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Residents and businesses have been told to

SPRUCE UP

A winter of wrappers needs picking up so the island is ready to welcome visitors.

ArtSpring board under fire at public meeting

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By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

The ArtSpring board came under heavy criticism last Wednesday when more than 100 islanders turned up for a special meeting called to air concerns about construction of the arts centre.

But board members were quick to defend themselves against some of the criticisms, and most spoke up in an attempt to change a perception that the board was divided. Only one — Simon Rook — admitted he had had some "serious disagreements over some matters" with other members, and suggested "a little glue" was missing from the board.

The meeting was held in response to concerns expressed by society members at a board meeting last month, concerns that were sparked by the resignations of two members of the board who had been elected last fall. It was during that meeting that society member Tilly Crawley was asked to be an unofficial representative for the membership and report to last

Wednesday's special meeting.

For more than 30 minutes Crawley dropped a series of bombshells, some of which were later diffused by society spokesmen. Later in the meeting, longtime ArtSpring volunteer and design consultant Bob Hassell said cost overruns were as high as \$125,000 and there were an additional \$50,000 in "deficiencies."

He cited poor workmanship and insufficient cost controls, charging that some work had been paid for despite having been left incomplete and done improperly.

Half-way through the project, he said, he became "alarmed at the quality of construction management." Hassell has since withdrawn his services as a volunteer because of disagreements with the board.

Crawley began her presentation by explaining she had spent six hours reviewing letters outlining concerns of society members. She also did some investigating with the Registrar of Companies in Victoria and discovered the Island

ARTSPRING A13



Photo by Valerie Lennox

MAIL MERGE? One of the new mailboxes installed on Vesuvius Bay Road last fall was shattered by a collision with a vehicle at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday. A new mailbox was

being installed yesterday and normal mail service was expected to resume today. No further information on the collision was available before press time Tuesday.

Galiano wants special runs to avert fuel shortages

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

A gas war is brewing on Galiano Island but unlike most gas wars between competing petroleum companies, this is a battle to maintain the availability of gas and home heating oil.

Chevron, which used to have a gas station on the island, has closed its operation, citing too-high insurance costs to barge the fuel in. No other large company is willing to take its place.

Vancouver Island's Columbia Fuels Ltd, though, is willing to deliver home heating oil, gasoline and diesel to the island and is even willing to help upgrade the old Chevron holding tanks which need to be replaced.

The stumbling block appears to be the provision of dangerous cargo sailings, which have traditionally been infrequent to Galiano and cannot be offered in July and August.

B.C. Ferries is currently providing monthly sailings but is unwilling at present to commit to them in the fall schedule.

"We're going to run out of gas really quick," Galiano Trading owner Geoff Gaylor said last Thursday. "We're down to a week or two now."

"B.C. Ferries have so far refused to commit to a once a month dangerous cargo run to Galiano," he continued. "They say they don't have the vessels available. They will run one until the

end of June, but not in July and August and will not commit to one in September.

"Two or three months ago we thought we had a commitment," he said.

B.C. Ferries communications manager Ed McKenzie said scheduling and vessel utilization for the Outer Islands service in the fall have not been finalized and the dangerous cargo sailings had to wait until those plans were ready, possibly in June.

"We can't give the kind of long-term commitment the people of Galiano might like," he said. "We serve mainly passengers. That's our main priority."

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BACK FROM OTTAWA: Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Jack Frazer addressed a handful of constituents at a Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting in Ganges last week. Listening to Frazer is chamber president Joyce Carlson. Stories—Page A10.

Fuel trucks block Vesuvius ferry

Two fuel trucks staged a blockade of the Vesuvius ferry last Wednesday, delaying the *Howe Sound Queen's* 4 p.m. dangerous cargo sailing by 20 minutes.

Columbia Fuels representative Bill Miles of Salt Spring, driver of one of the two trucks, told the *Driftwood* that the ferry crew would not allow the two to board, citing loading regulations. The ferry can only carry so many fuel trucks because regulations stipulate that the vehicles must be loaded with a certain amount of space between them.

But Miles said the morning sailing had brought 12 trucks to the island, and it was simply the same 12 that were leaving.

He conceded that B.C. Ferries had not been enforcing the regulations but criticized the corporation for enforcing them on the day of a scheduled dangerous cargo run.

The blockade ended when B.C. Ferries agreed to put on an additional sailing that night after the last scheduled run. Miles said the two trucks would have been forced to wait on Salt Spring for a week for the next dangerous cargo run had the extra sailing not been provided.

Miles said there were generally 12 fuel trucks utilizing the weekly dangerous cargo sailing.

A B.C. Ferries spokesman in Victoria was unwilling to comment without investigating the matter.

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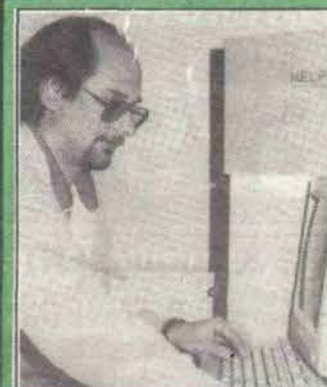
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Computer pioneer finds smooth sailing after payroll software gains support of business

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this week

Spring is sprung
the grass is ris
I wonder where
the lawnmower is?

\$ fair change

Island Savings was buying U.S. cash on Tuesday at the rate of: 1.3583

weather



HIGHS: 12C (normal 12) LOWS: 5C (normal 3)

PRECIPITATION: 100% chance of showers Wednesday.

OUTLOOK: Mainly cloudy, rain tapering to morning showers Wednesday, mainly cloudy with showers Thursday and Friday, temperatures projected at a low of 2C, high of 11C. Cloudy with a few showers Saturday, projected temperatures are a low of 4C and a high of 13C.



of note

- April 11.....Alternate high school meeting.
- April 11.....Greenwoods/hospital merger meeting.
- April 13.....Gulf Islands school board meeting.

LUNAR CYCLE: for April 1994



lottery numbers

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	Apr 2, 1994	08-31-33-34-45-46 B37
	Mar 30, 1994	13-15-23-28-46-49 B21
B.C./49	Apr 2, 1994	32-33-36-39-42-45 B25
	Mar 30, 1994	06-09-23-30-33-40 B39
Extra	Apr 2, 1994	12-73-81-88
	Mar 30, 1994	08-20-31-39

tide tables

TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

DATE	TIME	TIDE	DATE	TIME	TIDE
APR 06	0230	10.4	10	0410	9.7
	0845	6.5	SU	1040	3.8
	1355	8.2		1735	9.5
	2000	4.7		2250	6.7
APR 07	0300	10.2	11	0425	9.5
	0920	5.7	MO	1105	3.3
	1505	8.5		1820	9.7
	2045	5.1		2335	7.2
APR 08	0330	10.0	12	0450	9.4
	0945	5.1	TUES	1135	2.9
	1600	8.8		1905	9.8
	2130	5.6			
APR 09	0350	9.8	13	0020	7.6
	1010	4.4	WED	0510	9.3
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FUEL SHORTAGES

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But some kind of commitment is what Columbia Fuels is expecting for its investment. It is willing to install two special fibreglass above-ground holding tanks — worth \$100,000 — which the gas station owners can pay back over a long period, in exchange for the service to the island.

But it must have the B.C. Ferries-subsidized dangerous cargo sailings.

Barging is "too expensive," Columbia Fuels' sales and marketing manager said Thursday.

"We'd like to have the business there," Wayne Morishita said. "The people on Galiano really need to get B.C. Ferries to serve their island. Time is of the es-

sence."

Gaylor said other communities serviced by B.C. Ferries have more frequent dangerous cargo sailings than the monthly service Galiano wants.

Alert Bay-Port McNeil has a weekly dangerous cargo sailing and Quadra Island is also serviced once a week.

Smaller Gulf Islands like Denman, Hornby and Gabriola also have weekly dangerous cargo sailings.

"The community feels everyone else is getting it," he said. "What the hell's going on here?"

But McKenzie said it is difficult to compare the Galiano run to other ferry services. The Galiano

ferry is not direct, like the others cited, and is less frequent. Dangerous cargo sailings must be on open-deck ferries and can carry no passengers.

A meeting with B.C. Ferries is expected in the next week or so, Gaylor said.

For a long-term remedy, Galiano residents are beginning the process of finding a site for a permanent barge landing as another means of transporting fuel. But it takes time to find a site, to get zoning approved, to raise the money — some \$50,000 to \$70,000 — and build it.

Meanwhile, the summer season is about to begin on an island that may have no fuel.

Chat with police results in collision

A word with police cost a 61-year-old Salt Spring man at least \$100 March 29 following a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of North End Road and Stark roads.

The man was driving a 1993 Nissan station wagon when he waded down a passing police car. Backing up to talk to the officer, he struck a 1984 Toyota station wagon that had stopped behind him.

Damage to the Nissan was estimated at \$25 and damage to the Toyota at \$1,000. The man was charged with backing while unsafe, which carries a \$100 fine.

In other police news, a breathing regulator was stolen from the *Bowen Queen* between March 24 and 25. The regulator, valued at \$2,000, was inside a blue plastic briefcase marked with the words *Bowen Queen* in black felt pen.

The serial number of the regulator is BU2J0046.

Police are asking for the public's help in recovering this item. Anyone with any information is asked to call the Ganges detachment at 537-5555 or Crime-Stoppers at 1-800-665-8477.

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LAW OFFICE

Searchers blame Easter flares

Flares fired in celebration over the Easter weekend could have been what sparked a fruitless search for Ganges and U.S. Coast Guard officers Saturday.

The flares were reported at 10:55 p.m., coming from the area of Turn Point on Stuart Island, just across the Canada-U.S. border. The Ganges-based *Manyberries* joined a U.S. Coast Guard ship and helicopter in searching the Boundary Pass area between U.S. and Canadian waters. Nothing was found.

During the past week, the *Manyberries* also rescued two disabled boats.

Problems with a fuel line stranded the first vessel between Second Sister Island and Batt Rock off Beddis Beach last Thursday.

Since a northwest wind and ebb tide was carrying the boat away from Ganges, the *Manyberries* rescued the craft.

On Sunday at 1:45 p.m., the *Manyberries* responded to a call from a sailing vessel in Trincomali Channel.

The sailboat's diesel engine had broken down and the boat required a tow into Ganges Harbour.

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Photo by Tony Richards

Merger proposal is meeting agenda

Is standing together better than standing apart during a financial storm?

That's the question that will be put to members of the Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital societies next Monday when they are asked their opinions on merging the two organizations.

Greenwoods, operated by the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, is a 50-bed long-term care facility. Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Society oversees the operation of a 31-bed extended care and 19-bed acute care hospital.

"We shouldn't be separate entities," says Eileen Hunter, chairman of the hospital board. Both the Greenwoods and the hospital boards passed motions last December to consider amalgamation.

The two facilities are already closely linked. When the previous administrator of Greenwoods retired, Lady Minto chief executive officer Vicki Curtis began helping administer Greenwoods part-time.

"That made available quite a saving to Greenwoods," Hunter said. Greenwoods has also received help from the hospital's director of finance.

The savings in administration for the long-term care facility have helped offset other reductions in funding, Hunter added. "Funding has been tight for a lot of things but particularly for long-term care."

Both the hospital and Greenwoods benefit from the joint purchasing of some supplies, since larger orders reduce the per-unit costs. Both facilities have also been holding joint executive meetings to identify other cost-saving measures.

The extended care activities coordinator at Lady Minto Hospital will soon be working with Greenwoods as well, to arrange activities for that facility.

"Any economies we are seeking will not be at the cost of patient care," Hunter stressed. But given the pending changes in health care organization and funding, some of the board members feel both facilities would benefit if they were combined.

"It's doom and gloom in the health care industry. Any area where you can save money, you have to investigate," Hunter remarked. "We have to do something to decide our own future."

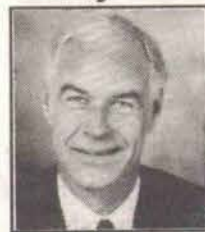
Possible advantages of a merger include shared administration and office costs, continued bulk purchasing and more flexible use of staff. Hunter said a merger would not result in layoffs but could result in some job changes.

One issue is the different contracts negotiated between the boards and the staff members of the two facilities. However, the province-wide bargaining now planned for long-term and acute-care staff may resolve this issue by negotiating a new contract for all facilities, Hunter noted.

Staff members, members of the two societies and the general public are all invited to the meeting to discuss the possible merger. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Legion's Meaden Hall. Information packages on the proposal are available from the hospital administration office before the meeting.

If the members of both societies and the community support the merger, Hunter said the societies would have to be dissolved and a new society formed.

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opinion

The corporation's mandate

To the casual eye, ferries don't look like roads. Even when they are loaded with vehicles in neat two or four-lane rows, they still don't look much like roads.

But for the people who live on B.C.'s scattered islands, ferries are their roads — the island counterpart to the pavement, bridges and tunnels which link the rest of the province's communities together.

B.C. Ferries readily acknowledges this role, especially when making motherhood statements about the value of the ferry service. Take, for example, this quote from B.C. Ferries' 1992-93 annual report:

"The British Columbia Ferry Corporation is driven by its mandate which has been handed to it by its shareholders, the people of the province. Our mandate is to provide a safe and efficient coastal ferry transportation service which contributes to the growth and prosperity of the people, industry and commerce of British Columbia."

Or perhaps this quote, from the 1991-92 annual report: "The ferry system is an integral part of British Columbia's coastal transportation system. It links many small islands of the Strait of Georgia to either Vancouver Island or the mainland and links Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland."

Nice statements, especially that bit about being an "integral part of British Columbia's coastal transportation system" and the acknowledgement that the shareholders of B.C. Ferries are the people of B.C.

But as the people of Galiano are discovering, B.C. Ferries is reluctant to back up its glowing words with a guarantee of the kind of service "which contributes to the growth and prosperity of the people, industry and commerce of British Columbia."

At the moment, the ferry corporation appears ready to strand that particular group of shareholders with no automobile fuel and no home heating fuel. Despite the efforts of residents to maintain a local fuel source on the island, B.C. Ferries will not guarantee dangerous cargo sailings to allow monthly shipments of fuel to Galiano.

B.C. Ferries' refusal to guarantee the shipments could scuttle the island's one source of fuel. Columbia Fuels has offered to deliver fuel and to upgrade the existing storage tanks — as long as the company is guaranteed access by B.C. Ferries to the island.

B.C. Ferries maintains that it is too difficult to arrange the dangerous cargo sailings to Galiano, especially during the busy summer season. (We might add the comment that it is especially difficult this summer since much of B.C. Ferries' focus seems to be on moving Commonwealth Games visitors to Vancouver Island.)

A similar problem is developing on Salt Spring Island as the vessel on the Vesuvius-Crofton run is not large enough to carry the present volume of fuel trucks on the weekly dangerous cargo sailing.

Refusing to guarantee dangerous cargo sailings to Galiano or any other island is akin to closing down the highway through the Fraser Canyon because it is inconvenient to clear rock off the road, or closing the Cariboo Highway during the winter because the road must be plowed.

These ferries are islanders' roads. We should have the same right of reasonable access to goods and services via our roads as any other resident of B.C.

And if B.C. Ferries has trouble grasping that concept, all they need to do is review a few of their own annual reports. When they're done they should pass them on to the provincial government, which needs to be reminded that by steadily reducing the amount of its annual subsidy to the ferry corporation, it is hampering the latter's ability to fulfill its mandate.



He faces non-existence with demise of old C-16

By SHILO ZYLBERGOLD

I, Shilo S. Zylbergold, no longer exist. So say the good people of the Canada Post Misdirection Team who have been entrusted with the lofty responsibility of replacing the old, tired green mailboxes with the sleeker, shiny silver beauties.

With tear in eye, I pulled my lock off old C-16 today, and bid a fond adieu to a faithful friend who had served me through rain and sleet and dark of night (except, of course, during freak snowstorms, weekends, and statutory holidays).

Today the world is a colder, meaner place. Why? Because Canada Post refuses to give me a new mailbox.

Why? Because my street address does not exist on their records. The solution, I'm told, is to register my place of residence with the fire department.

Not an unreasonable request. Two phone calls later, and I am told by the fire chief that my residence is indeed already registered and he doesn't understand why Canada Post is having a problem. Back to the post office to find out that although my residence may be registered with the fire department, the post office has no record of this fact, and therefore I might as well not even exist.

The solution? All I have to do is pick up a white form from the fire chief which will verify my existence.

Back we go to the fire hall. Problem. It's a Saturday and the office at the fire hall is open only Monday to Friday during regular business hours.

Problem. This means losing time off work on the south end of the island to drive into Ganges to pick up the form. Hell, I think to myself, the

view point

'I'm feeling like I've got insufficient postage stamped across my forehead, or like a copy of The Financial Post in a Beaver Point green box . . . Personally, I'm giving up.'

fire hall is right next door to the post office.

Why do they need me as a middle man for the transaction? Hell, I don't even exist.

I'm feeling like a cancelled stamp that's been put through the postage meter once too often.

I'm feeling like I've survived a half-hour line-up at the post office only to get to the front of the line just in time to have the postal clerk close up for lunch.

I'm feeling like I've got insufficient postage stamped across my forehead. I'm feeling like a copy of *The Financial Post* in a Beaver Point green box.

I'm feeling like Rodney Dangerfield on a bad day.

If you have been able to follow this tangle of red tape and idiotic regulations, you probably should be working for Canada Post. Personally, I'm giving up.

I accept the proposition that I no longer exist. It's not so bad, actually. No bills, no junk mail, no chain letters, no solicitations.

No pamphlets from the Canada Post Misdirection Team telling me how the new mailboxes will speed up

delivery and improve service. (If you believe that, you might want to invest in some protected creek beds in Channel Ridge . . .)

To paraphrase Mark Twain, "rumours of my demise are only slightly exaggerated." From now on, I will be communicating exclusively by way of rumour (especially on weekends and statutory holidays).

Until his existence was called into question, Shilo Zylbergold was a resident of Salt Spring Island, and was familiar to local audiences for his stage appearances with the Hysterical Society.

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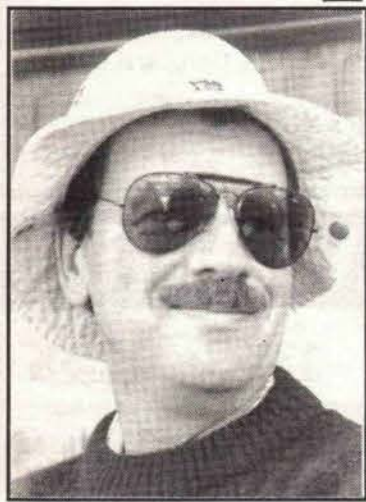
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We asked: Do you patronize the Saturday Markets? salt spring says...



Paul Weston

Sometimes, just to look for bargains and watch people.



Christy Andrews

Sometimes in the summer, just to look at interesting things.



Marg Mullin

I do occasionally. I work full-time and I'm too busy most Saturdays.



Tara Odermatt

Yes, when possible. There's lots of neat stuff you can't get in Saskatchewan.



Sandra Profitt

No, I don't. It's too crowded and there's too much flea-market stuff I'm not interested in.

Letters

Can books be balanced?

To the Editor,

At the ArtSpring special meeting on March 30 the term "Business Plan" was used many times but left some confusion as to what is meant by that term. If it means a plan to raise funds to continue the project, may I suggest that it be based on a "Business Statement" consisting of three parts:

1. "Statement of Income and Expenditures" to date;
2. "Schedule of Costs to Completion" of the building, documented by recent, written estimates and an engineer's report that it is a complete schedule of all that is required for safe operation of the building;
3. "Projected First Year Operating Budget."

I am grateful that Mr. Denny Thomas, who recently took over the chair of the building committee, is in the process of producing item number two, so we will know just how much more money is needed. It will be understood that, due to inflation, this estimate will likely increase by a significant amount for each year of delay. Maybe by as much as the interest on a loan to finish the building now.

The only projected operating budget I have seen was that handed out at the ArtSpring building tours in the fall. A limited analysis of that statement leads me to conclude that at least 50 per cent of the operating budget will have to be met through fundraising, independently of monies realized through use of the building. This is consistent with the experience of the San Juan Theatre,

whose brochure states that "55 per cent of the theatre's operating and maintenance budget must come from annual contributed income... from island people." Fifty per cent of the ArtSpring operating budget = \$100,000. Is the community aware that this is the fundraising effort which will be required every year?

Please understand that I am not trying to be destructive. I have supported ArtSpring with as much money as I can afford, and with many hours of help to a number of fundraising activities—I really do want it to succeed, but I am worried about whether the "books can be balanced." Perhaps corporate sponsors can be found who will retire any loan, and help with operating expenses, but before they can be approached a well-documented "Business Statement," based on full disclosure, is essential.

BETTY MARYON,
Ganges

Not resigning

To the Editor,

As one of the appointed, but heinous, unaccountable and likely untrustworthy (Tilly Crawley stated she trusts some) ArtSpring board members, I was heartened to hear a few words of appreciation at the extraordinary meeting last Wednesday night. The words made me think I might now bring my

hula skirt and tins of poi out of the closet.

I find the rancour in this community immeasurably distressing. I have great difficulty taking a detached view, feeling it was a fun night and a lively meeting. The virulence expressed left me feeling assaulted (SWOVA note!) Now I know how the market people felt.

The surface agenda of needing an update and clarification of ArtSpring's progress could easily have been met with a suggestion for an extra meeting of members.

Such suggestions are very welcome, especially if the suggestee will organize it. Specific and individual information is available for the asking.

Getting big "S" stubborn is one reaction to the challenge. It's not mine. My resignation was ready Wednesday night. It said I no longer had the heart to continue serving a membership that included such a rancorous faction. The weight of the positive public statements plus the private phone calls of support I received for the ArtSpring board counter-balanced this loss of heart, however. I did not submit the resignation.

Please! If you have any questions, comments, ideas, sugges-

tions, time, talent and energy to offer, call me or one of the other ArtSpring board members. Our photos and phone numbers are all in the current *ArtsBeat* newsletter available at KIS, et cetera and the galleries.

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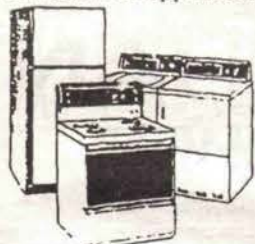


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Rumours put to rest

To the Editor,
Mahon Hall was filled last night with islanders who came to see the fireworks display over the "perceived" deficiencies of the Art-

Spring board of directors. Some of the pyrotechnics served to shed light, others however turned out to be burnt squibs.

The bonfire was lit under the board members by Tilly Crawley with a salvo of incendiaries accompanied by applause from the back

of the audience, many of whom left before hearing the board's responses. Perhaps her most serious error was her charge that the board was negligent and in danger of dissolution due to not filing reports to the registrar of companies. A simple phone call to the board would have told her that the discrepancy had already been discovered and corrected.

Another Crawley cracker that misfired was the allegation that the accounts had not been audited. Again a phone call to the board would have disclosed that each annual financial statement has been professionally audited.

There was a lot of talk of "perceptions" at the meeting. One was that the board is seriously divided in its purpose. This was strongly denied by all members with the exception of Simon Rook who complained that he had been cast by some of the public in the role of spoiler. Was he the "rook," or merely the "pawn" in this game?

Another false "perception" was that the board has refused to take out a loan to finish the job of construction. We were told that the board approved a loan in principle early in February but was anxious to minimize borrowing by first reviewing ways to cut costs and by exploring new sources of donations. Both these strategies were nearing completion.

The meeting proved to have been a useful opportunity to exchange the views and concerns of the public and to put a lot of rumours to rest. We now need to get behind the board and support them in their desire to get Art-Spring completed this year.

ALAN CLEWS,
Fulford Harbour

capital COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — A sordid spectacle, one that gives politics a bad name, unfolded in the B.C. Legislature recently.

Unfortunately, I didn't have a chance to write about it until now, because other events such as the mass rally by forest workers and the budget came first. But there's no way I'm letting off the hook the actors in the sorry plot I'm about to relate.

The incident I'm referring to was the firing of Joan Sawicki, speaker of the Legislature, one of the most shameful political ploys I've ever had the misfortune to witness. And what made it especially infuriating was the fact that very few of Sawicki's 74 parliamentary colleagues deserve to be exempted from contempt.

When the NDP came to power most political observers expected veteran NDP MLA Emery Barnes to get the speaker's job. He had served as a backbencher for 20 years, was overlooked for a cabinet position by David Barrett, and would have deserved to become speaker.

Instead, Sawicki got the job, perhaps not so wise a choice because she was a rookie. The speaker's job is a difficult one, particularly in the B.C. Legislature which is often unruly and needs an experienced hand to guide it.

During the first session there were a lot of complaints about Sawicki both from the government backbench and from the Liberal opposition. Many MLAs would have gladly seen her removed from her position.

But here lies the rub. Once appointed, the speaker traditionally serves for the duration of the parliament, which means until the next general election. The tradition is 700 years old. It symbolically affirms that the king cannot interfere in the business of parliament.

When the current session began, rumours of the government's plan to dump Sawicki just wouldn't go away. The word was Harcourt wanted Sawicki out and Barnes in. Finally, under the guise of parliamentary reform — the election of the speaker by secret ballot in the legislature — the government moved in for the kill.

Sawicki had two choices: capitulate and steal away into the night or preside over the debate of the motion to elect the speaker by secret ballot. To the embarrassment of the government, she chose the latter. As one of my colleagues put it, she presided over her own execution.

And thus the sleazy business of dumping Sawicki began. Government members in a despicable show of hypocrisy rambled on about the importance of reform. No longer, they said, would the speaker be anointed by the premier, but elected by her peers.

No less hypocritical, the Liberals staged a campaign in the House to save her job. Never mind that they privately had agitated for her removal. This was politics. There were brownie points to be scored.

In private conversation, several NDP backbenchers had confessed to me that they were extremely embarrassed. I told them to speak up in the House, not over cup of coffee. They remained quiet.

The only one who came away from it all with her integrity intact was Sawicki. Her final words to the men and women who had sold her out bear some reflection. Here are a few excerpts:

"I was honoured to be unanimously elected as your speaker, in the traditional manner that we have used in this House. I do not hesitate in saying that it was an overwhelming responsibility to assume as a newly elected member of this legislative assembly.

"It is a delicate balance that every speaker must strive to achieve between respect for freedom of speech and the need to maintain order, between the rights of the majority to govern and the rights of the minority to be heard.

In return, every speaker must be able to rely upon all honorable members to be vigilant in support of the institution itself. Members' support is the only armour that comes with this unique, exposed position.

If the measure of my time in the chair is the fairness and impartiality with which I have presided in this chamber and the respect that I have shown for this institution, then I am confident history will judge that I have been an honorable servant of this assembly."

Indeed, she has. After an admittedly rocky start, Sawicki grew and evolved into a good speaker. Her removal should earn the contempt of every British Columbian for those who participated in the execution.

Today, I am appalled by underhanded method by which the NDP removed Sawicki. I am offended by the hypocrisy with which the opposition defended her, and I am distressed that 700 years of history can mean so little to the people who govern us.

And to the NDP backbenchers who would have liked to speak up but sadly didn't, I'd like to say if your friends ask you to choose between them and your principles, they aren't your friends.

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To the Editor,
I am writing to protest the \$96,000 that our director, Mr. Luth, has just given to ArtSpring. This will mean a direct increase in our household taxes this year. The grant that Mr. Luth obtained is a special regional one, and quite apart from the ordinary grants-in-aid which every director on the Capital Regional District (CRD) may use at his or her discretion. The cost of the latter has already been written into the annual CRD tax we pay each year.

Our previous regional director also used the special regional grant during her term of office, but she was careful to make sure that the reason for it was well publicized in the papers. Taxpayers were also given the opportunity of presenting a "counter petition" to the CRD. However, they were not so well served by Mr. Luth who provided no publicity or an opportunity to question the grant.

I suppose we should be grateful that Mr. Luth did not get the quite considerable amount of money he first asked for. Happily he came under the laws governing acquisition of funds out of taxes. Next year, however, when assessments on our homes will undoubtedly be higher, Mr. Luth, should he so please, will be able to obtain even more money than he did this year, again at our expense.

If people feel as I do, they should write to both the chairman of the CRD and the minister of municipal affairs protesting the arbitrary way this special grant has resulted in an increase in our taxes.

PATRICIA MASSY,
Ganges

Wrong bait

To the Editor,
In reply to Mr. Shaw's letter which appeared under the heading "Easter Brings Up Question" (*Driftwood*, March 30):

Dear Mr. Shaw,
I am not going to be drawn into an argument with you about the *bodily* resurrection of the Nazarene at Easter. You would like nothing better than to come swinging back with verses from the Bible and more legal opinion. And I do not think that the editor would welcome another round of heated letters from the various religious factions on this island.

I do have some advice of a general nature for you. When you talk or write about your faith, having the humility to preface your remarks by telling others that it is *your* belief or understanding that such and such an event happened. This will allow the other person to be heard.

I enjoy reading your letters but it is my perception that you will

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never catch any fish for the Lord with the kind of bait you are using. Try a mixture of respect for other religions and a little Christian agnosticism. May the Lord bless and keep you!

DAVID MASSY,
Ganges

No discussion on grant

To the Editor,
Am I the only person on this island who objects to my taxes being increased or is everyone else so used to politicians who don't honour their campaign promises, that they didn't find anything unusual in our CRD director (elected on a platform of reduced spending) sliding a little \$96,000 "grant" to ArtSpring through the back door?

I have nothing against ArtSpring, I think it will be a great asset to our community and I find it commendable that so much of the funding has been through donations. I do, however, object to increased taxation without community discussion.

There are many worthy projects, volunteer groups and individuals, that keep this community running. Each and every one is on a tight budget. Many provide years of service with no injection of public funding. What a difference a few hundred dollars here and there would make to their ability to carry on or expand their services!

There has been much discussion about a "youth problem" on the island. A recent, successful after-school program for teens in the Beaver Point Community Hall, which had been funded as a pilot project through the CRD, was at first denied funding by Mr. Luth. He stated at a public meeting that the buck had to stop somewhere. The program would have cost \$6,000 for a year, served 12 to 16 youths and would have provided part-time employment for one young person.

Following successful lobbying,

the program will continue to the end of the school year, provided the CRD director matches the Parks and Recreation contribution of \$400. Four hundred dollars for youth, \$96,000 for ArtSpring, is there any wonder why the youth on this island feels under-appreciated?

To conclude, I suggest that any substantial tax increase such as this be prefaced by community discussion or referendum, if we're stuck with having to accept this money, a significant portion should go toward other existing groups who provide a documented service to the community — and let me assure you there is no shortage of deserving candidates!

MAGGIE RAMSEY,
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Photo by Tony Richards

Recycling depot still busy despite closure of drop box

Recyclable paper, tin and glass is still rolling in to the Salt Spring Recycling Depot, despite the loss of the downtown drop-off containers near Ganges Village Market.

"There seemed to be a slight drop when we first moved them," reports interim manager Peter Grant.

But he suspects Salt Spring residents were only briefly discouraged in their recycling efforts by the loss of the boxes since donations quickly climbed again.

"We're going like crazy so we're obviously busy," Grant said,

adding, "There's the odd person without a vehicle who is not too happy."

At the same time as the downtown drop box was moved, the depot widened its access off Rainbow Road and increased its hours.

The depot is now open daily, including Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grant said there were problems with the drop-off boxes at Ganges Village Market.

Since they were available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with no direct supervision, the

units could fill to overflowing and beyond before depot staff became aware of a problem.

The Sunday opening, Grant said, has given residents an additional opportunity to drop off their recyclables.

Although the depot has not worked out exact figures recently, Grant said there are more recyclables coming in this year than last. Part of that may be due to increased population, he said.

There is one other change at the recycling depot. Rick Laing resigned as of March 31, leaving Peter Grant as interim manager.

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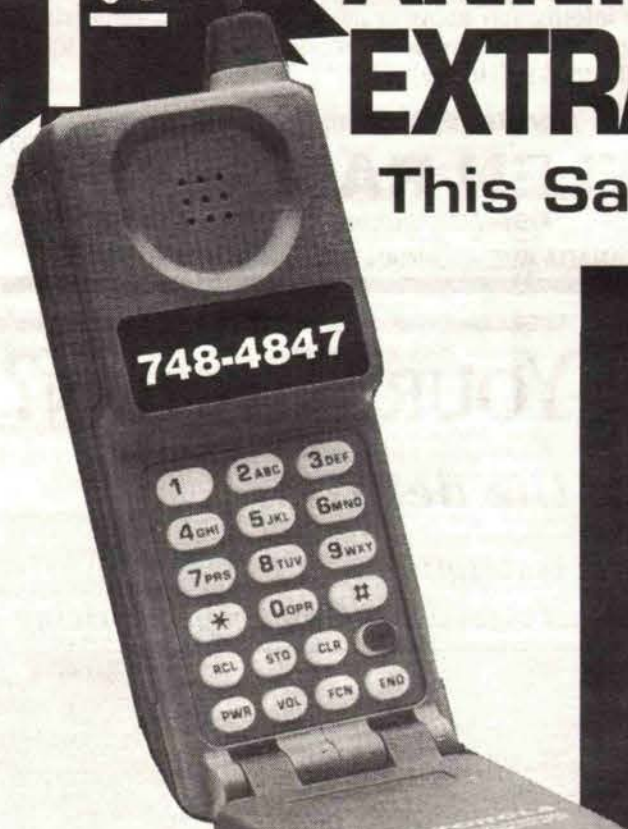
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Younsters' deaths were most difficult—coroner

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

The task of representing the dead—that is what Ivan Dare took on shortly after moving to Salt Spring in 1986.

As coroner, he has investigated all unexpected deaths, whether caused by accidents, suicides or any other unusual circumstances.

"The coroner represents the deceased," Dare explained. Since the deceased cannot speak, if there was something unusual about the death or actions that would have prevented it, the coroner tries to ensure those are discovered.

The coroner also represents the family of the deceased, who otherwise may not have the authority to ensure a death is investigated.

The position dates back hundreds of years, Dare says. Before there were formal police forces, the coroner investigated unusual deaths. In that role, the coroner was the only hope the deceased might have of retribution if the death had been caused by the actions of another person.

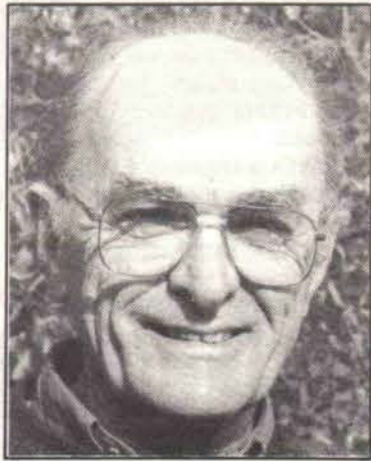
Today if a death is attributed to a criminal act, the investigation is handled by police. But the coroner is still called in, at any hour of the day or night, in all cases of accidental or unexpected death.

For Dare, the most difficult cases to handle are those involving young people. "I don't like to discuss individual cases because it brings it back to the family," he says, adding, "Anything with the young people is difficult to deal with."

When elderly people die there is still a sense of loss but there is not the impact arising from the death of someone young, who has not yet lived his or her life, Dare said.

Responsible for all the southern Gulf Islands, he has handled a wide variety of cases including suicides, some occurring off a ferry in Active Pass, and two airplane crashes, one on Mayne Island and one on Pender.

When such an accidental death occurs the coroner, in effect, "owns" the body, which cannot be moved without the coroner's per-



Ivan Dare

mission. The only exception is when the body is posing a hazard—blocking traffic follow a vehicle accident, for example.

Otherwise, the body must be left in place until the coroner arrives and gives permission for it to be moved. Dare was on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The position is part-time, Dare notes, but he was required to carry a pager at all times.

Following an accidental death the coroner usually signs an interim certificate of death which allows the family to proceed with funeral arrangements without waiting for an inquest or autopsy results. The reports giving autopsy or toxicology results are often not completed until one to two months after the death, Dare noted.

A coroner also becomes involved when an unexpected death occurs in a hospital operating room. Although Dare says he has never attended such a case on Salt Spring, the involvement of the coroner is required to ensure all of the operating equipment and procedures were functioning properly at the time of the death.

On average, Dare said, he investigated three deaths a month. Of those, two were usually revealed as non-coroner's cases after a short investigation. For example, Dare said, someone who was visiting the island could suddenly die. The death comes under the auspices of the coroner as "unexpected" until a check with the

deceased's doctor reveals the person was suffering from heart disease.

The majority of coroners are laymen, appointed by provincial order-in-council, Dare said. Although no background in the field is required, they receive books on the subject and can attend courses which are usually held in Vancouver.

When Dare applied for the position, he had retired eight years earlier with the rank of major after 32 years in the Canadian Armed Forces. He had some experience with military and air force investigations and was interested in serving as a community coroner.

"I thought I would like to see what it was like," he said. Before his appointment, Salt Spring was served by a coroner from Duncan.

Although he could have extended his appointment this year, Dare said he decided it was time to hang up his pager and go back to sleeping through the night.

A new doctor on the island, Bob Crossland, had served as a coroner in Powell River and was interested in taking on the position for Salt Spring. He will now become Salt Spring's coroner.

"It was an opportune time to close out," Dare said.

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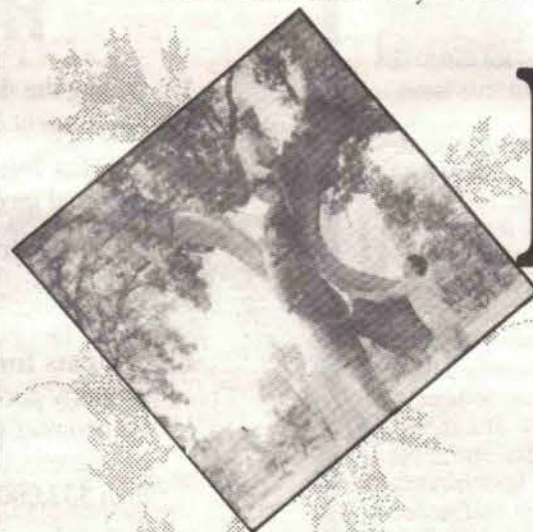
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Shell marine station to open at Ganges

Ganges Harbour will have marine fuel again, possibly by the May long weekend, a Ganges Marina spokeswoman said this week.

Marina owner Linda Brown said a Shell marine fuel station will be operating within the next three to eight weeks.

Ganges has been without marine fuel—gasoline and diesel—since November 1 when the Esso marine fuel station closed.

Chamber of Commerce director Barry Green said the return of a marine fuel station to Ganges would be beneficial to boating

visitors who complained when the service stopped. Boaters are a significant source of tourism in Ganges, he said.

The removal of Esso's bulk fuel storage tanks in Ganges was the main reason the service could no longer be operated, but Shell still has bulk fuel storage tanks on the island, in Fulford Harbour.

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Fiscal management, debt Reform concerns

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 With that analogy, Reform MP Jack Frazer attempted to paint a clearer picture of Canada's financial state for a Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting at Ganges last week.
 The country's growing national debt — more than half a billion dollars — and better representation in Parliament continue to be the Reform Party's most important concerns.

Responding to comments and questions from his small audience — only a dozen people turned up for the meeting — Frazer agreed that the government continued to give away money to other countries — and borrowed to do so.
 But he said social program spending, which represents \$64 billion in the federal budget, is where cuts have to be made. "There's no way we can balance the budget without attacking some of that."
 Frazer also touched upon the Liberal government move to can-

cel the controversial EH101 helicopter deal that had been negotiated by the previous Conservative government.
 The EH101, Frazer recalled, received negative coverage before the election, and positive coverage after. There were a lot of benefits to it, he said.
 "As a pilot, it bothers me that we don't have a helicopter that will fly in ice conditions."
 When the deep-sea oil drilling rig *Ocean Ranger* went down in the Atlantic several years ago, Frazer said, neither Labrador nor Sea

King helicopters were able to go out on search and rescue.
 "The EH101 could likely have gone out."
 Questioned whether the Reform Party had examined the effectiveness of government grants to private corporations for job creation, Frazer posed another in response:
 "If it's a reasonable enterprise why can't they find private capital to invest in it?"
 Simply reducing taxes would do a better job, he said.
 Frazer was also questioned —

not for the first time — about receiving an Armed Forces pension in addition to his MP's salary, a practice that some have labelled "double-dipping."
 But Frazer compared the plan to an annuity, saying it was more a superannuation than a pension. He had contributed seven and a half per cent of his pay — and the government an equal amount — since 1951 and didn't feel it could be looked upon in the same light as a pension plan.
 It was more like an investment, he said.

Constituency work, two committees keep Frazer busy

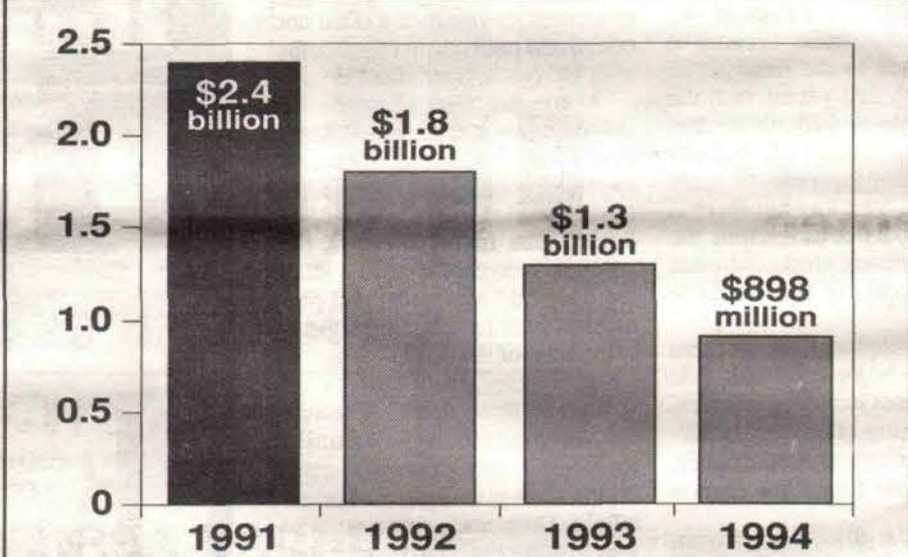
By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff
 Constituency concerns and committee work each take up about half of his time in Ottawa, MP Jack Frazer said during an Easter break visit to his Saanich-Gulf Islands riding last week.
 Elected with 51 other Reform Party candidates in the October 26 general election, Frazer said in an interview that there is "a fine line" to tread between constituency and committee work. He noted that the latter is where the work of government gets done.
 His career with the Canadian Armed Forces should serve him well in the latter. Frazer is on the standing committee on national defence and veterans' affairs and on the special joint committee on defence, a House of Commons-Senate committee that is conducting a review of Canada's defence policy.
 It is to submit a final report by September 30 after conducting public hearings across Canada, and travelling to meetings in the United States and Europe.
 Frazer said the committee is seeking "balanced input" from a broad spectrum of Canadians, including veterans, peace activists, churches and others.
 The goal, he said, is "to define a defence policy that Canadians want." Contrary to popular opinion, the world has not been at peace since the collapse of the Soviet Union.
 "The world is far more volatile than it was before," Frazer noted that the United States could be relied upon to help defend Canada, but pointed out that its own interests would always come first.
 Revelations of problems within one regiment of the Canadian forces have come in the wake of a recent court martial following the death of a Somali youth. Frazer said the problems within the Canadian Airborne Regiment were "an aberration."
 "It goes against everything Canadians stand for."
 Frazer welcomes a proposal to offer Canadian troops training in peacekeeping, but pointed out that patience was essential for peacekeeping forces, "a whole bunch of patience."
 Though in office only four months, the rookie MP agreed with his provincial counterpart, Liberal MLA Clive Tanner, that constituency matters generate a lot of communication from Gulf Islands residents, chiefly from Salt Spring and Pender.

The Reform Party's performance in the House has generated some criticism from media observers for being too weak. But Frazer said his party is successfully avoiding getting into "nasty attacks" such as those of the Liberal "Rat Pack" of the 1980s. He also pointed out that conflicting reports have come from viewers of televised House of Commons business.
 "We get good feedback from people who watch the Parliamentary Channel," he said.
 Frazer commented on a range of topics during the interview. Among them:
 • Electoral boundaries changes: "Unless something dramatic happens in the next few months," the boundaries will not likely be adjusted for population changes before the next election. That means the next Parliament will probably be elected on the basis of the 1981 census. Frazer said changing the boundaries would affect the election chances of Liberal MPs.
 • MP salaries: "MPs are not overpaid." Frazer pointed to a recent study that decided an \$88,000 annual salary would be fair compensation for Members of Parliament. Frazer agrees, but said he and his fellow MPs took a 10 per cent cut "to show leadership by example." His 10 per cent is going to charity.
 • MP pensions: Reform is "making progress" on this issue, Frazer said.
 The party has asked the prime minister if its members can opt out of the existing program and set up their own. MPs and the government would make matching pension payments, "like other pension programs."
 • Reform and racism: "Read the Blue Book," was Frazer's advice for those who continue to believe the party's policies are racist. "Political correctness" prompts charges of racism and bigotry when the party brings up Quebec or native issues, Frazer said. "It's not the case at all."
 • Native self-government: "We want the government to say what it means by aboriginal self-government," said Frazer, suggesting that Ron Irwin, the minister responsible, does not know. Native self-government projects in Manitoba are currently setting precedents for the rest of Canada, but no one is saying what it means. The issue is of particular concern to B.C. because of its large native population, Frazer said.

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It's buyer beware, bureau warns, when salesmen come a-calling

Telephone and door-to-door sales in the building trades are not necessarily a bad thing, but prospective buyers should do their homework before they shell out big bucks, the general manager of the Vancouver Island Better Business Bureau said last week.

Susan Brice said unlicensed contractors were an "on-going problem" particularly in the spring and with the economy the way it is.

"We hope the first thing people will do is phone the Better Business Bureau and ask questions like: How long has the company been in the area? Is it licensed? Is it a Better Business Bureau member? Are there any outstanding complaints about it?"

Two weeks ago Salt Spring building inspector Dick Stubbs received two calls from islanders who had been approached by an off-island roofing contractor. A man representing Enviro-lok Roofing Systems Ltd. was offering roofing shakes for sale.

But the man carried no brochures about the shakes and left no samples with island homeowners who expressed an interest. The company address was a mail drop-box on West Broadway in Vancouver and the only phone number was a cellular one.

Stubbs called this a "rather strange way of doing business" and said he could not find the product listed in any guide of approved roofing products.

But building products do not have to be registered at the time of sale, only at the time of installation

and inspection, the director of the B.C. building standards branch said.

"There are no regulations that prohibit the sale of a building product," Jack Robertson said. "It's when it's put into use that it must be approved by a building inspector."

"There are lots of products that are probably acceptable which may not meet a recognized standard."

Products made in Europe or the United States may be sold here before they are approved through provincial regulation or listed in Canadian standards product guides.

If someone wanted to sell a

product which was not listed, Robertson said, it would be up to them to "prove equivalency to an approved product." Regional district building inspectors are left to enforce provincial regulations but it really is a "buyers beware" market, he said.

Brice also said buyers — especially seniors who can be very trusting — must be more careful before they spend thousands of dollars on building projects. She said the two most common scenarios to be cautious about involve paving companies with "left-over asphalt who happen to be in the area" and people who pressure you to make a quick decision.

"Ask for an estimate and tell them you will get back to them," she said. "Any contract you sign in your own house, you have seven days to cancel. When you're caught off-guard the law recognizes you have been put in a vulnerable position."

"A double-registered letter cancelling the agreement does the job. If you forget, give the Better Business Bureau a call."

She also said that since major home renovations require building permits, homeowners would be wise to make the contractors take out all necessary permits.

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Firemen extinguish school fire

A threat to the new Gulf Islands Secondary School was averted by Salt Spring firefighters last Thursday, when they responded to a fire at 12:35 p.m.

An outside wall of the new school had been ignited by a worker's torch, but firemen put out the blaze immediately and there was no damage to the school.

There was also no damage in two other calls answered by the fire department last week. One was a fire in the engine of a van, which occurred at 4:35 p.m. last Wednesday on Lower Ganges Road. The fire was out by the time firemen arrived.

The second was a chimney fire at a home on North End Road, reported at 7:35 p.m. Easter Sunday. That fire was also out when firemen arrived.

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Board considers reports, business plan, tours

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

An ArtSpring board meeting Monday did not deal with board unity, project costs or other issues raised at last Wednesday's public meeting — at least not in public.

Committee reports, the business plan and ArtSpring tours were discussed before the meeting went in camera and members of the public and press were seen to the door.

In a move the board had not considered before this time, most board members were clearly in favour of closing the meeting, citing "highly sensitive" matters in which the "presence of others might be an impediment."

Board members Bill Curtin and Simon Rook spoke in favour of an open meeting and Bob Weeden navigated a middle course, which was adopted, that as much business be done in public as possible.

'Sensitive matters' discussed in camera

The most significant document to come to light was a draft copy of the centre's business plan. There was little discussion of the contents of the document — which was not released to the public — because not all board members received a copy of it. It was, in any case, missing some important information such as the cost-to-complete figures, financial statements for 1993 and a complete list of potential user groups.

Board member Margaret Jardine suggested there might be two business plans: one abbreviated version to sell the centre to prospective investors and another longer one detailing the philosophical bent of the centre, incorporating sentiments expressed by board members during

a working retreat.

The executive committee agreed to meet April 11 to discuss the business plan and the board can consider it more fully.

In other ArtSpring news:

- Board member Adlai Rust, who is now a member of the building committee, demanded a thorough review of insurance coverage on the site, especially liability insurance for volunteers and director's liability insurance. A visit to a board meeting by the society's insurance agent, Tom Hosie, was proposed. The board voted to have the executive committee pursue insurance questions with Salt Spring Insurance.

- Saturday tours of the arts centre will begin soon, possibly conducted by a new office

manager. Board member Bill Curtin said it was a shame no tours were offered Easter weekend when visitors were parked all around ArtSpring.

Board members agreed to meet Saturday morning for a training session, with regular tours to begin in subsequent weeks. The board did not say when an office manager would be hired but nine applications for the job have been received so far.

- Peter Bardon, speaking as interim fundraising committee chairman, said he wanted to see "some dramatic fundraising" start up again. He said the profile of the organization was extremely high at the end of last year and there was substantial fundraising.

- Building committee chairman

Denny Thomas reported landscaping at the ArtSpring site had been augmented by excess material from the highways construction project at the junction of Upper and Lower Ganges roads. Drainage problems on the site had been somewhat addressed by digging a ditch at the bottom of the amphitheatre to drain away water coming down the hill behind the arts centre.

He joked that the amount of water coming onto the site might justify a name change to Art-Springs.

Thomas also reported there was an ongoing unresolvable problem with a skylight in the building, which may end up in small claims court. The contractor who did the work on the skylight has been off-island since last fall when the society first tried to resolve the issue.

Bylaw, other changes sought

ArtSpring board members decided Monday to call a special general meeting, spokesman Simon Foulds said Tuesday.

At last Wednesday's public meeting on the island arts centre, society member Tilly Crawley announced she had prepared a requisition to the board for such a meeting. It required the support of 10 per cent of the society's membership — or 23 people — to become binding on the board.

However, the board has decided to call the meeting anyway.

Crawley said Tuesday that her requisition had the signatures of 54 society members. It also spells out items for the meeting's agenda.

They are:

- Bylaw amendments: changes would include discontinuation of the provision for appointed members, adding a clause to prohibit directors serving more than two consecutive terms and clarifying the wording regarding the election of officers.

- A special resolution removing one or more directors from the board as a "housekeeping" matter to allow the society to comply with the bylaw amendment concerning appointed directors.

- Election of additional directors should it be necessary.

- Passage of any rules that members feel necessary to ensure the proper conduct of the society's business.

- Require that "updated and properly prepared and annotated" financial statements be presented.
- Consider the question of appointing an auditor.

When Crawley was advised that it is already the society's practice to have its statements audited, she admitted she had not been aware of the fact.

A resident of Salt Spring for three years, Crawley moved here from Toronto where she was involved in book publishing. She has been a library volunteer for the past 18 months and during last Wednesday's meeting made several references to the efficiency of the library, and the "inefficiencies" at ArtSpring.

She said in an interview Tuesday that she found the society "un-businesslike."

"I think they're rather muddled."



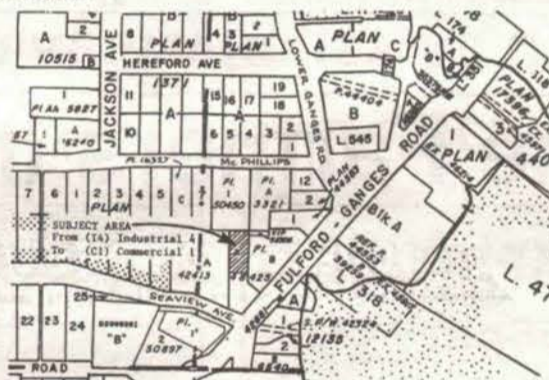
SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed bylaws will be afforded the opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, April 21, 1994, commencing at 7:00 pm at Unit 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

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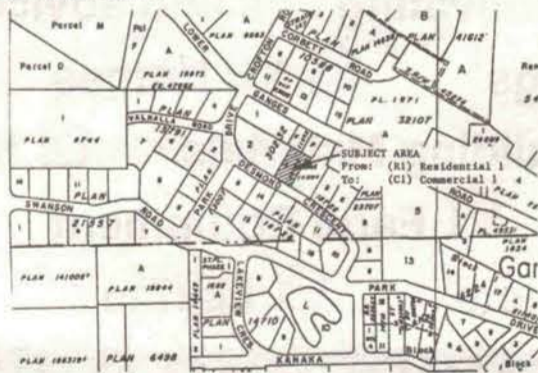
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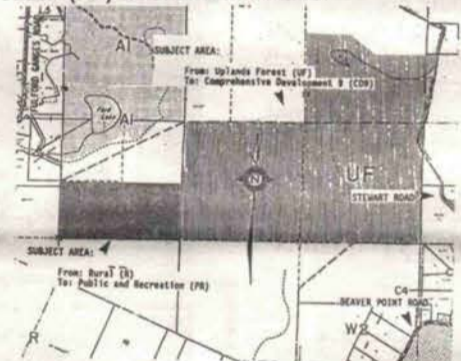


3) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 323, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 1994", is a bylaw that:

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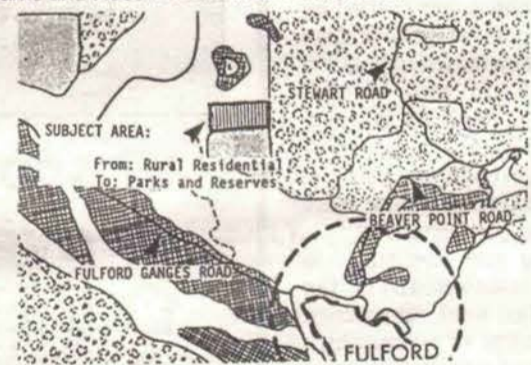
b) changes the zoning classification of Lot 5, Sections 76 and 77, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 49595, except that part in Plan 49775, and the North 1/2 of Section 71, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, from Upland

& Forest (UF) to Comprehensive Development 9 (CD9) as shown as follows, and changes the zoning classification of the South 1/2 of the North East 1/4 of Section 70, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District from Rural (R) to Public and Recreation (PR) as shown as follows:



4. Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 325, cited as "Official Community Plan Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1994", is a bylaw that:

a) changes the Official Community Plan Map Designation of the South 1/2 of the North East 1/4 of Section 70, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District from Rural Residential to Parks and Reserves as shown as follows:



5. Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 328, cited as "Official Community Plan Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1994", is a bylaw that:

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A copy of each of the proposed bylaws and relevant background documents may be inspected at the Ganges office of the Islands Trust, Unit 1206, Grace Point Square, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Thursday, April 7, 1994, and up to and including Thursday, April 21, 1994.

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A PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION regarding the proposed bylaws will be held immediately before the Public Hearing on Thursday, April 21, 1994, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at Unit 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Gordon McIntosh
Secretary

ARTSPRING

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Arts Centre Society was no longer in good standing.

The organization had failed to file an annual report for two consecutive years. After three years, Crawley said, the society could have been faced with dissolution, meaning that tax would be payable on all the funds it had received, and board members would be liable for that tax.

She went on to say that the society is required to maintain an up-to-date membership list but had failed to do so. "I have been a member since 1991," she stated, "but I'm not on the list."

Crawley was also very critical of the bylaws that call for appointed directors representing four island groups: the Community Arts Council (which provides two directors), the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Festival of the Arts Society and Off Centre Stage.

As appointees, those directors are neither answerable nor accountable to the members of the arts centre society, Crawley said. As well, there is no limitation on the number of terms a director may serve.

"You can throw the rascals in Ottawa out of office every four years, but you can't do it here."

Crawley was careful to stress that none of the concerns she felt had to be addressed were more than "oversights."

"There's nothing vicious about this and I want you to bear that in mind." She believed board members were dedicated, hard-working people, though she added the situation was "grave."

Written concerns reviewed by Crawley in preparation for the meeting included complaints about not receiving responses to calls to the ArtSpring office, delays in receiving receipts for donations, questions about programming once the centre opens and concerns about disunity and lack of leadership on the board.

Crawley criticized the board for not providing audited financial statements, a charge that was later disputed by treasurer Bill Curtin, who said the society has "always had proper statements." They are audited and are "always available" to members, he stated.

Hassell is back

Bob Hassell is back on the ArtSpring building committee.

Committee chairman Denny Thomas said Tuesday the Salt Spring designer, who has been involved in the ArtSpring project since the beginning, had rejoined the committee this week.

Hassell was highly critical last week of the way construction of the arts centre was being managed. He quit the committee in early March when progress had not been made on three concerns: creation of a more effective, businesslike committee, resolution of problems with rough grading of the site and provision of a "competent construction manager" to oversee the work.

Thomas also said Adlai Rust and Don Dashwood had joined the building committee, bringing "a great deal of experience in development and building."

He said the committee would "get to the bottom of the costs" to complete the building, and look into the allegations by Hassell over construction problems. Hassell could not be reached on Tuesday.

Curtin defended the operation of the society, noting that the implications of impropriety were distressing.

In response to questions concerning the resignations of board members Patricia VanNus and Norman Klenman, the latter told the meeting it was a matter of "philosophical differences."

He said some board members were happy with arts centre's progress: "a board at a time, a nail at a time, a dollar at a time." Klenman had been a supporter of the so-called Bardon Plan, which originally called for the borrowing of up to \$300,000 to complete the building this year.

But there was strong disagreement among board members over borrowing such a large amount of money. Because he didn't feel there was "sufficiently enthusiastic support" for the plan, Klenman said, he decided to leave the board.

Klenman ended his explanation on a positive note.

"I hope that after tonight... the board will feel energized and finish the building before we all drop dead."

After board members rose to declare their unity on the project, one member of the audience asked

regional director Dietrich Luth to explain a statement attributed to him and published in the *Driftwood* March 9.

The story was based in part on a letter to fellow directors on the Capital Region board, in which Luth had blamed "disunity on the ArtSpring board" for the arts centre's slow progress. But Luth implied that he had not made the statements attributed to him, saying what was printed was "a juxtaposition of catch phrases."

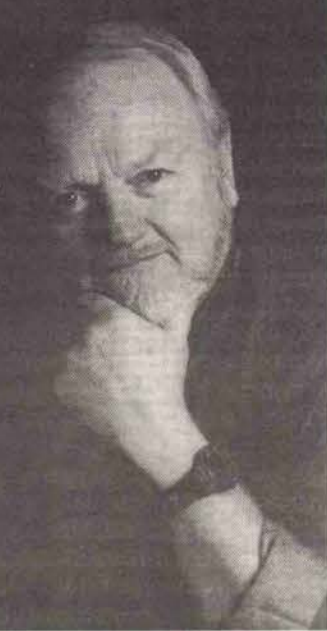
He wouldn't comment further, saying he refused to correct mistakes once they had been published.

ArtSpring president Lawrie Neish defended construction costs, pointing out that the arts centre at Friday Harbour, a smaller facility than ArtSpring had cost \$1.7 million US.

Responding to Hassell's statement concerning cost overruns, Neish cited as an example a large increase in the cost of shakes, which added to the roofing costs.

The meeting adopted no course of action as it was not legally constituted. The board had been unable to notify the membership in time, director John Kavelin explained.

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SACKS 'N SLACKS: Volunteer Joan Buckley checks out one of the items donated to the thrift shop. Behind her is a large pile of bags, filled with more donations. At times, half the donations received must be discarded or sent to Goodwill Industries in Victoria.

Trash not always treasure for Salt Spring thrift shop

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

If you wouldn't buy it, don't give it to the thrift shop.

That's the word from the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary thrift shop volunteers, who must toss out the holey socks, torn tops, ratty sweaters, broken-down shoes and stained slacks that some people dump at their door.

Last year, they even received a pair of false teeth.

"Ever since the garbage dump has been closed, we get a lot of garbage," says Joan Buckley, who has been a volunteer with the thrift shop for over 20 years.

Boxes of discards line one wall of the small storage area which adjoins the thrift shop in Moutat's Mall. Volunteers move those boxes of unsaleable goods to the basement of the hospital, where they are stored until there is enough to fill a truck.

A truck is rented and the boxes taken to Goodwill Enterprises in Victoria, which can at least recycle the unsaleable clothing into rags. Making those trips last year cost the auxiliary just over \$600.

Some of the discards cannot even be sent to Goodwill. Thrift

shop volunteers bag them and the auxiliary pays \$2 a bag to dispose of the trash.

"It's a big problem, people dumping their garbage on us," auxiliary treasurer Aleta Tomlinson said. Disposing of this garbage cuts into the profits of the shop, reducing the amount which can be donated to purchase hospital equipment for Lady Minto and Greenwoods.

On the plus side, volunteers note the thrift shop receives many generous donations of resaleable items. The most thoughtful donors ensure clothing or linens have already been cleaned and only contribute working or re-usable items. If repairs are required, they are minor.

"If you can only put \$1 on something, you're not going to spend two hours putting in zippers," volunteer Jean Rozzano remarked. There are no facilities at the thrift shop to wash donations, so volunteers often take extra laundry home.

The influx of donations is enormous, the equivalent of eight to 10 large garbage bags full each day, Buckley said. At times, she estimates, half of the donations must

be culled and either thrown away or packed away for Goodwill.

Due to the size of the shop, only clothing, linens, fabric, books and small housewares can be accepted. There is no space for furniture. Buckley defines the size limit as "anything you can carry — there's no room for furniture and big stuff."

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Approximately 65 of the hospital auxiliary's 150 members fill shifts in the shop, working four-hour shifts two or four times a month.

There are eight staff members working each day, four in the shop and four sorting and pricing donations. The low prices in the shop draw many buyers. Buckley notes the books, at 50 cents, are especially popular.

Hospital auxiliary members also work with the Salt Spring Lions Club.

Lions volunteers often help deliver the loads to Goodwill and the auxiliary collects eye glasses which the Lions distribute to developing countries.

All of this effort pays off. Last year the shop raised \$31,600 for the auxiliary.

Eagle's nest probe over; no decision on charges

An investigation into the destruction of an eagle's nest on Salt Spring has been completed, but conservation officer Ken Broadland says he has not yet decided whether charges will be laid.

A tree in Musgrave Landing which housed a well-established eagle's nest was cut down early in March. Under a law passed in November 1992 it is illegal in B.C. to cut down a tree containing an eagle's nest.

Broadland visited the Musgrave Landing property on March 28 and has spoken with the property owner. He said Tuesday that he has completed his investigation but will write and review his report before deciding whether to recommend charges.

The final decision on laying charges will be made by Crown counsel, he said.

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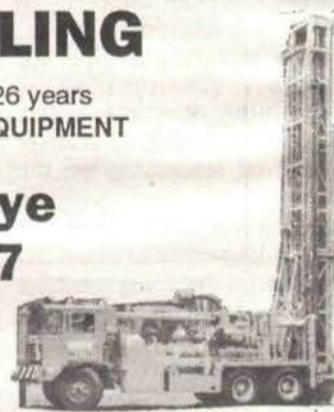
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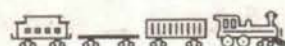
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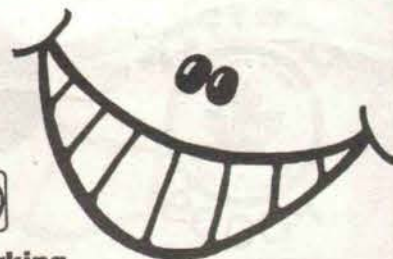
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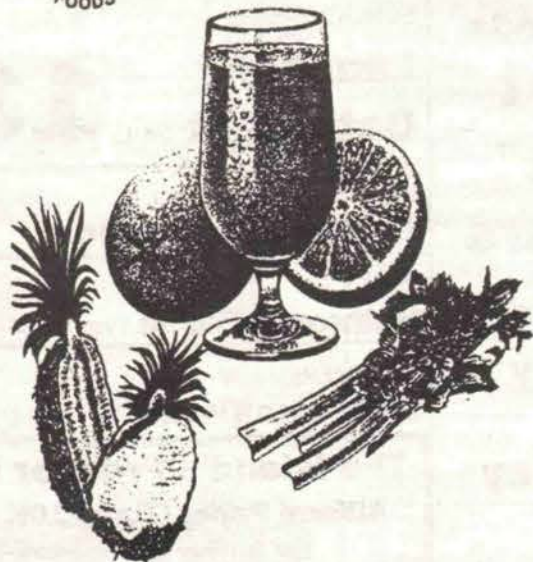
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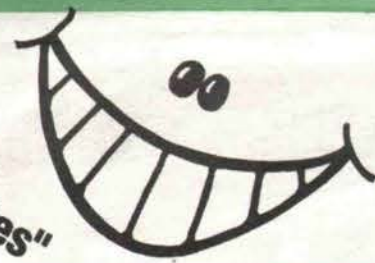
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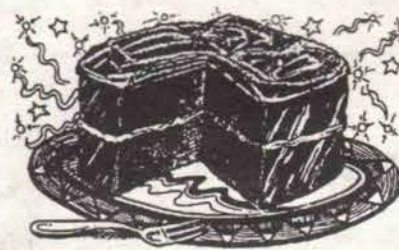
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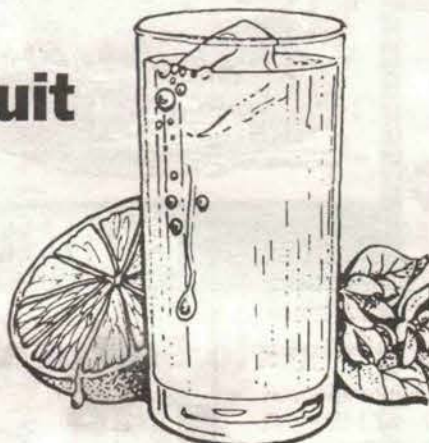
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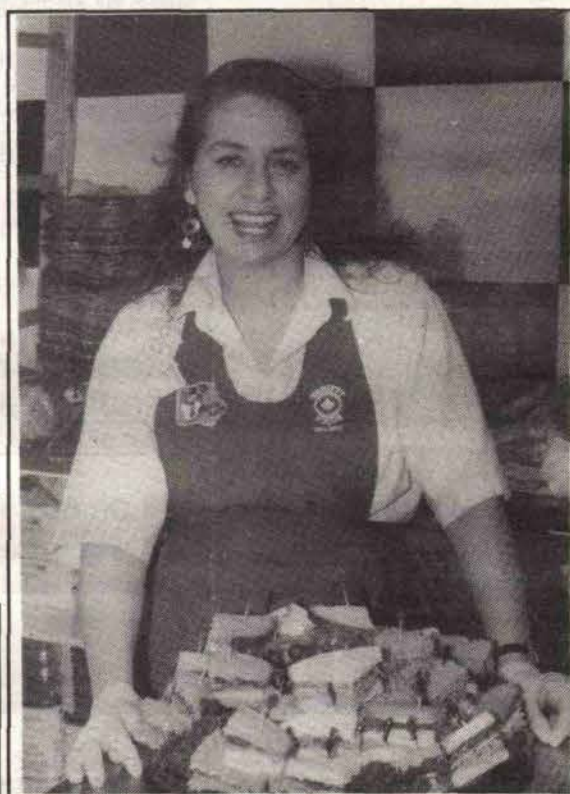
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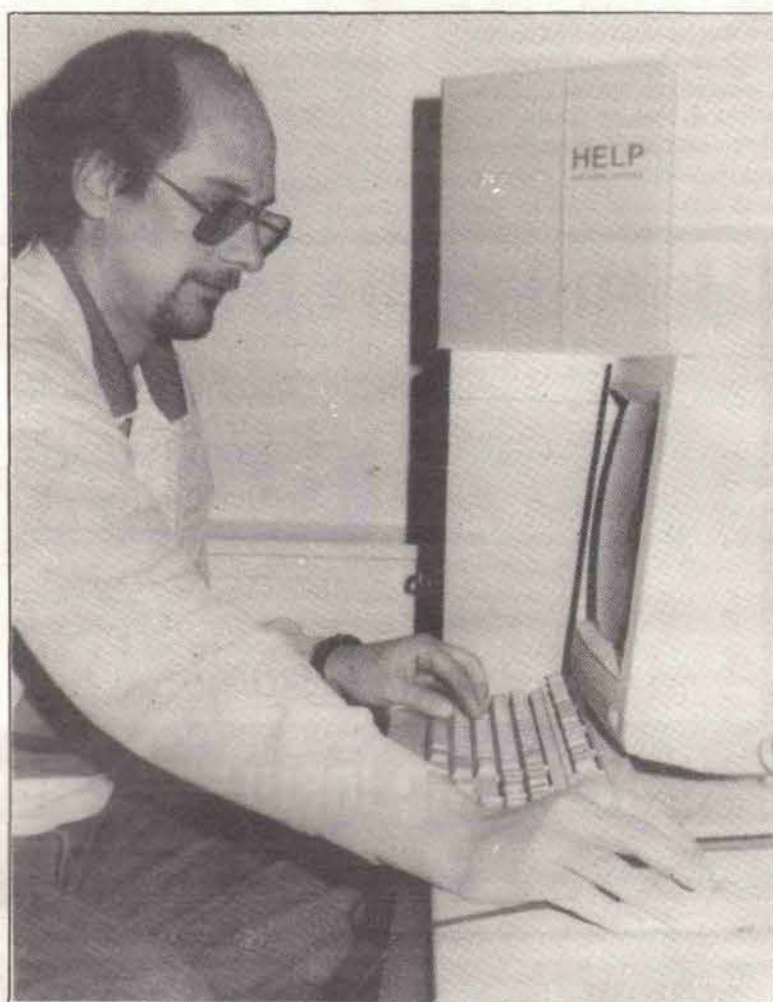
Getting bitten early by the world of bits and bytes makes Grant Eckberg a pioneer, even if he still has not clocked his first half-century.

And, like all pioneers, he has stories to tell. Stories of the early days of personal computers, when keyboards were oiled and tinfoil was part of every computer owner's arsenal.

Creators of one of Canada's successful payroll programs and owner of a thriving computer retail company, he and wife Debbie recently sold their retail outlet, scaled back to home business size and moved from Vancouver to Salt Spring Island.

"We believe we will lose five to 15 per cent (of our business) by being on Salt Spring instead of in the city but there's no question that that's a bargain at twice the price."

One reason for the move is two children, who can now play in an acre of woods. Another factor is the new red sailboat in Ganges Harbour, waiting for the wind. A third influence is the slower-paced lifestyle and lower crime rate. "We had more crime in the building we were in than there is on this whole island," Eckberg said.



BITTEN BY BYTES: Computer programmer Grant Eckberg plans to divide his time between software and sailing since moving to Salt Spring Island.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

When Help! was released it collected enthusiastic reviews as an easy-to-use payroll program for Canadian companies. 'We started making money, which was quite unusual.'

It may be smooth sailing now, with a base of over 2,200 users for *Help!*, their payroll software program. But the couple rode out some rough waters, including a three-month stretch of poverty in 1986 while they struggled over the computer code for *Help!*.

Originally, they thought rewriting the program for a version 4 release would take three months. They had budgeted for those three months — which then stretched into six.

But when *Help!* was released, it collected enthusiastic reviews as an easy-to-use payroll program for Canadian companies. "We did get really good reviews. Every time we got reviews, the sales shot up. We started making money, which was quite unusual."

In fact, Eckberg noted, starting a software company is more risky than starting a restaurant. In addition, payroll is among the most difficult of software programs to write, since it has a more limited user base and must constantly be upgraded to reflect changes in taxes and benefits.

"I like the challenge," Eckberg says. "I like payroll. It's numbers and taxes and it is doing something real."

The desire to do something real was part of what drove Eckberg out of college. He loved it, he says, but he also wanted some hands-on life experience. "There's too big a world out there. I wanted to do things, not just be an academic."

He discovered computers in 1975 at Concordia College in Alberta, where he was working towards a math and physics degree. He and a friend were using the college computers to prove

new number theorems, when they realized they enjoyed the computer more than the course.

Grant left college, worked for a year, then enrolled in computing systems technology at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. During the summer of 1977 he was working at Radio Shack when the first shot was fired in the PC revolution: Radio Shack's model 1 was released.

The computer ran at 1.77 megahertz (mhz) and came with 4K of ROM and 4K of RAM. This first venture was followed by a more powerful model, which came with 16K of RAM. (By comparison, current models start churning at 25 mhz and are stuffed with a minimum of 2,048K of RAM.)

The top of the line 16K machine wasn't cheap. The keyboard alone cost \$1,500 and a 120K floppy drive was \$900. An expansion interface was available which could push the computer memory to 48K RAM — the case cost \$1,200 to \$1,500 and the RAM cost \$800 to \$900 for each 16K block.

Not only did a fully configured computer cost more than a new car, it was, Eckberg says, "guaranteed to wipe out every television set in your apartment building. In residential areas it often wiped out the televisions of the neighbours on either side."

The interference broadcast by those early computers needed extra shielding. Users were advised to build a box around their computer, line it with tinfoil, and ground it to a hot water pipe in order to cut the interference.

Eckberg soon branched out into his own business, offering solutions to the problems of early personal computing. He discovered a type of metallic paint which cut the interference and, for \$150, sprayed the inside of the computer cases with the paint.

Early keyboards tended to stutter, creating a stream of letters from a single touch of the key. A quick fix for this problem was to insert drops of oil into the keyboard caps, forming a barrier between the key and the contact.

The computing community was small — Bill Gates of Microsoft fame was running a five-person company, Apple had seven or eight employees and Eckberg was operating a relative giant in Edmonton's Alpha One Micro Computing, which employed over a dozen people.

"We were one of the first to get hard drives working on microcomputers," Eckberg recalled. The company did everything, from writing software to distributing software, selling hardware to fixing hardware.

In the mid-1980s he moved to Vancouver where he and wife Debbie launched their successful version 4 of *Help!*. The program is now at version 5.06 and includes a delayed theft-deterrence system that Eckberg estimates accounts for 20 per cent of his overall sales as "softlifters" scramble to unlock their suddenly malfunctioning software.

At present, he estimates hardware developers are a decade ahead of available software but stresses it is software that actually makes the computer work—or not work. Like all pioneers Eckberg has artifacts representing his years in the field: a large collection of computer viruses.

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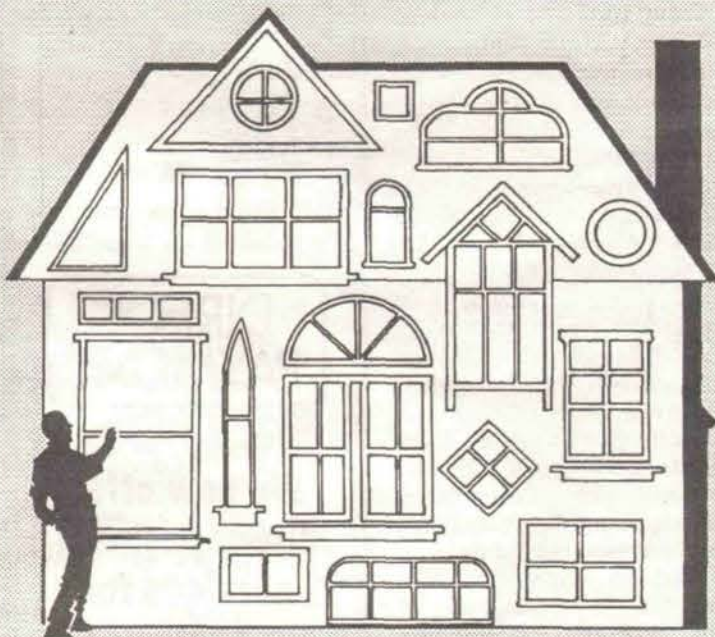
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Police, ministry investigate assault allegation at Mayne

Allegations of assault involving a teacher at Mayne Island elementary-junior secondary school are currently being investigated by Pender Island RCMP and the Ministry of Social Services.

The investigation was initiated

by a complaint made by a former student at the school.

Gulf Islands school district superintendent Mike Marshall first learned of the allegations, involving a teacher, in mid-March.

On Tuesday morning he was on

Mayne Island to deal with the issue, but he said he was unable to provide any further information as the allegations are still being investigated. Pender Island RCMP and ministry staff are conducting inquiries with students and staff.

Instructors critical of high school shop

Woodworking students at Gulf Islands Secondary School are being shortchanged by a shop filled with old, outdated equipment, according to two local woodworkers who have been in the shop during night school classes.

Michael Lourim, who teaches the night school course, says the tools in the shop are old to the point that they are probably difficult to repair. The drill press, for example, is a very old piece of equipment. "It works, after a fashion," Lourim remarked.

A second woodworker, who asked not to be identified, suggested old equipment would not be tolerated in a school computer lab. "It's showing a contempt for our children that has no place in society," he said, citing a list of operating and safety problems in the shop.

"If it was a commercial shop, it would be closed."

Lourim said the shop did not meet his own operating standards, but also said an individual shop is very different from a school shop. "Setting up a shop and operating a shop is a highly individual thing."

Novice users, Lourim said, are hard on the equipment. "It's old equipment and it takes a terrible beating with 100 people using it several times a week."

He added that he has no experience with a commercial cabinet shop, which would be the closest professional equivalent to a school shop where the same equipment is used by several different people.

His main concern with the shop, he said, was the storage of some partially finished pieces of work too close to the equipment.

Mike Ablitt, who teaches woodworking at the school, admitted much of the equipment is old, dating back over 30 years to when the school was built.

He also agreed with some of the concerns cited by the woodworkers but stressed there is no safety problem.

For example, one saw which is missing a guard is unplugged and not in use. A new safety guard has been ordered, Ablitt said.

There is also at least one piece of relatively new equipment. A new radial arm saw was added five years ago, when Ablitt first started teaching at GISS.

Over the past five years, Ablitt said, there have been no major accidents in the shop. "To me, major is someone losing fingers and there hasn't been anything like that."

School principal Eric McMahon said the shop is inspected by the Workers Compensation Board. "We have regular safety inspections."

Inaccurate guides were among the problems cited by one of the woodworkers. However, Ablitt said the guides are not used by the students since they are in imperial measure and the students work in metric.

Ablitt said students are advised always to measure their work and not rely on pre-set guides, which

may be mis-aligned. "Never trust guides on a saw that is not yours. You always measure."

Because equipment is old, Ablitt said it is possible to confuse non-working equipment with sloppy maintenance. For example, there are still two dust extraction pipes near one of the lathes but neither of the pipes is operating. The lathes are built in and date back to the construction of the school.

Lourim noted some of the older equipment is especially sturdy and could not be replaced today with equally sturdy pieces. However, he feels the shop does need some new or newer equipment.

"There's a question of whether the program gets a very high priority," he said. "It needs a substantial infusion of cash to bring it up to a standard."

District secretary-treasurer Ken Starling said the new Gulf Islands Secondary, due to open in September, will have a woodworking shop which will probably include some new equipment.

However, he said the new shop may not fit the traditional model of a woodworking shop. The entire secondary school technology program is changing to reflect changes in industry, Starling said.

For example, instead of using a lathe, students may eventually learn how to operate software on a computer which simulates turning a piece of wood.

"Times are changing," Starling said.

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'Good conversation' is basis for writer's books

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Wearing jeans and a checked shirt, cowboy boots and a wide and welcoming smile, author Ted Stone could be a character in one of his rural-life books. Filter coffee on the stove, and hands clasped together behind his neck, he starts to talk about his stock in trade, stories.

Story-telling is really just "good conversation," he began. It is not like telling a joke or making a speech. It happens spontaneously and often people need to warm up a bit first.

"If you ask someone, 'Tell me a good story,' they just can't do it," he said.

"In a way, story-telling is a lost art. It's like going to the ploughing match last weekend. It used to be work but now it is recreation. It used to be something that people did but now they don't."

Today, story-telling proliferates in urban festivals, schools and public libraries. While Stone takes part in those festivals and spends many happy hours telling stories to kids in schools, he likes the rural story-telling best and goes back as often as he can to the prairies where story-tellers proliferate.

Stone was born in the American mid-west but lived in the interlake area of Manitoba with his family before coming to Salt Spring in 1988.

"I'm essentially a rural person," he said. "I grew up in a rural area and had family members who told stories. Being up town — a town of 800 — in the coffee shop, I

heard a lot of stories."

And it is usually the town bar or cafe where Stone sets up his listening post for hours at a time when he enters a small town for the first time.

"You hear a lot of good stories that way," he said. And his years of story-listening in cafes have had the side effect of making him something of a pie-expert.

Another way he collects story material is to visit a place to tell stories himself or talk about story-

might hear a story and then change it or make it what I think is a better story."

The object of his first book, *Hailstorms and Hoop Snakes*, which has just been revised and reprinted, was to try to bring readers the same sense of the joy of listening to a good story, which used to be much more common.

"I like all kinds of stories but I tend to like humour stories the most," he said. "Tall tales are a particular favourite, not only telling a funny story but pulling the wool over someone's eyes. You get a double laugh.

Anyone can recognize a good tall-tale teller, he said, because they usually have a "grin in their voice as they're speaking."

And it is tall tales which *Hailstorms and Hoop Snakes* is all about. It follows the coffee shop, farmyard and stockyard story-telling adventures of Jake Peters, Sparky Anderson and Pete Hawkins, who live in the fictitious town of Deer River in the 1950s.

The stories encompass the local coffee shop-pool hall, the stock yard, eccentric farmers on their "home quarter," "back quarter" and every other quarter, and the occasional city type who comes in for some comic relief.

One good story always leads to at least one other, and Stone said he is busy working on stories for two more books to be released within the next 12 months as well as two historical-research books he is editing. His published books, including *Hailstorms and Hoop Snakes*, are available at island bookstores and on B.C. Ferries.

'In a way, story-telling is a lost art' — island writer Ted Stone

telling. Almost always there is someone who comes up to him afterwards and starts to tell him a story-telling story or gives him the name of so-and-so whom he must visit.

But by far the best way to collect stories, he said, is when someone tells you one. And that's when the author's job begins.

"You can't write things down word for word and make it enjoyable," he said. Bits and pieces of different stories and people and places are woven imperceptibly together in his books about rural life and rural story-telling.

"The stereotype works as long as you don't get too close to the real thing," he said. "The characters are all recognizable.

"I'm not really a folklorist and I'm not really a fiction writer. I

Sketchbook pages wanted for ArtSpring fundraiser

Painters are being asked to take a page from their sketchbooks in a unique fundraising scheme for ArtSpring.

The Salt Spring Painters' Guild hopes to raise \$5,000, Judy Borbas said last week, for track lighting in one of the arts centre's gallery spaces which guild members and other painters will use.

And the guild challenges other guilds, community groups and businesses to sponsor other equipment for the new building.

"We sent out more than 100 letters to renowned artists all over North America," Borbas said, "from the Bahamas to Toronto to Victoria."

"As a guild we'd like to chal-

lenge the other user groups to match it or beat it," fellow painter Margaret Threlfall said. "We're just out to get this building functional."

"Instead of asking for a painting," Borbas said, "we asked if they could take a page out of their sketchbook which we could sell for \$100.

"We're not asking them to do anything special or time-consuming, just to tear out a page from their sketchbooks."

The works will be sold during the Painters' Guild annual show in May.

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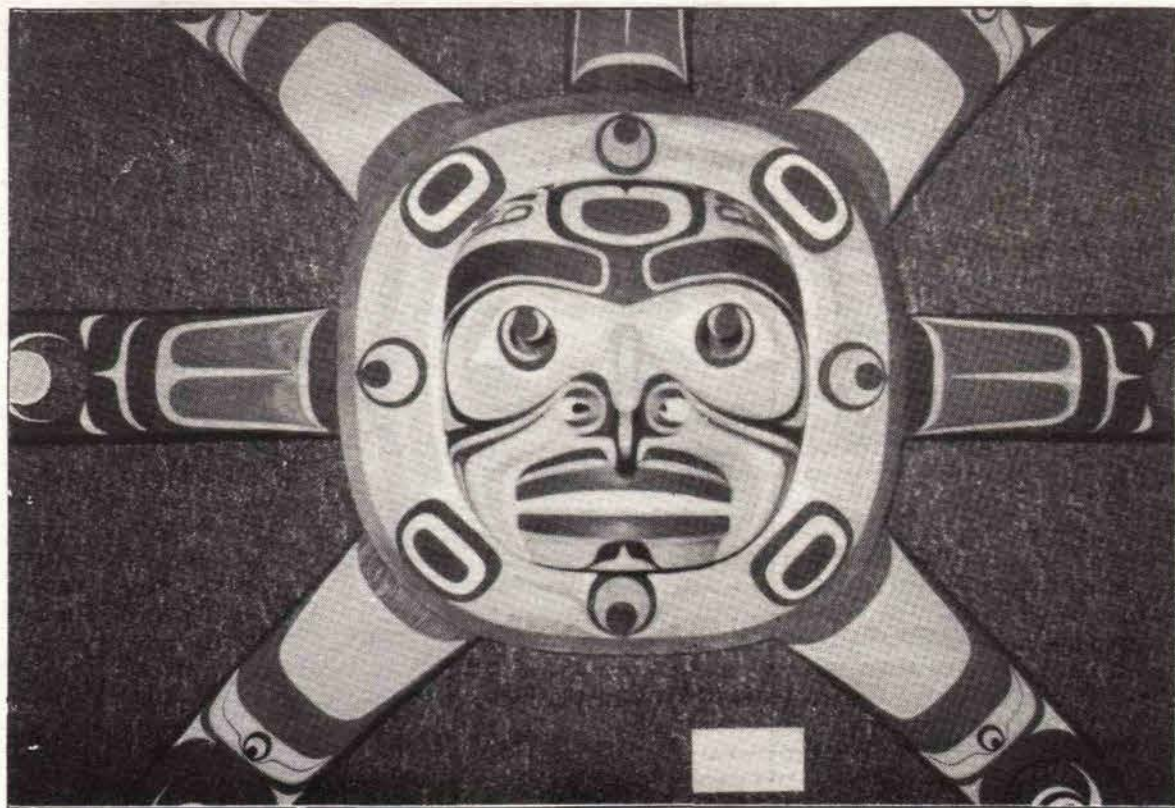
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SUN MASK: Kwagiulth sun mask by carver Tom Hunt will be on display at Pegasus Gallery this week, as part of a demonstration Saturday and Sunday. According to local native art expert Reg Ashwell, the mask "illustrates Tom Hunt's work at its best."

Native carving, painting demonstration on weekend

Native carver Tom Hunt and equally famous non-Indian John Livingston will demonstrate carving and painting techniques of Southern Kwagiulth tradition and design during a visit to Ganges this week.

Born in Victoria in 1964, Hunt is the son of Chief George Hunt and Mary Hunt of old Fort Rupert. He can trace his lineage back to Tongas, Alaska, when Ansnag, a Tlingit Indian princess, married Robert Hunt, an enterprising young man who had arrived from England for employment in the fur trade with the Hudson Bay Com-

pany. After living for some years in the north, the Hunts moved to Fort Rupert to live among the Kwagiulth people, where many of their descendants remain to this day.

Tom Hunt's uncle, Calvin Hunt, began teaching him to carve at the age of 12. Today, his carvings stand in New York, Tokyo, Ottawa and Fort Rupert.

Born in Vancouver in 1951, Livingston took to hanging around the Royal Provincial Museum after moving to Victoria. Master carvers Henry Hunt and his eldest son

Tony saw talent in the 14-year-old boy and taught him to carve small pieces.

That sparked a fascination with west coast native art styles. Today, Livingston is recognized as a master carver and an authority on northwest coast native art.

The two artists will be at Pegasus Gallery in Ganges on Saturday and Sunday, where Livingston will paint a large door panel in a Kwagiulth design and Hunt will demonstrate carving techniques. The demonstration will take place between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. both days.

Murder mystery improv on next week

The hypnotic motion of a moving train; long dresses, diamonds and gold cigarette cases; the aroma of fresh-ground Turkish coffees: the stage is set for a murder mystery dinner theatre extravaganza playing at the Waterside Bistro April 16.

Murder on the Disoriented Espresso is interactive theatre, Sid Filkow explained last week, but it is not quite the same format as other murder mystery events.

"It is an improv-able mystery," Filkow said. "There's a plot but it's going to be largely filled in with improv."

No one will be expected to solve the murder and the action will be improvised in the Salt Spring Hysterical Society vein. But theatre and dinner patrons are expected to get involved. They are invited to come in costume — something suitable from the 1930s to the 1950s. Travellers on the *Disoriented Espresso* must apply for a visa to travel April 16 and are expected to take their visas under a character name.

"Everyone will be under suspicion," Filkow said, "and everyone will have to have alibis

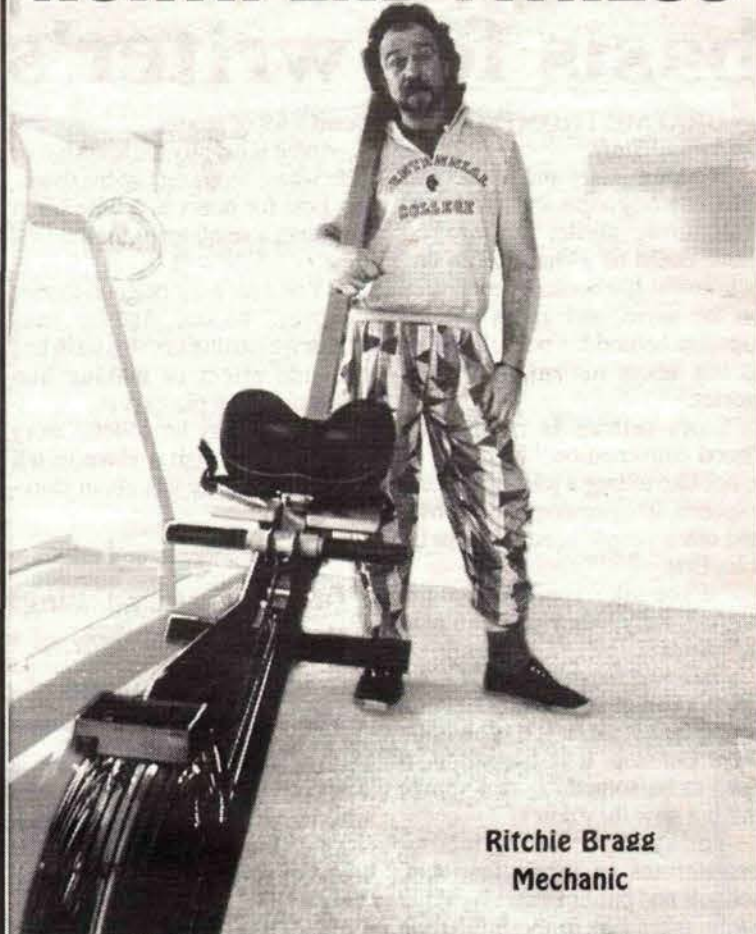
concerning the murder of the Count of Monte Crisco."

The train will be crawling with specialist police — Inspector McTavish of Scotland Yard (Arvid Chalmers) and Mahatmacoat of Interpol (Filkow). In addition, Edith Pilaf (Sue Bowler) will be making a special guest appearance and

other European dignitaries like Baron de Boeuf von Stroganoff (Shilo Zylbergold) will also be aboard.

The action takes place wholly in the dining car. Visas for the event cost \$25 per person and can be purchased only in advance from the Waterside Bistro.

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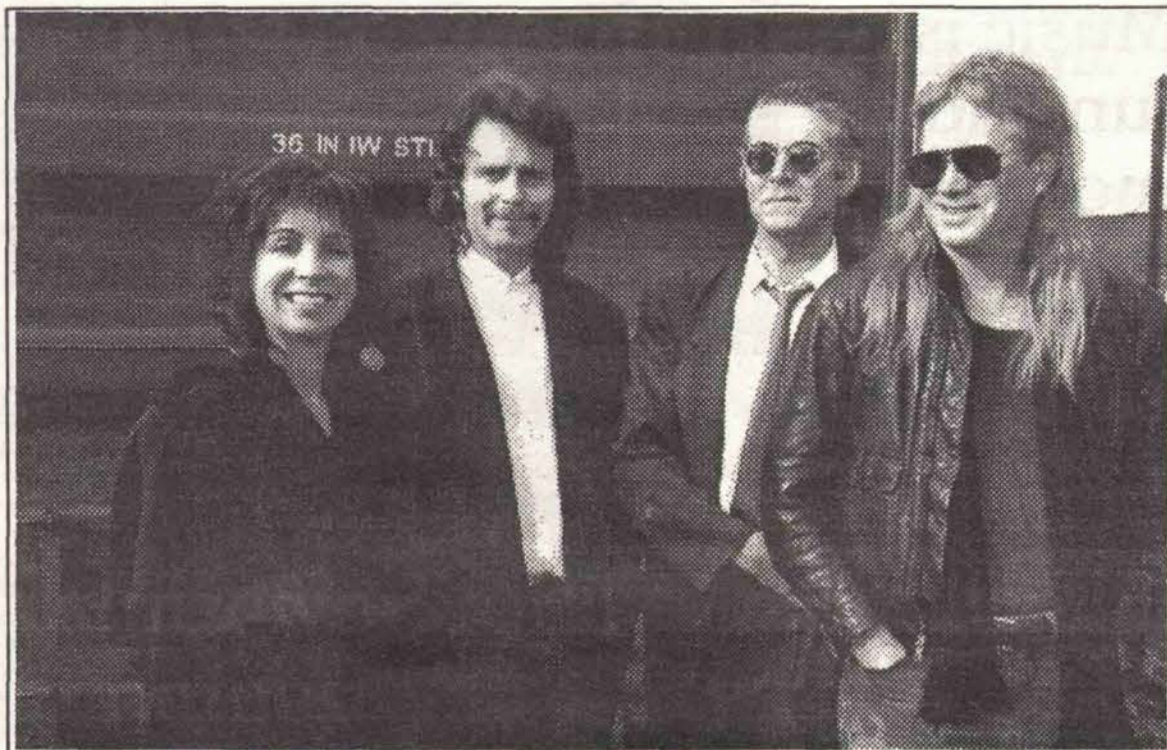
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April 8, 9, 10.....Jill Louise Campbell, artist at work, Alfresco.
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Apr. 9.....Keep Fit, 3pm
.....Dog Obedience, 3:30pm
.....Centred on Gardening, 4pm.
Apr. 11.....Keep Fit, 11am
.....Dog Obedience, 11:30am
.....Centred on Gardening, 12 noon



HURTIN' BLUES: Victoria band Elmore's Bar and Grill will play the blues this weekend at Moby's.

Blues on tap at Ganges gig

A popular Victoria blues band plays at Salt Spring Friday and Saturday, bringing "electric music for the mind and body," a press release said.

Regulars on the southern island blues bar scene for the last nine years, the band Elmore's Bar and Grill founded the Tuesday Night Blues Jam in Victoria. Original band members Johnny Shuffle on slide guitar and S.P. Wadsworth on bass are joined by Ken Preston on drums and Bill Johnson on guitar. They play blues from early stars like Chuck Berry and Muddy Waters to more recent artists, like Paul Butterfield and the Fabulous Thunderbirds.

A review in Monday Magazine labelled blues as "hurtin' music. If it doesn't hurt, it's rock and roll." Islanders who want to do some hurtin' can hear the band at Moby's.

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Music is fun and more for this band

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

It was a most unusual band concert.

Some of the players hummed along to the tunes, some got up and danced, some stared at the floor and some struck rhythm sticks together, either on or off the beat.

But for many watching the first performance by the Salt Spring Rhythm-airs last Wednesday, the achievements of the players verged on miraculous. Eighteen months ago, when the band was formed, some of the players couldn't stay in their seats for more than five minutes at a time — now they were participating in a shared activity for half an hour.

One band member who is autistic spent the first practices ignoring the other people present. He retreated to an adjoining alcove and walked around in circles, around and around, until the practice was over.

"You have to be prepared for the unexpected," says Denny Thomas, a volunteer who brings his musical talents to Ganges United Church every second week to coach the band.

Drawn from the Choices and the Community Initiatives program, the 15 band members are all mentally disabled to different degrees. Many are also dealing with physical disabilities. For example, one band member is blind, mentally disabled and hearing impaired.

'You have to be prepared for the unexpected,' says Denny Thomas, a volunteer who brings his musical talents to coach the band.

"We accept any special needs people," Thomas said. He has introduced band members to music by teaching them to play rhythm instruments, including sticks, castanets, blocks and marimbas.

But he doesn't plan to stop there. He has already begun teaching one member how to hold a guitar and hopes to teach this budding musician a few simple chords.

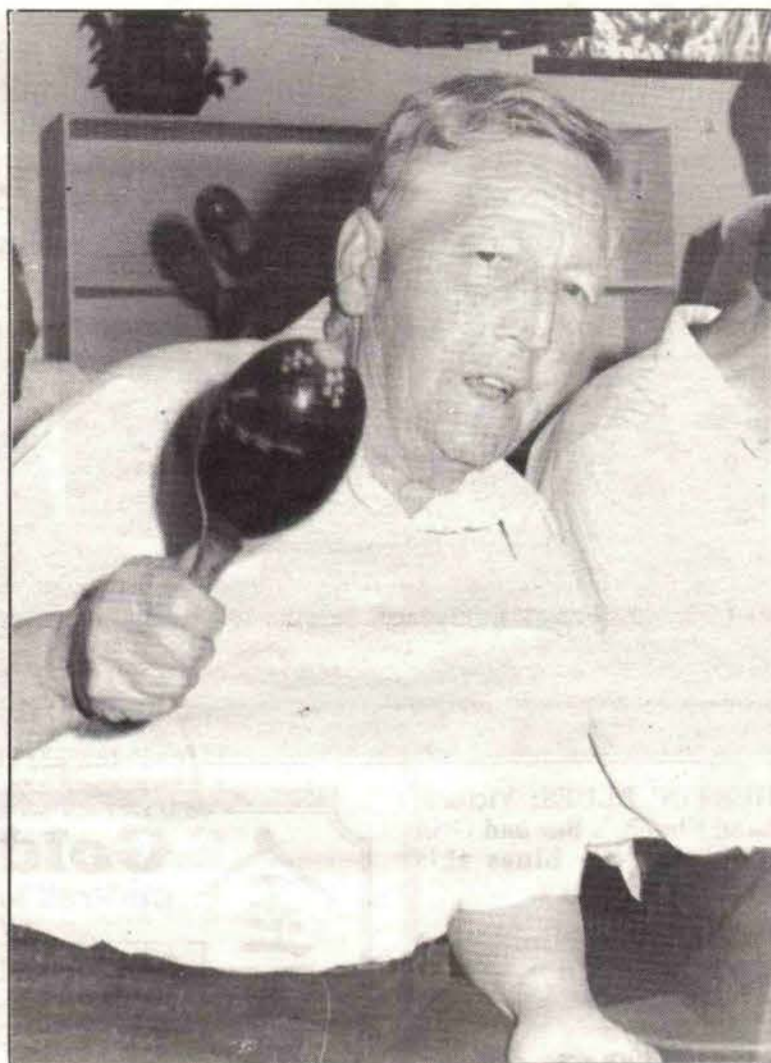
The goal, he says, is to expose the band members to live music, increase their attention spans and bring out their leadership skills by giving each member a chance to work as the group conductor.

"It's to improve their quality of life through the medium of music and have a lot of fun."

At Wednesday's concert, the fun aspect was obvious. Dressed in white tops and black slacks or skirts, most of the band members were obviously delighted by the music and by their chance to perform.

Some were having so much fun, they got up from their seats and danced. Thomas said such enthusiasm is common during band practice. In fact, he thought several of the band members were more subdued during Wednesday's performance.

This first performance was for family members and friends but Thomas hopes for a public performance in the future. In Saskatoon, he worked for seven years with a band which involved 35 of the



WHOLE LOTTA SHAKING: Mervin Austin sings and shakes during the Salt Spring Rhythm-airs concert last Wednesday. Behind him is another band member, Eddie Waddell.

most musically inclined members of a 400-member sheltered workshop.

"By the time I left Saskatoon, we had given 75 public concerts," Thomas recalled. That band also won two Kiwanis International Awards.

He hopes to develop the Rhythm-airs to the same standard, although he recognizes that some members of the Salt Spring group have more severe disabilities than those in the Saskatoon band.

Still, he says, the band members have achieved a great deal in the last 18 months. When the band was first started, several of the participants had attention spans of four to five minutes. Now they can concentrate through an hour-long practice.

Over the next year he hopes to introduce band members to different rhythms, including latin, operettas and classical music. Long-term possibilities include teaching band members how to play instruments like the guitar, mouth organ or accordion.

"This is down the road a long way," Thomas said.

The group usually works with a tape player, which provides the background music while band members work on rhythm. Tapes for the band are created by a friend of Thomas. "He's cut some special tapes just for this group."

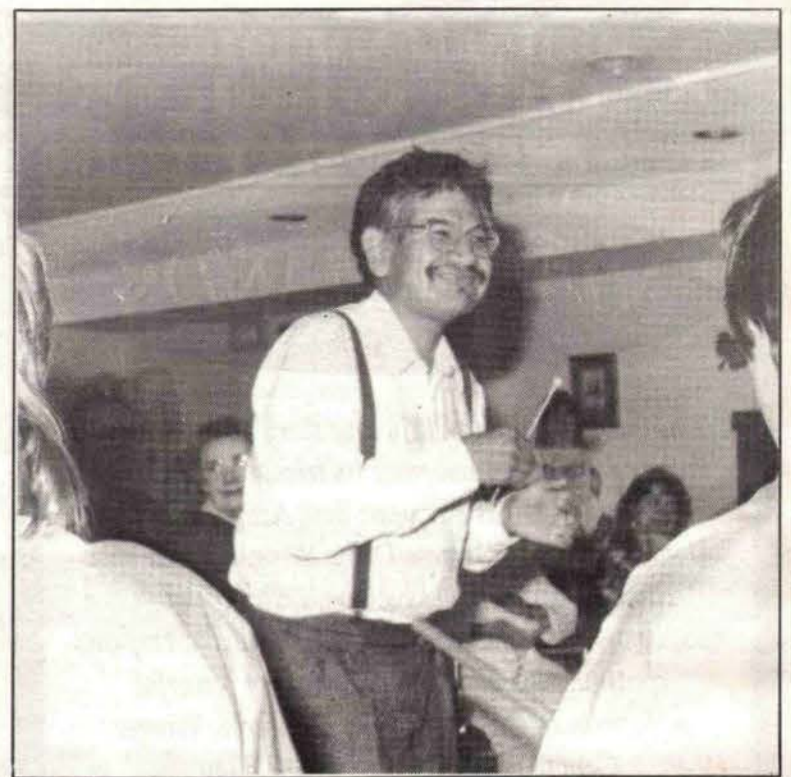
The band practices every second week, and staff members at Choices and Community Initiatives tell Thomas that their clients look forward to the practices.

For Wednesday's concert, musicians Murray Anderson and Alex McCauley joined Thomas in providing live music to complement the rhythm section. Anderson played piano, McCauley played saxophone and clarinet while Thomas handled the violin and bass fiddle.

For Thomas, seeing the progress of band members has been sufficient reward for his efforts. "I get more out of it than they do."

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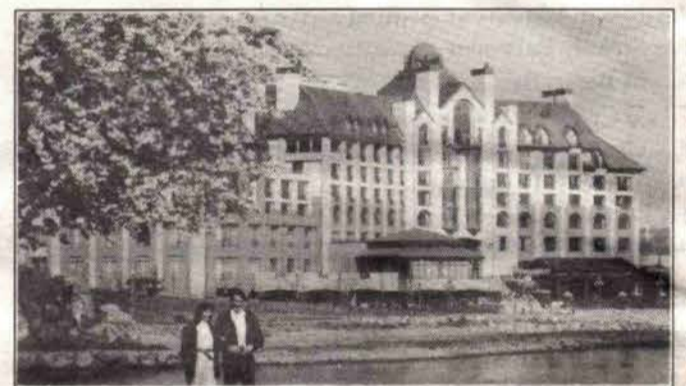
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AND-A-ONE, AND-A-TWO: Dominic George takes over conducting the Salt Spring Rhythm-airs during their concert last Wednesday.

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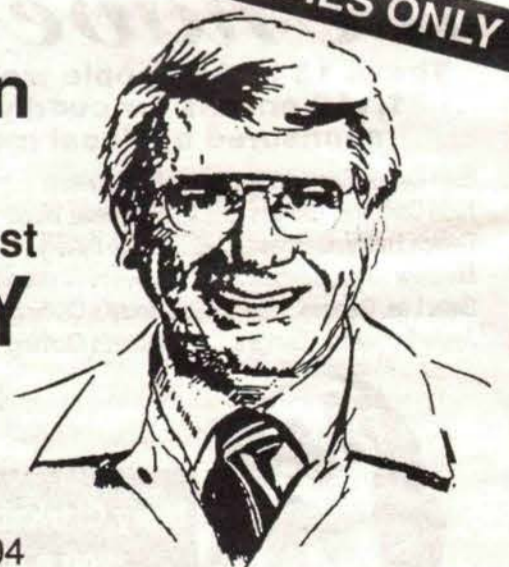
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06 DEATHS

CARTWRIGHT, MARY JANE. Passed away at Richmond General Hospital, March 29, 1994. Born February 25, 1907, at Ashington, Co. Durham, England. Predeceased by husband Allan, in 1976. Lovingly remembered by son, John Laurence (Aileen), Calgary, Alberta; daughter Nancy Patricia, Richmond, B.C. 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Sisters Elsie Atkinson, Langley, B.C. and Edna l'Anson, Nenthead, Cumbria, England. Was predeceased by 3 sisters and a brother. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Our mother was a lifetime member of St. John The Divine Anglican Women's Auxiliary in Quesnel. She came to Canada in 1926, married in 1928, and lived on Salt Spring Island until 1967 with her husband. Since 1976, she also resided in Vernon, New Westminster, and Richmond. Special thanks to Dr. V. Lewis and the staff of 2 South. No service at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Richmond General Hospital, 7000 Westminster Hwy., Richmond, B.C. V6X 1A2. 14

VIRGINIA AMORSEN

421 ELIZABETH DR.
SATURDAY, APRIL 9
1 - 4 pm.

Virginia's family invite all friends and neighbours to come and celebrate the life of a very special lady.

8 CARD OF THANKS

"THANK YOU"

From Time Flies
A thousand thank yous go out to all those who helped TIME FLY through the spring break!
Thanks to you, the show was a huge success!

- * Lawrie Neish, Sharon Bettger and the GAC
- * Salt Spring Elementary School
- * Waterfront Gallery
- * KIS Office Services
- * et cetera
- * Thrifty Foods
- * Embe Bakery
- * Ilse Leader, Michael Robb, Donna Johnstone, Larry Robson, Leroy Jensen, Rob Denny, Bob Burbidge
- * Patricia Fraser and Norah Perkins
- * The Fabric Guild
- * Blackstone Graphics
- * Fulford School
- * Gail Temmel
- * Illyd Perkins, Naim Howe and their families

We couldn't have flown without you!

11 COMING EVENTS

PUBLIC FORUM to discuss the results of the SVOVA survey on Violence and Abuse and how to prevent further violence and abuse in our community. Activity Centre, April 27, 8:00 p.m. We need your input. Leave an anonymous message with your ideas, concerns, criticism and suggestions. 537-1482. 14

WOODWIND QUINTET of Vancouver Chamber Orchestra Artspring Benefit Concert, Pearson College, Victoria, April 29, 8 pm. United Church, Ganges, Apr. 30, 8 pm. South community Hall, Galiano, May 1, 6 pm. Ganges admission \$6.50. Tickets at et cetera, Sharon's or door. 14

11 COMING EVENTS

IN CONCERT - Lucie Blue Tremblay, Saturday, April 16, Ganges United Church, 8 pm. Tickets available at Rare Find and et cetera. 15

MEN, WOMEN, COUPLES - improve your communication. Register for "That's Not What I Said", "That's Not What I Mean". Course runs April 28 - May 11, 4 Wednesdays, 7-9 pm. 537-4448. SSI Parks and Recreation Commission. 15

TOTEM & TEMPLE: for a healing and rebuilding of person and planet, in Vancouver; Open lecture April 8, Seminar April 9 & 10. Please call Richard 604-255-1595. Preparation for a healing tour through the Rocky Mountains. To collect our old Indian energies. 14

GET FIT for summer. Step Aerobic Classes for all ages and levels. Co-ed, Mon.-Wed., Fri., 5:10 - 6:10 pm. 215 Baker Rd. Save 30% when you pre-register. Drop-in \$5. Please come early if you've never done a Step Class before. Bring a Mat, water bottle, clean runners. Call Damaris, 653-4877. 14

ANNE VAN BASTELAERE to speak on Global March and its personal effects at SSI Women's Aglow, Apr. 14 at Alfresco Restaurant, 8:45 am. - 11 am. Cost \$4.50 includes Continental breakfast. Reservations: call Barb Robinson, 537-2336 or Trish Byron, 537-9825. 14

SAVE 30% - Pre-register Tuesday and Thursday morning fitness in Ganges. 9:30 - 10:30 215 Baker Rd. All levels welcome, co-ed. Call Marianne for more info., 537-5870, or drop-in \$5. 14

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8 Consecutive Classes \$40
For info, call **537-2326**

11 COMING EVENTS



SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY SPRING WORKSHOPS

"How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk"
7 week course:
Apr. 7 to May 19
7 pm. - 9:30 pm. - \$50

NEW L.E.T.S. (Local Exchange Trading System) Meeting
Sat., Apr. 9 1-4 pm. FREE

LEARNING TO ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES
Mon., Apr. 11 1-4 pm. - \$10.00

A CHILD'S BRAIN
Tues., Apr. 12 7-9 pm. - FREE

Phone 537-9971 to Pre-Register 14

DRUM & DANCE WEEKEND

at Beaver Pt. Hall
"RHYTHM IN THE GROOVE"
with Gordy Ryan of BABA OLATUNJI'S DRUMS OF PASSION

For Beginners & Advanced Players
SAT. APRIL 16
10-2 - \$35
Bring Drums & Other Percussion Instruments. *

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With live music by **NATIVE GROUND TRIO**
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SAT. APRIL 16 - 8 PM.

Tickets \$8 at et cetera \$10 at the door
Call 537-1778 to register and for information

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APRIL 23 FULFORD HALL
Doors Open: 10 AM. - 1 PM.
TABLES: Call 653-9502 or 653-4450

11 COMING EVENTS



An After School Theater Arts and Recreation Program for junior teens
(10-13 years old).
Monday-Wednesday-Fridays

A.S.T.A.R. will give junior teens an opportunity to express and create, act and perform for each other in an environment that supports the creative process of each participant.

Through a variety of unique theatre and recreational games, they will develop a theatrical production based on their own ideas.

A.S.T.A.R. begins Wednesday, April 6, at the Youth Centre, from 3:30 - 5:30. Enrolment can be on a full or part-time basis. Drop in on Wednesdays.

BONUS! BONUS!
An after-school snack will be provided before the program begins.

COST
• For full-time enrolment (Mon., Wed., Fri.) on a monthly basis is \$99.00
• For part-time enrolment (Mon. & Fri.) in April is \$54.00 and in May \$63.00.
• Drop-in fee (Wednesdays only) is \$10.00
* subsidies available

INSTRUCTOR: DENISE BERTRAND
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15

To Register, please call The Salt Spring Island Community Society
537-9971

FIREMEN'S GARAGE SALE

Coming Saturday
April 30
9 am. - Noon
Ganges Firehall

Donations of Clean Saleable Goods Gratefully Accepted.

Please call Mon.-Fri. 537-2531 for pickup



Dr. Yos Santasombat, Anthropologist.
Sunday, April 17
Catholic Church Hall,
Drake Rd.
7 pm. Dessert and Coffee.
7:30 pm. Address.

11 COMING EVENTS

SSI PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

(at the Community Centre)
SAT., APRIL 9
10 am. - 2 pm.
Meet the teachers,
talk to parents.

Openings remain for September
(1990/91 birthdate).

More info -
Gail 537-9149

EL SALVADORE: "Elections of the Century"

Andrea Clark
member of international
monitoring delegation
presents

SLIDES & REPORT

Tuesday, April 12,
7:30 pm.
United Church Hall
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April 8, 9 10:

- Totem and Temple,
US \$375

Contacts for location:
(604) 255-1595 or (207)
568-3139

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

DRESSINGS ARE free to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Dee Roberts, 653-4655. tfn

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

Salt Spring... 537-2317 or 537-2270

Galiano... 539-2235 or 539-5770

Pender... 629-3312

Ladies only -

Thursday nights 8:00 p.m.
Please call 537-5538 or 653-4699.

Alanon/Alateen -
A program for family and friends of alcoholics.
For further information call 653-4288 or 537-2941

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"

Donations of cash, property or life insurance now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. "In Memoriam" gifts will be acknowledged with a card. Include names and addresses of recipient, next of kin and donor for tax receipt. Scholarships, land for parks, and relief of hardship are but a few directions in which your foundation serves the community. Please mail donations and requests for information to The Salt Spring Island Foundation, P.O. Box 8, Ganges, B.C., V0S 1E0 or call Bob Rush at 537-2501.

17 EDUCATION

IS EDUCATION the answer for preventing further violence and abuse in families? Give us your input anonymously before the Public Forum on April 27. Call 537-1482, SWOVA. 14

A NEW Career? Lots of jobs available. Trained Apartment, Condominium Managers needed - all areas. We can train you now! Free Job Placement Assistance 681-5456/1-800-665-8339.

COUNSELLOR TRAINING Institute of Vancouver offers correspondence courses for the certificate of Counselling Studies to begin on the 15th of the month. For a brochure Phone Toll-free 1-800-665-7044.

A CAREER in B.C.'s fastest growing industry? Dubrulle French Culinary School offers full time 17 week cooking/pastry program. Government funding and placement assistance. Enroll now for May classes. Call 738-3155 or 1-800-667-7288 (B.C.).

COACHING. EVERY year in Canada, hundreds of paid coaching jobs go unfilled due to a lack of properly qualified coaches. Douglas College now offers Canada's first two-year diploma program in coaching. This program has been specially designed in partnership with sports governing bodies to ensure you'll have the skills you need to start a career as a coach or to further your studies at a university. Not only will you learn coaching principles, anatomy and physiology, care and prevention of injuries and sports administration but you'll also gain valuable real-life experience in three work place settings. You'll be well qualified to start a new career either as a self-employed coach or as a coach with a community sports club. Call (604)527-5478 today to find out how to apply for the Fall 1994 semester. Apply now, spaces are limited.

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DEADLINE NOTICE

Regular Classification
Deadline:
MONDAY NOON

Too Late To Classify
Deadline:
TUESDAY NOON

17 EDUCATION



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23 IN MEMORIAM

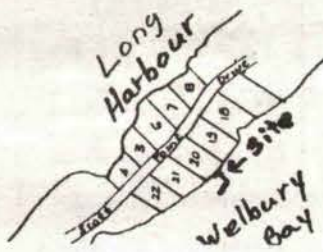
FIDLER, JOHN - in loving memory of our dear grandson who passed away suddenly Apr. 8, 1988. "Memories are like threads of gold. They never tarnish or grow old." Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. Grandpa & Grandma Cockburn. 14

FRIENDS OF the late Peter Stevens are invited to a Memorial Tea on Apr. 9 from 2 to 4 at the Fulford OAPA Hall. 14

26 LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND

Take notice that Donald Edward Murray of Vancouver, occupation Businessman, intends to make application to the Ministry of Crown Lands regional office in Victoria for a licence of occupation of land generally situated in Welbury Bay, Salt Spring Island, B.C., and more specifically described below: commencing at a post planted on the natural boundary of Lot 20, District Lot 1, North Salt Spring Island, Plan 16652, distant 30.5 metres from the most westerly corner of said Lot 20; thence 216°, 12.0 metres; thence 306°, 24.5 metres; thence 216°, 4.0 metres; thence 126°, 28.5 metres; thence 36°, 16.0 metres; thence northwesterly to the point of commencement and containing 0.016 ha. more or less. The purpose for which the land is required is private boat moorage facilities. Comments concerning this application may be made to the Ministry of Environment, Lands, & Parks, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X5, 387-5011. File # 1408077. Dated February 2, 1994.



29 LOST & FOUND

FOUND SOMETHING? Driftwood would like to match up what you have found with the person who owns it. Call in your found ads at no charge. Free "Found" ads, a community service of Gulf Islands Driftwood, Mon. - Fri., 8:30 - 4:30, 537-9933. tfn

LOST: MOUAT Park, March 26th, Walking stick, sentimental value. 537-9268 Reward. 14

FOUND: LADIES GLOVES, earring, car key and bags. May be claimed at et cetera. 14

"LOST" OVER the last year. Six children's coats, one a brand new white spring jacket, one a fleece lined jeans jacket with hood, one fluorescent coloured, also fluorescent coloured bike helmet. All at SS Elementary. Parents: don't you notice what your kids bring home from school? Please call 537-4497. 14

FOUND: GINGER male cat on Beddis Rd. 537-2123. 14

32 MEETINGS

CENTRAL HALL Community Society Annual General Meeting, Sunday April 10 at 2pm. Election of officers. 14

PUBLIC MEETING for alternate high school program. Teens welcome. Monday, April 11, 7:15 pm. at Salt Spring Centre School, 355 Blackburn Rd. Call 537-9522 for info. 14

BEDDIS WATER DISTRICT Annual General Meeting & Election of Trustees

APRIL 14 - 7:30 PM.
UNITED CHURCH
BASEMENT
111 Hereford Ave.



SPECIAL MEETING ON FARM LAND TAXATION

Guest Speaker:
Ron Townsend and Allison Bissett of the B.C. Assessment Authority as well as a representative from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Hear all about Agricultural Land classification, valuation and taxation.

Bring your questions and a friend.

April 12 - 7:30 pm.
FARMERS' INSTITUTE BUILDING
on Rainbow Rd.

Open to everyone, you need not be a member. If you're concerned, please attend.

Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club will be held in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, April 13, 1994 at 8:00 pm. The agenda for the meeting is posted on the notice board in the Clubhouse. By Order of the Board of Directors.
Jill Wheaton, Secretary

Greenwoods, the Gulf Islands Intermediate & Personal Care Society and Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Society

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING RE: POSSIBILITY OF A MERGER

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1994
7:30 PM.
Meaden Hall, Royal Canadian Legion



S.S.I. Historical Society

Regular Meeting
April 12 - 2:30
Central Hall

SPEAKERS: Ivan and Sue Mouat - "History of Newspapers on Salt Spring"
Visitors Welcome

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

32 MEETINGS



ISLANDS TRUST ADVISORY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Salt Spring Island Trust is seeking individuals willing to serve on the Advisory Transportation Committee (ATC) to review and provide advice regarding a variety of transportation issues facing Salt Spring Island. The ATC will be asked to advise the Local Trust Committee in local matters such as road standards, cycle paths, parking, traffic circulation and ferry schedules.

The Advisory Transportation Committee (ATC) will meet at least once monthly on a regular basis. Considerable involvement will be required throughout the Official Community Plan review, scheduled for 1994. Membership on the ATC is for a two year term.

For more information, or to express an interest, please write to:
Salt Spring Island Trust Committee,
Box 840,
Ganges, B.C.
V0S 1E0.
Attention: Linda Adams,
Senior Planner.

School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) to be held in the School Board Office, Wednesday, April 13, 1994, at 12:30 pm.
Public Welcome!

FULFORD HARBOUR WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Annual General Meeting

April 18, 1994 - 7:30 pm.
at Rodrigues Restaurant
Election of 1 trustee for 3 year term.

34 NOTICES / PERSONAL

SWOVA INVITES individuals interested in volunteering for our emergency response network for women leaving violent situations. Experience in crisis work an asset or willing to train. Contact SWOVA at 537-1336 or Mariana at 653-2002. 14

SALT SPRING Pipers & Drummers Assoc. looking for pipers and drummers. Excellent teachers. Beginners welcome. Phone 537-1919 or 537-5033, leave message. 14

LITTLE RED Schoolhouse preschool at Beaver Point has openings for children 3 to 5 years in our 2-day, 2-1/2 hour program. For more information or to arrange a visit, call Anne at 653-4343 or 653-4998. 14

35 NOTICES / COMMERCIAL

GYMNASTICS - ADVANCE class to continue on Wednesday nights only from April 13-May 25. Please register at the Portlock Park office, 537-4448, SSI Parks and Recreation Commission. 14

B.C.'S EXOTIC Animal and Bird Auction. April 16, 17. Armstrong B.C. Fair Grounds. All indoors. Miniature or exotic - We've got it. Consignments welcome. Info - Ron Peace, 493-2218. Doug Peace 498-2128.

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MACPLUS FOR Beginners - last chance before fall to become computer literate. A popular course, back by demand. Register now at Portlock Park, 537-4448. Course runs April 20 - May 25, 6 Weds., 7 - 9 pm. 15

35 NOTICES / COMMERCIAL

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Ganges

Saturday
April 16, 1994

HOURS:
1:00 TO 4:00 PM.

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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40 PERSONALS

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4034.

TO THE men who chose not to
answer our survey on violence
and abuse: please call anony-
mously and tell us why. We sent
out equal numbers to men and
women and the surveys were
gender neutral. Did you give
them over to your wives or girl-
friends to fill out? Were you
turned off by something? Please
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Sincerely, SWOVA.

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42 TRAVEL

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**50 BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES**

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and/or abuse have to restrict
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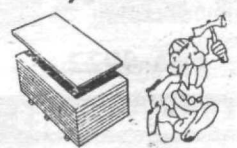
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SAT. APR 9, 190 Mobrae, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 10 speed bike, stereo/speakers, record player, vacuum cleaner, new shower stall, speakers, books, tapes, household misc. No early birds please. 14

GREAT GARAGE Sale, Batmani! Saturday, Apr. 9, 10 am. - 1 pm. at the Salt Spring Centre, 355 Blackburn Rd. Lots of kids toys, books, a potter's wheel, homebaking and miscellaneous wonderful stuff. Rain or shine. 14

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 - 10 am. - 4 pm., 720 Vesuvius Bay Rd. at corner of Bayview. Wide variety. 14

ATTIC TO Basement Sale. Some plants, Ganges United Church basement, Saturday, April 9, 10 am. Bargains. 14

120 Creekside Dr., April 10, 9 am. - 2 pm. Remains of estate sale, household and misc. items. 14

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MOVING SALE. 210 Sunset Dr., April 9, 10 - 4. Only a few treasures, mostly odds and ends. No dealers. 14

YARD SALE - stuff you've been looking for: tables, pictures, antique mirror, jewellery, fabrics, bedspread, etc. Sat., Apr. 9, 10 - 2. Rain date, Sunday. 140 Booth Canal Rd. 14

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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

YOUNG MAN, 20, working in Ganges, requires room as soon as possible, within walking distance. Must be reasonable, clean, comfortable. Call 537-4009. 14

EXECUTIVE HOME sought by middle-aged professional couple; long term; non-smokers; excellent references. 537-4094. 14

WANTED: SHARED or single accommodation by N.S., (mostly) vegetarian male. Local references. No pets. 537-4079, Aarran. 15

WANTED: HOUSE to rent on SSI May or June to August 31 for single non-smoking, responsible woman academic, possibly with dog and cat, both house-trained. 537-5614. 15

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SUNNY 2 bedroom house wanted to rent, long term, for responsible N/S woman. Local references available. Call 537-4229. 14

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WANTED: DAYBED-style brass bed, and captain's bed. Mattresses or no mattresses. Call 537-5148.

FRIENDS OF the late Peter Stevens are invited to a memorial tea on Apr. 9 from 2 to 4 at the Fulford OAPO Hall.

HOPSCOTCH - REOPEN again! New team, new spirit, new ideas! Please come and consign your preloved children's clothing. 50% off all baby items. McPhillips, 537-5560.

CHECK OUT the great garage sale at the Salt Spring Centre, 355 Blackburn Rd., Sat., April 9, 10 am. - 1 pm.

HELP WANTED: Vesuvius Inn is now looking for energetic dishwashers, prep cooks and line cooks. Interested applicants please call Debra, 537-9401.

1 BDRM. COTTAGE, washer, dryer, North End, \$475/mo. 82 GMC S-10 pickup, V6, 5 spd. \$3000. 537-2414 after 6 pm.

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NEWLETS GENERAL meeting, Sat. 9 April, Community Centre, 1 pm. Public welcome. Admission free. Members especially asked to attend. We need dedicated members on Steering Committee.

FOR SALE: good used colonial couch and swivel rocker, \$200. 537-1065.

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GARAGE SALE: Kitchen cabinets, appliances, fibreglass shower stall, doors, lock sets, stainless steel sink, baseboard heaters, plumbing and light fixtures and misc. household items. Sat., Apr. 9, 9:30 am. to 2 pm. 228 Salt Spring Way.

LOCAL STUDENT returning to island for summer seeking accommodation. Call collect, 721-0567.

FOR RENT: May 1, new 2 bdrm. cottage, each with ensuite, bathroom, fabulous ocean and island views. Hardwood floors, fireplace. Lease required. \$800 per month plus \$120 utilities. 537-9697.

HOUSE FOR rent, 2 bdrm. near Ganges and ocean. Beautiful view. Want N/S interested in gardening. References. Long term. \$800/mo. 537-5693.

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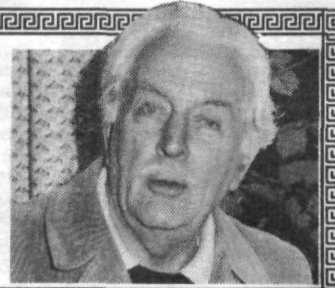
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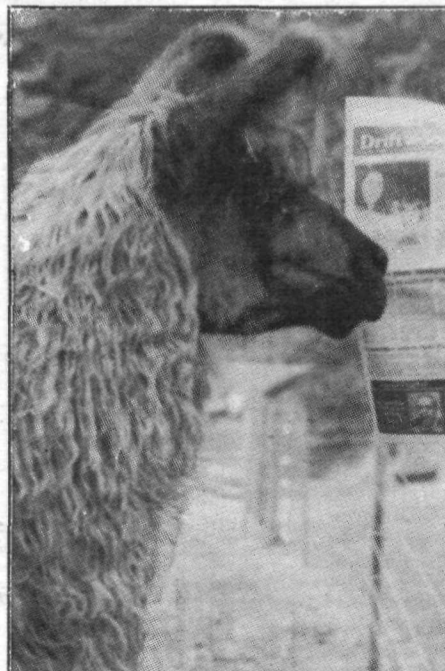
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As of that date, all reservations on that route must be paid in advance.

If the booking is cancelled or changes to the sailing date or time are requested within five days of the reserved date, there will be a \$10 service fee charged.

There will be no fee if the vehicle reservation is cancelled or changed more than five days before the original reserved sailing.

Anyone who misses their reserved sailing through not showing up or checking in late will also be assessed a \$10 service fee. Travellers will no longer have the

option of transferring their reservation payment to other routes or throughfare.

The regulations are part of B.C. Ferries' new vehicle reservation system for the Long Harbour to Tsawwassen route.

Meanwhile, travellers on that route, or on other B.C. Ferries routes, may have spotted a new ship.

The new S class vessel, *Spirit of Vancouver Island*, began its scheduled service between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

The new ferry, commissioned in Vancouver in mid-February, is a twin to the *Spirit of B.C.* The *Spirit of Vancouver Island* will be based at Swartz Bay.

Each of the two superferries can carry 470 vehicles and 2,100 passengers.

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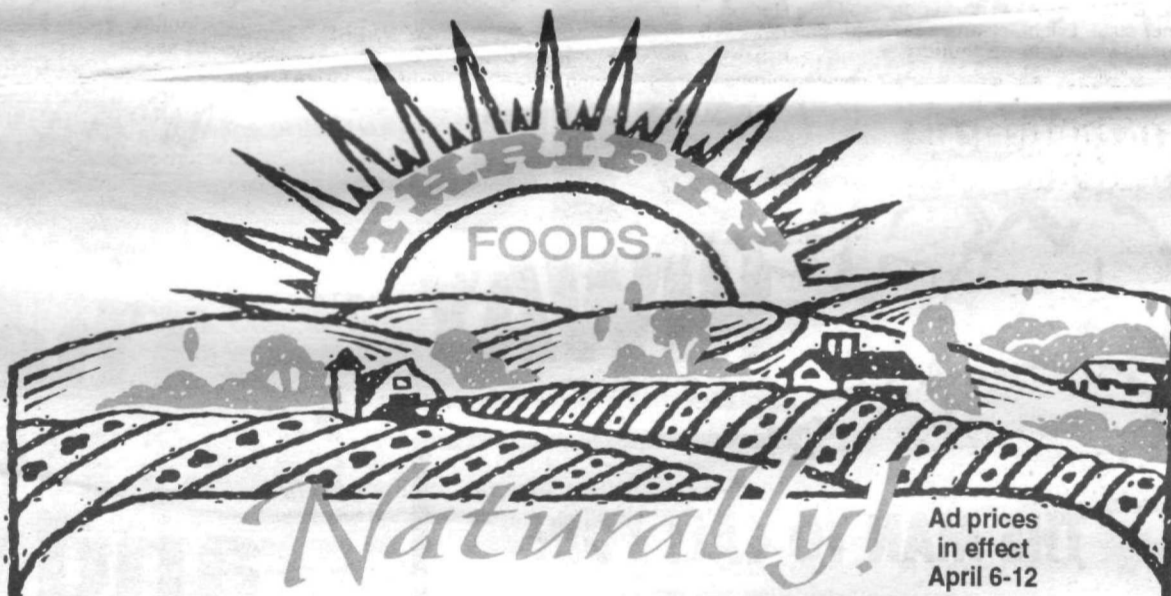
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Thieves removed blocks to steal liquor

Thirty years ago

April 3, 1964

• Thieves pounded their way into the liquor store by night, removing three cement blocks in the rear wall about three feet above the ground to gain entrance to the building. The break-in occurred between 10:30 p.m. Saturday night and 2 a.m. Sunday. Several hundred dollars' worth of booze was stolen, but no cash from the safe.

Damage to the safe was similar to that which occurred during a break-in at the old building in October 1962. The thieves left through a side door.

• Islander Wes Addy went to Alberni recently to see what had happened to his son and his family after the tidal wave that hit the west coast of Vancouver Island. Addy said his son was awakened by a ship's warning alarm. The water rose to the roof of the house and totally destroyed it. The "sickening stench of sewage" was one of the most noticeable effects of the tidal wave.

Twenty-five years ago

April 10, 1969

• Pender Island took its first step toward self-government March 29 when property owners approved in principle the establishment of a trustee-run volunteer fire department. The 75 islanders who met at Port Washington were unanimous in authorizing the Chamber of

down through the years

Commerce to approach the regional district about the matter.

• P.G. James, a former provincial agriculturalist, told members of the Farmers' Institute that smokers should never touch tomato plants. Smoking causes mosaic in tomatoes.

• Residents near the beach on Trincomali Channel were protesting to Victoria officials about plans to release effluent from Maliview Estates into the water. Some residents expressed anger that while individual property owners had to build septic fields far away from the shore for fear of seepage, the large development was going to pump partially treated sewage into the channel.

Twenty years ago

April 4, 1974

• A new school holiday brought the first intimation of troubles to the islands. Campers from Victoria and the mainland filled campsites to capacity and within hours of their arrival, complaints started of excessive drinking. Youngsters, in both cases from Delta, caused disturbances at Mouat Park in Ganges and Montague Park on Galiano Island. Police had to be called in when the campers were ordered to leave the islands.

• A committee would administer the new community centre at Salt Spring Elementary School. The centre was a joint project of the school district and the regional district, paid partly by a local tax levy. In order to correlate the use of the building for school and community purposes and to collect fees, a committee has been appointed by both administrations.

Fifteen years ago

April 4, 1979

• The number of licensed passenger and commercial vehicles and motorcycles on the Gulf Islands had risen by almost 13 per cent in the last year, statistics from the Motor Vehicle Branch revealed. The figures show that last year's 3,007 passenger vehicle licences were up to 3,452; commercial vehicles increased from 1,779 to 1,417; and motorcycles from 84 to 148. For some reason the branch could not discover, Mayne Island figures were not included. They were lumped in with Sidney.

• A government-funded work project, Phoenix Orchards, finished up a poor apple season last year with 18 tons of apples.

The project, which cost the government \$31,000, sold 1,200 gallons of apple juice for \$3.95 a gallon.

A poor yield from trees which had not been pruned in some time was blamed for the small harvest. In addition to the juice, about four tons of apple chips, used for mulch or pig feed, was given away to islanders who came for it.

Ten years ago

April 4, 1984

• There would be no transit levy on the Hydro bills of Gulf Islanders as a result of a decision by the provincial cabinet, MLA Hugh Curtis said. Victoria Region Transit Commission had wanted to impose the levy but it had to be approved by cabinet. Curtis, who was also finance minister, said his position on the tax had not changed since it was first raised four years earlier.

He could not support a tax for a service for which islanders would derive no benefit.

• A lawyer came to the conclusion that B.C. Ferries could not be challenged in court for raising

fares. Salt Spring Transportation Committee had sought legal advice about claiming discrimination against islanders by the ferry corporation when recent fare increases were announced. The committee said it would shift its focus and try to get B.C. Ferries to hold public hearings before raising fares in the future.

Five years ago

April 5, 1989

• Salt Spring Islanders questioned the B.C. government's method of consulting the public and denounced the proposed Isabella Point ferry terminal. In the wake of Transportation Minister Neil Vant's announcement of a go-ahead for the new terminal, islanders met at the Activity Centre to protest the lack of consultation. Islands Trust trustee Nick Gilbert said the proposed terminal would destroy links to the Outer Islands, destroy a very large payroll on the island and put a monumental piece of pavement down the back of the island.

• A fundraising auction which included a Robert Bateman painting raised nearly \$8,000 for the proposed island arts centre. The auction closed a theme art exhibit on the island, Windborne.



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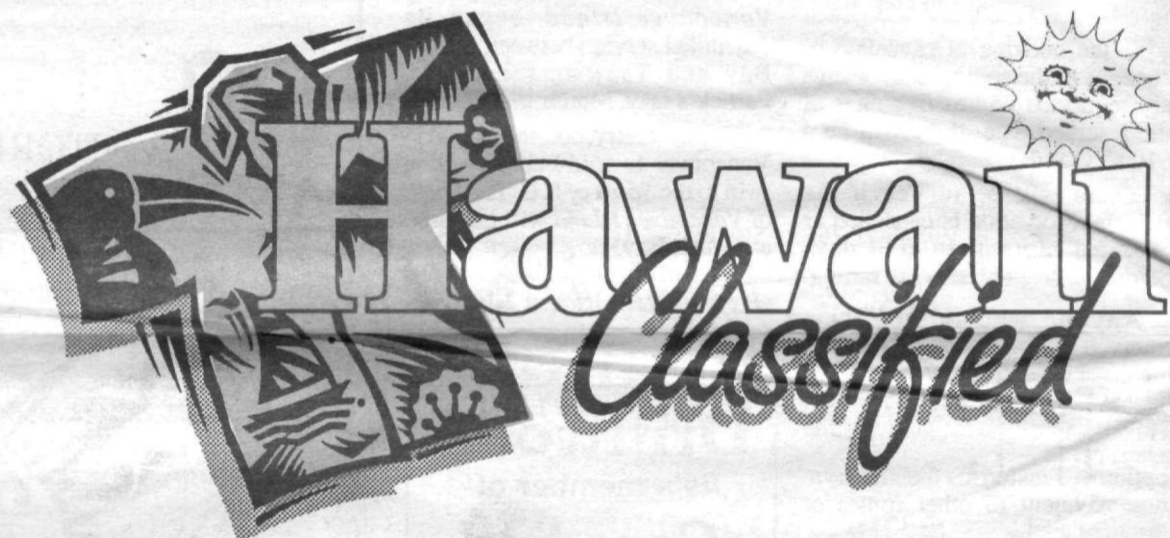
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