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**TURKEYS DON'T SMOKE:** Local Cancer Society volunteer Jaci Sanders pins a non-smoking week button on Tom Turkey last Wednesday -- Cold Turkey Day -- as part of a visit and display at Gulf Islands Secondary. Several students won prizes by taking a quiz on smoking myths and facts.

Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

## Lawyer says no

A legal opinion received by the Islands Trust Friday states Norm Twa cannot operate a transfer station or related activities without a formal rezoning of his Blackburn Road property.

Salt Spring Trust planner Tony Quin reported at a Tuesday afternoon Trust committee meeting that "it is the solicitor's opinion that a transfer station and related activities on this site is a different use from the previous use which was garbage disposal to the ground."

Quin said activities not considered legal uses included filling bins on the property with garbage for transfer to Hartland Road Landfill. Twa is currently doing that to continue servicing his customers. Neither Twa nor Eric Booth — who was awaiting the legal opinion before deciding to proceed with transfer station development on Rainbow Road — were available for comment Tuesday afternoon before the *Driftwood* went to press.

Also at yesterday afternoon's Trust committee meeting, Stepaniuk put forward a motion that the committee reconsider issuance of the temporary use permit for a transfer station on Rainbow Road in light of residents' concerns raised since December 17.

Diane Cragg said she did not feel she had enough information to vote on the motion but would be prepared to do so at a future meeting.

## Cinema avoids threat over hall use

Community members showed a blitz of public support for Salt Spring Cinema last week after its Central Hall home was rumoured to be threatened.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Cinema co-owner/operator Gloria Nye reported Monday that while the threat did not materialize as anticipated at a Sunday afternoon meeting of the Central Hall Committee Society's board, she and others were pleased to see such support.

"In one day we got over 500 names on a petition and the hall was packed (for Sunday's meeting)," said Nye. "It is encouraging to see how people can rally around and

support you."

Nye said a conflict developed between the Cinema and Central Hall board at a fall meeting. One issue discussed was the Old Age Pensioners' Organization's request to use the hall's stage for its Christmas bazaar.

The OAPO is one of the hall's main user groups. Seven of the hall society's nine board members are also Ganges OAPO members. Nye and Pentecostal pastor Rick Hill are the other two board members.

Central Hall's stage is not accessible now that the cinema screen is a permanent fixture. It would have to be removed and stored elsewhere in order to accommodate the OAPO request to use the stage area. Nye said she and sister co-owners Alberta Evans and Louise Nye offered to pay rent for other premises to house the OAPO event but it proceeded at the hall without use of the stage.

Rumblings from that incident were quelled, said Nye, but last Friday morning she and her sisters heard the hall society board was planning to vote to take down the cinema's screen from Central Hall as a result of an OAPO meeting held Thursday.

Nye said with seven of nine members belonging to the OAPO, they felt the movie home could be lost.

When the item came up for a vote on Sunday amidst about 75 people at the hall, directors decided to have the screen stay put.

Central Hall Committee Society president John Volc told the

*Driftwood* Monday the issue was resolved at that meeting.

He said what had happened was "there was a sort of behind the scenes objection to the movie theatre seats and to the screen blocking the stage."

However, he said, "the OAPO firmly assured me it was not their position."

He said his intention at the meeting was "to clear the air." "If the

THREAT A2

## Galiano bylaws approved

Controversial Galiano Island Trust Committee forest land bylaws were approved by municipal affairs minister Robin Blencoe Friday.

Blencoe told the *Driftwood* he made the decision after reviewing the situation and talking to all parties involved.

"I took some time to look at the bylaws and their implications and recognizing there was a law case pending I was looking for compelling reasons why I shouldn't sign them," he said.

Bylaws introduced a year ago aim to keep lands

construction of residential buildings is prohibited on most of the lots and minimum parcel size was increased from 20 acres to 20 hectares.

Owners can apply to rezone individual parcels for residential use.

Blencoe said "the bylaws enjoy strong local support and are in keeping with the mandate of the Trust, to preserve and protect."

Blencoe also said he thought the Galiano Trust committee had a "valid concern — this is a local government that wants to manage growth in an order-

## Forum set

Salt Spring residents are invited to a public forum with elected officials this Friday night.

The island's Community Planning Association is sponsoring the January 31 event. Discussion starts at 7:30 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

Capital Regional District director Julia Atkins is scheduled to discuss her responsibilities throughout the CRD, regional air quality and transportation initiatives and provide a Salt Spring garbage update.

Islands Trust trustees Bob Andrew and John Stepaniuk will discuss the transfer station, alternate route around Ganges study and offer help in understanding the definition of zoning and various

# this week

## What about WASTE?

Find out what local residents and businesses are doing with their waste in Driftwood's special Waste Supplement appearing with next week's issue.

## -weather-

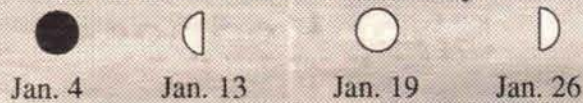


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**OUTLOOK:** Wednesday rain changing to showers in the afternoon; Thursday rain; Friday and Saturday periods of rain.

## -of note-

**JAN. 31:** Town Hall Meeting - Community Forum with CRD & Islands Trust representatives.  
**FEB. 2:** Healthy Salt Spring 2000 meeting  
**FEB. 3:** CRD-Islands Trust Joint Initiatives mtg.

### LUNAR CYCLE: for January 1992



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## NEWSBEAT

# BYLAWS: Court fight continues

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He said he spent time consulting with representatives from MacMillan Bloedel, Islands Trust and the Galiano community because it was a controversial issue and his government wanted to make a rational decision.

"It is time consuming," he said, "but I think it is important for solid decision-making."

Galiano Island Trust Committee stated in a January 24 release it "expresses the sincere hope that all members of the Galiano Island community, including the owners of forest-zoned land, will work with the committee in fulfilling its responsibility, through the statutory planning process, to consider any proposed land-use changes and to undertake comprehensive community planning."

MacMillan Bloedel spokesman Gary Kadatz said he was disappointed in Blencoe's decision but not surprised.

"I had half expected this was going to happen eventually."

Kadatz said MB would continue to fight the bylaws in court. "We are going to continue to pursue the lawsuit," he said, "although the na-

ture of it changes.

"Now that (the bylaws) have been passed the attempt will be to have them overturned."

MB had filed a petition against the Galiano Trust committee and its individual members asking that bylaws not be approved on grounds of discrimination against the forest company.

Regarding legal action on the provision of Bylaw 82 which

prohibits construction of a dwelling on the lands in question, Blencoe told the *Driftwood* "I have no comment on that. I believe it could very well be an issue in court."

Kadatz concluded that "what seems to me to be a pity now is that the Trust doesn't care if people cut the trees on their property from property line to property line because that is the only use for that property now."

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## THREAT

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OAPO felt attacked by that, I sincerely apologize for that."

Volc added that the society intends to change its bylaws "to allow people of Ganges and the surrounding areas to become more actively involved in the committee." Its annual general meeting is set for March.

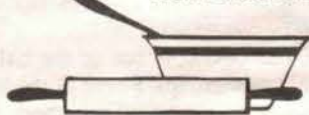
Volc also said "we were very pleased with the large turnout (to the Sunday meeting). It showed people have a real interest in Central Hall."

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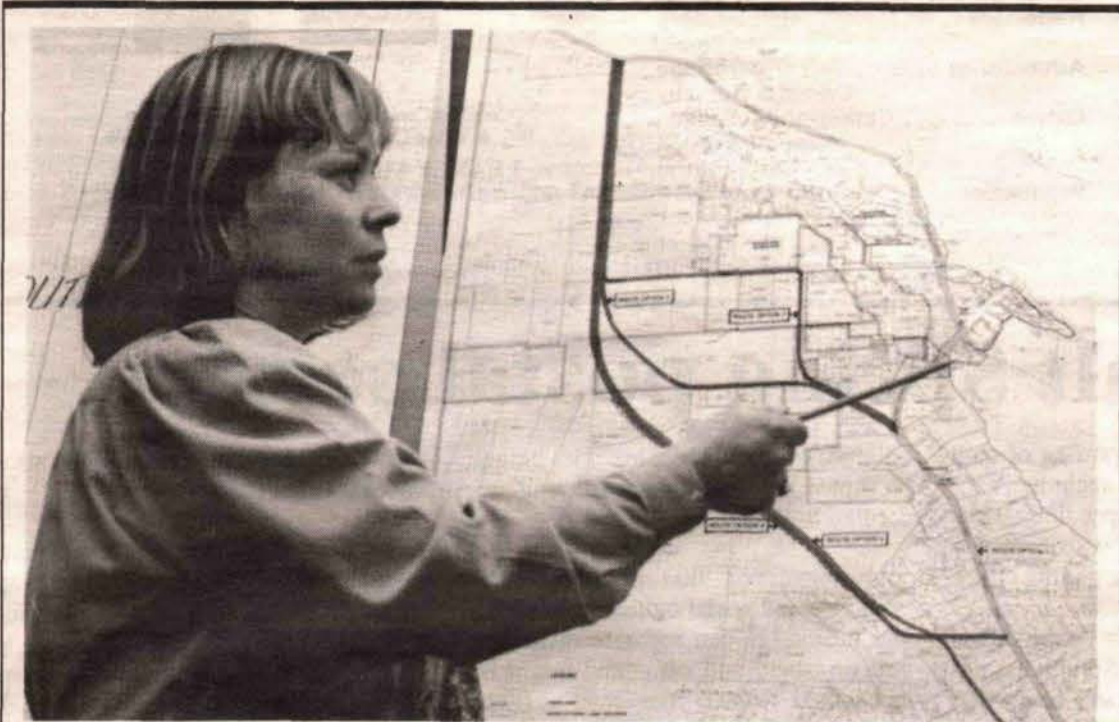
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**NEWSBEAT**



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**BYPASSING ISSUES:** Islands Trust assistant planner Linda Adams helped residents understand Ganges Alternate Route study materials on display last Thursday and Friday at Ganges United Church hall. The presentation returns in February along with a display of new traffic and parking options.

## Alternate routes on display

*Options will remove traffic from Ganges village core*

Salt Spring residents got a glimpse of future Ganges roadways from an Islands Trust Alternate Route display set up last week.

The display outlined the rationale for creating a road to bypass Ganges village and presented five options chosen for consideration by local Trust staff with highways ministry assistance.

More than 300 people attended the visual presentation at United Church hall Thursday and Friday, discussed concepts with Trust staff and trustees and provided verbal and written input.

Trust assistant planner Linda Adams said about 600 property owners in areas potentially affected by construction of an alternate route received written notice of the public display.

Besides the first option of maintaining the status quo, the Trust study describes a south-to-north route leaving Fulford-Ganges Road down Drake Road, hooking up with Rainbow Road across from Windsor Plywood and following Rainbow out to Atkins and Lower Ganges roads.

Benefits of this option are that it requires the least amount of earth work and impact on wildlife and vegetation than any other option.

A third option is similar but comes out at Rainbow and Atkins Road next to the site of the Booths' proposed transfer station rather than farther down Rainbow.

Some benefits of that option cited were that it requires the least amount of private land and affected the fewest number of property owners.

However, it was felt both these options would "not eliminate the problems of travel on Ganges hill," would require an intersection on a steep grade on the hill and would increase traffic by a proposed new elementary school site on Drake Road.

The third option also has the greatest impact on Agricultural Land Reserve and Mouat Park land.

Fourth and fifth options eliminate traffic problems associated with Ganges hill but affect more property owners.

The fourth brings the route up Charlesworth Road from Fulford-Ganges Road, through property owned by the Catholic Church, a corner of Mouat Park and Rainbow and Atkins roads.

The fifth option departs Fulford-Ganges Road by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District water

tower (just past the Cranberry Road turnoff), connecting with Reid Road, Charlesworth and the same route as option four.

All proposed routes meet up with Lower Ganges Road at Atkins Road.

Trust staff recommend adopting option four for the short term and the fifth one "as part of a preferred long-term option."

The latter plan "is considered most effective in diverting island through traffic from the Ganges core on a long-term basis and the most effective in alleviating safety

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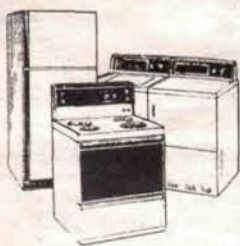
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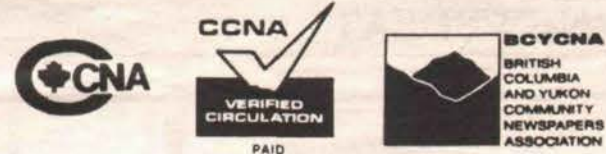
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## No decline in Salt Spring postal service

Salt Spring Island received "exceptional" service in the past and now is receiving service within the standards set by Canada Post.

That was the response from Ilona Bieks, acting communications manager for B.C. when she was asked about the change in mail handling at Ganges post office.

All mail from Ganges now goes to Victoria to be cancelled mechanically and is returned to be inserted in post boxes. It is three times faster to cancel the mail off-island than by hand here, she explains.

Bieks said the Crown corporation's commitment is to have mail delivered in two, three or four days and to achieve that 90 per cent of the mail must be delivered the next day.

Ganges residents have complained about the length of time it has been taking for mail to reach them. Mail postmarked January 11 was received by one resident 11 days later.

The *Driftwood* did a test last week, dropping envelopes into the post office on Thursday and Friday. Some of them returned in Monday's mail. One mailed Thursday has not yet returned. A letter sent by a reader on Thursday also arrived Monday.

For islanders this is a decline in service. "Not so", says Bieks. She claims Canada Post is meeting its standards as required by its shareholders. That is the federal government, she explains. There has been no decline in service as that commitment continues to be met across the country.

You'd have a tough time convincing islanders their service has not declined because "occasionally" they used to get next-day service.

"We have to look at what we have to do across the country. If we continued to give you exceptional service, it would not be fair to the rest of our customers," says Bieks.

And besides, the forwarding of mail to off-island locations such as Vancouver is now much speedier. Bieks said we should be happy to hear our mail to Amsterdam is getting there faster than it has in the past.

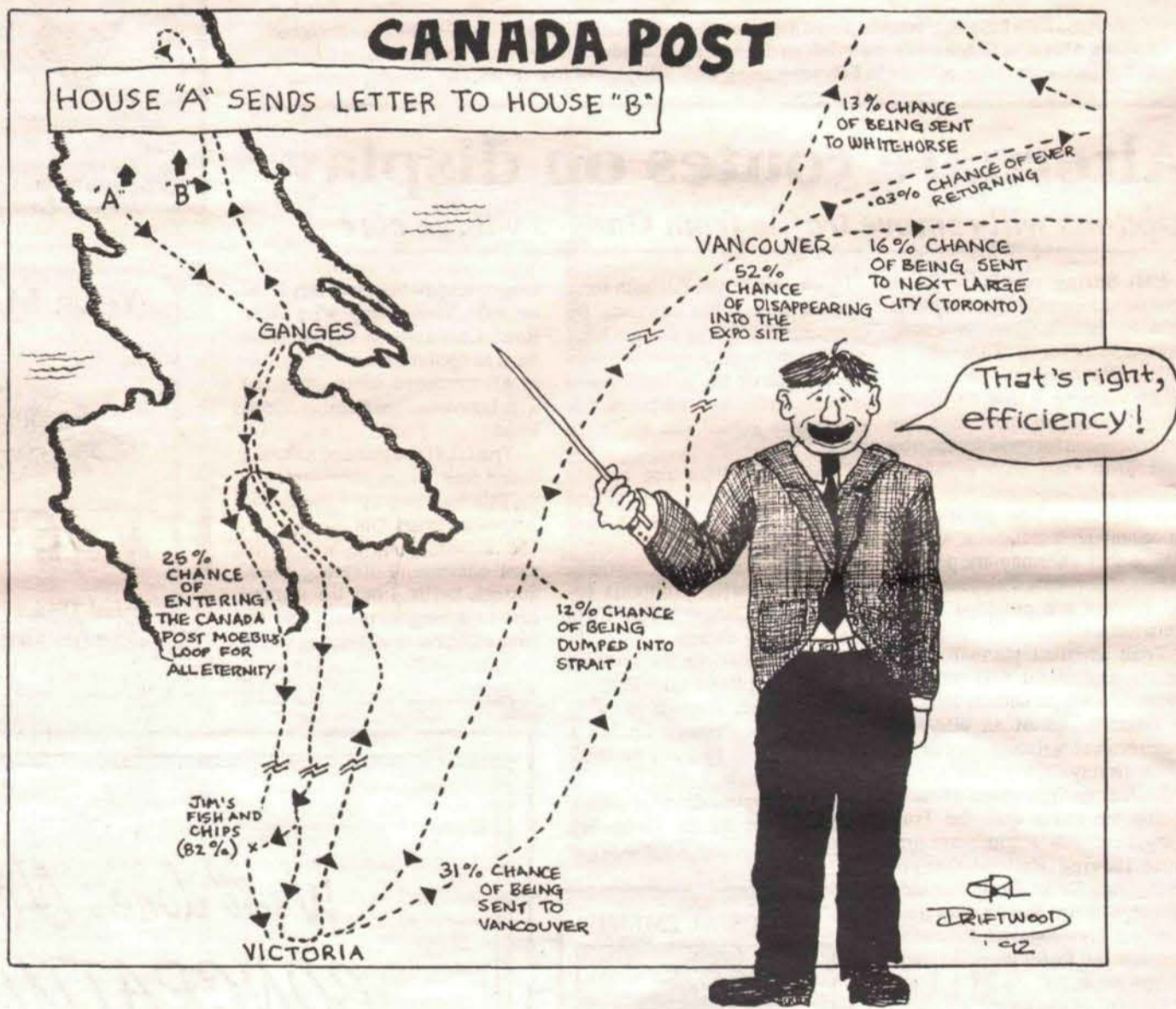
Statistics from Canada Post indicate the population on Salt Spring has increased greatly and so have the

volumes of mail. The Christmas deluge prompted the change in processing, according to Bieks.

A suggestion that twin boxes be used at island postal outlets so residents and businesses can separate their mail into on-island and off-island might be considered "down the road", Bieks

says. She will be forwarding that proposal to her manager.

We hope it will be given adequate consideration. That way our local mail can be delivered with next-day service as it has in the past and our letters to Amsterdam will get there quickly as well — the perfect solution.



**WE ASKED YOU:** Have you noticed postal service on Salt Spring becoming worse or better or staying the same in recent weeks?

### SALT SPRING SAYS:



**Jennifer McBride**  
 Nothing has changed in Fulford. The service is still great out there.



**Heather Gooding**  
 I have noticed it since November. I'm now on the third level of authority and am still waiting for a reply. I don't blame the employees, I think it's an



**David Bacic**  
 No. It seems fine.



**Ellen Box**  
 I haven't noticed.



**Bryan MacGregor**  
 I haven't noticed any difference. I have no quarrels at all with the post office. It seems a little unnecessary to put 10 or 15 people together in a small centre

# Driftwood

## LETTERS SECTION

### Thank-yous

From the publisher,  
Due to the continuing high numbers of letters to the editor received by *Driftwood* we can no longer run thank-you letters from various community groups. Letters to the editor commenting on stories carried in this newspaper and offering differing opinions fill more space than we have available each week. We will continue to cover community activities and events, giving all the publicity we can through stories and photographs. Appreciation to groups and individuals can be expressed through the Card of Thanks category in our classified section.

Thank-you all for understanding why this policy has been implemented.

We encourage and appreciate the letters sent to our office each week. To allow a greater variety of opinion we ask that letters be kept as brief as possible.

### Salmon are like canaries

To the Editor,

The January 12 public meeting about the proposed Rainbow Road transfer station was comprehensively reported in the paper, but I suspect that many who were there were left with an unstated concern.

In the absence of plans and estimates, the cost to build such a station is unknown, but it will certainly be considerable. The question then is — is it probable that a private entrepreneur would consider such an expenditure if there were any reasonable prospect of cancellation? If not, why are we talking about a temporary permit? Are we not looking at a permanent one, and because of the nature of the facility, at the nucleus of an area zoned industrial? If this is the case, then to dispense with public input on such an important matter is a questionable legalistic device.

One further point. Kathy Reimer has for many years spearheaded the salmon enhancement program. She has worked tirelessly to reverse the damage already done to our streams, and thus give Salt Spring back the fishery it once had. Salmon are to this island what canaries were to miners — indicators of a healthful environment. Nobody can speak with more authority on what should and should not be done in our watersheds, and I think that her opposition to this facility should be taken very seriously by islanders, wherever they live.

ANDREW GIBSON,  
Ganges

### Respect lessens

To the Editor,

Politics is no place for any personal vendetta and this, I understand, is the basis for ignoring Norman Twa's proposal in regard to the disposal of Salt Spring's garbage. For years the Twas have taken care of our island garbage. Why not let them continue? They are concerned islanders too.

Already I have been told some residents have begun leaving great bags of garbage along the roadsides rather than paying to have it transferred. This could happen more and more.

My respect for the opinion and methods of our Capital Regional Director has gone down and will continue to do so. It's quite a disappointment.

LILLIAN HORSDAL

in the habit of writing editor's notes, we have been concerned about some misunderstanding of the processes involved as reflected in recent letters to the editor. The decision to close Blackburn dump was made by the provincial ministry of the environment, not by the CRD. The basis for this decision was the fact that the dump is located in a watershed area. Islands Trust trustees who must consider the Twa proposal have been awaiting a legal opinion on whether or not a transfer station can be operated on the former dump property. Non-conforming land use zoning is the responsibility of the Islands Trust, not the CRD.)

### More from RAGE

To the Editor,

At a meeting of Salt Spring Island residents held at the Farmers' Institute Hall on Sunday, January 12, the following resolution was passed by majority vote:

"That the Islands Trust be asked to suspend the temporary permit No. TAP-03-91 issued to one Eric Booth to operate a garbage transfer station and recycling facility at the premises identified as that portion of Lot 4, Section 1, Range 2 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District Plan 7207 until they have had the opportunity to receive and consider proposals from other applicants."

Our reasons for making this request follow:

1. The process followed effectively rezoned the subject property whilst by-passing the normal requirements of the Municipal Act.

2. The site, at the junction of Rainbow R. and Atkins Road, is unsuitable for the volume of traffic which will be generated by this facility thus posing a safety hazard to the school children who must use these roads.

3. There are two major potential health hazards which have not been addressed. Under winter conditions this site becomes a virtual watercourse contributing to flooding conditions in the immediate area. Human nature being what it is, it is inevitable that considerable quantities of waste material will be spilled on the ground to be picked up by these flood waters and dispersed throughout the neighbourhood. Secondly, it is also inevitable that the presence of large quantities of garbage will attract rats and other vermin which carry parasites and a wide range of disease organisms.

4. Had the predicted emergency in garbage disposal in fact materialized — and this was the ostensible reason for the rush to issue this permit without due process — the permittee has proven that he was in no way prepared to provide any service. He has no facilities, no equipment, no expertise and no firm plans.

The trustees should save what face they can by cancelling, or at least suspending, this permit and starting over.

With or without good reason the Capital Regional District has closed the Blackburn Road dump. (See previous editor's note) Therefore it would appear to be up to the CRD to call for proposals for alternative service. When they have selected the most suitable proposal have the candidate apply for any necessary rezoning in the normal way.

Before granting rezoning it behooves the trustees to ensure that the necessary environmental im-

been addressed and a properly conducted public hearing is held.

E. NEMETH,  
Secretary, RAGE

### Try different boxes

To the Editor,

I learned from the January 22 edition of the *Driftwood* that all Salt Spring Island mail, including local mail, is sent to Victoria for sorting.

A phone call to the Ganges post office this morning, January 23, confirmed that as well the sorting of mail sent from the Ganges Post Office and addressed to post boxes in the Ganges Post Office takes place in the sorting plant in Victoria.

Mail which would have been sorted into post boxes in Ganges — and presumably also in Fulford — the day it was sent, now is shipped to Victoria and back and then sorted into the post boxes. I seriously wonder how Canada Post can explain the increased efficiency of this procedure. Island businesses, which have post boxes for faster mail delivery, particularly, are adversely effected.

Despite the faster sorting capacity of the Victoria plant, the additional time for shipping must slow down the handling process of all the on-island mail.

The separation of local and off-island post could easily be achieved by setting up different mail boxes for Salt Spring Island and for off-island mail.

This decision by Canada Post shows a remarkable disregard for the vital communication needs of a rural community and appears to be just another step in decreasing essential services to the public.

This letter will be hand-delivered to the *Driftwood* January 23 before 1 p.m. A copy of this letter will be sent to the *Driftwood* P.O. Box 250, Ganges, via the Ganges Post Office also before 1 p.m. the same day. I hope the *Driftwood* will inform us about the arrival date of the copy.

MARGA HANNON,  
Ganges

(Editor's note: We received the letter January 27 after collecting mail from our Ganges post box.)



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# OPINION

## Capital Comment

### HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — Whether or not people get mad at government, "all depends on whose ox is being gored," Dave Barrett, the final NDP premier of British Columbia used to say.

Last week, Environment Minister John Cashore managed to gore a beauty of an ox that got quite a few people mad at him.

Cashore announced what he called "tough but fair" pulp pollution regulations that are to eliminate the dumping of chlorinated organic compounds into rivers and the ocean. That's good, if, indeed, we need to reduce deposit of these compounds below the current level.

Unfortunately, the new regulations also have the potential to kill the pulp mill industry. And that's not good.

The proposed law calls for a reduction of so-called AOX compounds to 1.5 kilograms per tonne of effluent released into waterways by 1995. The current level is 2.5 kilograms per tonne.

By 2002, the discharge is to be free of any AOX compounds, but any pulp mill than can produce a viable plan to achieve zero-discharge levels by 2000 may skip the 1995 deadline calling for the 1.5 kilogram limit.

### 20-minute consultation

You would think that the minister arrived at the decision to get tough with pulp mills after lengthy consultation with the industry. How does 20 minutes sound? That's all the time he allotted to attending a meeting with industry officials.

I'm not surprised. Cashore is what one might call an impartial arbiter in environmental matters. He is a committed environmental activist who assesses any situation from a purely environmental point of view.

Cashore is so green they have to water him twice a day. When he announced the new regulations, he admitted that the pulp mill industry made "significant improvements in the levels of pollution in their effluent" over the past few years, but added that the presence of any AOX in the long term is unacceptable.

The industry has, indeed, made significant progress. Fletcher Challenge alone spent about \$500 million in the past few years on environmental improvements to its installations. The industry as a whole spent more than \$1 billion on cleaning up its act.

These improvements have made pulp mills in British Columbia among the cleanest in the world, certainly the cleanest in Canada. In Quebec, for instance, pulp mills haven't even reached the 2.5 kilogram level of AOX per tonne yet, and they're applying to the federal government for exemptions from that requirement. Chances are very good that government will approve those applications for exemption.

### Unrelenting zeal

The biggest problem with Cashore's unrelenting zeal is that the technology to make mill effluent totally free of AOX compounds hasn't been invented yet, but that doesn't seem to phase the minister.

The other joker in Cashore's environmental cleanup deck is the reprieve he is offering the industry at the midway point of his strategy. Allowing mills to skip the 1.5 kilogram level by 1995, provided they can produce a plan that shows complete elimination of AOX compounds by the year 2000, may easily backfire on him.

There are quite a number of older mills in British Columbia and there's nothing stopping them from coming up with a wonderful scheme by 1995, pointing the way towards zero-AOX effluent in 2000 without ever having any intentions of following through on that plan.

They could simply operate at the 2.5 kilogram level until the year 2000 and then shut the mills down.

But even if between now and 1995, science provides the technology to make pulp mill effluent totally free of AOX compounds, the cost would be staggering, and forcing the industry in British Columbia to implement that technology would probably make them non-competitive.

The result would be that we might have the cleanest pulp mills in the world, but they couldn't compete and would have to shut down.

The environmentalists are correct when they say we can do anything we set our minds to, but I'd like to add that there is a price, and that price is jobs.

We could stop making pulp and paper altogether. We could stop falling trees, we could shut down the steel mills in Ontario and improve the air quality immeasurably. We could have the cleanest environment in the world almost overnight, but at what price?

### Kiss everything else goodbye

If we shut down the economic engine, we can kiss everything else goodbye. There would be no health-care system left, no money to look after the unemployed, the ill, the disadvantaged.

### Deserves better

To the Editor,  
As a member of the cast *From Eggs to Apples* held in Fulford Hall, I would like to express my disappointment with whoever was responsible for us rehearsing and performing with little or no heat.

With an octogenarian, a septuagenarian and five small children in the cast, all high risk candidates for pneumonia, flu etc, working and dancing in 10 to 15 degrees Celsius is not only uncomfortable but downright dangerous.

Robbyn is a dedicated and creative artist working very hard for the community at large and deserves better. I realize that rehearsal and performing space is at a premium, but thousands of dollars are spent each year to bring in performers from Vancouver, Seattle and surrounding areas, whereas local performers appear to have to go on bended knees to have the most minimal of needs fulfilled.

I suggest that rent paid in advance by Robbyn be refunded not only for the inconvenience but the heartache of having cast, crew and audience, our paying customers, complaining about the uncomfortable conditions.

BEA SALMOND,  
Youbou, B.C.

### Utterly ridiculous

To the Editor,  
Surely sending mail via Victoria from one point on Salt Spring to a destination also on Salt Spring is utterly ridiculous. Surely a quick sorting could be done to keep the local mail here. The person I spoke to at the Ganges post office said government cutbacks have resulted in them not having enough staff to do even that. It seems to me that government has a very precarious idea of priorities. Cutbacks are made to schools, hospitals and essential services; but there seems to be plenty of money for other things that aren't important.

C. WILSON,  
Ganges



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**OPINION**

To the Editor,

Now that a new year is beginning with the Ferry Corporation under the supervision of a new government, it may be willing to entertain some fresh ideas about its service to Salt Spring Island.

By **CLAIRE NUTTING**  
*Ganges*

A year or two ago the corporation envisaged its service to the island in terms of the development of a new terminal at Isabella Point. A new improved road would be built out to the point and the terminal in Fulford phased out.

Though it was supported by some, the Isabella Point plan provoked both apprehension and outright opposition among many Islanders. For the time being at least the corporation seems to have quietly shelved that plan. The Isabella Point plan may or may not have been the best way to go. We shall probably never know because the corporation never produced the numbers on the basis of which islanders could for themselves understand and appreciate the corporation's rationale for the plan.

By numbers, I mean numbers of passengers carried, fares collected and itemized costs of operation on each of the three routes to the island, say for the last five years. We should then know what the trends are. When the corporation tells us that it is losing money on its island routes, we should know on which routes, how much it is losing, where and why.

When I was on the transportation committee, the corporation used to tell our representative that it could not release the figures to us, that they were confidential. I did not accept that explanation then, and I do not accept it now. Airlines,

**View Point**

shipping companies and railways release such figures in public statements, as a matter of routine. The ferry corporation is a public corporation, and such figures should be released on demand as a public service. I fail to see any need for confidentiality.

Last year the corporation announced that it was improving its service to the island by increasing the number of daily trips on the Vesuvius route. This fall it announced that its proposal to increase the size of the ferry on the Vesuvius route. This may or may not be the way to go. But once again we are given no numbers to support the corporation's rationale. It is like Big Charley's revolving crap game in "Guys and Dolls" when Big Charley threw the dice in his derby hat and called out the results to others in the game. Nobody else ever saw the dice.

So far as I have been able to tell over the last seven years the only ferries that fairly consistently in the summer season cannot meet the demand placed on them are those on the Fulford route at the most popular sailings, (8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.) and some afternoon sailings out of Swartz Bay. There is also the consistent problem of parking in Fulford. This is an engineering problem and could be addressed as such. Now it may be that congestion in Fulford can be relieved by increasing capacity at Vesuvius and persuading more people to go to Victoria by driving over and back across the Malahat. But it may also be robbing Peter to

pay Paul. Without knowing the numbers, the cost, and the trends it is impossible to understand the corporation's rationale for what it proposes to do.

There is also the problem of inadequate ferry service from Long Harbour to the other islands, and the inconvenient hours of the sailings to the mainland. As time goes on I suspect that inter-island service will become increasingly important as the Islands begin to develop as a separate region. Tourism seems likely to lead us in that direction.

So it seems to me that 1992 might be a good time for the corporation to lay its cards on the table, to let us have the rationale behind the options, what the trends are and what they show when they are projected into the future. It may well be that some of the changes in the short term need not be drastic; i.e. additional ferries during peak periods, development of the link between Long Harbour and Swartz Bay, resolving parking problems at Fulford.

In the long term we may want to look more closely at the development of passenger ferries.

Closely related to the ferry service is the road option on the island. If our roads are to remain as they are (same width) and I believe that they should, then we are at some point going to have to limit the size of truck trailers or semis in that they simply cannot make safely the tight turns on our roads. Nor will it make much sense to utilize scarce space

on ferries going to Swartz Bay to truck garbage across to the Hartland landfill. There is a need for coordination.

So, for all of the above reasons, it seems to me that this is an opportune time to sit down with the ferry corporation to address the island's

concerns over the next few years.

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**NEWSBEAT**

Norman Twa presented his proposal for a transfer station to the Advisory Planning Commission last Thursday and answered questions from members and the public.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

# APC hears Twa's proposal

## Members of the public there to ask questions

Twa has applied to rezone the Blackburn Road property from its current Watershed 1 designation to a zone which would allow transfer station use. There is currently no zone on Salt Spring which allows such use.

Twa outlined his wish to continue handling Salt Spring residents' garbage on the Blackburn Road property and why he felt the site was a good one.

He said the property was "centrally located," equipment needed was already there and because the business was an existing one that would "eliminate the N.I.M.B.Y. problem."

Concern about Blackburn Road traffic on the watershed was moot, he said, because "only six per cent

of the motoring traffic in Cusheon Lake watershed uses Blackburn Road."

Having a transfer station would also allow the operator to sort garbage if necessary to remove recyclable items, he said.

"Last year, without a transfer station, we sold approximately \$12,000 worth of recyclables from the existing dump," said Twa. Those materials included "copper pipe and wire, wood products, pop and beer cans, batteries, firewood and aluminum."

Recycling would greatly increase if a transfer station were set up, he said, and separate bins would house different items.

He said even if he could have a dump at Blackburn Road, he would institute the bin system.

Twa also had leachate testing

done Thursday and was told, "the tests were absolutely 100 per cent clean."

APC Farmers' Institute representative Ray Stewart asked Twa about salmon enhancement officer Kathy Reimer's suggestion he would take existing Blackburn garbage to Hartland.

Twa replied "It had been suggested but I felt it would be way too expensive."

Wynne Davies who sits as a joint member for Old Age Pensioners' Organization and Seniors for Seniors asked who set and monitored transfer station standards.

Salt Spring's Trust planner Tony Quin said the environment ministry had guidelines for transfer stations but no permitting system.

"It is totally up to local govern-

ment, in this case the Trust and CRD health, to ensure the public interest is being protected."

Davies also asked if the station could come out of the watershed and be put on another piece of property owned by Twa. He said the question being asked should be "Do we want to further soil a piece of watershed?"

Water Preservation Society APC representative Bob Twaites explained his concern about a transfer station on Blackburn Road stemmed from the negative effects of vehicular traffic in the Cusheon Lake watershed.

"If we want to have potable water in our watershed we have to reduce traffic, not increase it."

John Ellacott, saying he was speaking as a member of the public, suggested traffic could be reduced

if Twa placed some of his 18 bins at drop-off points throughout the island. Ellacott is an APC alternate for the Farmers' Institute. Green Islands rep Sam Lightman raised the actual rezoning issue up for consideration by asking "do we want to rezone a part of watershed into Industrial-4?"

"What is the implication of (rezoning) in terms of setting a precedent?" he asked Quin who replied "My recommendation would be not to rezone it to Industrial-4 but to rezone it to a specific use just allowing a transfer station."

He also said the Community Plan would have to be amended to accommodate the change.

The property is currently zoned Watershed 1 which permits one single family dwelling, farm use, ecological reserves and home occupations.

APC members meet February 6 to decide whether or not they will recommend the local Trust committee proceed with Twa's rezoning application.

# Task force prepares landfill site short list

A task force is currently investigating five potential on-island landfill sites but none is publicly owned.

Salt Spring Island waste referendum task force chairman Colin Lawler said the task force is trying to avoid putting the landfill in a watershed area although if Norman Twa's Blackburn dump site "proved to be the best site on the island we would be foolish not to include it.

"We are looking at all potential sites. A lot depends on whether we can get access to properties for public use. We are in the process of doing that."

Some of the five sites will be discarded and a maximum of three sites will be selected, likely within a month, and will be evaluated by a consultant. As much as \$55,000 will be spent on consultants reports, Lawler said.

There may be a public information meeting before the sites are evaluated by the consultants, he added. From the consultant reports, the task force will be able to select the best potential site.

"One (site) will become apparent, I think. I hope."

The consultant's evaluations should be back to the task force in three to four months, he said. "We may be optimistic."

A public meeting will be held at that time and recommendations on how the landfill will operate and how it will be funded, along with "clear and unbiased" information, will be presented to help the public make a decision on a landfill on the site identified, Lawler said.

Eventually, a referendum will be held to decide if a landfill on that site is desired by islanders.

As well as recommending a site to go to referendum, the task force is responsible for:

- Providing projected cost comparisons between an on-island landfill operation and a direct haul off-island solution.
- Enquiring into alternative methods of funding an on-island landfill such as direct taxation, user fees and grants.
- Considering methods of managing an on-island landfill including government ownership and operation, contract operation and local society administration.

Task force members include Judith Kozier, Tom Hall, Liz Woods, Kathy Reimer, Don Harrison and Ken Tara. Public groups represented include the Water Preservation Society, Island Watch, Salmon Enhancement and the Chamber of Commerce.

# RAGE sends appeal to Booth

Residents Against Garbage Experiments members decided Sunday to write a "Dear Eric" letter and contact the municipal affairs minister in order to halt operation of the Booth transfer station.

RAGE will now appeal to Eric Booth "as a friend and neighbour" to relinquish his permit for a transfer station/recycling facility on his family's property on Rainbow Road.

Area resident Heather Howard suggested a letter be written to him telling him neighbourhood residents would support him fully if he moved the transfer station to an appropriate property.

Members also agreed to ask municipal affairs minister Robin Blencoe for a meeting on the Booth transfer station issue and the island's political affairs in general.

Potential discussion topics included what Ena Nemeth defined as "the illegitimate process" that allowed a temporary use permit to be issued by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee without public hearing, the validity of the Advisory Planning Commission and the actions of elected officials.

"We are seriously questioning the wit of our local leaders," said Deitrich Luth.

Chairmanship of RAGE was turned over to Luth by Andrew Currie at Sunday's meeting, who said he no longer had time to do the job.

Luth noted that "much was made of the fact the APC approved (the Booth proposal)." However, he continued, since it did not have to approach that body for approval, it amounted to "letting someone else carry the can for them."

"It doesn't make the thing any sounder having a bunch of ignoramus put their signature on it."

He also said the group should work towards having Salt Spring excluded from the Capital Regional District's solid waste management plan.

Howard also put forth the idea

of urging the local Trust committee to have the Rainbow Road area's status as "a residential community" entrenched in the Official Community Plan.

While the Gulf Coast Maternal cement plant is accepted as having a history there, Howard said, "If we allow other businesses to come in, this will turn into an inner city neighbourhood."



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**NEWSBEAT**

# PRC spending \$20,000 for Portlock building upgrade

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) is spending \$20,000 to renovate its administration building at Portlock Park.

And it is estimated \$100,000 more will have to be spent to upgrade the fields and running track.

By IAN NOBLE  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Existing outside walls of the administration building have not moved while major changes have occurred inside.

New administrative offices, a concession stand and meeting room are being constructed. Space for the new rooms was gained by moving storage facilities for sports and maintenance equipment to an area behind Shelby Pool.

"For \$10,000 we have been able to accomplish all of what we have here," PRC administrator Tony Hume said last week. "But we have scrounged."

"What we have here" includes a new meeting room that can accommodate as many as 20 people, although 14 can be comfortably seated. It can be used as a straight boardroom or "classroom style" with three separate tables and will even have a coffee counter with sink.

### Wall of fame will honour contributions to island recreation

Hume said a blackboard will be installed on one wall and another wall may have mounted plaques honouring people who have contributed to recreation on the island.

"It's a place to be able to show who has helped out in the past. A lot of the names people in the community will recognize right away."

Currently, PRC employees are scrounging contributions for carpet and book cases.

PRC monthly meetings will be held in the 17 by 10.5 foot room starting February 3 and island groups can book the room through the PRC office.

A reception area, which was the entire area of the building occupied by the PRC before renovations, is located at the front near the parking lot.

Offices for administrator Hume and PRC programmer Ross Huff will also be contained in the building. Hume's office is the former concession stand, which was moved to an area in the back of the building.

By moving the concession stand and the entrance to the back, one person can be pool ticket taker and

concession stand operator all in one, and remain warm doing it, said Hume. Previously, the concession booth was not heated.

Also, small children wanting candy and soft drinks could not see above the old concession booth's counter. Now, "we've lowered it down to catch head level of little kids," he said.

A swimming pool office will face the pool area and be used by soccer referees as a place to meet during the soccer season.

Pool washrooms and change rooms will stay unchanged, but a new washroom for the handicapped will be installed beside the pool, close to the ramp. Hume hopes community groups will come forward to help with construction.

Renovations were made possible by moving "a dumpy maintenance room that was too small," Hume said.

Maintenance equipment and some sports equipment will be stored in a covered area under construction located behind the pool. The storage area will cover a length of 30 feet of the 12 by 50 foot building, with the other 20 feet an enclosed workshop for PRC maintenance personnel to paint, repair equipment and store their tools.

The maintenance area construction has a ceiling price of \$10,000, Hume said.

Modular storage rooms can be added by sports clubs to store their equipment. Space will be provided to interested groups who are required to purchase storage rooms on their own. However, the soccer club will get storage space provided because of their assistance in construction of Portlock Park facilities, said Hume.

Other changes to the Portlock facilities include a picnic area to be installed beside the pool and improved lighting around the facility, which will have the added benefit of improving lighting on the tennis backboard and basketball court.

B.C. Hydro, PRC member and hydro employee Barry Urquhart, PRC member Ian Fraser and Diane Harris have donated time, equipment or expertise to the renovations, said Hume.

All that needs to be done is fix

the track and Portlock field. "A big job," he said, adding it could cost as much as \$100,000. "That is a rough approximation depending on what we decide to do."

It will require community and user group involvement, he said.

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# NEWSBEAT

Salt Spring Island's controversy over garbage disposal is the first community upheaval to come before the new Saanich-Islands MLA, Clive Tanner.

By FRANK RICHARDS  
Driftwood President

Speaking at a meeting in Ganges on Monday, January 20, sponsored by local Liberals, Tanner recalled that in the three months since the election his mail has been swamped with letters from the island regarding garbage disposal.

"Two thirds of my mail comes from Salt Spring Island, and half the correspondence concerns garbage disposal."

The MLA met with less than fervent support when he suggested that an authority should be provided on the island whereby the community could address its own problems here at home. A brief discussion on incorporation and its accompanying costs did not encourage him to take the proposal further.

The problem appears to be that major decisions are not made here on the island, Tanner said.

"Salt Spring Island must make its own decisions and solve its own problems on the island."

Referring to his own constituency, Tanner reported that a constituency office is now open on

# Islanders fill MLA's mailbox

Second Street in Sidney. The office is staffed by one full-time secretary and a part time assistant.

This procedure is nothing new, he noted. Every MLA is authorized to operate such an office and a set sum of \$3,600 per month is allocated for that purpose in every constituency.

He ventured further into administrative economics. In addition to his local office in Sidney, he shares an office at the legislative buildings with another MLA and they have a secretary whose services they also share.

The Liberal caucus also enjoys

the services of 10 researchers whose salaries are paid by the province, he explained, adding that 11 caucuses have such services.

He receives a salary of \$50,000 with an additional expense account.

Reviewing the three months since the election, Tanner expressed dismay that many news sources have played up the fact that of the 17 Liberals elected, only two have previous legislative experience. He is one, having experience as a minister in the Yukon government before coming back to B.C.

The Liberal caucus includes a wide variety of professions and its contribution to debate will be evident when the legislature sits, Tanner said. "You'll find they'll listen to us!"

The New Democrats have 28 newcomers to government, but no reference is made to that fact, he added.

Referring to the provincial deficit, he assured the meeting that the extent of that deficit came as no surprise to the NDP. He recalled a Liberal press conference two days before the election. The Liberal group told reporters that the deficit

would come to about \$2 billion, he recalled, but their listeners were sceptical.

Was he expecting to find a friendly press, he was asked.

In British Columbia few news media are identified with a specific party, said Tanner. Some columnists favour one or another party, but are rarely identified by their politics.

Tanner also called for a limit on election spending in British Columbia. It is a practice favoured by the federal government and by many provinces, he urged, and it should be brought in here.

The meeting at the United Church hall took the form of a potluck supper for Tanner's supporters.

# ROUTE

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and congestion problems of the existing route."

It is also the shortest distance, crosses fewest intersections and "provides a route with few changes in speed or direction along most of its length."

However, its negative effects are that it would "significantly impact" the residential character of Reid and Charlesworth roads, requires greatest length of new construction, most private land and affects the greatest number of property owners.

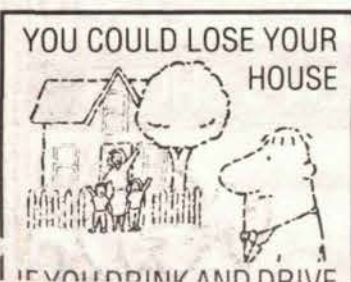
Adams explained that privately-owned land would be obtained when its owners exercised existing subdivision rights. All but two properties along the fifth route have subdivision potential, she noted.

Providing road access for new lots is a normal subdivision requirement, said Adams, and the pre-determined alternate route would become a subdivision and access condition for the subject properties.

Speed limit on the two-lane road is recommended at 50 kilometres per hour.

Input on proposed routes received through a questionnaire distributed at last week's display will be tabulated and a report prepared for the local Trust committee. A recommendation will then be made to the highways ministry by the Trust committee.

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FEATURE

# Exchange student enjoying her year of studying at GISS

Rotary exchange student Nicola Francis has gained two things from coming to Canada, more self-confidence and a positive feeling about travelling.

"I believe in myself a lot more. I'm feeling quite ridiculously cheerful and positive about life."

Part of the reason she decided to become an exchange student was to improve her self-confidence.

"I thought if I threw myself in at the deep end I would have to become more self-reliant. And it has worked. I totally recommend anybody to take a year out."

"It's flown. It really doesn't seem like five minutes since I've been here."

She arrived in August. Before coming to Canada, she did not know anyone here and had never travelled on a plane alone.

Nicola knew she wanted to come to Canada, but she is not sure why.

She said pictures of Canada she saw on television in her native England "looked beautiful," a Canadian relative who wrote to Nicola's mother made it "sound like a really nice place" and she read books by Canadian author Charles de Lint.

"That's a lousy reason but I don't know. I just really wanted to come to Canada," she said Sunday. Salt Spring is "radically different" than her home in the coal mining town of Barnsley.

She is attending grade 12 at Gulf Islands Secondary School although she has already graduated from her school in England, which means she does not have to do the school

work if she does not want to.

"It's a wonderful feeling."

Last year she said she worked hard, received good grades and was accepted to the "uni" of her choice — St. Andrews University in Scotland.

Her high school in England was "as radically different from GISS as could be," she said. There she was in a private all girls' school, had a lot of homework, and the school was rigidly structured.



Nicola Francis

After a month she started feeling comfortable in her new school, saying GISS is informal and friendly. She has also made some friends which has alleviated the need to write so many letters.

"At first I spent so much time posting. I still am, but not nearly as much."

She has also met people through Rotary Club meetings. She travels to Victoria and meets other Rotary exchange students. Meetings occur four times during the year and

during one of them they ski in the Comox area.

Although she speaks the same language on Salt Spring as she did in England, she still had a case of culture shock. "Can I bum a fag off you would have a slightly different connotation here."

The great number of television stations here "which is almost all repeats" also amazed her. Graduation is not a big celebration in England, so she enjoyed the GISS grad jacket Rotarians gave her as a Christmas present.

Weather here is about the same, she said. "I had said the weather in England is more unpredictable but it snowed here in October so strike that."

Rotary exchange students have to follow a list of "umpteenth billion" rules, said Nicola, among them the four Ds — no drinking, no driving, no drugs, and no dating.

Nicola said she has not broken any of the four Ds. "Of course not. Trust me."

They are flexible on dating, she said.

In her spare time, she "goes around" with her friends, reads, writes, and takes photos or travels to Vancouver Island to shop.

She is looking forward to going back home in July, but she will miss Salt Spring, her friends, the mountain and ocean scenery, and onion rings.

"I've got a total onion ring fetish."

She plans to live on them and Mexican food while at university next year.

# HOT Spots

**JANUARY 19 (3:15 p.m.):** Ganges firehall responded to a chimney fire on Walker Hook Road.

**JANUARY 20 (1:41 p.m.):** Ganges firehall responded to a chimney fire on Cudmore Heights.

**JANUARY 20 (8:37 p.m.):** Fulford firehall responded to a chimney fire on Menhenick Drive caused by a dirty chimney.

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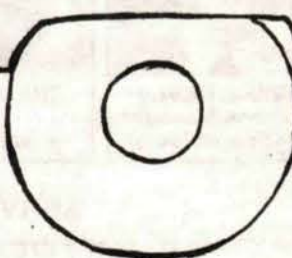
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FEATURE

# Couple helps plan water project

Second phase of Ometepe Island's is part of system extension

Clean piped water gushing forth with the turn of a tap is a resource Canadians take for granted.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

For people living on Nicaragua's Ometepe Island without it, efforts to bring water to them are celebrated.

Several villages and towns on the island — which has been "twinned" with both the Gulf Islands and Bainbridge Island in Washington State — received water in 1989 with assistance from the Ometepe Gulf Islands Friendship Association.

After monitoring the success of that first water project which brought water to Altigracia, El Rincon, Las Sabanas, Urbaite and Las Pilas, OGIFA members have now decided to extend it.

Salt Spring OGIFA representatives Marg and Art Simons recently travelled to Ometepe to discuss plans for the next phase of the water project and related development topics with community members.

Marg Simons explained to the *Driftwood* that people on the island still drinking from polluted Lake Nicaragua suffer a number of health problems like gastrointestinal illnesses and parasites.

Communities of Balgue, El Madrona and San Fernando are now targeted to receive a water system by tapping groundwater and water which flows down from Madeira volcano near those villages.

In addition to improving residents' health, OGIFA notes that water service promotes economic activities which raise overall living standards and encourage young people to stay in rural areas rather than seeking jobs in cities.

Water project construction and maintenance will also provide employment for local people.

Simons said it was gratifying to see people gathered around an OGIFA-initiated water pump in one community with their buckets, oxen and mule ready to transport it to their homes. Without that pump, they would have had to walk another five miles to get fresh water.

The Simons also attended a meeting of the John Norget International Committee, named after the former Salt Spring resident who pioneered ties with Nicaragua and Ometepe.

Simons said residents seem to truly appreciate the formal connection between their island and the Gulf Islands.

"Things have been so positive with Canadians, we were welcomed with open arms," she said.

School supplies bought with money raised by Gulf Islands

Secondary School students were also given to local schools. The possibility of establishing an exchange program between Gulf Islands and Ometepe students was also discussed.

They explored the need for more books and a library, which could become part of a community centre. Space could be shared with another Gulf Islands-sponsored project currently underway, Simons explained.

Salt Spring's Voice of Women last year helped set up a women's

sewing workshop which now makes clothes and propagates sewing and teaching skills. Making school uniforms, which are mandatory for children attending school, is considered especially important.

While the sewing group should become self-sufficient in the near future, Simons said Salt Spring VOW hopes to raise more funds for it this year. The building itself was donated by the area's school board.

Population of Ometepe Island is

about 30,000, she said, with two main towns of Altigracia and Balgue having some 9,000 people each. The rest of the population is spread throughout smaller communities along roads which circle the island's two volcanoes.

For more information about the new Ometepe water project, people can call Marg Simons on Salt Spring, Ron Pither on Mayne and George Harris on Galiano Island.

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**RRSP INFORMATION**

# RRSPs have dual benefits

When young investors begin contributing to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), thoughts of retirement are often far in the future. Usually they are thinking of the plan's immediate tax-savings benefits. But the real benefit is the long-term tax shelter accumulation of assets.

By BRUCE FOERSTER  
*England Securities*

It's a "no lose" proposition. How could anyone turn down an opportunity to save a far larger amount for his/her retirement than he or she would be able to without an RRSP and do it with the government's blessing.

Even if investors were independently wealthy, they would be foolish not to take advantage of this major investment opportunity.

Consider what an RRSP can do for you. Suppose you contributed \$1,000 a year to your RRSP for the next 30 years and earn an average 10 per cent rate of return compounded annually. At the end of 30 years you would have accumulated about \$181,000. If your investment had earned a 12 per cent return compounded annually, your profit would be about \$270,000.

However, had you decided to save outside an RRSP, your nest-egg would be much smaller. If you had invested your principal of \$30,000 at 10 per cent compounded annually, you would accumulate only about \$50,000. If your average rate of return was 12 per cent

during the same period, you would accumulate about \$63,000.

Why the dramatic difference? Simply, the \$1,000 you invest each year outside of a RRSP is worth only \$600 because of taxes, assuming you are in a 40 per cent tax bracket. Furthermore, your 10 per cent rate of return is actually only six per cent because you must pay tax on interest-earning investments.



*This is the first in a weekly series of RRSP articles*

What is interesting is that even when you cash in your RRSP investments in 30 years, you will still be ahead. If you were in the 45 per cent tax bracket when you retired, you would pay taxes of \$81,000 upon collapsing the plan and net about \$100,000. That is still almost twice as much as it would be had you saved outside of an RRSP.

Clearly, the RRSP's strength and major attraction is its compounding effect over a long time period. Coupled with high rates of return a tax-sheltered investment such as an RRSP will play a major

role in guaranteeing an investor has enough savings to support his/her financial needs during retirement.

For example, if you invested \$3,500 at the end of every year for 30 years, at an annual compound rate of return of 14 per cent, you would amass about \$1.25 million. If you managed to invest the same amount at an average annual compound rate of 18 per cent, your initial investment would be worth \$2.76 million.

If you could afford to put away more each year, for example, \$7,500, at the end of 30 years you would accumulate \$2.67 million at a 14 per cent rate of return annually compounded. That same amount invested at an annually compounded rate of return of 18 per cent would be worth close to \$6 million.

Obviously, the sooner you open an RRSP and start investing in it, the longer your money will stay inside the plan and the more you will earn. Delaying is costing you money. If you invested \$3,500 a year for only 25 years, you would receive only \$637,000 which is almost half as much as you would have earned had you invested the money over 30 years.

So, where can you find an investment that yields such high returns? Term deposits, guaranteed investment certificates or Treasury bills tend to be the most conservative methods of investing in an RRSP and therefore usually have lower rates of return.

You can consider equity or growth mutual funds. They are professionally managed, are diversified and liquid. While no one can predict the performance of equity funds, they have historically performed far better over the long-term than conservative investments.

Talk to your own financial planner to find a fund that meets your financial needs and goals. He or she will show you just how well an RRSP can perform for you.

# RRSP's and Mutual Funds

The latest edition of *Mutual Fund News* issued by the Investment Company Institute reports on the great publicity which mutual funds are presently getting in the press during this RRSP season. Here is an extract of some of the quotes they published from influential newspapers and magazines.

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# Time to think RRSP

The 1992 RRSP season is upon us.

This is in reference to the first 60 days of the year when taxpayers review their options as to whether they should or should not contribute to an RRSP, if they do contribute — how much should they contribute and once they have decided that — where should they contribute.

By CAROL GAY  
*Island Savings Credit Union*

The last date for taxpayers to contribute to an RRSP in order to defer income tax on some of their 1991 income is Saturday, February 29, 1992.

The rules have changed again, the limits have changed again and the investment options are greater than ever.

This is the first year for the RRSP Contribution Limit Statement from Revenue Canada Taxation. If readers have not received one and are eligible to contribute to an RRSP, they should give the tax office a call at 1-800-742-6108. All that is required is a name and social insurance number.

The statement informs taxpayers of their RRSP contribution limit. The maximum amount that may be deducted for 1991 is the lesser of 18 per cent of 1990 earned income or \$11,500.

This amount may be contributed to the contributor's own RRSP or to a spousal RRSP. In addition to this limit, contributions can be made to a spousal plan up to \$6,000 of your periodic payments for 1991 from a registered pension or superannuation plan or a deferred profit sharing plan. Contributions to spouse's plans, deductible by contributors for 1991, could therefore be as much as \$17,500.

Tip for the week: Make your contribution early. Your RRSP trustee may give you a bonus and with the bank rate dropping you may secure a better return.

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**FINE, FURRY, FRIEND:** Doris Kiernan gets a lift from Dougall, an energetic eleven-week-old Westie pup who was brought to the extended care unit to entertain residents. Other pets are needed for the same purpose. If you want to volunteer your pet call hospital activity aide Terry Simard.

## Pets elicit smiles at ECU

When Dougall the dog walks into the extended care unit at Lady Minto, some residents receive a lift to their spirits.

Dougall is a lap-sized, 11-week-old West Highland White Terrier who visited the ECU last week, and is part of a trend in using animals to comfort patients.

"Some people who don't identify with people will really open up to pets," said Lady Minto activity aide Terry Simard. "They really go over well here — animals and babies."

A summary from a pet therapy program at another ECU states "non-threatening" relationship between animal and person provides companionship, diversion, an opportunity to forget aches and pains, entertainment, a common topic for conversation, and

enables ECU residents to reminisce of the pets they had themselves.

And, "it's easier to cuddle pets than it is to cuddle people," said Simard.

Simard is hoping to find islanders who will bring their pets into the ECU unit for one day a week. Each visit lasts about half an hour, she said.

Pets visit residents in the main common room and in hospital rooms. All shapes and sizes are welcome, said Simard. Before Christmas a llama visited the ward, she said. "That was a real hit."

Bottle fed lambs have entertained residents and years ago someone brought in their iguana, said Simard who can be reached by calling 537-5561 those who want to participate in this program.

## Bridge Tricks

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners from last week were:

**Monday night, January 20:**  
Kay Sinclair and Alan Stewart, Fred Struve and Peter Jacquest, Sue Bradford and Gordon Hutton, Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon, Shirley Haynes and Stan Stewart, Anne and Norm McConnell.

Winners of the stratified game: Mary Joy and Bill McFarlane.

**Tuesday night, January 21:**  
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**JAN. 29:** Waldorf Study Group: *The Changing Consciousness of the Child* by R. Steiner, 118 Harrison Ave., 7:30 pm prompt.

**JAN. 30:** Overeaters Anonymous, Community Centre, 7:30 pm.

**JAN. 30:** Seniors for Seniors Luncheon, Upper Ganges Centre, 11:30-1:00.

**JAN. 30:** Classical Music Recital, High School Music Room, 7:30 pm.

**JAN. 31:** Community Forum with CRD & Islands Trust representatives, Mahon Hall, 7:30 pm.

**JAN. 31:** Legion Br. 92 Ladies' Auxiliary Smorgasbord, Meaden Hall, 6 pm.

**FEB. 1:** Charter Boat Operator course, Cont. Ed., SS Elementary, 8:30 am.

**FEB. 1:** Legion members & guests Karaoke Night, 5:30 pm.

**FEB. 2:** Healthy Salt Spring 2000 Questionnaire Feedback & Planning Meeting, Fulford Inn Dining Room, 2-4 pm.

**FEB. 4:** OAPO Br. 170 Soup & Bun Lunch, Fulford Hall, 12 noon.

**FEB. 5:** Open meeting of SSI Unit Canadian Cancer Society, Lady Minto Hospital Board Room, 2 pm.

**FEB. 6:** Thursday Luncheon & Bake Sale, Seniors for Seniors.

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OAPO marks 10 years

Fulford Harbour Old Age Pensioners Organization is set to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

At the January meeting plans were made to mark 10 years of Branch 170 which was formed on April 20, 1982.

Open house at the club rooms of Fulford Hall on Thursday, April 28, will start the branch's anniversary. All visitors are invited to see its facilities and participate in activities.

Charter members of the branch will be honoured at an anniversary dinner to be held on Tuesday, May 5.

Following the most recent meeting, Nell Bushby spoke about the concept of Abbeyfield houses and the feasibility of such a communal dwelling on Salt Spring Island.

The next social, a soup and bun luncheon starting at 12 noon, will be held Tuesday, February 4. Ross Gainor, steward for South Vancouver Island region will be a guest at this event.



Anita Brown will take "early retirement" from The Tea Tavern

# Tea Tavern owner put out about forced retirement

Nita Brown is taking an early retirement and she is unhappy about it.

"I'm a little put out about it," said Brown over her shoulder as she was washing dishes and setting out food trays in her store The Tea Tavern, located in Mouat's Mall. "I had planned on working in here until I was 80 years old but I cracked some ribs some time ago and don't feel like I can carry it on for that long."

By JIM BLACK  
Driftwood Reporter

It should be noted Brown isn't really all that far off of her goal. She turns a very young 78 later this year. The cracked ribs, which are enough to knock a person less than half her age off their feet, were as she puts it, "this little nagging pain I've had in my side for some time before I finally went to the doctor to see about it."

A special open house will take place this Friday, January 31, at the tavern from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Brown's friends and customers are invited to come in and wish her well in retirement.

Brown originally opened the store about 12 years ago, right around the time most people are putting their feet up to relax and go quietly into their golden years, but not Brown.

"I think I had just received my first old age pension cheque just before I opened the store. I didn't want to just sit around, I like to keep busy. All of my children were grown up and I wanted something to do and this was it."

Brown first arrived on Salt Spring Island 46 years ago to join her husband Buzz who had been named the first provincial government tax assessor and collector for the Gulf Islands. "He had a heck of a time getting around back then. Most of the time he would have to catch a ride on a fish boat if he was going to the Outer Islands, and once he got there he would have to rent a car to get around. Later on things got a bit easier."

the ferry in Fulford I kept asking my husband when we would be arriving in Ganges. We were going to be staying in Croftonhouse for a while. Once we got to the house I asked my husband if we had gone some other way and missed Ganges and he just smiled at me and said *no honey, we drove right through it.* There wasn't too much to it in those days," she added with a chuckle, "but the people were wonderful".

After they were settled on the island, the Browns set about raising their four children — Lyle, Josette, Marilynne and Duffie, who was the last baby to be born in the original Lady Minto Hospital.

**An open house will be held at the tavern this Friday so friends and customers can wish Brown good luck**

"When we moved here the roads were all gravel and there were no street lights or anything," Brown remembered. "The first ones that were installed went from the drug store up to the Harbour House."

Brown was also one of the many local ladies who helped to form the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary. "Originally there were four sewing machines for us. Some of us brought our own machines to use. We mended for the hospital, cut new bed pan covers and night shirts and things like that. Later on, in order to further assist the hospital, we started the sale of furniture, appliances, clothes and a whole assortment of other things at an annual sale that we held in Mahon Hall. It was always a huge success and we would make quite a bit of money for the hospital. Later on we opened the Thrift Store, downstairs in Mouats and it's still a going concern to this day."

Another event she remembered fondly was the first run of the

It was a bit of a stickler because we had to borrow cutlery and china from all the church halls. We catered for some 300 people and didn't have nearly enough cutlery and things to go around," she mused. "It certainly helped to know nearly everybody on the island on that occasion."

Brown was also one of the people who helped to get ArtCraft off the ground 25 years ago. "We took advantage of the Centennial grants at the time to start up Art-Craft. It has done very well ever since. I'm very proud of that one."

Now that Brown has a little more time to herself she said she may get back into working with clay. "It's something I've always enjoyed doing when I've had the time. But I intend to keep busy. There are too many interesting things to do on this island to just sit around. I consider myself very fortunate that we moved here. If we had stayed in Victoria I most likely would have only known my church group, my husband's business associates and my next door neighbours — if I was lucky. But here on the island it seems like you get to know everybody and I love every one of them".

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# 4-H membership shows big increase

*Club now needs parents to help out*

Salt Spring Island's 4H Club has undergone a transformation in the last few months.

Down to a low of nine "solid members" not quite two months ago, the club today has a healthy total of 37 "solid members" with a possibility of another three joining up shortly.

The main reason for the sudden increase in membership according to club supporter Peter Bardon is a combination of advertisements in the *Driftwood* and circulation of a flyer throughout the island school system.

"Everything seemed to work in conjunction with each other. The ads in the paper and the flyers in the school created a lot of interest. We're very pleased with the results.

"We've also had some tremendous support from The Farmers Institute and Foxglove," he added. "Both donated \$100 to the 4H Club. We owe a great deal of thanks to Chris Schmah for all he has done for us. Along with that Ross McLeod of Mansell Farms has promised the kids a horse-drawn hay ride as soon as the weather gets a bit better."

Although 4H Clubs have 28 different areas of interest for the

children to choose from, the primary areas of interest shown by the new members lean towards learning about horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, weaving, stamp collecting, bicycles and outdoor living. Bardon added that a camping trip is in the planning stages for this summer when members will learn a number of interesting and valuable lessons about the environment and survival techniques.

While the club may be substantially larger than last year, it is still open to new members if anyone is interested. Originally set up for children from age nine to 18, 4H now has a junior division, known as the peewee section, for children from age six to eight.

Bardon said the club is also looking for adults — preferably parents of members who would be willing to participate in teaching any of the activities the club has to offer. It is one of the few opportunities on the island where the entire family can become involved in a project, he explained.

Anyone interested in either helping out with the club or helping their children to join up can contact Peter Bardon at 653-4576 or Leanoir Hearsey at 537-5474.



**MY KIND OF TEST:** Gulf Islands Secondary School students were eager to complete a quiz about cigarette smoking in order to enter a draw for prizes donated by island merchants.

# Smoking smarts reward students

National Non-smoking Week brought success to some trying to stop smoking and prizes to several secondary school students.

Local organizers received 18 pledges to quit smoking from Gulf Islands Secondary School students. Spokeswoman Jaci Sanders said she was pleased with that number.

Thirteen students won prizes donated by local merchants when their names were drawn from many who correctly answered a smoking knowledge quiz.

Those students were Jessie Turner, T.V. Sagliano, Sunya Marcano, Farishta Johnstone, Chris Jason, Rod McKinley, Jaya Polden, Bree Woods, Ela Letts, Jane Hamilton, Norm Borland, Dave Denton and Jami Armitage. Teacher Larry Nelson's name was also drawn for a prize.

Prizes are still available to members of the community at large who have pledged to quit smoking. They can contact Jaci Sanders at 537-2098 or Rosemary Wallbank at 537-4398 to be eligible for prizes.



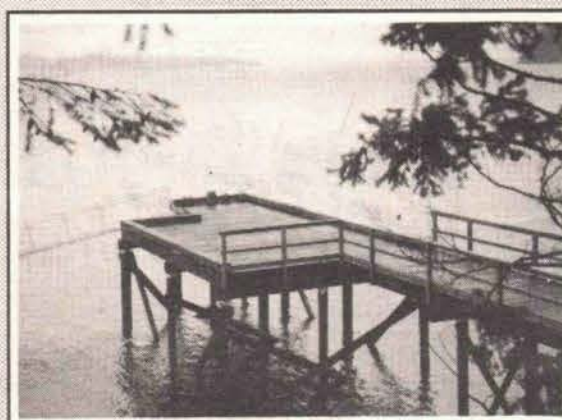
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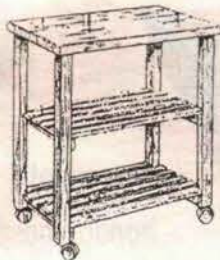
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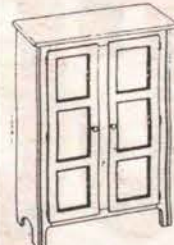


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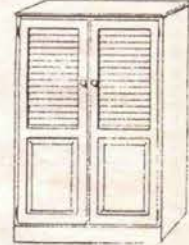
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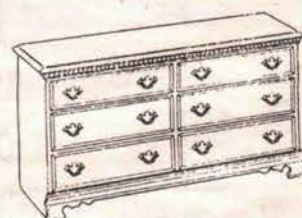


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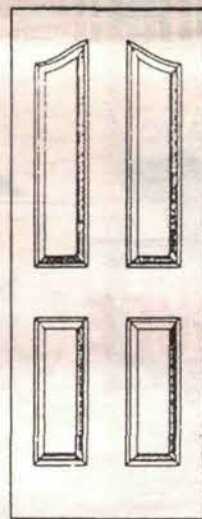
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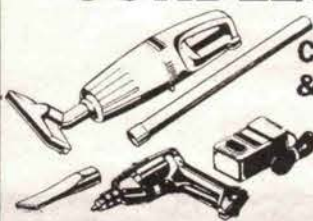
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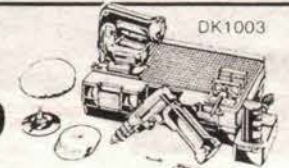
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MMM GOOD: Ian Rothnie cuts into the haggis with relish at the Legion's Robbie Burns Night Sunday at Meaden Hall. Bill Webster looks on. Driftwood photo by Ian Noble

## Legion donates funds to community groups

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 substantial funds in 1991. The annual poppy campaign brought \$6,154 to the cause and another \$8,000 from Friday and Saturday night meat draws aided several non-profit groups.

The branch donated \$4,400 to various groups on Salt Spring and \$3,600 to organizations elsewhere.

Beneficiary island groups were the Gulf Islands Association for People with Disabilities, Seniors for Seniors, Search and Rescue, Boys Scouts and Girl Guides, Christmas ship fund, Achievement Centre and Food Bank.

Island youth sports groups receiving grants were the soccer, baseball and track and field associations.

A Gulf Islands Secondary School bursary was also awarded from meat draw funds raised.

Off-island non-profit groups receiving funds were Operation Trackshoes, B.C. Cancer Society, B.C. Heart Fund, Multiple Sclerosis society, Variety Club Telethon, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Bessie Dane Hospice, Canadian Liver Foundation, foster children association and the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis group.

A Pacific Command bursary also came from local Legion funds.

## Heart campaign needs more volunteers

Heart disease and stroke are the number one cause of death in B.C. — claiming the lives of 9,000 British Columbians a year, says the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. and the Yukon.

In an effort to combat death from heart disease and stroke with research and education, the foundation has deemed February Heart Month. On Salt Spring campaign chairman Scotty Wild is hoping to raise \$11,000.

Wild has benefitted from heart and stroke research during his bypass operations and from medications he has taken. He said many heart problems are hereditary and diet related.

He has many events planned for the month and is now trying to find more volunteers to lend a hand. A committee of seven is working on the Salt Spring campaign, said Wild.

Events happening in support of Heart Month include a bowl-athon, a physical fitness group with Salty Sweat'rs, Pump Primers and the hiking club, real estate companies participating in a Roses for Hearts day, and Jump Rope for Hearts in elementary schools.

Also, Moby's and Vesuvius pubs will offer a Heart Smart meal and drink on their menu. Some of those profits will be forwarded to the campaign.

Many of the events will start on Valentine's Day, such as the Heart Smart meal offerings, and others will be one day only, said Wild.

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**ALL IN TWO BASKETS:** Apples and eggs enticed members of the cast in a Robbyn Scott presentation at Fulford Hall. From left they include Patrice Bowler, Mike Krayenhoff, Elsbet Krayenhoff and Sue Bowler. Photograph contributed

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## Moving beyond motherhood

Margaret Atwood describes time as "... a series of liquid transparencies, one laid on top of another. You don't look back along time but down through it, like water." *From Eggs to Apples* is about time — the time in a woman's life.

By **LYNDA JENSEN**  
*Driftwood Contributor*

This work came from Robbyn Scott's initial production of *Stages of Descent*. In that piece she takes us from birth to motherhood. In this she begins to explore beyond motherhood — beyond youth, physical beauty, the world of "Cosmo" — to a state where being a woman means experiencing growing old, learning wisdom, having time to reflect and share.

After entering Fulford Hall one passes a portrait of what appears to be a young girl. The caption beside the drawing explains that this is actually a woman. What you are seeing is her inner state. The hall itself is transformed into a quiet place, soft of tone, with familiar images of life — a rocking chair, toy box, and a clothes line filled with a lifetime of laundry.

Through music, slides, and recorded conversations played behind movement, we experience a

## Moby's hears fresh sound

The fresh coast sound will come alive as two powerful Vancouver musicians, Ross Barrett and Jack Velker, join forces to perform for two nights at Moby's Marine Pub, beginning January 31.

The singer/songwriters blend piano, synthesizer, saxophone, flute, and vocals to create an exciting and colourful sound according

kaleidoscope of inner states. The frankness of the women's exchanges — both in word and movement — reveal those familiar feelings of joy, fear, desire, vulnerability.

The strength of the piece is its simplicity. This is a collective work, a creation of all involved. The dance numbers, for example *The Egg Pass*, were reworked and tightened. The themes remained basically the same although shading changed when placing the dance at a further stage in life — fragility, responsibility.

The duet of the pregnant mothers from *Stages of Descent* was carried forward to a quartet embracing the mothers' love, playfulness and nurturing.

The most touching moment for me was when the older woman,

being watched by the younger women, dances with herself. Reflected on their face was affection, admiration, and wonder — a celebration.

One dance spoke to choices and our interconnectedness — passing what we are, who we are, one with another, one to another. Continuing with Margaret Atwood "...You don't look back along time but down through it, like water. Sometimes this comes to the surface, sometimes that, sometimes nothing. Nothing goes away."

*From Eggs to Apples* will be part of the Women in View Festival in Vancouver. There will be one performance only at Station Street Art Centre on Saturday, February 1 at 1:15 p.m.

Tell your friends in town.

### Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92 COMING EVENTS

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9 Zone Dart Competition Duncan Br 53	10 LA Meeting 8:00 pm	11 Darts 7:30 pm	12 Cribbage 8:00 pm	13	14 Meat Draw 4:30-6:00 Supper 6:00 pm Valentine's Day	15 Meat Draw 4:30-6:00 Valentines Dance
16 Zone Meeting Malahat Br 134	17 Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	18 Darts 7:30 pm	19 Cribbage 8:00 pm	20	21 Meat Draw 4:30-6:00 Supper 6:00 pm	22 Meat Draw 4:30-6:00 Murray on Piano
23	24	25 Darts 7:30 pm	26 Cribbage	27	28 Meat Draw	29 Meat Draw

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



**New talent search open to islanders**

Young Gulf Islanders are invited to step forward for a national talent search sponsored by the Canadian Heritage Arts Society.

*Experience Canada*, a touring performance company of 125 young Canadians, will feature a multicultural stage show called *Spirit of a Nation* travelling across the country for 125 days this year.

Canadian directors Jacques Lemay and Janis Dunning are holding auditions in 18 major Canadian centres in February to find "ambassadors for Canada" in dancers, singers, actors, musicians, ethnic performers and technicians, representing each province and territory.

A Canadian Heritage Arts Society release states "preference will be given to those with authentic ethnic performing talents, multilinguality and dynamic, caring, positive attitudes."

Participants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants between the ages of 18 and 25 and available to tour Canada from mid-April to the end of August 1992.

A resume, recent photograph and a one page essay on "the future of Canada and why I would like to be a part of the *Experience Canada* project" must be brought to the interview.

Tour goals are to promote cross-cultural understanding, recognize Canada's 125th anniversary of confederation, celebrate the nation's accomplishments and instill renewed national pride.

For more information, young people may contact Nancy Cottingham Powell at 738-9221 or by fax machine at 738-9201.

**Classical music night**

Music students from Gulf Islands Secondary School will present an evening of classical music this Thursday, January 30 at 7:30 in the high school music room.

The program will feature students Amber Cartwright, flute and piano; Rod McKinley, alto saxophone; Zac Hunter, piano; Margaret Fast, cello; Andrea Satzinger, Anika Ropars and Franziska Satzinger, flutes; Frank Besson, guitar and Anna Lam, piano. They will perform music by Rachmaninov, Handel, Bach, Clement, Ginestera and many others.

All students are enrolled in music courses at GISS and study privately with music teachers on Salt Spring or in Victoria.

Admission to the recital is a suggested donation of \$2 to help defray expenses. An intermission will be hosted by the Gulf Islands Music Boosters' Club.

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**Storyteller wants help**

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Corky Williams, a former Chilcotin rancher, cowboy poet and one of B.C.'s best storytellers is set to come south sometime this spring.

Stone has also arranged for Cathryn Welner and Richard Wright to perform here in March.

Welner is a well-known Seattle area storyteller. Wright is a storyteller/writer specializing in B.C. history stories.

Stone himself has explored both written and oral forms of the art.

His first acclaimed short story volume was *Hailstorms and Hoop Snakes* published in 1984. His most recent book is called *The One That Got Away* — featuring believe-it-or-not hunting and fishing tales.

In addition to writing stories, Stone has toured the country enhancing the verbal side of the story.

From Stone's point of view, "storytelling is just good conversation. Even when it is a performance you feel like (tellers) are talking to you.

"The best stories you can get are across the street at the coffee shop."

Stone is also interested in setting up a storytelling group on Salt Spring. He says it could be "an informal organization for teachers, performers, or just people interested in storytelling as a way to have a good time."

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# entertainment this week

**On Screen at SALT SPRING CINEMA**

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Nice is Marcel Pagnol's *My Mother's Castle*, in French with English subtitles, playing Friday to Sunday at 7 pm, Monday and Tuesday at 9:15. This gentle exercise in pastoral nostalgia follows *My Father's Glory*, seen here recently. Our teenage hero is torn between the life of the mind, the spiritual intensity of the gorgeous Provence hills and the seductions of the local would-be princess. Parental guidance advised.

Nasty is Martin Scorsese's *Cape Fear*, a frighteningly effective update of the Peck-Mitchum 1962 thriller. Nick Nolte is the good-guy lawyer who, with wife Jessica Lange, is threatened by very heavy bad guy Robert De Niro, just released after 16 years in the joint and looking for revenge. Scorsese and De Niro have worked together on violence before (*Taxi Driver*, *Raging Bull*) and they know a lot about it. Restricted. Friday to Sunday at 9 pm, Monday and Tuesday at 7 pm.

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6. Dying Young (6)
7. Wings of Desire (7)
8. What About Bob? (8)
9. Doc Hollywood (9)
10. Belly of an Architect (10)

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## Checking out art in Ottawa

The lure of a white Christmas, family and friends, drew us East for the holidays this year. Not surprisingly, things had definitely changed in the nation's Capital since my sojourn as a federal bureaucrat ended 13 years ago.

By LYNDA LAUSHWAY  
*Artseen Columnist*

The new National Gallery is a most welcome addition to the city. Replacing the old Elgin Street converted office building-like structure, a wonder of glass and concrete has taken its place.

Located behind the Parliament Buildings off Sussex Drive, the new gallery places Canada in a position of pride among art galleries of the world. There is an enormous amount of glass in this building, giving a feeling of lightness inside, despite massive concrete walls.

There are some fine pieces of artwork in the gallery collection. I loved seeing their "Group of Seven" room, containing some very fine works by these famous painters. Their European collection was better than I remembered and I was delighted to be able to introduce my children to an original Van Gogh, Renoir and Monet.

The gallery security were certainly on their toes as my children insisted on seeing paintings that interested them from a six-inch vantage point.

We stumbled upon the infamous Darret Newman paintings. You may recall controversy surrounding the acquisition of a painting by this American artist some months ago. I

do not remember the exact purchase price, but I do know that it would provide a healthy retirement fund for the owner. The painting is definitely large, and if they paid by the square inch, perhaps it was not all that outrageous after all. I would estimate the size to be at least 25 five feet by 15 feet. The image is comprised of three blue and red stripes. The colours are clear and intense and the edges are crisp. Hard edge painting has its place, but I admit that I too rank among those questioning the appropriateness of such a large expenditure on this work.

As a visual artist, it was thrilling for me to see the obvious importance given to our national art collection by our government. There was a constant stream of school children coming for tours and workshops to the gallery while we were there. I only wish that children across the country had similar access to this superb experience.

Closer to home, relatively new Salt Spring artist Sandra Hunter has an exhibition of work at the Vortex Gallery in Fulford, until January 31.

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## Poetry night quite a bit

Poetry appreciation proved as lively as the poets at a recent Night of the Living Poets on Salt Spring.

Organizers were overwhelmed by the nearly 100 people who came to the door of St. George's Hall January 17 to hear a group of island poets read their work.

Because the church hall has only 64 chairs, people were even sitting on the floor.

Event initiator Chris Smart was impressed with audience response and the presence of young adults. She says support could be available for island teens to put on their own poetry or performing arts events.

She hopes more nights of living poetry will be organized, but would appreciate more volunteer help in future. Anyone interested in developing the concept further is invited to call Smart at 537- 5999.

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**ONE SMALL STEP:** Lorraine Konst becomes part of a typical 1969 family scene with figures she sculpted for the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle. The figures are for an Apollo 11 re-creation of a family watching the moon landing on television. *Driftwood photo by Ian Noble*

## Finding models crucial

### Sculptor creates family watching first moon landing

Do you remember where you were when Apollo 11 landed on the moon?

Many people throughout the world had their eyes glued to a television screen.

By IAN NOBLE  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Working in a Morningside Drive garage, sculptor Lorraine Konst has helped Seattle's Boeing Museum of Flight recreate a scene of a family watching the landing.

She sculpted father, mother and daughter figures for the scene.

From her studio last Wednesday, Konst recalled sitting in front of a television set in her own childhood Kitimat home watching the Apollo landing. "There aren't many events in your life you can remember like that," she said.

Konst asked islanders Bill Rhodes and Gail Dubeau to pose as the father and mother of the family. She said she was trying to depict the period of 1969 and they fit that image "really well".

"The biggest trick is finding the right model. I thought they were the perfect role models for what I was looking for at the time."

Although Konst chose the clothes and models, she had to make the figures in a certain shape to fit in with the rest of the display. Both the father and mother are seated and the daughter is lying on the ground, propping her head up with her hand — a typical family scene.

Konst said her artistic abilities are definitely being used but she considers other, more personal things to be art. "I see it as a work that I enjoy doing and I can have artistic input into."

"I really like doing this work and I'm getting paid for it."

During the last five years, Konst has created sculptures for Metrotown Mall, Expo '86, Granville Island information centre as

plays she has done in the past. "It's interesting for me to see my progress. I feel they get better all the time."

To make a fibreglass sculpture, she first makes a plaster body cast of the model, then adds fibreglass layers one-eighth of an inch thick. Then she paints and gel-coats it.

Her training in fibreglassing has come from working on sailboats. "I probably wouldn't be fibreglassing if I didn't work on boats."

Her work with life-size fibreglass sculptures evolved from working on dolls and puppets. "My dolls have just gotten bigger and bigger."

She still makes small Yoda-like dolls with squeezable foam heads as a creative outlet and "comic relief. They are just play time now. Eventually they might develop into something."

Currently, just the heads have been started. Most have large eyes and long, crooked noses. They sit on a shelf at the end of the garage-studio, waiting until Konst finishes her Boeing work so she can turn her attention to them.

While studying weaving in Fredericton, New Brunswick, she sold dolls at the farmers' market. One of her best customers was Premier Richard Hatfield who would often come down and buy her dolls. "It supported me through school." She has also sold "30 or 40" dolls in the Pier 39 Gallery in San Francisco.

After the Boeing sculptures were taken to Seattle Friday, Konst was left with time to add bodies, hands and feet to her dolls, enjoying her "comic relief" and "play time".

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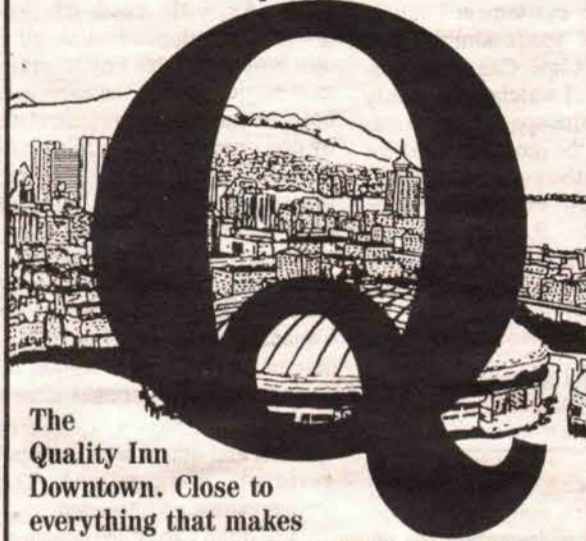
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## COMING EVENTS

# Cross Currents

Many of you must have experienced the excitement I felt in watching the space shuttle *Discovery* from Cape Canaveral earlier this week. I watched the jaunty crew in their blue space suits, vividly profiled in the morning sunshine as they made their way, single file, to board their enormous space craft. Our Dr. Roberta Bendar, Canada's first woman astronaut was radiant, enthused and optimistic about the whole enterprise.

By REV. SHARON MOORE  
COOK  
Ganges United Church

I have been aware, as the progress reports reach us from the space ship, how important the efforts of each of those astronauts is in the project. Dr. Bendar's work for instance is focused on the effects of weightlessness on the human spine, and may contribute to

## Author here for forest feast

Author Ian Mahood will visit Salt Spring Island next month for "an ancient forest feast" sponsored by the Peace, Justice and Environment Coalition.

Mahood has written *Three Men and a Forester*, a book about tree farm licences and "their past and present evils".

Cost for the evening, which includes dinner, Mahood's speech and entertainment, is \$12 per person. Children will pay \$6 each to attend the February 22 event. Tickets are available at et cetera.

Seating is limited at Fulford Hall and organizers are advising people to get their tickets early.

the successful treatment of back pain. As well each of those astronauts is dependent on all the others on board this tiny laboratory as it hurtles around the earth every hour. A mistake or miscalculation by one crew member could be disastrous for all the rest. What a wonderful example of both independence and cooperation.

Independence is a word we hear often today, whether we're talking about Eastern Europe or our own Canadian situation. The right to determine one's own unique destiny is frequently sought after by indigenous peoples, Quebecois, women and others who have been seriously marginalized. Their voices cannot go unheeded.

The other part of the equation is the well-being of the society of which we are an integral part, and perhaps even more important is our awareness that we are as critically connected to each other as those eight astronauts flying by even as I write this piece.

St. Paul, the ubiquitous, feisty evangelist of the first century, was always dealing with a church on the verge of flying apart into disunity, chaos and individualism. In 51 A.D. he wrote to the Christians in Corinth, a city as cosmopolitan and explosive in its day as New York, or Los Angeles is in ours. A centre of government and trade for the Eastern gateway to the Roman Empire, it contained all the excitement and creativity, trials and tribulations symptomatic of cultures in collision.

In his somewhat indignant letter to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians, chapter 12), Paul reminded them that we all have some unique contribution to make, just as do the parts of our bodies, like the hand, head or leg.

None of these parts is worth two hoots if it functions alone. A body part becomes effective only when it is integrated with all of the other parts. The head needs the arm, head, leg, heart etc., to operate as an integrated, living whole. It is the spirit which unites us but does not

exclude for a moment our diversity and unique gifts as individuals.

Similarly, Paul goes on to say — if one part of the body suffers, all parts are affected — and the ripple is felt through the whole system. If you think that is not true, try ignoring a tooth ache or even a small sliver in the pad of your thumb.

If as individuals, or even as members of Canadian society, we could begin to change our mind set to be more "systemic" like the suggestions from St. Paul, we might begin to diminish some aspects of fearful defensiveness and excessive competition which not only fragments us, but drains away our vital energy.

Every age seems to have its metaphors and images.

As Roberta Bondar peeks through her porthole at the shimmering earth, a suspended ball in space, her precious "island home", I wonder if she realizes that her daily life with the others in that fragile capsule provides a powerful blueprint for us, who must seek a common destiny, if life is to be worth living at all?

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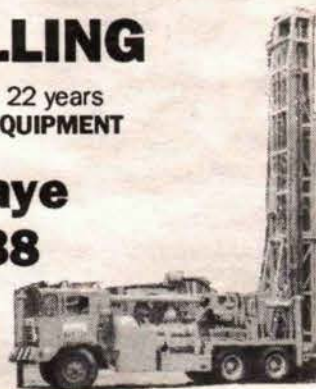
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## Cuff returns to teach

Noted Vancouver artist and teacher Rick Cuff will visit Salt Spring February 22-23 to conduct a special instructional skills for artist workshop for area residents.

Co-sponsors are School District No. 64 and Emily Carr College of Art and Design (ECCAD) Outreach Programme.

Cuff will teach up to 20 participants, provided a minimum of 12 people are enrolled by February 12.

Beginners and those with an established interest in instructional skills for artists will be welcome. Continuing Education is responsible for registration and workshop location, and can be reached at 537-2822 for information.

Cuff has been on the island previously to conduct workshops for continuing education.

## Hiking schedule

Trail and Nature Club schedule for February

All outings start from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.

**Tuesday, February 4**

Hike: Cranberry outlet with leader Dennis Steward.

Walk: Blackburn area with leader Betty Ball.

**Tuesday, February 11** ("Heart Tuesday")

This is the day to do something for your own heart and the Heart Fund at the same time. Come and see!

Hike: Shepherd Hills with leader Loes Holland.

Point Trail. Meet at the Christmas tree or at Centennial Park if you don't know the way.

Walk: Mountain Road area with leader Jean King. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 25**

Hike: Mt. Sullivan with leader Bob Ball. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

Walk: China Beach area with leaders Ron and Nancy Holcroft. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

**Thursday, February 27**

Monthly meeting: 7:30 p.m. in the United Church Hall. Guest speaker will be Nora Layard whose subject will be "Refining the Tat"



## SPORTS SECTION

# Sailing club offers members many benefits

Advantages of belonging to the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club (SISC) abound. They include camaraderie, competition and classes.

By IAN NOBLE  
Driftwood Staff Writer

One of the best benefits is the reciprocal privileges members

receive at other sailing clubs on the B.C. and Washington coast.

For people cruising the coast, this means that if their destination has a sailing club with reciprocal privileges with SISC, overnight moorage can be booked on a space-available basis. In turn, members of other clubs can also use facilities at SISC.

"It's an ongoing thing that happens all the time," said new club commodore Cecil Oliver.

The sailing club is located in Ganges Harbour at the foot of Douglas Road. Currently, the club has 150 adult members and 30 junior members.

Oliver explained the club is a "laid-back" organisation that depends on members and member's work parties doing a lot of the maintenance work themselves.

"It's not an expensive club to belong to."

Still, the schedule of events is long. This year 19 racing events are scheduled with two races taking place next month on February 9 and February 23. As well as those 19 races, a Wednesday night series is anticipated to start sometime in May when the weather improves.

Races are open to both members and non-members alike, said club fleet racing captain George Behringer. "As long as they know the basic rules of the road that is all we need. The more the merrier."

Non-members are asked to supply their boat's name and rating to the club, and are not eligible for trophies, Behringer said.

Those who do not have boats but want to race are welcome to join the club, as well.

member and non-member, are needed.

In summer, two sessions in July and August will provide instruction six days a week. Course instruction leads toward white sail, bronze, and instructional designations.

Junior courses are open to club members and non-members.

The club supplies boats and boat maintenance for the sessions as well as picking up part of each student's course fees. SISC is actively looking to buy second-hand Laser sailboats for the junior program.

If readers are interested in taking part in these programs or wish to volunteer assistance, they are invited to call David Stone at 537-2971.

Seven cruises are scheduled for 1992, with the flare night and party scheduled for a date in March to be announced, weather permitting.

Community groups may book the clubhouse for meetings. "It's time people knew we were here for people in the community," said Oliver.



For juniors, a two-month course with classes twice a week starting in mid-April will offer sailing theory and practical instruction. The same course will be repeated in the fall. Volunteer instructors, both

## DOWN the Gutter

Two bowlers reached the high peaks in scoring at Leisure Lanes last week. Recording triples over 700 were Sharon Sykes with a 722 and Deanna Marleau with a 718. It was the second week over 700 for Sykes who also recorded a 714 three-game total score.

By PAULA BEDFORD  
Driftwood Contributor

Bowlers have completed their bowl-a-thon games and are out collecting their pledges. Entries were double the number last year but final statistics will not be available until February 3 when all money must be turned in. Funds will be forwarded to the Variety Club in Vancouver.

Other scores from last week included:

### GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Tuesday morning: Madalene Jory 275/637; Edie Gear 223,206/620; Betty Horncastle 215; Jack Godwin 255, 205/640.

Tuesday afternoon: Goodie 204, 242, 200/646; Nancy White 232; Conrad Flebbe 217; Cy Sloan 280; Bill Baker 200,212; Ed Allan 253.

Friday morning: Margaret Baker 206,223,259/688; Goodie

235.

Friday afternoon: Gene Graham 303,203-683; Jack Kean 227, Edie Gear 211; Joyce Lampier 204, 201.

Golf ladies: Maddy Cooper 236; Lorraine Toller 334/666; Jean Haines, 210.

### EVENING

Circus: Trish Hoffman 241; Bill Crandall 210; Gady Webster 223,217/638; Sam Cochrane 262; Ruby Webster 268; Mary Kirkpatrick 202; Bob Kirkpatrick 200; Lesley Cheesman 218.

Wednesday mixed: Deanna Kitchen 201,227/616; Deanna Marleau 296,219,203/718; Val Hughes 281,649; Diane Little 209; Dora Reynolds 216/600; Steve Marleau 201,276/663; Theresa Stevenson 213.

Legion: Rick Parsons 220,223/616; Doug Sykes 284,202/615; Sharon Sykes 251,286/722 and from last week 219,259,236/714; Chris Cormack 214,213,234/612; Al Hall 227; Bobby Wood 214; Helga Graham 215; Josie Bergsma 318; Sharon Chernenkoff 223,205; Dee Kinney 217,264/603.

A big happy birthday to one of our most avid bowlers - Bobbsy!

## Tennis student shines

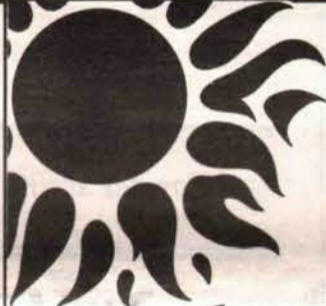
A tennis coach who resides on Salt Spring experienced a great sensation when one of his students recently won a prestigious North American competition.

Michael Best coached 12-year-old Erik Dmytruk of Edmonton to win the boys' 12-and-under title of the international Fiesta Bowl Junior Tennis Championships at Phoenix, Arizona.

Dmytruk was the first Canadian to win a boys' event in the tournament's history and joins previous Fiesta Bowl winners like Michael Chang and Andre Agassi.

A United States Tennis Association press release describes Dmytruk as Canada's top 12-and-under player.

Best, who also coached six other players in the tournament, said of Dmytruk: "he is very talented and a pleasure to coach. It's no fluke he is in the company of Chang and Agassi."



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**SPORTS**

# Washington offers a challenge for all

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Novices learn on "green" runs which slope gently from the day lodge area and down to the green chair — which leads people to the green face and *Marmot* runs.

The red chair takes skiers to a few more difficult but not dangerous runs. *Westerly* is a leisurely long, wide run. Turning left at the top of the chair puts skiers on the right track and also gives them a few options for variety by shooting off either *Easy Rider* or *Tyee* runs.

If *Tyee* is the chosen route, it may be advisable to stay left and go down the lower half of the red face under the chairlift the first time rather than negotiating the second half of *Tyee*.

The *Freeway* run, which traverses the mountain horizontally, is accessed from the top of the red chair or part way down the yellow and blue chairs. It is also a friendly post-beginner run, which takes skiers to the lower parts of *Coaster*

or *Linton's Loop* — the next most difficult runs.

*Coaster* and *Linton's Loop* are the kind of runs that thrill learning skiers looking for signs they will someday "make it" to the mogul runs they see below them from the yellow and blue chairs.

The two runs are accessed from either the top of the mountain off the blue chair or shorter versions result from starting off the yellow chair.

All blue runs off both higher chairs provide ample challenge for skiers with average experience.

Black runs *East Bull*, *West Bull* and *Whiskey Jack* provide the next level of excitement with manageable moguls for moderates.

The rest of the black runs are for experienced or at least bold skiers. Turning left at the top of the blue chair guarantees skiing for maximum thrill.

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## Making skiing fit into your budget

**Invest wisely in ski equipment**

- Rent equipment when you are starting out. Once you have reached a certain level, you can invest in equipment that will suit your needs for a longer period of time.

- Your equipment should last about 100 ski days (approximately five seasons of weekend use). Do not feel compelled to buy new equipment simply because the hot new colours appeal to you.

- When you purchase new equipment for children, many retailers offer large discounts on your next purchase when you trade in the used equipment.

**Your own closet may be the best source for a ski outfit.**

You most likely already have the basics of a ski outfit. Follow this clothing checklist.

- Thermal undershirt or a T-shirt, long johns, turtle neck shirt, sweater, flannel shirt or fleece top, nylon wind pants (worn over jeans, cords or sweats), warm jacket or parka, knit hat (preferably wool), waterproof gloves or mittens with long cuffs, non-ribbed medium weight socks.

- The key is to dress in layers.

**Look for these savings on lift and trail tickets**

- Free skiing for children under a specified age.

- Reduced prices for children in a group of three or more with one

**SPORTS**

# National Ski Week focuses awareness

**National Ski Week is celebrated across Canada. For the 15th year, this winter tradition was marked from coast to coast.**

Hundreds of thousands of Canadians, including many Gulf Islanders, head for the ski slopes whenever they can.

And what about you? Have you thought about trying this sport and put it off time and time again?

This should be the year to start and a whole new outdoor adventure.

No more excuses. If you don't go downhill or cross country skiing this winter, you will be missing out on the best thing going, and here are 10 reasons why.

(1) Skiing is the best way to enjoy winter. If you live in Canada, you live with winter. But there is more to winter than slushy, salty streets. Skiing takes you to where the snow is white, the air is fresh and you can enjoy the surroundings of hills, trees and trails.

(2) Skiing is easy to learn. With thousands of certified ski instructors and hundreds of professional ski schools in Canada, learning to ski is easy, safe and fun. The beauty of skiing is that enjoyment does not hinge on physical ability. You can enjoy skiing at your own pace. There is no need to wait until you

refine your skills, the good times start as soon as you do.

(3) Nothing matches the thrill and excitement of skiing. Skiing removes you from the ordinary and introduces you to the extraordinary. It charges you with a feeling of exhilaration. Challenge. And wonder. It is a unique experience, enriching you in a way that no other recreational activity can.

(4) Skiing is good for your health. Both downhill and cross country skiing are great ways to exercise. Skiing helps improve your endurance, strength, coordination and flexibility. Being active outdoors is a sure way to bring that healthy glow to your cheeks.

(5) Skiing is time well spent with family and friends. Skiing is more than a sports activity. It is a social event. The trip there, a group lunch and reminiscing while you warm your toes around the fire at the end of the day are all a big part of the total skiing experience. With time at such a premium these days, skiing is a rare opportunity to combine the personal benefit of a sports activity with quality social time spent with family and friends.

(6) Skiing will last you a lifetime. You can start skiing at any age and chances are good that you will be doing it for the rest of your life. Skiing is one of the few sports



**SLOPE FOLKS:** Island residents Yvonne Sollitt and Halvor Eide schuss the slopes of Mt. Washington. There may not be any snow on Salt Spring but it is piled high in the mountains.

that kids, parents, and grandparents can participate in side-by-side. Kids love to ski with their parents, and delight in sharing their accomplishments with them. And today, retirement means having the freedom and flexibility to enjoy the pleasures of a healthy, active life, which includes skiing.

(7) Skiing is a great buy for your money. Skiing is more affordable than you might think. Look at the

hours of enjoyment you get. If you ski from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a \$28 lift ticket, it's only about \$4 per hour. About the same as a movie, and less than many other sports and leisure activities. Cross country skiing is less expensive, and can even be free. The cost of equipment and incidentals varies. You can ski on a budget or spend a lot, it's up to you.

(8) Skiing is a great break from daily routine. Skiing frees you from

daily routines and pressures. A change of pace and scenery on the weekend will help to restore your energy and enthusiasm. There is a lot of truth to the saying, "A change is as good as a rest."

(9) Skiing offers unlimited vacation opportunities. From a weekend getaway to a two-week vacation, destination resorts for both downhill and cross country skiing offer packages with something to suit everyone. And the fun is not confined to the hills and trails. Shopping, fine dining, tours and other sports and activities are now an integral part of Canada's highly developed ski resorts, which rank among the best in the world. Fort Lauderdale is not the only way to beat February blues.

(10) Everyone is doing it! Last year, Canada's 312 ski resorts sold 21.5 million lift tickets to downhill skiers. An estimated 3.5 million Canadians cross country ski, and more than four million Canadians have downhill skied. In 1990, nine per cent of Canadians over 12 years of age (1,879,000) skied six times or more. If that many people are enjoying skiing, there must be something good about it. And you are missing out. So try skiing this winter... You have to "Ski it to believe it!"

## Quick tips on learning how to ski

Take a lesson. A professional instructor will ease you into skiing quickly, easily and safely. With four or five lessons, you should be able to ski 50 per cent of the runs at most ski areas.

Lessons are a good idea for learning to cross country ski too. Most people think that if they can walk, they can cross country ski, but soon discover that walking on skis is not a lot of fun. Lessons provide you with the skills to glide and go up and down hills efficiently.

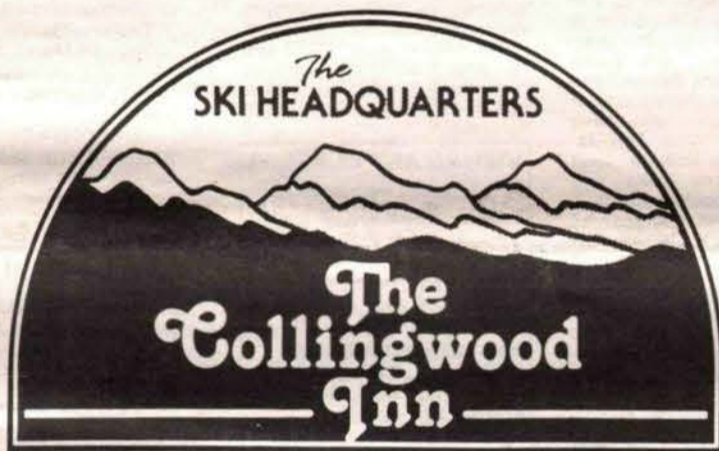
Children are usually ready to start instruction by the age of five. They have developed good listening and coordination skills, and they are used to being away from home and parents.

Children younger than five should be introduced to skiing through extended "ski play" rather than formal group instruction. Putting the equipment on and playing in the snow on gentle slopes will make their initial encounter with skiing a positive one. Many ski areas have nursery programs for toddlers.

Ski school reservations should be made prior to your arrival at the resort. Beginner classes fill up quickly and a little advance planning helps guarantee availability.

Ask about Beginner packages. Many ski areas are offering a *discover skiing* package which offers equipment rental, a beginner group lesson and a full day beginner lift ticket for \$29.95 or less.

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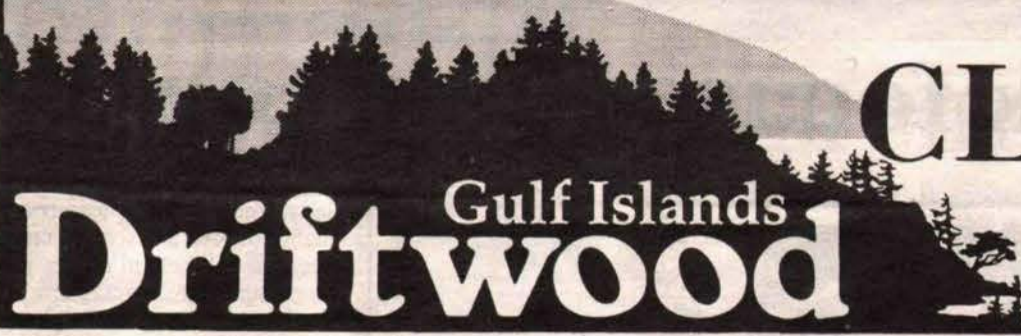
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#### BIRTHS 05

BOB & ALICIA Anderson are pleased to announce the arrival of a new grandson, born in Saskatoon, January 17th to Catherine and Stephen Rice, a brother for Shannon Amy and Connor. 5

#### DEATHS 06

HAMILTON, KENNETH Stainton, on January 16, 1992, peacefully at home after a long illness. Beloved husband and father. Service was held January 20, 1992 in St. George's church, Rev. Barry Valentine officiated. Goodman Jones Funeral Home, Ganges in care of arrangements. 5

#### CARDS OF THANKS 08

DOREEN, CAROLINE and the whole Hamilton family would like to thank the community for all the love you have shown us over these last, difficult months of Kenneth's illness. We especially thank Dr. Peter Rowell who has been a concerned and sensitive friend as well as physician; we thank Barry Valentine for his loving and sustaining presence in our lives; we thank all the health professionals, especially Sharon Armstrong, for their untiring support; we thank Jean Knight of the Bessie Dane Foundation. And thanks to all of you, our friends, who have supported us with prayers, casseroles and flowers, kind notes, telephone calls and cookies. We could not have survived the last few months without you. 5

MANY THANKS to friends, families, volunteers, performers, and the community of Salt Spring Island who supported the dance production "From Eggs to Apples". You made it all possible! Sincerely, Robbyn Scott, Director. 5

SALT SPRING Cinema thanks you. One year ago today, Danny's slide flashed onto the screen... "This Cinema For Sale", and a short while later we were owners. During this first year, we've been receiving words of appreciation for our efforts, but we didn't know to what great extent that caring went until last weekend. The phone line were buzzing, over 500 people signed our petition and Central Hall was filled on a rainy Super Bowl Sunday afternoon. You showed us by these actions that you wanted to help us continue showing movies for the benefit of the community, and now it's our turn to extend our gratitude. Thank you seems such a little word when it means so much, but to each individual, a heartfelt thank you from the Nye sisters. Alberta, Gloria and Louise. 5

MALCOLM ROBERTSON, Moira Bergstrom and family wish to extend heartfelt thanks to our friends for their many expressions of kindness to us in our time of sorrow. We will always remember. 5

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NCCP LEVEL I Coaching Theory for coaches, or people interested in coaching. Includes baseball, soccer, volleyball, track and field and most other sports. Course is March 21 and 22, cost \$30.00. Register at Portlock Park office. Inquiries: 537-4448. S.S.I. Parks and Recreation. 5

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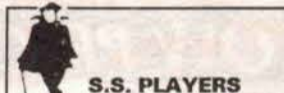
KIDS' CARTOONING 7-12 yrs, 6 wks., \$42. Feb. 3-Mar. 9, Mon., 4-5:30 pm

PRE-TEEN W/COLOUR 10-14 yrs., 6 wks., \$48. Feb. 6-Mar. 12, Thurs., 4-5:30 pm

ADULT W/COLOUR 6 wks. \$60. Feb. 3-Mar. 9, Mon. 7:30-10 pm

ADULT W/COLOUR & OIL 6 wks. \$60. Feb. 6-Mar. 12, Thurs., 7:30-10 pm.

To register call instructor **ADRIEN TOWN** The Town Art Gallery 120B Hereford St. Box 668 Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0 537-4044 537-5969 5



S.S. PLAYERS are having a potluck supper and get together at St. George's Hall on Saturday, February 1st at 6pm

If you are interested in any aspect of the theatre please join us. ENQUIRIES CALL DAWN 537-5115 5

#### Dreambody Process Workshop "THE SHAMANIC BODY"

An inner journey VISION VOICES SYMPTOMS DREAMS Sun. Feb. 9, 11am-5pm-\$35 at the Cogans' 653-4563 Limited registration, info 537-5433 Facilitators: Ann Jacob, Stan & Jude Tomandl Rcc 5



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 92 Valentine's Dance and Buffet For members and their guests in the Lounge Saturday Feb. 15th 6pm

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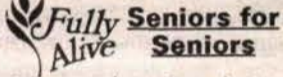
#### GANGES DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

Starting Feb. 2 Sunday 10am at the FARMERS INSTITUTE

#### BEGINNERS & ADVANCED CLASSES

- Trial time is here again-

For information & registration Call Mona 537-5265 or leave message 4



#### Fully Alive Seniors

Is sponsoring a 6 week course designed to empower older adults to improve their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being. Together we will explore personal strengths in order to deal most effectively with life's challenges and adversities.

This course will be facilitated by Pam Terry M. Ed. counsellor and educator Fridays 10am-noon Feb. 14-March 20th Sliding scale payment \$15 - \$60 Maximum 10 participants CONTACT SENIORS FOR SENIORS at 537-4604 to register 5

#### Classical Music Recital

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CLASSICAL MUSIC RECITAL

Thursday Jan 30th 7:30pm (tomorrow evening) HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM Admission \$2 5

#### Fitness Instructors COURSE

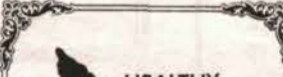
Feb. 7, 8, 9 - 14, 15, 16 Led by Lara Lauzon Master trainer

Call Bev or Gloria at ISLAND POWER & FITNESS MILL BAY, B.C. For more information 743-7600 5

#### HEADACHE MANAGEMENT

A one day course with RACHEL JACOBSON If you suffer from chronic headaches or migraines and are sick of taking pain killers, this class is for you!

Saturday, Feb. 15th 10am - 4 or 4:30pm (1 hr. break for light lunch) Herbal teas & juice available. Class limited to 4 individuals. Fee \$75 Call 537-1091 7



#### HEALTHY SALT SPRING 2000

QUESTIONNAIRE Feedback and planning meeting

at THE FULFORD INN (dining room entrance) Sunday Feb 2nd, 2-4pm

Please come & help make a difference! -All very welcome!!- Meetings will also be held at: Fernwood School, Sun. Feb. 16th 2-4pm Ganges United Church Hall, 5

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### COMING EVENTS 11

#### THE BAHAI COMMUNITY OF SALT SPRING ISLAND INVITES YOU TO FRIDAY NIGHT DISCUSSIONS



Friday, January 31st "Journey of becoming a Baha'i"

Speaker: Farhad Naderi 7:30pm BRAEHAVEN Next to Greenwoods

#### FREE - Partnership Skills Workshop GIVEN BY VICTORIA F.O.S. FOR:

- people with schizophrenia - family members - professionals

Monday, February 3, 1992 from 12 noon - 4:00pm at the

Royal Oak Baptist Church 898 Royal Oak Ave., Victoria in the Fireside Room To register or for more information please call ANNE at 537-9971



#### S.S.I. PAINTERS' GUILD WEDNESDAY MEETINGS CENTRAL HALL

Feb. 5th 10am Still Life, paint or draw

Feb. 12th 9:30am Focus on Light and Design with Judith Borbas

Feb. 19 & 26th 10am Life drawing

NOTICE TO ARTISTS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN SSI PAINTERS GUILD SHOWS MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PAID BY FEB. 29th 1992 5

#### VOICE OF WOMEN Sponsored

VEGETARIAN LUNCHEON Friday, Feb. 7 11:30-1:30 \$7.00 ST. GEORGE'S HALL

#### STRETCH THOSE DOLLARS FARTHER!



#### COMMUNITY SERVICES 14

ALANON/ALATEEN - A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information, call 537-2317, 653-4288 or 537-2646 5

ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) Meeting, is held every Wednesday at 7:30pm at the SS Community Centre. Children of dysfunctional families, also very welcome. A.A. MEETINGS. Salt Spring 5

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES 14**

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meetings (for everyone who thinks they might have a drug problem). Every Saturday 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the Community Centre. For further info. please call 537-1169. th

**A.A. MEETING**, ladies only, Thursday night, 7:00pm. Please call 537-5794 or 537-1600. th

**DRESSINGS ARE** free to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Virginia Amorsen, 537-9105. th

**FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics** meet informally in homes for mutual support and exchange of information. Phone 537-9327 or 537-5264. th

**OPEN A.A. Meetings**, Sunday nights 8:00pm, Community Centre. 537-2317. th

**Salt Spring Island Foundation**  
"CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"

Donations of cash, property or life insurance now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. "In Memoriam" gifts will be acknowledged with a card. Include names and addresses of recipient, next of kin and donor for tax receipt. Scholarships, land for parks, and relief of hardship are but a few directions in which your foundation serves the community. Please mail donations and requests for information to The Salt Spring Island Foundation, P.O. Box 8, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0 or call John Crofton at 537-2433. th

**EDUCATION 17**

**TRAIN TO MANAGE** an Apartment/Condominium building. Many jobs available. Government licenced home study certification course. Call for details: (604)681-5456 or 1-800-665-8339. B

**LEARN INCOME TAX PREPARATION** or Basic Bookkeeping. Tax deductible certificate courses. For free brochures, no obligation: U&R Tax Services, 1345 Pembina Hwy., Winnipeg MB, R3T 2B6, 1-800-665-5144 or fax 1(204)254-6172. B

**TRAIN YOUR staff** in-house with computer training systems by training professionals. WP, 123, MS word etc. starting from \$249. Tech Star Training Systems Inc. 1-800-361-7311. B

**PIANO LESSONS** for beginners children and adults. Contact Miss Anne Hostetter 653-4635. 6

**IN MEMORIAM 23**

**Canadian Cancer Society**  
IN MEMORY/IN HONOUR  
In B.C. & Yukon the Canadian Cancer Society supports research, education and patient services. Mail gifts to Salt Spring Island Unit, Box 1147, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. Please include name of person being honoured or name of deceased and where to send cards.

Call now to be part of the **1992 GULF ISLANDER** 537-9933  
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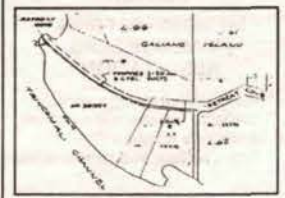
**LEGALS 26**

**NOTICE TO Creditors.** Re: The Estate of Donald Eric Baker. Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Donald Eric Baker a.k.a. Donald Baker, deceased, formerly of 108 Twiss Road, Galiano Island, B.C., are required to send full particulars of such claims to the undersigned Executrix at 108 Twiss Road, R.R.1, Galiano, B.C., V0N 1P0, on or before the 28th day of March, 1992; after which date the assets of the estate will be distributed, having regard only to claims that have been received. Lillian Dorothy

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LEGALS 26**

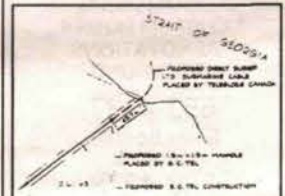
**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND**



At District Lot 63 and situated on the east side of Galiano Island:

Take Notice that Teleglobe Canada Inc. of 680 Sherbrooke Street, West, Montreal, Quebec INTENDS TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE OF OCCUPATION of land situated on Galiano Island described above. The purpose for which the land is required is the installation, operation and maintenance of an underground communication cable and appurtenances thereto. Comments concerning this application may be made to the Ministry of Crown Lands, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V5H 2B3, Attention: Doug Berry, Senior Land Officer (356-2729). File No. 1406770. 6

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND**



At Retreat Cove on the west side of Galiano Island and situated at the foot of Retreat Cove Road:

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**LOST & FOUND 29**

**SET OF keys** with plastic tag K-602 found in parking lot at Vesuvius ferry January 17th. Please claim at Driftwood. 5

**HELP!** Find a set of photographs submitted to the Ganges (Gasoline Alley) One Hour Photo Finishers Dec. 3rd 1991. Under #525777. After a month they admitted they were lost. Pictures cover a holiday from L.A. to Victoria and include shots of relatives, friends and coastal scenes plus swans at the end of Fulford Harbour. If anyone has received same by mistake, please call Russ Dickson at 537-9879 till Feb. 23rd or mail to 68 Bow Landing N.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3B 5J8. Any costs will be reimbursed. Thanks. 5

**LOST:** Man's watch with gold expansion band, approx. Jan. 21st, at the Village Market. Call 537-5659. 5

**WANT ADS**  
work WONDERS!

**MEETINGS 32**

**TO ALL members** of the guilds involved in the pre-Christmas sale, our meetings will take place on Feb. 10th, 7:30pm at St. George's Hall. Please make a special effort to join us in

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEETINGS 32**

**SSI PARKS & Recreation** Commission invites letters of interest from SSI residents who would consider becoming a Commission member. Experience with either youth, land use, planning, and/or trail and nature issues are desirable. Interested residents apply in writing to SSI Parks & Recreation Commission, Box 197, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. 5

**THE FEBRUARY 3rd** meeting of the SSI Parks & Recreation Commission has been cancelled. The rescheduled meeting will be advertised in next week's paper. 5

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #64** (Gulf Islands)

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) to be held in the School Board Room, Wednesday, February 5th, 1992. The meeting will commence at 12:30pm. 5

—PUBLIC WELCOME— 5



**INFORMATION MEETING**

The next joint meeting between the electoral area director and the Salt Spring Island Trust committee will occur on Monday Feb. 3rd, 1992 from 1pm to 3pm in suite 1203, Grace Point Square. 5

The public is welcome to attend and observe the proceedings. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the final twenty minutes of the meeting. An agenda will be posted at the Government Agent's office and the Island Trust Office in Ganges. 5

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

An opportunity for you to meet your Island Trust and CRD elected representatives and share your ideas and concerns. 5

**FRIDAY, JAN. 31st**  
**MAHON HALL**  
7:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome  
Sponsored by your Community Planning Association 5

**NOTICES/PERSONAL 34**

**LIFE DRAWING** sessions starting up again. Probably Mondays 1-3pm, Sharp Road. No instructions, pay share of model fee only. Also: models wanted \$30/2hrs. Male, female any shape or age. For info call Rosamund Dupuy 653-4614 or leave name and number at 537-5761 and I'll call you. 5

**FAMILY HIKE**, Feb. 2nd. Meet 10am Centennial Park or 10:15am Drummond Park. Destination - Cape Keppel. Call 537-4448 SSI Parks and Recreation for information and confirmation of attendance. 5

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** wanted: Your lovable, well behaved pet to visit the residents at Lady Minto's extended care on a regular basis. To make arrangements please contact Terry Simard, 537-5545, loc. 20. 5

**"WOMEN'S SUPPORT Group"** facilitated by Judith Boel 537-5480. Limited enrolment. sliding fee scale. 5

**SINGLE?**

Let's meet Valentines Day! Sometimes in our small circle of friends we still lack companionship for boating, hikes, travel, theatre, dance, etc. If you also are a lively 35-55 years young and bold-spirited, drop us a note with phone number and together we'll plan a social/networking evening. Dept. L, c/o Gulf Islands Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges, B.C. 5

**SPRINGTIME**  
ANNUAL SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE  
Will be published  
March 25, 1992  
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**NOTICES/COMMERCIAL 35**

**SALT SPRING Preschool**, a cooperative, is accepting applications for 3-5 year olds. Pick up your application today at the Community Centre or call Anne MacKay at 537-2620 for info. Members Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool Association. 5

**WE'RE BACK Monday!** The Haircutting Place. Call 537-5121. 5

**FLOWERS & WINE** no longer carries Play-Do. It has been brought to our attention that this company uses animals to test their product. We have returned all this product to the manufacturer together with a letter outlining our concerns. 5

**CONGRATULATIONS** Geoffrey King, winner of A Thousand Words children's draw for a free frame. Enter your child's name for our next draw March 1st when you have their artwork drymounted. We'll mat it free of charge. 785 Fulford Ganges Road, 537-5131. 5

**NOTICE TO camera owners:** Dekker Camera Repairs 104 Mobrae, 537-9315. Cameras, binoculars, projectors. Please phone for appointment. th

**ANNOUNCING THE** opening of my practice, Ms. Mickey Lee B.Ed., R.M.T., Registered Massage Therapist. 197 Eagle Ridge Drive. 537-1213 - Home visits available. 5

**TAROT CARD** readings. Spiritual guidance and emotional support. Call Susan Summerfield at 537-5977. 9

**CAROLEE'S & MICHAEL'S**  
**-SALE-**  
**1/2 PRICE**  
ON ALL FALL & WINTER FASHIONS  
\*  
Mon. - Sat 9:30am - 5:00pm  
Hereford Ave.,  
(next to Credit Union)  
537-5844 5

**T'ai Chi**  
Instructor TAO KIMBALL has spent more than twelve years of study, practice and teaching various approaches to this healthful art.  
CLASSES:  
6:30pm Mondays at Beaver Point Hall  
or  
8:30 pm Mondays at Ganges United Church basement  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TAO AT 537-4487 5

**JANUARY SALE**  
Today's stamps at "LAST YEAR'S PRICE" on purchase of 10 or more 42¢ stamps  
ALSO FOR EXTRA SAVING! Bring your postal coupon to us  
**HARBOUR LOW COST**  
your postal retail outlet  
OPEN DAILY 8am - 10pm 5

**IS YOUR GARDEN BORING?**  
NEW HOME IN A SEA OF MUD?  
For professional and creative landscaping solutions  
Call 537-9034  
See ad in Gardening Classifieds No. 156. 5

**LYNN HUNTER MP**  
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Telephone 363-0425 or Zenith 2022  
Office Hours, 10-4, Mon.-Fri. alt odd th

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**NOTICES/COMMERCIAL 35**

**January Clothing Out Sale**  
\*CONTINUES\*  
DON'T MISS THIS WEEKS SPECIALS  
**60% OFF**  
ALL HOLLYWOOD JEANS, JACKETS, SHORTS AND BLOUSES  
**CHANGING HABITS**  
YOUR CASUAL SPORTSWEAR SPECIALISTS  
Harbour Building  
Monday-Saturday 9:30-5  
537-2551 5

**Sooy** SEWING CO.  
**REGISTER NOW!**  
for your choice of 20 new classes  
\*  
"MAY BASKET WALLHANGING"  
Feb. 4th & 11th \$20  
\*  
"QUILLWORK"  
Feb. 6th & 13th \$30  
\*  
**10% OFF ALL FLEECE ONLY UNTIL JANUARY 31st**  
Across from Petro Can  
537-4241 5

**GULF ISLAND DENTURE CLINIC**  
(Upper Ganges Centre)  
**\*NOW OPEN\***  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
NEW DENTURES, RELINES AND REPAIRS  
Call collect for an appointment  
748-3843  
or 245-7222 10

**SALTY SWEAT'RS**  
-NEW-  
February Schedule  
-STARTS FEBRUARY 3rd-  
\* Mon. 4:30 activity centre  
\* Wed. 5:00 activity centre  
\* Fri. 5:00 activity centre  
BABYSITTING AVAILABLE AT AFTERNOON CLASSES .50 PER CHILD  
ALSO:  
Mon. Wed. Fri. mornings  
St. George's Church Hall  
"EASY DOES IT" 6

**SEASIDE KITCHEN**  
WINTER HOURS  
11-8 p.m.  
7 days a week  
Reservations Recommended:  
537-2249 odd th

**FRUIT TREE PRUNING**  
PROFESSIONAL COURTEOUS SERVICE  
COMPETITIVE RATES  
537-9034 5

**SPRINGTIME**  
ANNUAL SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE  
Will be published

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**NOTICES/COMMERCIAL 35**

BRIGHTEN YOUR DESK WITH OUR  
**RECYCLE SPECIAL**  
**BUD VASE \$5.50**  
WHEN YOU BRING US YOUR OLD VASE TO RE-USE  
-REMEMBER-  
When you say it with flowers...  
Say it with ours!  
Rainbow's End  
Flowers & Gifts  
Conveniently located next to Mouat's  
537-5031

**S.P.C.A.**  
Salt Spring Island Branch  
FOR INFORMATION CALL  
537-2123  
Memberships and Donations to Box 522, Ganges | th | 5

**GRACE POINT CONFERENCE CENTRE**  
Fully appointed Conference/Meeting Room available by half day, day, or hourly rental. Accommodates groups to 30. For reservations, phone 537-2059

**PERSONALS 40**

**WE'RE BACK Monday!** The Haircutting Place. Call 537-5121. 5

**AMSTERDAM? EUROPE?** Canadian couple living just outside Amsterdam with a 4 bedroom house and VW camper wish to holiday-swap for a house and sailboat in the Gulf Islands for 3 weeks starting August 8/92. Send details of your offer to: Brad Nixon (ph. 31-2503-39078) Graan Voor Visch 19810, 2132 WP Hoofddorp, Netherlands. B.C. contact: Tom Parkin (Ph 758-1245 eves). 7

**How To Make Your Car Disappear...**

ADVERTISE IT FOR SALE IN THE AUTO SECTION OF CLASSIFIEDS!

**TRAVEL 42**

**AUSTRALIA/ NEW ZEALAND.** Call the South Pacific specialist, ANZA Travel. Vancouver/Auckland, return from \$1,219 to \$1,778. Vancouver/Sydney, return from \$1,289 to \$1,888. Vancouver call: 734-7725. Toll-free 1-800-972-6928. B

**EVA'S TRAVEL TIP**  
You must experience all that a land has to offer, its people, customs and cuisine, to fully appreciate its beauty and uniqueness. We shall be happy to assist you with all your travel arrangements to the ORIENT.  
PLEASE SEE US FOR FULL DETAILS  
**EVA TRAVEL**  
Located in Creekhous 152 A Fulford Ganges Rd. Open Tues.-Fri. 9-4:30 Sat. 10-2

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**TRAVEL 42**

**Travel Shop**

FEBRUARY SPECIALS:  
 1) Mt. Washington Ski pkg. incl 2 nights accommodation at The Westerby-2 breakfasts-1 dinner and 2 lift passes per person-based on db occupancy, \$129.95 plus tax p.p. Transportation available up the hill.  
 2) Mexico for 1 or 2 weeks-air only or pkg. with accommodation. Save 33% off the second person.  
 3) Vancouver/Toronto air from \$299 rt  
 4) Palm Springs-air only from \$199 per person

Specific rules and dates apply

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

**EMPLOYMENT**

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 50**

**COLOURFUL BUSINESS.** Do you have a flair for colour and design? Decorating Den, Canada's fastest growing Interior Decorating Franchise is expanding in B.C. Training provided. Lower Mainland 525-8722, Provincial 1-800-565-8722.

**ITS FUN!** It's easy! It's profitable! Sell children's clothes, fabrics from home. Information \$1.00 (refundable) \$25 sample kit. BunnyKids and Dinomites, SS3, Site 6 Comp 19, Prince George, B.C. V2N 2S7. (604)964-4926.

**UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY.** Respectable permanent upper income, immediate cash flow. Not glamorous or high-tech, yet stable, with repeat customers. Need ethical individual who can manage own business. Investment required for exclusive territory and full training. 850-2113.

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS.** If you are or have been in a multi level company please phone 1-248-9323. Time is important, deadline involved.

**FREE-BRONZED baby shoes** - really!! Mothers special, dealers needed. Introductory offer, limited time only. For information, brochure write: Pan-Am Inc., #217-4609 Kingsway, Burnaby, V5H 4L3.

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**HERE'S THE cure** for the "No money blues" Independence, job flexibility and unlimited potential can be yours. So...shake off those blues. Call us today 1-800-661-3305. Ma Cherie Home Fashion shows (Est. 1975) Burlington, Ontario.

**PAY OFF Xmas bills** with the excellent profits you'll make retailing Camelions sheer non-run hosiery and new jewellery line. Call collect 1-853-6692.

**HELP WANTED 55**

**RESPONSIBLE COUPLE** required for caretaking position. Duties to include: garden work, general maintenance and repairs, knowledge of carpentry, plumbing and electricity an asset. Must be capable of dealing with emergency repairs in owners absence. Cottage on property available. References required, please reply to RR3, Churchill #1 C-9, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

**REQUIRED: STRONG** reliable teen living in Long Harbour area near Eagle Ridge Drive to assist weekend resident who has medical restrictions. Duties on occasion would include cutting firewood, lifting household items, landscaping etc. Reply to RR3, Oubser

**EMPLOYMENT**

**HELP WANTED 55**

**GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
 Requires a 0.6 Temporary Industrial Education Teacher effective February 1st, 1992 until June 30th, 1992. Applicant must be able to teach:  
 (a) Construction 9-12  
 (b) Woodwork 9-10  
 (c) Woodwork 8  
 (d) Drafting 8

In addition, some woodwork time is scheduled for Pender Island students.

Please apply in writing by 4:00pm, January 30, 1992

Mr. Eric McMahon, Principal  
 Box 7000, Ganges, V0S 1E0

**WORK WANTED 60**

**HOUSECLEANING BLUES** fast reliable and efficient house-cleaner has some openings. Call 537-9500.

**EXPERIENCED CARPENTER** available for your new house, renovations, additions, foundations to finishing, contract or by the hour. Call Rob 537-4193.

**EXPERIENCED CERAMIC** tiler, walls and floor tiling, bathrooms and kitchens, etc. For free estimates call Kev. 537-1043.

**KIND EFFICIENT woman** available to do house cleaning, babysitting, small jobs etc. Many years experience. References, senior's discount. Call Danielle, eves. 537-1393.

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**HANDY MAN Services.** Reasonable rates, can do carpentry and electrical work. Phone Stan, 537-2781.

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CALL NOW TO BE PART OF THE  
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**AIRLINES 101**

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 Saltspring 537-9359  
 Vancouver 224-5568  
 Gulf Islands 629-3663

TWO RETURN FLIGHTS DAILY TO VANC. HRB. & VANC. INT'L WINTER SCHEDULE

FROM	TO	DEP.	A/R.
Ganges	Vanc.	8:00	8:30
Vanc.	Ganges	9:00	9:30
Ganges	Vanc.	3:00	3:40
Vanc.	Ganges	3:45	4:30

\*Sat. service is: Lv. Ganges 11:00; arr. Vanc. 11:30; Lv. Vanc. 12:00; arr. Ganges 12:30

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**BUSINESS SERVICES**

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**G.I. APPLIANCE & REFRIGERATION REPAIR**  
 PROMPT & RELIABLE SERVICE  
 Eatons & GE Warranty work  
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 537-9243

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**ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING.** Lost your house plans? Never had plans? Planning renovations? I can put your house plans and ideas on paper quickly at reasonable rates using computer aided design. Call Jim Helset 537-1037.

**AUTOBODY REPAIRS 109**

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**DON IRWIN'S**  
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*What do you know?*

For mine, not much. It's what I don't know that's plaguing me.

I don't know how "chlorinated organic compounds" can abbreviate to "AOX". Only AOX I ever knew was a car license number for a car in Birmingham, England manufactured at the end of 1934. And that's about as clear in its connection!

I don't know what we are going to do with garbage on Salt Spring Island between the now and the then, when new facilities are approved, constructed and in operation. In fact, I feel processed as far as the garbage issue is concerned. I am a mere producer of the raw materials for the region to mull over, chew over, choke over and then tell me what to do with it.

I don't know what I shall be told to do with my garbage when the carport is filled with dinky little bags with nowhere to go.

I know what AOX is the abbreviation of and I know CRD, PRC, MVA. Only one I don't know for sure is what TWA stands for in all of this debate.

I didn't know what the little numbers stood for in television programs, but as I was writing this, I learned everything. They are for use on a Video Plus machine. Now I don't know what a Video Plus machine is.

I hate to tell anyone, but I don't even know what a closed caption is.

And I don't know why so many of the ancient movies they made in my young days have gone from the original television channels to the channels that cost extra to see them. Are they really that much better than the current harvest?

And I don't know why all the things I don't know would fill a fair-sized book!

*Looking back*

I didn't watch the television review of the second World War last week when "The Valour and the Horror" depicted that war's bombing raids. I had a number of calls from friends who did.

One viewer protested that the National Film Board was apologizing to Germany for the mass bombings of German cities by the Royal Canadian Air Force. A corresponding apology for the bombing of such cities as London and Coventry would not have come amiss, he suggested.

There are enough books published on the subject and I didn't enter into a further debate on Sir Arthur Harris's policy of "millennium bombing."

The viewers with whom I spoke were divided. On one side were the indignant, who felt that the contribution of many Canadian airmen to the total war effort had been tarnished by the 50-year-old controversy over policy. And on the other those whose immediate concern was the morality issue at that debate in itself.

*Some influence!*

Since Christmas I've been sneezing and coughing, sniffing, spitting, snorting as if I enjoyed it. It can't be influenza because I've been shot.

To quote a former employer, I've had a cold that would kill an ordinary man. The only thing that helps me to bear up is the knowledge that I'm not the only one to suffer. In fact, I rather enjoy watching a grandson of mine suffer. After all, he's the one who started it all when he gave it to me!

*Excessively long*

Driving through the States last autumn I encountered, for the first time, the rig consisting of a tractor drawing three trailers. Commonplace on provincial highways are the units in which the tractor draws two semi-trailers. South of the line I saw a fair number of triplets.

The only reason the memory stays with me is that a number appeared less than thoroughly in control. In a number of cases the trailers were constantly whipping at speeds of about 80 kilometres per hour.

Until the system of hitching a third trailer provides for a steadier steering system I would sooner not meet them, particularly on a greasy road.

On the same trip I was warned that few service stations in Oregon accept credit cards for gasoline purchases at advertised prices. A premium was charged if we used a card.

I paid cash, but I promised myself that if I should drive south of the line again I would gas up in Washington and hope to make California.

*Sittin' thinking'*

It's plagued me all my life; all my working life, anyway.

Try telling anyone that you work for a living when they know you sit on your backside making a living. I've seen it so often; that superior, slightly disdainful disbelief that only says one thing. "How can a guy who spends his life sitting on his backside call that working for a living?"

They don't know the first answer, let alone the question.

When you sit on your backside all your life to make a living the biggest problem facing you is figuring out how you can sit on your backside all your life and find some means of making a living sitting on your backside all your life.

And, come to think about it, how come I got corns on my

FEATURE

# Health questionnaire results ready

Remember that yellow questionnaire that came to all Salt Springers' mail boxes last fall? That was the Healthy Salt Spring 2000 Questionnaire, put out by the Healthy Community Project of Salt Spring's Community Health Council.

By CHRISTINE BRADLEY  
Project coordinator

The process of coding and analyzing the replies has been a slow job because all the questions were open-ended, to avoid slanting replies. As those who know Salt Spring would expect, islanders expressed strong views on an enormous range of issues, often at great length. A few million worn-out brain cells and half a mile of computer printouts later, the results are now available. They will be described in a series of articles in the *Driftwood* over the next few weeks.

The questionnaire was designed to find out how people feel about Salt Spring and what their main concerns are for the health and well being of islanders. A total of 713 people answered the questionnaire.

Four hundred and fifty-six of those replies came from the adult population at large, representing roughly one tenth of Salt Spring adults. The other 257 were from Salt Spring students at Gulf Islands Secondary School who completed questionnaires during school time. These represent over half of the high school students from Salt Spring.

Question one asked people: "What do you like most about living on Salt Spring?" In the adult survey, "rural lifestyle" came in overwhelmingly as first choice for most people, listed by 77 per cent of respondents. Second choice was "people", mentioned by 56 per cent with the island's "natural beauty" third (42 per cent) and the good "access to amenities", both on island and in nearby cities, coming fourth (27 per cent).

Three other major topics that figured strongly were the relatively low pollution on the island (22 per cent), the good climate (20 per cent) and the low crime rate (10 per cent). The availability of alternative lifestyles, the low costs of island life and the fact that Salt Spring is an island were each mentioned by less than 10 per cent of

people. Another nine per cent of adult answers were so diverse they did not fit into any category.

As the graph accompanying this article shows, rural lifestyle and people were also top priority for youth, both categories being mentioned by 35 per cent of the respondents. But in third place for the youth comes a shock: 19 per cent of the students said they do not like living on Salt Spring. Their main reason is that there is not enough for young people to do here. Their views on this, and their suggestions for what can be done to improve the situation, will be discussed in more detail in a later article.

Despite this, there are aspects of life on Salt Spring that many youth do enjoy, in addition to the rural lifestyle and the people.

The island's natural beauty pleases 18 per cent ("there are forests untouched and streams running clean"), 14 per cent value the fact that they feel safe here ("you don't have to worry about getting your throat slashed"), and 10 per cent appreciate the access to amenities. Another eight per cent like miscellaneous items, such as the Saturday Market, hitch-hiking

and the celebrations of Christmas and Halloween.

Results of other questionnaire questions will be given in future articles. The Community Health Council is also holding a series of meetings to give more detailed feedback to the public and to brainstorm on follow-up. The first of these will be held in the dining room of the Fulford Inn (courtesy of Peter Wilson) on Sunday, February 2, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The second will be at Fernwood School on Sunday February 16, and the third at Ganges United Church on Sunday, February 23. Both meetings will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Further information on the questionnaire results or on the public meetings can be obtained from the Healthy Salt Spring 2000 at 537-2093.

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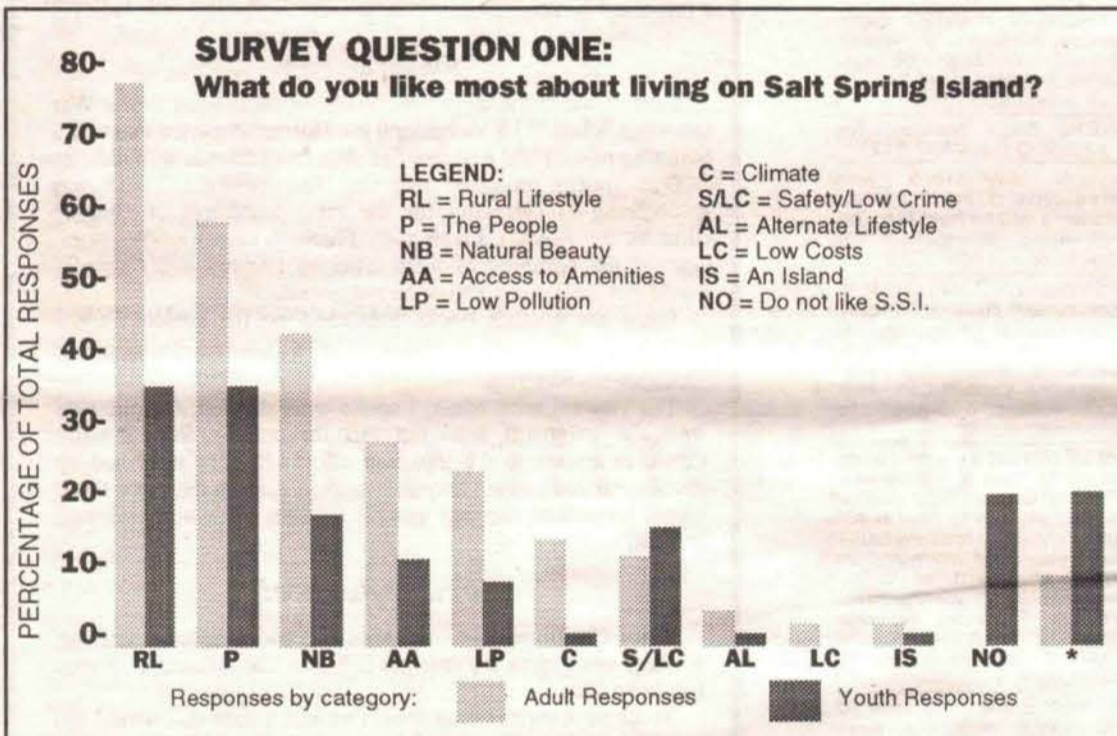
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## Chivalry still alive

One Salt Spring Island resident is convinced that "chivalry" is alive and well in this community.

Last Friday, January 24, as the incoming ferry was starting to unload, a passenger waiting to go aboard was returning to his car. He noticed a car in the lineup had a flat tire. At first he thought it was his car so he reacted rather loudly.

This caught the attention of Mary Small as it was her car, not his that had the flat.

"Now being of the over-60 generation and never having had to change a tire in my life, I was panicky."

Within seconds three men leaped forward and offered to change the tire. They were all at risk of missing the ferry and getting

very dirty as it was a wet and rainy day.

In less than five minutes, the new wheel was on and the men were rushing back to their own cars for loading.

As they were retreating, Small called out "I can't thank you enough" to which the first man, who could have kept the knees of his dirty pants clean if he had kept his mouth shut in the first place, replied to accompanying laughter "you're right, you can't."

Small told the Driftwood she did not have time to get the names but would like to hear from them so she could properly thank them.

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## DOWN THE YEARS

### Thirty Years Ago

The *Driftwood* reported that Mrs. W. Hastings replaced the light bulb in her barn, not because it was a slow news week but because the bulb had been burning for 20 years. In the same issue Bea Hamilton reported that Mrs. L. Loiselle of North Beach Road had her dinner delivered by an eagle. According to Mrs. Loiselle an eagle went flying by with a six pound cod and dropped it beside her. The fish was still alive and had no marks on it. The eagle's loss was her gain.

According to an official of the B.C. Toll Authority, the option on the property at Long Harbour had been picked up. While all plans had not been completed, the property probably would be used for winter storage and other uses that may be feasible.

### Twenty Five Years Ago

Salt Spring Island residents Mr. and Mrs. McDermott celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple were married in their hometown of Beeton, Ontario on January 30, 1907 and had known each other for virtually their entire lives, first meeting in public school.

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Hamilton reported heavy rainfall was beginning to take its toll. "Stowell Lake is overrunning the Beaver Point Road. Frank Pyatt has to ford a river to deliver the mail. Creeks are rising and threatening low bridges up the valley. Orchards are looking like rivers in the lower lands and there are streams running along where they aren't supposed to be. It's a soggy mess to say the least."

### Twenty Years Ago

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce would not fold. Although only a few members attended the chamber's annual meeting, there was enthusiastic support for the continuation of the organization. President Frank Richards had earlier warned that unless support was forthcoming, the business group could fold. However, a committee consisting of chairman Jack Russell, Tom Toynbee, W.E. Delmonico, Jim Wilkinson and Gunther Berger was appointed to interview island residents and come forward with a proposed program for the year.

Hugh Ross noted the pond at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club was 12 to 15 feet deep, and warned that children should not be skating on it. The pond was frozen, but the ice was not strong enough to support any great weight.

It was announced that no airstrip — public or private — could be established on Salt Spring Island without approval of the Capital Regional District. Dennis Young, executive director of the

CRD board, told the *Driftwood* that the island's rural zoning prohibited the use of any property as a landing strip. The matter became a topic for discussion after a private land owner expressed an interest in establishing a landing strip in the Burgoyne Valley, parallel with the main road.

### Fifteen Years Ago

Landed immigrants living in the Gulf Islands were not eligible for reduced ferry rates given to other residents. The residents' identification cards issued to islanders were not being granted to landed immigrants, only resident electors were eligible to receive them. The B.C. Human Rights Commission was concerned the policy might be discriminatory and was expected to look into the matter.

A Salt Spring Island farmer lost 63 sheep on the range near Cape Koeppel and estimated another 40 had been killed by dogs. Tom Akerman of Fulford Harbour had noted the kills all occurred over a three-week period. He was unable to assess his loss in dollar terms, but noted that each ewe lost was worth approximately \$80, which calculates out to between \$7,500 and \$10,000.

The George Pearson CARE Christmas Tree fund on Pender Island had never shone brighter than during the past holiday season. Stewart Corbett, campaign chairman for the Pender Island Lions Club which sponsored the event said that over \$9,000 had been collected. The total eclipsed the 1975

total of \$8,455 and stood as the most ever collected.

### Ten Years Ago

Ron George of Salt Spring Island was chosen as one of the representatives for the southern Vancouver Island region at the B.C. Festival of the Arts.

Salt Spring Slugs finally found the secret ingredient to winning — leave most players at home. At a recent game played against Mill Bay Raiders, a number of the regular lineup missed the game either to injuries or other commitments. Raiders boasted five members of the intermediate Duncan Blades and a handful of ex-Cowichan Capitals, but somehow Slugs managed to pull off an upset, winning 7-4.

Public use of beaches must not be imperilled by provision of foreshore rights for booming and sorting logs. Making this policy clear, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee approved an expanded booming, sorting and storage area in Bur-

goyne Bay. While the leases had been under consideration, trustees had emphasized that the bay must be kept accessible and that there would be a limit placed on the number of leases approved.

### Five Years Ago

Local gas wars had Salt Spring Fire Chief Bob Leask worried about people improperly storing fuel. The price for regular gasoline reached a low of 16.9 cents per litre causing traffic congestion around the service centres in Ganges. Leask noted that with prices that low, people might be inclined to purchase extra fuel and store it in or near their homes, which could prove to be fatal. He pointed out that under certain conditions, gasoline is just as dangerous as dynamite.

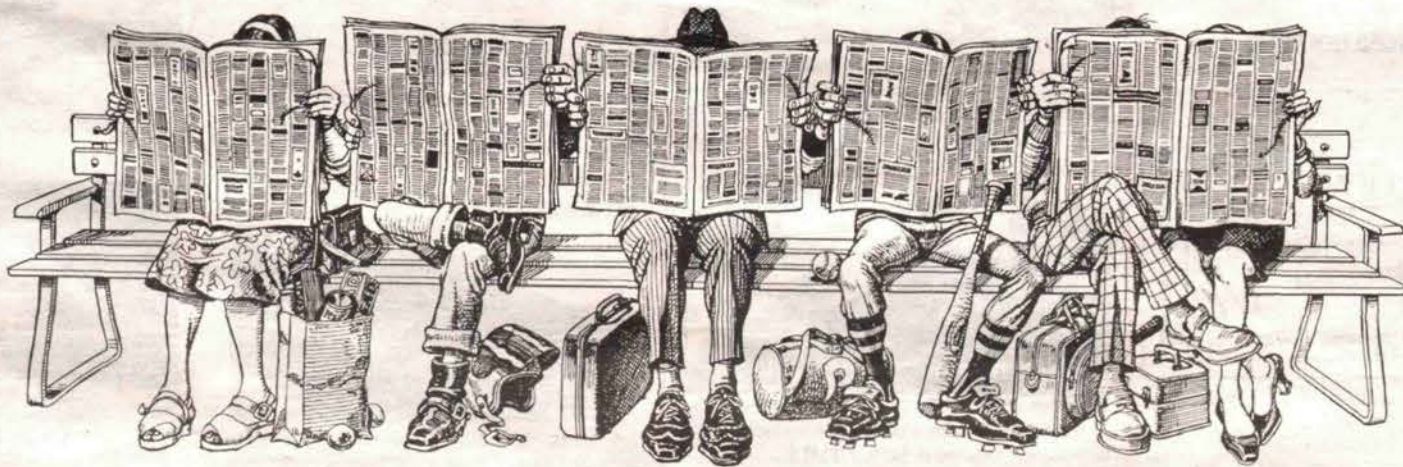
A new chapter was added to the history of Pender Island's library. Membership at the Pender Lender rose by 131 persons in 1986, bringing the total to 338.

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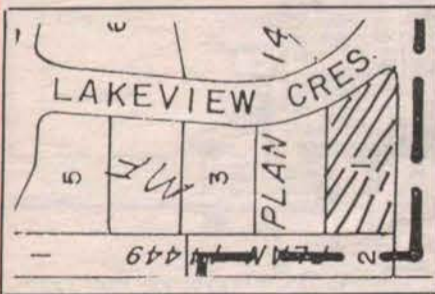


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