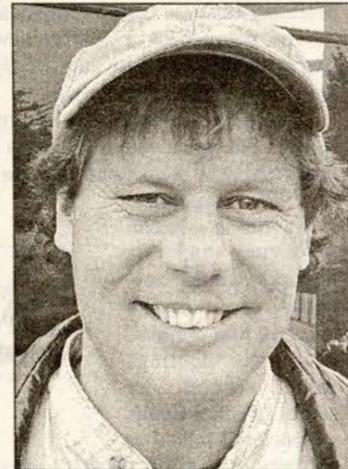
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Letters to the Editor

Honour women

I would like to say something to the young women who may have had their self-esteem eroded by the Driftwood "party girls" article in a recent issue.

As women, we have all experienced the ramifications of a society that trivializes inappropriate male behaviour while castigating and silencing women. The older men who get carried away at these parties should be sent off in police vehicles, then be made to do community work to pay for the ride.

Whoever suggested putting you in a taxi was not considering your well-being enough to question what it is you are going home to, now as a daughter and maybe later as a wife. As long as there is male entitlement at home, in the community and in the courts, we are all defiled little party girls. Kneeling at a porcelain throne or attaching ourselves to a "powerful" male is either a collective shame or no shame at all.

SWOVA is distributing nominations for women who deserve to be honoured. Survival is worth honouring. Think about what it is that makes you proud of yourself or your friends and fill out the nomination form. No one is expecting Joan of Arc.

ARLENE RICHARDSON,
Fulford

Skillful

I would like to express my thanks to the crew of the Bowen Queen for their careful and skillful loading of vehicles without which I and others would certainly have missed the ferry from Fulford Thursday at 8 a.m.

Perhaps if the people who crew the vessels could run the ferry corporation life would be much easier for all of us.

NANCY WIGEN,
Fernwood

Mindset endangers

The time has come for me to also write a letter regarding Texada's intrusion onto our island.

What upsets me most is the stark violence this company employs, against both the land and us as a community, not to make a living or create employment, but to satisfy the greed of a few. By clear-cutting, Texada is desecrating, mutilating and destroying the land and all the life forms it supports.

Texada is wronging us as a community and violating our most basic rights by putting our water supply at risk and defacing the beauty of 10 per cent of the island we love and call our home.

The fact that profit is deemed more valuable than life threatens me as much as it is threatening the forest right now.

Don't kid yourself, this mindset endangers us all.

I want to live in peace with nature and all my fellow human beings. I shall never give up on this dream.

Why did you move to Salt Spring?

Please take a stand. Please help.

BIRGIT WOLF,
Salt Spring

Personal plan

Congratulations to the intrepid band led by an overworked Sheila

Harrington for getting the fundraising and information centre to buy back our homelands from the Texada Corporation up and running!

Here is my personal plan.

I am going to write to every single guest who has ever come to stay with me from wherever in Canada, the U.S. and Europe, enclose a copy of the four-page information sheet about the environmental insult that is happening here (you can get copies from the fundraising centre upstairs from Barb's Buns), and ask my guests to think back on the pleasure and restorative boost they got from the beauty and living vitality of this green and growing island when they came here to "recreate" — and please to send a donation in keeping with the gift they received from the ever-generous land. You could do it too.

And if you operate a B&B, just think how great a contribution you could make by taking a similar initiative.

JUDI STEVENSON,
Mount Belcher

Eagles

If you believe that clear-cutting the forests of Salt Spring threatens our island life, please help.

Write to the Islands Trust trustees and ask them to uphold their mandate, preserve and protect.

The eagles will thank you.

JANET B. NEVILL,
Salt Spring

Security

I want to acknowledge the fact that Texada Land Corporation has offered most tenants financial compensation in the case of eviction.

What the principals of Texada Land Corporation don't seem to understand is that this money does not give the tenants security.

Security for us is to know where our home is going to be for the next year. This is what we have been expecting since Brent Kapler's November 25, 1999 offer of a year-long lease on behalf of Texada Land Corporation.

ALVARO SANCHEZ,
Burgoyne Bay

Tainted portrait

In last week's Driftwood, Vancouver realtor Bob Stokes, an associate and creditor of Derek Trethewey, went on at some length about how if Mr. Trethewey is mired in debt it must be because "he does more than is necessary to satisfy local residents . . . and to adhere to concerns about the environment."

A touching portrait. Would that it were true on Salt Spring.

On Salt Spring there's a pretty little trail through the woods off Musgrave Road.

It goes through Crown land. Actually, park reserve land. Actually, designated park land according to our official community plan.

CRD Parks has even asked the province to transfer the parcel to them to include in a proposed regional park.

Yet, starting about two centimetres past where the trail enters Texada-owned property, Mr. Trethewey and his associates have built close to one kilometre of industrial-grade logging road. To get their logs to market they want to

continue punching this road through our park reserve.

This would be like continuing Beaver Point Road on through Ruckle Park so people could get to the tidepools really fast.

Texada's plan to push a logging road through designated park land is typical of their contempt for our community values.

They could get at their logs from Musgrave Road in other ways, where it already passes through their property; they don't have to blast a road through designated park land.

But destroying this pretty little trail does offer them the cheapest, quickest access.

All that's stopped them so far is not Mr. Trethewey's supposed caring or concern. It's their need for a special use permit.

If you want to protect our community's values and resources from this corporate exploitation, please contact Dan Powell (Operations Manager, South Island Forest District, Ministry of Forests) at 724-9205 (tel.) or 724-9261 (fax). Urge him to reject Texada's application. Call the Islands Trust. If our trustees can't protect our forests, maybe they can still preserve our parks.

MURRAY REISS,
Southridge

Good-bye

We're gonna miss Chester.

HERB BURNETT,
HAL THEUNISZ,
GEORGE EHRRING,
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS A10

Salt Spring youths respond to crime stories

The following letters were sent to the Driftwood via Miranda O'Byrne, co-coordinator of the Salt Spring Youth Crime Prevention Project. O'Byrne stresses that views of the youths (Grades 11 and 12 students) are not necessarily her nor the crime prevention project's views. However, they were inspired by the crime prevention needs assessment. Both writers requested anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Seriously concerned

I consider myself to be responsible, patient and understanding, but I truly don't understand why

some 13-year-old girls want to drink (way more than I did at their age).

When I go out, I find someone to go out with — usually a good girlfriend — I make sure I have a ride home and I am usually sober.

What I don't do is buy/use hard alcohol, get into anyone's car and drink every drop before I get to the party. I don't wear skimpy clothes and I don't hit on guys who I don't want touching me later. I've seen younger girls doing all of these things, people, and I'm losing my patience!

I don't want to baby-sit younger girls, clean up after them or fight with guys. I want to be

able to party with people my own age and older and not have to worry about what's happening behind closed doors. I'm responsible for my own actions but I don't take molestation lightly. If I see something disturbing I will put an end to it.

But my girlfriends and I aren't always there to see it or stop it! The first step to stopping this ridiculous display is to keep the younger girls at home or with others their own age.

Name Withheld by Request Bring down wall

Being a 16-year-old girl, I know exactly what youth are thinking, feeling and doing.

I know what goes on, when it

goes on and where it goes on. So don't you think we would be the best people to ask about youth crime?

Myranda O'Byrne did, and I personally had a lot to say. I think there are a lot of reasons why youth crime is happening today. It seems that now-a-days, adults and youth are two separate teams constantly fighting against each other. They stereotype us and we stereotype them.

We are constantly hearing how horrible the teenagers of this generation are getting, and rarely hear about the positive side. It almost seems that the adults forget what it was like being a kid.

Youth crime is caused by many

things, but number one would have to be boredom (not that it justifies anything) but it's true. If you think about it, on Friday and Saturday nights, there are not many places to go! We don't really have a community centre, no ice rink, no pool, no restaurants that want us there — so we hang out and drive around town a couple of hundred times, usually ending up at a party. It is true that it is usually drinking that leads to crime like vandalism and theft.

So why don't we try to bring down the wall between youth and adults, and try to work together instead and maybe something will change.

Name Withheld by Request

Hard-to-heal wounds

VANCOUVER — This is convention-assisted suicide, said Marcus Davies, a Corky Evans campaign worker.

"I'm going back to Saskatchewan tomorrow, but you've got to live with this guy," he said of Ujjal Dosanjh, who won the NDP leadership on the first ballot.

Marcus used to work as a communications type for the NDP here in B.C. but left a couple of years ago to work for Roy Romanow's government in Saskatchewan. He took a leave of absence to work on Evans' campaign.

Marcus is a friend of Evans and his remarks would normally have to be taken in that context. Alas, his feelings were echoed by scores of other Evans supporters I talked to.

Every leadership contest causes divisions. Volunteers put their hearts into the campaign, some working 20 hours a day to put their candidate over the top. Then comes the letdown and the inevitable tears when their candidate loses.

That's when the contest was fair. This one created at least the appearance of considerable unfairness.

First there was the phoney membership issue. A zealous Dosanjh campaign team waded into the Indo-Canadian community, signing up new members en masse, who would then stack delegate selection meetings and send pro-Dosanjh delegates to the convention.

Many of these new members had their fees paid for by third parties. And when the Liberals compared a leaked NDP membership list to their own, they found more than 3,000 duplicate members who were quickly informed of their expulsion from the Liberal Party and had their membership fees refunded.

One party insider, who asked not to be identified, told me that when the NDP checked the credentials of delegates, they found that some had their convention expenses paid by cheques written by third parties. Some of those cheques, he said, weren't signed, implying that they wouldn't clear if Dosanjh lost the leadership bid. I don't know how these shenanigans stack up against the scandals that have cost the NDP so dearly over the past few years. I don't even know whether or not they qualify for the term "scandal."

But I do know that they have left a lot of old-time NDP supporters very bitter. Two things got mixed up in this leadership race. One was the election of the best candidate for the job. The other the historic opportunity of electing the first Indo-Canadian premier. Both are worthwhile endeavours.

The future will tell whether Dosanjh is the best man for the job, but the second ingredient of his victory, the election of the first Indo-Canadian to serve as premier, has unfortunately been marred by questionable campaign tactics.

Indo-Canadians are celebrating the event, as they should, but in a horrid way, Dosanjh's victory may do the Indo-Canadian community more harm than good, because the ill feelings over the way it was achieved will fester.

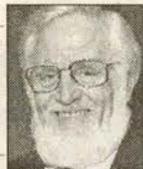
The NDP has traditionally been a party in which policy flows up from the membership to the elected MLAs, whether in government or opposition. That process has become flawed in recent years, but it received a real blow in this leadership race.

When a large contingent of the delegates who elect a new leader consists of recent members, who have not had any exposure to the party's grassroots, and whose only motivation is to elect the first Indo-Canadian premier, the bedrock on which a party is built becomes quicksand. When I suggested to a disappointed Evans supporter that they'll be back electing a new leader two years from now, he said, "less than that."

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CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Let forests mature

I have just read the Celestine Prophecy, by James Redfield.

The book outlines nine insights humankind will realize in its evolution, according to manuscripts found in Peru. The ninth insight chapter, the Emerging Culture, compelled me to write this letter.

The ninth insight is about how human culture will change in this millennium as a result of conscious evolution.

According to the ninth insight, by the middle of the millennium humans will typically be living among 500-year-old trees and carefully tended gardens, yet within easy travel distance of an urban area of incredible technological wizardry.

The insights predict humans will voluntarily decrease their population so that they can live in the most beautiful and powerful places on earth, intentionally letting the forests go uncut so that they can mature and build energy. People will be guided by their intuition. No one will consume excessively, and we will have let go of the need to possess and control for security.

In this millennium, life will be about something else, our sense of purpose will be satisfied by the thrill of our own evolution, by the elation of receiving intuition and then watching closely as our destinies unfold. Each encounter will have more meaning and significance.

Trees necessary for construction will be grown in specially designated areas, and this will free the remainder of the earth's trees to grow, age and finally mature into powerful forests. Eventually these forests will be the rule rather than the exception.

Living close to this energy-filled power source would accelerate the pace of our own evolution. What a concept. Add to this concept the science and ecology of forests,

flora, fauna and watersheds.

It would seem that the newly formed Texada Land Corporation is taking this future power source for the sake of the bottom line: profit.

Texada should look at what it is doing to Salt Spring Island, its people and our common global evolutionary heritage. My suggestion is that Texada Land Corporation, as a responsible corporate citizen, find an environmentally friendly pursuit more compatible with the attitudes

and lifestyles of your neighbours.

Please allow these forests to mature into natural energy sources for future generations to enjoy and appreciate. Chief Seattle said the spirit of the earth hates the white man, everywhere he touches it is sore. Would you rip out your mother's hair? There is a 10th insight, but that is another book.

K.M. MITCHELL,
Pender Island

MORE LETTERS A11

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF LOCAL COURT OF REVISION PARCEL TAX ASSESSMENT - 2000

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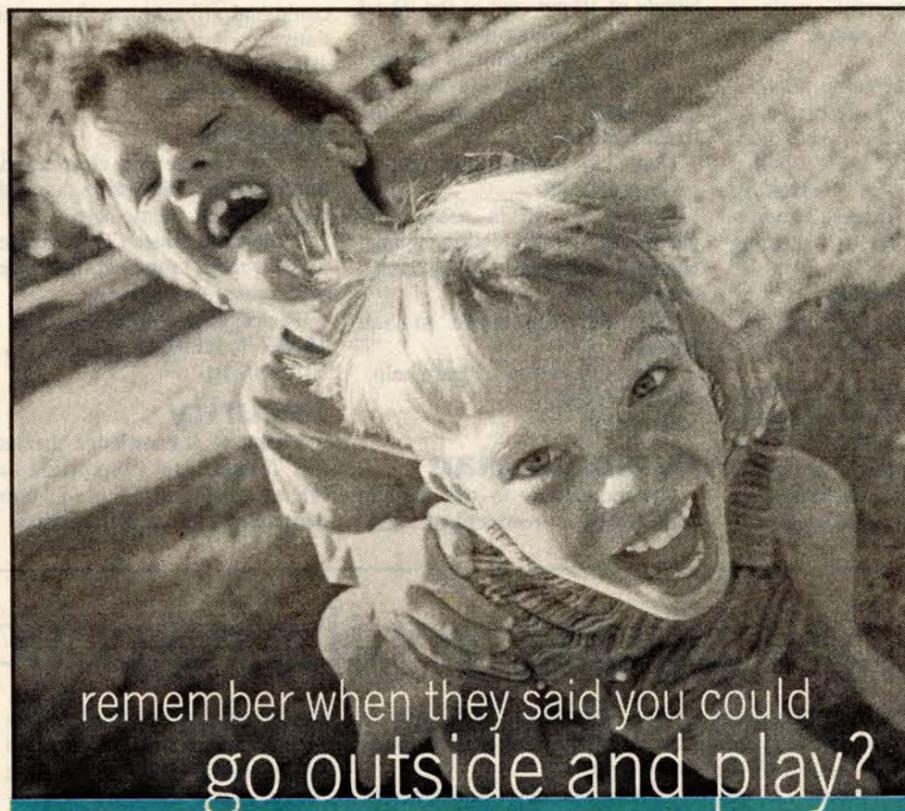
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More letters

No excuses

It's a bit difficult to figure out exactly what Gary Lundy is getting at in his February 16 "Thinking back" letter, since it is kind of disjointed and convoluted.

However, from what I can gather, he seems to be saying that "nasty bad boys" are not as nasty as we might think, and that date rape is really no big deal.

In his last paragraph he says that "... it is time to stop blaming males for the part they play in this hormonal dance" — i.e. partying, booze, drugs and rape. Sorry, Gary, but you're just about 100 per cent dead wrong.

Oh, sure, there are a few underage girls around who, for whatever reason, dress and/or behave in ways that seem to invite sexual attention, but that's a fairly pathetic excuse for the sexual predator. Statutory rape is still statutory rape, no matter how provocatively a girl might wiggle her hips; and by far the vast majority of rapes, even in these days of supposed sexual equality, are committed by males.

You also state that when you were young you "... sensed that there was something drastically wrong with adults" — although you don't say exactly what. Well, when I was young, back in Britain in the late '50s/early '60s, I sensed that there was something drastically wrong with some of my peers. They seemed to have no interests beyond getting drunk, getting laid and watching football (soccer, to North Americans) on television. Today, 40 years later, nothing much has changed; substitute hockey for soccer, add hard drugs to the mix — and it's all so drearily familiar.

Now, don't get me wrong. It's true I have never had much interest in team sports (either watching or participating), but I certainly wasn't some kind of teenage Little Lord Fauntleroy. I possessed the usual witch's brew of male hormones. I drank my share of alcohol, smoked more pot than was good for me, and I definitely wasn't immune to the attractions of nicely shaped young women. But, for cryin' out loud, I never, ever, got a girl paralytic drunk with the intention of having sex with her, and I couldn't imagine, and still can't imagine, why any self-respecting human male would want to — unless he's so ugly and revolting a specimen that it's the only way he can get close enough to a girl. And even that is no excuse for rape.

Kirstin Wilson, in her letter in the same issue as Gary Lundy, is absolutely right. The kind of despicable lowlife jerk who gets a girl (or, for that matter, a woman of any age) drunk and/or drugged, rapes her and then brags and laughs about it afterwards doesn't deserve to be called a man, or even a boy. A number of descriptions spring to mind, the most appropriate of which probably couldn't be printed in a family newspaper. "Walking piece of dog poop" comes close, I guess.

Unfortunately, I don't have any daughters or granddaughters (yet). However, I do know quite a few teenage and pre-teenage girls, and I can imagine what my reaction would be if some piece of human garbage got one of them drunk and then raped her. There wouldn't be anyone asking, "Was it enjoyable?"

Being violated is never enjoyable, despite what Hollywood might have us believe.

And the perpetrator had better be very careful to keep out of my way, and I'd better not say any more because if I did I could probably be accused of uttering threats of extreme violence.

MIKE PRICE,
Main Street

Educating us

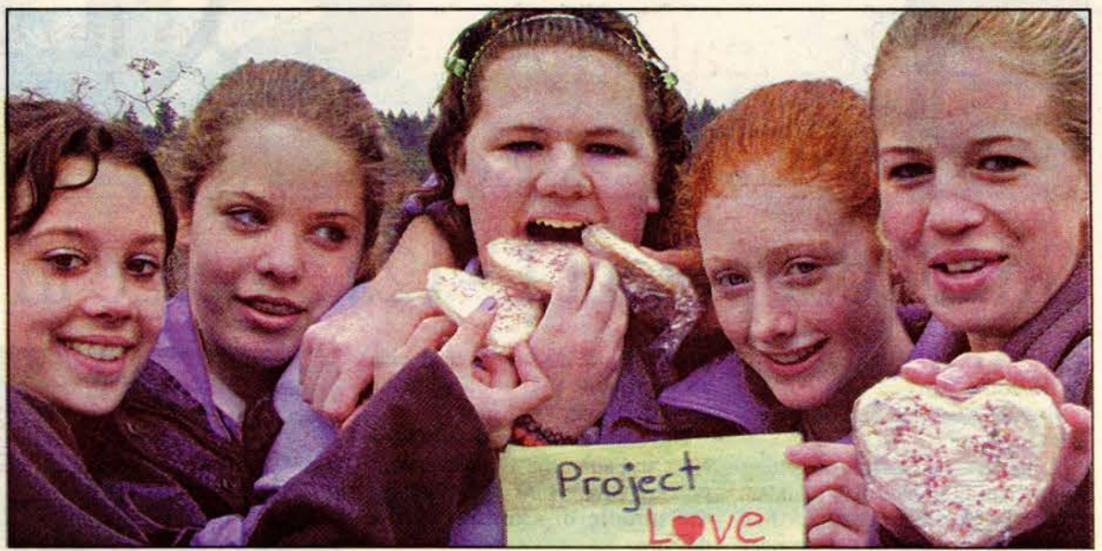
A note of thanks to Mona Fertig, Kirstin Wilson and Gary Lundy, whose letters appeared in February 16 issue, in response to the article Susan Lundy wrote on February 9 re: "Drunk party girls nixed."

I personally am grateful that Ms. Lundy seizes the opportunity to educate us as to what is really going on in the world of some of our youth and because she chooses to enlighten those who are in darkness, does not, to my mind, mean that she condones the actions of these young people. Nowhere in the article does it state this is Ms. Lundy's opinion.

As I understand it, not only is it Ms. Lundy's job to report the news, but that she goes out on a limb to write about the more sensitive issues occurring with "some of our youth" gives me a sense of great relief. Having a daughter of tender years myself, I share the concerns of other parents and welcome any information that I may not be privy to regarding our youth.

I can only pray that we don't start bashing the people who bring these stories to our attention, through our own fear or ignorance.

RAJANI ROCK,
Mount Belcher Heights



COOKIE LOVE: Grade 8 students, from left, Yuana Havek, Dallas Hanna, Katrina Ball, Casey McKerrel and Kristle Turner make, bake

and decorate cookies to sell. The group is raising money for Project Love which helps children in Africa.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Evades issue

Regarding the rental agreement of Texada Land Corporation (TLC) with the tenants of Burgoyne Bay: the offer of a lease agreement publicly promised by Brent Kapler as a representative of TLC was intended to offset any insecurity on the part of the tenants.

However, the "lease" presented to them on January 28, 2000 evades the issue of tenancy security, offering the tenants a carrot of reduced rent and/or moving expenses while neglecting to mention any secure terms.

Instead, hidden in an expanded clause, the landlords are given the right to terminate the lease on two months' notice in the event of the sale of the property. This clause

basically gives the landlord the same rights under the Residential Tenancy Act, as if the residents remained on a month-to-month rental agreement. In other words, TLC has not offered a lease at all.

On top of this, the "lease" adds several new clauses, one of which restricts the tenants' access to any upland property which may have previously been used for recreational purposes. Again, according to the Residential Tenancy Act, Section 8, the landlord may not discontinue providing a facility previously enjoyed by the tenants, even if that facility has not been expressly provided for in earlier tenancy agreements.

This also applies to the restriction on collecting firewood and dri-

ving 4WD vehicles on the private roads.

It is apparent that the generous offer of TLC to provide the residents with the security of a one-year lease was merely another opportunity to look good.

When it comes down to the bare facts, the rental agreement offers no security and attempts to buy off any criticism with rent decreases, etc.

Given the recent exposure of the character of the principals of TLC, I am not surprised.

Do Macdonald and Trethewey actually believe that they can treat locals in this manner and maintain their policy of open cooperation with the community?

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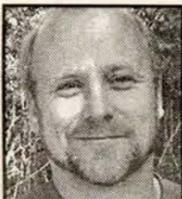
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SPORTS & RECREATION

Small but potent U-12s emerge in Eurosoccer

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Brenda Akerman couldn't have been happier.

After an early season of getting kicked around, Akerman's under-12 girls Eurosoccer team has developed into one of the stronger teams around.

Saturday the seven-a-side squad took on a much bigger Cordova Bay opponent yet worked its offence well enough to grab a 3-1 victory at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

"We're actually an under-11 team playing up and earlier we were getting beaten 9-0 and 7-1," said coach Akerman.

"Now things are starting to click as a team. They're listening in practice and are a real joy to coach."

The locals started slowly as they

tried to figure out how to deal with an opponent that loomed over them by as much as a foot.

But the transition didn't take long and soon the islanders were making strong runs right through the middle of Cordova Bay's defence.

It paid off at the midway point of the first half with a goal that stood until halftime.

Salt Spring got a second early in the final half from its speedy front line, only to have Cordova pull back within one on a balloon ball that was virtually unstoppable.

They rebounded immediately to add the game's final goal and the finishing touch on a well-deserved win.

"Now it doesn't matter who we play, we never give up," Akerman added.



TWO STEPS AHEAD: It took a while for Salt Spring's under-12 girls Eurosoccer team to build confidence against a bigger Cordova Bay opponent Saturday. But when it did the locals were able to manufacture a solid 3-1 victory at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Photo by Mike Levin

Goal troubles haunt U-17 boys in Cup semi

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Sometimes a soccer net is just too big.

Salt Spring's under-17 boys found that out the hard way Sunday at Portlock Park by failing to capitalize on wide-open shots in a 2-1 loss to Lakehill in the semi-finals of the B.C. Cup.

"It was tough to miss some of those chances, but that's the way it is," said coach Malcolm Bond. "We

should have had them in the first half. We had such good control."

Bond was quick to compliment Lakehill's keeper, who had a stand-out game, even working his presence into the minds of Salt Spring's forwards when they had nothing but net to shoot at.

But the shots sailed high or wide and the islanders were relegated to District Cup play for the rest of the season.

"Their keeper won it for them,"

the coach said. "(Tyee) Cook and (Jeremy) Morrison were injured and even though they played you could see there was a difference."

Lakehill scored first on a stunning shot from 16 metres in the 11th minute only to see Salt Spring return the favour when Rhys Beasley tapped in a Morrison rebound minutes later.

Beasley, seemingly fresh after three basketball games in three nights, bulled his way through mid-

field for two other excellent scoring chances, but without closure.

Then it was Lakehill's chance to use its speedy passing game to turn the offensive tide. It took the lead for good in the 38th minute on a rebound marker.

The second half proved to be a case of Salt Spring pressing too hard for the equalizer. Lakehill used an offside strategy to perfection, catching the hosts on 14 calls during the period to secure the victory.

Out-manned Slashers hang tough for final B.C. Cup appearance

Salt Spring Slashers know something about tradition.

The under-19 girls soccer team overcame a short staff to carve out a 1-0 win over top-rated Oak Bay Bays in the third round of the B.C. Cup Sunday at Portlock Park.

The teams had split league matches during the season although the Bays had finished out the campaign with five straight victories. That momentum carried over to Portlock as the visitors swarmed the offensive zone from the start.

Yet Salt Spring found the eventual winner in the 15th minute when Amy Little pounced on a Kyla Dares rebound. Into the second half Oak Bay picked up the pace but ran into the Slashers' back wall too often for comfort. Anchored by keeper Diana

Anglos and Ruth Singbeil, Salt Spring's defence was impenetrable.

And it was all the Slashers needed to hold onto the one-goal margin and earn a home matchup with north-island champ Campbell River March 5 to decide the cup winner.

HIGH ROLLERS

High scores in bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation last week were:

Circus: Lance Leask, 222; Tony Farr, 230.

50+ Tuesday morning: Edie Gear, 215; Goody, 206.

50+ Tuesday afternoon: Rita Dods, 213, 206; Gwen McClung, 200; Deke Noonan, 216; Vanda Winstone, 246.

50+ Friday mornings: John Pringle, 206; Sherri Mehnert, 214.

Loonie Tunes: Leanne Van Schetsen, 206; Linda Schwagly, 227, 234; Lance Leask, 208, 266; Patrick Larouche, 205; John Sutherland, 231. Golf Ladies: Ruby Webster, 233; Deanna Marleau, 203, 223; Lorraine Toller, 203.

Basketball teams finish undefeated in league play

Both boys and girls Grade 8 basketball teams at Salt Spring Middle School finished their seasons undefeated following wins last week.

The girls used a tough defence to down Lake Cowichan 38-20 February 15 at Cowichan while the boys were involved in a nail-biter with George Bonner, eventually winning 66-62 Wednesday at Bonner.

The girls also returned from a weekend tournament at Ladysmith with the third-place trophy following an exciting 28-24 win over Dover Bay Saturday.

The victory was clinched when Allysa Dares hit a three-pointer in the final minute.

The islanders opened with a 36-32 victory over Phoenix Friday before dropping a 48-28 decision to Cumberland.

The boys head into playoffs this weekend while the girls' post-season tournament starts next weekend.

Injury, what injury?

Chris Cottrell has a very high pain threshold. Fifteen minutes into the Salt Spring Old Boys' 1-0 victory over Cordova Bay in Victoria Sunday, Cottrell took a hard hit that sent him to the sidelines in serious distress. When he checked himself back into the contest 15 minutes later the Old Boys captain didn't know he had a broken arm. And it didn't stop him from connecting on a penalty shot minutes later for the game's only goal. "We only had 11 players so we needed everyone who came because it was a very intense game. When Chris came back in it lifted the whole team," said Old Boys forward John Foley. The islanders now face Sooke at home Sunday.

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3-game sweep has girls eyeing top ranking

It was defence that brought them to the dance and defence that got them another date — this time at the Vancouver Island Championships.

The senior girls basketball Scorpions went three-for-three at the south-island playoffs at Frances Kelsey and will be one of the top seeds at this weekend's all-island battle at Esquimalt.

"The key was defence, it always is with us," said coach Kellie Booth after her team clinched top spot with a 66-61 victory over Esquimalt Saturday.

Friday Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) took a rough-and-

tumble 42-39 decision over Brentwood and opened the tournament Thursday with an 80-58 decision over St. Margaret's.

The Scorpions were without Jenn Keating for all three games following a lingering concussion the forward suffered in the season finale against Brentwood. And guard Clare Rustad missed the Brentwood game with a national-level soccer obligation.

"Everyone stepped up to fill the holes, especially the juniors we used for the tournament," Booth said. "Kadek Okuda and Laurel Temmel made strong contributions coming off the bench."

Second-place finish: a Scorpions appetizer

With the return to fulltime action of captain Chris Langdon and Brian Crowe, Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys hoopsters gave notice that their season is far from over following a second-place finish at the south-island tournament at Reynolds Secondary School.

After opening with an easy 75-49 victory over Edward Milne Thursday, the Scorpions earned a berth in this weekend's Vancouver Island Championships in Victoria with a 64-47 rumble with Parkland Friday.

In the tourney final Saturday, GISS was unable to solve the riddle of Lambrick Park and its unstoppable guard Gavin Fedorak in a 67-58 loss.

"Getting Chris and Brian back was a major factor in how we performed. I don't think either are still 100 per cent but it is obvious how much we missed them," said co-coach John Callas.

It was noticeable as Crowe hit early in the Milne game to help GISS to a 38-23 half-time lead it would never relinquish.

Crowe finished with 17 points, behind only Alex Lemay's 20, and

then outdid the output in the pivotal Parkland matchup.

"Basically we won it at the foul line when they started taking stupid fouls in the second half," said Callas. "We also kept their top scorer to 10 points."

Crowe finished with 20 while Tom McColm added 10.

Against Lambrick Park a tight game was only resolved in the final minutes as Fedorak went on a solo scoring spree. He hit 13 of his team's 20 fourth-quarter points and broke open a 47-47 deadlock.

"We've got to come up with a plan to stop that guy at the islands (championships)," said co-coach Myles Wilson. "We threw three different guys at him and couldn't stop him scoring."

GISS will have to solve either Lambrick Park (ranked seventh in the province), Ladysmith (second) or Kwalicum (eighth) in the island-wide tournament if it wants to grab a berth in the provincials.

The Scorpions open the competition Thursday against Max Cameron and its six-foot-10, six-eight and six-two front line. Game time and location were unavailable.

FC early burst nets tie with top-ranked Vantreights team

A strong first half helped Salt Spring FC earn a 1-1 tie with Vantreights at Gulf Islands Secondary School in a Division 3 tussle Sunday.

League-leading Vantreights found themselves scrambling through the game's first 20 minutes as FC's passing game was a gem to behold. Chad Little and Pete Aust put together plays that could easily have resulted in a two-or-three-goal FC lead.

But the hosts were only able to capitalize once and went to the break with the slim lead.

The early stages of the second half were even although Vantreights found a big advantage as the game wore on, tying the score and only being kept out of the win column by the clock.

FC next travels to Sooke Sunday.

Despite a focus on defence, the final against Esquimalt belonged to the scoring scripts of Annette Wright and Rustad.

Wright exploded for 19 first-half points as GISS held a 27-24 lead at the break. But it was Rustad who caught fire with 13 points as Esquimalt made a run in the fourth quarter.

Rustad finished with 21 while Wright led all scorers with 25.

Brentwood was much tighter with the victory being delivered by the tenacious play of Emily Bond, Christy Robley and Jessica Darbyshire.

"You could see they were not going to get beaten by (Brentwood). If anything they willed this win," Booth said.

Wright again topped all scorers

with 16.

GISS actually trailed St. Margaret's by seven at the end of the first quarter before finding an all-too-rare scoring touch that put the game out of reach.

Wright and Rustad combined for 42 points as the Scorpions won running away.

The eight-team Vancouver Island championships start Thursday with GISS having to defeat either high-rated Ladysmith or Kwalicum for a second-straight trip to the provincials in Kamloops.

A third spot is available in a challenge match with the Lower Mainland's third-place team.

The island tournament starts with GISS facing Wellington at 5:30 p.m.

Tight contests at SIMS

The Cyclones and the Breakers went for a roller-coaster ride Thursday in Grade 6 Tsunami basketball action at Salt Spring Middle School.

The teams matched each other hoop for hoop until the fourth quarter when the Cyclones took a slim lead and held on for a 24-20 win.

In another tight game, the Grade 7 Tornados were pushed hard yet were able to hang on to a 34-32 victory against the Superstars.

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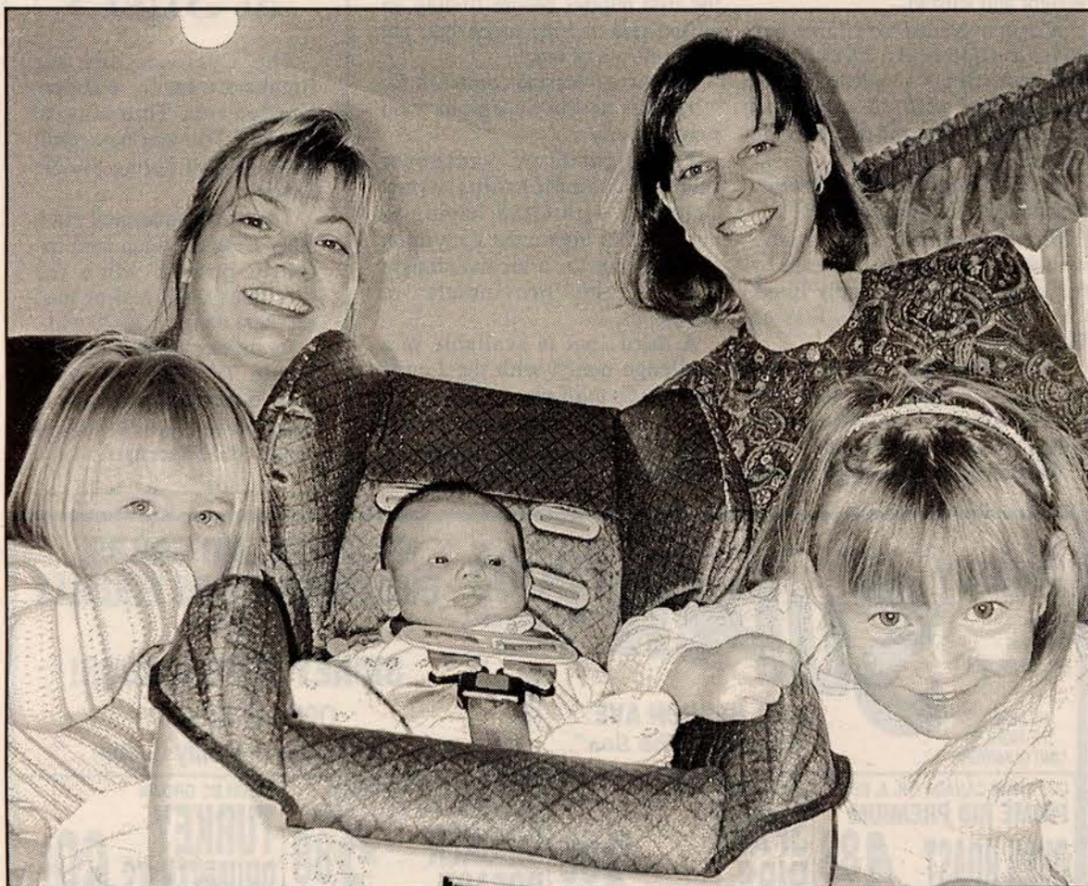
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Photo by Derrick Lundy

Women's baseball league returns

It took more than eight years, but a women's softball league is poised to make a return to Salt Spring's baseball diamonds this year.

Organizers of a women's league are looking for at least four teams to play a full schedule throughout the summer and to take part in one of the dozens of tournaments held throughout Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

The female league disappeared in 1991 after decades of strong participation that saw as many as seven teams rivalling the popularity of the men. The high profile of players like Molly Akerman, who competed into her 70s, helped make the sport one of the island's most popular.

"There is this great tradition of women's softball

because of its social aspects, but also because age is no barrier," said Lee-Anne Gordon. "There were 20-year-olds playing against 70-year-olds. I don't see why we couldn't have that again."

Starting up the sport could mean some growing pains as women's teams vie for time on Fulford's and Portlock Park's fields.

But interest has been high enough to make the effort.

"It is something that women on Salt Spring want, and need," Gordon added.

Player registration begins Monday with forms available at the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission.

Initial fees will be \$25 per player. Games will be held once a week.

Trail, nature club schedule released

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club March activities are as follows:

Social evening on March 23, 7:30 p.m. in the United Church hall. Lo Camps will be the speaker.

Spring outing at Strathcona Park May 26 to 29. Register during February with Paul or Beth Ranney, 537-4493, or after March 1 with Brian or Marjie Radford, 653-9370. Deposit of \$75 required. Please register by March 4.

March 7: Ramble in Quebec Drive area with Marj Beggs. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.

Walkers roam some Channel Ridge trails with Don Madsen. Meet at Centennial at 10.

Hikers also on Channel Ridge with Keith Webb. Meet to carpool

at Portlock Park at 10.

March 14: Ramble with Mary Lauzon, postponed from last month — Harrison Avenue to Booth Bay. Meet at Centennial at 10.

Walkers will head from Morningside through the trail to China Beach, led by Alan Robertson. Meet at Centennial at 10 or Drummond at 10:15.

Hikers — Barb Watson takes us for a moderate hike to Mount Erskine. Meet at Centennial at 10.

March 21: Ramblers will be led by Pam Taylor, leader's choice. Meet at Centennial at 10.

Walkers go off-island on to the Galloping Goose Trail, walking the leg from Mount Newton Cross Road to Mattick's Farm. Meet at

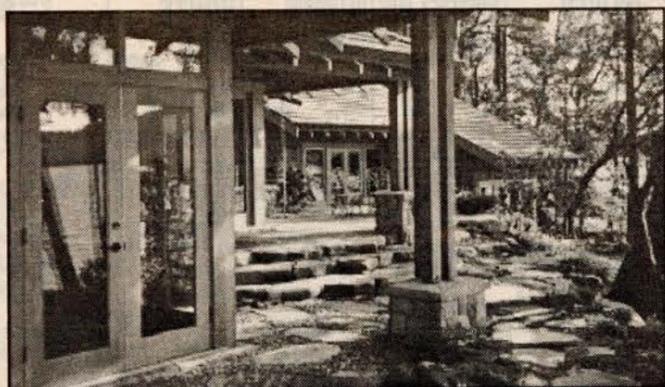
Centennial at 8:45, Drummond at 9 a.m. to carpool for the 9:50 ferry.

Hikers — John Edwards, a new leader, tests our stamina down Isabella Point way. This could be a strenuous hike. Meet at Centennial at 9:45, Drummond at 10.

March 28: Ramble off-island around Swan Lake Nature Reserve north of Victoria, led by Paul Ranney. Meet at Centennial 8:45, Drummond 9 to carpool for the 9:50 ferry.

Walkers — Diana Floritto will lead us in a Maracaibo walk, close to six miles in length. Meet at Centennial at 10.

Hikers — over the hill to Musgrave area with Linda and Bill. Meet at Centennial at 9:45, Drummond at 10.



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- Taurus**
 April 21–May 21
 Look for a friend to need your shoulder this week. Don't become too involved, or he/she might end up getting a little too demanding. Listen to the advice of an authority figure at work. It may save you problems in the long run.
- Gemini**
 May 22–June 21
 Your budget worries may be close to being over. Start thinking down a different track. Come up with a new approach. A faithful friend or close family member needs your unwavering support. Be there and don't ask questions.
- Cancer**
 June 22–July 22
 You probably should not look for a romantic week with your partner feeling neglected. Maybe it's a good time to plan something special just for the two of you. How about a nice weekend getaway? Don't forget a promise you made.
- Leo**
 July 23–August 23
 Creativity is at a peak this week. Take advantage of the opportunity to start on something new and exciting. Letting your work problems take precedence over your family and/or partner in the coming weeks is not a good idea.
- Virgo**
 August 24–September 22
 Stay levelheaded for any business or financial transactions. Be the anchor for your partner. You may have to settle on a different destination for your much needed weekend getaway. Something new and different may be the answer.
- Libra**
 September 23–October 23
 Communication is in very short supply. The worst part is that no one around you seems to be worried about that. Be patient. By the end of the week, you should have a little more control over a touchy situation on the homefront.
- Scorpio**
 October 24–November 22
 Be open-minded when dealing with a young relative. That may mean you have to bite your tongue for now. A new sport will get you out to meet new people. Meeting new people will help give you a better outlook on life.
- Sagittarius**
 November 23–December 21
 Someone close to you will let you down, but don't feel crushed. You have done your best, and now it's time to move on. A Virgo's advice may seem sound to you, but this is not the time to listen to it. Listen to yourself and only yourself.
- Capricorn**
 December 22–January 20
 A weekend family get-together could go a long way toward changing your mood. Make sure the whole family gets involved. It's time you faced changes head-on. Don't keep straddling the fence. It will end up causing problems.
- Aquarius**
 January 21–February 18
 Your energy levels are returning to normal. You'll soon be feeling better emotionally. Crass words may hurt you and a special friend. Shrug them off. Have you been neglecting your finances? It's time to get them in order.
- Pisces**
 February 19–March 20
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A BIG THANK YOU

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HOUSE AFIRE concert with Rhiannon & Jami Sieber, Julie Wolf and Michaela Goerlitz, Thursday, March 9th - 7:30 p.m., ArtSpring. Tickets available at Acoustic Planet and ArtSpring, \$15 or \$10 under/unemployed. Celebration of International Women's Day. A benefit for S.W.O.V.A.

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TOWN HALL Meeting, Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m. GISS. Texada Land Developments information and update. All welcome. Let's see a good turnout.

SIMS BAND fundraiser Gala Variety Night, Saturday, Feb. 26th at 7:30 p.m. Mahon Hall. A wonderful evening of entertainment by the parents and supporters of the SIMS Band Program. Tickets at SIMS office and Acoustic Planet.

MOM & ME Music starts March 2, Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30am. 1-3 years (approx.). Portlock portable, \$2 donation. Bring your own toot, rattle, jingle or drum. 537-4416.

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Rezoning Application 05-99

The Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission will meet at 1:30pm on Thursday, February 24, 2000, in Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a presentation from the Applicant regarding a proposal to downzone a property located south of Mount Bruce (donor property) and upzone a property at 350 Baker Road (receiving property). It would allow the receiving property to have an increased potential for subdivision from one to two lots while the donor property experiences a loss of subdivision potential by one lot. The proposal would effectively "transfer" development potential as outlined in the Official Community Plan.

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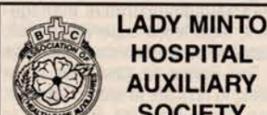
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Notice of regular monthly public PARC meeting on **Monday, February 28/2000, 7:30pm,**

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- Delegation from GI Community Arts Council
- Update on PARC Master Plan revision
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

RE: THE ESTATE OF **MARGARET WYLDE FOWLER, Deceased**

Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **MARGARET WYLDE FOWLER**, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned solicitor at #1 - 105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5, on or before March 29, 2000, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed, having regard only to claims that have been received.

IAN H. CLEMENT, Executor of, and Solicitor to, the estate.
#1 - 105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5
250-537-5505

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

RE: **ERNEST AULT JENKINS, Deceased,**

Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **ERNEST AULT JENKINS**, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned solicitor at #1 - 105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5, on or before March 15, 2000, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed, having regard only to claims that have been received.

IAN H. CLEMENT, Executor of, and Solicitor to, the estate.
#1 - 105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5
250-537-5505

29 LOST AND FOUND

DRIFTWOOD WANTS to match you up with your lost stuff! All found ads are free to encourage you to call with any items you may have found. Place your free found ad Mon.-Fri. 8-5 pm.

UNCLAIMED: TWO rings found at Lady Minto Hospital and in safe-keeping since 1996. Owners please contact Administration Office at 538-4846 to identify and claim.

LEFT AT NATUREWORKS, February 8, 1 single key on metal ring. May be claimed at Natureworks.

FOUND ITEMS at Site of truck crash on Beaver Point Road. 653-4411.

ONE NATIVE white wool mitten (wolf embroidered on top). Sentimental! Reward to whoever found it. 537-5213.

MISSING: BLACK duffel bag, with B.C. Judo on it in downtown Ganges Thursday night. Call 537-4155.

FOUND: WOMAN'S ring at Central Hall. Call to identify. 537-2336.

ANYONE SEEN "Max"? Terry Warbey's collie has gone missing for one month from the Old Scott Road area. It's possible someone is looking after him. Any information, please contact 537-4650.

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

HAIRCARE IN your home. Haircuts, shampoo sets and perms. \$12 - \$55. 537-0833 morning or evening for appointment. Professional Hairstylist.

ADVERTISING DOESN'T COST - IT PAYS!

Call the Driftwood today!
537-9933

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

Island Carrier Service
 Anything, anywhere on SSI.
 Picked up or delivered. (50lb or less)
 • Fast and efficient
 • Personal & professional
 Phone pager ~ 537-8179

55 HELP WANTED

CARPENTER'S HELPER required. Must have 2 years experience and own transportation. Successful applicant will be expected to enrol in 4 year apprenticeship program. Please apply by fax (or mail) with handwritten resume to Tony Hambrook Construction Ltd., 537-0686.

SALTSPRING SOAPWORKS retail salesperson required for our downtown store. Must be bright, energetic with good people skills. Retail experience an asset. Excellent training program. Call Amber, Salt Spring Soapworks 537-2811.

LEGAL SECRETARY/assistant with experience in general real estate and corporate practice. "Word 6" skills necessary. Resume & references to Jonathan Oldroyd, Box 330, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V9.

PART TIME office manager required. Background in bookkeeping required. Some banking experience an asset. Please reply to Dept. Y, c/o Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

GANGES STATIONERY seeks part-time employee experienced in retail (customer service, till, inventory), photocopying, faxing and PC systems (word processing, graphic design, e-mail, internet, scanning, printing). Must be available days. Mail resumes to 166 Fulford-Ganges Rd., SSI, BC, V8K 2T8, or fax to 537-0665.

PROJECT COORDINATOR with Salt Spring Island Conservancy (P/T). Duties: Coordinate project activities, administration and staff; liaison with funding agencies and partners; assist with field work and community education activities. Qualifications: excellent PR and writing skills; team player; experience in financial/administrative management; experience supervising staff; related work experience; knowledge of Salt Spring an asset; live on or willing to relocate to island. Timeline: Mar. 8th to Nov. 3rd. Resumes to Ganges P.O. Box 722, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2W3 or email <fish-lady100@yahoo.com> by February 29th.

106 BUSINESS SERVICES

Ron Weisner BASC
SALES/SERVICE
 • Fax machines
 • Photocopiers
 • Cash registers
 weisner@saltspring.com
537-5058

117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Are you having a problem controlling your eating? If you're interested in helping yourself, we're interested in helping you. Info. 537-2056.

ALANON/ALATEEN A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 537-9858 or 537-2941.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 1-800-663-1441 - 24hrs.

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-877-435-7544.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Ida McManus, 537-5423.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.

SALT SPRING Hep C Support Group. Call the Community Centre at 537-9971 for more information.

For all your display advertising needs call Peter or Fiona today!
537-9933

117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"

Donations of cash, property or life insurance now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. "In Memoriam" gifts will be acknowledged with a card. Include names and addresses of recipient, next of kin and donor for tax receipt. Scholarships, land for parks, and relief of hardship are but a few directions in which your foundation serves the community. Please mail donations and requests for information to The Salt Spring Island Foundation, #2 - 110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2S5 or call Bob Rush at 537-2501.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

Salt Spring 537-2270
 Galiano 539-2222
 Pender 629-3631
 Women's only - Thursday nights 5:15 p.m.
 Please call 537-1733 or 537-2993.

Driftwood is OnLine!
 Check it out at:
 www.gulfislands.net

126 EYEGLASSES



Gulf Islands Optical
 Tuesday-Friday 10:00-5:00
 Closed Saturdays
 323 Lower Ganges Road (Lancer Building)
RICHARD WEATHERALL (Optician)
537-2648 Office
537-5294 Residence

156 RENTALS

PARTYTIME RENTALS - We rent dishes, glassware, cutlery, linen, tables, chairs, tents, assorted party supplies. Fax/phone - 537-4241 or 537-4577. Inquiries, pick-up and drop-off at Love My Kitchen.

160 SEWING

ATTENTION BRIDES, Grads and those desperately seeking something unusual to wear. If you can imagine it, I can make it. Call Wendy 537-9613. Great ideas are always in style!

173 TRAVEL SERVICES

Call us first at **THE TRAVEL SHOP**
537-9911
 M-F 9am-4:30 • Sat 9am-2

178 WELDING

WELDING - MACHINING, fabricating, specializing in aluminum and stainless steel. Island Marine Construction, #2 - 156 Alders Ave., behind the ambulance station 537-9710, Fax 537-1725.

Merchandise

302 APPLIANCES

FULLY RE-CONDITIONED washers, dryers and dishwashers. Excellent condition. 60 day warranty on parts. Sam Anderson, 537-5268.

APPLIANCES

Kitchenaid, Whirlpool, Frigidaire, Maytag & more!
LARGEST SELECTION ON SALT SPRING ISLAND
537-2111

WHAT IS A NETWORK CLASSIFIED?

A Network Classified is an ordinary classified ad that appears in all 106 member newspapers of the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspaper Association. If you want to reach over 3,000,000 readers for only \$290. (up to 25 words), call

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD
 p. 537-9933 f. 537-2613

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Salt Spring Couple guilty of exposing themselves to over 3,000,000 readers.

With a Network Classified Ad, you will reach over 3,000,000 readers in 109 newspapers in B.C. and the Yukon. If you are buying, selling or simply telling... It pays to spread the word.
 Call The Driftwood at:
537-9933
 or (604) 669-9222

Employment

50 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

CHARTER BUS Company on sunny Salt Spring Island. Ready for summer, with buses, MCC License, Web/email and 800#. Some contracts available. \$20,000 plus assumable loan. John, 1-888-537-4737 or <saltspringtours@salt-spring.com>.

55 HELP WANTED

EARN \$200, \$300, \$500 or more per week assembling product in the comfort of your own home. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to O.P.H., 6-2400 Dundas St. West, Suite 541, Ref. 1353, Mississauga, Ont. L5K 2R8.

WORK HARD? Make Money. Toll free 1-877-812-5121 or (250) 754-4391 for a 2 min. recorded message.

ENTREPRENEURS! FIND out how to profit from deregulation of essential services. Call toll free 1-877-812-5121 or (250) 754-4391 for 2 min. recorded message.

CONSTRUCTION LABORER/carpenter's helper. Applicant must have driver's licence and vehicle. He/she will be talented and have an aptitude for carpentry. This is a full time position leading to apprenticeship for right applicant. If you are enthusiastic and have a winner's attitude, this is an opportunity to join a team of fine craftsmen and the best crew on the island. Fax letter to Besley Rose Construction Ltd., 537-8872.

SSI Employment Services

Are you unemployed and need help with your job search? Are you thinking about re-training? If you are receiving Employment Insurance Benefits (or have received these benefits within the last 3 years) we have a variety of programs available to assist you. Counsellor comes to SSI once a week and services are free.
Please call Marta at 1-888-993-2299

60 WORK WANTED

B.B.I. HOME Improvements. Decks, fencing, kitchens, bathrooms, additions, cottages. 537-1810.

THE JOBMAN Handyman Service. Spring cleanups, lawn care, decks cleaned and more. Efficient, economical and enthusiastic. Phone us today at 537-2262.

AT THE Jobman, we don't cut corners - we cut the grass. For all your lawn care needs, phone us today at 537-2262.

NEED SOMEONE to help with those messy jobs no one else will do? Call Jay at 653-4572.

DOMESTIC HELP. Cleaning lady with excellent references and reasonable rates. Call Jill at 537-1007 or leave message.

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS 537-9933

Production Assistant for ArtSpring
 ArtSpring needs a bright, efficient, organized Production Assistant to work on concerts and special events. Duties include organizing schedules, booking accommodation and travel, working with artists, publicity, promotion, keeping records and more. This is a contract position linked to specific productions over the coming year. Applicants must be willing to work flexible hours.
 For more information, please call ArtSpring at 537-2125.

Technical Director for ArtSpring
 Duties include supervision of the building's interior, exterior and the adjacent grounds. TD will oversee use of the building by renters and provide leadership in maintenance and repairs to the building. Applicants must have basic electrical, carpentry and mechanical skills, have good working relationships with local suppliers and businesses, have experience in building maintenance, be able to work to a budget, and be willing to work flexible hours. This is a contract position at a set wage per month.

Network Classifieds 656 - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21/00

These ads appear in approximately 100 community newspapers in B.C. and Yukon and reach more than 3 million readers. **\$290** for 25 words \$6.00 each additional word To place an ad call this paper or the BCYCNA at (604) 669-

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION	SALES
<p>AUCTIONS 2 UNRESERVED TRUCK and Equipment Auctions, March 6, Calgary, Alberta. April 13, Kamloops, BC. For information or consign call Canadian Public Auction 403-269-6600 or 250-833-8018 in BC.</p> <p>AUTO CARS FROM \$500. Government seized and surplus. Sold locally. Call for information. Toll Free 1-888-341-9500 Ext. B100 (Fee).</p> <p>BUILDING SUPPLIES MASSIVE FLOORING LIQUIDATION! Laminate, \$0.99/sq.ft.; Oak prefinished, \$3.00/sq.ft.; Oak unfinished, \$1.50/sq.ft.; Maple prefinished, \$3.75/sq.ft.; Maple unfinished, \$2.00/sq.ft.; 5" Hemlock, \$2.00/sq.ft.; We have it all! Just Call! (604) 538-7382.</p> <p>BUSINESS FOR SALE SELL YOUR BUSINESS! Use the most powerful classified system in Canada and reach millions of readers. Intrigued? Contact this newspaper and ask about Network Classifieds. Or call 604-669-9222 ext. 3.</p> <p>TRUE VALUE HARDWARE - For Sale - Barriere, B.C. Established profitable general hardware store with limited competition. Excellent opportunity for a family operation. Inventory - Fixtures - Buildings negotiable. Act now, this will sell quickly! 1-800-665-5085 or hmatson@truserv.ca.</p> <p>BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES COLLECT CASH! Coke, Pepsi, Frito-Lay, Mars. Re-fill unique vendors in your area. F/T, P/T. No selling. Min. Investment \$13,980. Call 1-888-577-5376 (24Hrs) Member B.B.B. and D&B.</p> <p>UP TO \$30,000 or more per month. Canada's fastest growing concept in this Billion Dollar Industry will be opening stores in your area. \$124,000 turnkey. Toll-free: 1-888-526-3388</p>	<p>PLEASE MUM, the leader in providing quality, yet affordable children's and ladies' clothing through home presentations has opportunities available. Earn 40% commission selling kids wear, ladies wear or both. Call today for a free catalogue and business package 1-800-665-9644.</p> <p>CRIMINAL RECORD? Canadian pardon seals record. U.S. waiver permits legal American entry. Why risk employment, licensing, travel, arrest, deportation, property confiscation? Canadian - U.S. Immigration Specialists. 1-800-347-2540.</p> <p>SKI BIG WHITE - Kelowna, BC, "100" Condos/Chalets/Townhomes-Studios, 5 bdrms, ski in/out, hot tubs, gas f/p, full kitchens. Book Now! Spring Break! www.condosunlimited.com 1-888-676-9977.</p> <p>STEEL BUILDINGS STEEL BUILDINGS "Cheaper than Wood" Quonset-Straightwall quonset-all-new Alpine Model: 4:12 roof pitch. Pre-engineered Steel Buildings. Factory Clearance. BC Company, Alpine Steel Buildings. 1-800-565-9800.</p> <p>TRAVEL TIMESHARE REALES. To buy, sell or rent worldwide. World's Largest Reseller. Era Stroman since 1979. Buyers call 1-800-613-7987. Sellers call 1-800-201-0864. Internet www.stroman.com.</p> <p>TRUCKS "O DOWN O.A.C." Guaranteed credit approvals. Trucks, 4x4's, crew cabs, diesels, sport utilities. Repo's, broken leases, heavy duty equipment. Take over payments. Free delivery. Call The Untouchables now. 1-800-993-3673. Vancouver 327-7752.</p> <p>WANTED A CLEAN environment and money in your pocket. General Scrap pays best prices for all scrap metals. Batteries (minimum 40 lbs.) \$2.50. 780-453-7000. 11915-156 Street, Edmonton.</p>

310 BUILDING SUPPLIES

Are you registered in our **GIFT REGISTRY** DETAILS AT THE FRONT COUNTER.

OPEN
Mon.-Fri. 7am - 5:30pm
Sat. 8am-5:30pm
166 Rainbow Rd.
537-5564
Fax 537-1207
Windsor Plywood

322 COMPUTERS

Ron Weisner BAsc
SALES/SERVICE
• Computers & peripherals
• Set-up, repair, tutoring
weisner@saltspring.com
537-5058

330 FOOD PRODUCTS

FREE RANGE pork, approximately 100lb sides. \$2 per pound, or quarter sides, \$2.25 per pound. 537-2152.
ORGANIC BEEF - Island grown beef. Mixed quarters, freezer wrapped. Approximately 100 lbs. at \$3.00 per pound. Grandview Farms, 653-4267.

335 FURNITURE

QUALITY PINE furniture. The Island's largest selection of bedrooms, dining rooms, TV centres, bookcases, bunkbeds, futons, computer desks, wall beds and much more. The Pine Factory, 5201 Trans Canada Highway, 1 km. South of Duncan 1-888-301-0051.

ANTIQUO OAK double-pedestal coffee table, beautiful, with 2 slide-out leaves. \$300. 537-1804.

FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IN THE **DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS**

340 GARAGE SALES

LIONS GARAGE Sale, 103 Bonnet Ave. Every Friday, Saturday only, 10 am - 12 noon. Come & browse, we just may have it. New merchandise arriving daily. Good, clean merchandise wanted. Call 537-2000 for pick-up or info.

GARAGE SALE, Saturday, February 26. 126 Acland Road (off Baker Rd.), 8 a.m. - noon. No dogs please.

MEGA METRES fabric sale. Kids and quilters prints. Also lots of other stuff. Saturday, Feb. 26. 10-2. 155 Southridge Dr. 653-9383.

DEMO SALE: THURSDAY, Feb. 24th, 10 till 3 pm. 331 Roland Road. Doors, windows, appliances, 2x6 cedar, plumbing, electrical, etc.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

WE BUY & sell furniture, everyday or antique, plus a wide assortment of items. Call us. The Great Ganges Junk Co., 537-4507.

VACUUMS! VACUUMS! Repairs, bags & belts, used vacuum bargains. Satisfaction guaranteed! Salt Spring Linen & Drycleaners, 116 Hereford Avenue, Ganges. 537-2241.

ADDRESS LABELS, rubber stamps, made to order - et cetera in Upper Ganges Centre. 537-5115.

KENMORE 10-STITCH sewing machine with walking foot, \$135. Nordic Trac "Achiever", as new condition, \$800. 537-1098.

PILLARS: THREE heavy hand-carved European pine posts including crowns, \$1500 each. King size carved pine sleigh bed with Simmons Beautyrest mattress/boxspring. \$3500. Nancy, 537-9510.

DINING TABLE, \$800. Microwave cart, \$60. Murphy beds, \$350. Single bed frames, \$400. Counter tops, \$125. Room dividers, \$125. Nancy 537-9510.

13 FT. BOLER TRAVEL trailer, mint condition, green and white, stove, icebox, furnace, sink. 850 lbs. Tow with any car. 537-9510. \$4500.

POOL TABLE, used with cues and new balls. 537-4888 eves.

AIRXCHANGE HEAT recovery ventilator, never used. Selling cheap. 537-1495.

THE WARDROBE in Fulford, open daily 10-5, 50-80% off all last year's clothing. Quality used clothing for everyone.

QUEEN SIZE bed, \$70. Dog kennel, \$50. Cedar dog house, \$40. Swarovski crystal ornament. 537-0676 after 7 p.m. or leave message.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

SMALL G.E. electric lawn mower, 200 ft. cord included. Deluxe hose winder. 537-2884.

DEMOLITION SALE: Zero clearance fireplace and chimney, Fisher air tight stove, solarium, electric fireplace heater, doors and casings, sliding glass doors, windows, shelving, cupboards, Jennair counter top stove, wall oven, butcher block counter, sinks, toilet, sofas, and more. For information call 653-4336.

YELLOW BATHTUB, toilet, basin, \$125. Misc. light fixtures, cheap. 537-4529.

STEEL FRAME single bed on wheels, "Beaumarck", \$200. 537-2078.

TWO WROUGHT-IRON ornamental rails, 4 ft. high, 5 ft. long. Black. Offers. 537-0815.

MEGA METRES fabric sale. Kids and quilters prints. Also lots of other stuff. Saturday, Feb. 26. 10-2. 155 Southridge Dr. 653-9383.

351 MISC. WANTED

BOOKS - QUALITY used books & collections purchased by The Haunted Bookshop, 9807 Third Street, Sidney. Call 250-656-8805.

ARBUTUS BRANCHES, all sizes. 537-8342.

CHIPPER/SHREDDER in excellent condition. P.T.O. or self powered. 537-9423.

CASH FOR old watches. Collector buys interesting, quality, whatever - call! Any amount/condition. \$500+ guaranteed any Rolex automatic. 1-888-964-1133, toll-free Nanaimo.

WANTED FOR lake sailing - fibre-glass dinghy with main and jib, F.J. or similar. Also, trailer for 13 ft. speedboat. Please call Tony, 537-4027.

360 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

VIOLINS, WITH case, Dominant strings and wood bow, like new. Full size Suzuki \$325, 3/4 Kremling, \$275. 537-4891.

370 PETS/LIVESTOCK

TWO BABY love birds, ready to fly the coop, \$45 each. Phone Linda at 537-9823.

PHOENIX ELEMENTARY School Fundraiser, 163 Drake Rd. Saturday, Feb. 26, 10:00am - 2:00pm. Lots of good stuff, furniture, hardware, clothing, books, organ, small washer etc. Still accepting donations, 537-1156.

370 PETS/LIVESTOCK

BEAUTIFUL PUREBRED male yellow lab, three years old, needs good home and lots of attention. 537-9796.

379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

THIS COLUMN is designed for free recyclable items only (no animals). There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads must be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday 2 pm).

SALT SPRING Island Recycle Depot is located at 349 Rainbow Rd. We are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. This service is operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Please call The Recycle Depot at 537-1200, or Community Services at 537-9971 for information on materials accepted for recycling.

RECLINER, GUN rack, two 13" tires, packing boxes. 653-9070.

ENGLIS DISHWASHER, free for the taking, old but working condition. 537-9479.

FREE: 1982 TOYOTA PICKUP, runs. Also, utility trailer. 537-4096.



A LIONS PROJECT

RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES

Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight. Boxes located at:

- Pharmasave
- Bank of Montreal
- Bank of Commerce
- Island Savings Credit Union
- Gulf Islands Optical

SAVE 'TIL THE COWS COME HOME!

Buy two classifieds and get a third one free! Private party merchandise ads, cash only. For further details

Call **537-9933**

Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

EIGHT CONTEMPORARY homes. 1200 - 1500 sq. ft., \$28,000 - \$48,000. Large character bungalow/cottage. 250-656-1387, www.nickeibros.com

4,000 SQ FT Ocean view, 2 level home on 5 acres. 10 gpm and much, much more. Realtors welcome. Please phone 537-4161.

TWO BEDROOM full basement, 1/2 acre opposite lake. Established holiday rental business. Owner may finance. \$179,000. (250) 598-8791, Victoria or 537-9038.

FOR TRADE, or sale by owner, bright corner apartment near North Vancouver seabus, for property with cottage on Salt Spring Island. Call 537-1831.

PARK PLACE townhouse. Quiet location for this single level, two bedroom townhouse. Large open rooms and wheelchair friendly. Private back yard area and attached garage. Priced to sell-won't last long! \$155,000. To view, call Mike at Creek House Realty, 537-5553.

NOTICE

THE FULFORD COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION HAS **two densities for sale**

Elegible buyers must have a minimum of 6 acres and be in a "receiving area". Proposals from interested purchasers will be received until February 28 and should be sent to:

Fulford Community Hall
2591 Fulford Ganges Rd,
V8K 1Z4

450 MOBILE HOMES

1975 MOBILE, 12X60, new carpet, modern inside and out. 2 bedroom, wood stove/electric & 4 appliances. 653-4605.

Rentals

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

QUAINT ONE bedroom cottage on one acre waterfront property, shared with main house, space for small boat on wharf, fenced yard, small deck, garden space, very quiet and peaceful, Long Harbour, Scott Pt. area. Suit single retired person. References required. \$499 plus hydro. Available now but will hold for right person. Long term please. Please reply to dept. N, c/o the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd. S.S.I. V8K 2V3.

SPACIOUS ONE bedroom w/ views of Fulford Harbour. Features skylight, deck, wood floors, gourmet kitchen. Available for lease now to one quiet person. \$750/mo. 653-4386.

THREE BEDROOM house, oil heat, long term. Available March 1st. \$700/mo. Isabella Point. 653-9225.

MAYNE ISLAND, unique, furnished, modern chalet, walking distance to ferry. 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, w/w carpet, rumpus room, fireplace, satellite TV, lease, references, \$650/mo. View by appt. Owner (604) 272-4930.

TWO BEDROOM duplex, 111 Malview Dr. \$675/mo. Available immediately. 537-4415.

VESUVIUS - CLEAN 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 5 appliances, airtight, garage. Level, private garden, fruit trees. Oceanview. Easy walk to beach. Non-smoking/no pets. Available from Mar. 1st. \$900 (incl. piped water). Dick 537-5553 or 537-2236, eves.

510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

MERCHANT'S MEWS
315 Upper Ganges Rd.

BEST QUALITY COMMERCIAL UNITS ON S.S. ISLAND.
Leases starting at \$5 sq. ft.
Contact:
Marshall Lindholm
537-5515



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Home Sweet Home

A HANDY GUIDE TO SERVICES FOR HOME & GARDEN

204 ARCHITECTS

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Salt Spring Island, B.C.
V8K 1X2
Ph: 653-4931 Fax: 653-9931
Cel: 537-7631

222 CONTRACTORS

Robert Charpentier Developments
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NEW & OLD CONSTRUCTION
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225 DESIGNERS

LET'S GET STARTED!
Bring your sketches & ideas and together we'll design (or upgrade) your dream home. Through the use of computer-aided drafting, we'll quickly produce the working drawings you'll take to your contractor.

PLEASE CALL **537-1037** and ask for Jim

228 DRYWALL

SALT SPRING INTERIORS
DRYWALL
Serving the Gulf Islands since 1974
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
• Drywalling with machines
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• Texture ceilings & walls
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• Priming of wallboard
FREE ESTIMATES on renovations and new work
537-2590
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230 ELECTRICAL

VILLAGE ELECTRIC
34 years experience. Certified Journeyman
~ Service Calls
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~ Lighting Maintenance
~ Hot Water Tanks
~ Free Estimates
PETER HAASE
537-4155

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236 FIREWOOD

HONEST OL'S FIREWOOD
• GUARANTEED CORD Cut, Split & delivered
• Cedar fence rails
537-4161
KONIG & SON FIREWOOD
Serving Salt Spring 18 years
Competitive & Reliable
FIREWOOD LOGS WANTED
(will compensate owner)
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264 MOVING & STORAGE

SALT SPRING **MINI STORAGE**
347 Upper Ganges Road
"Safer than Someone's Old barn"
RESERVE TODAY CALL **537-5888**
FOR SIZES & RATES

268 PAINTING

TOM VOLQUARDSEN
537-5188
P.O. Box 385
Ganges Post Office
SSI, BC V8K 2W1
Wall papering & painting

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS
537-9933

290 TREE SERVICE

Wayne Langley
Gulf Island Tree Services
• Dangerous trees
• Sectional removal
• Views, limbing & Topping
• Forest landscaping for fire safety and beauty.
537-1728

291 UPHOLSTERY

SOFA SAGGING? Replacing your old foam gives new life to tired furniture without the cost of re-upholstering. The Duncan Foam Shop. 5201 Trans Canada Hwy. (in The Pine Factory) Phone 1-888-301-0051.

Blue Velvet Upholstering
325 Rainbow Rd.
537-4369

292 TV & RADIO SERVICE

GANGES ELECTRONICS, TV, VCR, stereo, marine, communications electronics repairs. We sell pre-owned TV's, VCR's etc. Moutas Lower Mall. 537-8893.

A SUBSCRIPTION TO DRIFTWOOD CAN SAVE YOU \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Call and find out how!
Mon.-Fri. 8-5
537-9933

220 CONCRETE

GULF COAST MATERIALS
Serving the Gulf Islands
Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Penders
* READY MIX
* WASHED GRAVEL
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* BAGGED CEMENT
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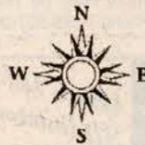
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IODE has moved with times as it celebrates its 100th year

By **KENNETH S. MACKENZIE** Special to the Driftwood

One of the most worthwhile organizations in Canada is celebrating its 100th year of existence this year. It is the IODE — or, to imperial historians such as myself, the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire.

The IODE's founder was Margaret Polson Murray, a transplanted Scot living in Montreal. The first branch was established in Fredericton, New Brunswick, in February 1900, followed quickly by branches in Montreal and Toronto, the latter now the headquarters for the organization. The Salt Spring Branch — now known as a chapter — is H.M.S. Ganges, and was founded in 1914.

As an imperial historian one of my sources was reading the back issues of those splendid magazines The Contemporary Review, the Nineteenth Century and Blackwood's Magazine. It was in their pages that I encountered Murray and her writings, leading me to the IODE. Imperialism was then at a

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turning point. Most available territory had been claimed by one country or another, and long-colonized countries such as the senior members of the British Empire were starting to question seriously their status amongst nations. They cast about for ways by which to change the imperial connection while at the same time retaining desirable parts of it.

It was in this context that Murray established the IODE, spurred by that evocative fit of imperial activity, the Boer War. The organization has intrigued me ever since, because it was started in Canada, it remained Canadian and it was run by women.

It was not until I started researching and writing into the history of the Navy League of Canada (NLC) and the Canadian merchant marine that I again came across references to the activities of the IODE. It and the NLC came into conjunction in the early 1920s as a result of a Navy League scheme to encourage the "proper sort of immigration" to Canada. In those days that meant British, and the Navy League refined that even further by trying to lure old salts recently retired from the Royal Navy to emigrate to Canadian fields and farms. The organizers of the scheme gave little consideration to the fact that these men and their families were more than likely to be city dwellers rather than rural, or to the mechanics of dealing with the people when they actual-

ly arrived in Canada.

When the scheme had an initial modest success, the administrative machinery of the NLC proved unable to deal with the influx. In desperation, and unilaterally, its board decided that the marvellous organization of the IODE would be its saviour. The women of the IODE agreed — but not without making the men of the Navy League aware in no uncertain terms that in future the IODE would appreciate being consulted if they were being considered to assist in such schemes.

As part of its wide-ranging activities between the wards, the IODE maintained its interest in assisting seafarers, particularly the Sea Cadet movement and, later, the welfare of merchant mariners. They cooperated fully with those providing

comforts for those going to sea, many of whom were in need of help.

Long-time H.M.S. Ganges member Olive Mouat has written of the tremendous efforts of chapter members of chapter members in providing

woolens to soldiers during the First World War, and history repeated itself during the second. This gargantuan effort is probably best remembered now as the "Ditty Bag" scheme, whereby seamen were issued comforts through the efforts of the women of Canada in the form of much-needed items such as mine sweeper mitts, leather vests, survivor bundles, immersion socks, quilts, afghans and fur vests. Almost certainly some of the women in our local chapter participated in this scheme. The IODE also presented the war effort with a fully-paid-for fighter plane.

The IODE has moved with the times, and not just by changing the name by which it was known historically. It now provides funding and services on a local, provincial and national scope for a variety of purposes. In 1998 over \$3.2 million went to its major efforts in citizenship, education and services — not to mention over one million hours of volunteer labour. On Salt Spring this translates into money for local school libraries (traditionally the annual garden party proceeds are used for this), Transition House and Greenwoods senior services. The chapter also helps defray the travel expenses of local students travelling off-island for sporting events.

One hundred years later the IODE is still very much "women working together for Canada." I wish it all success in the next 100 years!



A strong foundation

Salt Spring Rotary Club members Gary Meagley, left, and Jake Russell prepare a stone foundation for the mermaid sculpture soon to be installed by the club in Rotary park next the Thrifty Foods. The sculpture has been created by fellow Rotarian Tom McPhee.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

No April Fool's Day joke when new Galiano doctor starts work

Without a resident physician for nearly two years, Galiano is now able to look forward to a change for the better.

The Health Care Society announced recently the willingness of a British doctor to take up residence here.

Dr. David Beaver, his wife Tanis and their three boys (twins Mathew and Ben, six years, and their little brother Charles, two) are to arrive here soon. Beaver assumes his duties here on April 1.

As resident doctor on Galiano, Beaver will receive a set salary from the Capital Regional Health Board, from which he will pay his office help.

Should he wish time off over and above his scheduled free days, he will pay locums to cover for him.

Dr. Beaver will have three days off each week, during which time the island nurse will give "first-call" support for two full days.

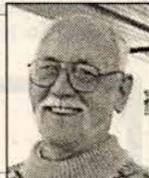
She will have a five-day work week and three nights off.

The nurse will be able to obtain hospital access and treatment for Galiano's sick, and also get them emergency room treatment.

She will be a decision maker. She will attend regularly scheduled training seminars along with

GALIANO NOTES

WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



other outer-island health-care providers. The physician will have full hospital rights at Victoria-area hospitals.

The details were presented by the Health Care Society at a well-attended February 18 meeting.

Beaver attained his medical degrees from Kings College Hospital Medical School in London, and his wife Tanis, a physiotherapist, has family roots in Vancouver.

Beaver visited Galiano before he made his final decision to take the position as physician here.

On island for a day and a bit, he visited the Health Care Centre, talked with those of his fellow workers who were at the clinic that day and visited the Galiano school where the couple's youngsters will attend.

He apparently liked what he saw.

It will be no small matter for the family of five to give up their home and his U.K. practice and move to this island in far-off Canada.

Saturna 'wolf dog' hounded

The wolf dog has struck again. Two more lambs from Breezy Bay's flock fell prey to the animal Friday morning when they strayed into the woods on the ridge.

This, according to Susanne Middleditch, brings the total island kill of domestic animals to 18 sheep and lambs, and one llama.

A calf belonging to Nick Deanovic and Denise Kuzak was attacked and slightly injured at dusk about three weeks ago. The wolf woke the couple when it howled right behind their house at the time of the attack.

Kuzak believes she heard the same howl at Narvaez Bay last spring. The livestock killing began last August.

The animal control officer has made numerous trips to Saturna and set humane traps for the dog in and around the farms where livestock has been killed.

He believes that the animal must be at least part wolf, based on its behaviour, its howling, the long silver gray fur left on the fences and the four-inch pads on its paw prints which indicate a weight of 130 to 150 pounds.

Kuzak found tracks and scat around the traps at their farm but the wolf avoided the traps. It seems to be a very smart animal. She believes it is travelling the logging roads between Breezy Bay and Narvaez Bay.

Wolves do not normally bother people and although the wolf does not seem to present a danger to humans, those with dogs should be cautious and keep their animals on leashes at all times. The traps set for the wolf are baited and a dog might be attracted to them. One behaviour common to wolves is to lure a dog into the woods as if to play and then to kill it.

The wolf is most likely to hunt around dawn or dusk but caution should be exercised at all times

SATURNA NOTES

WITH GAIL TRAFFORD



until the animal is removed.

Dance and music

Saturna put on your dancing shoes. On Saturday, February 26, at 8:30 p.m. Mas, an eclectic band bursting with percussive energy will host an evening of music and fun at the Community Hall.

Admission is \$7 per person or \$10 per couple.

Everyone who can play is invited to bring along a percussion or musical instrument. Come and help

make music and celebrate today. You are the band.

The band is you. Any money raised after expenses will be donated to charity.

• With the encouragement of the Saturna Arts and Concerts Society, Mary Reher and Valerie Marcotte will be guest performers at the Community Hall on Saturday, March 4.

These women will perform a variety of music on the flute, harp and piano. Their repertoire includes classical, Celtic, 1960s hit parade, Garnet Rogers and Loreena McKennitt tunes. The show begins at 8 p.m. and admission is \$12 per person. This is an extra concert and is not included in a season's pass, but it should not be missed.

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Showcase display

Replacing the display of old school things, the Galiano Museum Society recently mounted their second display of historic interest in its glass-fronted showcase located in the hall of the Activity Centre.

The theme of this display is children's toys.

Loaned for the show are boys and girl's dolls (a couple of them more than 100 years old), lead soldiers, "dinky toy" cars, children's books published before 1950, girl's china tea sets and doll house cooking utensils, a handmade sailing vessel, card games and much, much more.

Most of the things in the display are on loan.

The society's thanks goes to Anna Keefer, Ron Minette, Nancy Davidson, Joan Carolan, Muriel Hamilton, Bill Shead, the Jim Robsons, the Runciman Hooleys, and myself and my wife Dorothy. The display will be in place for approximately two months.

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This scholarship will recognize individuals demonstrating the character, effort and sacrifice required to achieve excellence. Our community, our world all benefit from and in fact depend on such people. We would like to help and encourage these students through this award and hope that someday when they have achieved their goals, they can do the same.

Successful applicants will be notified in this paper the week of Grad.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAYS SOUTH ISLAND DISTRICT HIRED EQUIPMENT

The Ministry of Transportation & Highways in the South Island District is compiling its Hired Equipment List. We advise all persons or companies wishing to have their rentable equipment such as trucks, backhoes, loaders, excavators, graders, roller, scrapers or tractors listed to pick up registration forms at the District Office, 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria BC V8Z 5K8.

Owners of equipment registered in the fiscal year (April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000) should receive a letter in the mail, showing equipment previously listed.

Deadline for registration is March 15, 2000. The new Hired Equipment list will be generated immediately after April 1, 2000.

Please include your firm's Workers' Compensation Board registration number, copy of vehicle registration and/or leases to purchase agreement or bill of sale for each piece of new equipment. Straight lease or straight rental agreements are not eligible.

Full details of equipment, including model and serial numbers are required. For trucks, front tire sizes, axle spacing, box dimensions without sideboards, a current certificate of weight and a Weigh Scales slip are required for registration.

Further information may be obtained from the District Office or by phoning the Hired Equipment clerk at (250) 942-4515.

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District Highways Manager

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Salt Spring Centre School welcomes community at Tuesday open house

Salt Spring's largest independent school is opening its doors to the community Tuesday evening for an informal open house.

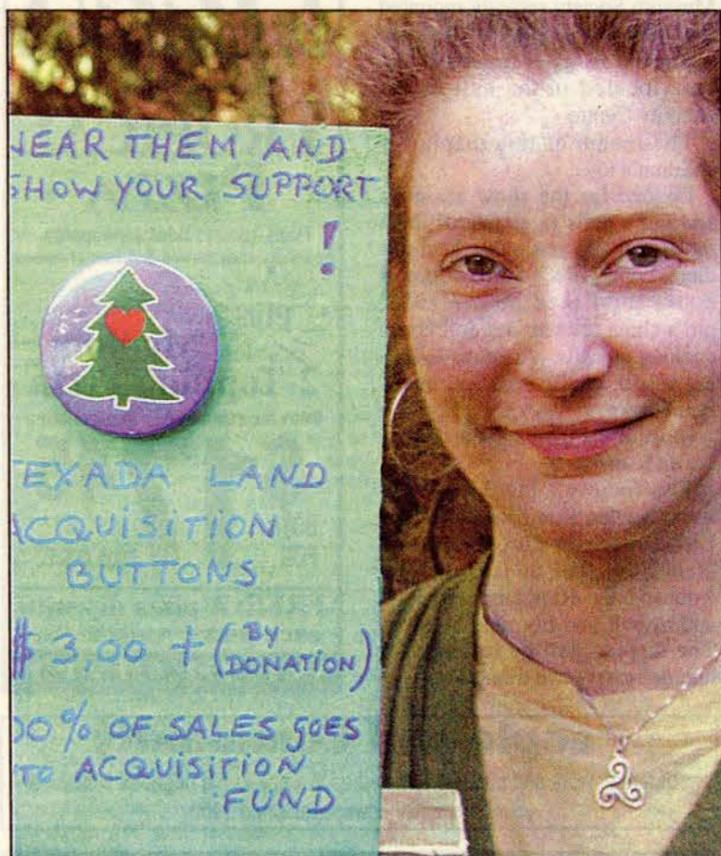
Salt Spring Centre School teachers as well as some parents will be available to answer questions at the event which runs from 6:30-9 p.m.

About 50 children from Kindergarten to Grade 8 attend the school, located behind the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road.

According to information provided by the school, children learn in small, multi-age classes of about 12 students. The small classes allow teachers to "really get to know the

students and address individual needs."

The school is also known for its challenging theatrical performances — in recent years it has staged *The Sound of Music* and *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* — and spends "considerable time teaching conflict resolution skills."



For the love of trees

Birgit Wolf displays her latest creation in the form of a button for support of the Texada land acquisition. The button will be available at various island locations.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Columnist ponders Pulitzer possibilities

Last summer I was having a coffee in Harlan's with a charming and gracious lady.

She had the gift of listening, which made her a wonderful conversationalist, and we touched on many topics. She put her cup down.

"I am writing a biography," she said, "of my mother."

I was impressed. Not a bad way to go. A journal, an account of another era, and a catharsis all rolled into one. The grandchildren would benefit and, best of all, the writer would have the added bonus of living part of her life for the second time.

I bought her a chocolate mouse. She bit the head off and handed me the rest. I admired her style.

That night I pondered. I ponder a lot, actually, but this was a ponder most meaningful and resulted in the planting of a creative literary seed.

After all, in the past five years I have written about 70 columns for the Driftwood, most of them biographical but all of them brilliant and full of humility, bawdy humour and self-effacement.

I could compile them, I could edit them. I could be eclectic. And so it came to pass that a book was born.

Where does one begin? I sought the sage advice of our publisher who knows these things. I found him plucking the frayed strings of a Roy Rogers guitar. He is a Renaissance man and plays with the Tragically Hick, one of his many interests.

He pondered (everybody in this story seems to be pondering. I must invest in a thesaurus).

I left him pondering and contact-

ALEX MITCHELL



extremely professional book publishing firm in Vesuvius. I spoke with John and I spoke with Melanie, his delightful assistant.

"We see no problem," they said. "Collect the disc containing your columns, we'll run them, you edit them, then we'll sit down and work out the best way to go."

So positive! I liked these people.

Back to the Driftwood. The publisher was still, well, you know! I conferred with Gail. She writes good. She writes exceptional, and when I told her this, she blushed and promised to retrieve my children from the computer.

How about the illustrations? I thought about Bevan Wrate, a frustrated illustrator who doubles as a hair stylist. I was able to procure his services for several sheep and a flock of chickens (he is into barter!).

I looked at five of his drawings and was won over completely. They are funny and blend beautifully with my anecdotes. I might throw in another sheep. A small price to pay for a Pulitzer prize!

So there we are, much work to be done, but with any luck the book should be on the shelves around the middle of March. Peter, the genial proprietor of Island Books Plus, has very kindly offered to arrange a book signing, but more of that later.

Did I mention that the profits will go to the Alzheimer's Society? No? Well, the profits will go to the Alzheimer's Society. Who said that

ISLANDS TRUST NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing on

- proposed Bylaw No. 115, cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 103, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1999",
- proposed Bylaw No. 117 cited as, "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 103, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2000" and
- proposed Bylaw No. 118 cited as, "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 103, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2000".

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2000, at the North Pender Island School, North Pender Island, BC.

At the Public Hearing the public, including all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the bylaws, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw, at the above time and place.

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed bylaws is to amend North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 103, 1996.

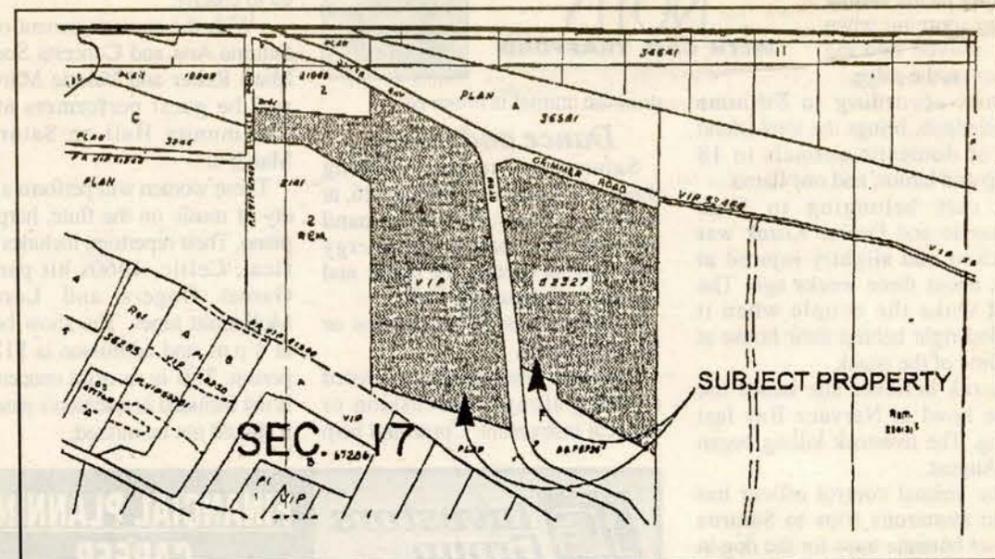
Bylaw No. 115 cited as: "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 103, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1999".

The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to make minor grammatical and imperial reference amendments; restrict boundary adjustments resulting in spilt-zoned lots and add "agriculture" as a permitted use in the Agricultural (AG) Zone.

Bylaw No. 117 cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2000".

The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to replace the definitions of "building" and "structure"; add a new definition of "mobile home" and remove floor area restrictions for Lot A, Plan VIP52327, Section 17 commonly known as the "golf course property", as identified in Sketch A.

Sketch A:



Bylaw No. 118 cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 103, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2000".

The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to replace the definitions of "lot coverage" and "home business" and change the maximum floor area requirements for dwellings and accessory buildings.

All persons concerned should inspect the proposed bylaws to satisfy themselves as to how their lands may be affected by the proposed regulations. A copy of the proposed bylaws and relevant background documents in respect of the proposed bylaws that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, February 23, 2000 up to and including Friday, March 10, 2000.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250)405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 10, 2000; and
2. after 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 10, 2000, by delivery to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11, 2000 until the close of the hearing.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, North Pender Island Planner, at (250)405-5151, or for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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

Linda Prowse
Deputy Secretary