



Ball control

Jake Vandort of Salt Spring FC struggles for control of the ball during Sunday's game against Cowichan at Portlock Park. Salt Spring won 2-1. Story, Page B12. Photo by Tony Richards

Veteran trustee named director of schools negotiating group

Long-time Salt Spring school trustee Charles Hingston was named Sunday to the board of the B.C. Public School Employers' Association. He is one of nine directors who will be responsible for negotiating contracts with the province's teachers.

The new board will oversee all collective bargaining in the public education system in the province. It will bargain with public school employees on matters of salaries and benefits, administration and other contract matters. Previously each of the 75 school districts negotiated contracts with teachers, staff and administrators separately.

"This is a real opportunity for the people of British Columbia... to try something fresh," Hingston said Monday. "It's a whole new enterprise for B.C."

The Gulf Islands School District

has always taken a leadership role with respect to province-wide bargaining, he said. The district has already expressed a favour for interest-based, province-wide, two-tiered bargaining. Hingston, who has been a Salt Spring Island school trustee for 13 years, and was president of the B.C. School Trustees' Association for three years, has experience in school district issues.

"One of my strengths — people tell me — is they see me as being able to pull people together from diverse points of view," he said.

He may need that. Contracts for teachers expired June 30 and the newly elected body expects to sit down and start talking with



Hingston

the unions early in the fall. The B.C. Teachers Federation (BCTF) opposed the legislation which created province-wide bargaining last year.

Hingston said the board will have to decide two things right away with organizations like the BCTF: what will be bargained locally and what will be bargained province-wide and what the bargaining focuses will be.

Hingston said the well-being of teachers and the well-being of students in the province should not be two distinct matters. Both should be achievable through the same bargaining process. But the board and the teachers' union need to know where they each stand.

"It will not all be honey and light," he said, but he does remain positive. "We're partners in something that we wanted for a very long time. Let's get on with it."

Transit service shutting down; owner 'broke'

Maintenance costs running about three times over budget will put the brakes on John Cade's Salt Spring bus system.

Cade has announced a September 30 shutdown for Azure Transport Ltd., saying maintenance costs on his two buses "blew me away." Cade budgeted \$1,000 maintenance per month for each bus, but has spent over \$18,000 since launching the business June 24.

In total, Cade has invested \$75,000 in the system.

"I always said I'd run it until I go broke," Cade said Monday. "Now I'm broke."

Cade said it has been a waiting game since he took over the business last spring. All studies indicate transit systems cannot operate without a subsidy, he noted. Most get about 40 cents back on each dollar invested. The Salt Spring system was actually making about 60 cents per dollar, but costs "added up fast" with the operation of two buses, running a total 1,000 kilometres per day, seven days a week.

Ridership was actually higher than Cade anticipated, particularly on the south end route which carried about 100 people per day. But

maintenance costs have depleted the company's coffers.

"The bus that does the south end route has been literally shaken to pieces. The screws are falling out," Cade said, noting his drivers are equipped with new screws and screwdrivers. Tires are expiring within half their life expectancy; shocks and suspension need constant work. One bus broke down when its wiring shook loose, and the exhaust systems have needed servicing each week.

"I had no idea it would cost this much."

But other factors have led to the decision to close down. Cade said ridership has decreased since the Labour Day weekend; it has been difficult to obtain necessary services seven days a week on Salt Spring; and he believes the Salt Spring Island Public Transport Society is no closer to obtaining a subsidy for the local system.

Cade and the society hoped to obtain a grant-in-aid from the Capital Regional District to carry the bus service until funding could be more permanently budgeted. Ultimately, the island needs to go to referendum and have the sub-

TRANSIT A12

Hospital in good shape

Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital is looking financially healthy. That was the diagnosis last week of the hospital's auditor, Chris Fyfe, of chartered accountants Bestwick and Partners.

The hospital ended the fiscal year more or less at break-even point, he said, with an \$898 deficit in its \$4.3 million statement of revenues and expenses. Last year the hospital had a \$4,800 deficit.

Fyfe said the equity of the hospital — current assets of \$3.3 million minus current liabilities of \$3.1 million — was a "healthy account" at \$244,894, even though it was down slightly from last year's \$245,792.

Another healthy indicator of the hospital's financial position was its statement of cash flow. Fyfe said working capital was \$531,016, up from \$350,242 last year. He told society members the Ministry of Health guidelines for a hospital the size of Lady Minto suggest a working capital of between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

"You have double that," he said. "You are in a very good position."

Sheila who?

Deputy prime minister Sheila Copps comes from Hamilton, Ont., so hers is not a familiar face in the islands. And it wasn't familiar to Coast Guard officer Dave Howell, who ran across Copps on the dock at Ganges after she arrived by plane Sunday.

Realizing that Howell had not recognized her, Copps tried to jog his memory by referring to their mutual government employment. That's when Howell, who was on the dock preparing for a pollution control practice in the harbour, asked the visiting environment minister, "Oh, are you here for the exercise?"

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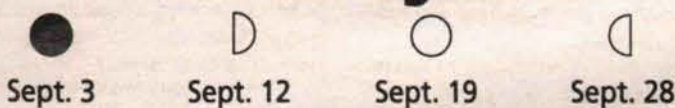
Island Savings was buying U.S. cash on Tuesday at the rate of 1.3238

Weather

High: 22 (Normal: 18) Low: 10 (Normal: 8)

Outlook: Wednesday will be sunny as will Thursday with highs on Thursday of 22 and lows of 10. Friday and Saturday will be sunny with cloudy periods, projected highs of 20 to 21 and lows of 10.

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	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
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22	0645	9.5	26	0235	3.5
TH	1210	6.6	MON	1045	9.6
	1755	9.8		1550	8.5
				1930	9.0
23	0030	3.7			
FRI	0740	9.6	27	0325	3.6
	1255	7.2	TUES	1155	9.6
	1820	9.6		1715	8.5
				2000	8.7
24	0110	3.6			
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Girl's suicide averted

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The girl was taken into police custody when the evening sailing of the vessel docked at Long Harbour, Ganges RCMP said. She was committed to Lady Minto Hospital under the terms of the Mental Health Act and later spent the night in police custody. Tuesday morning she was taken by ambulance crews to Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

A break-and-enter left minor damage to a house on Elizabeth Drive but no goods were stolen. The house was entered through a smashed window between Sunday afternoon and lunch-time Monday. Police are still investigating.

A single-vehicle accident on Dukes Road Saturday evening left one Salt Spring resident with minor injuries and about \$4,000 damage to the vehicle. The driver reported to police Sunday that he swerved to avoid a deer and went off the road and into a rock embankment.

Two boats have been turned into police this week: a canoe was found Sunday tied to a dock off Ontario Place and a small run-about was found on St. Mary Lake. Owners can contact police to claim their boats.

A head-on collision on Mansell Road Monday resulted in minor injuries and about \$1,500 damage to two vehicles. An island woman, driving a VW Rabbit, collided with a Toyota pick-up, driven by a Langley resident. The islander was charged with failing to keep right.

Still dry for fires —captain

Illegal and out-of-control fires were problems for the Salt Spring Fire Department this week. Fire Capt. Erling Jorgensen said it is "still fairly dry out there" and that only hand-fed small fires and controlled incinerator fires are allowed.

Among the incidents local firemen attended:

An incinerator fire got out of control last Tuesday on Long Harbour Road. The fire had ignited the siding on a house when the owner noticed it and extinguished it with a hose.

At least two illegal stump piles were extinguished by local firemen: one at Trincomali Heights and another on Northeast Road. Only small fires are allowed, which may include tree cuttings and limbs and garden waste but "nothing larger than that," Jorgensen said.

Firemen put out a rubbish fire at Harbour's End Marina Monday morning. Tires were being burned on the beach, which is not allowed.

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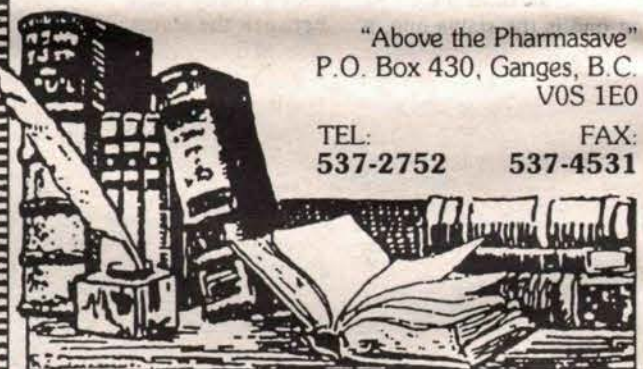
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Local government information meeting indicates limited interest by islanders

• More meeting coverage, A4

Lack of interest was the most significant feature of a meeting at Fulford Harbour Saturday to discuss options for local government. Of the approximately 120 chairs set out in Fulford Hall, 80 were empty.

Nor was the small crowd allowed to get out of order, as happened during a packed meeting on the same topic June 30.

Questions and comments from the floor were not accepted. Following an outline of the six options, those attending were invited to submit written questions to a five-member panel.

"This is purely an information meeting and will remain so," said Denis Browne, president of the sponsoring South Salt Spring Residents' and Property Owners' Association. Although he noted many people have different and strongly held options about incorporation on Salt Spring, he told the crowd the meeting would be a chance to hear different views.

Browne also warned those present that submitted political statements and speeches would not be read. "If I do not see a question in the first sentence, the paper will be filed," he said, suggesting anyone who wants to make a speech could hire a hall and arrange a separate meeting.

Having laid down the ground rules, Browne introduced the panel. Pat Byrne and Gary Holman spoke on the three non-incorporation options and David Borrowman, Jesse James and Lyda Smith spoke on the other three.

Option one is the status quo, a condition which Byrne defined as either "Latin for the mess we're in right now" or "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Responsibilities on the island are divided among different authorities. The Islands Trust looks after land use planning while the Capital Regional District (CRD) handles services such as health, sewage disposal, animal control, parks and recreation, garbage disposal and building inspection.

Fire control is handled through a fire improvement district. One



HEARING THE OPTIONS: Islands Trust members Grace Byrne, centre, and Bob Andrew, to Byrne's left, joined Trust planner Linda Adams, right, at Saturday's town hall meeting to hear discussion on local government options.

Photo by Tony Richards

water board is under CRD control and the rest are local initiatives. The Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH) keeps roads upgraded and also approves subdivisions.

Even if the present hodgepodge of responsibilities is maintained, Byrne suggested a greater effort should be made to explain the different jurisdictions clearly to the public.

A variation on keeping the status quo is to assemble all of the various governing bodies into a central building or office, Byrne said.

A halfway point between the status quo and incorporation was outlined by Holman, who described the local community commission concept. It includes three sub-options, Holman said.

One is to set up a local community commission of individuals chosen from the community, including the CRD director. Under this option, the commission would be an advisory body to the CRD director and would take over administration of some island services now handled by the CRD.

Although it is not clear how this option would operate, Holman

said one danger is that it puts a great deal of power into the hands of the CRD director.

The second sub-option is to increase the number of Islands Trust members. At present, Holman noted, the Local Trust Committee (LTC) consists of two local trustees plus a chairman drawn from another Trust Committee on another Gulf Island.

This results in a non-island resident holding the deciding vote if trustees do not agree on an issue. Increasing the membership of the LTC

would put the deciding vote in the hands of locally elected people, Holman said.

The third alternative is to integrate trustees and the regional director into a local council. It would be similar in size and operation to a municipal council but would not be backed by incorporation. Although trustees and the regional director now meet informally, Holman said this third option would formalize the meetings.

The local council could take different forms. Holman suggested two: election of five trustees with one also serving as CRD director and one as alternate or election of three trustees, one CRD director and one alternate.

Holman said this option could take two to three years to implement as it would require changes in provincial legislation and approval of the Trust for election of more trustees on Salt Spring.

Former CRD director Julia Atkins asked if it would be possible to set up a local community commission under the Islands Trust.

Borrowman said the commission would only deal with services, which are now handled by the regional district and not by the Trust.

Most of the questions posed at the meeting referred to the remaining three options, all of which would require incorporation. (See related story.)

Although just over 40 people had turned out by the start of the meeting, by the end less than 30 remained in the hall. Among those present were CRD director Dietrich Luth and Local Trust Committee members Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew.

A greater effort should be made to explain the different jurisdictions clearly to the public.

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Communities grow up and incorporate—Borrowman

Has Salt Spring grown up enough for incorporation?

That was the unspoken question Saturday evening at a government options discussion meeting in Fulford Hall, which drew just over 40 people to discuss future government on the island.

Of the six options presented by panel members Pat Byrne, Gary Holman, David Borrowman, Jesse James and Lyda Smith, three require incorporation. "It's the standard formula for communities which grow up and want to take care of their own affairs," Borrowman said.

He outlined the fourth option arising from a study into local government: a special municipal structure designed specifically for Salt Spring. At present, only Whistler and Vancouver have specially designed municipal structures.

Salt Spring would remain part of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Islands Trust under the option, but would also gain a local municipal council which would have all the powers of a municipality.

"We are largely administered from off-island," Borrowman noted. "It is in our nature always to be suspicious of off-island government."

One outcome of a local municipal council would be a greater feeling of democracy. At present, island government rests in the hands of very few elected officials who may have tremendous power.

For example, Borrowman noted one regional director was single-handedly responsible for administering hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants-in-aid. Current director Dietrich Luth made the decision on his own to grant \$96,000 to ArtSpring via an increased tax levy. Residents might feel better governed if such decisions were made by a group instead of an individual, Borrowman said.

Drawbacks to incorporation include the possibility of making expensive mistakes once the municipality is responsible for services and can tax to pay for them.

Some people fear incorporating will lead to the provincial government withdrawing financial support from Salt Spring and downloading responsibilities, leading to higher taxes.

There is also a fear that a cash-short municipality would court development, in order to bring more money in to pay for services.

Borrowman said part of the proposed designer municipality for Salt Spring is a "lean and mean" design with controls on spending. For example, a referendum requirement could be built in for any major expenditure and such a referendum could require 60 per cent approval rather than the more common 50 per cent.

"Council would be kept on a very short fiscal leash," Borrowman said.

Other special features could include special tax rates for farm and forest land and the ability to control liability for trails. But Borrowman noted the designer municipality would take more time to develop and implement than a standard municipality.

The next option, an "off-the-shelf municipality" outlined by James, would be easier to implement than a designer municipality. Under this option, Salt Spring would become a district municipality similar to others in the province which are governed by the Municipal Act.

Residents would elect a mayor and four council members, either at large or through a ward system. Many of the services now handled by the CRD would be handled by local government. Within a few years of incorporation, local government would also assume costs for services like police and highways maintenance.

To offset those increased costs, James said, the new municipality could put the provincial start-up grants into a reserve against future costs. She suggested there would be no dramatic tax increases when the provincial government stopped providing police or road maintenance services.

"A municipality does not have to have a voracious appetite for money," James said. "A municipality is us."

Salt Spring misses many options because of the lack of local government. For example, James noted a unified community theme cannot be developed in downtown Ganges because there is no local body to oversee such a concept.

Salt Spring would remain with-

in the Trust, James said, with two council members also serving as Trust Council representatives. One council member, probably the mayor, would become the CRD director, Borrowman observed.

Smith suggested a similar off-the-shelf municipality but said the sixth and final option would not include membership in the Trust. "We did hear from members of the community who voiced concern

about the Trust," she remarked.

Concerns included the lack of representation by population on the Trust Council. Although Salt Spring has 40 per cent of the population in the Trust islands, the island has the same number of representatives — two — as an island with 1,000 residents. Other concerns are the greater financial support given by Salt Spring to the Trust and the limits of quarterly meetings.

Smith said the sixth option was not recommended in the final report on government options, since it was feared leaving the Trust would result in losing the Trust's preserve-and-protect philosophy.

Susan Berlin asked if a designer municipality could include a new type of government with an elected council acting as an executive to carry out the directives of residents. Such directives would come out of regular community meetings.

Borrowman said the proposed options do not include any "new age" forms of government.

Asked if an option allowed the separation of Ganges and Fulford into two separate municipalities, Borrowman said it was hard enough to put forward one incorporation without advocating two.

James assured one questioner that the preserve-and-protect mandate of the Trust could also be written into the letters patent of an incorporated Salt Spring district.

To date only half of the local government options study has been completed, Borrowman said. He hoped the three local politicians, trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew and CRD director Dietrich Luth, would support continuation of phase two of the study.

"We think half the job has been done. We'd like to see it completed."



LIMITED INTEREST: Rows of empty chairs indicated little interest by islanders Saturday when local government options were discussed at a town hall meeting.

Photo by Tony Richards

Study's consultant will respond to questions

Written questions posed at last Saturday's town hall meeting will go to lawyer Bill Lane, the consultant who worked on the Local Government Options study for Salt Spring.

Although invited to the meeting, Lane decided not to attend after hearing from three island sources that he was rumoured to be in a "clash of interest."

Instead, Lane offered to provide written responses to questions raised at the meeting. "I haven't any axe to grind about the whole thing," he said.

Lane said the most innovative idea in the government options report was the designer municipality proposed as option four. This option would allow for local government but curtail the ability of a local council to increase taxes.

Lane described the concept as "a slimmer version of a municipal council."

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Middle school's draft teacher profile calls for teaching team—principal

Salt Spring Island Middle School or Saltspring Island Middle School? The spelling is just one aspect to be decided about the new school for Grades 6-8 students on Salt Spring. It is scheduled to open in September 1995 in the old high school.

Fernwood School principal and middle school principal-designate Bob Brownsword told school trustees last week that plans were moving ahead to make the old school into a "bright and cheerful" middle school.

But he said he is limited to what he can do until he has a staff. Brownsword is a "team player" and wants to involve staff in plans for the new school. An advertisement

for a vice-principal for the school is being prepared now and will likely be filled before November.

The rest of the staff will be hired by the end of April, Brownsword said. A draft teacher profile includes teachers who have the desire to be part of a "teaching team," who can use interdisciplinary teaching techniques and co-operative teaching methods in the classroom.

Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Larry Fields had "many concerns" about staffing at the new school and said

the teacher profile was "new territory in terms of contract interpretation." He asked for an opportunity to sit down with the principal and talk about the profile.

Apart from cosmetic work to make the school look bright and new, only minor changes will be made.

The new middle school, which is expected to have 385 students, has a \$600,000

budget for renovations this year, but Brownsword said this was not a large sum. Apart from cosmetic work to make the school look bright and new, only minor changes will be made. A row of offices next to the gymnasium will probably be

turned into one room the students can call their own, Brownsword said. Renovations will also be carried out on the library.

Other changes include adding more windows to lighten the building and taking some of the lockers away from the school courtyard. Some attention will have to be paid to make the school handicapped-accessible, he said, because the school will have at least one student in a wheelchair when it opens.

As for the name, Brownsword said he was happy the school would be called Salt Spring Island Middle School, and did not mind whether Salt Spring was spelled as one word or two.



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School district deficit \$154,000; \$14 million budget anticipated

Gulf Islands School District is running a \$154,000 deficit this year, up slightly from last year's \$151,000. But district secretary treasurer Ken Starling says the deficit is small in comparison to the overall budget and can easily be handled next year.

"We planned to pay it back," Starling said of last year's deficit, "but circumstances beyond our control prevented us."

Higher than expected costs for absentee employees and sick-leave account for much of the cost overrun, but he said there were many factors that can change the budget by that small a sum.

But the total was still small in comparison to the total budget for the year. Last year, the school district planned to spend about \$11.5 million. Next year, that figure could be as high as \$14 million, Starling said.

Despite the relatively small amount of money involved, the school district is still not allowed to run a deficit without special permission from the Ministry of Education. At last week's meeting, trustees voted to request approval for the deficit to be carried over in the current year.

In other money matters, the school board approved a capital plan summary for the next five years. Construction of a new middle school, a new elementary school and renovation of Mayne School were the major projects outlined in the capital plan for the next two years. Renovations at Saturna School and replacement of three school buses were also on the wish-list, for a total cost of \$1.2 million in 1995/96 and \$14.5 million in 1996/97. The district will not find out which, if any, of the projects will be approved until next year.

Documents tell of changes to provincial curriculum

Changes are afoot to the curriculum at British Columbia schools. Gulf Islands School District administrators have received copies of several provincial education booklets and guides which outline new education policy.

District superintendent Mike Marshall last week called the changes a "major policy direction" by the ministry and said virtually all of the curriculum in the province is being reviewed and revised.

The Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Plan, Putting Policy into Practice and Guidelines for the Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Plan are three of the documents which outline changes coming to education in B.C.

One of the changes which Marshall spoke about briefly at last week's school board meeting was the direction for teachers to spend specified periods of time in certain subjects, such as spelling, reading and physical education. Another change is the requirement for a second language to be taught from Grade 5 to Grade 8. Currently, the requirement is that all students must take a second

language in Grade 8.

Districts which do not specify a language to be offered for Grades 5 to 8 will have to offer French.

The implications of the policy changes will be discussed at future board meetings, when all trustees have seen the documents.

All parents of school students in the province should expect to receive a provincial education document entitled Report to Parents. Some of the estimated 700,000 copies have gone out already. Another document, Parents' Guide to Standards, which outlines what a child should know after each year of school, is included in the mail-out.

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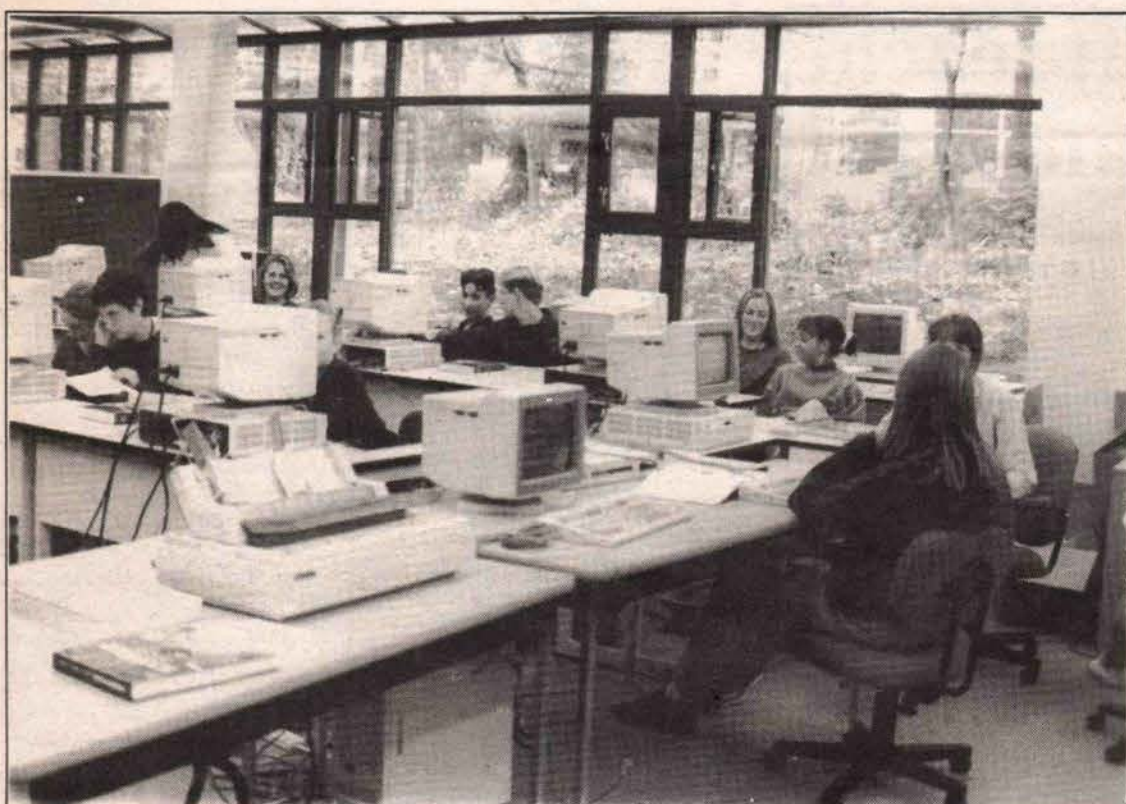
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FULL ATTENDANCE: Policies at the new secondary school on Salt Spring are designed to ensure full student attendance. Here, students work in the school's computer lab. Photo by Tony Richards

Computer will track attendance as school introduces strict policies

New attendance policies have been put in place at Gulf Islands Secondary School, where a computer program to track attendance is being tested.

"Attendance is vital in a semester system," school trustee Ken Lee said at last week's school board meeting. Missing one day of school in a semester system is like missing two days in a non-semester system.

The importance of attending school has been emphasized to students this year, principal Eric McMahon told trustees. Policies and procedures for dealing with students who have missed class without a reason have been published in a handbook given to each student.

Each teacher will be responsible for tracking student attendance in the school's computer system. Students who miss three of any particular class without a reason and without permission will have punishments ranging from detention to suspension.

In Grades 8 to 10, lunch-hour or after-school detention will be assigned when a student misses class without permission. The teacher will contact parents for subsequent absences and arrange a meeting about the absence with the parents and student.

Subsequent class absences will be referred to school administration and the student can be put "on report" which includes lunch-hour detentions. For serious absen-

teism, students can be put on in-school suspension.

For students in Grades 11 and 12, absenteeism is treated more seriously.

If a student misses three classes of one course without permission, that student will be suspended from the course and referred to a school counsellor. A letter is sent to parents inviting them to the counselling session.

Communication between teachers and parents is enhanced, McMahon said, by the fact that each classroom now has a telephone. The Windsor attendance program on the class computer will be used to record attendance daily. The program is being tested with some classes this month.

Minister will open new school at student-centred ceremony

Gulf Islands Secondary School will be officially opened by Education Minister Art Charbonneau Thursday, Oct. 13.

In the planning stages for four years, and built at a cost of about \$15 million, the new school is the latest in the province's current capital plan, and incorporates the latest in technology in the provincial school system.

Gulf Islands School District chairwoman Allisen Lambert said the event will be student-centred and may include entertainment by members of student band, dance and/or drama programs. Students will likely also deposit a time capsule of information about the school and the island in 1994.

In other school board news:

• Fulford School may get a face-lift as early as next year. The minister of education said in a letter to the school district that he would be looking for funding to renovate the school.

• School trustees expressed concern at the level of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Rainbow Road now that the new school has opened. There are no sidewalks on Rainbow Road and students walk three and four abreast. Trustee Ken Lee called it a "disaster waiting to happen" and called for some proactive

work to prevent the possibility of a serious accident. Ministry of Highways officials said new traffic signs posting speed limits of 50 km were to be put up on

the approaches to the new high school.

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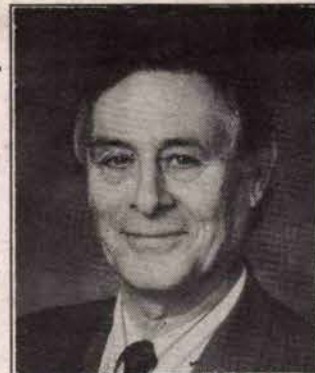
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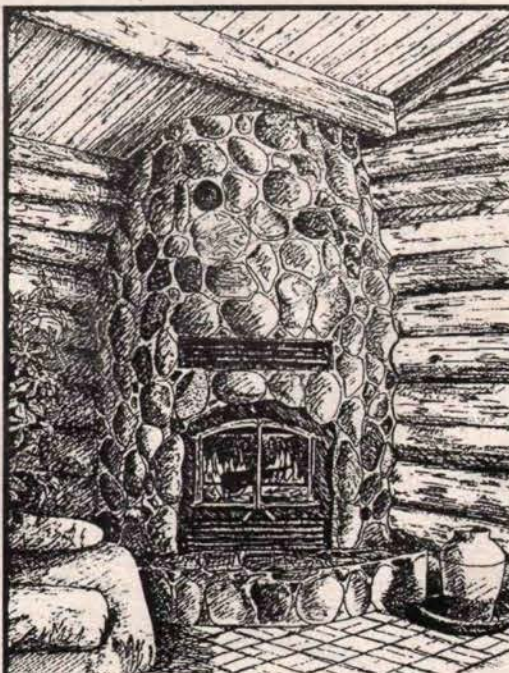
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Health care in the '90s not acute care-centred

Hospitals and health care providers in the 1990s are looking at health in a different way from the past, the guest speaker at Lady Minto Hospital's annual general meeting said last week.

Bonnie McGhie, past board member of Surrey Memorial Hospital and a community college administrator, told members of the local hospital society that local health care facilities are no longer just acute care centres. Health officials, like the new community health councils which will oversee local health care delivery, will have to ensure the evaluation of declared standards of community health care and keep the public much more informed than was the case in the past. All this is happening in a Canada-wide pursuit of health reform, she said.

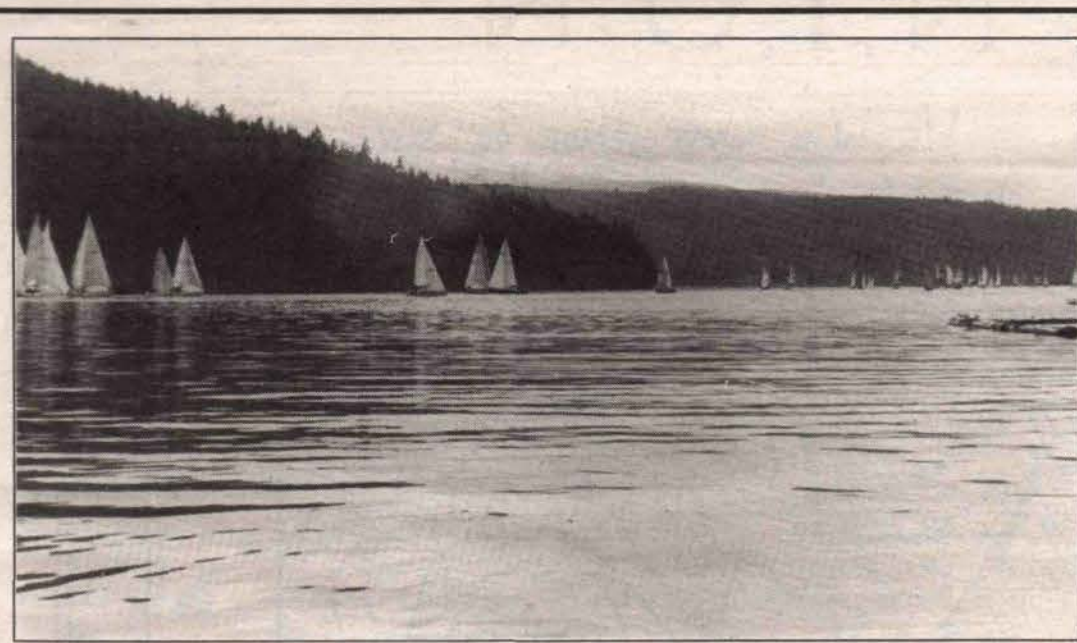
Health care in the 1990s must be appropriate, effective, efficient, safe and accessible. There must be

a "continuum of care," she said. The old hospital-centred system also led to "fragmented" health care in which some people "fell through the cracks."

In the past, health care providers did not consider such societal conditions as poor drinking water, pollution, educational opportunities, family life and productivity and wealth as affecting health. Health care providers are being encouraged to think of these "major determinants of health" and the continuum of care in the 1990s. Prevention, promotion and protection are three key concepts in health care for the future.

She praised the work volunteers on hospital boards have done in the past and said a "team approach," "commitment" and "visioning" would be needed on the new health councils.

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it," McGhie said.



Sailing weather

Sailing season never ends in the Gulf Islands, and the promise of more good weather will ensure that sails continue to grace local seascapes.

Photo by Damaris Rumsby

Aust, Hunter win election to Lady Minto Hospital board

Barb Aust and Eileen Hunter were elected to the Lady Minto Hospital board last Thursday night for three-year terms in a well-contested race.

The other three nominees for the two positions were Dr. Stephen Thorson, Dr. Ian Chisholm and Dr. Eric James.

Pam Pirie was acclaimed a member of the board for a one-year term. She replaced Dodie Marshall, who left the island in April.

Tim Dauphinee of Pender Island was acclaimed to a three-year term for that island; Hazel Hansen for a two-year term representing Mayne Island; and Andrew Loveridge for a three-year term representing Galiano Island.

In other business, the hospital's annual meeting learned that the facility has received a three-year accreditation and was praised for its "teamwork and communication," "high level of leadership," and "high standards" of health

care. The radiology and laboratory departments were also accredited and a hospital pharmacy review was completed.

A 36-hour work week was implemented smoothly at the hospital, the result of a province-wide accord.

Outer Islands health services continue to expand with the Galiano satellite emergency service getting medications and supplies from the hospital. Saturna Island's nurse continues to travel to the hospital for emergency room experience and a new general practitioner started on Mayne Island in the summer. A new service for the Outer Islands is a toll free number to the hospital — 539-2026.

Chief of the medical staff, Dr. Ken Heaton, reported on a number of staff changes at Lady Minto in the past year.

The hospital foundation reported that it had raised nearly \$160,000 since it was formed in

early 1992. Fundraising efforts, in the last year have included a casino, a golf tournament, penny auctions and collection of BCRIC shares. The latest event, a row around the island by Tom Toynbee, raised more than \$6,000.

The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary had a busy year and gave away a lot of money. The Lions' bus, three graduating students, the hospital, Greenwood and the New Year's baby all received gifts, equipment and/or money. Auxiliary members volunteered more than 32,000 hours in the past 12 months.

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A structure in need of review

No one should be surprised that the Gulf Islands are drawing more and more people to the breathtaking views, the semi-rural lifestyle and the idyllic climate.

But the authority designed to regulate this influx is little more than toothpicks against a hurricane, a fragile structure intended to oversee rural life, not repel boarders.

The inability of the Islands Trust to handle the current development pressure was clear at the recent Trust Council meeting. Some trustees represent islands which have few rules to handle the hordes. One trustee reported unearthing an almost-forgotten community plan for her home island.

Galiano trustees talked about thousands of acres on the threshold of subdivision, a challenge which two people are expected to handle.

Salt Spring's trustees are dealing with an island being eyed by international investors and a population nearing 9,000. Salt Spring is one of the fastest growing regions in Canada, yet the community still relies on the Ministry of Highways to handle subdivisions.

It is clear the changes in the Gulf Islands over the past 20 years must be matched by changes to government in the Gulf Islands.

Municipal Affairs Minister Darlene Marzari has promised to amend the Trust legislation. She wants to strengthen the Trust so the organization can continue to control development on the Gulf Islands.

We hope she starts by looking at the numbers, which in the world of the Trust are badly skewed. Designed 20 years ago to control development on scattered rural islands, the Trust is built on the merest framework of representation. Thirteen of the most heavily populated Gulf Islands have two representatives to the Trust. Period.

So when the Trust Council meets, Gambier, with less than 150 residents, has the same representation at the table as Salt Spring, home to 40 per cent of the population.

While this is clearly unfair at the regional level, the imbalance becomes truly significant at a local level.

Two trustees may be enough to handle local planning issues for the 250 Thetis residents or the disputes between the 160 folks on South Pender.

But two trustees are not enough for Salt Spring, where the population is reaching the level of a good sized town. The only reason the system has not collapsed in recent years has been the nature of the trustees elected.

Current incumbents Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne make almost a full-time job out of their Trust positions, spending countless hours in the Trust office.

But should this level of dedication be required to sit as a trustee? It should not.

A de facto demand that trustees treat their positions as virtual jobs will ensure that only those able to donate such time will be able to seek office. Working people or business people who might want to participate in local government will be excluded.

So when Marzari reviews the Trust legislation, we urge her to go right to the basics.

Count the noses, look at the workload and give us a structure built to meet the need.

Soccer heroes

Behind every successful child is a dedicated adult. And on Salt Spring the dedication is nowhere more evident than on weekends at Portlock Park.

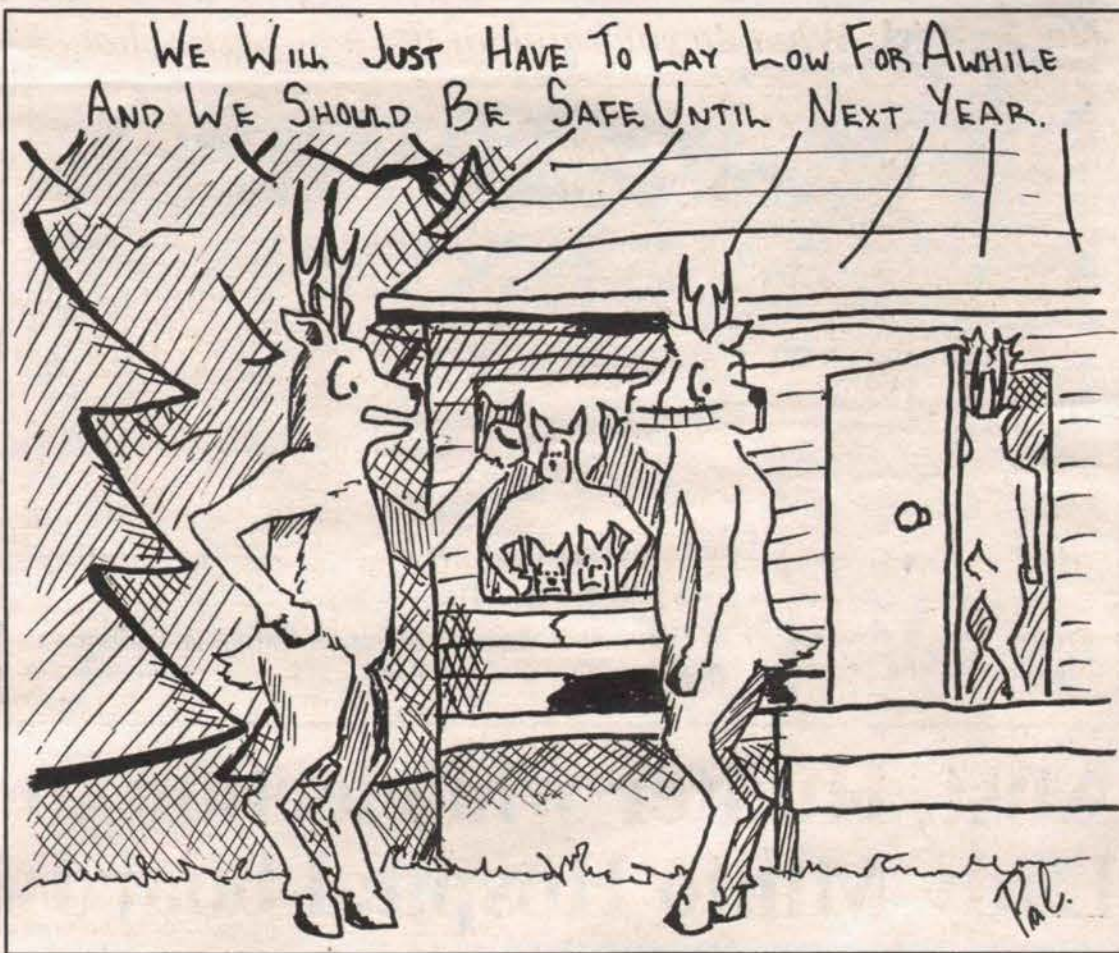
Here, the talents of dedicated soccer coaches are devoted to building the skills and self-confidence of Salt Spring's children. They show our kids how to control a soccer ball, how to play in teams, how to win and how to lose.

They're the unsung heroes of the field who devote months of Saturdays to organized soccer, encouraging our children to learn the skills of the game, so many of which can also be applied to life itself.

These are not the only dedicated adults whose depth of community spirit makes them nurturers and teachers for our young. On weekday evenings another group meets with youngsters in the scouting and guiding movement, setting up programs that teach character and skills.

Admittedly, we are talking about nothing more than games and youth groups here. But these experiences will live forever in our children's minds. The soccer field, the meeting hall, the basketball court and other venues are part of the classroom that is life.

Thanks to the contributions of the coaches and other volunteers, our children taste success that they can take into their adult lives.



Mr. Rogers offers a lesson on being a good neighbour

Hello, boys and girls! This is Mr. Rogers talking to you from my wonderful neighbourhood on Salt Spring Island. And isn't it a wonderful neighbourhood, indeed! Come with me and let's take a walk around the block . . .



VIEW POINT
BY ALICE RICHARDS

selves a big hug. You have been really good neighbours today!

But we're not finished our walk yet. Let's just walk by that illegal cottage where the Smiths live and have a look at the sheep in the field down the road.

Let's take the dog with us, shall we? She's a big dog. She loves to run and play and chase cats and birds. She's a big, happy dog. But some people are afraid of dogs. Yes, that's right, boys and girls. And to be a good neighbour we must always have her on a leash or fenced in the yard. Something for us to remember if we want to be good neighbours.

Have you met my cat, Scoop? Here's my cat Scoop. Scoop is 12 years old. That's old for a cat. Scoop has had a very good life frolicking in the neighbourhood. She has caught many mice. That's a good cat, Scoop. It's important to be responsible cat owners, boys and girls. Can you say re-spon-si-ble. Very good. That means we've had Scoop spayed. No, she won't be having any cute little kittens that might dig up the neighbour's garden. We're responsible neighbours, too. That's a good word, responsible, isn't it?

Well, what have we here? Our neighbour's cows are loose. Oh look, there they are running through our yard. Oh, dear. Now, boys and girls, there are two things we could do. We could call the animal control officer and report our neighbour. Can you say re-port? Very good! His cows should not be running through our yard; no they shouldn't. Another thing we could do is help our neighbour get his cows back into his yard. Look, here comes Mr. Jones now, trying to herd his cows home.

Now, children, do you think we should be nasty neighbours and call the animal control officer or should we be good and understanding neighbours and help Mr. Jones? Very good, boys and girls! Now, let's all help Mr. Jones. I'm sure he didn't want his cows to get loose. He's usually got them fenced in but sometimes things happen.

Now that we've got the cows back in their own field, I want all you boys and girls to give your-

Oh look! Here comes another neighbour's wild turkeys! See them flying, flying — high over our fences that we built to be good neighbours. There they go into our vegetable garden.

My, didn't they make big holes where our lettuce used to be! Let's chase them away, shall we? I'm not happy that they were in my yard, boys and girls. Well, never mind. Let's try to be good neighbours. Let's try to remember that you can't keep a wild bird from flying, even into our vegetable garden.

Well, now that things have settled down, aren't we having a nice walk? See how the sky is just turning pink? You know what that means, don't you boys and girls. It's almost time for a nice quiet story before bed.

Wait! What's that I hear?

Another neighbour is having a party up the road. Well, isn't that a surprise! They've never had a party before. And with live music. Oh, my. Isn't it loud. Doesn't that rock and roll just rattle your brain, boys and girls? Now, what should we do in this situation?

Can you say dis-turb-ance, boys and girls? They are creating a disturbance, aren't they? Do you think we should call the police? You don't? You think that if we just ignore the noise it's bound to come to an end. It doesn't happen very often, does it? Maybe we should just go on up and join the fun?

You really are good neighbours, aren't you. I'm very proud of you. You know all about being the kind of neighbours everyone wants to have living next to them. Good neighbours.

I think tomorrow we should practise tolerance, boys and girls. Can you say tol-er-ance?

The writer is a Salt Spring resident who says she is constantly trying to be a better neighbour.

Now, children, do you think we should be nasty neighbours and call the animal control officer?

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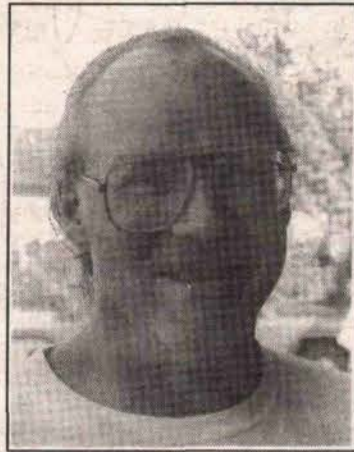
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We Asked: What do you think of the new high school?



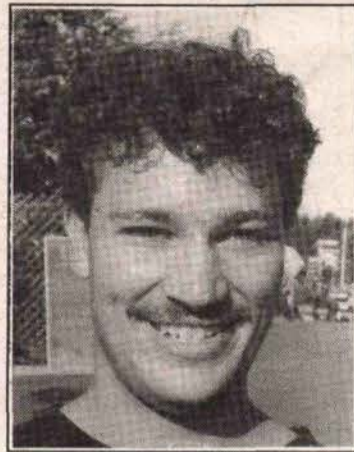
Ille Jocelyn-Grant

Any institution which keeps kids locked up for a few hours each day is okay with me.



Neal Beaumont.

I think the school is very tastefully done. They've done a good job, lots of glass and rock.



Jeremy Huntley

I think it's a uniquely designed educational experience. As far as technology goes, it's as up to date as you can get anywhere in the world.



Janice Abramson

I think it looks really nice. The stained glass window looks really nice at night.



Dorothy Hitchcock

It looks like an institution. I can imagine it's pretty good inside.

Letters to the editor

Illegal sign

Re: Resort sign at Central

Several points that I've been pondering since reading this item (Driftwood, August 31) have prompted me to write.

Although this sign has been in place for 30 years, it has not had and does not have a legal right to remain. The land is not owned by any of those resorts nor do they have a permit allowing use. The people doing the sign upgrade were warned that it was on right-of-way but because "the resort owners had signed a contract so the work had to be completed" this initial warning was ignored. It just isn't good enough that one of the owners "feels" that the resort owners had permission to use the right-of-way.

The sign seems to have grown some in the upgrade as well. Without a doubt it blocks drivers' visibility from North End Road and Vesuvius Bay Road. This corner has been infamous for years as a prime accident scene. This sign only exacerbates the hazard.

Neither the Ministry of Highways nor the Salt Spring fire district have any obligation to provide a place for advertising private business. If those resorts are waiting for Highways to provide pull-outs and directional signs for the resorts, I say let them wait. Again, the taxpaying public

is not obligated to subsidize private advertising.

I feel Highways has been fair to those resort owners in giving them several "stays of execution" to allow those responsible to make alternative arrangements. I also feel that the resort owners are asking a little much, i.e. a four-way stop at Central, providing an alternate location and the pull-out/direction signs.

I have to ask: Was this story prompted because the Driftwood and the resort owners are Chamber of Commerce members or that it was felt that this was considered to be a newsworthy local issue?

DON FEE,
North End Road

Duffy apologizes

I must admit that the Groombridges (Driftwood letters, August 17) have enlightened me. I refer to the Freudian undercurrents contained in poetry, some of which I have unwittingly used to set the scene of my gardening columns recently. To the unsuspecting reader, whose mind may already have been polluted, I offer my humble apology.

I now find myself observing the suggestive techniques of plants,

alluring us with the seemingly innocent growth habits and their cunning methods of propagating themselves hither and thither on the land. Why, only the other day, I had to remove a very promiscuous teasel seed from my dog's inner thigh. (You can be assured that I washed my hands immediately afterwards!)

Carrots thrusting themselves into the earth; fruit hanging ripe and voluptuous on the tree, inviting us to sample them. Methinks the government should post warnings on the entrances to orchards, gardens and farms worldwide. I believe these subliminal messages have already begun to chisel away on the moral fibre of our society. What else could explain the resurgence of interest in organic (I hope that that is the correct word) gardening?

DEREK DUFFY,
Lee Road

P.S. Seed companies may want to consider random morality tests on their employees.

Dioxins

The Environmental Protection Agency and Greenpeace reported in a press conference on CBC September 13 that the level of cancer-causing dioxins is statistically much higher in our environment than what is safe. Dioxins

are by-products of chlorine bleaching processes; i.e. paper bleaching, etc., and according to a recent documentary by Dr. Helen Caldicott, women are particularly vulnerable because dioxins from sources such as styro-foam cups, tampons, bleached diapers are stored in the fatty tissues of the body. Even Saranwrap produces chemical reactions in direct contact with food. Her detailed analysis of the overall environment led her to the conclusion that we have around eight years to change, and heal contamination of our environment, or "all systems will collapse." This is consistent with what Suzuki said a couple of years ago. This information re: dioxins certainly puts a different perspective on theory and research that cancer is "genetically caused, i.e. one in 200 women have a weak chromosome causing breast cancer later in life."

It also confirms that our concerns re: operation of the Crofton mill were accurate back in '86 when we protested their discharges of dioxins in the water and air. The public relations spokesman for the Canadian Pulp and Paper mill Association said there was absolutely no danger from dioxins from pulp mills. We have yet to prove renovations carried out by the mill have totally rectified the situation and the health department in this area should become involved in the monitoring of our environment on

a regular basis.

Strange events conspire to bring you full circle to the truth. Years ago, I happened to be near Thunder Bay the day Terry Fox had to end his journey. I said to a friend, "I think cancer is caused by pollution in the environment." She agreed and I felt like a bolt of lightning shot through me.

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Quebec vote shows Canada here to stay

VICTORIA — Don't let Jacques Parizeau tell you that his Parti Quebecois won the election. It lost, and lost big.

All Quebec voters did was put Parizeau into the premier's office and make his party the caretaker of the province for the next few years, but they shattered his hopes of getting a convincing mandate to lead Quebec out of Canada to independence. Parizeau is no happy camper.

True, the PQ won 77 seats compared with 47 for Daniel Johnson's Liberals, but the popular vote, the one that will decide a future referendum on Quebec's separation from Canada, was less than half a percentage point in the PQ's favour.

Many Quebecers simply voted for a change in government. They wanted the Liberals out, and the PQ was the only alternative. By keeping the popular vote nearly at par, they sent a clear signal to Parizeau and to the rest of Canada: The campaign for Quebec's independence is over before it has begun.

I'm not the only one to interpret the election as a crushing defeat of the PQ's separation agenda. "It's a good indication that Canada is here to stay," said an obviously relieved Prime Minister Chretien.

Guy Lachapelle, a political scientist at Concordia University, also said Johnson was the big winner.

"The question was whether he would be able to get 40 seats and 40 per cent of the vote, and he got both easily. It's not like the PQ's victory in 1976 or in 1981 or the Bloc's victory last year. There was no reason to dance in the streets," he said.

Johnson, meanwhile, is already taunting Parizeau to keep his promise and hold a referendum on Quebec independence in 1995.

"The crux of the PQ platform is to initiate sovereignty and to hold a referendum real soon. In my view, that is part and parcel of the commitment that the PQ has made with the Quebec people," Johnson said.

Our Premier Harcourt didn't do much either to make Parizeau's day. Congratulating him on his party's election. Harcourt went on to say that he will have his plate full. "Parizeau is going to find very quickly that it's a great challenge to govern in Canada."

The most convincing argument against any latent danger of Parizeau's ability to deliver a yes vote in a future referendum on Quebec's independence came not from politicians or political pundits like me, but from the financial markets.

The day after the PQ's election, the Canadian dollar climbed a full cent to 74.14 cents US, the first time it broke the 74-cent barrier since last March.

Prices on the Toronto and Montreal stock markets were also higher, and the Canadian Bond Rating Service announced that it is maintaining Quebec's credit rating at A-plus.

In other words, the world of finance, which tends to jet jittery at the slightest indication of political problems, didn't give a hoot. Canada's breakup was no longer in the cards.

While the PQ's victory appeared to be a foregone conclusion, the narrow popular vote came as a surprise to many. But why should it have?

Some political observers had pointed to Europe where countries such as the former Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia have been separating into smaller constituency pieces, but that argument is specious.

Those countries had never been held together by the will of the public. It was the raw force of communism and, in Yugoslavia's case, the magnetism of Tito, that held things together. Quebec and the rest of Canada have been joined together for more than a century without force, without intimidation.

As desirable as the idea of a sovereign Quebec must sound to those Quebecers who fear that their culture and language may become lost in a sea of English, there are secondary considerations that tend to put a damper on flirtation with independence.

Would a separate Quebec be an economically viable nation? Might a Quebec outside the Canadian family not be more vulnerable to eventual absorption by the United States? Isn't Canada, a unique experiment in nation-building, worth preserving, despite the occasional family quarrel?

Those and other questions undoubtedly occupied the minds of many Quebecers during the election campaign. Hence the narrow popular vote. And those same questions will be paramount in their minds as Quebec moves towards a referendum on independence.

The sum of Canada will prove to be bigger than its part, and no matter how often Parizeau may go to the well, he'll be lucky to get a 35 per cent yes-vote. Independence is no longer an option.

CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Pathetic defence

I was somewhat amused by the Driftwood's pathetic defence of its pro-incorporation obsession in last week's editorial. There are a growing number of people who feel that our current "one issue" monopoly does not serve us very well.

Saturday night's dismal turnout at Fulford Hall should demonstrate that there is very little support for adding another level of government. Any "confusion" about government "services" could be resolved simply by returning them all to the underused, already publicly-owned provincial government building.

WALTER DAVIS,
Rainbow Road

was caused by an accident or an out-of-control fire. This fire was never out of control. Smoke, catlike, wanders where it may.

Any human being who is at all alive makes an occasional mistake, as I did Saturday. This was not a reckless or idiotic act. In two years of living here I have had one other fire on the beach, and one in the yard. Of course, there have been countless fires in the approved, efficient, fireplace insert with hi-tech afterburner!

That is somewhat ironic: preferably, the house could be heated without any environmental damage. Electric heat damages my bank account, and creates a greater demand for hydroelectric

dams, which drastically alter the face of the earth, and wipe out fish and wildlife.

Environmentally, it is tough to find a balance at times. We are allowed to live on this planet. And besides, my car isn't reliable enough to get me to the others yet.

To live our lives without an awareness of our impact on the earth, and to not make reasonable attempts to minimize the harm of our visit is a crime. I will continue volunteering for environmental causes, and yes, when it is safe, once a year, during permit season, I may burn a few branches, on the beach.

JAC ANDRE,
North Beach Road

Burned

Where there's smoke, there's fire. There were both, a week last Saturday, when I burned some branches, unusable for firewood, on the beach. The recent heavy rainfall, and the security of having a bucket and an ocean three feet from the debris, prompted the decision to burn.

A while later a couple appeared, and were relieved to see that "it's just someone burning branches on the beach."

Soon a neighbour arrived stating she had read in the Driftwood that fires are prohibited until October 15. Thanking her for the information, I soon began putting the fire out, which of course created steam.

I sincerely apologize to anyone who may have been concerned that the resulting steam

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Insidious zoning

There has never been a more ominous sign of Salt Spring's rural character in decline than the introduction of "amenity zoning."

Rural character, to me, means natural beauty, clean air, clean water an unharried atmosphere, and quiet. Our sole hope of retaining these qualities lies in a stabilizing of existing zoning. With the increased density of this new "sell-out" zoning comes increased density of traffic on our limited road system. Going to Ganges has already become an unpleasant experience for hundreds of islanders.

As very few motorists care enough to drive non-polluting vehicles, (i.e. propane) the air on the main roads and in Ganges has gone from isolated waves of toxic air, to isolated waves of clean. The traffic has already begun to create a harried atmosphere and traffic density at times produces a sustained, audible roar like a higher pitched Crofton at night.

All that remains of the factors constituting "rural quality," as previously defined, are natural beauty and clean water!

Salt Spring's long-time residents and wise newcomers must vigorously oppose the insidious "amenity zoning" whereby the sanctity and special nature of our island is sold out to accommodate increased density.

Money needed for ball parks, bike paths, etc., should come at the expense of a government who gives away \$15 million lottery prizes, not at the expense of all that we hold dear.

TERRY GRAHAM,
Ganges

Contents forgotten

Your recent report on the Trust Council meeting (Driftwood, September 14) quotes trustee John Money saying the Saturna community plan is 20 years old and has "holes you could shoot a cannon through." He wants Ms. Marzari to hire planners to fix it.

This is the same John Money that a year ago agreed to have a developer give to some local organizations, \$32,000 cash and a secret \$25,000 in a kind of kickback deal with the developer's contractor. This was represented by the trustees as cash in lieu for the obligatory park land provisions of the Municipal Act.

Nothing is outright criminal about this and it looked good to the intended recipients. Had trustee Money or trustee Janszen or the Islands Trust planners taken the Islands Trust Act or the Municipal Act seriously they would have known that this was an improper use of those funds. They saved the Trust lots of legal fees by taking their legal advice from the developer instead.

Apparently, neither the two

trustees nor the Trust staff had troubled to read the Saturna official plan and the park land provisions of the Municipal Act which refer to the OCP. Had they done so they might have been excited beyond belief that instead of this bit of money, they could have required the developer to give without compensation 9.4 acres of prime west-facing beach-front and south-facing, low-bank waterfront at Saturna Beach. All that because of OCP contains specific site designations and policies for parks. John Money helped write them 20 years ago but had forgotten.

Maybe the biggest hole in the Saturna plan is that it does not require the trustees and planners to know what is in it.
JIM CAMPBELL,
Saturna Island

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Confusion over police screening device leads to 'reluctant' conviction by Green

Refusing to provide a breath sample on a police officer's hand-held screening device led to a "reluctant" conviction by Judge Fred Green in Ganges provincial court September 13.

Edward John Hammersley, 70, of Ganges, was found guilty of refusing to provide a breath sample. Green found him not guilty of an impaired driving charge, however, based on insufficient evidence.

Court heard that Const. Kevin Wass and auxiliary constable Ian Lyon were on duty the evening of December 10, 1993 when they saw a vehicle pull out from the Harbour House Hotel exit on Lower Ganges Road and cut off a green pick-up truck. The officers followed the vehicle, which

turned into a residence on Park Drive.

The driver, Hammersley, admitted to having four glasses of beer while with his wife and friends that evening. A demand by Wass to blow into a hand-held approved screening device (ASD) was refused by Hammersley, who told the court he had heard some controversy about the use of the devices.

Wass said he explained that refusing to provide a breath sample was a separate criminal offence from impaired driving, and urged the man to contact a lawyer before making his decision. Hammersley said he would contact a lawyer the next day, but after further conversation, agreed to call a Legal Aid

lawyer that night from the RCMP office. Wass and Hammersley disagreed about what then transpired.

Under questioning from defence counsel James Pasuta, Hammersley said he did not understand that refusing to blow into the screening device constituted a refusal to provide a sample to a breathalyzer machine. He also said he was not asked to provide such a sample at the police station, but probably would have done so.

Pasuta argued that his client did not make "an informed refusal."

Although Judge Green said he was reluctant to convict Hammersley, he was satisfied the accused "was not going to give a breath sample and made that

known to the police officer immediately."

He imposed the minimum \$300 fine and a three-month driving suspension, which he noted would be transformed into a one-year period by the B.C. Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.

After a similar case earlier this year in Ganges provincial court, lawyer Mayland McKimm stressed that people arrested for suspicion of impaired driving should not refuse to provide breath samples before talking to a lawyer, at any time of the day or night. The Criminal Code allows little latitude for refusing to provide a sample into an ASD or breathalyzer machine.

Possession of stolen tools costs \$300 fine for Salt Spring man

"Borrowing" items from co-workers — items which turned up in a market stall — led to a \$300 fine for a Salt Spring man in Ganges provincial court September 13.

Joseph Paul Sullivan, 40, pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property, including power tools and gardening implements later identified as belonging to people he worked with on the new secondary school site. Not all items found in his possession were being sold by Sullivan.

A Ganges RCMP investigation followed complaints July 7 from two people who saw tools they owned being sold by Sullivan from the back of a pick-up truck parked near Ganges.

Judge Fred Green also added a 10 per cent victim surcharge.

• Giving a false name and address to Esquimalt police officers resulted in a \$300 fine and 10 per cent victim surcharge for Orion Alexander Holtby, 22, of Victoria.

Court heard the incident arose from a June 3, 1994 evening in an Esquimalt pub where Holtby and a friend were involved in a conflict with other bar patrons. Holtby's friend used pepper spray on some

people and then fled. As Holtby was being pursued by opponents, he was placed in a police cruiser and asked for his name and address and information pertaining to his friend.

Holtby later said he lied to police because he was concerned about some unresolved court matters.

Also arising in Ganges provincial court September 13:

• "Growing his own" resulted in a \$200 fine for a Salt Spring man. Judge Green imposed the fine after Ernie Rink, 30, pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing marijuana.

A property owner complained to Ganges RCMP that he suspected Rink, who was his tenant, was growing the plants.

• Anthony Douglas Hedger, 30, of Ganges, pleaded guilty to having care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired. Judge Green fined him \$425, with a 10 per cent victim surcharge, and prohibited him from driving in Canada for one year.

The charge stemmed from a two-vehicle accident on Beaver Point Road on May 30, where Hedger admitted to driving the pick-up truck involved.

He gave breathalyzer readings of 0.16 and 0.17.

TRANSIT

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sity applied to a tax base, Cade said. A grant has not been forthcoming, however.

Cade hopes his decision to close down may be the catalyst to get things moving. He says he could recoup some of the \$75,000 invested by selling the buses, but does not intend to do so immediately. He plans to continue using the buses for charters and tours.

Cade strongly believes a bus system is imperative to Salt Spring especially where the economy is dependent on tourism.

"The tourist trade needs it," he said. "We have to move people around."

Daytrippers visiting the island for short periods of time frequent-

ly used the bus last summer as a means of touring the island. They rode the entire circuit, enjoying the sights in what Cade termed a "pauper's tour."


But Cade remains baffled by the people who don't ride the bus. He has been unable to tap markets represented by youths under 20, and seniors. Despite a direct mail campaign and free bus tickets to the generally elderly residents of Brinkworthy, the bus only served about four people from that area. Cade also described the north end route as a "total disaster" in terms of ridership.

But Cade believes that as people became used to the option of taking the bus, its use would gain in

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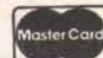
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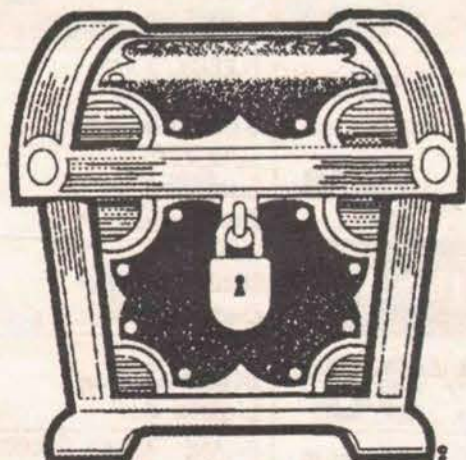
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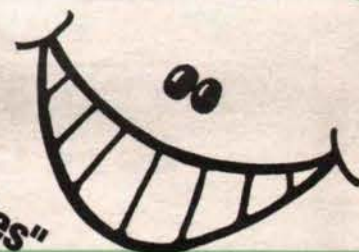
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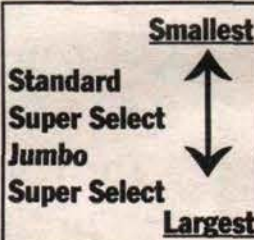


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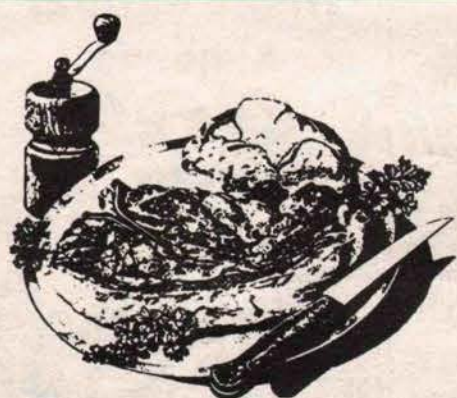
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Trust budget will anticipate revenue increase

An assumption of no revenue increases for the 1994-95 Islands Trust budget was narrowly shot down at last week's Trust Council meeting after some trustees argued against building in financial constraints.

Finance committee chairman John Dunfield of Thetis Island proposed building the budget on the assumption that "there will be no revenue increases in the 1994-95 budget from property tax levies."

Trust vice-chairwoman Diane Cragg of Galiano objected to that assumption. She said the Trust is suffering some staffing problems and an inability to properly process applications, all caused by a tight budget.

Given the growing demands on the islands, she said, curbing the budget was

no longer valid.

Salt Spring trustee Grace Byrne agreed. "The odds are we're going to need more money. We have to get it from somewhere," she said.

Trustee Roxanna Aitken of Denman said Trust efforts were being stymied by a lack of money. "We cannot be constrained to a statement which ties us to no increase."

Denman trustee Rolf Ludvigsen noted trustees severely gutted the Trust budget last year to maintain low taxes but did not recall a single comment from residents congratulating the Trust. A tax increase from the regional district was on the same tax bill, he observed.

Gambier trustee Kim Benson pointed out the Trust does not need to increase the mill

rate to raise more income. The increasing market value of island property leads to higher tax bills, she observed.

Trustees Julian Guntensperger of Gabriola and Sonja Taiji of Mayne backed Dunfield's initial assumption as a good basis for the budget. Then, Taiji said, trustees would have to make the political decisions balancing budget increases against cuts in service.

But Bowen trustee Claus Spiekermann pointed out trustees could not reverse a promise to hold the line on the budget once the decision was made and publicized.

Trustees voted 13 to 10 in favour of abandoning the "no increase" statement at the start of budget preparation.

"I think it's foolish to put ourselves in little box where we can't move," Aitken remarked. She suggested the finance committee look at the Trust's needs and build budget from that point.

Guntensperger then posed a motion of financial restraint, similar to Dunfield's original statement, which failed by a vote of 11 to 10.

Dunfield said the trustees were on postponing the political debate between increases and services.

Trust chairman Graeme Dinsdale said trustees had agreed they would make the decisions as they reviewed the budget.

"You're placing an almost impossible demand on the finance budget committee," Dunfield concluded.

Buying Mohawk gas will help fill Trust Fund coffers

Filling up with gas could also help fill the Trust Fund Board's coffers, vice-chairwoman Diane Cragg told fellow Islands Trust members at the September 10 meeting.

The Trust Fund Board has joined the Mohawk Oil charity rebate program, in which supporters can sign up for a special charity rebate credit card. Three per cent of all purchases on the card will go to the Islands Trust Fund.

Galiano trustee Elisabeth Boshier wondered if the Trust should

encourage people to buy gas.

"The reality is that we all drive cars," Mayne trustee Sonja Taiji remarked.

Melinda Auerbach of Lasqueti noted she does a lot of driving. If she has to put gas in her car, she said, she would like some benefit coming back to the Islands Trust Fund.

"I guess that's the reality of it," Boshier responded.

The Trust Fund Board recently received a Crown land grant of 55 acres on north Salt Spring Island adjacent to Mount Erskine. The property provides hiking access to the adjoining Crown lands and will be managed by the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club under an agreement with the board.

Cragg noted the grant is the first donation of Crown land to the

Trust Fund Board. The board now holds title to five properties, three on Salt Spring, one on Denman and one on Gabriola. The board also has a partial interest in three more sites on Salt Spring and one on South Pender.

At the same meeting, trustees referred the question of conserving Jedediah Island to the Trust Fund Board. Although island owners

Alan and Mary Palmer have been offered \$6 million for the 640-acre property, they will sell the island for \$4 million provided the site preserved as a park.

Trustees also voted to write to federal and provincial governments urging preservation of the island. Jedediah Island is Sabine Channel, between Texa and Lasqueti islands.

Hornby traffic irks Denman

Denman Island is just a speed bump on the road for Hornby Island-bound travellers, Denman resident Graham Brazier told Islands Trust Council members September 10.

Speaking on behalf of the Denman Island Advisory Transportation Committee, Brazier explained both islands had developed in different directions. Denman has remained an agricultural community while Hornby has become a resort and recreation centre.

The only route to Hornby for vacationers, residents and suppliers is by ferry from Vancouver Island to Denman, across Denman and by ferry to Hornby.

"Denman is simply seen as a speed bump on the way to Hornby," Brazier said. The resulting traffic "offends the sensitive psyche of the true islander," he added.

Denman residents have no control over continuing development on Hornby, yet that increasing development brings more and more traffic through their island, Brazier explained.

He urged the Islands Trust to adopt a policy stating no island in the Trust should be used as a transportation link to another Trust island.

Another speaker, Jim Bohlen of Denman, urged the Trust to consider declaring Denman Island a biosphere reserve. Bohlen cited rapid growth on the east coast of Vancouver Island and suggested the reserve would help preserve Denman from similar growth. Anyone moving to Denman would be advised they are moving to a biosphere reserve and would have to agree to abide by reserve restrictions, Bohlen added.

However, Saturna trustee John Money suggested a biosphere reserve would be no more effective than the existing Trust and Official Community Plan.

Trust council members asked staff to provide further information at a future meeting on the biosphere reserve concept.

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Around the Trust islands: trustees report to council

What did Islands Trust members do over the summer?

Minutes from meetings held two years ago, an unknown official community plan and resident input into the ferry schedule occupied some trustees between the June and September Islands Trust Council meetings.

During the individual island reports session at the recent Island Trust Council meeting at Denman Island, South Pender trustee Catherine Milsum recalled formally approving the minutes from meetings held up to two years ago. She also discussed the need for a residents' group on the island, noting that the existing property owners' association does not represent those residents who do not own land on South Pender.

Trustee Kim Benson reported holding the first public meeting on Keats Island in the past 20 years. The meeting was sparked by controversy over a dock.

Benson said about 70 residents attended the meeting, which also

included discussion about growth on the island and the lack of infrastructure. "I got to drag out our community plan which no one had ever seen," Benson remarked. She plans to form a community group to encourage better communication among residents.

On Saturna, trustee John Money said community controversy over a park land dedication arising from the 32-lot Saturna Beach subdivision has been resolved. The community has acquired a park of almost eight acres, he said, with 900 feet of sandy beach frontage sloping down from an old orchard. "It really is a beautiful park. It's 100 per cent usable."

Thetis trustee David Essig said the ratepayers' association on his island had worked with B.C. Ferries to rewrite the ferry schedule, which is now being implemented on a trial basis.

Hornby trustee George Buvyer reported a discussion with the regional district, the fire department and forestry representatives

on measures to deal with the "extreme fire hazard" during the summer.

More applications than usual are coming to the Local Trust Committee, Denman trustee Roxanna Aitken remarked. "Perhaps people are applying before doing anything," she added.

Salt Spring trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew reported on June's town hall meeting to discuss government options and Islands Trust taxes; the withdrawal of a shoreline zoning bylaw following a public hearing at which the bylaw was "thoroughly trounced;" and ongoing plans for the Official Community Plan review.

Andrew noted major developments proposed for the southwest corner of the island have been stymied by a Ministry of Highways requirement that the road serving the area be upgraded to highway standard. The cost of that upgrade has halted development plans, Andrew said.

Trustees examine fees

The handling of development fees from the increasing number of projects on the islands was fine-tuned through a series of Islands Trust Council resolutions September 10.

Salt Spring trustee Grace Byrne said fees should be applied directly to the planning team which is handling the applications instead of going into general Islands Trust revenue. If the development fees were applied directly to the staff handling applications, extra temporary staff could be hired to handle a sudden influx of development applications, she said.

Given Salt Spring's interest in taking over the subdivision approval process from the Ministry of Highways, trustee Bob Andrew noted allocation of development fees is an important issue. The suggestion was referred to the Trust finance committee.

Thetis trustee John Dunfield reported a review of the current rezoning fee schedule by the financial planning committee led to a recommendation to maintain the current fee levels.

If individual islands feel the fees are inappropriate, then those islands can review the issue, Dunfield said.

But if a development is complex and costs more to process, then the developer should pick up the extra costs, trustees agreed. They approved a voluntary cost recovery agreement policy, which will allow developers to cover the additional charges of processing their applications.

Any cost recovery agreement is voluntary on the part of the developer and requires a resolution by the Local Trust Committee. The cost recovery agreement does not guarantee approval of an application.

Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh said the need for the policy was shown by the Weldwood lands development on Gabriola, which was complex and required extra staff time.

Saturna trustee John Money recalled a developer offering to cover the extra costs involved in processing an application. "I haven't met a developer yet who was opposed to the cost," he remarked.

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Property purchase rule on list of changes

One trustee waited weeks for ministry approval

Removing constraints on trustees' purchase of property was among the changes to existing Islands Trust legislation recommended by trustees at the Trust Council meeting on Denman Island September 8-10.

But not all trustees agreed to dropping the current regulation, which requires Ministry of Municipal Affairs' approval for a trustee to buy property within the Trust.

Bowen trustee Claus Spierkerman said the regulation added to the Trust's ability to retain the "trust" of the community.

Although the regulation is not applied to any other local government, South Pender trustee Catherine Milsum said trustees did not have to be the same as municipal council members.

Trust vice-chairwoman Diane Cragg said the regulation seemed to be a hold-over from when trustees were appointed and not elected. She pointed out the regulation applies to any property acquisition, including the buying of a home on one of the islands.

Cragg said her purchase of a home was delayed an additional five or six weeks for ministry approval. Although the ministry has never turned down a trustee's request to purchase property, Cragg said the additional delay was "a bit scary."

Saturna trustee John Money said conflict of interest guidelines, which apply to all elected officials, would prevent any trustee from speculating on property.

The requested change to Islands Trust legislation will go to the provincial government for consideration during the spring 1995 session.

Four other changes to the legislation are also being requested. One would allow the Trust to place notices of bylaw infractions on land title notices — a response to bylaw infractions already available to municipalities and regional districts.

The second clarifies trustee indemnities and the third and fourth clarify Trust responsibilities and ability to implement bylaws.

Provincial funding to carry out a comprehensive review of the Islands Trust legislation for future amendments will also be requested, trustees agreed.

A focus on the future marked

the first workshop of September's Island Trust meeting. On September 8, trustees tried to hammer out a list of future priorities. Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew noted reviewing alternative forms of government within the Trust was given a high priority.

Other priority issues included improved planning and official community plans, bylaw enforcement, environmental protection and public perception of the Trust.

Denman Island resident Des Kennedy has noticed a gradual erosion of faith in the Trust. He urged trustees to review the 20-year-old organization and set directions for the future. Among some residents there is a "Liberator mentality," he

remarked, referring to a North Pender Island publication which criticized the Trust and advocated for private property rights.

He noted there are people moving to Denman Island from Salt Spring who claim the larger, more developed island has been "ruined," Kennedy added. Some individual landowners do not realize how the decisions made on their own property relate to the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust, he noted. Some newer residents do not know the history of the islands or the Trust.

Kennedy described the Trust as a mix of legislation and vision. He said trustees should "be more forthright in articulating the vision."

"What the Trust is doing is really on the cutting edge of applied environmentalism."

Islands Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh reported the Islands Trust has received an expected \$130,000 in planning grants from the provincial government towards work on Official Community Plans on seven islands. Mayne, Galiano, North Pender, Thetis, Salt Spring and Gabriola islands are all working on the plans this year.

Changes to trustee expenses are to be reviewed by the financial planning committee in time for inclusion in the 1995-96 budget. Among the proposed changes are an increase in the water travel rate to \$1.50 per kilometre from the current 64 cents. The change is proposed to more closely match the actual operating cost of using a motor vessel as a means of travelling between islands.

Trustees agreed with a motion by Thetis trustee John Dunfield authorizing staff to deal with expenditures under \$1,000. Dunfield made his motion after trustees spent half an hour debating a \$460 expenditure for the October 15 North Pender Island by-election.

Bylaws which bring the Trust into line with provincial legislation on freedom of information and the Ombudsman Act were both approved along with policy guidelines for staff on how to handle requests for information and

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complaints against the Trust.

Gordon McIntosh remarked most complaints against the Trust arise from misunderstandings or lack of communication. To date, all have been handled internally, he said.

Island residents will have quicker access to Trust Council minutes, following approval of a new procedure. Vice-chairwoman Diane Cragg noted the Trust Council office is often asked for copies of minutes before the minutes are approved at the next quarterly meeting.

Due to the length of time between meetings, she suggested the Trust Council minutes be released in draft form after those minutes have been reviewed by the executive committee. The executive committee meets every two weeks.

The next Islands Trust Council meeting will be December 8-10 in Victoria. On the agenda will be information on map digitizing, revisions to the Agricultural Land Commission, a B.C. Ferries workshop and a budget workshop. The March 9-11 meeting will be held in Nanaimo and the June 8-10 meeting is slated for Saturna Island.

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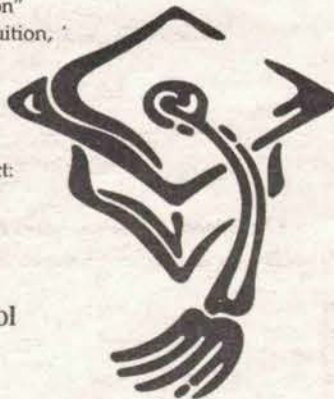
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Enthusiastic participants raise research dollars

By **TONY RICHARDS**
Driftwood Staff

They walked, they ran and they cycled Sunday — and they raised nearly \$7,000 for cancer research. Sunday's Terry Fox Run at Salt Spring saw a drop in participation from last year — 117 compared to 157 in 1993 — but no change in the level of enthusiasm of participants.

After registration and warm-up aerobics at Fernwood School, a diverse gathering of islanders set out on the seven-kilometre route. Some exhibited a cheerful determination to run the entire distance; others happily chose to complete the course at a more relaxed pace.

One significant departure from previous runs was the arrival of Bob Simons on foot. The local bicycling enthusiast — and builder of various types of innovative land and water craft — decided to do the run this year without mechanical assistance.

As usual, there were no glitches in the organization. "It worked very smoothly," coordinator Marilyn Marshall said Monday. She also praised volunteer helpers for their support.

Ambulance crews were called to assist one participant who

became winded on Fernwood hill, and required a ride to the finish line at Fernwood School. But no other mishaps were reported.

Youngest Terry Fox participant this year was four-year-old Angeline Henson. Most money was raised by veteran participant Joanna Barrett, with \$933. Phyllis Waltho came in a close second with \$915.

Bank of Montreal took top spot among corporate donors by bringing in \$1,100, not including the t-shirts they bought, Marshall said.

Last year's run brought in \$9,094, a figure that Marshall expects to approach once all fundraising events are over. Darts tournaments are planned at the Harbour House Hotel and Vesuvius Inn early next month, and t-shirts are still available at \$15 each.

"I'm quite sure we'll go over \$9,000 but we won't know until next year," Marshall said.

Anyone who was unable to do the run Sunday is encouraged to do so on another day, and to call Marshall at 537-1008.

Marshall reminded participants that pledges must be collected and deposited at either the Bank of Montreal or the Bank of Commerce before October 18.



HAPPY RUNNERS: Smiles of Terry Fox Run participants indicate the level of enthusiasm at Sunday's run on Salt Spring.

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Pamela Marchant is the new chief executive officer of Island Savings Credit Union. Seen here with retiring CEO Ray Bush, Marchant was most recently a vice-president at Richmond Savings Credit Union. Bush retired last month after 18 years with the Duncan-based institution.



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'Inspirational book' features islanders

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

"A book of inspiration" could be the subtitle for West Coast Women 1995, an appointment book and resource guide being launched tomorrow by Campbell Communications of Victoria.

For the fifth year the company, which also publishes Focus on Women magazine, has gathered the stories of 42 inspiring west coast women for inclusion in the date book. Among the women featured are seven from the Gulf Islands.

Profiles and photos tell the philosophies and stories of Salt Spring Downs Syndrome advocate Ethel Magnus, Hornby poet Carole Chambers and retired Galiano film editor Arla Saare.

Salt Spring publisher Joyce Carlson, Lasqueti foster mother Judy Peterson, Galiano writer Jane Rule and Salt Spring salmon enhancement activist Kathy Reimer are also included.

Many of those profiled have overcome obstacles to find success. Carlson overcame a difficult childhood and adolescence to carve out a successful career in the newspaper industry. "Lots of things happened in my life that I needed to rise above, but I never used it as an excuse," she remarks.

Magnus gave birth to a child

with Downs Syndrome in 1972 and refused to accept the conventional wisdom on what her son could and could not do. One of Brad's talents turned out to be dance. He received lessons and has become a performer in his own right and an example of what mentally handicapped people can accomplish.

Despite living in an 800-square-foot home with no electricity, Peterson has raised four children of her own plus eight foster children, often growing her own food, cooking on a wood stove and holding down a variety of jobs.

Reimer faced the tragedy of two children with cystic fibrosis. But instead of allowing her life to revolve around the deadly disease, she decided to put her energy into enhancing life. A lifelong fascination with fish led her to her current passion as volunteer president of the Salt Spring Island Salmon Enhancement Society.

Equally inspiring are the profiles of Rule, a well-known Canadian writer and gay rights activist, poet and environmental activist Chambers and award-winning film editor Arla Saare.

Copies of the book are \$10.95 and are available at the Driftwood on Salt Spring, at Raspberry's Books on Gabriola and from various Greater Victoria bookstores.

Jessie Toynbee spent most of her 98 years on Salt Spring Island

The last surviving child of Salt Spring pioneer Jane Mouat died here Monday.

Jessie Mouat Toynbee, 98, passed away after contracting pneumonia last week. Toynbee spent most of her life on Salt Spring, leaving only to attend school and to teach in Calgary for a year.

A memorial service has been tentatively scheduled for October 1.

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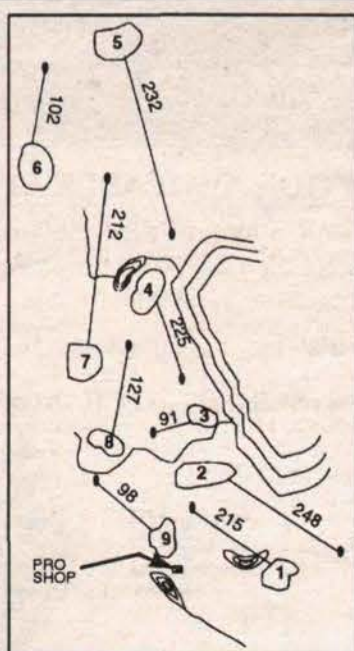


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Sign meeting set for today for chamber, Highways

A start to sorting out roadside sign problems is a meeting slated for today (Wednesday) between the Ministry of Highways and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

Last Thursday, Highways erected two directional signs pointing to St. Mary Lake and resort area. Spelling on the signs was incorrect — St. Mary Lake was referred to as St. Mary's Lake — but district highways manager Richard Harold said the signs are temporary and will likely be replaced when a sign policy for the island is established.

The signs were erected as part of ongoing negotiations with the Government. Approved Accommodation Association towards removing the association's large sign at Vesuvius Bay Road and Central.

Highways feels the sign is a traffic hazard, since it blocks the view from Vesuvius Bay Road across the intersection of North End, Upper Ganges and Lower Ganges roads.

But Jim Loisel of the accommodation association said removing the sign will create a different

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for local maps and directional signs to specific areas on Salt Spring, such as Fernwood and St. Mary Lake. Loisel added that the resort owners would also provide maps for the three pull-outs.

The two signs just erected by Highways do not resolve the problem, Loisel said. Resort owners

want signs which will help visitors find St. Mary Lake from another part of the island, not just from the closest major intersection.

The ideal solution would be pull-outs and maps placed near the three ferry terminals.

Loisel said the accommodation association was not consulted before the two new signs were erected.

But, Loisel said, at least there is negotiation under way with Highways. Last month, the resort owners were only receiving threats that Highways would take down their sign.

"Now that we've got their attention, we can move ahead on it," he said. "As soon as they correct the overall sign problem, we'll take our sign down ourselves."

He understood why Highways wanted to meet with the chamber to discuss the entire sign issue on the island although he hoped the accommodation association's issue can be resolved soon.

Harold predicted Highways would be working with the Chamber of Commerce over the next few months to determine sign guidelines and erect new signs.



Smiles for rainbows

It's smiles all around for four islanders who have worked all summer to get Rainbows — a support program for grieving children — up and running on Salt Spring. From left are Nancy Wigen, Marianne Benwood-Jarman and Ernie Wood. Seated is Yvonne Johns.

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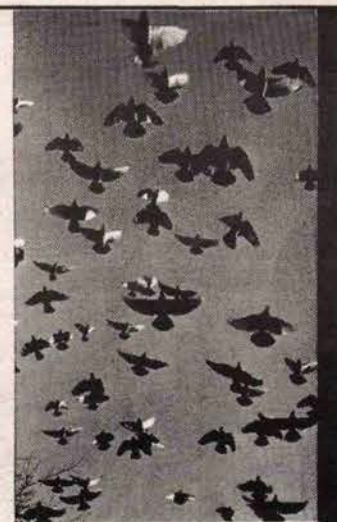
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Back on Salt Spring

Bill Henderson looks back on nearly 30 years on B.C. music scene

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

There's nothing like the first time. That's as true for falling in love as it is for hearing your own song played on the radio.

Singer-songwriter Bill Henderson of Chilliwack fame still remembers the first time he heard one of his songs aired to the masses. The song was Looking at a Baby, his first big hit in the mid-60s Vancouver band, The Collectors. He remembers the station: LG73, the city's progressive music station.

He even remembers the disc jockey, Peter Star, who said the song was great. That was nearly 30 years ago. Since then, Henderson said, he has not kept his ear glued quite as closely to the radio.

Henderson moved to Salt Spring two years ago but he is no stranger to island life. He came here first in 1970 and lived with Chilliwack band members in three cabins at Lakeridge Resort on Bullock Lake. They had been playing together for four or five years by then and they all wanted to get out of the city.

When they arrived on Salt Spring, he remembered Ganges was a "pretty quiet place, where everyone knew everyone."

The band would tour for a month or six weeks and then go away for one or two months to record. Henderson said their second and third albums owe something to Salt Spring.

"(The) All Over You (album) has a lot of what came out of here," he said. "The song Always, for instance, I wrote sitting out on the wharf. It was really peaceful."

The song was a big hit.

Today, the Lakeridge cabins are gone. The Lakeridge wharf is gone. But Henderson has come back and is still writing songs.

"For songwriting, what I largely do, all you need is a guitar. In that sense it hasn't changed a lot. Songwriting has nothing to do with technology and has everything to do with craft."

Looking back on a career that now spans 30 years, he says he has learned a great deal.

"I understand some things better than I did back then. I understand other things worse. (Songwriting) doesn't have much to do with how much experience or knowledge you have. Some songs feel like they want to be written. Some don't."

One song every Chilliwack fan will know is I Believe. Henderson said it took months before he got the song written the way it was finally recorded. Another big hit — Crazy Talk — was written in the time it takes to sing it.

But while songwriting hasn't changed in 30 years, he said song recording sure has. It was not pos-

sible to record music on Salt Spring in 1970. In fact, it was hard to record in Vancouver. All the big bands went to either Los Angeles or New York to make records back then. Now there are several small recording studios on the island.

From his own small studio, and under his own record label, Tangible Records, Henderson writes and records music for himself and various projects he's working on.

Like Sesame Street.

Henderson is the musical director for the west coast wing of the Canadian children's program. He has always written music for theatre and film, and now enjoys the challenges of music for children.

One piece he played in his studio was based on the Alice in Wonderland character, Mock Turtle. The turtle sings a song about turtle soup with a South American musical flavour. He said he wrote the song originally for a theatrical production in the 1960s, but it is now put to use introducing children to an unfamiliar rhythm and some fun lyrics.

As well as doing his own recording and his work for Sesame Street, Henderson also spends time working for the rights of songwriters and authors all over the world. He is vice-president of the Society of Authors,



FROM THE COLLECTORS TO UHF: Bill Henderson, centre, has played a lot of music since the days of The Collectors. Here he is with fellow members of UHF: Shari Ulrich and Roy Forbes.

Composers and Publishers of Canada. That is one branch of a world-wide network which ensures that authors of songs get paid when their work is used on radio or television.

The society collects lists of music played on major television net-

work broadcasts and samples of music played on radio stations. The radio and television companies then pay a fee which the society distributes to composers all over the world.

Last year, the society collected and distributed \$50 million to songwriters.

"It's great to know your little song went out and did its job," Henderson said, thinking of recent cheques from Israel, Australia and England. "Some of them are great little survivors."

One of the society's high points in the last few years was to see a bill passed into law that includes cable networks with radio and television broadcasters. When the society was founded, cable was not around, but many cable channels — like MuchMusic and Country Channel — air music without paying composers a penny. The law went into effect in 1992 but the courts and cable companies are still talking about what the fee structure will be, so no artists have received any money yet.

"You would think it was an easy victory," he said. "No way. It was a long battle. It took a lot of work and a lot of energy went into it."

On a more creative note, Henderson has been busy recording in the last few years with two other well known musicians: former Salt Spring Islander Shari Ulrich and Roy Forbes. Together they are known as UHF.

The three writers met up at the 1989 Winter Roots Festival at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre. They liked each other's music and they liked working together so much that they recorded a CD to-

gether. Now, after four years, they have recorded a second CD: UHF II. And they are returning to the scene of their first concert for a special two-night gig October 8 and 9.

"We don't do tours," Henderson said. "We do visits. Three or four gigs at a time, then home."

The new album has four songs from each artist. Two of Henderson's are unmistakably country, though he dislikes that term. He calls it "lonesome cowboy music." It is indeed rich and soulful beans-around-a-campfire stuff. And it tugs on the heart, like good cowboy songs do.

Another song he calls an unofficial "ode to Johnny Cash." When he was younger, Henderson quite admired Cash's deep, full voice and he always wanted to sing like that. But Henderson's voice went up instead of down and only recently he found he could do some really low notes, which he has included in this song.

Bill Henderson will be singing his low-note song live in concert in Vancouver on the Thanksgiving weekend, joined, of course by Shari Ulrich and Roy Forbes. Those who can't make it to Vancouver can always pick up the CD. A third option is to tune into Sesame Street.

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Florida comedian here for one night this week

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A Tonight Show fan from as far back as he can remember, according to a press release, Cameron has been standing up and making people laugh ever since an office anniversary cruise in 1968. His colleagues loved him, and he took to the stage.

He has been all over the United States and up and down the west coast, including Vancouver. But his brand of humour, described as "smooth, polished and energetic," has not been heard on Salt Spring before.

He has appeared in comedy clubs all over the continent and has been on television, including the Arts and Entertainment Network's Best of Improv.

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- VESUVIUS INN**,Barley Bros. Open Stage, Sept. 29

Out and About

- SEPTEMBER 23**,Night of Poetry AIDS benefit,
.....All Saints by-the-Sea
- SEPTEMBER 24**,Kin Lalat, Guatemalan band,
.....Beaver Point Hall

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Guatemala band here Saturday

Infectious indigenous and modern lyric music will set a Latin American dance party tone Saturday at Beaver Point Hall. The Vancouver-based Guatemalan band, Kin Lalat, is on the island for a one-night show and a promise to provoke islanders: to dance or to think, or both.

Since the band's formation 12 years ago, Kin Lalat members have sought to develop music representative of their country and their people, many of whom are in exile like themselves. The Nueva Cancion, or new song movement, combines indigenous rhythms with the sizzling beat of Latin music. The beat, the words, the songs communicate the ongoing struggles of the Guatemalan people, a band press release said.

Kin Lalat was formed in Nicaragua and then moved to Mexico, before settling in Vancouver where there is a large and thriving Guatemalan community. The band has played to huge crowds at the Vancouver Folk Festival and is a regular on the Vancouver music scene. Most recently it played at a Rwandan relief benefit concert at the Commodore Ballroom.

Kin Lalat comprises Sara Galvez on vocals, flute and percussion; Sandra Moran on vocals, congas, bongos and marimba; Victor Pardo on vocals, bass and marimba; Tito Medina on lead vocals, midi-guitar, and marimba; and Rolo Preza on congas, bongos and percussion. Canadian Eli Polsky joined the band recently and plays drums, marimba and percussion.

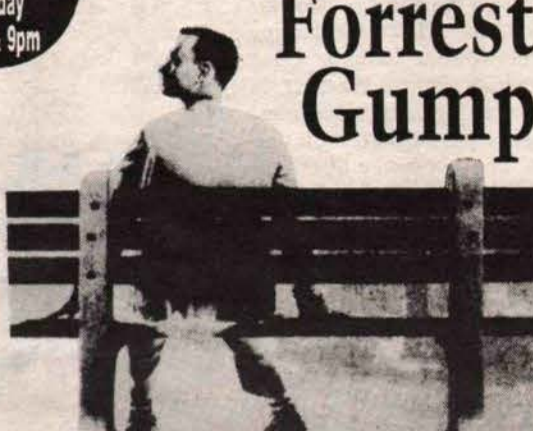
The Salt Spring concert is a benefit gig for the Salt Spring Central America support group. Money raised at the concert will help two islanders travel to Guatemala as members of Project Accompaniment, initiated two years ago to help Guatemalan refugees living in camps in Mexico to return home. Many Canadians have volunteered to go with the refugees from Mexico to their new villages in Guatemala and two islanders are set to go in January.

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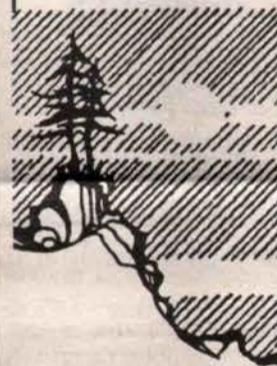
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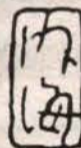


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Boatbuilder James Watt combines old techniques with new materials

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Yar tasted the water for the first time Saturday afternoon, sliding from the dock at Harbour's End Marina into Ganges Harbour. A few sweeps of gleaming cedar and mahogany oars drove the slim-prowed boat from the dock, the curved green hull slipping through blue-green water.

In Old English, Yar means "nimble." In Punjabi, the same term means "lifelong companion."

Both meanings are appropriate for this handcrafted 11-foot, nine-inch Acorn skiff assembled by Salt Spring boatbuilder and woodworker James Watt. There is a magic and romance to wooden boats, Watt says, a combination of craftsmanship and history.

The history of man and the sea has been carved in wooden craft. Biremes took Romans to Britain, galleons carried wealth from the Indies to Europe, clippers brought settlers to North America.

A properly maintained wooden boat can sail from generation to generation. "I've seen a 100-year-old canoe that's been in the family for 100 years," Watt remarks.

Yar is a mix of old-world building techniques and new materials. Based on a design by Ian Oughtred of England, the boat's hull is composed of marine plywood planking joined in overlapping layers with epoxy.

The construction style cuts down on the number of frames required to hold the planking, reducing the weight of the boat to approximately 150 pounds. But the new technology used to assemble the craft didn't reduce Watt's attention to old-fashioned, crafted detail.

From the carefully stitched leather sleeves on the oars to the pale ash inlaid into the mahogany breasthook, Yar illustrates craftsmanship that verges on art.

The gunwhales are decorated with piercework lozenges and curved plaques of wood riveted below the oarlocks are both decorative and provide extra strength to the frame against the pull of the oars.

Yar is also equipped to carry a single sail, making it a dual purpose craft. Watt notes the finely curved bow and the length of the boat give it a nice track through the water.

The keel, stem, gunwhales, transom and seats are Honduras mahogany. The knees are of ash, the mast of spruce and the floorboards of oak.

Watt has worked on five or six wooden fishboats and five or six 86-foot, wooden pleasure cruisers. But he says Yar — and a cedar-on-oak dinghy he built five years



NEW BOAT: Boatbuilder James Watt launches his new Acorn rowboat at Ganges Harbour Saturday.

Photo by Tony Richards

ago — are his favourite creations. He sold the cedar dinghy but he hopes to keep Yar and use the boat as a sample of his skill, hopefully generating orders for similar craft. He plans to display Yar at this weekend's fall fair.

Building small boats for a living is a precarious venture, Watt observes. "There have been more small boatbuilders go out of business than any other business."

It took five months of work to create Yar. Watt notes that even if he sold the skiff for \$7,000, he would only be making \$5 to \$6 an hour.

Perhaps the low return for the labour is why Watt notes wooden boatbuilding is a dying art. It is possible to make such boatbuilding a way of life, but not as possible to make a living, Watt says. "Pride makes thin soup."

So in addition to building boats, he has worked on boat repairs and renovations. He also builds furniture.

He points out there is a great sense of satisfaction in transform-

ing raw wood into useful and beautiful objects like Yar. "It's a lifestyle that gives so much back," he says.

"Sometimes the work flows through me. It is kind of magical."

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Chamber honours two with life memberships Monday

Two honorary life memberships were presented at the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting Monday night.

Manson Toynbee and Dee Kinney were the recipients of the awards which recognize long-time service to the chamber.

Toynbee has worked as a volunteer in the tourist information centre for many years. Earlier this summer, he received a major award from the Tourism Association of Vancouver Island to recognize his contribution.

Kinney has been on the board of directors for seven years, spearheading membership and brochure committees. She has filled in as acting manager and just about everything else in the chamber during her terms.

A western theme was chosen for Monday's meeting and 90 people attended a chuckwagon dinner dressed in suitable attire. One member even brought along his

own branding iron.

President Joyce Carlson reported on the year's activities, saying the highlights included two Japanese tour visits and the Norfolk Island team that was attending the Commonwealth Games.

The year had been one of growth and change, she explained, with the number of inquiries to the information centre increasing dramatically.

Staff had increased to two full-time positions from one full-time manager and a part-time assistant.

Changes to the chamber building will be undertaken in the next few months.

Treasurer Dee Kinney presented the year-end financial statement. She said the chamber ended up in a deficit position because a new telephone system had been purchased. Full-time staff had been hired to handle the increased workload, more brochures had been printed and a change in management had resulted in unbud-

geted costs.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to board members completing their terms. One member who is leaving after six years of service is Sherry Irwin. The past president was recognized for her efforts in promoting chamber activities.

An election was required for new board members when the nominating committee presented a slate and two more people were nominated from the floor.

Returning to the board are Sharon Crouse, Bob Kirkpatrick, Bruce Rogers, Mary Small and Ellie Thorburn. New board members are Duart Campbell, Lee Sawchuk, Bill Maarsman and Simon Knott. Dee Kinney and Barry Green have one year remaining on their terms.

Carlson remains on the board as past president.

The new board was scheduled to meet Wednesday morning to vote on a new president and executive committee.

Neil Havers of Havers Design spoke to the assembly about off-season marketing and presented some theme ideas to be considered by the chamber.



Winners

Scratch ticket purchased at Miner's Bay Trading Post on Mayne was worth \$10,000 for Ken and Madell Juuti of Saturna Island, pictured here with friend Bonnie Carpentier.

Grounded vessel at North Pender Thursday sparks tiff between two salvage operators

When a car breaks down, people phone BCAA or a tow-truck. But what do boaters do when their vessels sink? There is no BCAA on the high seas, and that is causing confusion and the occasional altercation over salvage jobs in coastal waters.

American boat owner Rolf Johnson found himself in the middle of such a dispute last week when his 12-metre power boat, Kona, ran aground on Razor

Point off North Pender Island. Johnson put out a marine distress signal about 2 p.m. Thursday and was then rescued by a companion vessel.

Sidney resident Mitch Rivest was the first vessel to respond to the call. Skipper of the 10-metre C-Tow Thunder, he has been in the marine assistance business in the Gulf Islands for the past 11 years. But when he arrived at the scene, with a diver and pump, he

found another island marine salvager already there.

Dave Paterson had already received verbal permission from the owner of the boat to conduct the salvage work, Rivest said. But Paterson, in his "little speedboat with an outboard motor," was not capable of doing the work. Johnson then requested Rivest do it, and Kona was pulled from the water and towed to Sidney. Paterson was not available for

comment before press time.

Jim MacDonald, owner of C-Tow Assistance Ltd. of Bowen Island, a company which oversees some 17 marine assistance vessels from Campbell River and Desolation Sound to the American border, said government regulations are required to prevent the kind of scene which occurred Thursday. But in the 11 years he has been in the business, no such regulations have come forth.

Coast Guard crews practise pollution control at Ganges

Ganges Coast Guard crew members were involved in pollution control training and exercises in Ganges Harbour during the past week.

Officer-in-charge Dave Howell said the four-day session taught local crews about new large-scale pollution fighting equipment and techniques which would be used if there were a major spill in local waters.

In other Coast Guard news, the Ganges station was called out Sunday night when five small lights were noticed on the water near Village Bay. Howell said nothing was found after a search, but the lights may have been candles set adrift in milk containers.

The Coast Guard must act on all such reports because many lifejackets also have small lights on them.

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Fair promises two full days with new facilities, events

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

A full fair for two full days. That's what Salt Spring Fall Fair organizers are planning this year. And a new livestock barn and more strict attention to keeping entries on display until 3 p.m. Sunday will help achieve that goal.

"People pay to come in the afternoon Sunday," horticultural coordinator Len Wallbank said. "They're entitled to see a complete show. We're being very strict this year."

"Sunday will be equally exciting," Farmers' Institute president and fair organizer Chris Schmah said, adding, "The whole fair will be lots of fun."

Schmah and some two dozen islanders have spent many volunteer hours preparing the institute grounds for the annual event. The biggest task this year was to build the new livestock barn. It will allow livestock exhibitors to keep their animals at the fairground overnight for the benefit of Sunday visitors to the fair.

Parking will not be allowed on the fairground site this year, he said, and people are encouraged to park as far away as the school parking lots and walk up to the fairgrounds. There is also a policy now to have no dogs at the fair, except those in the show, as they bother the livestock.

Other changes include expanded equestrian events and a miniature horse class in the livestock sections. The 4H entries have grown this year and sheep and poultry have been entered by youngsters from up and down Vancouver Island as well as from Salt Spring.

One change to the announced program, Schmah said, is there will be no sheepdog demonstration Saturday. But that is because of the all-day sheepdog trials Sunday afternoon.

These are the first sheepdog trials sanctioned by the B.C. stock dog association and there has already been "very, very good pre-entry" for it, including some Salt Spring sheepdogs. Islanders can still enter as late as Saturday and the trials are open to any dog that responds to sheep-herding signals.

Schmah said it should be "quite a show."

Inside the Farmers' Institute building will also be quite a show this year. Wallbank said there are about the same number of entries in the horticultural and flower sections this year, but there are a handful of new trophies to egg on competition.

The longest-lasting dahlia bloom gets a new trophy, for instance. Pear and apple categories always attract a good number of quality entries on Salt Spring, he added, and there is a new wood-

carved trophy for the apples this year.

Corn and gladiolus categories also have new trophies.

No late entries are allowed this year, and area coordinators will be more strict than they have been in the past. Each entry in the fall fair requires a great deal of work to get it ready to be displayed and judged. And no entries are allowed to leave the building before 3 p.m. Sunday.

The fair gates open at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, but the official opening is not until 11 a.m., when the indoor show also starts. The Black Velvet band and Morris dancers provide entertainment throughout the day Saturday, while Firestar, Salt Lick and Bandemonium entertain Sunday.

Other highlights of the fair include: an old car display, petting zoo and lamb and beef barbecue Saturday; sheepdog trials, pet contest, muffin madness and square dancing Sunday.

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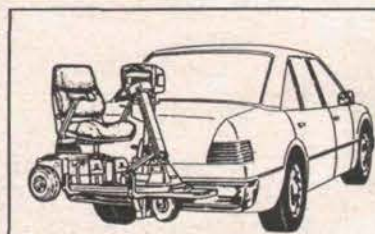
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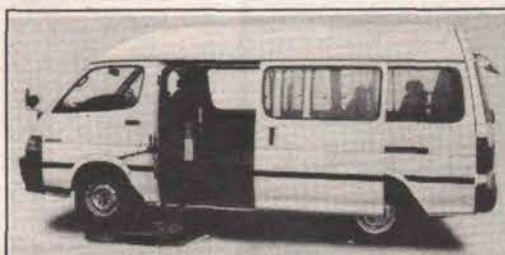


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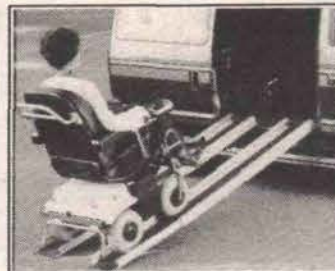
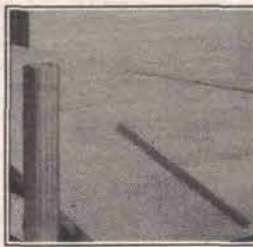
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