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Thursday is  
**ST. PATRICK'S**  
and you don't need Irish eyes to smile



Photo by Tony Richards

**LOOK AT 'EM GO!** Gulf Islands Secondary School teacher Dave Betts cheers as two racing cars take off in a cloud of carbon dioxide during races in school gym last

Thursday. Applied Technology students designed and made the wooden cars, using a wind tunnel to maximize their performance. Story, more photos—Page A23.

## Board approves \$96,000 grant for ArtSpring

Salt Spring property owners will be taxed \$96,000 for an extraordinary grant-in-aid this year, after the Capital Regional District (CRD) board approved director Dietrich Luth's request for a grant for ArtSpring last Wednesday.

And although the ArtSpring board has indicated it does not want such a grant, Luth is certain the arts centre society will in fact take the money.

"It will ask for the money — you can rest assured it will ask for it," he said. The "goddamn organization" is rebuilding itself and is in no state to ask for the money right now.

He said time constraints in the CRD budgeting process had forced him to rush through the proposal for the grant-in-aid and that a threat of conflict of interest had prevented him from speaking about it earlier. His custodial duties in the ArtSpring building might have been seen as creating a bias towards the project, he felt.

But Luth remains reluctant to talk about the tax levy or the resulting confusion it has caused on the ArtSpring board, saying the board deserves to resolve its problems "without interference from

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## Island weightlifter wins silver medal

Salt Spring Islander John Nilssen won a silver medal at the B.C. Winter Games last weekend. He was awarded the medal for power-lifting 1,320 pounds in three events at the games, held in Smithers. He competed against 11 men in the 198-pound weight class.

He deadlifted 540 pounds, squatted 480 pounds and bench-pressed 300 pounds for a total of 1,320. He out-lifted the gold medal winner in two of the three categories, but not by enough to win the gold.

Nilssen trains on Salt Spring at North End Fitness.

## Birds herald arrival of spring

The calls began on Sunday.

Observant islanders got on the phone to the *Driftwood* this week with reports of hummingbird and swallow sightings, a reliable indicator that a seasonal change is under way.

The first call came from Hazel Gardner on Sunday, who reported seeing a hummingbird on Pallot Way. Also on Sunday, Linda Cannon reported seeing a violet-green swallow near Garner Road.

Cannon happens to be the *Driftwood's* natural history columnist, and this week she writes a timely piece about the rufous hummingbird. Our *Better Nature* appears on Page B4.

# Residents dissatisfied with government

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Special to the *Driftwood*

Got a problem with noisy neighbours? Potholes in your road? Dead sea lions on your beach? Want to build a cottage on your property for grandma? Who or what government agency are you going to call?

Owing to confusion about who is in charge of what around here, you would probably make a few

## Islanders unhappy with, befuddled by state of affairs

phone calls before contacting the most useful official for your cause.

Mirroring that confusion is the fact that between 20 and 30 per cent of respondents to the *Driftwood's* Spotlight on Salt Spring survey did not answer the questions regarding local government. Many of the

silent were relative newcomers, with insufficient experience to guide their thoughts, but others had lived here for more than 20 years.

Those who did answer the questions more often expressed dissatisfaction with the current state of affairs. Only 34 per cent were

"happy" with local government generally. Thirty-five per cent were happy with the operation of the Islands Trust, and 43 per cent were happy with operation of the Capital Regional District.

Similar ratings surfaced in the 1991-93 Local Government Op-

tions (LGO) study, according to committee chairman David Borrowman.

That study found people struggling with how local government functioned and wishing it made more sense. Borrowman ironically counts himself among the befuddled, despite having spent about

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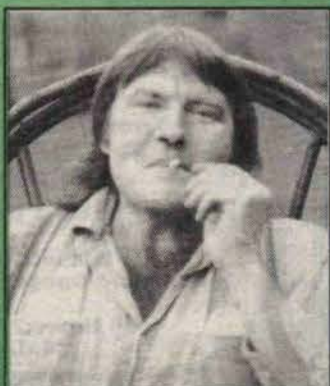
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Popping balloons  
racing cars help  
make science  
fun at Fulford

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# this week

No teachers, no books.  
Youngsters will enjoy spring break next week,  
as spring officially arrives on Sunday.

## \$ fair change

Island Savings was buying U.S. cash on  
Tuesday at the rate of: 1.3322

## weather

HIGHS:11C LOWS:04C

PRECIPITATION: 30% chance of showers Wednesday.

OUTLOOK: Cloudy with sunny periods and a chance of morning  
showers on Wednesday, mostly cloudy with showers  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Projected temperatures are  
lows of 2, highs of 10.

## of note

- March 16.....School board evening meeting.
- March 19.....Time Flies exhibit opens.
- March 20.....Happy Bahai New Year.

### LUNAR CYCLE: for March 1994



## lottery numbers

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	Mar 12, 1994	01-15-24-36-37-43 B13
	Mar 9, 1994	10-13-14-34-36-42 B40
B.C/49	Mar 12, 1994	15-24-35-36-37-40 B43
	Mar 9, 1994	02-12-13-39-41-44 B15
Extra	Mar 12, 1994	45-83-85-86
	Mar 9, 1994	26-51-69-73

## tide tables

### TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

DAY	TIME	TIDE	DAY	TIME	TIDE
MAR 16	0100	7.1	SU	0025	9.5
	0640	9.7		0505	8.7
	1330	3.9		0815	9.0
	2045	9.3		1645	3.4
MAR 17	0145	7.7	MO	0125	9.7
	0700	9.6		0645	8.6
	1410	3.7		0920	8.8
	2150	9.3		1745	3.3
MAR 18	0235	8.2	TUES	0210	9.8
	0720	9.4		0745	8.2
	1455	3.6		1100	8.6
	2305	9.3		1845	3.2
MAR 19	0340	8.6	WED	0240	9.9
	0745	9.2		0820	7.6
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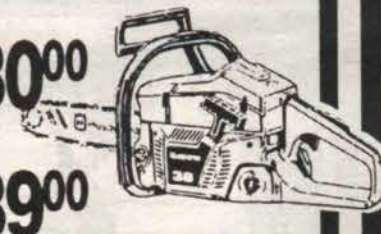
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## Statement 'tainted' —judge

A Ganges youth was acquitted of break and enter and theft charges in Ganges provincial court March 8, after Judge Fred Green refused to admit the youth's statement to police into evidence.

Green said Constable Rod Holland did not fulfill all requirements of Section 56 of the Young Offenders Act in warning the youth of his rights before he made a verbal statement about the incident to Holland. The judge agreed the officer gave complete warnings to the youth before obtaining a written statement, but because that written statement flowed from the verbal statement, the law considered it "tainted."

Section 56 of the Young Offenders Act outlines several warnings that must be given to youths before taking oral or written statements.

Charges arose from a March 24, 1992 incident in which the Fulford Marina store was broken into and robbed of \$718 worth of goods, including knives, tools, lighters and film.

The 18-year-old accused cannot be named because he was a youth at the time of the offense.

He testified that he and four other people from a larger group loitering at the marina entered the building that evening through an unlocked door. He said they were "goofing around" inside, when he decided to stand on a chair, pull the screen off a ventilation opening leading into the store and stick his head through the opening.

However, he said he did not enter the store or steal anything from it.

Judge Green said the accused and defense counsel Mayland McKimm had raised reasonable doubt as to the young man's guilt, and he was not prepared to find the youth "a bare-faced liar."

## Council to ask parents

Parents of Gulf Islands Secondary School students will be asked for their opinions on condom machines in the school.

At last Wednesday's meeting of the GISS Parents Advisory Council, members decided to survey the school's parents on the issue. They also decided to ask parents if there should be more family life education offered to secondary students.

The results will be collected by the Parents Advisory Council and conveyed to the school board.

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**CLEAN WATER:** Jack Andrews of North Salt Spring Waterworks scrubs out a 40,000-gallon storage tank on Ganges Hill last Wednesday. Tank cleaning was part of annual district maintenance, which includes flushing water mains. Photo by Tony Richards

## Luth mum on parks talks

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

The Capital Regional District (CRD) may be considering a regional park for Salt Spring Island, but regional director Dietrich Luth, who proposed the idea, is keeping it under his hat for the time being.

A preliminary study of land which may become a regional park was discussed at the last CRD parks committee meeting March 2. The meeting, which may have discussed land acquisition, was in camera and Luth was unable to elaborate on his proposal.

"You've got to accept my word," he told the *Driftwood* Monday when pressed for information.

"It's in camera and I can't talk about it.

"You don't want to get people involved in a goddamn debate before all the facts are out."

CRD parks planner Jeff Ward said regional parks were instituted in 1966 to preserve land which was "regionally significant." He said Salt Spring was the only area of the CRD which did not belong to the parks network.

Regional parks are not meant for baseball diamonds or hockey rinks, Ward said, but are strictly for natural area protection. There are two such parks in the Gulf Islands: one on Mount Parke on Mayne Island, another on Mount Norman on South Pender.

The first is an 80-acre parcel which used to be crown land. The second is a 250-acre parcel of private land which was given to the region.

Outer Islands regional director Jacques Campbell said other regional parks include Island View Beach, Galloping Goose and the Gonzales Observatory. There are about 17 parks in total. Campbell would not elaborate on the Salt Spring parks proposal.

Ward said a preliminary assessment is under way on the island but any final decision would be up to the regional district and the people of Salt Spring. The next meeting of the CRD parks committee will be April 6.

## Tourism minister, Frazer to speak

The provincial minister of tourism will be guest speaker at a meeting in Ganges next month.

Bill Barlee will speak at a noon meeting at the Harbour House Hotel on Friday, Apr. 15, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. President Joyce Carlson forecasts that the meeting will be "a great kick-off" to the summer season.

Another noon meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 31, will feature MP Jack Frazer as the guest speaker.

In other chamber news, a members' directory and buyer's guide has been published, listing names, addresses, phone numbers and contact persons of all member businesses.

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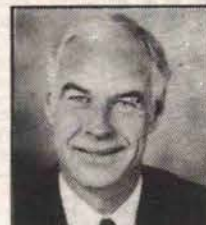
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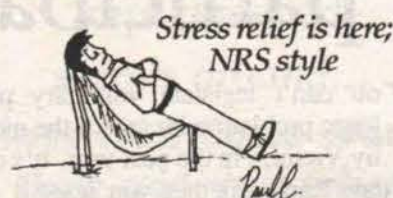
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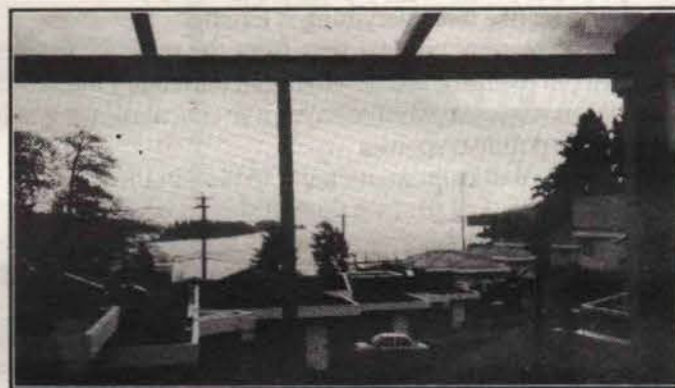
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# opinion

## Legislating participation

You can't legislate voluntary participation. That's the basic problem with one of the most inane concepts issued by Victoria in the past year. It's called "community interaction days" and whether you want it or not, it's coming to a school near you.

Starting this year, every school in B.C. is required to hold two community interaction days, on which the community is expected to achieve closer communion with its schools.

The days are especially directed towards the 77 per cent of the population who have no children in the school system. For most of those people, their only contact with the education system is their annual tax bill.

Feeling that they were paying the piper without calling the tune, many of these taxpayers have been critical of the school system. From the ministry perspective, the problem was clear — these people weren't visiting B.C. schools. If they just visited the schools they'd realize that everything is terrific.

So the message went out last year from the ministry to every school district in the province. Mandatory community interaction days. Attention students: we interrupt your education for a sales pitch from your political sponsor.

Now we agree that community participation in the school system is a worthwhile goal. But we think it should happen naturally through ongoing contact between parents and teachers, students and residents. It must be built over time, not legislated into the school year.

So far, community interaction days have bombed throughout the province. Turn-out by parents and community members alike has been dismal. Gulf Islands trustee Ken Lee attended one community interaction day in Surrey. Of the 26 people at the event, 23 were teachers.

Many of the events have been held during the school day, when the intended audience is working, earning the dollars which support the school system. Those parents who are not working and who might turn up are presumably looking after their children who are home from school for the day.

Fortunately, despite its zeal to impose interaction between schools and communities, the government stopped short of declaring a general holiday and requiring all residents to file through the local school.

In fact, having launched this fiasco, the Ministry of Education is now showing signs of changing course. Minister Art Charbonneau is reported to be reconsidering the concept.

The sooner this initiative sinks, the better. And if the minister wants ideas for a natural blending of schools and communities, he should take a few notes when he visits Gulf Islands schools in May.

## Those generous Denman Islanders

Some bouquets are in order this week following Islands Trust council's decision to hold the line on tax increases. As at least one trustee pointed out, island property owners have had it with higher taxes.

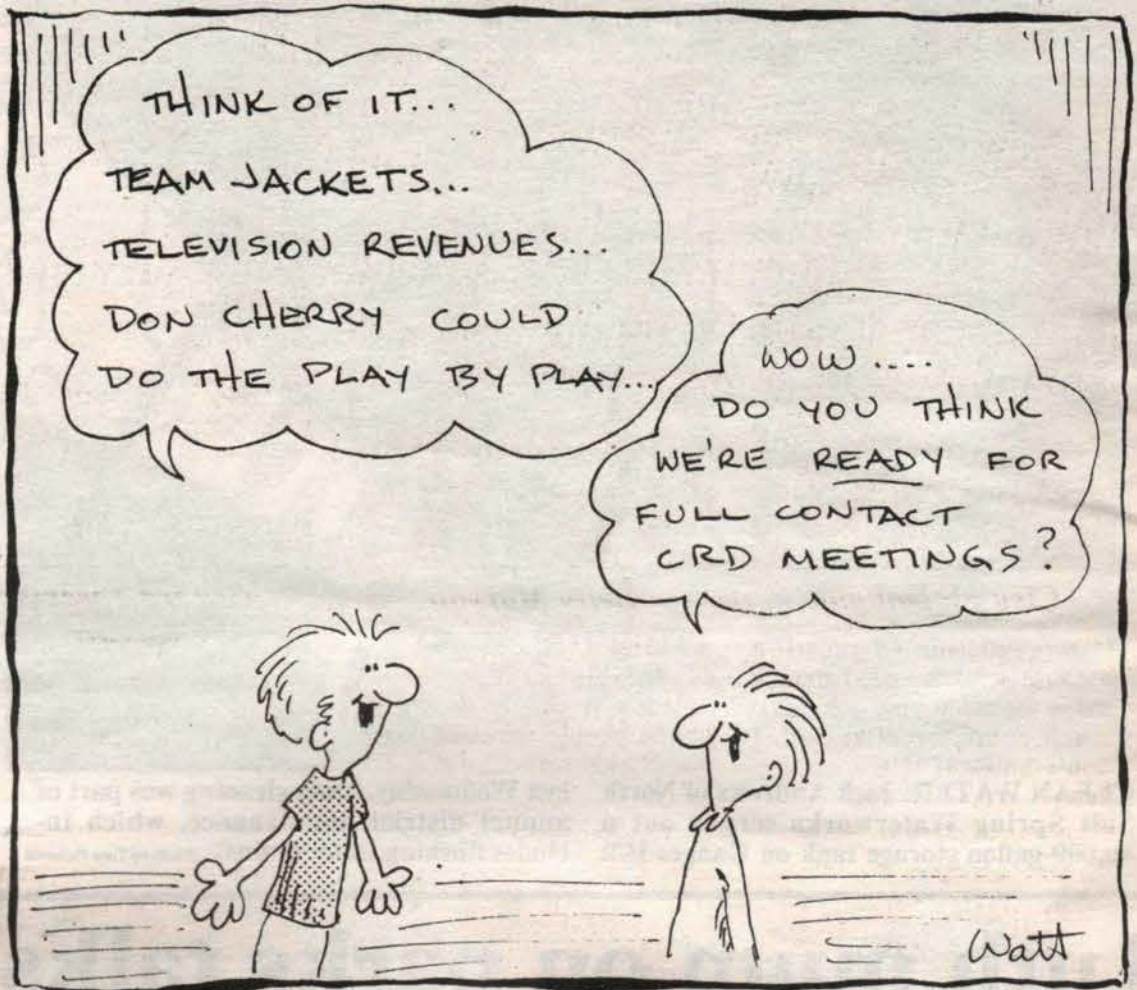
But not all 26 representatives of the Trust islands were in agreement, particularly the two from Denman Island. Pointing to increases of five to seven per cent in the Comox area, Roxanna Aitken would support an increase, as would her fellow trustee Rolf Ludvigsen.

He says Denman residents would support an increase. We say go for it.

As Salt Spring Island taxpayers pay for nearly half the Trust's operating costs, some additional support from Denman Island to provide some relief to this burden would be more than welcome.

While such a procedure might appear unfair, it is no more so than Salt Spring Island, with about 43 per cent of the Trust area population, having only 7.7 per cent of the representation on Trust council.

Denman Islanders can send their cheques to the Islands Trust, P.O. Box 840, Ganges.



## Women's Day conjures images of special men

By JOYCE CARLSON  
Driftwood Staff

It was a strange way to spend the evening in celebration of International Women's Day.

Much of the time my mind replayed a series of images of the men in my life, bringing forth an appreciation for all they had done for me. Listening to poetry, songs and recitations of very courageous women, who were healing and growing stronger after being wounded by total strangers or men close to them, I felt blessed.

Previously I hadn't thought too much about how bereft of women much of my life has been. My mother was in and out of hospital most of the time I was growing up. The aunt who took care of me for the first year of my life moved away when I was about three. I have two brothers and two sons.

The song expressing appreciation "for my women friends" made me think I have few of them, though the ones I do have are very special.

A song about grandmothers and their special place in life emphasized I have only a single memory of my maternal grandmother, who died when I was five. I remember sitting at her side as she brushed her long hair that was usually curled around her head in a braid. It was so long she had to bring it over her shoulder and down her front so she could stroke it with a brush. My paternal grandmother died before I was born.

I spent the first half of my life hating the fact that I was a girl. Although there were few, if any, limitations at home, the outside world was a different matter. Rules and regulations seemed to follow me everywhere — "sit like a lady, act like a lady, talk like a lady." All I wanted to do was play cops and robbers or cowboys and Indians with the boys.

Girls had to wear dresses to school and when I hung upside down on the monkey bars, the teachers

### view point

*'I spent the first half of my life hating the fact that I was a girl because of the limitations of the outside world.'*

were exasperated. And try running around the bases when you're wearing a skirt.

I decided when I became pregnant and married at 16, I was going to have a boy. There was never any doubt. In fact, I remember saying I was going to have six of them. Two turned out to be enough.

My father never made me feel I was less a person because I was female. It was only after I was grown up and had children of my own that my mother came home from hospital for good. She told me then what my father said when she was pregnant with me. "I know they say men want sons but I sure hope we have a little girl."

My paternal grandfather spent hours with me and coached me in my early public speaking endeavours. His love was unconditional and overflowing.

My husband, a teenager himself, encouraged me to breast-feed my baby at a time when it was definitely "not the thing to do." I remember to this day the nurses complaining about

having to bring my baby to me in the middle of the night. One of the most sensual experiences of my life was sitting in a chair, when everyone else was sleeping, nursing my son, his tiny hand on my breast and his other arm around my body, skin to skin.

Last Tuesday evening offered me encouragement to write down the stories about special people, times, and places in my life. I have decided that although I didn't want to be a girl originally and I didn't want to have daughters, I'm ready now for my granddaughter. I'll write those stories for her and when she's old enough, we'll go celebrate International Women's Day together.

Joyce Carlson is the publisher of the Gulf Islands Driftwood. Neither of her grown sons is a father yet.

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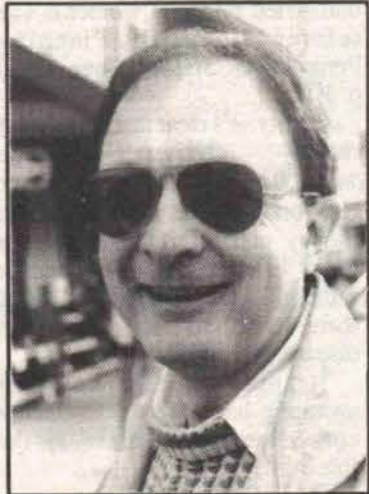
**Clea McDougall**

It's a difficult question because schools need money but at the same time there's so much commercialization. I don't know if it's a needed thing in school.



**Betty Maryon**

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**Richard Yaremko**  
(Calgary)

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**Gerald Bennett**  
(Powell River)

Offhand, I don't see anything wrong with it. It's just a form of advertising.



**Janet Duiven**

Sure, it saves my money—as long as they don't restrict access to other people's products.

## Letters

### Conference for everyone

To the Editor,  
The changing climate and related health, lifestyle and food concerns affect all of us. A conference with 30 speakers from around the world will address these issues. Ozone Depletion and Ultraviolet Radiation: Preparing for the Impacts, is on Wednesday, April 27 at University Centre, University of Victoria. Their talks begin at 8:30 a.m., (cost is \$10) and information will be documented for community action plans.

Health practitioners, educators, community planners, farmers and foresters, outdoor workers, policy makers, public service and environmental groups, parents and students, recreation; in other words, everyone will benefit from attending this event. Protective coating for glasses will be available for \$15. There has been considerable misinformation about ozone depletion level; currently a major paper and television network are giving misleading information and when I phoned Environment Canada they said their ozone reading sensor over Saturna has been out of service the past two weeks.

However, an article in *Earth* magazine (March '94) describes in scientific terms how ozone loss in the northern hemisphere has been getting worse. (Thinning over the Antarctic was 75 per cent for the period September-October last year.)

A documentary on Knowledge Network last week traced the history of this problem, the misinformation due to "problems with satellite data" which has led to our current dilemma. I'm not surprised. (My project for earth week this year is to get to the bottom of this issue once and for all; maybe we should just take over our department of the environment and use their resources?)

Circle your calendars for April 27. Information has been placed around the community and at the Ganges public library.  
**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
Fulford Harbour

### Problems with park access

To the Editor,  
In response to the letter about trail use on Cormorant Crescent

(Driftwood, March 9):

I am one of the owners of a Piece Property at the end of Cormorant Crescent, and I have had nothing but problems with people using my private property as their own private trail to access the park.

I would like to let all these people know that, between lots 10 and 11 on Cormorant Crescent just before the corner leading up to the cul-de-sac, there is a dedicated trail for the public to access the park. All it took for me to find this out was a little research, and I am sure others could have done the same, but I guess my property is just easier to use since it's all nicely paved.

When I was building my house, there were all kinds of people walking, jogging, bike riding, etc., through my property, and when I told them they could not use it as their personal park access, that there was a public access a little further down the road (I even took the time to take them there) I was cursed at, threatened, even spat on. It's unbelievable that mature adults act this way. It's like I have no right to protect what's mine. My property is posted with "No Trespassing" and "Private Property" signs, which I had to replace several times because they have been ripped down, and I have registered a complaint with the police department. I am not trying to be a you-know-what, but this is my property and I am sure they wouldn't like me to come walking through their yards because it's there.

The dedicated "public trail," from what I understand, is overgrown somewhat, but if those people got together for one weekend and spent their energy clearing the "trail" for themselves instead of spending it complaining, in no time they would have a very nice nature walkway to the park, which no one could take away.

**REG YOUNG,**  
Ganges

### An inspiration

To the Editor,

I just had a quick view of the wonderful progress inside Salt Spring's own Art-Spring centre. I hope the board will have small group tours for islanders this spring and summer. It is a very beautiful place even now in its unfinished state; it will be an inspiration for all of us when it is finished, both the creative artists and those who appreciate the arts.

It's spring! The bulbs have started to bloom. Wouldn't this be a fine time to send a donation to the Island Arts Centre, P.O. Box 682, Ganges, VOS 1E0 or call them to offer some help at 537-2125?

I'm going to. Right now.  
**VIRGINIA NEWMAN,**  
Ganges

### Off track

To the Editor,

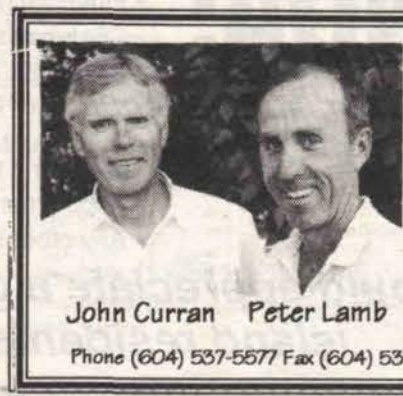
What is wrong with our immigration department? Over the last year a number of island residents have had trouble becoming Canadian citizens. The latest is Ingrid Castro who has lived on Salt Spring with her children for the past eight years and was recently denied landed immigrant status.

I think it is time that we Canadians start complaining and get this department back on the right track.

Write the minister responsible, Sergio Marchi, at the House of Commons in Ottawa or drop a letter at KIS, care of Ingrid Castro, and we will pay for the mailing.

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## Towards abstinence

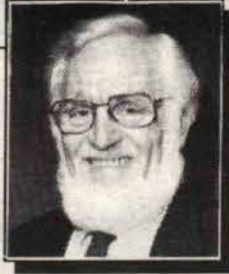
To the Editor,  
Gerry Wilkin's letter (*Driftwood*, March 9) was very encouraging. In it he asks that we as adults should have respect, honesty and clarity. No one could argue with those objectives. I'll deal with each in turn.

Respect: that's something we encourage teens to have for themselves and one another. Boys in particular demonstrate respect for their female friends by not *stealing* the one gift the girl should save for her lifetime partner — her virginity. Their life and health are also at risk if they *don't* respect one another.

Honesty: let's tell young people about the risks of adolescent sex.

## capital COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — In the time it took Premier Mike Harcourt to deliver his pre-budget, state-of-the-province, public-relations or whatever-you-want-to-call-it speech, I could have sipped a single malt scotch or two, contemplated my navel or smelled the spring flowers, all of which might have been more productive than listening to Mikey.

Alright, he did announce a tax freeze for the next three years. That's great, after socking it to us for the past two. The rest of the speech contained very little we didn't know already.

It also was a bit of a misuse of the people's network time. I know it's customary for the networks to make free air time available to the premier, but there's always been a tacit understanding that the occasion must warrant it.

If memory serves me correctly, former premier Bill Bennett used the free air time option to explain his restraint program to a hapless public. Harcourt's speech was hardly of that importance.

The other point is that he stole some of his finance minister's thunder by letting the estimated-deficit cat out of the bag. I'm sure Elizabeth Cull was looking forward to telling British Columbians in her March 22 budget speech that the 1994-95 deficit is expected to come in under \$1 billion.

But Harcourt beat her to it. He didn't actually say it, but the graph he held up clearly shows the estimated deficit under the billion-dollar mark. There was a time when finance ministers were expected to resign if any news of the budget leaked prior to budget day, but I guess it's OK if you're the premier.

I suppose I should stop beating up on the premier. The speech wasn't all that bad. The tax freeze is, in fact, a major announcement. Here's what he said: "Tonight, I am pleased to announce that for the next three years there will be no new taxes, no increase in existing taxes, a freeze on all personal and business income, sales and consumer taxes."

That's a brave promise, considering that Prime Minister Jean Chretien could throw the provinces a real curve by further off-loading federal responsibilities. He didn't do it in this year's federal budget, but he gave no assurances that he won't do so in the future.

The tax freeze is clearly meant to get across to British Columbians the message that the NDP government can not only run a peanut stand, which W.A.C. Bennett always doubted, but can very capably look after the taxpayer's money.

To bolster that message, the premier rolled every bit of good news he could lay his hands on into the television address. And to give him his due, there was a fair bit of good news. He pointed out that since the NDP came to power in 1991, British Columbia has created 95,000 new jobs. In 1992, job growth in British Columbia nearly reached two per cent while Canada as a whole lost jobs.

The trend, he said, continued in 1993, when British Columbia's rate of employment grew by nearly three per cent, compared with a national growth rate of only one per cent. "In other words, British Columbia has been creating jobs three times faster than the rest of the country."

Wisely, Harcourt didn't claim all the credit. Businesses, big and small, he said, are driving the economy. They create the jobs, he said. "However, our balanced and progressive fiscal policies have established a stable business climate. Last year alone, new capital investment in British Columbia was up six per cent, four times the national average."

The speech also showed that Harcourt is still in an aggression mode when it comes to Alberta. Announcing that despite cost-saving measures, education and health expenditures would go up by 3.7 per cent and 3.2 per cent respectively, he aimed his guns at Ralph Klein:

Compare those figures with Alberta, where money for health care has been slashed 10 per cent, and cuts in education are over eight per cent. The people of Alberta now face massive layoffs, closed hospitals, across the province, and lower quality education. Is that what you want for your family? I know I don't."

My favourite part of the speech was the one that oozed pure rhetoric and balderdash. Never mind that it means absolutely nothing. It sounds great, and the speech writer should get a raise.

"In the end, it all comes down to people, ordinary people who work hard, play by the rules and deserve the best this province has to offer. I'm not going to let anyone put that in jeopardy — not the radical budget slashers, not the bureaucrats, not the polluters, not the greedy developers and big corporations, not the politicians in Ottawa, the United States or Europe. It's our way of life, a B.C. way of life, and I'll fight to protect it."

The NDP has been at a loss for some time to understand why the government fares so badly in the polls when all indicators are showing that it's doing a good job. Harcourt's speech was an attempt to reverse that trend, but I wouldn't bet that it's going to work.

The 18 per cent failure rate of condoms I referred to March 2 came from Dr. Ellen Wrathell, a family physician in Sooke. Two widely quoted figures are 15.7 per cent to 36.3 per cent (the latter for young unmarried minority women). The reference: *Family Planning Perspectives* 21 (May/June 1989) p. 103.

Clarity: it's clear that adolescent chastity — abstinence — is the only 100 per cent healthy option for our young people. If as much time, money and effort were spent at every level promoting abstinence rather than the unreliable condom, there would be a lot less heartache, disease and death.

It appears the pendulum is swinging back toward abstinence and young people are at the forefront.

BARRY BALDWIN,  
Sooke, B.C.

## Premier misinformed

To the Editor,

The interview with Mike Harcourt should be titled "On the defensive" (*Driftwood*, February 23). The premier returned from Europe where he was trying to defend our forest practices, and he didn't land in a controversy that was organized by Greenpeace or any other environmental group. The controversy is about how badly our forests have been, and *continue* to be managed.

The premier is full of misinformation himself! The highly automated forest industry is mostly based on short-term, large-scale economics. Long-term jobs aren't a priority. Community input exists mainly as a P.R. move. And the government cannot restrict the rights of the major economic institutions.

"Whatever we cut will be based on sustainability and ecologically viable forest practices." The current cut is about 20 per cent above the sustained yield (from the government's own figures). "Ecologically viable" forestry doesn't begin with deforestation. And to suggest that 30 per cent of B.C.'s forests are monocultures shows us that for all intents and purposes, forests equal timber.

Perhaps he forgot about the 65,000-plus flora and fauna species that make B.C. Canada's most biologically diverse province.

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- Any other business

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letters

Letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 300 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste.

Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name.

Thank-you letters or open letters will not generally be considered for publication.

Commitment under question

To the Editor,

We are some of the community health nurses currently providing nursing service on Salt Spring Island. Some of us are public health nurses while others of us provide home nursing care service.

As public health nurses we are administering meningitis shots to children between the ages of 13 and 19 years. We are also the professionals who visit your newborns, immunize your infants and children, support your families and are the health nurses within your schools. Those of us that are home care nurses are providing competent, knowledgeable care to residents in their home setting. We provide both acute and chronic care, palliative care, diabetic management, wound management and medication assistance, to list just some of the services and support provided. We have been without a contract for more than two years.

Our union, the British Columbia Nurses' Union, is asking the B.C. government to give community health nurses a contract that gives us parity with the hospital nurses. Historically, we have been paid a wage similar to that of a hospital nurse. Presently our wage and benefit package is already more than 18 per cent lower than that of the hospital nurses. The government negotiators have told our union that they reject the idea of parity, and have stated that they are

not interested in negotiation.

We are the nurses who are already working "closer to home," a philosophy much talked about by this government. As the government refuses to speak with us, we have to question its commitment to this philosophy.

If you value us as health care professionals, we would ask you to:

1. Discuss this issue with friends and family.
2. Write letters to Elizabeth Cull, minister of finance.
3. Write letters to Paul Ramsay, minister of health.
4. Write letters to your local MLA.

SHARON ARMSTRONG,  
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Salt Spring Island  
Community Health Nurses

Not working

To the Editor,  
The Liberals' last budget, it seems to me, is an admission that our present economic system isn't working. To continue along the old way of doing business would be sheer stupidity, as the cost in wasted human potential will be horrific. For what, so the elites can maintain their status! Unless we change to a more compassionate and cooperative economic system bloody times are coming.

DAVID NASH,  
Victoria

New brochure, video explain Capital Region to public

Residents of the Capital Regional District (CRD) no longer have any excuse for being unfamiliar with the workings of regional government.

Ten-thousand copies of a full-colour, multi-panel glossy brochure hit the streets last week, designed to tell the public about the CRD and its functions.

Each brochure cost slightly more than \$1 to produce, but according to the region's community relations officer, whose job it was to produce them, it was a good deal.

"It's one of the least expensive corporate brochures you'll ever see," said Salt Spring resident and former Community Centre director Barbara Jordan-Knox last

week. She said such brochures are typically "boring and lacking in imagination."

The region's brochure, she explained, was not only designed to inform residents about the regional level of government but to entice people to pick it up.

The CRD has also produced a video as a companion piece for the brochure. Both will be used for presentations to schools and community groups in a bid to explain what the CRD is.

Information officer Jack Fry said the region had never had this type of brochure before.

Total cost of brochure and video was about \$25,000.

Region mails tax notices

Property owners on Salt Spring Island have been receiving tax notices from the Capital Regional District during the past week.

The notices advise that a parcel tax will be levied this year to pay for the construction and operation of a liquid waste disposal facility. A tax of up to \$10 was approved by voters in a referendum last April.

The facility, to be built in the Burgoyne valley, will provide a disposal site for sewage sludge from the Ganges and Maliview sewer systems and septage from septic tank pump-outs.

The material will be composted by mixing it with wood chips and piling it in windrows.

The scheme was criticized in December by regional director Dietrich Luth, who insisted on groundwater testing of the site.

The parcel tax will pay only for the disposal of the waste. The two sewer systems and homeowners will still have to pay their own pump-out costs.

Appeals will be heard at a court of revision at the CRD offices in Victoria March 23 at 12:15 p.m.

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# Parking a complaint for many islanders

Community plan goals for Ganges include keeping the "village" as compact as possible, making it pleasant for pedestrians, and avoiding "strip development" or other ills of sprawling settlements.

But if further services are needed for 5,000 more Salt Spring Island residents in less than 10 years, where will those stores, gas stations and restaurants be located?

Funnelling island growth into clusters of residences with services in nearby villages is one concept up for discussion at this year's Official Community Plan review.

The alternative, explains Islands Trustee Bob Andrew, is to let Salt Spring expand with people living on five, 10 or 20-acre parcels of land under current zoning designations, and bid adieu to the island's uninhabited areas.

Much of that growth is imminent, he says, with subdivision of huge blocks of land now coming on stream.

It includes the former Hollings family properties, a few thousand acres once owned by MacMillan Bloedel and sold to a variety of private interests in the late 1980s, and the recently-listed 800 acres of Mount Bruce lands owned by the Weldwood forest company.

Andrew says islanders must ask themselves how they want to see

## Spotlight on Salt Spring

Last of a series  
By GAIL SJUBERG



those lands developed. "Is that what we want to do — have all those large-lot subdivisions spreading the growth of the island?"

Consequences of that scenario are vanishing green space, increased road construction and maintenance costs and, without other village centres closer to people's homes, further vehicular clogging of Ganges and island roads.

Seventy-eight per cent of Spotlight on Salt Spring survey respondents wanted Ganges to remain the island's commercial core, and that will probably be the case, even if mini-villages, like the one already envisioned for the Channel Ridge area, do become new dots on an island map.

At this point, islanders seem quite satisfied with retail services available on Salt Spring.

Only one per cent of survey respondents said Ganges retail ser-

vices were "poor." The remainder said they were "good" (67 per cent) or "satisfactory" (32 per cent).

Seventy-six per cent said the downtown area was clean, and 78 per cent found retailers and staff "pleasant and helpful."

Retail Merchants Association spokesman Bob Kirkpatrick said those opinions were pleasing to hear, but he felt the number of people who said they shopped off-island regularly was too high. (Eleven per cent spent money elsewhere weekly; 25 per cent did so bi-monthly and 64 per cent shopped off-island monthly.)

Changing that habit is the responsibility of local merchants, he said.

"If we want to keep the people on the island, we have to be competitive and let them know what is available here."

Forty-nine per cent of respondents felt Fulford Harbour should offer more stores and services, while only 21 per cent thought Vesuvius should develop that way. Some people said a bank machine, more restaurants and retail stores would enhance Fulford village. Several decried the absence of vehicle parking spaces.

Respondents also accepted the survey's invitation to complain about Ganges parking.



Bob Kirkpatrick

Lack of parking in Ganges was perceived as a problem by 66 per cent of survey respondents, with 50 per cent "often" waiting for a parking space.

As Salt Spring's human and automobile population grows, those figures will obviously increase.

Trust planner Linda Adams suspects many people will never find enough parking spaces close enough to the stores they want to patronize.

"If you wanted to provide enough parking spaces so anyone could park where and when they

wanted to, we would end up with the whole downtown area paved," she said.

Other residents and visitors have told her there is already too much asphalt in Ganges and that "green space" in the village is more desirable than increasing the square footage for parking stalls.

Adams said one way parking pressure can be alleviated is by entering into agreements with non-commercial landowners to use their vacant lands for parking during peak demand periods.

Kirkpatrick said merchants and employees should be encouraged to park away from their front doors to allow space for customers.

The Trust will be looking for other new ideas to address parking issues during the Official Community Plan review, said Adams.

That plan currently encourages development of Ganges as a pedestrian-oriented seaside village, a concept which will likely receive continued public support in the upcoming plan review.

Islanders may complain about having trouble finding a parking space where they want it, but if 93 per cent of Spotlight survey respondents are representative of their peers, most still enjoy walking around Ganges once they have arrived.

## Study produced six options

Salt Spring has already taken the first steps towards changing its system of local government, using the well-trod path of committee work and studies.

The Local Government Options Study, guided by a 10-person committee of islanders headed by David Borrowman, began in 1991 with municipal affairs ministry funding. Working with consultants in local government, it examined facts and feelings about current island governance and outlined six possible options for change. Three involved changing functions of the Capital Regional District, the Trust or both, and three required some form of incorporation.

The study is a thorough and readable guide to what agency is now responsible for what service, perceived problems with those agencies, and the rationale for and financial implications of the various options for change.

Two of those options were recommended for further dissection in a "phase II" portion of the study, using further municipal affairs funding.

As Borrowman explained, the first of those options is an "island municipality." This would mean incorporation of the island but with

conditions not found in standard municipal charters. An island municipality would take the Islands Trust role into consideration, and be more "fiscally conservative," to address traditional fears that incorporation raises property tax rates.

The second option would explore changing Islands Trust legislation in certain ways, such as increasing the number of local elected trustees.

Borrowman stressed the phase II study would be extremely "wide open," with no commitments arising from its conclusions.

Request for a phase II study must come from the island's elected officials. Trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew are ready to make that request, but CRD director Dietrich Luth said he is unwilling to proceed until he becomes more informed about the issues and receives input from the research wing of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

Luth told the *Driftwood* he wants an expert opinion on the LGO study and the feasibility of recommended options from UBCM staff.

"We need an outside view on

the whole thing," he said. "I'm not taking a position until I get lots of input."

Luth was initially critical of the study because input came from a relatively small number of islanders.

Borrowman acknowledged that 187 people may not seem like a high number, but that the "quality of the response was extremely high." People made a substantial effort to participate in workshop study sessions, and many were island "opinion leaders."

"It would be a big mistake to throw out this study," he warned. "I think it is the germ of something quite valuable."

If the study does not proceed to phase II, the subject will inevitably be revived in a few years. Borrowman believes it unlikely a new committee would reach a consensus again.

"This committee achieved unanimity with 10 people of very diverse backgrounds and characteristics."

That is all the more remarkable, he noted, because it was done without a formal decision-making process that might be available in communities with a more defined government structure.

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800 hours on the LGO project.

"Before the study I was on the outside looking in, and now I'm on the inside looking confused," he joked.

CRD director Dietrich Luth told the *Driftwood* that few people really understand how local government works, so their opinions have an unsound basis.

"When you start doing survey research in this context you are really surveying the confused rather than the informed," he said.

Luth also theorized that island newcomers completing the survey were reflecting the "ill-ease" and expectations they brought with them.

"They come here with a catalogue of expectations that makes the Eaton's catalogue look thin, and they cannot be filled enough," he said. "All (the unhappiness with local government) reflects is their ill-ease, not the potential for improvement, or deep thought."

Despite general dissatisfaction with local government, 47 per cent of survey respondents supported Islands Trust policies. (Seventy-six per cent answered the question.) Borrowman said the LGO also found that emotional support for the Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate was stronger than the way in which it functions as a government body. "We found that virtually everyone is in love with the idea of the Trust, but that more and more people have questions about the Trust as an institution."

Participants in LGO study workshops and the Spotlight survey had concerns about several issues. Those included the relative lack of Salt Spring representation on the Islands Trust council, local decisions being made by a third off-island trustee, the cost effectiveness of Trust planning services, and coordination of services between the Trust and other government agencies.

Borrowman has his own "pet beef" about the Trust's head office being remote from island life in Victoria.

"If the provincial government wanted to do something to improve local government, it would move that thumping great bureaucracy from Victoria to Salt Spring Island," he said.

"I'm one of those people who is in love with the Trust, and was horrified, when I saw it up close operating in Victoria, to see all the pimples and blemishes on my beloved's face."

Bob Andrew has been one of Salt Spring's Islands trustees for three and a half years.

He would like to see more details gathered about changing local government through a second phase of the LGO study, but feels



Bob Andrew

the local Trust office's primary problem is unrelenting demand for Trust services and a resulting lack of time for long-term planning. Andrew does not think incorporation is the panacea for the local government blues.

"I don't think it will bring the benefits that people think it does."

The island would take over control of some functions, such as roads, sidewalks and policing, but he believes the general population has a different concern.

*"We found that virtually everyone is in love with the idea of the Trust, but that more and more people have questions about the Trust as an institution"—David Borrowman, chairman, options study committee*

"What people are wanting is more input into local government. We need to empower local people to have more say into what's going on."

He suggests some form of decentralization, giving more weight to people's concerns about what happens in their "neighbourhood," might provide that sense of involvement.

Luth also sees "no compelling justification" for advocating incorporation. "Is it really going to be an improvement over what we already have?" he asked.

Parks and Recreation Commission administrator Tony Hume is convinced incorporation would be vastly better than the present system, with fewer government agencies involved in land use issues.

Incorporation would at least

remove the Ministry of Transportation and Highways as the subdivision approval body, and remove parks and recreation or CRD staff from negotiations concerning public lands on Salt Spring, explains Trust senior planner Linda Adams. In that respect, current local government functions might become less cumbersome.

But because different municipal staff people would be involved for each aspect of a subdivision or development, she wonders if similar complications might still result from an "internal referral" system.

Adams sees a flood of questions arising from any proposed change to the local government system.

Hume also points to the LGO study which estimates: "If real property taxation for municipal purposes is maintained at present levels in real terms, the municipality should be able to balance its budget and create a substantial reserve fund."

Borrowman said incorporation also appears to have lost its rumoured high price tag.

"We found people were extremely reluctant to embrace incorporation because it (has) a bad odour, because of the cost," he said. "That is the standard prejudice, but we found the prejudice is outdated."

Sixty-three per cent of about 165 Spotlight respondents thought "municipal government would be better." The same number thought it would cost islanders more.

Hume believes incorporation is necessary to effectively manage island growth, provide the amenities that communities of comparable sizes enjoy, and get off the island's crisis merry-go-round.

"The population is totally unaware of what we're missing, and the frustrations we are faced with and what the costs of incorporation would really be."

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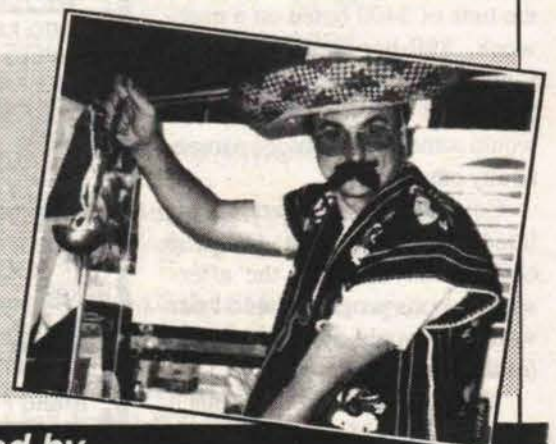
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# Commission moves to acquire Mouat Park

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) may get a new park in Ganges. At their monthly meeting Monday, commission members voted to ask the Capital Regional District to take over Mouat Park in Ganges as a community park.

The 58-acre property, given to B.C. Parks in the 1960s by the late Gavin Mouat, is going to be taken out of B.C.'s provincial park system.

The park has been deemed to be "surplus" to the needs of B.C. Parks because of increasing urbanization near the park and the \$30,000 cost of operating the park and campsite each year.

A report by commission administrator Tony Hume said the park would be a good community park because of its minimal cost to acquire, its size and proximity to Ganges and its place on either side of the proposed Ganges alternate

route.

Operating costs to maintain the park without a campsite would be minimal, Hume's report said, though camping during the summertime would not be ruled out.

"The benefits... of holding the park as a community park appear to far outweigh any costs and I believe the commission could be faulted for not moving quickly to obtain this park land," the report concluded.

PRC staff met with B.C. Parks staff last December to discuss the possibilities for transferring the park to the community, which was also amenable to Gavin's son, Norman Mouat.

The PRC voted to ask for the park to be transferred to CRD control as of January 1, 1995 and that the entire infrastructure of water, sewer, picnic tables, pit toilets and other equipment worth about \$212,000 be left in the park. The

PRC also requested a one-time transfer grant of \$15,000 to enable the transfer.

Hume said B.C. Parks would spend \$15,000 closing the park anyway.

The commission could use the money to install a septic field and trailer pad for a security guard/caretaker (\$5,000), community park signs (\$1,500), painting and repairs (\$3,500) and additional trail work (\$5,000).

## PRC accepts park over director's objection

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) voted to accept the Ganges maritime park when it is completed to their satisfaction, despite a plea by Capital Regional District (CRD) director Dietrich Luth to have the matter tabled.

The Salt Spring Rotary Club requested the commitment to maintain the park, planned for a site next to Thrifty Foods in Ganges. Commission member Ian Fraser

proposed that the commission agree to undertake the maintenance of the park upon satisfactory completion of drainage, irrigation, power and overall design.

Operating costs, which the PRC would assume, were estimated by the designer to be in the range of \$10,000 to \$12,000 with an extra \$2,000 for garbage collection, Fraser reported.

"This amounts to 1.5 cents per

\$1,000 assessed value per year," he said. "For a park downtown like that when it's completed, that's not bad. I'd certainly be prepared to pay."

But Luth objected to the proposal on the grounds that an adjacent property owner, Gordon Cudmore, disputed the location of the property line.

According to a survey done five years ago, some one-third of the

proposed park is in the disputed zone, Luth said, and no approval should be given before the dispute is resolved "to the satisfaction of all parties."

Commission members declined to delay the matter.

"I cannot see the commission getting involved in property line disputes," member Max Soder said.

"That must be decided by the

Islands Trust and Crown Lands."

"It's not in dispute, Dietrich," commission member Bill Curtin added, "only by Mr. Cudmore."

PRC administrator Tony Hume said Crown Lands had given approval for the infill of land for the park and approved the boundary lines which were surveyed in advance of the infill.

The motion passed, with Luth objecting.

### Commission, director put up cash for program

A sports program initiated by the Student Leadership Council at Beaver Point Hall last fall will get some more public money. But Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members decided Monday that the \$400 grant had to be matched by a \$400 grant from the regional director and \$400 from the parents or users of the program.

Commission member Yantra Walker spoke with area parents and residents after the January PRC meeting about the possibilities of keeping the program going.

"I suggested a limited kind of user-pay would be valuable," she said, perhaps as little as 25 cents per visit, which would at least provide some money to help keep the floors clean.

"People value more what they pay for even if it is a small sum," she said.

Malcolm MacLean suggested the PRC provide matching funds to encourage fundraising and some effort on the part of the users and parents. He also suggested seniors on the island may have been overlooked as volunteer supervisors of the program.

Regional director Dietrich Luth said parents should make a contribution and the program should not go beyond the school year. He also said he would make a contribution through a regional grant-in-aid.

In the end, commission members voted to fund the program to the tune of \$400 based on a nine-week, \$90-per-week program. Luth agreed to provide another \$400 and the remaining \$400 would come from the users, parents or any other source.

Commission members calculated that if the core group of children involved in the after-school sports program paid \$1 per visit, that would amount to \$405 for the whole term.

"I don't think \$1 a visit is much to pay," Chris Magnus said. "For kids from the high school, they probably spend three or four times that downtown every day."

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# No tax increase, says Trust, but not all trustees agree

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Gulf Islands taxpayers can expect no tax increase from the Islands Trust this year. Trust council made that firm commitment for the 1994/95 year at their quarterly meeting held on Gabriola Island last weekend.

There were hints Saturday that heated discussion had featured during budget sessions earlier in the week, but a majority of trustees voted to set a budget of \$2,756,070, up marginally from last year's budget of \$2,719,000.

*There were hints of heated discussion during budget sessions earlier in the week.*

"The exercise we went through yesterday results in a zero increase to taxpayers," Trust chairman Graeme Dinsdale said Saturday morning. "The Islands Trust is not raising taxes with this budget."

"What we did was set a goal to try and get to a zero tax increase," Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew said. "My chief concern is addressing that we do a good job, that we look at the money we need to do a good job."

"I think we did what we had to do," Salt Spring trustee and finance committee vice-chairwoman Grace Byrne said. "We certainly did get the word locally (that taxpayers would not favour an increase)."

Most of the 1994/95 budget of \$2.7 million comes from the \$2,121,925 levy on property taxes, which is up seven per cent from last year's levy of \$1,988,000. New lots and buildings account for the increased levy, so most taxpayers should not find their tax bill substantially different this year. The budget also includes a \$494,145 provincial grant, unchanged from the last three years, projected revenue of \$100,000 from fees and sales, down from last year's projection of \$150,000, \$30,000 from interest income and a special \$10,000 grant from the Union of B.C. Municipalities for the MacMillan Bloedel-Galiano appeal.

The workings of the executive committee, Trust council, and ad-

ministrative support have been budgeted at \$707,855 for 1994/95, down from \$730,600 in 1993/94. Last year's figure was higher because of local elections.

The cost of the local Trust committees, local planning, investigation and administrative support is set at \$1,839,520 in 1994/95, up from \$1,806,625. Trust Fund board expenses are set at \$208,695, up from \$181,745 last year.

While the zero-increase budget was passed by a comfortable majority, many trustees did not like putting off programs and services for lack of cash, including Denman trustee Roxanna Aitken.

"I realize I'm in the minority here," she said. "A zero per cent increase is absolutely ludicrous."

She said she would support an increase of 2.6 per cent, based on inflation, and added that several municipalities in the Comox area have raised taxes five to seven per cent.

"The principle of zero," Denman trustee Rolf Ludvigsen added, "is repeated mantra-like. This is not a principle. This is a fetish."

He said residents of Denman do not follow the "false God" of a zero per cent increase and would support an increase in taxes.

Lasqueti's Chris Ferris argued against the zero per cent increase on the grounds that it would hamper the Trust's ability to do any pro-active work.

"One of the criticisms I hear most often about the Trust is that it takes our money and it doesn't do anything," she said. "The traditional approach to that complaint is to take less money."

"Another approach is to do more for people, to allow ourselves a large enough budget to do things for people."

But Gabriola's Julian Guntensperger said there was a limit to the amount islanders were prepared to pay in taxes and that that limit had been reached. Saturna's John Money and Mayne's Sonja Taiji were also in favour of no increase in taxes, but did not want to see a decrease in services.

"Exactly the same arguments are used by the B.C. Ferries: reduce the service or get more money," Money said. "There's never any talk about doing more with the money they're getting. Let's see what we can do with the money

## Trustees take knives to operating budget

Some programs, at least one staff position and other Trust expenditures were pared down as much as possible during budget deliberations at last week's Trust council meeting.

A budget based on an inflationary tax increase had to be shorn of nearly \$50,000 when trustees made the decision not to increase the dollar-amount island residents will pay in taxes to support the Trust.

Lasqueti's Chris Ferris asked trustees to put the debate into perspective when she said one property on her island had been sold for nearly the same amount as the whole Trust budget last year.

"\$2.7 million is just too small to be limited to a zero per cent increase," she said.

But others did not agree.

The biggest saving from the budget projection was \$12,000 to delay for two months the hiring of a manager of policy and planning. Ferris said the environmental planning committee is hampered by not having this staff person to help with

its work. Applications for the position have already been received, but the job will not start now until at least June 1.

A student position will be reduced to one term from two, as has been the case in the past, saving some \$5,000. Another \$5,000 will be pared from the budget for advertising, interviewing and processing applications for Trust positions.

The bill for fulfilling statutory requirements to advertise meetings such as public hearings was pared by \$4,000 and another \$1,000 will be taken from the budget for Trust council meetings, for a total saving of \$27,000.

A further \$22,500 was cut from the Trust's program budget, delaying a variety of improvements such as computer support, trustee training, map digitizing work and purchase of computers and office equipment. Money was also pared from the budget for producing official copies of the Trust policy statement and the Trust Fund board budget.

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And at least one trustee underlined the fragile nature of trustee agreement on this budget issue by saying she would not agree to no increase again.

"Although I voted for the zero increase," Susan Yates of Gabriola said, "I will not do so next year if the islands continue to grow at the rate they're growing."

She said more staff would have to be hired to deal with the expanding applications processing, and salaries for the executive committee at least would have to be raised.

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## Lands 'to advise' under new pact

In an ongoing attempt to establish political co-operation and understanding, the Islands Trust has approved a protocol agreement with B.C. Lands.

"It's a move to have Crown Lands have a better understanding

**Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh said the agreement represented 'significant moves' on the part of B.C. Lands.**

of what the Islands Trust is and what it does and how our jurisdictions overlap," Trust chairman Graeme Dinsdale said at last weekend's Trust council meeting.

Trust staff met with B.C. Lands staff three times since last June to negotiate the agreement. Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh said the agreement represented

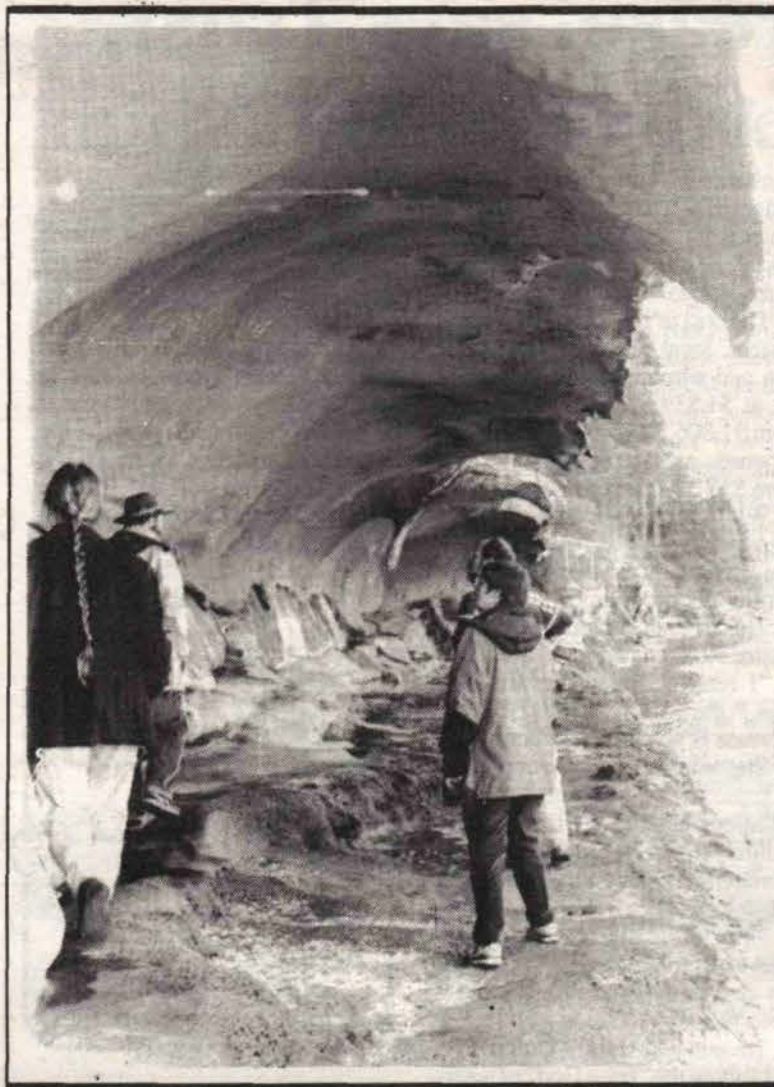
"significant moves" on the part of B.C. Lands and he recommended council endorse it.

McIntosh said B.C. Lands would advise the Trust when an offer for private sale of crown land was made and when B.C. Lands was consulted by an agency on an intended transfer. Previously, McIntosh said the word "consult with" rather than "advise" had been used.

He said the provincial cabinet could still decide to sell crown land without the government agency knowing about it but called the agreement a "major win."

But the protocol agreement did not go as far as some trustees would have liked. The agreement only promises to notify the Trust about new applications for crown land leases and renewals or transfers of crown land leases which involve a change in land use.

John Dunfield, from Thetis, said this would prevent a problem that arose on his island when an oyster lease was used as a transfer station. But other trustees were disappointed that existing leases, such as oyster leases, would not be subject to the new protocol agreement.



**TRUSTEE TOURISTS:** There was some opportunity for trustees to see a bit of Gabriola Island last weekend at the quarterly Trust council meeting. Four trustees toured one of the island's most interesting geological features, called the Malaspina Galleries.

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## Trust wants Ferries agreement

Negotiation of a protocol agreement with the B.C. Ferry Corporation is to get under way at the Islands Trust. Following on the success of the recently negotiated agreement with B.C. Lands (see related story), trustees last weekend directed staff to draft a similar agreement with the ferry corporation.

The "tremendous impact" of the ferries on the Gulf Islands and "lack of consultation" during the mid-island ferry terminal study were the two main reasons for the interest in pursuing a protocol agreement.

The key elements of such a document would include recognition of mandates and responsibilities, such as the Trust's preserve and protect provincial interest, the Trust Fund board's land acquisition and conservation interest, local Trust committees' land use planning and regulation authority, and B.C. Ferries' provincial interest and role as a service provider.

Information sharing, notification, input and consultation, land use planning related referrals, partnerships and co-operation and problem solving mechanisms would also be a part of the protocol agreement.

Several trustees, from Thetis, South Pender and Saturna, said they would like such negotiation left between individual islands and the ferry corporation. Others, such as Claus Spiekermann from Bowen, said a protocol agreement would benefit islands where communication with the ferry corporation has not been good. A draft agreement will be presented to Trust council in June.

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# Computerization, new building forecast

## Library annual meeting looks to future needs

Installation of a computerized book cataloguing and check-out system and the construction of a new building were among the forecasts made at the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Public Library last Friday.

A long-range planning committee report on preparing the library for the year 2000 predicted the population of the island will reach 12,000 in the next six years.

The number of adult library patrons is expected to reach 3,100 from the current 2,400 while circulation — the number of books borrowed — should increase to 137,500 from the current 92,500.

Increases beyond those levels will require paid staff, the committee suggested. A further 2,000 square feet of space will be required over the next six years, bringing the total library space to 7,500 square feet.

Given those predictions, the

library started a building fund last month, financed by book sales on Saturdays, book bag and coffee mug sales and an increase in membership to \$10 from \$5. To date, the fund has collected \$187.

However, new chairman Tony Burridge pointed out the library also has \$40,000 in short-term deposits which could eventually be added to a building fund.

The committee suggested switching to a computerized library system when circulation reaches 100,000 books annually. Since the Salt Spring library is only 7,500 books below that level, the board will be looking into that possibility in the coming year.

Burridge notes a pair of personal computers and a scanner would probably handle Salt Spring's system, so the cost would

be minimal. Help in setting it up is available from the provincial government's Library Services Branch, he added.

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Treasurer David Spencer reported revenues of \$53,370 and expenditures of \$49,875 during the previous year.

Since the library has no paid

staff, over 60 per cent of expenditures go towards acquiring more books. In library systems with paid staff, Burridge noted only 15 per cent of the budget is allocated to book acquisition.

Outgoing chairwoman Ann Barber said there are over 90 volunteers who work at the library, doing everything from watering plants to cataloguing incoming books. She paid tribute to the work of Lois Slotten in coordinating volunteers.

Achievements during the past year included building a space for cassettes and the library photocopier and a new area for the children's section.

The library spent almost \$30,000 adding to its book collection. Barber said the library has received requests for more large-

print books, although these are expensive to obtain due to limited print runs. Due to the expense, videos have not yet been added to the collection, Barber said.

In recognition of Barber's service on the board for the past four years, she was given a book on herbs.

Burridge, who has completed one term on the board, was re-elected and then chosen as the new chairman. Also on the executive are secretary Pat Byrne and treasurer Michael Wheaton. Elected to the board was Pat Massey, who joins members Lois Slotten, Irene Gibb and Judith Andersen. Board members are elected for two-year terms but cannot serve more than two terms in succession.

"It's been a lot of fun in the last two years and I hope it will be fun for the next two years," Burridge said.

# Possible fraud cases total six, says welfare sleuth

Welfare fraud is being sniffed out and occasionally snuffed out on Salt Spring Island, according to Ron Klohn, a Ministry of Social Services investigator.

Based in Colwood, Klohn is currently investigating six possible cases of welfare fraud here.

The cases involve unreported common-law situations or unreported earnings by welfare recipients. Klohn said the most common form of fraud is un-

reported earnings.

Other common forms of fraud are living in unreported common-law relationships and claims made for children who are not living with the welfare recipient.

"There's all types of suspected fraud," Klohn said. Another is receiving duplicate cheques from different welfare offices or falsely claiming a cheque has been lost or is missing and receiving a replacement.

With regard to common-law relationships, Klohn stressed that Social Services does not prohibit such relationships but should be notified if the structure of the family changes.

"We can't tell people who they can live with," he said. However, since one person in a relationship is usually working, the amount of benefits allowed by Social Services would change.

For example, if a single mother

with a child moved in with a partner who was earning \$1,000 a month and yet the mother and child remained on welfare, the couple is required to notify Social Services and produce the partner's pay stubs at the end of the month.

Social Services then deducts \$200 from that total plus 25 per cent of the working partner's net wages.

The remainder is subtracted from the welfare payment which

would normally be made to a couple with one child. The difference, if any, would be the amount paid by Social Services to the family.

Klohn suspects the number of welfare fraud cases he sees from Salt Spring are within the usual range. He notes no one is quite sure how much welfare fraud occurs.

"If we knew how much fraud there is out there, there wouldn't be any," he said.

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# Trustee queries ministry methods

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Should education planning be based on telephone polls? That was the question Salt Spring school trustee Ken Lee asked after hearing a presentation from two Ministry of Education representatives on proposed changes to the school system.

Marlene Dergousoff and Audrey Hobb said at a March 7 meeting that some of the changes to the Year 2000 program were made after a telephone poll revealed public dissatisfaction with it.

Lee, a former school principal, said public polls may be good for politicians but are not a good way to judge education. "How long have we been planning education policy by telephone poll?" he asked. "I don't think you can make policy like that."

He was especially unhappy with the decision to cut the anecdotal reports in the primary grades. Although he recognized that anecdotal reports may be harder for immigrant parents to understand, native-born Canadians should be able to interpret the information.

Letter grades should not be assigned to children in kindergarten to grade 5, he noted. "It's far too early to give people marks or letter grades." Instead, he said, parents should be advised on whether their child is working to potential, achieving different tasks and trying his or her best.

Giving letter grades too early brands children as either "smart" or "dumb" too soon, before they have developed any personal self-esteem, Lee noted.

Originally, the Year 2000 program extended the anecdotal reports used in the primary grades into the elementary school grades. The changes to the education system outlined by Hobb allow letter grades to be assigned starting in grade 4.

Letter grades will continue to be used until graduation, with percentages added in grades 11 and 12. However, Hobb advocates restricting letter grades to A, B, C and IP, meaning "in progress."

The "in progress" grade allows a student to keep working on a difficult course without the stigma of failing. "Children are not failing but children are in different places along the continuum," Hobb said. "To fail a student and stamp on someone's head — yes, you will fail — doesn't make sense."

Hobb said the meaning of letter grades will also be changed. An A, for example, will no longer designate achievement in the top five per cent of the class but a certain level of achievement against the standards of the curriculum.

Dergousoff said anecdotal reports have been eliminated in the primary grades in favour of more structured written reports. However, there will be no letter grades until grade 4.

She noted written reports are just one of the ways in which teachers can communicate with parents.

Dergousoff said the Year 2000 non-graded primary block, which eliminated designations like kindergarten and grades 1-3, has been abandoned and the old grade distinctions returned.

But she stressed the grade levels were only resurrected for administrative reasons and that children will still be able to move through the primary curriculum at their own pace.

Dergousoff said one of the conflicts facing education is the dif-

ference between society's demands and new discoveries about the learning process. Often, this leads to schools implementing techniques which are unfamiliar to parents.

She summarized some of the conflicts as follows:

- A broad liberal education versus preparation for careers to match changes in the global market.

- Programs focused on the learner versus society's needs to have its culture transferred to the next generation.

- The education role of school versus the expanded role of schools dealing with social issues.

- Schools as a place of work versus schools as a place of learning.

- Change, in society and schools, versus stability in society and schools.

Given the conflicts in education, Lee feels education policy should be determined by professionals and not by polls. Public opinion is easily swayed and can change from week to week, he noted. However, Lee was pleased with some of the other ideas outlined by Hobb and Dergousoff, especially their reference to the theory of multiple intelligence.

According to this theory, there are six distinct types of intelligence: linguistic, musical, logical-mathematical, spatial, bodily kinaesthetic and interpersonal-intrapersonal.

"We get a very narrow view of people's intelligence from logical-mathematical I.Q. tests," Lee remarked. He favours an education system which recognizes and encourages all types of intelligence.

Hobb noted the graduation program will give equal weight to all programs, from calculus to cooking. For the first time, she said, gifted students will be regarded as having "special needs."

A draft intermediate program for grades 4-10 and a draft graduate program for grades 11 and 12 have been released by the Ministry of Education.

Copies of the programs are available at local schools and at the school board office and comments are invited by April 30. Dergousoff noted 500 responses to the draft program have been received to date.



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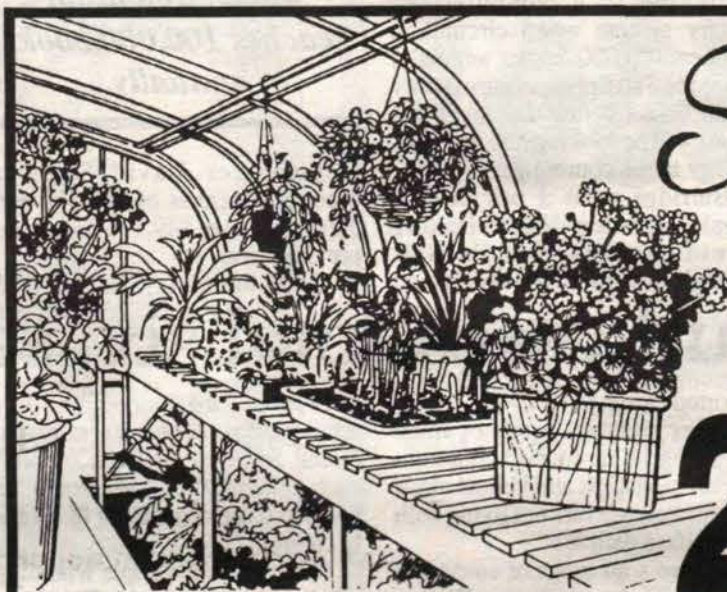
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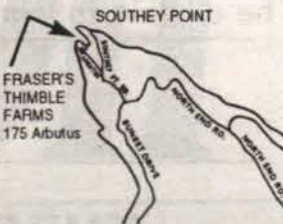
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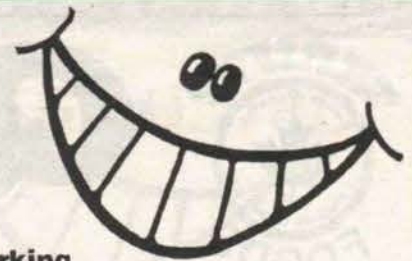
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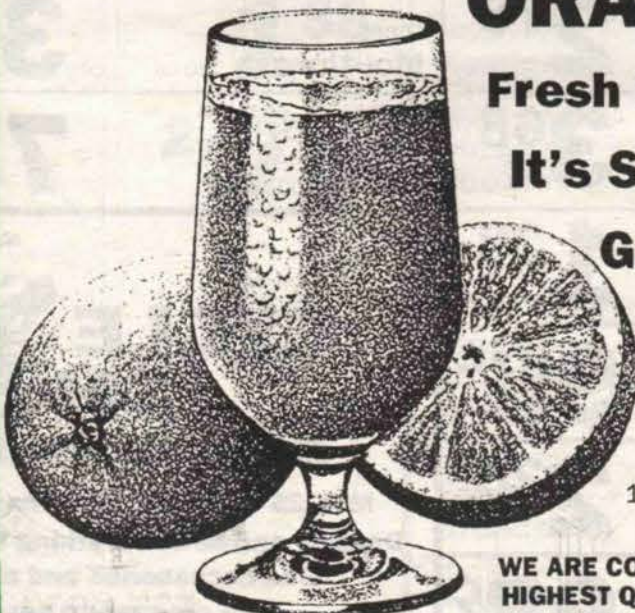
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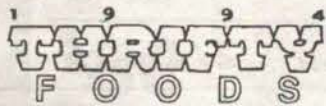


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# Songs and laughter mark celebration of Women's Day

Every woman making a difference was the theme for an International Women's Day celebration at Alfresco Restaurant in Ganges March 8.

More than 100 women attended the event and enjoyed presentations from musicians, poets and a local comedian on topics ranging from love to change in society.

Guitarist Paula Kiffner, banjo player Carol Wright and vocalist Lisa Erch started the evening with bluegrass melodies.

Comedian Mary Williamson, urged on by a chorus of "Willy! Willy!" from the audience, then took the stage.

She presented a collection of quips made by female comedians and writers. "If love is the answer, could you rephrase the question?" she quoted, echoing comedian Lily Tomlin.

Audience members were laughing so hard Williamson had to ask them not to as they would push her over her 10-minute time limit.

More serious thoughts were offered by poets Mona Fertig, Kathryn Emerson, Annie Wall, Cherie Geuvreau and Seema Goel, who commented on their lives, relationships and feminist thought.

Accompanied by Lynne Quinn, musician Myranda O'Byrne sang an Irish feminist folk song, the tale of an Irish lass who had a child out of wedlock.

"Now you'll never get married in white and what will the neighbours say?" the pair sang to laughter and applause from the audience.

Guitarist Lisa Max and daughter Jesse wrapped up the evening with a potpourri of '50s songs as well as a number dedicated to her grandmother.

Sharing her own experience of self-discovery, Max reiterated the importance of finding one's own

individuality.

"It's really important for us to be treated like we would like to be treated," she said.

The event was jointly sponsored by the Women's Resource Centre and Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse.



**ENJOYING THE MUSIC:** Daisy Burke turns from the music to the camera last week and flashes a contented smile. Musicians Ken Swift, Esther Hengstler and Ben Cooper played Thursday for residents in the Greenwoods lounge. Burke, 90, has lived on Salt Spring for the last three years. She came to Canada at 16 from Truro in Cornwall. She says "hard work" has kept her looking young.

Photo by Tony Richards

## San Juan arts centre had growing pains

The manager of an arts centre in the San Juan Islands was on Salt Spring last weekend to talk to members of the ArtSpring board and the public about the construction, operation and programming of a community theatre.

Doug Scott, manager of the community theatre and arts centre at Friday Harbour, said the facility has become a "cultural hub" of the island and has "promoted an understanding between young people and the rest of the community."

Scott said the Salt Spring building was comparable to his own and so were the "growing pains."

He said San Juan Islanders adopted the motto "pick up a ham-

mer or pick up a chequebook and we'll get the job done" for the project.

The theatre cost U.S. \$1.8 million to build, Scott said, and, apart from a \$250,000 state grant, was financed through voluntary donations. One donor gave \$800,000 to match with other donations.

Scott said the theatre should retain control of productions in the arts centre while a committee made up of representatives of local arts groups should help determine scheduling of performances.

On the operating budget side, Scott said eight per cent of the budget comes from public grants while fundraising never stops.

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regional directors or the press."

CRD executive director Bill Jordan said the tax levy proposal would go through unless it were revoked before March 23, when the CRD board examines its 1994/95 budget for the final time.

"It is in the budget," Jordan said Monday, "and it will be on the tax levy, unless there's a vote to have it removed."

He also said the levy — which represents 10 cents on every \$1,000 of assessed value — is earmarked at the present time for ArtSpring.

But, he added, there is nothing to preclude the Salt Spring regional director from giving the money to another group or organization "deemed to be making a worthwhile contribution to Salt Spring Island."

Oak Bay Mayor and fellow CRD director Diana Butler agreed with Luth that there was a "timing problem" with the ArtSpring grant-in-aid request.

The proposal had to be made and accepted before the end of March to be included in this year's budget.

She said CRD board members agreed to the proposal because of a reluctance to "interfere in the jurisdictions" of other board members. But the board did specify that the ArtSpring board must request the money from the CRD in order to get it, in recognition of the "division of views" on the island with regard to the levy.

ArtSpring chairman Lawrie Neish would not comment on the grant as he had seen nothing official from the CRD.



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# Former logger and fisherman, Brian Brett talks about poetry

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Poet Brian Brett has a wide smile, and is quick to laugh. He also has two handfuls of green thumbs.

At the appointed interview time last Thursday afternoon, Brett is still tending to a half-dozen bonsai maples, beeches, alders and firs which have been left unwatered too long. Other trees in his collection dot the porch of his Beaver Point home, in clay pots, glazed urns or clinging to bits of specially chosen lava-rock.

They are all in various stages of the decades-long process of tying, cutting and clipping which eventually turns them into the beautiful but tortured shapes recognizable as bonsai.

The small trees destined to remain small are potted and watered and left. Interviewer and poet go inside — where the bonsais are replaced with orchids and bunches of dried flowers — to talk about poetry.

"I started writing poetry when I was 17 to survive," he said. "It was my way of looking at the world so I can recognize it. I was trying to work out things."

He hit the road then, wandering all over North America and doing many different things including fishing and logging. He reckons he clocked up more than 75,000 miles hitchhiking.

He spent weeks at a time in the deepest bush with a Trapper Nelson, loaded down with 80 to 100 pounds of food and gear. The bears and wolverines that wanted his food and the cougars which occasionally crossed his path would appear later in poems. Those times in the wilderness leave Brett with one regret about life as a poet-farmer on Salt Spring. Though he also says he expected farming to pay better than poetry, which it does not yet.

"Rimbaud is a favourite poet," he said, "one of my main inspirations as a poet."

Kenneth Rexroth is another. And Navajo night chanting which he learned during a period in the States. He has always searched for different perspectives, new ways of looking at the world.

While looking for those different perspectives he spent time fishing off the B.C. coast and logging in the Queen Charlottes — for which he said he has done penance recently with all his work in aid of Clayoquot Sound.

And for every experience, a poem, it seems: a poem about a near-starving eagle he found while fishing with his father; a poem about hiking Black Tusk in the winter; a poem about cattlemen; a poem about gardening.

His poems are graphic and full of noise and colour and adrenalin. Blood flows freely. Death and life are ever present. As in this part of *The Great Bear Constellation*:

The hunter carries in his rifle the bawling of a bear cub,

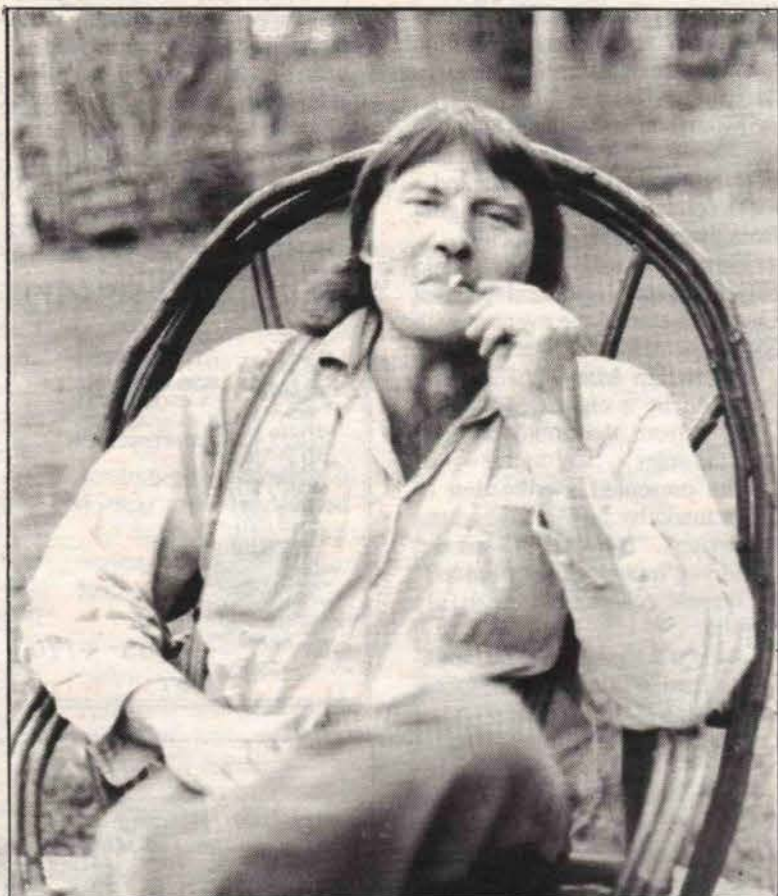
The surprised cry of bear-mother as she whirls, tearing at her spurting haunch.

*Bear slept in the briars,  
one eye turned  
to his shadow  
and he slept not at all.  
Bear slept in the briars,  
the cold contained him  
and he slept not at all.  
Bear slept in the briars  
and his shadow bruised him.*

She's dead. She's dead. A bundle of fur beside the road.

Noon. Sun. Heat.

The mist rising still from the underbrush.



**FARMER-POET:** Brian Brett relaxes in his garden at Beaver Point where he tends sheep, dahlias, orchids and bonsais. Two books of his poetry have been released this year and are available in island bookstores.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

She does not move/ will not move,  
the dark world in her belly —  
white maggots.

"That piece came from a trip out to Long Beach and Clayoquot Sound," Brett said, "and the sight of a bear which had been hit by a car. It is more or less about a mood at Clayoquot, but I was haunted by the dead bear, might have come from some reading about native mythology and images.

"The bear slept in the briars — it's me, being depressed and upset, thinking, feeling like one of the cubs myself.

"As gritty as a lot of the stuff is," Brett added, "it's still a celebratory book."

He is right. A Taurus and a survivor of an "unbelievably brutal childhood," Brett's poems are about "survival through sheer stubbornness and celebrating it."

In *The Exhibition* he describes his work as "singing the alive."

That image is carried through in his idea that "poetry should be music" and that "music is suggested by how the words go together."

Brett's poems have a rhythm, a metre, a cadence created by the words he uses. Sounds emphasize action and thought.

"Shakespeare made very conscious use of different word roots and knew their effect on the ear and on understanding," Brett said, reeling off a stanza of the Great Bard's which switched from latinate words to Anglo-Saxon.

Many of his poems in *Poems New and Selected* contain cold images: "Landscape with Fire and Snow . . ."; "Ice Gods and Arrivals"; "Black Tusk Freeze Up."

He beautifully describes "frosted breath," "words that are bitter sparks in zero weather" and "the idea of love is icy."

The orchids and birds of paradise in the breakfast room and his warm, hearty laugh belie this book's fascination with cold.

"I like the visualness of the cold," he said. "The sharpness of the images has always attracted me.

"I got myself stuck in so many cold towns in the middle of winter," he joked. "In the Charlottes I worked in the winter. I did that for a few winters and for some strange reason cold is coming into my imagery."

Brett's "cold" collection, *Poems New and Selected*, is available at island bookstores. In the last few weeks, another collection of poems, *Allegories of Love and Disaster*, has also been released.

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# Art, drama, dance students to present *Evening of Fine Art*

By JAIMIE HILTS  
Driftwood Contributor

In many high school productions it is the last week when things really begin to come together, and when the panic starts to set in.

After rehearsing for months on a show, it has suddenly all come down to those last few days. Lights, sound, set and costumes are checked over and over, actors run lines with anyone who will listen, dancers are seen spinning and kicking down the hallways, and students mysteriously disappear from classes only to be discovered in the art room, putting a final touch on their creations.

Such is the scene this week at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), as fine art students prepare for *An Evening of Fine Art* to be presented Thursday through Saturday.

*An Evening of Fine Art* is the

culmination of efforts and talents from the art, drama, and dance students and teachers. As in earlier years this is a production where students take on much of the

**This is a production where students take on much of the responsibility.**

responsibility on and offstage. The actors, dancers, and artists are students from all levels of the high school, as are the directors, choreographers and sound, set and lighting people.

Lisa Armitage, a grade 12 student, adapted a well known movie to create the script for her play, *The*

*Rhythm and Blues Band and Review*, the story of a band's musical mission from God to save an orphanage. Armitage also directed the play with help from community members Sue Bowler and Jen Adams.

Student Noah Pred adapted a book to create his play *Six Tigers*, a twisted tale at the beach which he is directing along with grade 12 student Lilith Clark.

A performance from the dance class will take place between the two plays. Many of the numbers were choreographed by students and they include everything from the can-can to hip-hop. Throughout the evening creations from the art department will be on display. Tickets for *An Evening of Fine Art* are available at the door. Curtain goes up at 7 but audience members are advised to come early as seating is limited.

## Time is up for Time Flies show

Time has flown — and the final moments have arrived for Salt Spring residents to polish up their entries for the Time Flies exhibit.

This non-juried, free-form art and craft and everything else show opens Saturday at noon in the Ganges Activity Centre.

Designed to encourage participation, the show is open to all-comers, says Illyd Perkins, president of the sponsoring Woodworkers Guild.

"We don't turn anything away. If it fits through the door we'll take it," he said.

But entries have to make it to the Activity Centre by the final tick of the deadline clock, which strikes at

7 p.m. Friday. The centre will be open from 4 to 7 p.m. to receive entries.

Perkins said he has received calls from interested exhibitors but all are keeping quiet about the details of their entries. He has already received some entries from off-island exhibitors but has not yet unpacked them.

Following the noon opening Saturday, there will be a wine and cheese reception at 6 p.m. The show will be open Sunday through to the following Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Time Flies is being held in conjunction with the Look '94 regional art show.

## Local, Victoria artists to exhibit at Ganges

For the first time in a decade, the regional Look '94 juried art show will be held on Salt Spring Island.

Sponsored by the Assembly of B.C. Arts Councils and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, the show will feature work from the Gulf Islands and from throughout the Greater Victoria area.

The exhibit will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, starting Saturday in the Ganges Activity

Centre. The show continues until March 26.

Approximately 200 pieces will be displayed. From these, jurors Sally Michener and Keith Wallace will choose 20 works to be displayed at the Images and Objects XIII exhibit at the B.C. Festival of the Arts in Campbell River May 25-29. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to ArtSpring.

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African roots in Sid Filkow's 'midlife crisis' dance April 1

Beaver Point Hall will be moving to the beat of a West African drum April 1 when Vancouver-based world-beat musician Alpha Yaya Diallo visits Salt Spring Island.

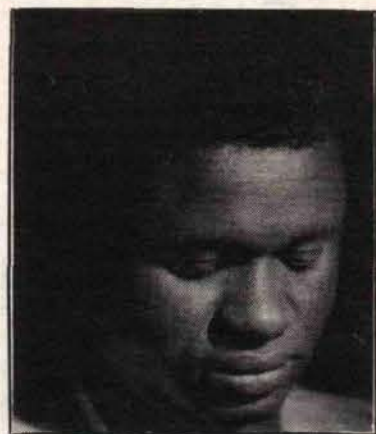
Billed as a "midlife crisis presentation" by Sid Filkow, he promises islanders the "chance to shake out the blues."

Shaking is the operative word. Born in Guinea, West Africa, Alpha Yaya Diallo has been playing music since he was 12 years old. Influenced by his Fulani and Arab roots and the dance rhythms of the forest people of his native land, he has become a rhythm

specialist.

After college, he emigrated to Europe and then to Canada after performing in several jazz festivals here. He settled in Vancouver where he started the band Bafin, and where his 1993 release, *Nene*, was nominated for best contemporary global recording in Canada.

Filkow said the April 1 show will be "all-out dance music" and feature such West African instruments as the shekere (gourd shaker), balafon (wooden xylophone) and doum doum (bass drum). Tickets are \$10 in advance at Li'l Patts and et cetera. The show starts at 9:15 p.m.



Alpha Yaya Diallo

Ecclestons return for gig at Moby's

An "infectious, compelling stage presence" is how one reviewer described singer songwriter Colleen Eccleston, who returns to Salt Spring this week with her brother Kelt. Another observer said she "looks like a Catholic virgin and sings like a banshee."

Salt Spring Islanders will be able to judge for themselves Thursday and Friday as the Ecclestons play their own version of Celtic music at Moby's.

A strong supporter of Amnesty International, Colleen has played at folk festivals across the country and with artists like Mae Moore, Sue Medley and Valdy. Her first album, *Carnation*, appeared in 1984.

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Dancing inevitable, says band

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The nine-piece band People Playing Music will offer funk, African, r&b, rock, reggae, samba and others combined in a west coast flavour.

Four lead vocalists are accompanied by saxophone, bass, congas, d'jembes, keyboard, drums, trumpet and guitar.

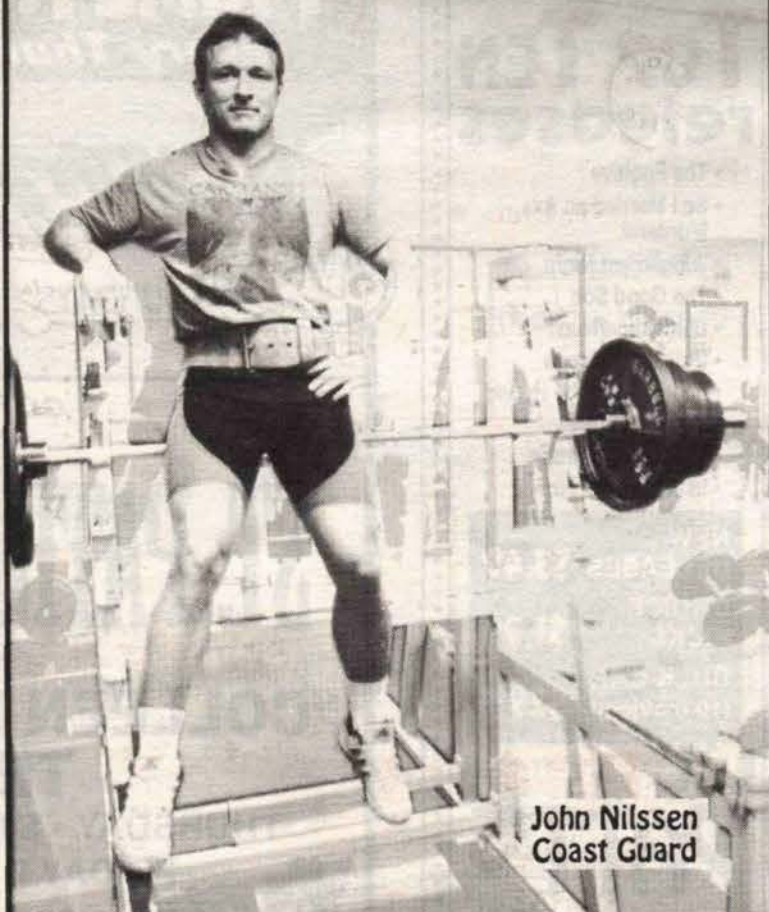
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# Police clock students' cars at speeds over 90 km/h

By **TONY RICHARDS**  
*Driftwood Staff*

A radar check last Thursday clocked one car at 96 kilometres per hour but no one got a speeding ticket.

In fact, vehicle owner Joe English got a prize instead, when his model car, named "Airhead," won the boys' final in a race at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Girls' final was won by Emily Delahaye.

Thursday's races wrapped up a series of heats to determine the fastest cars made by 65 Applied Technology students. It also concluded the course's look at the importance of weight, drag and

aerodynamics in the design of an automobile.

Under the guidance of teacher Dave Betts, students designed their vehicles within the parameters of a list of specifications. Beginning with a basic thumbnail sketch ("just done from our heads," according to Nicholas Bardon), students improved upon their designs through a series of sketches until they were ready to shape blocks of pine using bandsaw and chisels.

But it was no casual whittling job that produced the high-speed, carbon dioxide-powered vehicles. With the aid of a wind tunnel, students were able to fine-tune their

designs.

"There are three things that help a car win," explained designer and manufacturer Morgan Wheeler. They are weight, aerodynamics and lift. Wheeler's car was one of the favourites in Thursday's race: it weighed in at 56 grams, had 2.1 negative lift and wind resistance of 12.5, according to the wind tunnel.

The main challenge is in keeping those figures down without compromising the car's strength. The rear end of each vehicle had to be large enough to accommodate a carbon dioxide cartridge.

Most of the cars were about eight inches long, but there were some big differences in other specs. Joe English's winning vehicle tipped the scales at 34 grams, but another weighed in at 117.

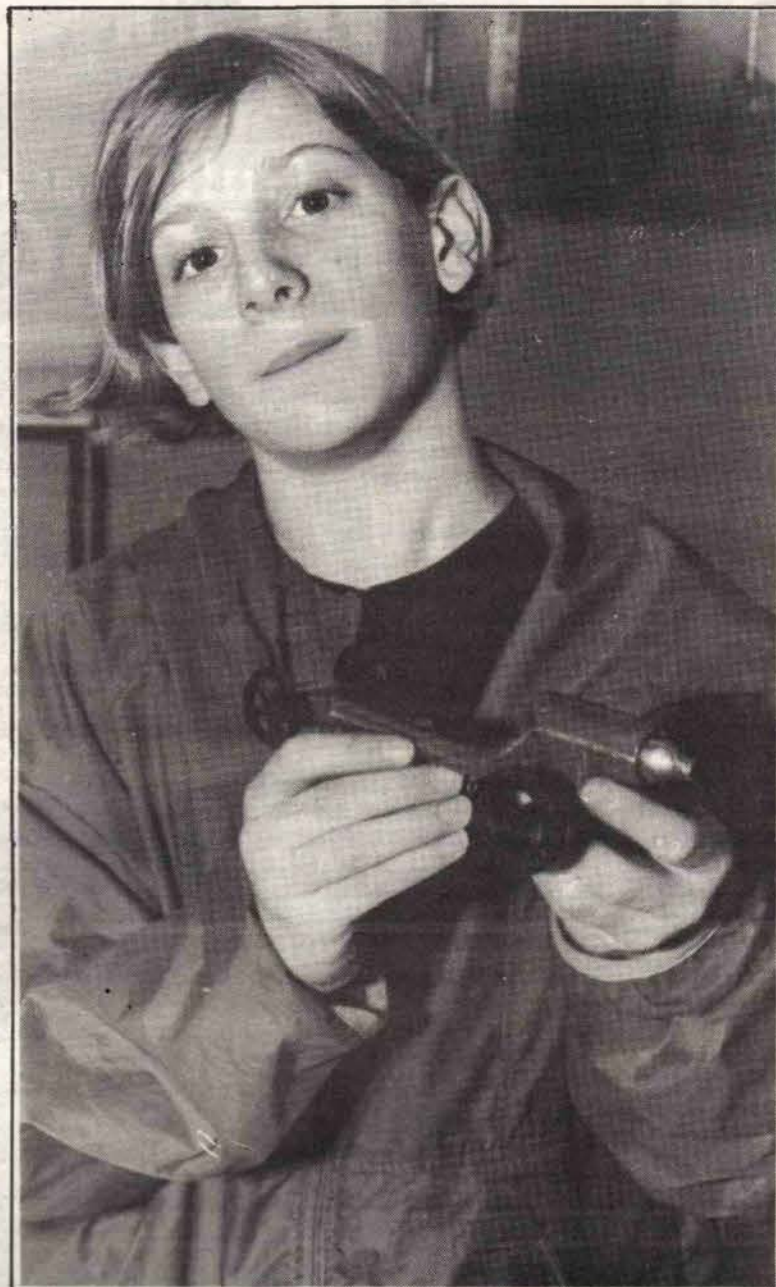
David Greig's car had negative lift of just over six, but he wasn't prepared to make any design changes. "I don't want to ruin the paint job!" he said.

Slowest cars were clocked at about 60 km/h by RCMP Const. Kevin Wass, who held the radar gun at the finish line of the 75-foot-long course in the high school gym.

While the school's car racing season may be over, Applied Technology students should not have any difficulty topping their experiences on the race track. They'll apply their new-found design skills to airborne craft next, as Betts has plans for them to build rockets, planes and gliders.



**HOT CARS:** Samples of student-built cars show diversity in design style.  
*Photos by Tony Richards*



**READY TO RACE:** Nicholas Bardon points out some of the design advantages boasted by his car. Carbon dioxide cartridge protrudes from the rear.



**PIT STOP:** Joe English, left, carries out last-minute repairs before racing — and beating — Jamie Field in the boy's final.



**WIND TEST:** Lydia Wilson makes a note of her car's specifications after testing it in wind tunnel, left. Drag and lift are measured by the tunnel's 40-miles-per-hour wind.

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## 05 BIRTHS

MARCINDA (MARCI) born on Mar. 6 to Katinka and Peter Pan. Jack was midwife in the sunny field. 25 lb. miniature donkey is adorable and doing well. 11

LUNDY, Jasmin Marie. Blessed parents Amos and Trish, March 9, 1994. A healthy 9 lb. baby girl to proud grandparents Mr. & Mrs. R. Graham and Mr. & Mrs. G. Lundy. Many thanks to supporters Rose, Jayne, Susan, Rowena and a special thanks to the ever re-assuring Kathy Towne. Also, much appreciation to Dr. MacPhail and staff of Lady Minto. 11

## 11 COMING EVENTS

**ANTIQUÉ COLLECTIBLES** Show & Sale at Sanscha Hall, Sidney, March 26-27, 10 am. to 4 pm. Admission \$1. Info, 656-4523. 12

**A WORKSHOP** on prayer with Sister Pat Brady, OSB, Saturday, Mar. 19, 1-4 pm. at Our Lady of Grace Church. All welcome. 11

**ST. PATRICK'S** Lunch and Bake Sale. Thursday, March 17, 12:00, Ganges United Church lower hall. Lunch \$5. Everyone welcome. 11

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**GENERAL MEETING:** ArtSpring Island Arts Centre Society, Notice of Special General Meeting, Wednesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Mahon Hall. At the Island Arts Centre Society meeting held on March 7, 1994, the Board of Directors voted in favour of holding an extraordinary Society meeting on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mahon Hall in response to the concerns of Society members. It was agreed also that the general public be invited to this meeting. As voting rights will be restricted to Society members, provision will be made for anyone to join the Society prior to the meeting. The Board of Directors also voted to accept items for the agenda of this meeting from both Society members and the general public. The agenda will be developed from these items which will be condensed by the ad hoc Agenda Committee, consisting of Simon Foulds, Marguerite Scandiffio and Tilly Crawley. Please submit these agenda suggestions to Dept. Z, c/o the Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges, BC or to the newspaper office (new location - 328 Lower Ganges Rd.) by 4:00 p.m. Friday March 25, marked Attention: "ArtSpring Special Meeting Agenda Committee". 12

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES** for beginners with field trip. Lots of fun. 537-4634. 11

**SURREALISM TO Shamanism** via the Goddess: slide/lecture March 30, 7 pm. S.S. Elementary Library. Info, 537-9328. 12

**WOMAN'S SPIRITUALITY** weekend. Mar. 18-21. Fiona Morgan: Great Goddess & Tarot. Info. 653-9418 or 537-9328. 11

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**CHOOSE YOUR SPOT** for the **HARBOUR HOUSE MARKET** Sunday, March 20 - 10 am. Bring rakes, weed eaters, lawn mower, wheelbarrow, chainsaw (for free firewood). **'WORK PARTY' POTLUCK** on site-bring a snack. Everyone Welcome. For info. Call: 537-1102 11

**S.S. POTTERS GUILD SPRING RAKU DAY** (an informal participatory workshop) **SUNDAY, APRIL 10** For information re: location, equipment, cost and registration, please pick up information sheet at Off The Waterfront Gallery by the Post Office. **Registration Deadline is March 25**

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**Come To TIME FLIES**  
  
A week-long Spring Showcase of Art featuring works representing this year's theme: "Time Flies"

Sat., March 19 to Sat., March 26 at the **Activity Centre** 11 am. - 5 pm. daily

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**NAIRN - 653-4542**  
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## 14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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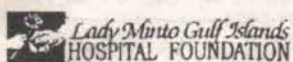
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**26 LEGALS**

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER LICENCE**

We, Rod & Marg Peters, of Salt Spring Island, have applied for a water licence to store water out of un-named springs, Ensilwood area, which flow West and discharge into St. Mary Lake and give notice of our application to all persons affected. The point of diversion will be ponds located 100 feet from the West end of Ensilwood Rd. No dam is necessary. The quantity of water to be stored is 1 acre foot max. The purpose for which the water will be used is aquatic conservation. The land on which the water will be used is for private property development and conservation of fish & wildlife (private land stewardship project). Rem. West 1/2 of Sec. 14, Range 1 South, N.S.S. Island. Objections to this application may be filed with the Regional Water Manager at 2569 Kenworth Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 4P7 within 30 days of the date of the publication of this notice. For more information on this application, phone Kathy Reimer, Salt Spring Salmon Enhancement. 537-9630.

**29 LOST & FOUND**

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**FOUND: CAR jack, Wed., Mar. 9.** Call 537-1239. 11

**32 MEETINGS**

**S.S.I. Community Planning Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
 School District Board Room  
 7:30 pm.  
 Wednesday, March 16

**S.S.I. FABRIC GUILD MEETING**  
 Thurs., Mar. 17  
 7 pm.  
 Ganges United Church Upper Hall

**32 MEETINGS**



**RNABC MEETING**  
 TUES., MARCH 22  
 GREENWOODS  
 Guest Speaker:  
 SHELAGH MACHIN -  
 Regional Rep.  
 11:30 am. - 1 pm.  
 Brown bag lunch

**Scott Point Waterworks District ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
 will be held Saturday, March 26, 1994 at 7 pm.  
 Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Pavilion Scott Pt.  
 All Scott Point Property Owners are invited to attend.

**COURT OF REVISION for BEDDIS WATERWORKS DIST. will be held at 158 Creekside Drive 10 - 11 am. Saturday, March 19, 1994**

**35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL**

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BRAND NEW: drum machine, Boss, Dr. Rhythm, DR-660, \$350 and Boss SE-50 stereo effects processor, \$350. or best offer. 653-9565. 12

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HAY FOR Sale, no rain, large bales, \$3.50/bale. Mulch and bedding hay, \$1.25/bale, 10 bale minimum, 537-5807. 12

HOME WANTED: I am an 8 year old neutered male cat with a well groomed, black coat. Do you have a home for me? Call 537-1288. 11

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WALK TO town: This large, private, one bedroom, furnished suite has everything. Available now to a non-smoker. Call 537-9285. 12

TWO BEDROOM apartment, Vesuvius area. Call 537-2249. 11

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AVAILABLE SOON, 2000 sq. ft. prime retail space located downtown Ganges. Interested parties, please call evenings only 537-2320 or 537-2208. tfn

### 515 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

ROOM WITH a view guest house. Daily or weekly rates. For reservations, call Christine, Vanc., 732-9241. 12

FAMILY REUNION! House needed the third week in July only to accommodate a family of 4. Contact 537-2022. 11

NOW IS the time to plan rental of property suitable for summer accommodation. Owners can take

**525 RENTALS/MISC.**

NEW HOUSE for rent on 6-1/2 acres. Galiano Is. Will be available in April, on a long-term basis. Call owner Jack Wiebe at 826-5681 or Scott at 539-5473. 11

BASEMENT ROOM in private home, Cambie Street area of Vancouver, N/S. \$400/mo. Call Bev 875-6464. 12

R.V. PAD, available monthly. Full hookups available. Suitable for 35 ft. or smaller, 537-5929. 12

HEATED GARAGE for rent. Would make excellent workshop. Phone 537-4415. 13

**530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION**

ROOM AND board for senior gentleman or lady. Private room, home-cooked meals, Vesuvius area, 537-1816. 11

AVAILABLE APRIL 1, shared accommodation, 3 separate rooms with cable, laundry. Call 537-4053, eves. or leave message. 12

**535 SITUATIONS WANTED/ RENTALS**

2 STUDENT teachers require temporary furnished accommodation or housesitting situation for April 5 - May 13. Call 721-3906. 11

COTTAGE OR small house in rural setting. Willing to help with farm chores, organic gardening, caretaking. Island references. Aspasia and Sangina c/o 537-1477. 11

**540 WANTED/RENTALS**

UNIVERSITY OF Toronto Professor and family looking for a 4 bedroom furnished house, for two months; Jun - Aug '94. Excellent local references. Call David collect: (416)-691 3944.12

WANTED: RECENTLY widowed N/S executive with two well-behaved pre-teen daughters seeks upscale 3 bdrm. house/cottage before August for min. 1 yr. term. Waterfront preferred. Call collect after 5 pm. 306-757-5591. 14

WANTED TO Rent: farm-type property with house. Will do repairs. A.S.A.P. 245-4061. 11

RESPONSIBLE WORKING couple with one child wish to rent or lease 2 BR. house on S.S.I. Long term, possible purchase, reasonable rent. Willing to do maintenance or repairs. 537-2042. 11

MATURE EMPLOYED 40-yr. old couple with 13-year old girl seek housing with reasonable rent or caretaking property for long term starting May or June. References. Nicola & Gordon. 537-4922. 13

WANTED TO rent - 2 bdrm. house/apt. 2 adults, 2 children (under 2 years). Long term renting. With references. Mark Charleen, 537-9354. 13

SCULPTOR REQUIRES home/studio on Gulf Islands acreage for April. Min. 1 year. Please call 537-1497. 13

**06 DEATHS**

SANDERSON: Deena (nee Gyves) passed away peacefully Saturday, Mar. 12, 1994, at her home in North Vancouver in her 66th year. She is survived by her loving family; her husband, Ralph Sanderson and 3 sons, Keith, Gordon and Stewart; her 4 sisters, Valerie Gyves, Dorothy Dodds, Phyllis Russell & Shirley Rees. Father D.D. McDonald will officiate at the memorial mass to be held 3 pm. Saturday, March 19, 1994, at St. Paul's, Fulford Harbour, B.C.

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NEED YOUR trees pruned? Grass cut? Spring clean up? See "Greenshoe" under "Gardening". Call 537-1129.

FOUND: BICYCLE accessory on Lower Ganges Rd at BC Hydro. Call 537-1944.

1983 GMC Sierra Classic pick up with canopy. PS/PB, cruise, AM/FM cassette. Excellent condition, drives and looks like new. \$5200 O.B.O. Call 537-4217

HOPSCOTCH SPECIAL Sale every day. Pink Sale this week. 537-5560.

FOR SALE - Green Rocker, wood arms, \$35. Loveseat, overstuffed Mediterranean style, red floral. \$50. 537-5538.

HAIR EXTRAORDINAIRE. Kathryn Emerson, 537-5538.

FOR SALE: Fax machine in excellent working condition. Extra paper included. \$275 obo. 653-4048.

DON'T MISS our 3 day deal. March 17, 18, 19. Many in-store clearance specials on stereos, speakers, video cameras, cassette cases, software, games, keyboards and much, much more. Radio Shack, 537-4522.

SPRING AND Summer clothes now being accepted on consignment at Hopscotch Children's Clothing Store on McPhillips. Creekside, 537-5560.

OLLIE AT Ollie's Boutique, Upper Ganges Centre, wishes to thank all the patrons and friends who have shown the support and tolerance for the inconvenience that has taken place due to our new life of commuting to the Mainland. New Hours: Tues. 1 pm. - 5:30 pm., Wed. & Thurs., 9:30 - 5:30, Fri., 9:30 - 3 pm.

CONSTRUCTION PLANS for building permits. Drafting and Design Services. \$15/hour. 653-2066.

1973 VW WESTFALIA, 1700 cc, 4 speed, camper interior, pop top, well-maintained, local vehicle, part trade for full size GM or Ford Pickup. \$3500. obo. 537-9982.

CROSSROADS: LOTS of new baskets for Easter. Hand painted and lacquered eggs from India. 131 McPhillips Ave.

"LOOKING GOOD John". To our number one power lifter. Congratulations. Viv & Denise.

THANK YOU for all your responses. Both "Shy" and the kitten have been adopted. Please keep up the interest. We really appreciate it! S.P.C.A.

GARAGE SALE: Mar 19, 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Multi-family misc., transmission from Dodge Aspen V8. 1545 Fulford Ganges Road.

1973 VW VAN. Good running order. Needs body work. \$750 o.b.o. Call 537-2358 or 537-2177.

1981 NISSAN SENTRA wagon, good motor, running condition. Needs clutch. Best offer. 537-5692, leave message.

1979 - 27' Terry Trailer. Fully equipped, sleeps 6, full kitchen, bathroom, bedroom. Immaculate. \$7500 obo. 537-4688.

PERSONAL INCOME Tax Preparation. Convenient drop-off service at KIS Office. Prompt reply. Arlene Richardson, 653-4503.

LOST: SERENGETI sunglasses, sometime in February between Isabella Pt. and Southey Pt. Phone 537-9662.

LETTER TO the Editor? A new mail slot has been installed in the front door at Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd.

REJUVENATE YOUR VCR. Manual cleaning and performance check, \$25. General overhaul, \$85. Includes new belts, rollers, adjustments, cleaning and performance check. Call George Simpson Audio Video, 537-1968.

FREE RECYCLING pickup for seniors or anyone unable to get to the depot. Anywhere in Ganges, enroute to, or in, Vesuvius. Call Peter, 537-1153.

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WANTED: MAC Hard drive, 80-200 mgs. Call 537-4053.

FOR SALE: Camper to fit small truck. Good condition. Propane heat, stove, water tank. Offers. Queen size waterbed, complete. 537-9781.

LOST: BURGUNDY eelskin wallet, Sun., Mar. 13 in Mouat's Parking Lot. Sentimental value. Drop at RCMP office.

1984 VW CAMPER, new brakes, heads, clutch. Excellent condition. \$9000. 537-5019.

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HELP WANTED: Quality Landscape Company requires experienced landscape worker. Must have vehicle and phone. Apply in writing to Dept. A, c/o Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

1860 BELGIUM OAK bed, \$1000. 1930 Maple dresser, bevelled mirror, \$500. Singer treadle sewing machine, \$200. 1920 wooden floor-size radio, \$350. 1907 Mahogany phonograph cabinet, \$350. Offers considered. 537-4706 after 6 pm.

B.C. FERRY WORKER looking for room to rent. N/S. \$250/mo. Call 537-5779.

MOUAT'S CLOTHING Co. is seeking full-time and part-time staff. Bring resume to Brad Paul at Mouat's Clothing Co.

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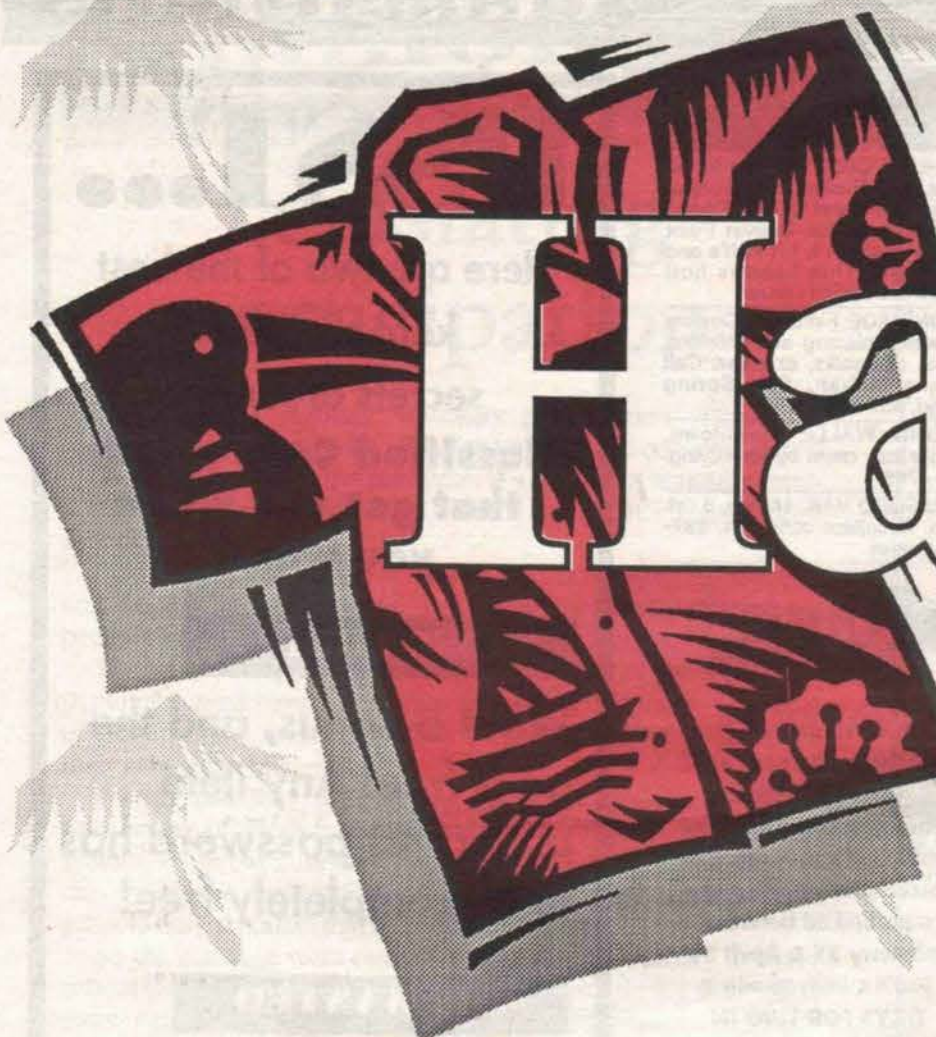
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# Dying at home an option with workers' help

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Working with death has taught Katherine Lees Murray about life.

As a nurse at Victoria Hospice for the past five years, she works with people whose lives are ending. Although the contact can be difficult, she finds her experiences are also enriching.

"I don't think there's a time when we're so ready to pass on our lessons of life as when we're dying. I feel like I'm being taught by masters," she says. "These lessons, and their deaths, make me value my life today."

She feels honoured to work with people during their final days — a concept she tried to pass along in a workshop for Salt Spring home support workers last Friday and Saturday.

She admits working with the dying can be hard, but adds, "I've never had a sad or hard experience that I haven't learned from."

Sometimes there are tears. Some deaths hit harder than others. "You can go along and deal with death really well — and then sometimes it gets really hard."

For Murray, one of the most difficult deaths came 10 years ago on Salt Spring, when she nursed her father, the late John Lees, during his final illness. She has learned much since then and is delighted to

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be able to come back to the island and share her knowledge.

The most important lesson, she says, is to learn how to listen. "People think that professionals have the answers of what to say and what to do when people are dying."

But each death is as unique as the person who is dying, so there are no fixed rules. In addition, the caregiver, whether a family member, a friend or a professional, brings different skills to the relationship.

"It's as simple as being able to listen, to be companioning," Murray says. The patient will often express his or her needs — all the caregiver has to do is set aside his or her assumptions and hear the request.

Often, all the dying person wants is someone who can deal honestly with them and who is willing to listen to their fears and to their memories. "Stay with me, lis-



**Katherine Lees Murray**

ten to me and remember me," Murray summarized.

The emotional and intellectual needs are as important as the physical needs, Murray said. Palliative care tries to address all three. The focus is on increasing the quality of life, unlike acute care which attempts to cure illness and prolong life.

Drugs are often an important part of palliative care and are used to control pain. But the use of narcotics is often misunderstood, Murray said.

For some people, narcotics bring up images of addiction — images which do not match either the mental or physical state of people receiving drugs as part of palliative care. "The goal is for people to be comfortable and free from pain," Murray explained. Often, regular doses of the drugs are required to break the pain cycle and ensure physical comfort for the patient.

For many patients, the greatest comfort is being able to die in their own homes. For those without families nearby, the support which allows them to die at home may be provided by home support workers.

Marg Mullin, administrator of Salt Spring Island Home Support Services, says it is not unusual for home support workers to be helping terminally ill patients. About 135 clients are now being served by the agency — 10 of whom require palliative care.

"Home support workers are the front line of care," Murray notes. For some people, the home support worker is their only companion as death approaches. "Home support workers have filled the role of extended family."

Murray shared with the support workers a "basket of tricks" which give both physical and emotional comfort. They include flannel blankets, a teddy bear, massage oil, foot massages, music tapes, positioning of patients and guided imagery.

She also outlined the physical signs of impending death so home support workers could prepare

themselves and any family members.

Death is seldom as simple and quick as film and television depictions, Murray notes. "Death can take a while. It can be a long, gradual, very slow decline."

Although a sudden death devastates family members who may feel they had no chance to say goodbye, a slow death exhausts both the family and the patient. Murray has had patients tell her at night that they were ready to die — and been disappointed to be alive the next morning. "Some deaths can be tedious."

As death approaches, energy drops. "Think of a teaspoon of energy," Murray says. Given their limited energy, few patients want to spend it coping with the changes and intrusion of life in a hospital.

"People want to die at home. That's where they've lived and that's where they're comfortable." At home they have more control and are better able to maintain their privacy, Murray noted. "People have their different ways to cope in how they die."

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Home support workers also need to learn skills to cope with death. Mullin notes some workers welcome the challenge while others are apprehensive.

But death is not always interlaced with gloom. Mullin remembers meeting one client a few days before he died. The man was

blessed with a wonderful sense of humour and was able to keep everyone around him laughing — although there was sorrow mixed with the laughter. "Sometimes we think death is so serious, we forget the laughter that's involved," Murray remarked. "I think working with death helps you value what's important in life."

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# Crackdown was planned on illegal clamming

## Five years ago

March 15, 1989

The federal Department of Fisheries had joined with the Canadian Coast Guard in a crackdown on illegal clam digging. A Parksville-based Coast Guard hovercraft was being used to patrol Vancouver Island and Gulf Island beaches to apprehend those illegally harvesting undersized and contaminated clams. At the time, all Salt Spring beaches were closed to commercial clam digging. Some were closed in order to allow the clams to reach legal size while others were closed due to possible contamination from high fecal coliform counts.

A dozen demonstrators objecting to trees being cut on two Pender Island lots halted the unloading of two homes being brought by barge to the island. Vancouver developer Victor Dukowski was criticized by the protesters for clearcutting two of his four lots near Magic Lake. The demonstration delayed unloading of the two homes, which were being moved by Nickel Brothers house movers, until 5 p.m. when two RCMP officers arrived and directed the demonstrators to disperse. The demonstration started at about 3 p.m. and the crowd swelled to 40 or 50 people, many of whom were curious onlookers.

## Ten years ago

March 14, 1984

The Ganges Citizen's Committee recommended the Capital Regional District begin preparations as soon as possible for a sewer system to serve the Ganges village core and local institutions. The committee also requested a study on the outfall, estimated to cost up to \$20,000, to check the integrity of the pipe and ensure the outfall would meet the requirements of the waste management branch. The entire system was expected to cost \$2.7 million.

Rumours of Capital Region election irregularities were laid to rest with a B.C. Supreme Court-directed review confirming the election of Dr. Hugh Borsman as

## down through the years

regional director over defeated incumbent Yvette Valcourt. Following her defeat in the November 19 election, Valcourt had launched a court appeal, claiming there had been duplicate votes cast, that the deputy returning officer had not called out votes or allowed the candidates to inspect the opened ballots and that a ballot box had been kept overnight in a car by the presiding returning officer. A review of the election found no significant irregularities and Borsman was confirmed as director.

A new seaplane service by Harbour Air Ltd. provided a link from Ganges to Vancouver harbour on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. The airline planned to offer daily service starting in May.

## Fifteen years ago

March 14, 1979

A debate over development rights at Bennett Bay on Mayne Island stirred up both the Islands Trust and provincial Lands, Parks and Housing Minister James Chabot. The controversy was over a proposal by Pinchin Holdings to build moorage facilities in the bay in conjunction with a hotel being operated on the adjacent property. Pinchin had obtained a foreshore lease from the provincial ministry allowing construction of the dock. However, the Islands Trust maintained rezoning of the property was required before the dock could be constructed. In a radio interview, Chabot maintained the government held jurisdiction over foreshore leases and that neither the Islands Trust or the Capital Regional District had jurisdiction over the lease. The Islands Trust decided to reconsider a bylaw which would rezone the Mayne Island property, thereby allowing the dock to go ahead but giving the Trust some control over the structure.

Only nine people turned out to hear a report on Salt Spring's five-year recreation plan. The plan, intended to avoid tax increases, rejected a pool or ice rink on the island in favour of lower cost measures like upgrading tennis courts, ball diamonds, lake swimming facilities and boat launching ramps. Also recommended in the report was construction of a community recreation centre and more complete use of the land at Portlock Park. Total cost of the plan was estimated at \$773,800 over five years.

## Twenty years ago

March 14, 1974

Four young residents of Salt Spring Island were believed to have drowned after they tried to cross Stuart Channel in a canoe. The body of Nancy Jane Morrill, 21, was found floating in the water near an 18-foot canoe on March 8. The woman was one of four Musgrave Landing residents who left Salt Spring Friday on a trip to Duncan for supplies.

A storm had blown up in the

channel on Friday. Also believed to have drowned were Douglas Horsford, 21, Michael Walls, 22, and Richard Hunt, 25.

All four were from eastern Canada and had been living in a commune on the southwest corner of the island. The previous fall two young men were drowned when their canoe capsized as they were travelling from Ganges to Prevost Island.

## Twenty-five years ago

March 20, 1969

Richard Toynbee announced there would be changes to Ganges' downtown core following his purchase of the Salt Spring Island Trading Company.

Toynbee, president of the new Mouat company, had also acquired the Ganges Crest. An architect has been retained to come up with a design for the area and the mud flats would be filled in to allow parking.

A chance for stardom — or at least stand-in status — was offered to Salt Spring residents with the filming of scenes for *The Blast*.

Meridian Films Ltd. was seeking locals to work as extras in search party scenes on Mount Maxwell.

Mrs. Alan Hedger hooked a big one on a fishing trip in Christie Pass off Port Hardy, reeling in a 200-pound halibut on a hand line.

## Thirty years ago

March 12, 1964

Five commissioners were elected to office at the third annual meeting of North Salt Spring Recreation Commission. Elected were Barney Lukas, Ivor Ginn, Lyle Brown, Mrs. Dennis Deacon and Mrs. A.M. Brown. The recreation commission had \$200 set aside to employ a director for a summer activity program.

Twenty-three students took part in an oratorical contest. Winners were Cindy Reynolds in the primary division; Sharon McManus in the junior division; Bruce Hildred in the intermediate division; and Gail Slingsby in the senior division. The program was enlivened by impressions of the Beatles, one by a group of girls and one by a group of boys.

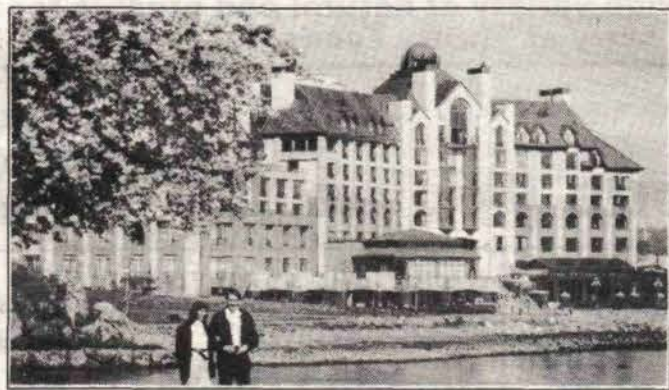
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