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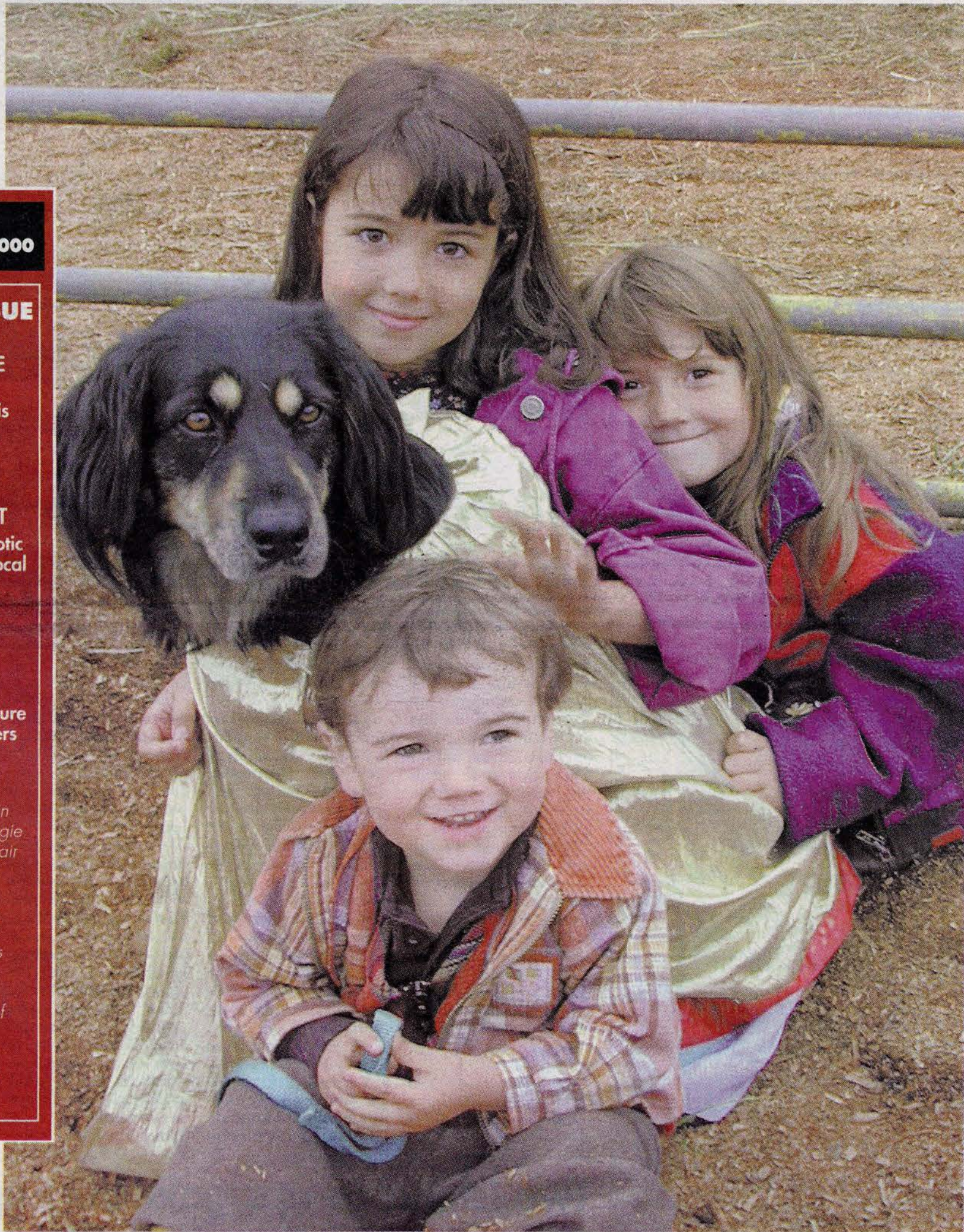
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*Sophia, Maya and
Noah Dammel-Sherrin
dressed up their doggie
and headed to the Fair
last weekend.*

*They were joined by
9,200 people who
swarmed the Farmers
Institute grounds,
taking in the sights,
sounds, and smells of
our annual
Fall Fair.*

Michelle Mech photo



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Securing Land For Future Community Recreation

VOTE SEPTEMBER 30



We emphatically support the NSSWD purchase of Texada parcel 9. We are opposed to logging and development in our community watershed. Maxwell Lake watershed must be protected.

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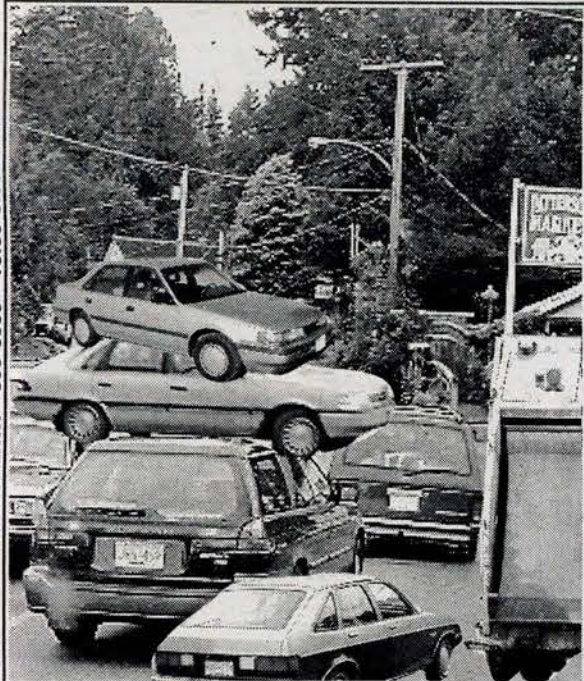
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Elected officials show solidarity in support of a proposed national park on Salt Spring. On Saturday trustees David Borrowman and Bev Byron were joined by MLA Murray Coell, MP Gary Lunn and Regional Director Kellie Booth (left to right) in signing a statement of support at the Save Salt Spring calendar booth at the Fall Fair.

Elected officials sign on to national park proposal

by Shelagh Plunkett

Trustee David Borrowman is visibly excited about the prospect of a national park on Salt Spring. "When you link all the existing parks and add this proposal, the land the Nature Trust of B.C. is proposing to buy, and the CRD area of interest on the Weldwood properties, you're looking at 6,000 to 10,000 acres of parkland."

Borrowman was speaking at the Save Salt Spring Campaign calendar booth at the Fall Fair on Saturday. He, Trustee Bev Byron, MLA Murray Coell, MP Gary Lunn and Regional Director Kellie Booth had just endorsed a proposal suggesting the federal government kick in funds to purchase 760 acres on the south shore of Burgoyne Bay.

The land, currently held by Texada Land Corp., contains the largest Garry oak meadow in Canada, home to a number of rare

and endangered species. The price tag is estimated at \$10 to \$12 million, depending on which parcels are purchased and on negotiated prices.

If accepted, the proposal would place the Burgoyne Bay lands in the hands of the federal government, along with Ruckle Park. The two would then become part of the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy (PMHL) programme, something which PMHL advisor Greg McDade recommended in his report earlier this summer.

McDade visited the Island in February despite the fact that Salt Spring was not considered part of the PMHL area of interest. He, along with representatives from both the provincial and federal governments, met with community members in both an open "town hall" meeting and a smaller closed meeting.

"It took only 20 minutes to convince them that the Burgoyne Bay should be included in the PMHL area of interest," said Borrowman referring to the smaller meeting between community representatives and McDade's group. He went on to say that McDade's support had been instrumental in getting the proposal to the stage it is now.

Borrowman predicted there could be community opposition to the inclusion of Ruckle Park in the deal. The federal government, he said, is interested in Ruckle partly for its historical significance and partly because its extensive shoreline makes it viable as a marine park. In a press release outlining the proposal, the Islands Trust recommends that Ruckle Park be included in a national park should one be established on Salt Spring. The release states that, "by shifting recreation

use to Burgoyne Bay, the ecological values in Ruckle could be much better protected."

The proposal now on its way to Ottawa could result in a doubling of the amount of parkland currently under consideration by the PMHL. It would increase the protected Garry oak habitat to more than 30 per cent of the Garry oak remaining in the Gulf Islands, up from 0.1 per cent in current PMHL holdings. The proposed area would also adjoin the area of interest of the Capital Regional District, a PMHL partner, whose existing and potential holdings on Mt. Bruce and Mt. Sullivan would bring the total conserved land area around the Burgoyne Bay to 2,550 acres.

The PMHL has already acquired approximately 2,300 acres of land on several Southern Gulf Islands east of Salt Spring.

Two Island co-ops gain start-up funds

Salt Spring will be getting two different grants to support local co-ops, the Minister of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers, Jerry Kwan, announced recently. Apple growers received \$10,634 to form a co-op which will market and distribute their organic apple products while a group of residents received \$9,840 to develop a co-op food market where people can purchase local produce and health products.

Both grants came from a fund called the Co-op Advan-

tage program, which supports the growth and development of co-operatives that create sustainable jobs, strengthen and diversify the economy and enhance community services.

Over the last decade, the number of cooperatives in B.C. has increased by 35 per cent.

The two new Island co-ops plan to create jobs and help improve Salt Spring's economy. Both have the goal of making it easier for people to buy locally-grown products.

Texada riled by Society

Apology demanded in letter published as ad

by Peggy Abrahams

In a public letter to Premier Dosanjh published as an advertisement in *the Driftwood* last week, Robert Macdonald, principal of Texada Land Corp., confronted directors of the Save Salt Spring Society. Macdonald referenced a letter the Society had sent to Dosanjh on August 28, detailing concerns about Texada's logging operations on Salt Spring Island. In the letter, the Society asked the provincial government to use legislative means to address these concerns.

Macdonald challenged some of the issues raised by the Society. He wrote, "This Society is composed of a handful of directors who are propaganda experts spreading untruths and fostering false impressions."

John Pottinger, a director of the Society, said that the Society has retained legal counsel and a comprehensive response will be forthcoming. "We are going to respond. We're working on a response now," he said.

The first point Macdonald contested was the Society's reference to a loophole allowing Texada to proceed with their operations. Macdonald wrote, "The facts are there are no loopholes and that Texada is in compliance with the Private Forest Practices Regulations."

In the Society's letter to Dosanjh, they explain the legislative loophole. "The Forest Land Reserve Act, section 17, exempts lands designated Forest Land Re-

serve lands from any local bylaws, development permit requirements, etc. The Islands Trust is therefore powerless in situations involving the logging of private land."

Macdonald's second objection related to the Society's contention that Texada had not filed a logging plan.

In an interview last Friday, he said, "Our forester filed a logging plan sometime in the month. I just know we filed it. I had to sign it."

But, according to Pottinger, lawyers working on behalf of the Save Salt Spring Society have learned Texada did not file a logging plan until August 29. The Society's letter to Dosanjh was dated August 28, the day before Texada filed its logging plan.

Among other points Macdonald challenged was the Society's concern that, "Texada's methods have no regard for sustainability, and will destroy logging jobs and related timber industry jobs for years to come." Macdonald responded, "The fact is Texada has created employment where there was none before."

The Society had specifically referred to employment in the long-term, not the present. When asked about this distinction, Macdonald said, "What we're doing is completely sustainable. We're logging and we're replanting. It's a sustainable industry and it's a sustainable resource because you replant it and it grows. I think the suggestion of the propagandists is wrong-headed."

"When the prior owners owned the property they had 5,000 acres and one employee. We have 22 or 24 employees," he said.

Macdonald also contested the Society's concerns about the impact of logging on the watershed. In consultation with the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD), Texada had formulated a "modest harvesting plan in the secondary watershed," he said.

In the follow-up interview, Macdonald alluded to the terms of the agreement with NSSWD for logging in the secondary watershed.

"The amount of logging that was to go on in the catchment area was pursuant to those terms. I guess that's my view that it's modest."

In the ad, Macdonald contested a total of eight points raised by the Society in their letter to Dosanjh. He called on the directors of the Save Salt Spring Society to issue an apology to Texada, Premier Dosanjh and the people of Salt Spring for spreading "untrue statements."

He said he does not know if he will sue the Society. "I hate suing people. I don't really want to sue them. I hope I get an apology... I think I'm due an apology, so I'll just wait and see."

Pottinger said that directors of the Save Salt Spring Society would like to invite Macdonald to meet with them to discuss these issues. He said the Society will be issuing a response as soon as this week.

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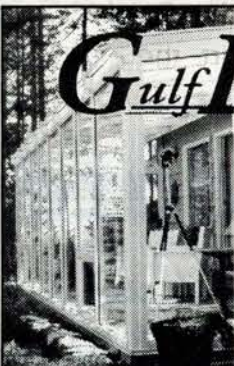
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Health officer advises boil drinking water

Island residents on the Beddis Waterworks system have been advised to boil their water before drinking it. Dr. Richard Stanwick, Medical Health Officer, issued an official advisory because of the presence of bacteria in the drinking water distribution system. Recent laboratory analysis has demonstrated the

presence of both total and fecal coliform bacteria in drinking water samples.

The presence of these organisms in drinking water indicates an increased risk of diarrheal illness for users. Inadequate chlorination of the drinking water is suspected of being the cause of the high bacterial counts.

Residents are advised to treat their water by boiling it for a minimum of two minutes before using it for drinking or cooking.

The Capital Health Region has collected more samples, the results of which should be complete by the end of this week. The boil water advisory is in effect until further notice.

Ferry workers sign contract

BC Ferries and its workers have reached a five-year agreement, bringing stability to both workers and passengers relying on the ferry fleet. The agreement is back-dated to November 1, 1998 and runs through to October 31, 2003.

It provides for no general increases for the past two years and for two per cent wage increases in each of the two years starting this

November 1. A cost-of-living adjustment will be made in November 2002.

In announcing the September 16 contract, Joy MacPhail, minister responsible for BC Ferries, said, "The ferries are an integral transportation link for coastal communities and for our tourism industry. The agreement means peace of mind for both the travelling public and the ferry workers."

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From the hunt to find parking (and aren't some people clever about fitting the butt end of their cars into the tiniest gaps along Rainbow Road) to the dust that coats your cob of corn as you meander the Farmers Institute grounds, the Fall Fair is an experience that few can fault.

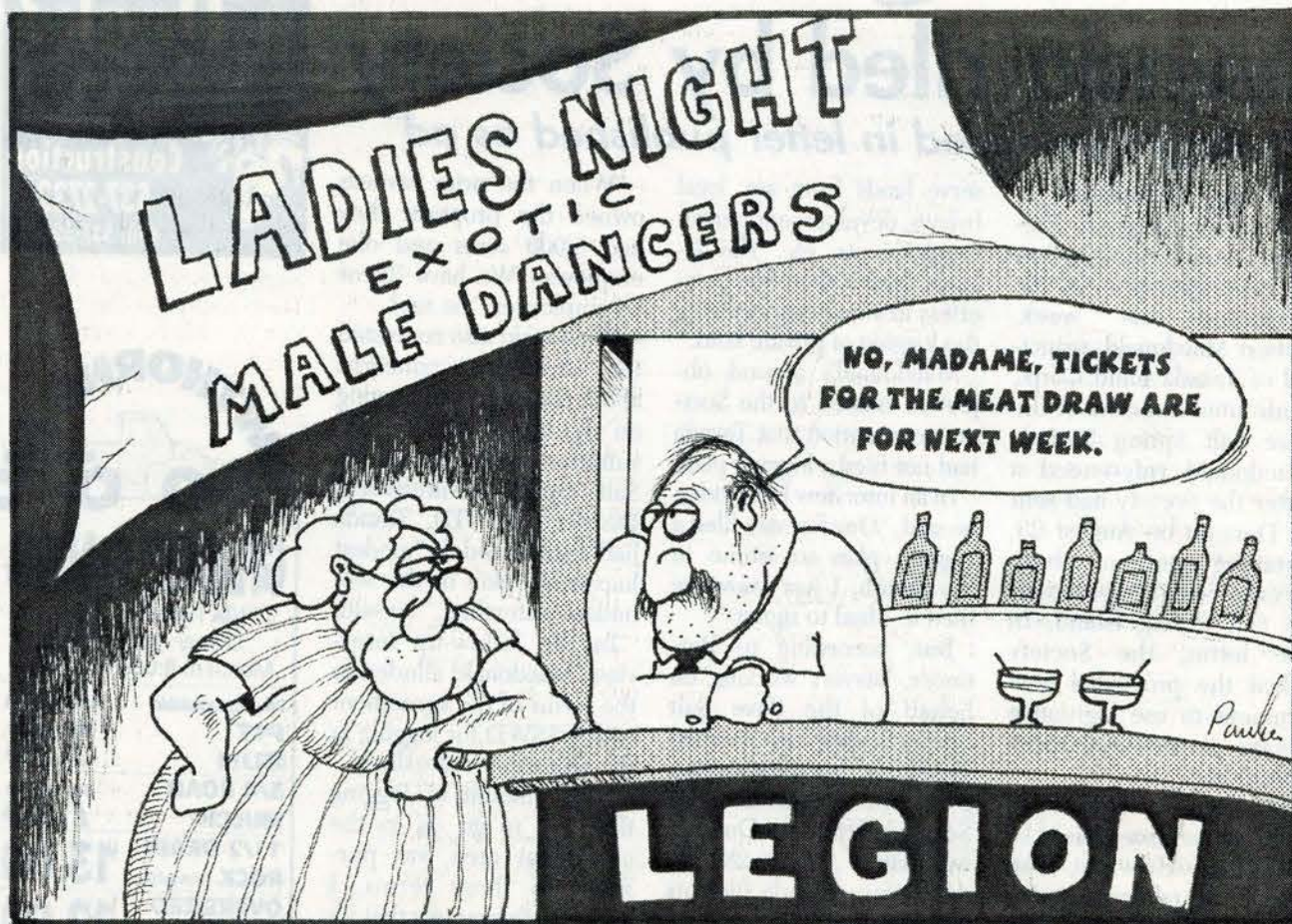
Every year hundreds of volunteers work for weeks before, during and after the annual blowout to make it the truly wonderful thing it is. Dozens of Island residents spend weeks (maybe months, who knows) plotting and planning exactly what will go into their hoped-to-be prize-winning jam while others (I'm convinced) sneak out at night and jab their giant squashes with growth hormones, sure that this year theirs will be the grandest of them all. Consider the numbers of SUV interiors that each September are sacrificed to the transport of that special pygmy goat, that unique lamb, that particularly splendid rooster.

This year, as all years, I can not decide which is my favourite aspect of the Fall Fair. I am always drawn to the bizarre chickens and each year vow that by next I, too, will own my own Phyllis Diller style bantam which I will bring to the Fair (maybe an entire flock). I imagine a tidy crowd of weird chickens decorating my garden, producing itty bitty eggs that prompt tales of prodigious consumption. (And then I served an omelette made of three dozen eggs!) It could be fun, I think. After the ones with floppy hair-dos we could branch out into the ones with polka dots, eventually producing a charming display (so long as we keep the pallet strictly to black and white).

But, then I see the sign on the swine barn and remember that therein are piglets and I abandon the fancy fowl. Who can resist piglets (until you notice what it is they quickly grow into). Last year there was a near disaster—witnessed by hordes of humanlets—when the 500 pound mama got grumpy and rolled on her family of squealers. Fortunately it was a bloodless bit of reprimand and all escaped alive leaving the audience free of any future nightmares. Still, it seems to me that each year those that hover by the big pig stall have an air of ghouliness about them. Could it be the butcher's chart tacked up on the wall above the pig family that gives that sense? "Look Janey, that's where your breakfast bacon came from." No wonder mama was a little cranky. (Ever notice that they don't post that kind of thing near the lambs—people want to feel good when they chow down in support of the Coast Guard.)

And isn't that what the Fall Fair is really about? From the prize preserves to the mini donuts that everyone has to eat despite knowing they'll feel ill as a result, the Fair is about food. See how it's grown, raised, housed, herded, harvested even shorn. On the hoof or on the paper plate, food abounds at all country fairs.

Food for the soul as well as the body. I have memories of small farming town fall fairs in Manitoba and of the granddaddy of all Canadian fairs, Toronto's Royal Winter Fair, and they all smell and sound the same. But, the one great difference between those and ours is that here I can wander about and everywhere I look is another neighbour to say hello to, another person I recognize, another name I know being announced as the winner of this or that prize, another voice singing on stage that I've listened to over coffee. So, whether or not I ever get around to owning a prize pullet I too can be part, not just an observer, of the Fall Fair and that is the best possible kind of soul food.



Texada responds

In a commentary made by Andrew Lewis there is a suggestion that the North Salt Spring Water Works District is overpaying for the Texada lands bordering Maxwell Lake (*the Barnacle*, September 12, *the Driftwood*, September 13). Mr. Lewis should consider the following:

1. The cash purchase price for the property agreed between Texada and the North Salt Spring Water Works District is \$437,500, or \$500,000 if Texada finances the entire purchase price.
2. The value of the timber alone on that property is worth multiples of the price agreed.
3. The value of the Maxwell Lake property on the public market would be substantially higher than the price which was agreed with the Water Works District.
4. The Water Works District negotiated as part of the transaction protective covenants on the streams that run through other property of ours which arguably have significant value and which were thrown in to the transaction at no cost to Water Works.

Let's just imagine that Andrew Lewis was the chairman of the North Salt Spring Water Works District and that they already owned lot 9 on Maxwell Lake. Let's say

that someone wanting a nice lakefront property came along and wanted to buy the property from the Water Works District. Would the price be \$437,500? Would the price be \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000 or \$5,000,000?

The likely case is that there is no price at which the Water Works District would sell lot 9, if they owned it, and the covenants attached thereto, because as an important public asset, it would be nearly priceless. If Andrew Lewis and his friends scuttle the Maxwell Lake transaction is he really acting in the best interest of the community, all things considered, or is his dislike for Texada possibly clouding his judgement?

The Water Works District and Texada spent months in trying to work out acceptable logging practices for the secondary catchment area of the watershed. The agreement that we came to was very costly to Texada, however, we understood the importance of protecting the water quality of Maxwell Lake.

Though Texada and Water Works were satisfied with the terms of logging the catchment area, we understand that certain members of the public are not happy that there will be any logging in this area and as such we have recently entered into good-faith negotia-

tions with the Water Works District which may see them owning the catchment area as well as Lot 9.

During the tenure of these negotiations Texada has voluntarily agreed to postpone any logging in the catchment area. We expect these negotiations to take some time and are committed to try to make something work with the only condition of our negotiations being that we will restrict our discussions between ourselves and the Water Works District and their professional advisors.

Water Works in turn may have discussions with the broader public, however, it seems to the undersigned that if the Texada haters try to control events then nothing will happen no matter how large the benefit might be for the community.

Though it is plain that we are logging our private property in a manner that some people dislike, we are also intent on trying to make some good things happen for the community of Salt Spring. Our good-faith discussions which will hopefully see the entire watershed of Maxwell Lake in the hands of the public are part of this effort.

ROBERT MACDONALD
Texada Land Corp.

Say sorry now!

Regarding the latest threat from Texada as published in their *Driftwood* newspaper Wednesday, September 13, I urge the committee members of the Save Salt Spring Society to swallow their pride and find the courage to sign that humiliating piece of garbage/apology proposed by whoever is now running Texada.

There is very little justice to be found in the Canadian legal system. What little there is goes to the vested interests who have the laws written to serve their own ends, and those with the deepest pockets.

In this case, the Save Salt Spring Society would be up against both.

If they give in to their righteous anger they could be tied up for years, forbidden to discuss matters which are before the courts. Should the Society win, there are endless appeals which can be launched by those who have a bottomless pit of money.

If the Society wins on appeal and seeks damages there are several endgame strategies the rich employ involving asset transfers, contrived bankruptcy, numbered companies, and the flight of capitol to lawless tax havens.

All perfectly legal.
So, committee members,
see MAILBOX p5

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don't get suckered into some legal latrine.

The actions of Texada and the lack of action by regulators have tried and convicted all of them.

Love that calendar. Keep up the good work.

TOM PICKET

What about studs?

And so we have yet another calendar of Salt Spring Island, this time of nude women hugging trees and holding sheep. Cute sheep eh? The problem is, where are all the men?

As a photographer myself, I would have hated to have made this a personal project. No doubt all the feminists would have been ramming sexual exploitation for the sake of profit down my throat. Since the government insists on using taxpayers' money to only fund women's organizations.

How about a men's nude calendar called "Salt Spring Studs" where all the profits go into a center for abused men.

MIKE GLUSS

Regulate logging

One solution to the current logging dilemma would be for the Islands Trust to pass a

simple bylaw requiring a permit to log (clear-cut) parcels of land over a certain size. This would allow the local trustees some control over factors affecting watersheds, erosion and sustainable forestry.

Right now residents in water districts are facing increased costs and problems with water quality due partly to logging and development and ongoing increased use due to tourism and population and the deterioration of water systems. The health of our community is dependent on water quality.

SUE HISCOCKS

Referendum a pig-in-a-poke

Just what was the "borrowing bylaw" under which the PARC was authorized to spend \$450,000 in 1996? It appears that the PARC has painted itself into a corner and are asking the Salt Spring taxpayers to rescue them from their crass stupidity. No way!!!

Before the PARC bought any land for a recreation facility they should have put before the taxpayers a specific plan of the facility they hoped to construct...in detail with all costs spelled out. Not only the initial building costs, but the annual operating costs as well. For it is well

established that public swimming pools in B.C. operate at a net loss of \$300,000 to \$400,000 annually. Ice skating rinks lose even more.

The referendum we are asked to vote on on September 30 not only asks the taxpayers to bail them out of the incredible purchase of land (\$450,000) but to add \$660,000 as a fund to be spent willy-nilly on a laundry list of projects that should be covered out of the existing annual PARC budget. We are given no option on the ballot. We must vote for the whole ball of wax or nothing. \$1,110,000 in taxes! Why not only \$450,000?

If the referendum does not pass. The PARC will have to take \$100,000 out of their annual budgets for 5 years to pay for the land they foolishly bought. So be it. Or they can sell it and follow proper procedures in the future.

The correct procedure is to design a clean, lean plan for a basic swimming pool...the primary need...no add-ons like a skating rink, squash court etc. for a select few.

Keep the cost to a minimum and project the anticipated operating annual deficit. Be sure it is a financially sound plan or it will be rejected like the infamous Pool Society's Leisure pool

for \$1,500,000 a few years ago which was voted down by a margin of two to one.

Unfortunately, since we have no industrial base on Salt Spring to help with funding, even a basic economy pool might be unacceptable to the local taxpayers. The S.S.I. taxpayers are a mighty intelligent bunch. They could not be conned into the sale of several dedicated parks on the Island to bail out the PARC on their already committed land purchase, and I am sure they won't fall for this new "Pig-In-A-Poke" scheme on September 30. I know I won't.

NORMAN F. BEST

More supporters?

I've been reading with interest the solutions of Mike Price and Dwight Jones to the never ending slippage and unsuccessful repairs of Walker Hook Road.

As a nine-year observer of the annual migration of this road toward Trincomali Channel, I think they're both right. Mike shows us what a real fix up would cost, totally unaffordable, and Dwight offers a creative solution. We would definitely donate some land at our back boundary, and add some money too, for the road to be moved.

Any more supporters?

JANICE MCLEAN

Restore house-keeping for the ill

On September 11 the federal government finally woke up and released some money for health care. We need to make sure it is allocated well.

The Home Care/Home Support system was created to take the pressure off hospitals and nursing homes by keeping people at home as long as possible.

In the last year, that system has been devastated by budget cuts. People who required housekeeping services were completely cut off unless they also needed personal care. That means that if they were unable to vacuum, do laundry, buy groceries, take out the garbage, clean the bathroom, but could still bathe and go to the bathroom by themselves, they were completely cut off. No laundry. No cleaning. No lunch. And for many, no human contact.

Meals on Wheels will probably keep them from starving and those who have some money can hire a cleaning person privately, but those who don't are forced to live in unsanitary isolation. They have no public voice. They will get sick and end up in hospital; just what we all want to prevent.

Please speak out and demand that housekeeping be restored. Contact the Director of Community Health, Brenda Marin-Link, 1947 Cook St., Victoria, BC V8T 3P7 or Capital Health Region, 2101 Richmond, Victoria, BC V8R 4R7.

RACHEL JACOBSON

Friendly Islanders

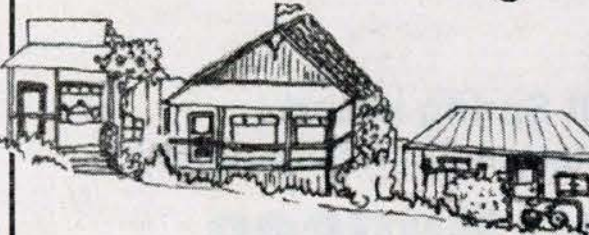
I was vacationing with my family on Salt Spring Island in August. When my wife returned to our new car after watching a movie, Mr. Richard Elwell was waiting for her.

Apparently, he had backed into our car and inflicted some damage to the front and hood. He waited for my wife to return and offered to pay for the damages. We have been told more than 95 per cent of people responsible for these types of damages will normally not stay around to admit the mishap is their own fault.

We got the car repaired at Don Irwin's collision, and we are truly grateful for Mr. Elwell's conviction which comes to show how the quality of people who live on Salt Spring. We look forward to visiting Salt Spring and its fine people again next year....

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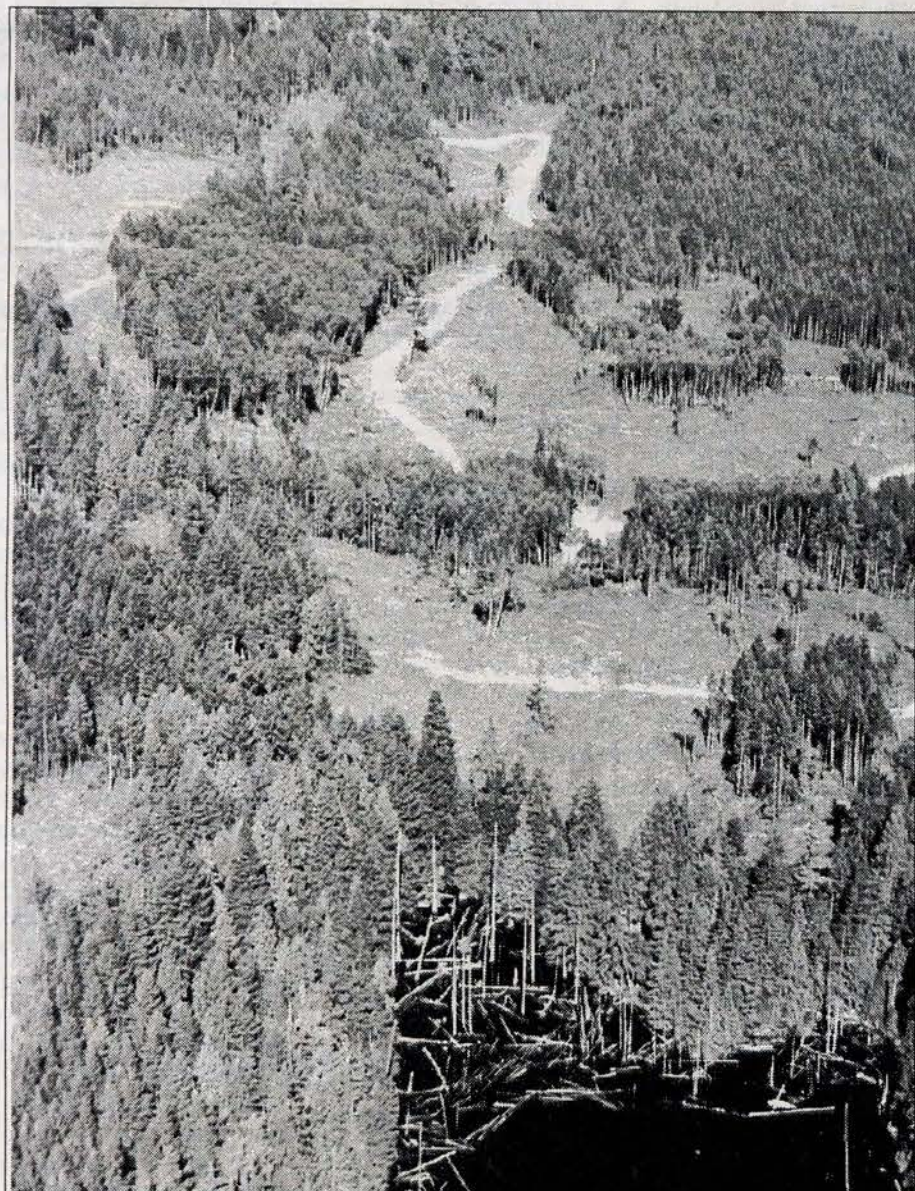
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SCRAPED CLEAN—Mount Tuam, seen from the air last week, shows increased clear-cut logging activity on Texada held lands. In the foreground, Spirit Lake's shore is almost exposed while, outside the frame, the logged area has crossed Musgrave Road exposing what Musgrave residents describe as a vast bald spot on Tuam's flank. On another note, trees began falling last week in Texada's Mt. Maxwell holdings.

More visitors this year

Visitor numbers are up—substantially. According to figures calculated by the Chamber of Commerce, visitor activity in July and August increased by 50 per cent over the same period last year. The figures are based on the number of parties (that is, people travelling together) that dropped into the information centre during those months. August saw 5,500 parties, an increase of 865 from July.

The breakdown of origin of visitors which is at best a rough estimate, gives visitors from B.C. the nod over the rest of Canada, followed by Washington State. In August, the Island had twice as many American visitors as it did in July, figures which correspond to the overall feeling of retailers.

Same day visits were most prevalent, followed by two-night stays. Information on the arts, hiking, kayaking and accommodation facilities were the most requested.

The Saturday market and Artcraft continue to be a big draw for visitors along with the overall beauty and tranquility of the Island, according to Anne McKerricher, Chamber of Commerce Administrator. Salt Spring is also gaining popularity as a wedding destination. Although tourist numbers have dropped substantially since Labour Day, the chamber's office continues to be quite busy. Last minute visitors to Salt Spring during the Fall Fair would have been hard pressed to find accommodation.

McKerricher anticipates it will continue to be busy up until Thanksgiving as long as the good weather holds. The increased summer sailings from the mainland worked well, McKerricher's only regret is that they are not continuing throughout September.

Cold, wet weather is blamed for a slow start to the season. Threats of a B.C. ferry strike also caused visitors to rethink their plans as did a potential Air Canada strike.

According to Anne Broad, Accommodations Group president, "This year's tourist season was all over the board with some members claiming it's been their best year ever and others declaring July to have been the pits. Overall, most of the accommodation members have had a good season."

Broad notes there has been a tremendous increase in overseas visitors particularly in visitors from Britain. She credits the Chamber with doing an excellent job, with volunteers working well beyond the call of duty. The Gallery Walk has proved a real plus, with visitors using it as a way of orientating themselves around Ganges.

Bob Morrisette, Harbour Manager for eight years, says, "It's been one of the better seasons they've had with lots of repeat visitors." The extra 400 feet of mooring added this year has allowed them to accommodate additional boats.

Don Monteith of Naikai Gallery feels there have been significantly fewer visitors this year; however, they are spending more. "It's been a stellar season for Carol Haigh's prints." Monteith is happy with how the season's turned out, "The last two weeks have been great." He credits Hastings House with bringing in the kind of people who can afford the higher end originals.

For Artcraft Manager Judy Mitchell it's been another exciting season and a particularly gratifying one with all the local support she's experienced. The quality of the work continues to astound her and impress visitors. "It's extremely satisfying to hear comments from worldwide travelers like, 'Never seen a craft show of this quality' and 'wow, all this diversity of work comes from one small geographical area.'"

Ede Russett, one of Coastal Currents' co-see CANADIANS p. 8

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Why risk losing lot 9?

The Commentary in last week's edition of *the Barnacle* ("Land deal needs more public input") requires at least a few comments in response. The land deal in question is the one struck with Texada Lands by North Salt Spring Water District to acquire Lot 9 and participate in logging decisions surrounding Rippon Creek. From the first paragraph on, the commentary is full of misapprehensions and misrepresentations that need to be addressed. Let us consider just three.

1. "You may not know that the proposed deal with Texada Land also includes an agreement that allows for large scale industrial logging in the 270 acres of Maxwell Lake watershed outside of Lot 9." Sorry. The deal does no such thing. That 270 acres is owned by Texada Lands. Provincial legislation allows them to do any damn thing they want there. The deal, however, allows NSSWD some say in how it will be logged. No deal, no say. Why would anyone object to that?

2. The author goes on to say, "If the counter petition succeeds, the acquisition of Lot 9 will not fall through..." Sorry again. The author can offer no such assurances. If the counter petition succeeds and negotiations are reopened, absolutely anything can happen, including the withdrawal of Lot 9 from the table. Why would anybody want to risk that?

3. "What," the author wonders, "is the fair market value of Lot 9?...reportedly it is [appraised at] \$149,000, much less than the purchase price of \$500,000." Hello-o. \$3,000 an acre? In the year 2000? I don't think so. A very ordinary, very typical 3-acre parcel with no view and no merchantable timber here on Salt Spring is currently appraised at around \$160,000. And the author wants us to believe that a 48-acre parcel with huge lake frontage and a magnificent view of the lake, not to mention 12 acres of merchantable timber outside the Development Permit Area, is worth just \$149,000?

Only if it's saturated in bubonic plague, I would say.

It has to be said again: while no one supports logging in the Maxwell watershed, nothing anybody can do short of buying the entire property—assuming Texada will sell it—can prevent large-scale logging there. Nothing. This deal presents two major accomplishments: it saves Lot 9 for all time, a goal of the Water District and the Water Preservation Society for over 20 years. And it gives the NSSWD a place at the table when logging plans are developed and a place on the ground when they are carried out in the Rippon Creek area. Admittedly, not a terribly influential position to be in, but still way better than nothing. As of this writing, no one has presented any meaningful alternatives that would accomplish more.

I cannot for the life of me see what anyone hopes to gain by opposing this deal.

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Bylaw beefs up garbage rules

by Joanne O'Connor

A new CRD and Islands Trust initiative to regulate waste transfer stations could open a new chapter in the ongoing controversy over Island trash.

The draft bylaw calls for the licensing and monitoring of existing transfer stations and, "that a level playing field [be] established for private operators to compete." It also outlines guidelines for siting, noise and odor levels, leachate, and dust. At present, the operators of transfer stations answer to the Minister of Environment and current zoning laws. The proposed draft should provide a way to regulate practices and ally concerns voiced by residents, by making the operators accountable to the joint powers of the Capital Regional District and the Islands Trust.

Yearly licensing and administration fees, paid by the operators, as well as potential fines for violations to the bylaw, will defray the monitoring costs incurred by the CRD. Some Salt Spring residents are afraid that the waste-producing public will ultimately pay for the new bylaw, as operators attempt to even out their costs. Brenda Phillips, Director, CRD Division Support Services acknowledged that while there may be some increase in collection charges, the operators will remain market-driven. Two dollars per bag is the

average collection charge at the moment but one garbage collector who wished to remain anonymous predicted that costs could rise to \$5 per bag.

Currently three privately owned waste management companies exist on Salt Spring along with the Rainbow Road Recycling Depot. Pam Ellacott of Salt Spring Garbage Services said there is not enough business for three collectors. In contrast, Laurie Hedger, of Laurie's Recycling and Waste Service sees a need for each existing company, especially considering population growth. He commented that Peter Grant of the Recycling Depot, "does a terrific job."

The office of Island Garbage Express declined to comment on any aspect of the issue. Representatives from the Island's other two garbage companies were less reticent. Pam Ellacott did not hesitate to offer her views on the issue. Ellacott and Sheila Twa operate a transfer station on Blackburn Road. When asked about the impact of the new draft bylaw on her business, Ellacott responded immediately, "I think it's good. Absolutely excellent." According to Ellacott, who believes that their Blackburn Road facility is the only legal garbage service on Salt Spring, the draft poses no threat to her business. "We haven't got a

problem with licenses," she stated. When asked about the level playing field the bylaw aims to create, Ellacott questioned, "For who? We're the only ones that follow the Ministry of Environment (guidelines)."

After almost 60 years on Salt Spring and eight years in the garbage business, Laurie Hedger has seen many changes in the way people dispose of their waste. He says he went into business in 1991 when the dump on Blackburn closed.

At that time, residents either hauled their garbage to Hartland Landfill in Victoria, or dug garbage pits on their property. After using his backhoe to help many people dig private garbage pits, Hedger started parking his truck in Ganges so that the public could drop off garbage and have him dispose of it on his own property.

On November 12, 1998, the Islands Trust instituted a bylaw that eliminated

see TRASH p. 9



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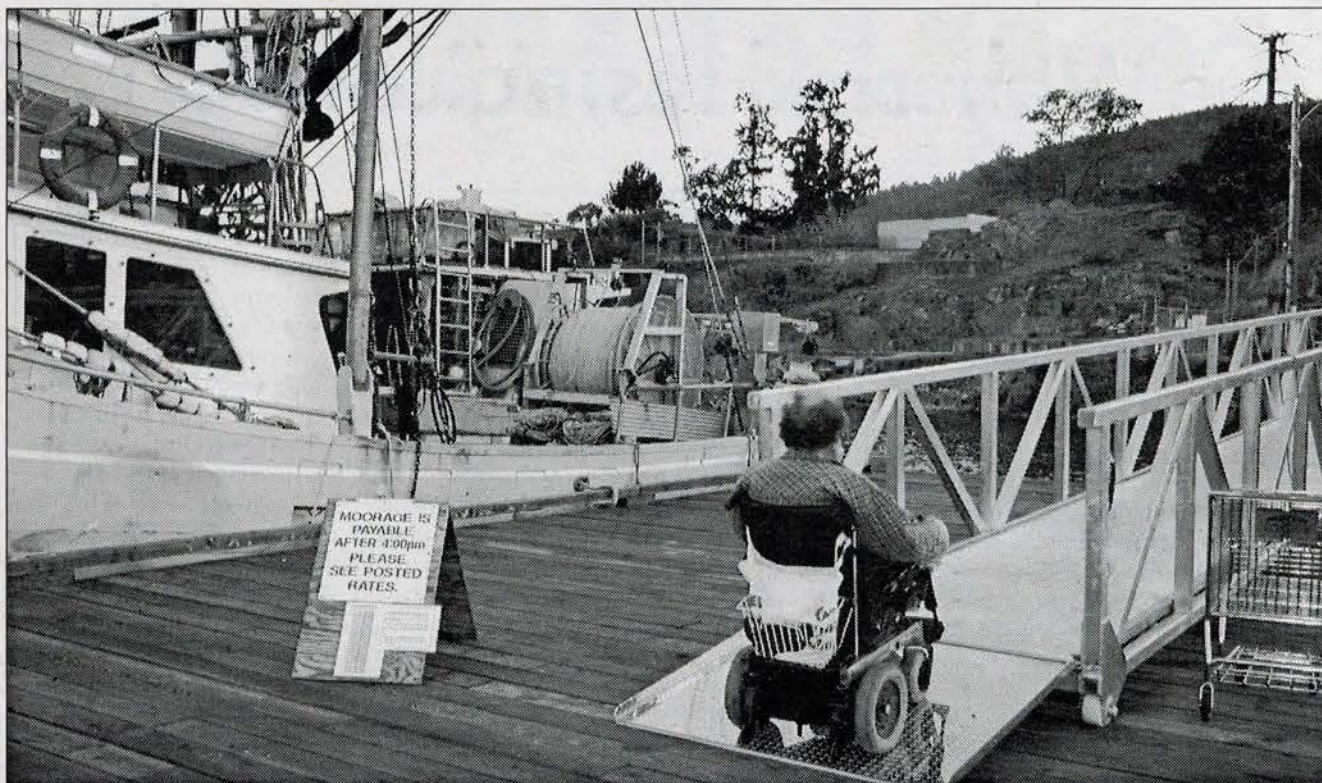
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Dock now wheelchair friendly

by Gail Trafford

Ganges Coast Guard dock's new 25-foot wide float was adapted September 9 to make it usable for wheelchairs. An aluminum apron was added to the end of the ramp to connect it to the wooden deck of the float.

The float is 240 feet long, which gives wheelchair users a chance to get right out and enjoy Ganges Harbour and

its boats, from sea level. The 50-foot ramp makes descending to the water safer than other local docks with shorter ramps that become very steep when the tide drops. Disabled boaters will now be able to get up to shore more easily. With any dock, care must be taken during lower tides but this one provides a larger range of comfort and safety.

The float was built primarily for the use of airlines and commercial traffic. A pump out station will be added this fall. The float also acts as a breakwater, protecting the vessels moored inside the harbour.

The possibility exists that Ganges could one day become a destination for rehabilitation groups to pursue sailing and other outdoor

recreation activities. As local accessibility improves and merchants make an effort to open their businesses to the disabled new types of tourism will develop. Thanks to the Salt Spring Harbour Authority and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for providing this \$200,000 structure for Islanders, local businesses, visitors and residents.

Increase in Canadians touring *cont'd from p. 6*

owners credits the Gallery Walk with generating a lot of business." People don't necessarily come in Friday night but they do the next day." She sends a huge thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for all the work they do. Woodworking and weaving items are selling particularly well.

Photographer Osman Phillips says the market has gone well this year, a sentiment echoed by Denise Schuetz-Jones of Webs N' Things. While it's difficult for the two vendors to determine how well other market participants are doing, it appears vendors are satisfied with the season.

Phillips has noticed more Canadians and definitely fewer Japanese.

Bruce Patterson of the Fulford Business Association notes, "There's been a significant increase in American tourists. A slowish July was followed by a busy August. My sales figures are comparable to last year; if July had been better, I'd have had an increase. Since Labour Day, it's like someone's turned off the tap, but the weekends are still busy. For businesses in the south end, Ruckle Park is a major draw and that depends on good weather."

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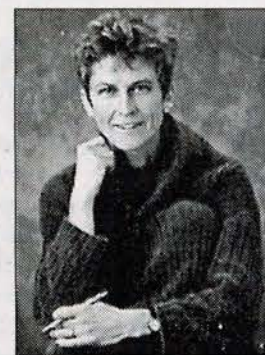
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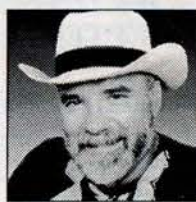
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Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black

There are a lot of things to see in New York. Art galleries. Greenwich Village. The Empire State Building. Radio City Music Hall. Even Central Park if you've got a death wish. Me? I think my first stop of choice would be the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal. That's where all the Big-Apple-bound buses from all the small towns in North America end up. It's also where you'll soon find my favourite piece of public art—and I say that without having even seen it.

It's a full-size, thousand-pound bronze sculpture of the world's most famous bus driver: Ralph Kramden.

You don't know Ralph? Then you are either green of horn and damp in the nether auricular regions, or you've spent your waking life in an unelectrified nunnery. Ralph Kramden was a TV inspiration of the spherically awesome actor Jackie Gleason. As Gleason played him, Ralph was the squawk-first, regret-later husband of Audrey Meadows in the TV series called The Honeymooners. Ralph wore a uniform, carried a lunch bucket, and made life

"interesting" for his long-suffering wife Alice and his upstairs neighbours, Trixie and Norton.

And when he wasn't doing that he was driving a city bus around Brooklyn. Which is why a statue of Ralph will shortly grace the front entrance of New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal—and also why said institution gets a grateful doff of my baseball cap.

Because finally, somebody got the idea of public art right.

Canada does not have a great record in this department. Back in 1968, a mural depicting the history of flight by Greg Curnoe was unveiled at Dorval Airport in Montreal. U.S. Customs Officials spied a bomb dropping American pilot in the mural who bore an uncanny resemblance to then U.S. President Lyndon Johnson. Said officials blew a collective head-gasket and demanded immediate removal of the entire mural. The Canadian Department of Transport, being the Consortium of Chickenbleeps they are, (President Johnson WAS carpet-bombing Vietnam at the time) complied cravenly and instantly.

We don't even do monuments to our own aeronautical history well. A trip down Toronto's Uni-

versity Avenue will eventually fetch you up against one of the most ghastly pieces of public art ever perpetuated on a free people anywhere. It is called The Canadian Airmen's Memorial. It was meant as a tribute to the many brave men and women who served in Canada's air forces. It is shockingly ugly—about two storeys worth of bronze squished into a Gumby-like human figure reaching up to a stylized bird.

We've done worse. Anybody remember Voice of Fire? It's a painting 18-feet high and eight feet wide consisting of three vertical stripes—blue, red and blue—which the National Gallery of Canada purchased on your behalf and mine, back in 1981—for a mere one point eight million taxpayer dollars.

This being Canada, anyone with the temerity to point out that the painting is crude, uninspiring and could have been executed by an exuberant black Labrador with a paint brush duct-taped to its tail, is dismissed as a pre-literate Philistine.

Then there's my favourite: Vanitas: Flesh Dress for an Albino Anorexic. The title may be banal, but the exhibit certainly wasn't—sixty pounds of raw pork and

beef arranged as a woman's dress and sponsored by the—wait for it—National Gallery of Canada—back in 1987.

The joyous sense of oneness as bluebottles and horseflies co-mingle with wriggling maggots! The thrill of watching meat rot and stink before your eyes! Does Art get any more profound than this?

Ralph Kramden would have known how to handle an exhibit like that. He would have looked at it suspiciously from under the peak of his bus driver's cap, then his eyes would have bugged out, his fists would have balled along the thighs of his bus drivers uniform, his complexion would have transfused into an urgent magenta and he would have roared: "One of these days! One of these days! POW!!!! Right to the moon!"



HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK

In this, a somewhat stressful time period, physical work or exercise is what you need to keep from going crazy. Too much thinking drains essential energy, disturbs the emotions and leaves you quite limp and of no use to anyone. Something weird though could be just over the horizon. Have the silk sheets ready. Pull the blinds. It could be the milkman! It could be anybody. Yet, the one who loves you, loves you still. Often though, the meal is over and you have to get up and leave the room. Letting go like this doesn't necessarily mean giving up. It just means you quit always trying to be in control. Remember, only God and bus drivers can do that. Bad weather is temporary. Just like everything.

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Taking out the trash *cont'd from p. 7*

disposal of solid waste on the Island. The three existing companies were granted legal non-conforming status. Despite this, Hedger claims he is still being harassed by the Islands Trust, while the other two companies seem to be operating worry-free. He resents that the Trust has attempted to limit his collection and dictate his hours of operation, when their concerns should be restricted to land use issues. He states it should not be up to the Islands Trust to interfere with his right to serve customers at his site, but rather the job of the CRD or Minister of Environment.

Hedger does not object to the proposed bylaw, main-

taining, "I'm not afraid of inspections at all, then I have a record with someone who's got no axe to grind." He applauds efforts to ensure environmental practices by saying simply, "We should not be allowed to pollute."

Pam Ellacott also supports the efforts to license and regulate the practices of all operators, stating, "Somebody has to be accountable, and the Trustees aren't."

If the bylaw goes through as planned, the Trust will continue to handle land use issues, while all other legislation regarding licensing, fee payment, etc. will be overseen by the CRD. This

seems fine by Ellacott and Hedger, although the latter comments, "If we have to keep contributing to Victoria out of our revenue, then of course the cost will go up."

The draft bylaw was drawn up by an eleven-member committee including representatives from the CRD, Islands Trust, private haulers and recycling depot. CRD Director Brenda Phillips said the committee was created to deal with environmental concerns broached by the Islands Trust. Hedger corroborates, "The flavour of it is, I think the public wants some kind of rules and regulations to guide us."

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Desert Island Choices

Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?

This week's castaway is Billie Woods, lead guitar in the newly formed all girl MCG which played to an enthusiastic audience at the Fall Fair. Billie doesn't really like interviews and was only persuaded as her life as a musician may require that she practice this art too! Born in Saskatchewan, she is the middle sister and has lived on Saltspring with her family of five since kindergarten. She is so busy her mother can't keep track of her, what with school, three jobs, her music and such passions as her new camera and working in a darkroom—first roll of film on pictures of the ocean and the moon.

The Book: "I don't really read books much. Can I take my guitar? Ummh...how about a collection of classical manuscripts that I could spend a long time working on trying to figure out?"

The Disc: "One of Jesse Cook's. He has really neat rhythms and his whole CD is awesome. It would inspire me to pick up my guitar and figure out some stuff."

Fellow castaway: "Captain Cook? No, my good friend Ashley. She'd help to keep things interesting. She plays piano and is learning the guitar—she's a really good person, the sort who doesn't worry about what people think about her, and she knows how to have fun."



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Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- ★ **General Meeting**
Lady Minto Aux. Soc. Lions Hall. 2pm
- ★ **The Wisdom of Menopause Video:**
Dr. Christiane Northrup. SS Seniors. 2pm
- ★ **Blood Pressure Clinic**
SS Seniors. 10-2pm
- ★ **Beginner Step Class**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15am
- ★ **Step into Shape** All Saints'. 9-10am
- ★ **The Fitness Recipe** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- ★ **Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 9am & 4:30pm
- ★ **Seniors' Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 11am
- ★ **Cats Pajama Feldenkreis Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- ★ **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm
- ★ **Space Cowboys** 7:30pm

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COMMUNITY

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19

- ★ **Lisa Maxx**
Treehouse Café. 7-9:30pm
- ★ **Salt Spring Voices**
Ian Thomas. Vortex Gallery
- ★ **Christina Heinemann** Luigi's
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- ★ **Justine Wilkie: Paintings**
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- ★ **Shirlee Lewis: Collages** Moby's.
- ★ **Lainey McLellan** Roasting Company
- ★ **Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich.
All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- ★ **SIMS Parent Council Meeting.**
Library. 7pm
- ★ **Board Meeting**
Directors, Central Hall. 2pm
- ★ **SS Health Association**
Lady Minto Mtg. Room. 4-5:30pm
- ★ **Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- ★ **Beginning Running Clinic-10k**
Portlock Park. 9-10:30am

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

- ★ **Friends & Neighbours**
Lunch Musical Comedy. Hart House. Noon
- ★ **Stack Sisters**
Treehouse Café. 7-9:30pm
- ★ **Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- ★ **Miguel Pla**
Argentinian Tango: Intermedia Class 7pm, Practice 8:30pm
- ★ **Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am
- ★ **S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- ★ **Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- ★ **Beginner Step Class**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15am
- ★ **Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- ★ **Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 10am
- ★ **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

- ★ **Greg Gammon**
Treehouse Café. 7-9:30pm
- ★ **Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- ★ **Prostate Cancer Support Group**
Lions Hall. New members welcome. 1pm
- ★ **SSI Paddler's Club**
United Church Hall. 7:30pm
- ★ **Mobile Mammography Unit** Courthouse Building. 1-800-663-9203 till Oct. 6
- ★ **Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- ★ **Beginning Running Clinic-10k**
Portlock Park. 9-10:30am

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

- ★ **Friends & Neighbours**
Lunch Musical Comedy. Harbour House. Noon
- ★ **Miguel Pla** Argentinian Tango: 7pm, Practice 8:30pm
- ★ **Centering Prayer** Contemplative Centre. 7:30am
- ★ **S. End Centering Prayer** St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- ★ **Contemporary Book Study**
Planning Mtg. United Church. 11am
- ★ **SS Garden Club** David Tarrar Gardening. Meaden Hall. 7pm
- ★ **Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- ★ **Breastfeeding Support Group**
1:30pm
- ★ **New Member Tea**
SS Seniors Services Society. 2pm
- ★ **Beginner Step Class**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15am
- ★ **Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- ★ **The Fitness Recipe**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- ★ **Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 10am
- ★ **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

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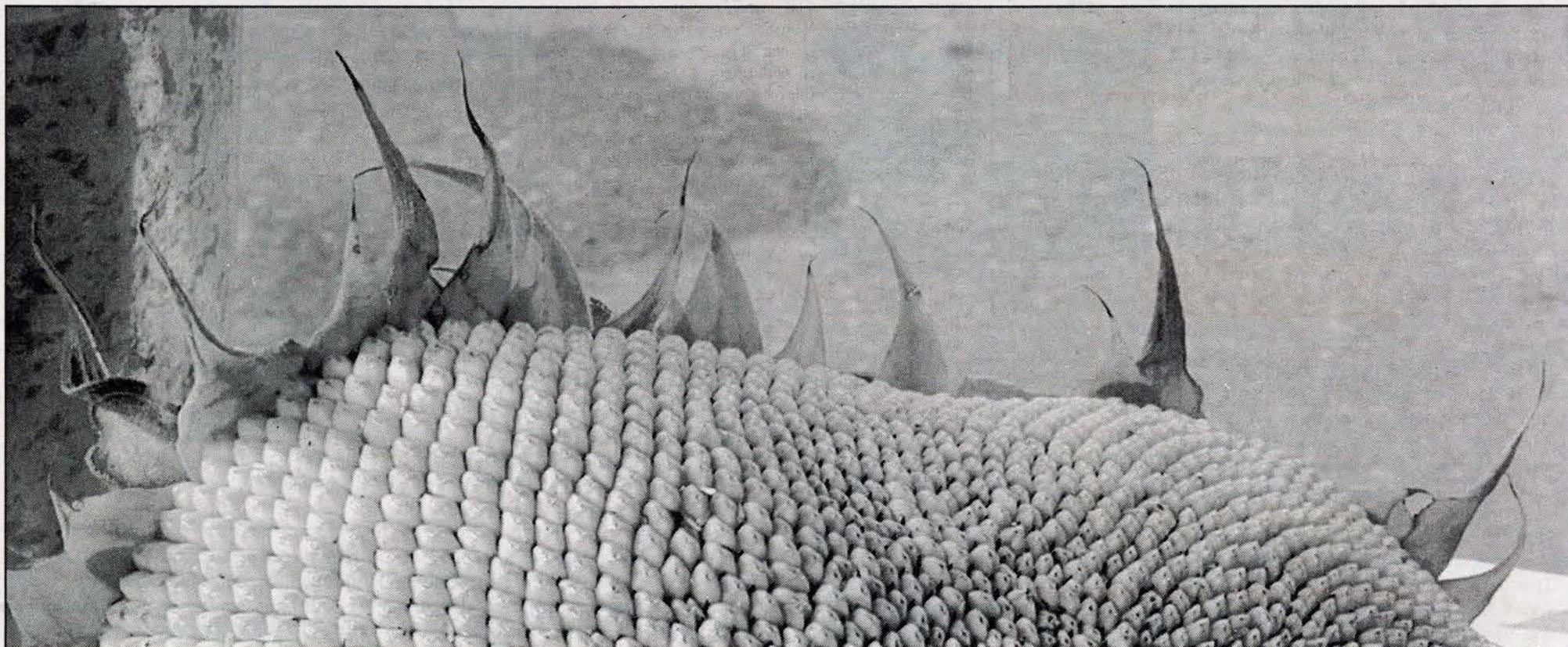
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Artists of the Isle

Spirit of Provence here on the rock

by Judy Harper

Darlene Lane of French Country Fabric Creations has re-created a little bit of France here on Salt Spring. It's all very Provençal—the sunny pond, the trellises, the garden benches and the house that's a replica of Marie Antoinette's Versailles hide-away, a gardener's hut tucked away in Provence. Darlene's sewing room and place of business is filled with the trademark colours of the south of France; fabrics printed in rose madder, cobalt blue and cadmium yellow.

Darlene has always had a passion for sewing. As a working wife and mother she used her spare time to sew for her home and family, always dreaming of the day when she would be able to devote all of her time to her craft.

Living and working in Richmond, she began to make French quilted bags for an outlet on Robson Street and, wanting to learn more about French fabrics and sewing techniques, took a trip to Provence to see first hand what the French call *tissus d'art*.

In Provence she discovered the art and

colourful history of printed cotton fabrics which were originally inspired by cloth brought to Europe from Persia and India about 500 years ago.

The technique of reproducing designs on material by stencil or wooden block is actually about 1,000 years old. Later, engraved plates impregnated with dyes proved to be a quicker, more efficient method of reproducing patterns on fabric. These exotic decorative fabrics were called *Indiennes* in France, and rapidly prospered in Provence in the 17th century.

The original manufacturers and distributors of these fabrics, who called themselves



Detail, showing the distinctive Provençal style.

Indienneurs, gave birth to a local art: the famous Provençal print.

Darlene fell in love with all things Provençal, and seven years ago realized her dream of sewing colourful French fashions for the home on a full time basis. Her creations are produced almost exclusively with fine cotton imported from France.

She has a wide selection of pillows, table linens, lampshades, quilted handbags, and small gift items available in her studio, and will do custom orders for special decor needs. She is happy to help you co-ordinate colours for your home, and enjoys meeting and consulting with visitors to her studio.

Her creations are beautifully hand crafted, reflecting the pleasure she takes in her work. She spends long hours at her sewing machine and says that though it is hard work, it's also very rewarding. She finds that word of mouth is her best advertising, and is often filling repeat orders or is busy sewing for mail order customers who have been tourists to Salt Spring Island.

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Darlene Lane displays one of her creations.



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Ruckle Park: a mecca for campers and hikers

By Amei Parkes

"It's 1,200 acres of uncluttered countryside," says Gwen Ruckle of Ruckle Park.

With eight kilometres of waterfront, priceless views from every campsite, and picnic areas worthy of spiritual significance, Ruckle Park is possibly the most beautiful place on earth. There, at the end of a south end road, a bucolic dream-like quality sweeps you back to the history that shaped this magnificent chunk of land.

But its future as a park was not always guaranteed.

"[After my father, Henry Gordon Ruckle, died,] we approached the Social Credit government, and they were going to take 120 acres eventually. Then the NDP was elected and Bob Williams, Minister of Parks, took one look at and said 'we'll take it,'" recounts Gwen, a fourth generation Ruckle.

In 1973, the government bought it for \$750,000, three-quarters of its market value, in exchange for lifetime tenancy. The bargain, in the end, saved the land from the throngs of developers eager to transform Ruckle into a golf course and country club.

"Father was not interested in seeing someone chop it up and pave it over," says Gwen.

True to their vision, Ruckle Park grew into a mecca for nature lovers. Caretaker Mike Lane, who has seen the park grow over the last 10 years, says this summer was the busiest he's ever seen it, with sometimes as many as 500 visitors a day. It's no wonder.

Sixty-seven waterfront campsites, with 180 degree panoramas may have something to do with it. Three group sites with fields long enough to throw a frisbee in, and fire pits facing a spectacular view of other Gulf Islands draw parties with 15 or

A quick history of the Ruckle family



They say history repeats itself.

Hard work, a pioneering spirit and a strong role in community have been recycled in each Ruckle generation, starting with Henry, in 1872.

He cleared 20 acres, with the help of Japanese labourers, and built the white house with red trim that still stands today.

A peek through the leaded glass stirs up images of his wife, Ella Anna, cooking on the pot bellied woodstove, and children running up and down the staircase.

Across the field, son Alfred built the Victorian farmhouse in 1906. Today, descendants Lotus and daughter, Gwen, call it home.

More living history is housed in the big barn along Beaver Point Road. It was built in 1900 for horses, sheep, pigs, turkeys and chickens, and to store wheat, hay, peas, turnips, pears and apples. Caretaker Mike Lane farms a similar list of animals and produce on 250 acres.

Just 20 feet away from the barn, another bit of history towers overhead: fruit trees. These trees made up the original orchard from the 1880s. In its heyday,

Salt Spring was the major fruit growing area in the province, from the late 1800s until the 1930s, when farmers in the Okanagan started irrigating.

And if you close your eyes in the yard, a din of activity seems to exude from the surrounding outbuildings. The forge, the milk house, the brooder house, the pigsty and the machine shop are reminders that Henry and Ella Anna fixed motors, banged iron into shape and milked cows here not so long ago.

And now, their legacy—"a crown jewel of Salt Spring Parks"—lives on in the land they sold to the provincial government in 1973. This gift attests to the enduring spirit of the Ruckles. As Henry's son, Henry Gordon Ruckle once said, "You can't own land, you can only preserve it for future generations."

more people.

The lush forest trails are also a hiker's dream. Twelve kilometres of rambling pathways lead up to viewpoints, through lush forest and down to the Pacific. And the relatively flat paths are suitable for all ages and hiking abilities.

Inland, the paths connect to many routes, as well as adjoining Beaver Point Park. A popular trail starts behind Beaver Point Hall, winds past Merganser Pond, and ends up down at the coast. From there, power hikers can huff it all the way to Yeo Point.

Many of the paths can be shortened or lengthened by cutting off early, or winding around the circuitous routes. Whatever your objective, the magic of Ruckle never wears thin.

"Even though you've been hiking in Ruckle for 20 years, you'll always find little special spots," says Trail and Nature Club president, Linda Quiring.

She also describes Ruckle as, "a walking naturalist's paradise."

Six species of mammals can be seen swimming by at different times in the year.

Orcas, stellar sea lions, harbour seals, California sea lions and harbour porpoises have all been spotted in the surrounding waters. In the forest, understory to canopy is alive with first growth trees, mushrooms galore and wildlife.

Aside from the natural beauty, Ruckle Park is an outdoor museum of early settler life on Salt Spring. (See A Quick Look). A welcoming sign at the barn guides people into this special place. "This is a beautiful park, rich in human and natural past. Enjoy your visit."

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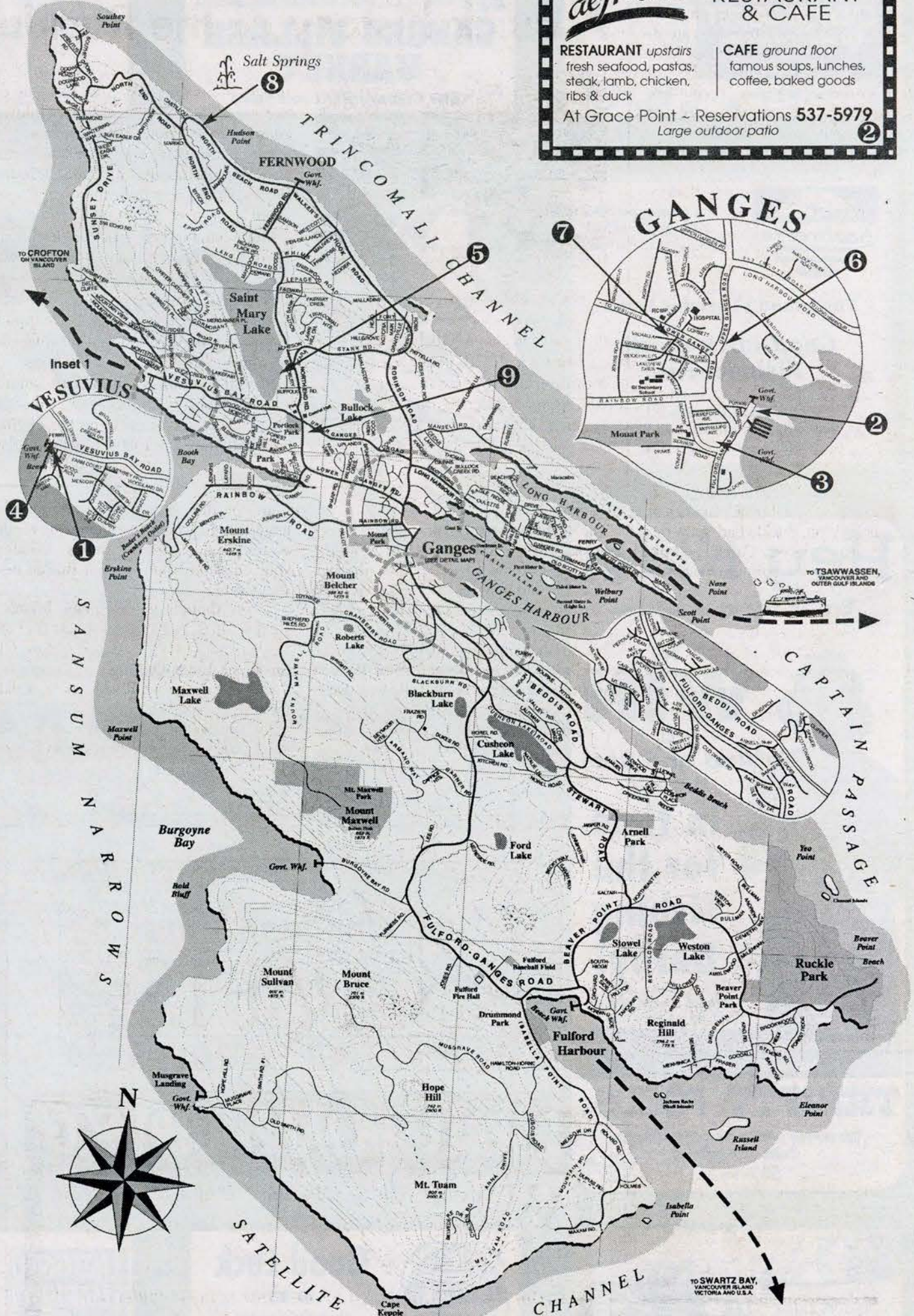
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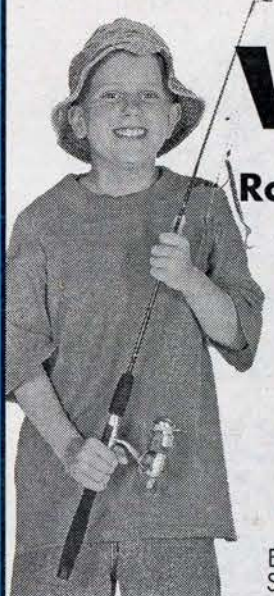
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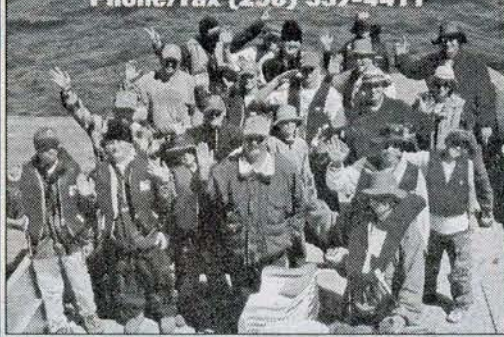
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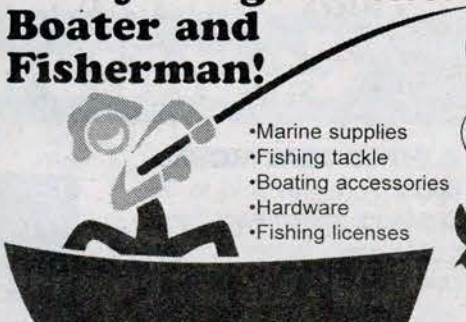
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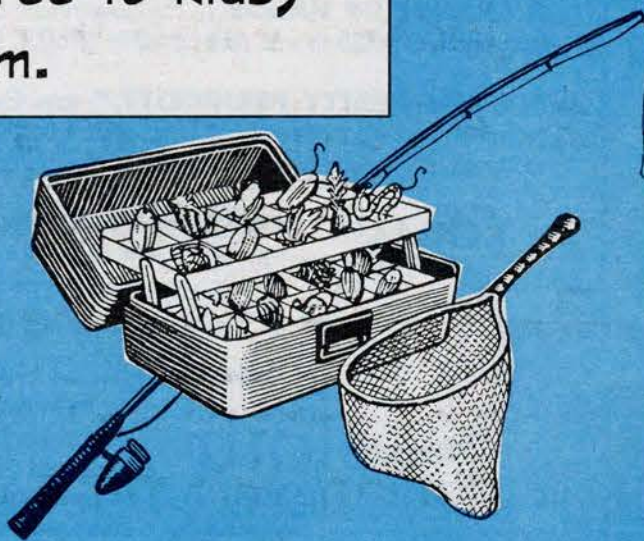
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LEGACY LIVES ON...

250 acres of the Ruckle's 1200 acres are still farmed today. In 1998, the Ruckle farm was the oldest family farm in British Columbia.

TRAFFIC JAM ON THE TRAILS!

In the high summer season, about 500 people visit Ruckle Park each day, says caretaker Mike Lane.

TREE PLANTING RUCKLE STYLE...

The orchards were begun in the 1880s, and by 1891 they had planted 600 trees.

SUPER STORE STORY...

The first Patterson's general store opened at the Beaver Point wharf in 1915. It flourished until the 1950s, when the ferry service and dock moved to its present-day location at Fulford Harbour.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT...

Henry Ruckle built a wharf at Beaver Point (by the picnic area in Ruckle Park) so Islanders could have easier access to Vancouver Island. As the sign at the site says, "Before the steamer service began in 1889, Salt Spring Islanders had to row to Vancouver Island for supplies."

A CHANGE OF HANDS...

The government bought Henry Ruckle's wharf in 1904 for \$400, rebuilt it in 1910 and then again in 1925. It was dismantled in 1960.

"IT WAS PRETTY PERNICKITY,"

says Gwen Ruckle, of the layout of the farm. The buildings, the trees in the orchards, and the fences are all lined up in straight rows. "That is why you get the effect of so much tidiness. Nothing is scattered all over the place. Everything is in neat patterns."

LOCAL

TURNIPS EVERYWHERE YOU TURN... In 1891, Gwen Ruckle recalls her father harvesting 75 tons of sweet turnips. One year, she had to wash 5 tons in the water in the ditch. The turnips were then shipped to Victoria and Nanaimo. On their culinary merit, she adds: "I hate turnips!"

GOOD IDEA...

In 1982, Gwen Ruckle initiated the camp host program. She told the story of the farm and its history. "I know stories that just aren't in the brochures. Sometimes people don't know if I make them up, or if they're true," says Gwen. She also answered a wide range of questions, from where's the best place to eat and how far away the islands in view are. The program was such a success that the Ministry of Parks picked up on the idea and used it in other parks.

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Legion updates image: Exotic dancers at Friday's Ladies Night

By Judy Harper

The Royal Canadian Legion has done an about-face in recent years and the upcoming Ladies Night is just one example of the organization's determination to overhaul its image.

Though exotic dancers have been on Salt Spring before, their presence has always generated some controversy. Shelley Maltby, office secretary of the Legion, emphasizes that the key word is "dancer" and this night will be great fun.

There will be four dancers in the line-up. Branden, Pony and JJ are professional dancers from Victoria and Vancouver. The fourth entertainer is a "gorgeous" mystery guest, one of our very own. And though I did not find out his name, I did manage to narrow it down. For all of you who have been asking; no, it's not Arvid.

Judging from the speed at which the tickets are selling, there are a lot of women out there ready to let their hair down. Frank,

the bartender, will be "dressed to serve," the kitchen will be open, and the Legion is serving a delicious variety of non-alcoholic beverages these days, as well as its inexpensive wine and beer.

Tickets are available at both Island Star Video locations at \$20 per person. The event will take place at Meadon Hall on Saturday, September 23 at 8:30 p.m.

This evening wraps up a great summer for the Legion, ushers in a fall season packed with unique weekly

entertainments and, if all goes well, a new era for this community-minded organization.

In its drive to attract a younger demographic the Legion is going all-out, with a diverse array of entertainment, games nights geared to the 19-and-up age group, theme BBQs throughout the summer, a full kitchen serving lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday, a dedicated Ladies Auxiliary serving their traditional full dinner on Friday nights, and dances almost

every weekend through the fall season.

There will be a number of performances by a new local Dinner Theatre Club to enjoy this fall, including a Remembrance Day tribute and a salute to "Sisters of Soul"—an evening of blues and jazz.

The Legion hopes that this ambitious schedule and spacious facility will make the Legion the "place to go" this year and in the future.

The Legion is a non-profit organization, contributing large amounts of money

yearly in support of local sports teams, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, the SIMS Band, Planned Parenthood, Search and Rescue, and a host of other charities. To date this year, the Legion has contributed over \$18,000 to community organizations in need, as well as caring for War Veterans, whether they are members or not.

The Legion mandate has always been "Look after your brother," an old-fashioned philosophy which remains the bottom line, whatever changes may come. Most events are open to the public, but for a membership fee of \$33 per year you can support your community and participate in a whole lot of fun events.

Watch sports on the new 50" big screen TV, play Trivial Pursuit, dance to Latin music or listen to Scottish Pipers at a BBQ. Have we missed anyone? See you at Ladies Night!

Denz's Family Affairs on display this month

by Amei Parkes

"I actually don't think I'm wacky, though looking at this show, it would at first appear so," quipped artist, Stefanie Denz, referring to *Family Affairs and Other Trends*, which opens at the Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Arts on September 22.

In the show, she looks at what has shaped her, be it family, history or even advertising. But that's as wacky as it gets. The seeming incongruity spells out the story of her life, and possibly a generation, where the terrain is both beautiful and tumultuous at times.

In our interview, she told the stories behind each painting. Envy, intense love and admiration, among other emotions, mold Denz's life as a second-generation Canadian, growing up in the sixties and seventies. Often, it seems her identity was shaped before birth.

A matriarch and her daughters march toward the viewer in *Walk I*. In *Granny and Co*, 1941, family dy-

namics weave complex relationships. Granny and her daughter shared the burden of being widows in wartime. Tante eyes her oldest brother—the favoured son—suspiciously.

Some of the paintings are imagined, but crucial to understanding Denz's values. A display of pointy bosoms, pleated skirts and flats could easily double as a fashion study from the era where women started to break stereotypes and demand more recognition.

"This group of work represents my desire to place myself in the world, and my acceptance of the psychological background, recognized through painting," she said.

The show represents a continuation of her study into family. Last year, Denz showed a group of paintings in Heidelberg, Germany, which focused on her cultural heritage. These paintings took on a more general symbolic appeal.

The wolf mask worn by the

woman in *My Trip to Germany* hides fear, excitement and identity. The shelves loaded with academic reading weigh heavy on the figure. But there is hope in the door, opening into a well-lit room, and a

voluptuous vessel waiting to be filled with love and knowledge.

Family Affairs and Other Trends opens at the Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Arts on Friday, September 22 at 7 p.m. and runs until October 5.



Stephanie Denz's *Granny & Co*, 1941 will be on display at the Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Arts as part of her show *Family Affairs and Other Trends*.

Mea Culpa

In last week's *Barnacle*, a headline announced "Kuroshio returns to lunch at All Saints." In fact, the duo will play 7 p.m. Saturday, September 23. Tickets are \$10, available at All Saints Church office 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Friday. Sorry for the confusion.

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Ron Hendrick returns to Pegasus

The Pegasus Gallery welcomes Ron Hendrick back to Salt Spring. Hendrick's work is filled with light, colour and emotion. His subjects range from gardens to snowscapes, but his favourite subject is his daughters at play on one of British Columbia's many beaches.

Hendrick was born in Vancouver and has spent most of his life in various parts of British Columbia. He took his first painting lesson in 1968 and enjoyed his new hobby until he moved to the Paul Lake area near Kamloops in 1981.

There, the natural beauty and serenity inspired him to paint on a more frequent

basis and he became a full-time artist.

His first successful exhibition was in 1983 in a Kamloops gallery. Since then he has had sold-out shows regularly at galleries throughout B.C., Alberta, and the United States.

A sold-out exhibition at Pegasus Gallery in 1996 created a great demand for Hendrick's work. His painting *Girls With Sailboat* was featured on the cover of *Readers Digest* in 1997.

Ron Hendrick constantly explores new concepts in light, colour and form. His works range from *plein-air* landscapes, nostalgic situations, and still life. All his



Ron Hendrick's *Ocean View II* is currently on display at the Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art.

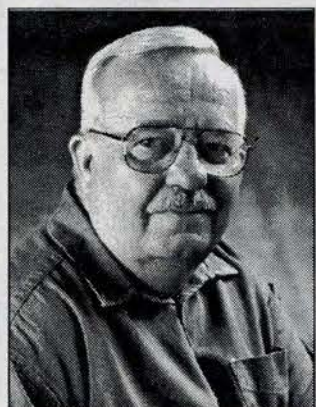
work creates a nostalgic and romantic mood which is uniquely his.

Hendrick's work is on display at the Pegasus Gallery on a regular basis.

Can lit returns to Salt Spring

by Elizabeth Courtney

Theatre Alive kicks off the Fall literary season with a couple of rare gems—two poets with a vast amount of Western Canadian experience under their belts and enormous reputations among their peers, even if they are not household names.



Glen Sorestad—a rare gem in the Canadian poetry scene.

The event takes place on Saturday, September 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the lower hall of the United Church. It represents another in a long line of very prestigious Canadian authors which Theatre Alive has brought to the Island. The organization is actively seeking donations and support, but the reading itself is offered free of charge.

The Peter Trower Alternative Poetry Prize was recently awarded to the eponymous first recipient to address the unpalatable fact that Peter Trower remained unrecognized by the literary establishment. This was in spite of his lifetime achievement of the kind of poems of which Howard White of the *Georgia Straight* said,

"He has written at least ten great poems. Who has done that? Anyone? Not many. When you read these poems you feel like falling down on your knees to praise the divine muses."

Equally at home in the woods (where he was a logger for about twenty years) and on the streets, he writes hard-hitting, tender and beautiful poems about the things he knows—physical work, love, sex and death.

He is without doubt a poet's poet—Al Purdy and Patrick Lane have both expressed how much they admire him. It is equally clear that his reputation as a people's poet should not be far behind.

With eleven published books of poetry, three books of prose, countless appearances in periodicals

and anthologies, a feature in a CBC documentary, as well as his editorship of the *Raincoast Chronicles*, it is only amazing that it has taken so long.

Glen Sorestad was born in Vancouver and grew up in the prairies. Over a span of forty years he has authored or co-authored more than a dozen books of poetry in Canada, the U.S., England, Denmark and Norway with titles like *Prairie Pub Poems*, *Pear Seeds in my Mouth*, *Ancestral Dances*, and *Today I Belong to Agnes*, his most recent collection. Even his titles make you want to hear the poems. He has read his work in most corners of the world. It should be a great treat to welcome him and Peter Trower to Salt Spring.

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Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Open Stage with Host Vaughn**
Fulford Treehouse Café. 7pm
- Miguel Pla** Argentinian Tango.
Lions' Hall. Beginner Class. 7pm.
Practice 8:30pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dance**
Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- Community Meditation**
United Church. 11:30am
- The Jewish New Year**
Community Gathering. United Church. 5:30-7pm
- BINGO!** Meaden Hall. 6:30pm
- Women's Health Clinic**
Pharmasave downtown. 10-3pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 4pm
- Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22

- Toltec Dreamwork**
Weekend Workshop.
Lions Hall. 7pm
- Barrington Perry**
Soft Jazz. Alfresco.
6:30pm
- Mowbray and Wall**
Treehouse Café. 7-9:30pm
- Open Stage**
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Family Affairs**
Opening. SS Gallery of Fine Arts. 7pm
- Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23

- 4th Annual Motorcycle Xmas Toy Run**
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- Theatre Alive**
Presents: Glen Sorestad & Peter Thrower. United Church. 8pm
- Barrington Perry**
Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6:30pm
- Kuroshio**
Flute & Guitar. All Saints'. 7pm
- Susheela Dawne Trio**
Treehouse Café. 7-9:30pm
- Miguel Pla**
Tango classes all day. Lions' Hall. Party. 9pm
- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Free Intro. to Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 9:30am

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

- Susheela Dawne Trio**
Treehouse Café. 11-3pm
- The Other Brothers**
Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Michaela Richards**
Dinner Jazz. Moby's
- Jack 'n Lefty**
Treehouse Café. 7-9:30pm
- Open House**
Community Gospel Chapel. Vesuvius Bay Rd. 12:30-4pm
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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28

- Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Open Stage with Host Vaughn**
Fulford Treehouse Café. 7pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dance**
Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- Community Meditation**
United Church. 11:30am
- The Jewish New Year**
Community Gathering. United Church. 5:30-7pm
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All Saints'. 9-10am
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30

- Chemainus Fiddle Fest**
Chemainus. From 2pm
- Barrington Perry**
Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6:30pm
- Susheela Dawne Trio**
Treehouse Café. 7-9:30pm
- Classical Encore**
J. Strauss Foundation presents Young Artists at Artspring. 8pm
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Meeting. Lions Hall. 10am
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Strauss scholarship winners perform

by Elizabeth Courtney

The upcoming Classical Encore concert at ArtSpring is sure to please music lovers. Young musicians who have won scholarships from the Johann Strauss Foundation will be performing on September 30. Tickets are \$12 (\$6 for students).

For Austrians, Johann Strauss symbolizes everything that is joyful and life-affirming about music. It was, after all, his invention of the waltz, which swept Europe and then the world, that has contributed so greatly to Vienna's position in the public imagination as a centre for the enjoyment and study of music.

This is why an emigré Viennese used Strauss' name for a Canadian foundation to support emerging musicians wishing to study abroad, and why the music you will hear at ArtSpring includes pieces by Schumann, Vaughan Williams, Mozart, Schubert, Liszt, Bartok—but not a note of Strauss.

The Johann Strauss Foundation got its start in Winnipeg where an annual Viennese Ball proved so popular the organizers had money to spare. They came up with a splendid idea for using it: they would offer scholarships to promising young musicians to assist them to travel to some of Austria's most celebrated music schools.

When one of the founders, Joseph Kandler, retired to Salt Spring, he resumed the work in B.C. This resulted in eight of the board's eleven members moving to Salt Spring Island.

Since 1985, 37 graduate musicians have been accepted from hundreds of applicants in B.C. (all are under 30 years old). They receive scholarships to attend courses which range from three- to six-week master classes at the Salzburg Festival to a year of study at the School of Music in Vienna, the Mozarteum, or the Schubert Institute in Baden.

The Salzburg Festival attracts some of Europe's most distinguished performers/teachers and competition to get into their classes is intense. Consequently, the Foundation has to undertake a rigorous selection procedure to ensure that candidates will be able to handle the competition as well as all the other stressful aspects involved: travel, accommodation, unfamiliar practise space, and working with other musicians in a foreign language.

The rewards are incalculable—the exposure to many of the languages of performance (for singers), the richness of the culture and music, and contact with teachers and students from all over the world.

The Foundation's fund-raising activities include the Vienna Ball at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, and if it is well-attended, there may be some money left over from the upcoming concert to

help support the newest generation of aspiring musicians.

The purpose of the Classical Encore concert is two-fold. Over the years, many of the recipients have gone on to solid careers, performing in New York and on the CBC.

Katherine Koch, Suzanne Klukas, Lindsay Sterk, and Kirsten Benzie are all recently returned recipients of Strauss Foundation scholarships; this will be one of their first public performances back in this country. It will be an opportunity for them to show their stuff, while returning in some measure what has been offered them.

Koch and Klukas, both pianists, will be performing a Schubert Sonata and a Bartok Suite. Sterk, a baritone, will be singing songs by Williams and Benzie, a soprano, will be using her German in a selection of songs by Schubert. This is sure to be a delightful evening.

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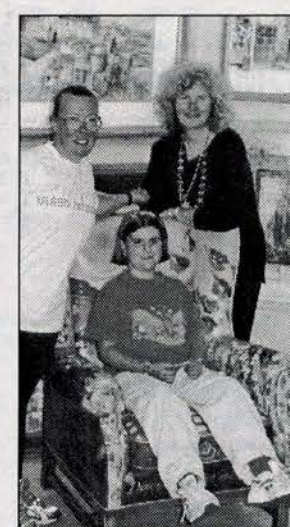
Tara comes "home"

Tara MacLean returns "home" for a special concert at ArtSpring on Sunday, October 1. Just wrapping up a tour of the Far East, she's sent word from Bangkok, Thailand, that she'd love to play on Salt Spring Island. This is where she once lived, wrote her first recorded songs, and was wed to guitarist Bill Bell. Discovered on a B.C. ferry and now a major Network recording artist,

McLean will sing her latest hits (*If I Fall, Divided*), and more.

This concert is presented by TSUNAMI and tickets are going for a very reasonable price: \$8 for students or \$12 for non-students. Special guests will open the concert at 8:00 p.m.

Full details will be available this week on the art organization's website at: www.gulfislands.com/TSUNAMI.



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Janet Murray, left, and Jill Louise Campbell present a hand-painted chair to Ivy Bullock of Sidney last Saturday at Campbell's gallery. The chair was painted by Campbell and was raffled off to raise money for Island Pathways, a non-profit organization which promotes safe non-motorized travel on Salt Spring. As her smile indicates, Bullock was thrilled with her prize. "It is just right to curl up with a book," she said.

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Local churches open their doors

By Gail Trafford

This week two local churches are opening their doors for special events. Next week the Barnacle will cover a third church, Community Gospel Chapel, and its upcoming open house.

Pentecostal Church

Pastor Rick Hill of the Pentecostal Church has announced an open house at the congregation's new home at 215 Baker Road, on September 24, from 3 to 5:00 p.m. A service of dedication will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to both events.

The new church is located on a private, treed five plus acre parcel across from the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club, beyond the cemetery. There are no large signs at the site but balloons will mark the spot during the open house.

The congregation has been working on renovations on the building for a year and a half to bring it up to public use building stan-

dards. A wall of pictures commemorating the work on the project will be hung for the occasion. Refreshments will be served.

The open house is a big thank you to everyone involved and the whole community is welcome. Most of labour was volunteered so the cost to date was kept down to \$30,000. Many people must be thanked.

The property is not far from town but the church is nestled quietly in the woods. A rock quarry has been converted to a parking lot so as not to disturb the natural landscape. Hill hopes to develop walking trails and open the forest to the public some time in the future.

A house on the property has become home for the youth minister, Travis Guedes. He leads youth activities and study groups for the local teens and will use the new church for these gatherings.

The congregation came into being 15 years ago with home meetings. A short

time later the services were moved to the Central Hall. The hall was a great venue for the church and the people were wonderful. Now, however, the congregation has a home: a place to pray and relax. The church will be able to serve the community in new ways with the Baker Road facility. Call the church office 537-4143 for more information.

United Church

Ganges United Church has begun a family night to offer an opportunity for a multi-generational gathering for food and thought. Every Thursday night, starting at 5:30 p.m., Islanders are invited to come to the Hereford Street church, join in a simple meal, and stay for the program which will run the gamut from studying world

religions to focusing on a virtue as outlined in Linda Kavelin Popov's Virtues Project.

A suggested donation of \$4 will cover the cost of the meal, which could be pizza, salad and ice cream, for example. The programme, which may include music, games, readings and theater, should last until about 7:00 p.m. Reverend Rohana Laing will facilitate the events.

Some of the upcoming programmes include an explanation of Rosh Hashanah by the Jewish community and a presentation from the Salt Spring Centre. The participants will generate future themes. Laing hopes to give people an opportunity to learn and have meaningful experiences they may be lacking in their daily lives. People of all ages are welcome.



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PERFECTLY TINY—Bert Small and his restored and converted 1940 U.S. Navy lifeboat won the top prize in this year's "Pocket Cruiser" class at the Victoria Classic Boat Festival. Small is the third owner of the 22-ft. Sea Eagle (not counting the U.S. Navy) and although the restoration work began with an earlier owner, Small has spent the past four years bringing the beautiful little boat back to what it is today. The Sea Eagle has a "V" berth for two, a full galley and head and provides for overnight or extended cruising. In its past life, the boat was used to transport officers and crew between ships or as a pick-up tender for pilots downed at sea during WWII. Today, Small uses the Sea Eagle as a floating studio from which he does his watercolour paintings.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CAPITAL HEALTH REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In December 2000, the Minister of Health will be making appointments or re-appointments to four of the fifteen positions on the Capital Health Region's Board of Directors. The term of these appointments is three years. The Capital Health Region is the regional health authority responsible for the provision of health services. It is organized into the following program areas: Cancer Care; Child/Youth and Maternal Health; Community Health; Digestive Health; Health Restoration; Heart Health; Lung Health; Mental Health and Seniors Health and delivers services to southern Vancouver Island including Port Renfrew, Sooke, Western Communities, Greater Victoria, Saanich Peninsula, Sidney and the southern Gulf Islands.

This is an excellent opportunity to participate in your community and to play a role in achieving the Capital Health Region's vision of Healthy People in a Healthy Community. The time commitment as a Board member is approximately 10-20 hours per month (including preparation time) on a regular basis with additional time required on occasion for committee/task group meetings and other activities.

The CHR Board will recommend candidates to the Minister based on varied selection criteria designed to meet the needs of the region. We anticipate that three of the incumbent Directors whose terms are ending in December will stand for reappointment. In trying to ensure the members of the Board reflect our community in terms of demographic and geographic representation, we are particularly interested in hearing from interested candidates from the Southern Gulf Islands as well as candidates from the younger end of the age spectrum i.e. 18 to 29 years.

Health authority members are volunteers appointed for their interest, knowledge, skills and experience, as well as their ability to represent the diversity of the population of their community or region. Health authority members assist in developing policies, setting priorities, and allocating resources for the delivery of health care services in their areas. There is no remuneration for members, however, expenses are reimbursed in accordance with Board and Ministry of Health guidelines.

If you are interested in becoming a member, contact the office of the Capital Health Region Board for more information. The nomination deadline is October 11, 2000.

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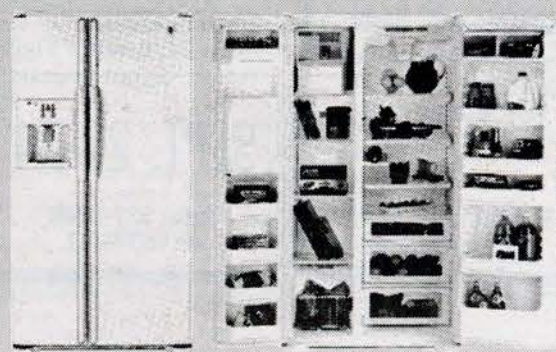
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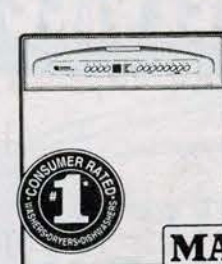
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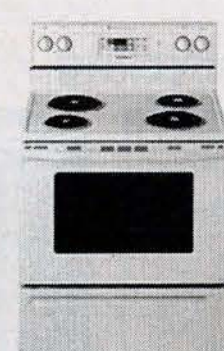
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Fair games raised \$3,000 for GISS grads' safe, dry prom

By Peggy Abrahams

This year's Fall Fair game booths raised \$3,000 for the high school graduating class, according to Leanna North, one of the organizers. North, mother of graduating student Natalie, said last year's games raised \$2,500. "This year we raised more than in other years. Thanks to everyone's support," said North.

When people think of the Fall Fair, they may think of candy apples and sheep dog demonstrations, or who grew the best tomato. Salt Springers may not realize there is a lot at stake in the children's game booths, and it's not just about whether your eight-year-old can knock down some milk bottles by pitching a baseball.

For several years, the children's booths have been one of the major fundraisers for the graduating class of Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

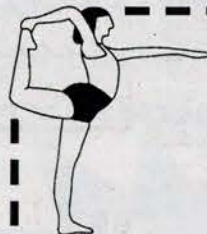
All proceeds go towards the grade 12 after-grad celebration next June. North mentioned that the fund is entitled, "Parents for a safe dry grad."

Although the graduating class gets assistance for the Fall Fair from friends in the community, the booths are assembled and staffed by grade 12 students and their parents. She pointed out that volunteers also put the booths up before the fair. "I would say it's going to be close to a hundred volunteers. It's a huge effort," said North.

Organizing began in August. Hundreds of toys were ordered for prizes. Then volunteers counted and sorted the prizes. There are 11 games in all. For the younger children, the fish pond and duck pond both cost 50¢ a try, and everyone's a winner. The face painting booth costs \$1, and kids can do crafts at the Imagination Market.

For older children, there are classic fair games like the bean bag toss, ring toss, balloon darts and basketball shoot. "They're all fair games. We hope they're challenging but not unfair. Over the years, they've ironed out the kinks. We try to keep them as low cost as possible, keeping in mind it's a fundraiser," said North.

A lot of people don't know that the games are a fundraiser for the grads, North said. In fact, the children's booths are one of two major fundraisers in support of grad night, so the event is very important to the graduating class. North said she hoped they raise enough for a special celebration, or maybe a prom, depending on what the graduating class wants. "What we can do depends on the amount raised," she said. Other fundraising events for Grad Night will come later in the year.



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140 • COMING EVENTS

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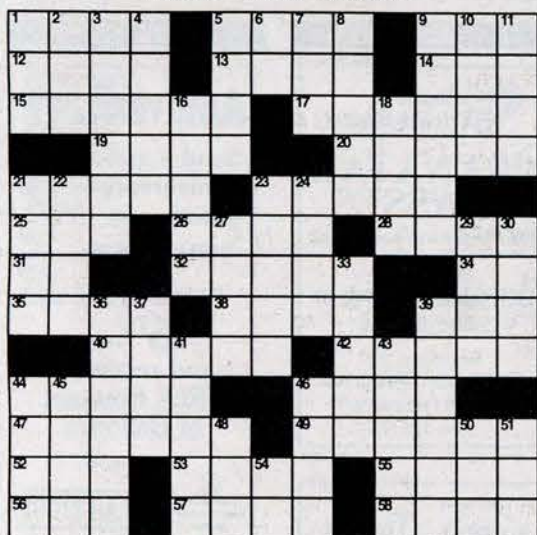
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- 1 Engrossed
- 5 Suburb, for short
- 9 Oner
- 12 Egyptian Queen, for short
- 13 State
- 14 Badger, so to speak
- 15 About stars
- 17 Place in Newfoundland
- 19 Island
- 20 Middles
- 21 Joiner's cry
- 23 Korean city
- 25 Capital or human follower
- 26 Opaque gemstone
- 28 Trumpet selection
- 31 Vinyl recording, for short
- 32 Untrue
- 34 Credit rating
- 35 Aced
- 38 Eastern leader
- 39 Multiple Listing Service, for short
- 40 Place in Nova Scotia
- 42 Painful infections
- 44 Ghastly pale
- 46 Baby carriage
- 47 Place in Manitoba
- 49 Hauling
- 52 Man's given name
- 53 Swedish furniture maker
- 55 Resonate
- 56 Nursing service, for short
- 57 Receptors
- 58 _____ Contendere

DOWN

- 1 Royal Canadian Artillery, abbr.
- 2 Capone and Waxman
- 3 Minute
- 4 Body part
- 5 Bundle
- 6 Ultraviolet, for short
- 7 Rebel, for short
- 8 Place in Saskatchewan
- 9 African nation
- 10 WW2 Normandy battlefield
- 11 Selfs
- 16 Detached
- 18 Cause to turn tail
- 21 Venus de _____
- 22 Popular sports network, abbr.
- 23 Place in BC
- 24 Actress _____
- 27 Duo
- 29 Shroud
- 30 Spunk
- 33 Place in Ontario
- 36 Racial
- 37 Three, in Hanover
- 39 Place in Ontario
- 41 Release
- 43 Containing oats
- 44 Assist a wrongdoer
- 45 Market
- 46 Pesetas, for short
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- 50 Gretzky milieu, for short
- 51 Sticky stuff
- 54 Trauma center, for short

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Address	Date	Time
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LARGE SELF-CONTAINED beautifully furnished house-keeping room with separate entrance in quiet home close to Ganges. \$400 month, utilities included. Available September 15th. 537-4703.

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Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) The sparkle and lights continue to dazzle and you are happy to dance. On the edge of a threshold the audience and you must catch their breath. With energy coming to you from all sides and angles many will claim that you are a juggler of the highest order. The actor in you knows that this is just a sneak preview. The director in you is commanding action to polish and perfect your official debut in May 2001.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) The time has come. You have been patiently waiting to express your ideas, needs and concerns with certain authority figures. It is likely that career is involved and your ambition is directly related to your home and family life as well. You are eager to share certain ideals carefully weighed to meet with reality. Exercise empathy by carefully listening before making too many requests. Go for win/win or no deal!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) You are in the mood for some fun. The last licks of summer are crossing over the fall line and you want to enjoy them to the fullest. You are eager to celebrate cultural and religious experiences with friends and lovers. A psychedelic sizzle is sending you to taunt the tempter. You are feeling bolder by the day and there is no telling what you might do. Whatever you do be with people you love.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A deepening in your whole lifestyle is now underway. You are merging and melting with who and whatever is upon your stage. You feel passionate and eager for this process to continue. As it does you feel healed and liberated somehow. Whether consciously or subconsciously you know that you are onto something really promising. It will take love, will, courage and time to claim your prize. Slow but sure!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

You are in an ambitious mood and are ready to negotiate on several fronts. It is time to polish up upon your skills and this means activation. Clarify your intentions and prepare to plunge into some research and homework. Some travel is likely over the next few weeks. Your power is growing so be aware that you do not bowl others over with your enthusiasm and/or expectations. Be open to new innovative approaches.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)

Knowing what you truly want may not be your forte. A part of the riddle is that what you want is based upon what others want. This is a clue to your niche. Put your innovative mind to work to assess unfulfilled wants and needs. Service is your business and when your skills serve others you are at your happiest. Yet, you also need a fair return. Fortunately, you are ready to claim your share.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)

The urge to take some key initiatives to realize certain desired ends is strong now and will grow even stronger this week. To this end you will do some investigation work before you commit. It is important that you pay attention to the details of the bigger picture so that you can respond rather than react. Be willing to put opinions and theories to the side for now and tend to the facts.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)

A time to take it slow, to contemplate and reflect upon your life is upon you. You will want to flirt with a variety of options over the next few weeks and this is your chance to regain your center. When in your center you will more clearly know what you do and do not want. Take it slow and reserve your right to do so. Use this time to visualize an ideal rhythm for the next several months.



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I'm Johnny, Jody's brother. I have white whiskers and white toes and would like to go to the same home as my sister.

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FOR SALE: Flagstone for patios and stairs, stacking rock for walls and gardens. Call Greg at 653-4519. ttn

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COWICHAN SOUND and Cellular wishes to thank everyone who dropped by our booth at Fall Fair 2000 and entered our draw. Congratulations to our lucky winner, L. Read of Salt Spring Island.

PART-TIME SERVERS required for weekend shifts. Apply in person with resume to Dagwoods.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO the Green Mini Raffle winner: Barb Davis of Salt Spring. Thanks to the volunteers who worked and the dreamers who bought for making this fundraiser a success. Thanks to Norman Manson of Victoria who donated the Mini. Thanks to the Saturday Market and the Fall Fair for giving the Green Mini a parking space. Tuned Air Choral Society.

1985 DODGE, heavy half loaded, low mileage, new paint. \$3,500; furniture, tools, appliances (used), student desks \$60; oak dining room c/w 6 chairs and extra leaf; 1974 Dodge 1/2 ton, many extras, \$1,800; 9 used desks from \$60 to \$400. Terry 537-6250.

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Thai tour goes off the beaten path

By Peggy Abrahams

Salt Spring residents Kay Kos and her husband David fell in love with Thailand ten years ago while living there.

"We loved it so much, that when we went overseas after that to Vietnam, we'd stop at Thailand on the way," Kos recalled.

David's work teaching English as a second language in many parts of Asia has given the couple the opportunity to spend time in China, Vietnam and Japan as well as Thailand. The couple's love for Thailand led to a desire to share a special experience with others.

Kos, who is a travel agent, came up with a plan for a unique personalized tour of Thailand for a small group of travellers who don't usually go for package tours.

"The tour is very different than any other package tour you see advertised. It's much more personal, behind-the-scenes. It was set up so people could see Thailand the way we see it ourselves," she said.

As such, the tour group will meet some of the people Kos and her husband know in Thailand and visit spots not usually seen by tourists. The tour emphasizes the culture and people of Thailand. In keeping with this theme, one stop is the College of Dramatic Arts where the group will see students practice Thai



Young monks in Bangkok, Thailand.

dance.

Another highlight of the tour is a trip aboard a 100-year-old traditional teak rice barge down the Chao Phraya River from Bangkok to the ancient capital of Ayutthaya. There, the group will visit the ruins of the city at night. Kos explains, "There are other barges, but this one is different. It's an environmental programme."

The boat trip will go off the beaten path, into the smaller canals, past farm communities and small villages. There will be opportunities for educational sightseeing, star gazing and bird watching, as well as visits to traditional Thai markets.

Kos explained that profit made from the boat trip will help subsidize a programme to teach Thai students about the importance of the environment, culture and history.

"Money will go to take Thai students and show them the life on the river, the pollution, and [explore] what to do about it."

Among other highlights of the trip are a candlelit dinner on a river boat, a visit to the Mountain of 300 Peaks, a national park boasting exotic wildlife and tropical gardens, and a visit to a camp where elephants are trained for logging. A ride on an elephant's back is optional.

The tour allows free time for independent pursuits, and partici-

pants may opt out of the planned activities on any given day. "The tour appeals to independent travellers...this allows them freedom," said Kos.

She hopes to have a small group of between 15 and 20 people. The deadline to sign up is September 30. The tour dates are January 17 through February 3, 2001, and the cost is \$3,400 per person.

The tour was designed for people who have never been to Thailand before, Kos said. "They'll see how easy it is to travel in Thailand, if they ever want to go back again. It's so easy, and a delightful place to be."

Seniors lunches are busy affairs



Seniors Scene ... with Alan Fairlie

The Seniors' Thursday lunch programme started again on September 7 with a steady increase in diners each week.

Last Thursday (September 14), 40 seniors sat down to a nice hot plate of shepherd's pie and the meal was followed by another of Murray Shoolbraid's sing-alongs. It's a good idea to reserve your place in advance: call 537-4604.

Seniors has now embarked on raising funds for the Wellness Programme. According to President

Bev Cartwright, "Sharon Glover is running this pro-

gramme out of her office at Seniors with expertise

and GUSTO!"

Don't forget the afternoon tea to welcome new members is set for Wednesday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m.

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- be healthy and fit
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- have high school graduation or equivalent
- must be a resident of Saltspring Island

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- pass a written exam
- pass a physical fitness and performance test
- pass a medical examination
- participate in an interview
- successfully complete a Fire Department training program

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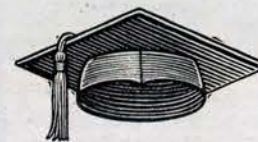
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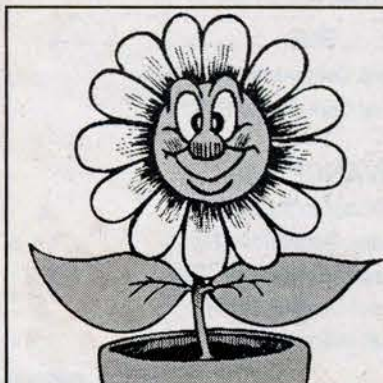
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Scorpions start season with Kick-Off Klassic

by Joanne O'Connor

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Senior Boys kicked off their soccer season this weekend with a player-organized tournament.

The Kick-Off Klassic, played over last Friday and Saturday, was organized primarily by grade twelve student Tyler Laitinen. Generous sponsorship by Soccerworld and Thrifty's as well as volunteer help from parents and friends contributed to the effort.

Francis Hope, chairperson of the Local Youth Soccer Association applauded the efforts of the hosting team. "It's good to see young people do something themselves with minimal help from adults. [Too often they] get criticized for not being proactive," he commented. Laitinen's parents were also on hand to give their support to the GISS boys, who ranged in ages from fifteen to eighteen.

Navid Niazi, Senior Boys Coach for the sec-

ond year running, was kept busy prepping his young charges for the competition. Niazi described the team as much the same as last year, with the addition of Gary Lucich and Tom McClam, who are new to GISS. Lucich, most recently from Oregon, is one of the team's goalkeepers.

Tyler Laitinen said he wanted to get the Klassic going again because it had not taken place since 1998. He explained that the Kick-Off Klassic was a good way for his team to gain experience. He believes such experience would aid them throughout their season, especially in the Provincials.

The team has been practicing for about two weeks. They recently played an exhibition game against the Salt Spring Old Boys. Youth triumphed over experience as the GISS boys claimed a slim 2-1 victory.

Their showing in this weekend's tournament



The GISS Scorpions pose for a team photo before their second game of the Kick-Off Klassic.

was enthusiastic, earning them a fifth place standing. Argyle, a team from North Vancouver, claimed first prize.

Since this is the beginning

of the soccer season, the boys are excited about continuing to hone their skills and bonding as a team. Maybe another challenge from the Old Boys will help them out...



NOW & THEN—A group of Salt Spring graduates celebrated 50 years out of high school last week when ten of the original class of 16 gathered here for the first time since graduation. The grads talked about school (what is now SS Elementary) and teachers (four in 1950) and were given a tour of the new high school after planting a catalpa tree in the GISS courtyard. All but one of the surviving group live in B.C. The lone wanderer is now in England.

On the left the graduating class of 1950 pose for posterity and above those that came to the Salt Spring reunion last week pose in front of GISS. In 1950 the class was made up of (from left, back row) Harvey Silvester, Richard Ford, Tom Gale (deceased), Gordon Twa and Jack Reid. Centre row: Dorothy Greenhough, Audrey Twa, Sylvia Jackson, Janis Nicholson, Shirley Wagg, Dusty Rhodes and Beth Pyatt. In front: Janet Jack, Betty Forsen, Vonnice Mout, Marjorie Childerstone. Can you match the faces above with those on the left? Find out next week if you guessed correctly.



REFERENDUM 2000

Securing Land for Future Community Recreation

What is envisioned for the Rainbow / Kanaka Road site?

PARC's current long term plan calls for the development of a public recreation facility. PARC envisions a number of indoor and outdoor recreation spaces on this site designed to serve all age groups and a broad range of community interests. Once the site is secure, PARC would begin to look at options and timing.

Decisions on facilities would require further community input, exploration of possible private (such as community groups)/ public partnering opportunities, and a site master plan. Any publicly funded facility, such as a pool, would necessitate a new referendum.

When could the public expect a referendum on facility financing?

At this time we do not know when there would be a referendum on facility financing. The first step must be your decision whether or not to secure land that is consistent with the OCP criteria for an indoor recreation site.

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