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Internet access seen as good for business

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Those are some of the visions of islanders who want access to the Internet, a worldwide network of computers.

But for islanders, the information highway is blocked by an expensive toll booth — long-distance telephone charges to those companies who provide Internet connections.

"Long-distance charges are a killer so we don't really have access to the Internet," according to local businessman Lou Walsh. Despite the cost, he and fellow businessman Bob Lawson have already set up a Salt Spring "page" on the Internet, which can be reached by anyone with an Internet connection.

Computer consultant Cameron Smith is spending several hundred dollars a month in long-distance charges to maintain his link with the Internet. The cheapest rate he can arrange through BC Tel is 15 cents a minute, which quickly adds up.

Although the cost is high, he feels the investment is essential for his business, which is shifting into electronic publishing and telecommunications.

But he believes there must be a better way to bring Internet access to all islanders. To find that solution, he is organizing a meeting to be held Saturday at Salt Spring Centre School. Starting at 11 a.m., the meeting will discuss formation of a co-op to bring toll-free Internet access to the island.

"We can't let the information highway become a resource only for people who have the money," Smith said. He sees the Internet as a way to broaden the market for local products and services. People could

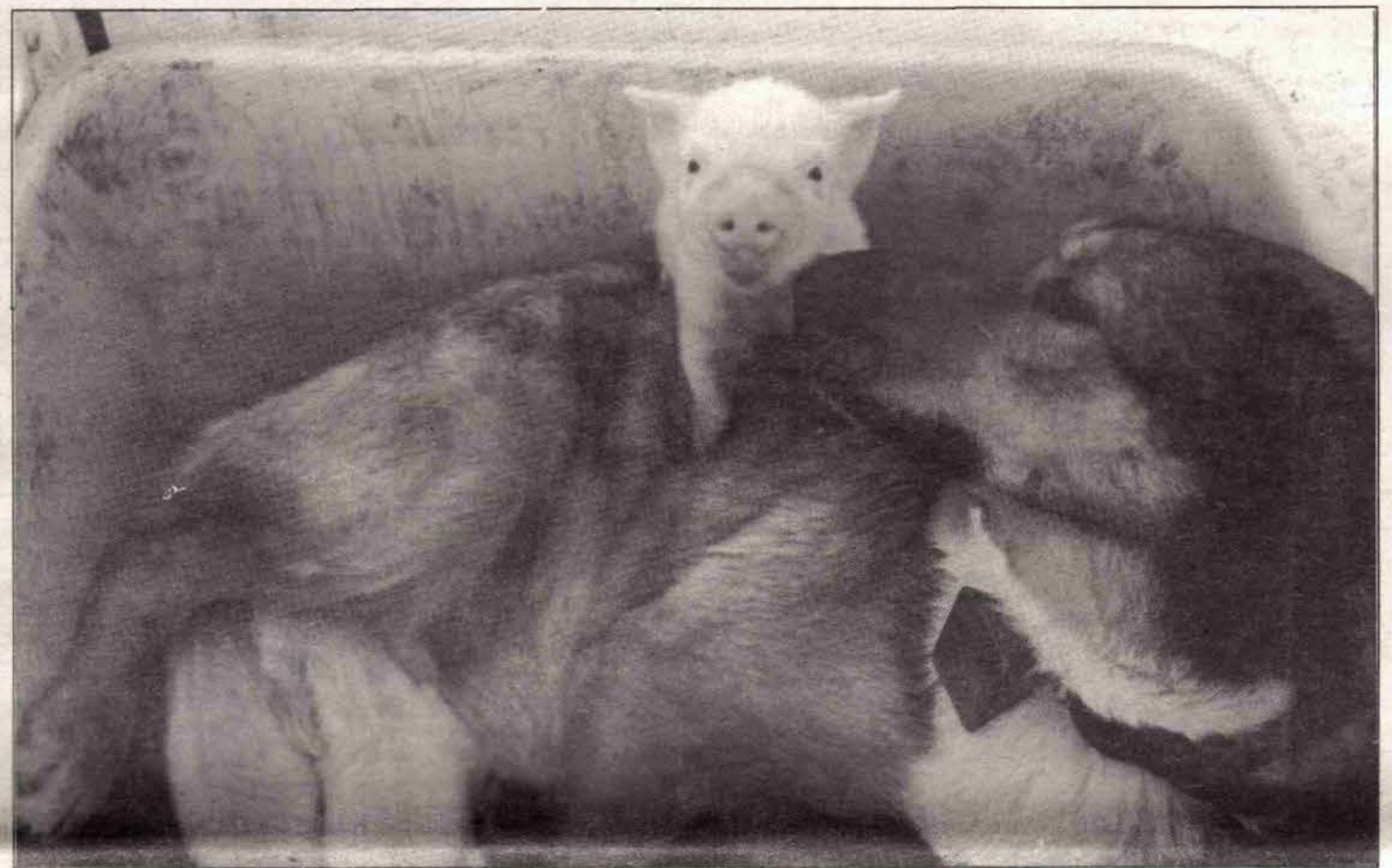
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Spring brings time change

Islanders and everyone else in B.C. will lose an hour's sleep Sunday when daylight savings time kicks in at 2 a.m. Clocks are reset one hour ahead to make the change.

The time change will add an extra hour of daylight in the evening.

B.C. returns to standard time in October.



Blended family

Dave (who is actually a young lady dog) gives her surrogate offspring a motherly look while the curious, week-old piglet explores its Centennial Park surroundings. According to farmer Drew Curry, Dave had 10 puppies not long ago and

"gets very maternal now." The piglet was one of 19 in the latest litter of Curry's sow and was entertaining the Salt Spring farmer's egg customers on a recent Saturday.

Photo by Tony Richards

Crash hero embarrassed by attention

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He's been called a hero — but Hanna Air pilot Mark Rolston doesn't think of himself as heroic.

Helping his three passengers escape from a sinking float plane after a crash last Tuesday was an automatic reaction for the 28-year-old pilot.

"No matter how much you might think you might do under those circumstances, you have no other choice."

He vividly recalls each moment of the Hanna Air Norseman crash but at no time remembers questioning whether he should go back

into the cabin of the sinking plane to unbuckle seatbelts and help passengers climb out.

"It just made sense. What else do you do?"

He notes it was a typical Hanna Air flight on a typical Tuesday morning. Rolston took the 10-seat plane out of Ganges Harbour at 8 a.m., en route to Vancouver. Scheduled was a stop at Kuper Island to pick up Martin Chambers.

Rolston was just brushing the tops of the waves off Kuper Island when he realized something was wrong. "Something went amiss underneath." He pulled up but realized the mechanical problem hampered the plane's ability to fly.



STRIPPING IT DOWN: Workers dismantle Hanna Air Norseman last week in preparation for examination by Transport Canada.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

"I didn't have a choice. I knew I wasn't going anywhere else." Concentrating on keeping the plane as level as possible, he landed. "I just tried to hold it up."

On landing, the plane tilted to the left and, pulled by the weight of the left wing, slowly began to roll on to its roof. Meanwhile, Rolston had thrown open both of the cockpit doors.

"The first thing you think about is you're going to get trapped."

The door closest to Rolston was under water, but Rolston still pushed it open and slid out, then reached for a handhold on the fuselage to pull himself out of the water. "By the time I got out it (the plane) was flipping over."

As the plane continued to roll, Rolston scrambled across the fuselage to the underside of the wing, which was now facing upward. The passenger cabin was still above the waves, although water was lapping at the sill of the left-side door.

Rolston crossed the wing and yanked open the cabin door. The passengers were still in their seats, upside-down, but held in place by seatbelts. Seven-year-old Jonaton Crewe had twisted around in his seat and was holding on to some steel tubes in the plane's interior.

"I had to get him to let go," Rolston recalled, noting he could not unbuckle the seatbelt until the child let go and sat straight in the seat.

Once the boy was free, Rolston

carried him out to the underside of the wing and placed him next to a strut. The boy's grandfather, Rob Scheres, was able to free himself. Rolston helped him out of the plane and then went back into the cabin to help the third passenger, 63-year-old Donna Kabing.

Rolston noted Scheres also helped Kabing climb out of the sinking cabin. The pilot and passengers held on to one of the plane's floats until Chambers was able to reach them with his boat. "It's cold, cold water," Rolston said.

Upon hearing of Rolston's actions, Ganges Marina manager Alec Thomson put together an application to the governor-general, nominating the pilot for a medal of honour.

"Mark's efforts were nothing less than heroic," Thomson said.

Rolston disagrees, saying he has never seen himself as a hero. "It's actually quite embarrassing."

He is back flying for Hanna Air this week and says his ambition is to continue flying, raise a family with his wife Charleen — they have two children — and, eventually, design and build an aircraft. He began learning how to fly when he was 17, obtained his pilot's licence a year later and his commercial licence in 1989.

"I've thought of nothing but flying ever since I was a kid," he said. He moved to Salt Spring and began working for Hanna Air 14 months ago.

Bowen Island, minister deciding Salt Spring fate?

Salt Spring could be considered island No. 13 judging by the unlucky deadlock in which it now finds itself with regard to pursuing options for improved local governance.

Behind the closed doors of ministerial chambers in Victoria our future is very likely being mapped. It appears that the Islands Trust itself is involved in the high-level discussion but you will not find any Salt Spring Islanders party to the deliberations.

But you may find a Bowen Islander or two. Municipal Affairs Minister Darlene Marzari told Bowen Island residents at a public meeting last month that Bowen is "the test case" for forming a municipality within the Trust. And while she emphasized that it would be up to islanders to decide whether to incorporate, the relationship between the municipality and the Trust was hers to define.

That, of course, may permanently leave Salt Spring property owners several hundred thousands of dollars out of pocket in

TONY RICHARDS



taxes that subsidize land use control on other, smaller islands. It puts this island's future in the hands of a minister and her friends, while its current affairs remain firmly controlled by 27 people, 24 of whom do not even live here.

Marzari's interest in Bowen Island is curious, but a former president of the Bowen chamber of commerce attributes it to a couple of close friendships. Bob Wiltshire, who took part in Bowen's last look at incorporation, believes the minister's relationship with two ex-Islands Trust representatives has influenced the latest moves.

Wiltshire said a local committee that did

not involve either the trustees or the regional director had gained the ear of the minister earlier and was pursuing with her sanction an examination of incorporation. But apparently that didn't sit well with the Trust and the goalposts were moved.

(On Salt Spring, meanwhile, a committee recently struck to push for the completion of the government options study has been told it can discuss the matter with the ministry at a staff level. The minister's doors remain closed to Salt Spring Islanders.)

So why is the Trust concerned?

Left to their own devices, residents of Bowen, Salt Spring and perhaps one or two other islands would devise a municipal structure that could fit within the Trust, but not contribute enormous sums of money to its operation, at least not without representation by population. (Like Salt Spring, Bowen contributes more for Trust services than it gets, according to Wiltshire.)

And that would gut the Trust as we

know it.

But many Salt Spring Islanders are wondering why they should contribute equalization payments in a federation of islands when they could put the money to good use at home. And failing to find a good use, they could at least reduce their taxes.

The future of local governance is now firmly tied to the fortunes of Bowen Island and the minister of municipal affairs. The issue is expected to "flop around for quite a while" on Bowen. As for the minister, the provincial government is in free fall, its direction impossible to predict.

Back on Salt Spring, some of this mess might have been avoided were it not for an intransigent regional director who refuses to hear his constituents. Having convinced himself that he is their benevolent dictator and that only he knows what is best for his subjects, he has his sights set on the long term. Like an African despot, he may crown himself director-for-life any day now.

Information legislation creates hospital fundraising problem

New freedom of information legislation has put some restraints on fundraising for Lady Minto Hospital and may even have caused a decline in donations.

The provincial legislation, proclaimed last November, is also designed to protect the privacy of individuals. That means that the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation is no longer able to obtain the names and addresses of discharged patients without their consent.

Hospital administrator Karen Davies told the Driftwood that patients must now be asked if they object to having their name given to the foundation. Since the hospital began making that request in January, only 48 per cent of discharged patients have said yes.

Those names are added to the foundation's mailing

list as prospective donors.

Davies was unable to estimate how many discharged patients have made donations in the past, but the response rate, she said, has always been good. With only half the names going to the foundation's mailing list, it may be losing access to potential supporters.

Davies thinks patients may be saying no to the request because they do not understand why it is being made.

"We're wondering if they understand why we have to ask the question."

Since the foundation was formed in 1991, it has raised \$235,216 to upgrade the hospital's services and equipment.

Firm begins harvesting mussel crop

Ken Renaud's mussels have grown at breakneck speed, but not because he's been taking steroids.

Renaud's company, Blue Frontier Adventures Ltd., has begun harvesting mussels — the shellfish variety — grown at Salt Spring Aquafarms' Cusheon Cove operation. On Thursday, Renaud was ecstatic about the quality of the blue mussels, imported from Prince Edward Island.

"The product is just excellent," he said after making a meal of them the night before. "They could easily be world-class mussels."

Renaud said the quality has taken him by surprise, as has the growth rate.

"They grew so damned fast the cages were dropping to the bottom before we could get enough flotation on them."

Renaud's company has just been awarded two grants by the provincial Ministry of Agriculture. One grant of \$78,275 will fund a joint venture project involving Blue Frontier, Redonda Sea Farms on Cortez Island and Island Scallops of Qualicum Beach will

conduct nursery trials for blue mussel aquaculture production.

Another award of \$7,500 will fund development of a plan to produce and market blue mussels for domestic and export markets.

The grants were made under the Partners in Progress program, whose purpose is to improve the competitiveness and diversity of the aquaculture and fisheries industry. The two Blue Frontier projects were among 12 announced by the Ministry of Agriculture receiving funding of \$340,932.

Mail order marketing seminar planned

The joys and pitfalls of mail order marketing will be examined in a forum Monday on Salt Spring.

Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds and Lou Walsh of Celtic Studio will share their experiences in the mail order business, providing participants a look at the steps involved and the information base needed to begin.

Duart Campbell, who is organizing the forum on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, says it will also explore publication of a "best of Salt Spring catalogue." By pool-

ing talents and resources, he says, local artisans could afford a good, nationally distributed catalogue.

Electronic marketing through the Internet will also be on the agenda.

The meeting will run from 7-10 p.m. at the Cedar Beach Resort conference room at 1136 North End Road. Campbell can be reached for more information at 537-1589.

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Skateboards blamed for plant damage

Unhappy landscaper Harold Repen points out damage to Mexican orange plants outside Ingle's Restaurant in Ganges last week. Repen, who looks after landscaping for Mouat's Trading Company, blamed youngsters on skateboards for mowing down the plants, which will have to be pruned back to repair.

Photo by Tony Richards

Medicine Beach drive is approaching target

Pender Islanders are approaching the home stretch in a fundraising drive to save an island property.

Since last September, fundraising events have brought in \$240,000 to buy Medicine Beach, a 20-acre property at the head of Bedwell Harbour on North Pender Island. The property gets its name from its historical use by natives as a source for medicinal herbs and plants. A midden on the site attests to its continued use for some 6,000 years.

Owners of the property are the Atkins family, who have agreed to give the Pender Islands Conservancy Association an eight-month option to purchase. The asking price is \$380,000, "well below the market value of \$500,000," a press release from the association said. Spokesman Lawrence Pitt had nothing but praise for the Atkins family, who would like the property to be preserved and be accessible by the community.

The association has to find another \$140,000 before the April

30 deadline. Much of that is expected from another eight fundraising functions next month.

"The community has really pulled together on this," Pitt said. "Half the island turned out for the barn dance last fall."

The association has had the full support of island celebrities like chef James Barber, who led a benefit dinner, and Salt Spring Islander Robert Bateman. Outside agencies like Wildlife Habitat Canada and the Nature Conservancy of Canada have given \$60,000 to the project.

"Medicine Beach is not germane to Pender only. It is part of the Gulf Islands ecosystem and represents a special part of the Gulf Islands."

Next fundraising events are an auction Saturday, April 15 at the Pender School starting at 11 a.m., and a home tour Sunday, April 16 of a dozen island homes and gardens — including Medicine Beach. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by phoning 629-6392.

Conflict charge is repeated

By VALORIE LENNOX
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A last-minute bid by Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) director Yantra Walker to ensure her place in the Market in the Park lit a heated discussion at Monday's PRC meeting.

But Walker failed in her attempt to have the PRC's requirement that all vendors make, bake or grow their product waived for some vendors on the basis of their long-standing participation in the market.

Five of the eight commission members voted not to discuss the policy, effectively killing any hope of "grandfathering" Walker and other vendors back into the Centennial Park market.

The market officially opens Saturday. At Monday's meeting, PRC members were told 110 applications had been received from islanders for the 75 market spaces.

Walker then asked what had happened to her application to sell used goods, which had been made under the "grandfather" provision she said the PRC approved at the July 25 meeting.

Other commission members disagreed, saying the PRC had agreed only to consider Walker's motion to "grandfather" some long-standing vendors. However, no change had been made to the

"make it, bake it or grow it" policy for market vendors.

Malcolm Legg said the Market Advisory Group had discussed the idea but felt the market should be only for island-produced goods. Only the PRC could change that policy, he noted.

Chairwoman Kellie Booth asked Walker if she was raising the issue as a PRC member or as a potential market vendor. She pointed out Walker had an obvious personal interest in changing the policy.

"I can't split myself in half," Walker responded. She estimated there are 15 other long-standing vendors who would qualify to join in the Centennial Park market only if the make it, bake it or grow it requirement was waived.

Commission member Patsy Siemens suggested those affected should put their energy into creating another marketing outlet for themselves.

Hume and Barry Urquhart both pointed out that Walker's championing of "grandfathering" at the July 25 meeting had been identified as a conflict of interest.

"It amazes me that you're bringing it up again," Curtin told Walker. "It's still a conflict of interest."

Luth said the issue called for humanity, not concerns over conflict of interest. "Who is so cold-

hearted to deal with conflict of interest when people are trying to survive?" He also criticized a July 27 Driftwood editorial as "disgusting" for pointing out the conflict.

"The editorial could only have been written by someone who never starved in their life," he declared.

Luth, commission member Peter Calderhead and Walker voted to discuss the "grandfathering" possibility. Curtin, Legg, Malcolm McLean, Siemens and Urquhart voted against the motion.



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Downed plane's passenger still likes to fly; commends Hanna Air pilot's fast reaction

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Getting dunked in a seaplane crash last Tuesday didn't deter Rob Scheres from boarding another Hanna Air flight three days later.

"You might as well climb back on the horse — that's the best way," said the 58-year-old Salt Spring resident in an interview. Scheres was one of three passengers who escaped unhurt when Hanna Air's 10-seat Norseman broke a float while landing near Kuper Island.

The plane flipped and partially sank in Lamalchi Bay on the southeast corner of the island. Quick action by pilot Mark Rolston ensured everyone escaped unhurt from the crash, Scheres said. "It was all his routine, his quickness. There was just no time."

As the plane flipped, Rolston

"shot out" the front door and swam around to reach the passengers, who were hanging upside down, held in place by their seatbelts. With Scheres was his seven-year-old grandson, Jonaton Crewe, and a third passenger, 63-year-old Donna Kabing of Edmonton.

"Everything goes through your head. Obviously, you're terrified," Scheres said. As water flooded in through the cockpit Scheres was able to get his own seatbelt undone, but his grandson had twisted in his seat and the belt could not easily be released.

With Rolston's help, the boy was freed. Rolston left him on the wing, clinging to a strut, and returned to help Scheres.

"He (Rolston) dove back in again to get the lady," Scheres said. "Son of a gun, he was fast." Scheres recalls he and Rolston

helping Kabing out of the cabin. "By this time we were all wet."

The pilot and passengers were able to get on to the undamaged, right-hand float and hang on until Kuper resident Martin Chambers rescued them with his boat.

For Scheres, the worst moment was when he feared he would not be able to save his grandson. "What are you going to tell his mother?"

Jonaton was visiting his grandparents on Salt Spring during the spring break. Scheres, who had often flown with Hanna Air in the past, had promised the boy a return plane trip to Vancouver as a special treat.

The 8 a.m. flight was en route to Vancouver but was stopping at Kuper to pick up Chambers. Scheres said there were no problems early in the flight and the approach to Kuper Island was

level and controlled. He was unable to see the floats from the passenger cabin but realized the pilot had initially landed the plane and then lifted off the water before making a second approach. The second approach was also level but the plane was unbalanced by the broken float and tipped to the left before flipping upside down.

Scheres regrets the loss of the 52-year-old Norseman, which had been upgraded and purchased by Hanna Air last summer. "It's an old plane but I like it."

His grandson returned to Vancouver by ferry last Wednesday. By Friday, Scheres said, the boy was regretting that he could not join his grandfather on a return flight to Salt Spring.

"I like flying," Scheres said.

Schedule maintained despite 'hole in fleet'

Hanna Air kept to its schedule last week despite the loss of its flagship, a 10-seat Norseman, in a crash last Tuesday morning.

Co-owner Randy Hanna credits an outpouring of support from customers and business with keeping the company in the air. Corilair Air Charters of Cortez Island stepped in with the loan of a four-seat Cessna 185.

Letters, faxes and phone calls of support followed news of the crash. "We were absolutely astounded — the day of and the days following the occurrence — by the amount of people who came in to book flights," Hanna said. Several said they wanted to make sure the company survived, Hanna added.

The company still had a two-seat Cessna 150 available plus access to a four-seat Cessna 180. Both planes are owned by Randy and Brenda Hanna and leased to Hanna Air. The Cessna 180 is temporarily leased out for the herring fishery but should be back by the end of the month, Randy Hanna said.

"There's a huge hole in our fleet right now," Hanna said.

He suspects the insurance will not cover the cost of replacing the 52-year-old Norseman. He notes the plane sustained little damage in the accident but said the high cost of totally dismantling the plane — required due to its immersion in sea water — may make it uneconomic to repair.

He also suspects it will be difficult to buy another Norseman. Due to Hanna Air's success in using the Norseman as a passenger plane, Hanna said, the cost of the planes has increased and those still available have been snapped up by others hoping to emulate Hanna's success.

"I feel like we've shot ourselves

in the foot," he remarked.

He feels the solid design of the plane helped hold the framework intact through the crash and contributed to the safety of the passengers. The side-facing seats and seatbelts held passengers secure and were easier to escape from than forward-facing seats, Hanna noted.

He refuted a Coast Guard report that the fuselage had broken in two from the crash, saying the plane had remained structurally intact.

Mark Rolston was piloting the plane when the crash occurred. He agreed with Hanna's comments. "It's a good plane. It's a really well-built aircraft," he said.

Although Hanna and Rolston said they could not identify the exact cause of the crash until the transportation safety board's investigation is finished, all reports suggest the plane crashed because the left float broke as the plane was landing off Kuper Island.

"We feel there's a need to understand why that float broke, so we're looking into it," safety board investigator Gerry Binnema said. He came to Salt Spring Thursday to see the plane and is now collecting information. A report should be released to the public within six months, he said.

Meanwhile, Hanna is making arrangements to bring in planes to continue his company's service. He expects Hanna Air will now have more smaller planes, which will allow development of a more flexible schedule.

He also plans to do "something special" for the passengers caught in the crash.

One idea is a special flight next summer to give seven-year-old Jonaton a more pleasant introduction to float planes. Hanna is considering a fishing trip for the boy.



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3 fined after pleading guilty to harming Fulford fish habitat

Protection of island streams from logging was re-enforced in Ganges provincial court Friday when Judge Alan Filmer handed down \$3,000 in fines for a Fisheries Act infraction in the Fulford valley dating back to 1993.

Paul Konig was fined \$1,500 for his role in clearing the trees from a 300-metre strip of land adjacent to Fulford Creek in July 1993. Landowners Louis Laundry and Philip De Costa were also fined \$1,500 jointly.

All three men pleaded guilty to a charge of harming fish habitat, for which Filmer thanked them. A not-guilty plea would have taken two or three days of court time, "a luxury this court does not have."

The court heard how the Laundry family had owned the property since the turn of the century and how the land which was being cleared of alder trees had once been a pasture, cleared to the creek. Laundry and De Costa, as joint owners of the property, had asked Konig, who has had a firewood business on Salt Spring for 12 years, to cut down the alders. There was no cash payment involved; Konig could keep the trees.

A forestry consultant and a senior fisheries biologist both reported on the damage to the stream at the time of the logging.

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Debris was deposited in the stream, gravel disturbed, banks and vegetation "extremely damaged" or "completely destroyed" by the skidding of trees across the creek. At least 75 trees were taken out along the stream.

Crown counsel Bruce Filon argued for fines in the region of \$3,000 so that future developers of property would not see them as a "cost of doing business."

"We must send the message that this kind of activity will not be tolerated."

Counsel for the defence, Jim Pasuta, argued that the creek did not suffer demonstrable long-term damage. The quick efforts of the owners, the faller and members of the Salt Spring Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society to repair the creek before winter rains set in prevented more serious damage. He also argued that vegetation had grown back along the creek edges, in the form of thistles and fireweed.

In conclusion, he cited a letter of February this year from the salmon enhancement society's Kathy Reimer, who praised the clean-up efforts of the owners and Konig and indicated the

creek had recovered since the incident.

"It's very unfortunate that this did occur," Judge Filmer said, summing up the case. "We all like to think of ourselves as ecologists. We all like to think we have a responsibility to the environment around us."

He said it was obvious or should have been to all concerned that Fulford Creek was a fish-bearing stream and has been "as long as anyone can remember" and that land owners and loggers should know that special care must be taken with fish-bearing streams.

On the positive side, Filmer said the response of all parties involved to the stream damage was "totally appropriate" and "civic-minded." Konig paid out some \$600 to clean up the stream bed and the owners paid some \$800. Both amounts were deducted from their \$1,500 fines.

In light of their help at the time, Judge Filmer said there was no need for "specific deterrence" in this case. But for the purposes of general deterrence, against those who would wilfully damage a stream bed, he imposed the \$3,000 fine, shared equally between land owner and faller.

The salmon enhancement society was to be paid \$500 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in cleaning up the creek.

Youngster set for operation as donations come in

Kane Roscoe and his family are on their way to Baltimore.

Bill Kane, grandfather of the eight-year-old Salt Spring youngster who needs special medical treatment, said Thursday the David Foster Foundation has offered to pay accommodation expenses.

Kane and his parents, Steve and Donna Roscoe, will accompany their son to Baltimore, Maryland. The series of operations could take more than two months to complete.

Airfare has been paid by the Lions Club and other organizations and individuals have contributed money as well.

The Roscoes leave for Baltimore on April 8.

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INTERNET: Meeting to explore access

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live on Salt Spring and, through technology like the Internet, "work" for companies in major cities.

"It draws money from the outside on to the island where it can be spent," he said, adding, "Telecommuters don't bring traffic."

He has met a dozen people who are interested in obtaining local Internet access and six businesses which want to set up their own "pages."

Among those advocating local Internet access are:

- Dwight Jones of Imagen, a company which is creating software to allow people to easily publish on the Internet. He has a staff of six people in Vancouver but says he would move his entire operation to Salt Spring if he could gain local Internet access.

- He predicts a local Internet connection would draw other technology-oriented businesses to Salt Spring, adding to the job market. Other benefits could include transfer of medical information by the hospital, improved research tools for local students and quick information transfer for local government.

- Grant Eckberg of Help Software, an accounting software company which moved from Vancouver to Salt Spring last year. Eckberg began

researching an on-island Internet connection last summer. He notes prices for technology are constantly dropping. A co-op venture could be feasible, he feels, especially if it started small and grew to match the demand from residents.

- Walsh of Celtic Studio, a company which specializes in customized heraldic jewellery, already has Internet access through a long-distance call to Victoria. He and Lawson, an electronics engineer, have been negotiating with an Internet provider in Victoria to find some way to gain toll-free access to the Internet.

One option they discovered is laying in a dedicated line from Salt Spring to a Victoria Internet provider. Such an option would cost approximately \$5,000, Walsh noted.

If 100 people joined to finance the line, the cost would be \$50 per person. The benefit would be Internet access at \$2 an hour instead of the present \$15.

- Mark Classen, who established the Salt Spring-based Raven Net bulletin board last year. The bulletin board offers e-mail access to the Internet and carries some discussion groups but does not offer direct access. Classen notes Unitel has announced plans for a flat-rate communication

package to help rural communities obtain Internet access.

Smith has also been researching options. One might be a microwave link and another could be a high-speed dedicated line from Salt Spring to the University of Victoria.

Both Smith and Walsh note Salt Spring was offered toll-free calling to Greater Victoria a few years ago and residents voted down the idea. But Walsh doesn't know if access to the Internet would be compelling enough to make residential customers pay an estimated \$6 more a month and businesses \$30 more per month.

But even if residents are now willing to pay extra for toll-free calling, the option depends on BC Tel being willing to make the offer.

"The whole issue dovetails into the right to access to information," Walsh observed.

Smith believes digital communication is too important to the future of the islands to be controlled from off-island by telephone companies or cable companies based in Toronto or Vancouver.

"It's a matter of the island taking control of its own direction in the coming cyber-society," he stated. "We have to be able to hook on. If we don't do this, Salt Spring Island becomes a communications backwater."

Newsprint increases force hike in ad rates

Rates for both display and classified advertising in the Driftwood will rise four per cent beginning with the April 5 issue.

"We have not put up our rates for two years," explained publisher Joyce Carlson on Monday. "Increasing newsprint prices have resulted in a major increase in printing costs. Our printer had paper increases in January, February and March. After a respite in April, yet another increase has been announced for May."

Newspapers across North America, from large dailies to smaller community newspapers like the Driftwood, are facing the same increases. Some B.C. newspapers are increasing their advertising rates by as much as eight per cent.

Things are changing so fast in the newsprint industry it is difficult to get an answer as to what will happen in the next six months, according to John Norrington, Canadian paper sales manager for MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.

Paper shortages resulting from labour disruptions and rapid price increases have publishers constantly looking at their financial situation.

In an interview with the Driftwood last week, Norrington said all printers are on an allocation system.

Publishers are taking several steps in the face of a 70 per cent increase in the price of newsprint. Norrington said those steps include changing the width of a newspaper page, tightening up on

editorial content and eliminating fringe circulation. In the case of flyers, companies are looking at their current publishing frequency with an eye to reducing the schedule.

Printers are doing their part as well as they reduce the number of spoiled copies and recycle everything.

Offshore markets are "extremely hot," Norrington said. As an example, he related that some customers in India are paying US\$1,000 per tonne for newsprint. The current rate in Canada in Canadian dollars is \$900.

Norrington traced the current situation back to 1988 when 12 new paper machines started production at the same time daily newspapers started to experience up to a 10 per cent downturn in advertising lineage. That started a "gas-war like battle" among newsprint producers that brought many of the companies to the brink of bankruptcy. As an example, Norrington said there is a new \$200 million paper machine sitting idle in Gold River because the company that owns it is in receivership.

Wood costs have increased from \$40 to \$80 per cubic metre because of increased stumpage rates, changes in logging methods and effluent disposal, Norrington said.

Asked if paper has a future, he predicted it is a sunset or mature industry. In 10 years, electronic information will likely be 10 per cent of the flow. In 20 years it could be 50-50 ink on paper versus electronic, he added.

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Assessments for Salt Spring, Outer Islands top \$1 billion

Total property assessments for Salt Spring and for the Outer Islands have each topped the billion-dollar mark.

Preliminary calculations of Salt Spring property assessments have shown an increase of 14 per cent from \$954 million to \$1.1 billion in 1995. Assessments for the Outer Islands increased 17 per cent from \$887 million to \$1 billion.

Meanwhile, islanders will not see hefty increases in their Capital Regional District (CRD) taxes this year, despite the rising property assessments. The regional board voted last week to adopt a budget of \$114.6 million, up 4.4 per cent from last year's \$109.7 million.

On Salt Spring Island, preliminary figures show the tax requisition for the regional district will drop three-tenths of one per cent, from \$1.3 million to \$1.297 million, according to figures released by assistant director of finance Rita Estock.

That translates into an average tax levy for island property owners of \$226.69, down nearly \$5 from last year's average \$231.24. The levy provides regional services like parks and recreation, building inspection and waste disposal.

On the Outer Islands, the tax requisition will be \$816,000, up two per cent from last year's \$798,000. The average tax levy is projected to be \$131.42, virtually the same as last year's \$131.49.

Island Watch calls housing meeting

Housing options for Salt Spring will be the focus of a meeting Tuesday at the Anglican Centre.

Sponsored by the Island Watch Society, the meeting will feature information on subsidized housing, housing co-ops, the report by the housing and accommodation task force, homes for seniors and alternative housing.

Island Watch director Claire Heffernan notes there are many housing needs on the island. "Are you tired of renting and would like your own home? How many people do you know who live in substandard housing and spend half their disposable income on rent?" she asks.

For seniors, the question is whether they will be able to continue living independently when they become unable to maintain their home or do the yard work.

The recent series of workshops on the community plan review started with a presentation on housing and Heffernan feels it is appropriate to hold a second workshop on housing "following on the heels of the Islands Trust workshops."

"Can we have more housing on

Salt Spring without compromising our rural values and traditions?" she adds. "We think there are lots of options out there that Salt Spring Island could adopt in the Official Community Plan."

Her contribution to the evening will be a slide show on a 70-acre environmentally friendly subdivision constructed in California almost 20 years ago. The development features fruit trees, bicycle paths which replace roads, community gardens and a solar-heated swimming pool.

A form of cooperative housing for seniors, which allows independent living and privacy within a shared accommodation unit, will be outlined by Barb Aust, chairman of the Abbeyfield Society of Salt Spring Island.

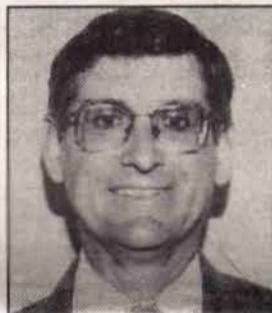
Co-op housing and the steps which would be required for a co-op housing project on Salt Spring Island will be explained by Don Stevens, who has been involved with three co-ops.

The current status of Salt Spring Community Services' Village Green affordable housing project

will be outlined by director Jane Parlee. David Wood, chairman of the housing task force, will report on its final recommendations to the Islands Trust.

Each presentation will be 15 minutes long and participants will be encouraged to join in the discussion.

The workshop will be held in the lower hall of the centre at 120 Park Drive. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. and the workshop will begin at 7:30.



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Local midwife nominated to board of new college

Salt Spring will be represented on the new College of Midwifery announced two weeks ago by the provincial government.

Midwife Maggie Ramsey has been nominated to sit on a 10-member board that will oversee how the new college will be set up. Ramsey said this week the board will have the responsibility of setting the scope and standards of midwife practice in the province as well as promoting education and programs for midwives.

The college may begin licensing midwives as early as September. Salt Spring has three midwives: Ramsey, Heather Martin and Jeanne Lyons.



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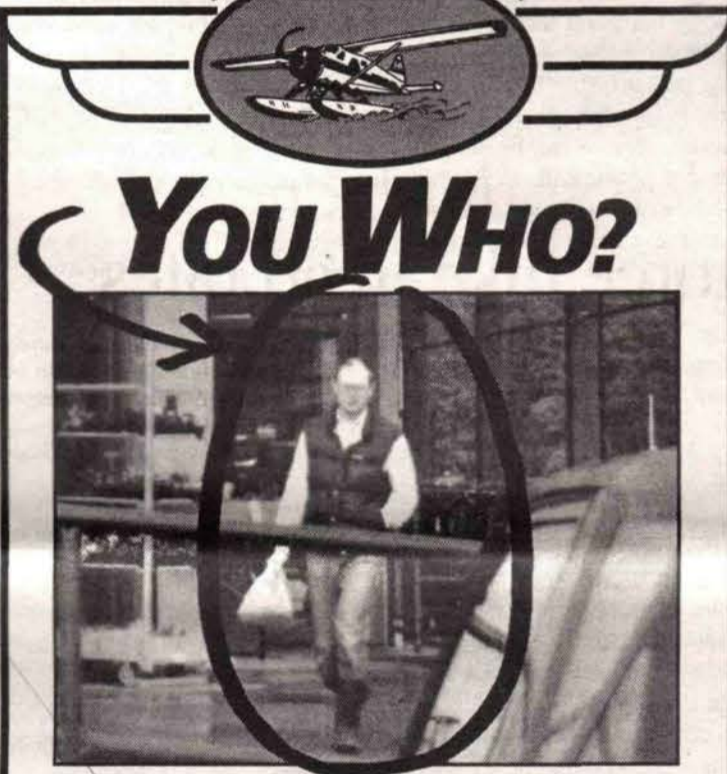
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On the Gulf Islands, the best kind of strip mall would be one bordering the information highway.

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That's the image painted by some islanders who want to make sure Salt Spring is wired into the electronic network. They argue that the Internet could open the way to a worldwide market for local producers and connecting could also draw technologically oriented businesses to the island.

It's a compelling vision and, even stripped of information highway hype, it is a concept worth pursuing.

As it now exists, the information highway or Internet has millions of users. It is a chaotic, rapidly growing international link of computers carrying everything from scholarly discussion to the bluest of graphic images.

Whatever the content, it has proven itself a powerful tool for virtually instant, international communication. Given the explosion in telecommunications and computing technology, further advances in electronic links can be expected over the next decade.

For islanders, the main barrier to taking advantage of this technology has been the physical links — the cables which carry the electronic messages from computer to computer.

At present, this link creates most of the cost for residents who want to join the other 20 million people now cruising the Internet. Internet service can be accessed for as little as \$2 an hour. Long-distance phone calls to reach an Internet provider in Vancouver or Victoria can easily cost \$13 an hour.

As these costs mount up, access is limited to those able to pay the bill, which one user indicated can reach several hundred dollars a month.

But a locally developed link to the Internet — and eventually to other telecommunications services — could bring the costs back down, within reach of the entire community. Increased competition in the telecommunications market and improvements to technology are making a locally developed link more feasible now than it was just a few months ago.

A meeting will be held on Salt Spring Saturday to discuss the formation of a local co-op to develop improved telecommunications links for the island.

We encourage this effort. The concept is in keeping with the islands' tradition of cooperative, volunteer action to provide necessary amenities. It deserves support.

In the information age, we feel a cable may be as important to the community as a road or a ferry link. It may well bring access to new markets and new jobs for islanders.

Best of all, erecting billboards by the information highway could bring in the green, while leaving the island landscape unscathed by the less than attractive byproducts of unfettered commerce.

Return of the herring

Amidst the latest squabbling over sewage a question must be posed to the committee planning the expansion of the Ganges treatment plant's capacity: what enticements were offered the herring before their remarkable return two weeks ago to Ganges Harbour?

For those who built the sewer and for those who now wish to see its capacity enhanced, the huge run of spawning herring could not have come at a more opportune time. While a fisheries spokesman could give us no explanation this week as to why such huge numbers of fish should turn up in Ganges, he did allow as to how the herring are fussy about the cleanliness of the water.

For many islanders, however, the herring's presence represented more than a celebration of a functioning sewer system. It was symbolic of new life, an extension of the rite of spring now so evident on the land. It was evidence of a healthy environment, a reassuring sign after years of shrill warnings of impending environmental doom.

Perhaps the warnings have paid off and — as far as the herring are concerned, at least — we've turned the corner in rectifying some of our past wrongs against the Earth.

Whatever the reason, the herring have returned, heralding rebirth, renewal — and a reminder of declining turbot stocks.

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Threat to Ganges Harbour seen in altering sewer requirements

Do you know that the Ganges Harbour we all look at almost every day is only 34 feet deep on average? Do you realize that into that shallow, narrow body of water Ganges pumps 90,000 gallons of sewage a day?

Up until now, that sewage has been given a relatively high amount of treatment to make it less polluting and less harmful than almost any other sewer discharge in B.C.

But now the Ganges sewer committee and the Capital Regional District (CRD) have applied to the Ministry of Environment for "amendments" to the present permit. These amendments, if approved, would allow drastic alterations to the sewer system and seriously threaten Ganges Harbour. These changes would: (1) increase the sewage volume by raising the present 90,000 gallons per day limit to 300,000 gallons; (2) reduce the quality of treatment by raising the allowable fecal coliform limit from the present 70 per 100 ml of sample to 5,000; and (3) abandon the emergency backup capability by eliminating the present holding tanks. The current permit requires that sewage be discharged only on the outgoing tides. The amendments propose continuous discharge.

The existing requirements were established after years of technical studies, many hundreds of thousands of tax dollars, and much deliberation by marine engineers and environmental experts. They were designed to protect Ganges Harbour!

Prior to the construction of the present sewer, one of the major oceanographic consultants, H.A. Simons, concluded, "It is recommended that the effluent be discharged during ebb tides only. To facilitate this, a 24-hour holding tank should be included between the treatment system and the outfall. The holding tanks provide an opportunity for emergency treatment in times of mechanical breakdown, thereby preventing untreated sewage

from flowing directly into the harbour." The Ganges treatment plant has already experienced equipment failure and had to rely on the holding tanks for four years. If the ebb tide-only discharge procedure were removed, at times of plant failures the number of fecal coliforms directly discharged into the harbour would be in the millions in one 24-hour period.

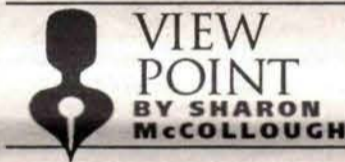
In the past year, yet another study was done in Ganges Harbour. Seaconsult Marine Ltd. states, "Concentrations at the head of Ganges Harbour were 60 to 80 per cent higher for continuous discharge than for ebb tide-only discharge, 10 to 25 per cent higher at the head of Long Harbour, 28 per cent higher in Welbury Bay and 111 per cent higher at Welbury Point. This study was done at present volume and treatment levels, and it assumed optimum treatment plant functioning (which is not realistic).

It is technically possible to expand our system to accommodate Ganges development without downgrading the standards.

The only rationale for these amendments is they are considered to be cheaper expedients, yet two-thirds of the capital cost of the expansion will be borne by provincial and federal taxpayers.

This issue should be of great concern to every resident of this island. Please express those concerns to the people making decisions which will profoundly effect us all. These include the CRD, Islands Trust and Ministry of Environment.

The writer was active in the campaign against the existing sewer system in the early 1980s. She lives on Welbury Bay.



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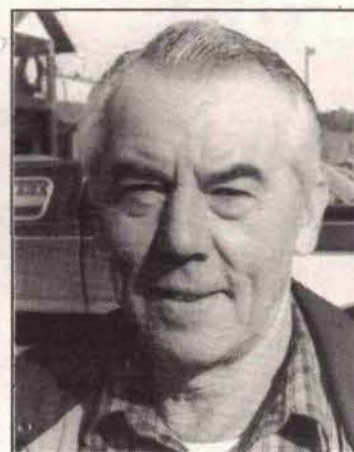
Jocelyn Holmes

We've got to balance the budget. Stop spending (and) update welfare and health.



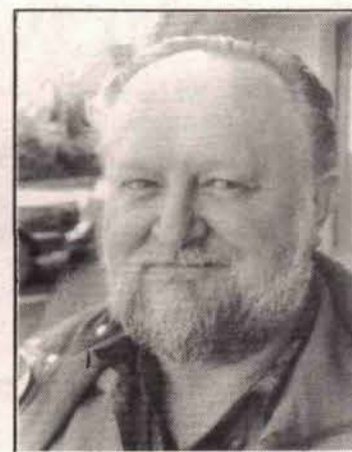
Ed Waddell

There should be more sidewalks next to the roads.



Fred Stoerig

Employment would be one of the major issues. If more people were employed there would be less trouble.



Rick Saunders

Just to remind them that they're working for us. They've forgotten we put them there.

Letters to the editor

Barrier to learning

Island parents who have chosen to keep grades from the eyes of their children have been accused of "overprotecting" them, and preventing them from facing important "consequences." (Driftwood editorial, March 22)

While it may be "overprotection" to hide truths from children, low grades are not "truths;" they relate more to children's "test-smartness" than to the true status of their learning. Besides, if children "know when they are doing well and when they are struggling," as indeed they do, there is no need for grades.

Every teaching situation involves the school, the teacher, the student, the student's parents, and the student's personal situation, among many other factors; it is unfair and unrealistic to present low grades as a measure of the child's actions alone.

A child's self-esteem is a very precious commodity. Parents who attempt to maintain their child's self-esteem by avoiding the potential dangers of an imperfect, misleading, and harmful grading system should be commended, not criticized. Using grades as a threatened punishment poses a danger, not just to a child's self-esteem and motivation, but to the child's opportunity to learn in a climate that enhances learning. As the educator John Holt warned, "When we make children afraid, we stop learning dead in its tracks." Tragically, the indignity of low grades, which are notoriously subjective anyway, can effectively stop a child's learning by destroying his motivation and his belief in his own worth and abilities. Even "good" grades give children the false message that extrinsic rewards are more important than the intrinsic value of learning itself.

In any case, it is ultimately the

parents' right to decide whether grades are helpful or harmful for their child; after all, it is a legal option for children to learn at home and avoid grades entirely. For those parents considering this alternative, and for all those interested in the nature of learning, I highly recommend John Holt's insightful book, *How Children Learn*.

JAN HUNT,
Bullock Creek Road

Gilbert's song

U.S. Congressman Robert Torricelli says that Canada should be "deferential" to his country's embargo policy against Cuba. W.S. Gilbert appeared to me in a dream and sang the following:

Are we the very model of a deferential satellite?

Is Uncle Sam the High Priest and are we the trembling acolyte?

We mustn't trade with Cuba - that would make Newt Gingrich quite uptight.

Are we the very model of a deferential satellite?

Cuba bad but China good - it does sound quite Orwellian

Gangsters in Miami say we should act Torricellian

Help 'em get Havana back and prove we know that might is right.

We'd be the very model of a deferential satellite.

ANDREW GIBSON,
Rainbow Road

'Pesky' change defended

I have been reading with interest local commentary and news items on the urban addresses and postal codes which have been introduced on Salt Spring Island by Canada Post Corporation.

I believe I can share the feelings of many residents who do not

always welcome the gradual changes in their environment which seem to leave behind, piece by piece, the quaint, rural flavour that characterized "home" for decades. Doors are now locked at night, you don't know by name every person (and their parents and grandparents) you might run into at the grocery store, and now there's this "pesky" civic addressing issue.

Canada Post is gradually moving throughout smaller communi-

ties across the country, often at the same time as 9-1-1 is introduced, to assign every household and business a postal code to correspond with the municipally assigned civic address. More precise coding of addresses enables the corporation to benefit from the postal technology in which it has so heavily invested in the past number of years and ensures more cost-efficient service.

If mail can be sorted right now to the delivery level by mechanized equipment, it makes no sense to hang onto manual sort-

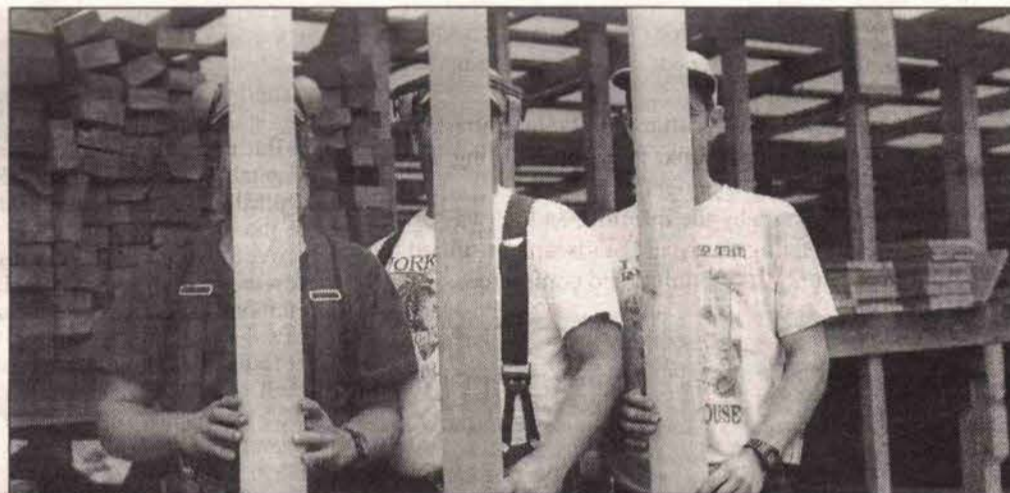
tion which is more labour intensive and costly. Any company that has not harnessed available technology to its full advantage simply is not in business today.

Residents of Salt Spring Island will continue to receive quality postal service at their new postal codes. All Canada Post asks is that residents cooperate and advise their correspondents of the change within a reasonable period of time.

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Conflict legislation monster for NDP

VICTORIA — We have a monster on our hands, and it's getting bigger and meaner. Conflict of interest legislation is beginning to destroy, or at least render impotent, the very political system it was to purify.

When the NDP hauled out the conflict of interest bandwagon in the last election campaign and promised the toughest legislation in the known universe, little did it know that three years later, it would be on the verge of being hoisted on its own petard.

It seemed like a good idea at the time.

Premier Bill Vander Zalm had been forced out of office. A scandal-ridden Socred government had reached the end of its life. The image of politics and politicians had plummeted to unprecedented lows. Voters were cynical as hell. The time had come for a new beginning.

To its credit, the NDP was quick to deliver on its promise. The legislation governing the conduct of politicians under the watchful eye of conflict of interest commissioner Ted Hughes was widely hailed as the toughest in North America.

At the same time, the new government brought in one of the best freedom of information legislation packages of any jurisdiction in North America. The stage seemed to be set for better, more open, more accountable and more responsible government.

But none of the aforementioned happened. Instead, the combined effect of access to information and conflict of interest legislation has begun to cripple the government that brought in the new measures, and will cripple any new government until the conflict of interest legislation is revisited and made workable.

Let's look at the celebrated conflict of interest in which Premier Harcourt allegedly finds himself. A long-time NDP supporter and failed candidate, Ron Johnson, owns a communications consulting firm.

Over the last three years, NOW Communications has received \$5 million worth of government contracts, which represents roughly five per cent of the government's total communications budget for those three years.

Several firms in competition with NOW, firms which have no connection with the NDP, have said they see nothing wrong with the amount of work NOW has done for the government.

And yet, based on the fact that Johnson is a long-time NDP supporter and has worked on Harcourt's election campaign, a radio reporter asked Hughes to investigate the premier for a possible conflict of interest.

In past rulings, Hughes has defined conflict of interest fairly broadly. He could well rule, in this case, that because of Johnson's connection with the NDP, it would have been more prudent for the government not to do business with him. That might be enough to force Harcourt to resign.

But does all this stand up to an even rudimentary test of fairness? I think not. Should a company be excluded from doing business with the government because its principal supports one party or another? I think not.

Such an arrangement would, in fact, force government to do business only with people who hate it, or to put it into more polite terms, who are politically opposed to it. I couldn't think of anything more bizarre.

The trouble with our conflict of interest legislation is that it defines conflict too broadly. Taking the NOW controversy as an example, the premier would be in a clear conflict of interest if his wife or maybe even his second cousin 55 times removed had shares in NOW.

But don't tell me that he is in a conflict of interest because Johnson is a friend of the NDP. That's ludicrous.

John Langford, a professor at the University of Victoria's school of public administration, has some interesting observations on conflict of interest charges. He says they have become a tool of political terrorism.

"Anyone can describe something as a conflict of interest and it tends to bring the whole political agenda of the government to a crashing halt. We've created a disease. It's a terrorist tool."

Even Jes Ketchum, a communications consultant and former Socred official, says, "I think we've gone overboard. It's a political football." And while the contracts awarded to NOW may smack of patronage, they don't add up to a conflict of interest, according to Ketchum.

If the Liberals win the next election, they will be embroiled in conflict of interest charges within 12 months, and so will any future government, unless the legislation is changed. No government, however, will dare change it.

And like the sorcerer's apprentice, the NDP will have created a monster that just won't go away.

CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Opposed to Customs port

I have recently become aware of a proposal by Jeremy Moray and the Chamber of Commerce to relocate Canada Customs port of entry for boats and aircraft to Ganges. This suggestion might, on the surface, appear to be relatively benign. However, the facts of the impact of this proposal are very serious and very negative.

Ganges Harbour is very crowded now in the summer. Locating a customs facility would mean a massive increase in both marine and aircraft traffic. Large, powerful U.S. vessels would be entering and leaving the harbour 24 hours a day. All sea-planes entering Canadian airspace would be required to land in Ganges. The numbers based on 1994 statistics indicate that 8,066 vessels went through the port of entry at Bedwell Harbour and 405 aircraft. That means at least 16,000 passages in and out by vessels and 810 take-offs and landings by aircraft would be anticipated in 1995. Of these boats 6,700 were American and the remainder Canadian vessels returning to Canada.

The port of entry at Bedwell Harbour is more accessible and much more in line with the marine traffic routes and it is completely adequate. The proposal to move it does not come from Canada Customs, it comes from a misguided attempt by the Chamber to increase high-impact, large volume summer tourism.

There are other issues with serious implications. For example, most boats take on fresh water when they dock and the amount ranges from 20 gallons on small boats to hundreds of gallons on large ones. This would have to be supplied free by the taxpayers.

There is no sewage pump-out station in Ganges. The spectre of 8,000 toilets afloat in the harbour should, in and of itself, be sufficient reason to quash this proposal.

I am very much aware that there are financial benefits to tourism. I believe we should be encouraging low-impact, off-season, environmentally sensitive tourism.

I encourage all residents of the island to contact the local Chamber of Commerce requesting an immediate withdrawal of this very ill-advised proposition.

MAUREEN BENDICK,
Welbury Drive

Mailed in error


Recently the people of Saturna Island received in the mail an appeal from the Canadian Red Cross Society, B.C. - Yukon Division. We did not intend to mail to Saturna Island, as a long-term volunteer runs a door-to-door canvass there. Therefore, on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society I apologize for any confusion or misunderstanding this mailing may have caused.

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Trust recognizes island's needs

I applaud your extensive coverage of the Islands Trust Council meetings.

However, I would like to make a couple of corrections. A small but significant error is in the report that I said that our local planner "has racked up 530 hours of overtime during the past four months." What I said was that our local planner has racked up about 530 hours of overtime over the past year, amounting to a total of about four months of staff time.

In an article in your March 15 edition, you state that "Bids for more Islands Trust resources for Salt Spring Island were lost to budget cuts ..." indicating that once again Salt Spring, the largest tax supporter of the Trust, has lost out to a council that, due to inequitable representation, is failing to recognize Salt Spring's needs.

This could not be farther from the truth. At the council meeting the trustees gave clear and strong support to Salt Spring's greater needs. This support is right now being translated into real support in staffing and services. This is, in my view, Salt Spring's due and the Trust as a federation is recognizing this.

Your editorial comments in the March 22 paper were right on the mark: "(Our) challenge will be finding a solution which meets demand for local government on the larger islands yet does not erode the Islands Trust's value to all the islands." The Trust Council recognizes and supports this as

well.
BOB ANDREW,
Local Trustee,
Salt Spring

Sewer secret

Ah, the sewage wars. Sewage, like garbage, evokes powerful emotions in not just harbour residents as you intimate in your column (Driftwood, March 22), but, as we should have learned by now, is everyone's business.

How long has this plan been on the burner to triple the sewage plant capacity while simultaneously seriously downgrading the quality of the effluent and the schedule of its disposal in Ganges Harbour? Should not such plans at their inception be subject to formal announcements, in the target community, by the originating government agency (in this case the

Capital Regional District (CRD)? Did any such announcement appear in Driftwood at the time? If not, did it appear at all? Should not right from that point the plans be subjected to that "free, open and informed public discussion" you desire?

So far it appears that the public at the last moment and short notice is confronted with an already fully developed plan to implement considerable changes in the harbour environment.

One needn't be paranoid to wonder what is going on when, instead of an ongoing environmental review and procedure all we get is an "information meeting" at 10 o'clock in the morning on a weekday when most people are at work. Not a word about proper public hearings and input.

So, it would be nice if you use your privileged position as a newspaper editor to demand and

champion a public review process and the free and open dissemination of "official" as well as independent professional expertise and views in order to fulfill your wish as stated in the headline of your column: "Through Informed Judgment, We Can Avoid A War."

Don't be afraid of emotions; they are healthy as long as it is passion, not aggression. Surely you too have, as you say "an emotional attachment with the issue." Let's hear what yours is. And keep in mind that, after all, emotions help create the stuff that sells newspapers.

JOHN LAMMERS,
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Brosseau, Morgan Cuddy, Ryan Smith, and coach Don Morrison. Front: Mike Dafoe, Eric Byron, Richard Avedon-Savage, Chris Aeichle, Ian Reid and Chris Jason. Tickets are available from players and at Embe Bakery and Mouat's.

Photo by Tony Richards

Archers win 5 of 107 medals

Five of the 107 medals awarded in the Canadian indoor regional archery championship were won by Salt Spring Islanders, coach Betty Peters reported Monday.

Tournaments were held in various locations across the country, with results being sent to provincial coordinators, who submitted the top three winners in each category to Ottawa. Sixteen clubs from B.C. took part, winning 32 of the medals.

Local gold medal winners were Chelsea Hill, with a score of 149 in cub barebow, and Tony Eyles who scored 207 in cadet bare-

bow.

Jan Hilton, competing in her first tournament, won silver in ladies' senior barebow with 172. Bronze medals went to Jon Leier in cub barebow with 97 and Betty Peters in masters unlimited with 374.

Results of a provincial mail-in match between October and February were adversely affected for Salt Spring archers when scores were not received for the first three months due to postal problems.

However, even with the January and February scores alone, local archers picked up

awards. Chelsea Hill was first in robin barebow, Tony Eyles second in cadet men's barebow, Catherine Halliwell second in robin girls' olympic, Luke Bradley-Richmond third and Jon Leier fourth in robin boys' olympic and Adam Miller won a fifth-place ribbon.

Last week's archery report neglected to include Catherine Halliwell's name among winners of the indoor championships held in Parksville March 19.

Catherine placed second in bowman olympic with scores of 107 and 167. She moves up to archer level with the higher score.

Luton, Storr win Hammett bridge tourney

This year's winners of the silver cups presented annually by the Alice Hammett bridge tournament were Toni Luton and Vivian Storr. Sixty-two people attended the closing luncheon of the tournament March 21 at the Salt Spring Golf Club.

Second prize went to Alice Brown and Regine Garrard, third to Betty Lou Morgan and Pat Warman,

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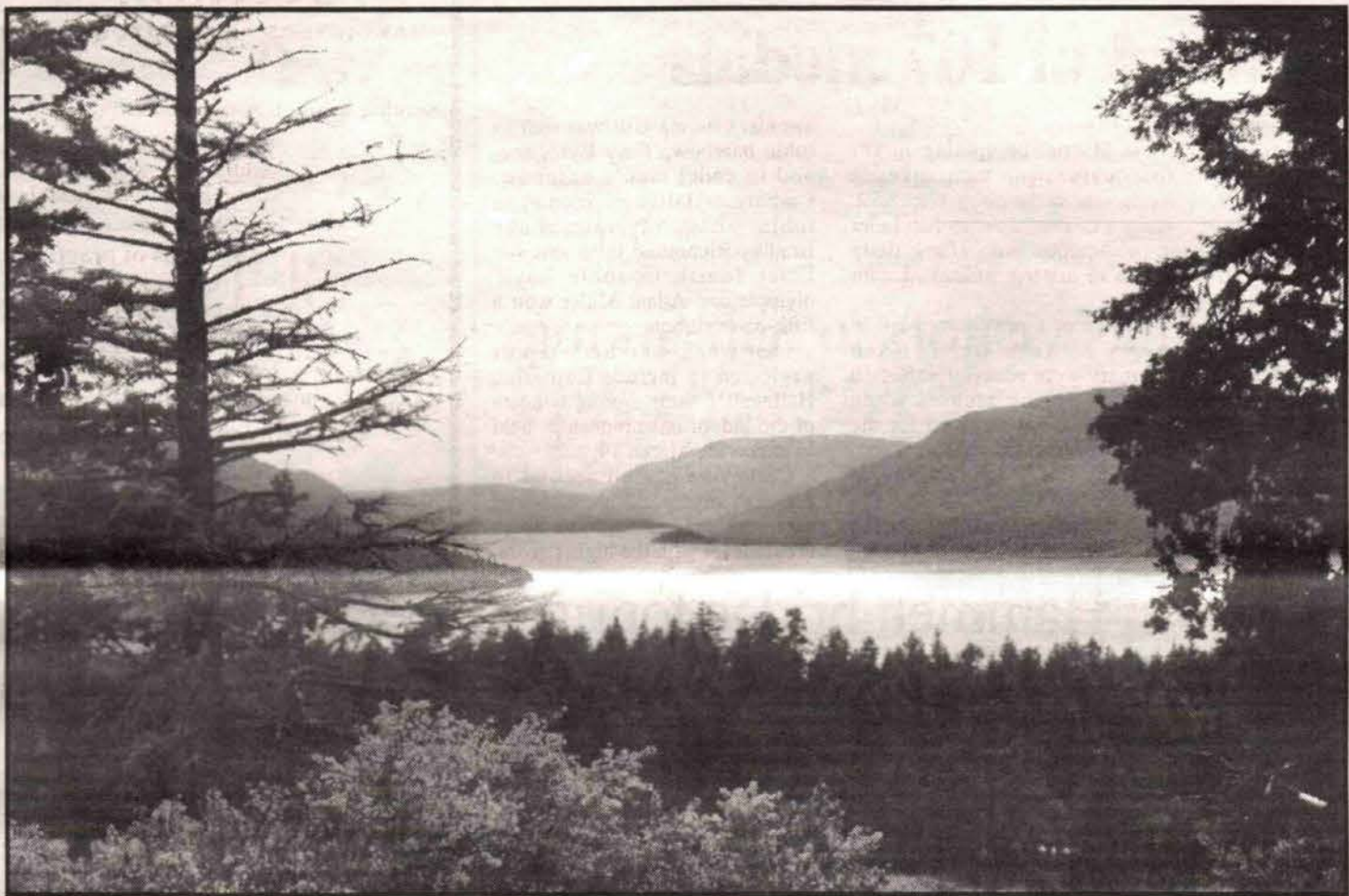
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Geritol, Benadryl credited for Old Boys' 5-2 victory Sunday

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Old Boys 5, Prairie Inn 2

Salt Spring Old Boys took to the pitch Sunday with some big questions: Would their vaunted players score more goals than they talked about scoring? Could Striker Chris Cottrell receive a good pass so that he could regain his scoring touch? Would the team miss Henry "Once a Legend in his own mind" Braak? Would anyone notice that the coach, this writer, was back in the line-up, or even care? And who is this "Codger" person anyway.

Well, the Old Boys answered all these questions and many more with a convincing 5-2 trouncing of Prairie Inn and moved over 500 in league play in the process.

The lads started with a little jump, as though the Geritol was kicking in early, allowing them to press for goals. Unfortunately, the poor passing that plagued them last week was their only downfall.

At this stage the coach, this writer, decided a tactical move was needed to give the lads a little

extra incentive to score. One bad pass later Prairie Inn had a goal and everyone knew this writer was playing.

The tactic worked, as the Geezers pushed even harder for goals, but still came up empty until late in the half.

Finally, Chris Cottrell broke out of his slump (there were rumours that his lack of scoring in recent games was due to his not using Benadryl in the last two matches) as he collected a through pass from Darryl Lister to tuck home the equalizer.

At the half the score was 1-1, even though the Geezers should have had more. Again, another tactic and more success, as after only 10 minutes Alvaro Sanchez blocked a clearance, collected a loose ball and calmly drilled an "Argentinian Banana" past the Prairie Inn keeper.

The lead failed to stay for long as Steve Legg misplayed a chip, allowing Prairie Inn an easy goal. Of course, the lads immediately accused the Legg brothers of being involved in a match-fixing scandal.

Just because we both drive

BMW's now and the Prairie Inn team did share some beer with us after the game does not mean any fixing was on (although we are always open to offers).

Rather than collapse, the lads rallied in true Old Boys form.

Cal Mackay headed home a Jack Braak corner-kick for the eventual winner, followed by a fine passing play to put Cottrell in again for his second and then the goal of the game.

Goalie Tim Sturup, who wore his Toronto Maple Leafs socks for good luck, punched out a Prairie Inn corner-kick which found Cottrell on the right side. Chris ran up the wing, beating his check, cut into the middle to beat another before he easily banged the ball in.

The most amazing part was all our players stood in our zone and watched in awe as Chris made the run.

With the final whistle the team could celebrate by cracking open more Geritol (we have gone off beer as it may be a banned substance) and relive the glorious 90 minutes. As for "the Legend" and "Codger" no one could seem to remember who or what they were.

Bowlarama brings visitors to Salt Spring

Bowlarama 95 will attract teams of handicapped bowlers to Salt Spring Island this week.

The first of what organizer Carol Caddick hopes will be an annual event will take place at King's Lane Recreation from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Bowling teams are expected from North Vancouver and possibly Duncan.

Caddick says Bowlarama will provide a social

opportunity for handicapped people from different communities. Setting up the event is part of her studies in outdoor recreation management at Capilano College.

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Strikers' strong defence holds Prospect Lake to 3 in cup final

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Salt Spring Strikers 1,
Prospect Lake 3

The Salt Spring Strikers' season finally came to a close Sunday with a hard-fought 3-1 loss to Prospect Lake in the District Cup final at Portlock Park.

The local under-17 girls were

hoping to pull off a major upset in their first season together and felt good weather, home-field advantage, a good crowd and a lucky cup draw might give them the edge they needed.

Both teams started fast but one could see it was going to be a day of strong defences, as there were very few early scoring

opportunities.

In particular, the Strikers' defence looked ready to get revenge on a Prospect Lake team that usually scores seven or more goals on the girls. Fullbacks Alana Scott and Karla Copeland-Rice played their best soccer of the season in shutting down their wingers. Lauri Legg was simply brilliant in completely eliminating their central striker from the game, and behind these three coasted Molly Lynesford, soundly clearing away loose balls and dangerous threats.

Prospect Lake did score once in the opening half and several brilliant stops by Shelagh Baker ensured they only had a one-goal lead at the half.

Wingers Stephanie Collette, Sheena Martin and centre Kristi Kallip caused panic in Prospect's end several times, although they did not score.

The second half saw Prospect put on the early pressure and after only 10 minutes they had their second goal. To make matters worse, mid-fielder and captain Jocelyn Hazenboom pulled a muscle, leaving a big hole in our attack.

Sarah Myles, Anna Puhky, Corey Schwagly and Kristi Kallip valiantly tried to fill the gap, but our offence sputtered and stalled.

Prospect Lake scored with 10 minutes left to all but salt away the win.

This group of gutsy girls (half of whom had never played before) gelled into a very competitive team, playing a winning league season and making the District Cup final.



MAKING THE SAVE: Strikers keeper Molly Lynesford lunges for the ball Sunday during District Cup game against Prospect Lake. Keeping their eyes on the play are Stephanie Collette, left, and Sarah Myles, centre.

Photo by Tony Richards

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

High scores this week at King's Lane Recreation:

Special Olympics: Mahjor Baines 197, Terry Swing 172.

Tuesday morning Golden Agers: Jack Godwin 303/617, Gordon Parsons 267, 206, 250/723, Helmut Losch 233, John Richardson 212, 231/632, Isabelle Richardson 214, Edie Gear 213.

Tuesday afternoon Golden Agers: Gwen McClung 235, Ken Robinson 203, Murray Anderson 257, Vanda Winstone 207, Reg Winstone 266/616, Catherine McFadyen

HIGH ROLLERS

219, Nancy White 232.

Friday afternoon Golden Agers: Catherine McFadyen 209, Jack Godwin 249, Gene Graham 231, Nell Herbert 210, Ken Robinson 203, 243/634, Deke Noonan 211.

Circus League: Brian Radford 217, Inez Farr 211, Sam Cochrane 248, 229/647, Norma Eves 259/602, Gordon Ruckle 201, Ken Barnes 240/609.

Wednesday Afternoon Ladies: Shirley Bunyan 225, Linda Ramer 205.

Wednesday evening: Brent Schwagly 204, John Sutherland 213, Dennis Jr. Anderson 237, 212, Dennis Sr. Anderson 223, Melodie Mitchell 210, Maddy Cooper 201, 224, Lorraine Toller 239,200, Lois Kaye 222, 233, Jim Pasuta 204, Dennis Kaye 253.

Legion League: Heather Kusch 202, Sharon Sykes 243, 200, 229/672, Doug Sykes 223, 201, 204/628, Ron Stepaniuk 226, 264, 225/715, Janet Severn 207, 209, Patti Stubbs 253, Gary Whitehead 235, 247/654, Doug Wellington 233, Carol Martens 212, Steve Martens 203.

Hikers', walkers' April schedule prepared

Following is the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club schedule for April.

April 4: Work party required to clear storm-blocked trails in Ruckle Park. Meet at 10:15, Beaver Point Hall.

Wildflower walk at south end; Drummond Park, departure at 10:15. North-enders car pool at Centennial Park.

April 11: Hike a new route on Mount Tuam with Fiona Flook. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15.

Walk to wildflower reserve at Maple Bay. Meet Marjorie Beggs at Vesuvius in time for the 10 a.m. ferry.

April 18: Hike Mount Tzouhalem with Patti May-

Lawson. Car pool at Portlock Park in time for the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

Walk with Jim Spencer in Shepherd Hills. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

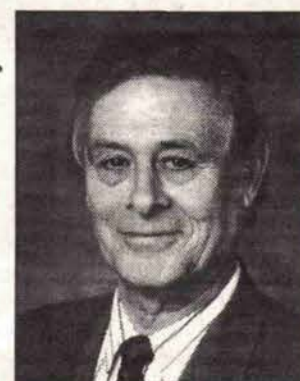
April 25: Combined walk and hike on Wallace Island. Car pool at Portlock Park in time to get to Fernwood dock by 10 a.m. Do not park at Fernwood store. Cost is \$5. Boat will make a second trip if necessary. Pick your own group and leader.

April 27: Monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church hall. A slide show of American deserts will be presented. This will be the last chance for East Sooke bookings.

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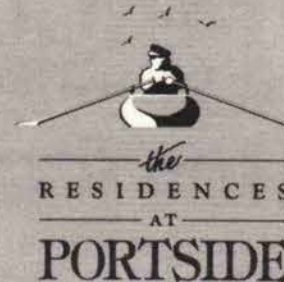
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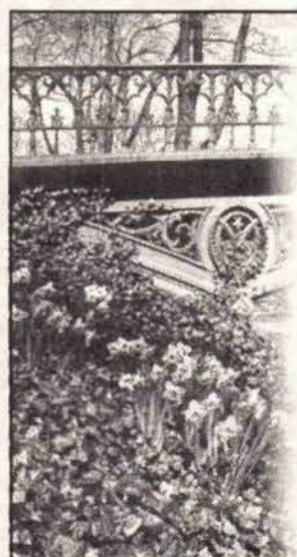


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Young goalkeeper saves old Slugs' bacon

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Slugs went with the youth movement this week and it paid off handsomely with a 9-6 victory over the Lake Cowichan Whalers. The team knew it needed some changes, but wasn't sure where to start.

In the end it was our netminders who did it for us. They didn't show up. The one saving grace was that we had one of their sets of goalie gear. Kevin Porteous bravely offered to try but it but it turned out he could fit both feet into one skate. Next Deadstop offered, but the Whalers objected pointing out it was the equivalent of a solar eclipse.

Finally it was an unsuspecting guest of the Whalers who ended up back-stopping the Slugs. Fifteen-year-old Clint Larose of Port Alberni, who had only played net about a half dozen times in his life, donned the pads.

For the Slugs it was nice to have some new young talent on the team for a change. For Clint it must have seemed like he walked into hockey's equivalent of Jurassic Park.

The Slugs came out flying early on and took it to the Whalers right off the bat. Todd McIntyre opened the scoring less than two minutes in after taking a picture-perfect Paul Sinclair pass.

Right after that Pete Huser took a Mac pass and went in on a breakaway to put us up for two.

SLUG TRAIL

But the Whalers had added a number of new faces to their lineup and were starting to click after a few minutes.

Enter Clint. Using true grit rarely seen in a player his age, Clint stood his ground and stoned the Whalers time and again. This spurred the Slugs on even more. McIntyre took a pass from Andy Naumann and drained another one past the netminder and then Kevin Porteous went in on a breakaway and cleanly beat the goalkeeper.

Being down 4-0 to a bunch of old guys definitely did not sit well with the much younger Whalers. They really started pouring it on and after 18 minutes of shutout hockey, managed to sneak one past Larose.

But the Slugs responded in kind when jumpin' Johnny Procter wired one past the netminder who just waved at it on the way past. The Whalers added one more just before the end of the period when a winger caught Deadstop doing his Curt Browning impression at the blueline and waltzed past him to put one over Clint's shoulder.

Into the second period Procter buried his second of the night just over a minute in, and then added another for a natural hat-trick - his fourth of the year. The Whalers also added two during the period,

one on a wild goal-mouth scramble in which Larose made a number of saves before being finally beaten, and the other a dreadful giveaway by good old mondo rotundo himself, Deadstop.

Entering the final period, something unusual happened to the Slugs - they came out flying. (Someone must be putting steroids in the water bottles again.) Less than a minute in Kevin Porteous once again stripped the defence of the puck, went in on a breakaway and added his second of the night.

Shortly after that McIntyre added his third of the game on a

breakaway. Then the Slugs went into the defensive formation, which consists of having Deadstop lie down on the blueline, forcing the Whalers to pole vault over him. This worked for a few minutes until he got hypothermic and had to be carried off the ice.

The Whalers managed to get two more past Clint, who really saved the Slugs' bacon.

While this will likely be the only time the Slugs enjoy the pleasure of having this young man between the pipes, we want him to know that for a bunch of old guys, he made our day.

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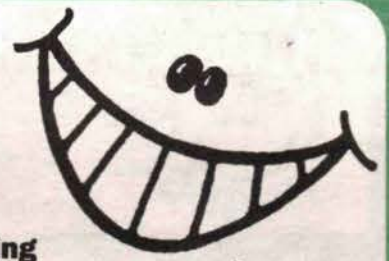
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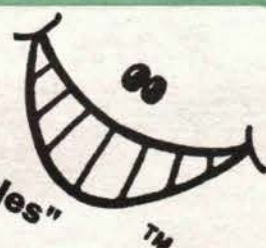
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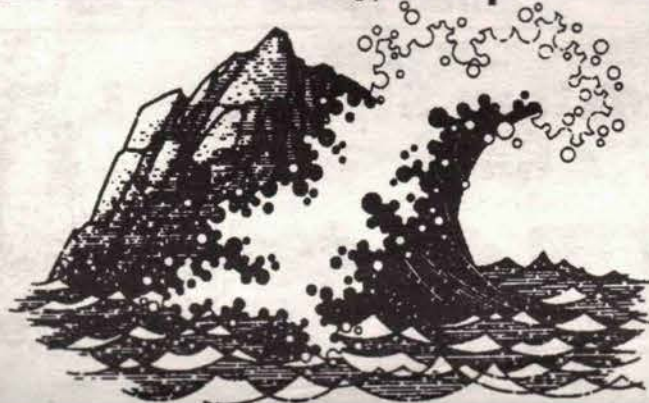
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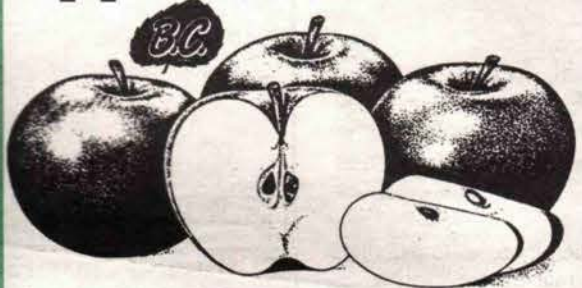
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Sculpting in Paper-mâché

Karen Reiss finds symbolism in her sculpted figures

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

There's power in paper.

China and clay figures are fragile, subject to shattering if knocked or dropped. But figures shaped from paper-mâché are tough. If knocked off a shelf, they are likely to survive.

For artist Karen Reiss, her sculptures of women in paper-mâché are a powerful modern counterpoint to the fragile china figurines she remembers from childhood.

"I like the symbolism of the paper being very strong," she explained. What her figures lack in delicacy, they make up for in strength. "They're gutsy — they're more now."

Reiss sees a link between her own life and the paper sculptures she creates. "I'm turning 50 and becoming a person so I'm sculpting all these female figures and they're all persons," she remarked.

Often, the figures seem to develop character of their own as she molds the mâché.

Several of her creations are now on display in a show at the 100,000 Welcomes Gallery in Fulford village. Entitled *Touché* for Paper-mâché, the show opened March 19 and continues until Friday. Featured are Reiss's work and the whimsical creations of Victoria artists Susan Magyary-Kossa Lambert and Robin Lambert.

The Victoria artists specialize in creating paper-mâché copies of real items: large pencils, fake tools, paper bowls, unusual picture frames and weathered paper spikes form their part of the show.

Reiss's work is more sculptural. Her women stand, sit and recline. Some are clothed, some partially clothed and some are unclothed, displaying rounded curves of arms, breasts and hips.

Reiss has been studying sculpture with Salt Spring sculptor Kathy Venter for the past two years, working with clay. Transferring some of the same techniques to paper-mâché is a challenge.

She starts with a core of crumpled newspaper or a chicken wire frame. On that base, she builds up the figure, using a finely ground form of paper-mâché sold under the name *celluclay*.

Although the product is more malleable than the torn newspaper strips and glue common to school classrooms, Reiss finds it much harder to mold than clay. It is coarser and tends to stick to her hands while she works.

"It's challenging and I think I like the challenge," she remarked.

She also likes the idea of creating art out of materials as commonplace as newsprint and paper fibre. She finishes the pieces with paint, with tiny rhinestones or bits of driftwood and dried foliage or flowers.

Another of Reiss's skills is paper making. She uses some of her handmade papers to finish or clothe the paper-mâché figures.

Sometimes she incorporates unique purchased papers. One figure in the show wears a skirt made of intricately patterned origami paper.

Many of the figures appear much heavier than they are. One piece in particular is finished in a metallic silver, giving it the appearance of metal, yet it is light enough to sit on the back of a paper-mâché bird.

For Reiss, sculpture is the most recent step in a 20-year interest in art. She first moved to Salt Spring 15 years ago. Seven years ago, the family moved to Vancouver when Murray Reiss took a job with Tools for Peace.

During the four years the family spent in Vancouver, Reiss seized the chance to study art at Emily Carr College and at the University of B.C. "I discovered I was more of an expressionist artist," she said. "Painting really filled a need."

Often, the figures seem to develop character of their own as she molds the mâché.

Since returning to Salt Spring three years ago, she has continued to develop her skills. Many of her works are large, figurative paintings. When working on a painting, Reiss almost feels like she has a dialogue with the canvas as the work develops. "I work out a lot through my paintings. They have a lot of layers."

A similar focus on layers marked her creation of painted t-shirts, which she has made and sold for the past nine years. She developed a technique of removing some of the original colour from the fabric and then painting



PAPER SCULPTOR: Karen Reiss with some of her paper-mâché figures. Her work is on display at the 100,000 Welcomes Gallery in Fulford.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

over the multi-shaded background. The shading adds increased depth to the design.

From multiple layers in a painting and on t-shirts, it was a short step into three-dimensional work. At the Look '94 exhibit a year ago, Reiss displayed a painting of a woman whose face and hands were three-dimensional images molded of handmade paper and attached to the painting.

The first of her paper-mâché figures to be displayed was included in the Group of Seven Plus show held in Mahon Hall just before Christmas.

She plans to continue making three-dimensional figures. She now sculpts twice a week with a model, spending one session working with clay and the second working with paper-mâché. Once fired, some of the clay figures act as forms for cast paper figures.

Reiss feels art is her natural mode of communication. "I've never felt that articulate with

words. When it comes to painting, I feel I'm much more expressive. It's my medium."

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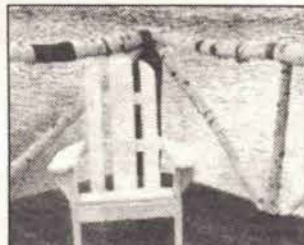
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"It's the most exciting thing I've ever done in my life. It's terrific!"

So says Gulf Islands Secondary School student Morgan Donnelly about next week's production of *Godspell*, in which he plays the role of Jesus. Donnelly is among 14 cast members of the rock opera, which also boasts a chorus of 22 and a crew of 32.

According to director Doug Bambrough, *Godspell* "takes the story and teachings of Jesus out of the arcane and remote realm of mystery and untouchability in which it is so often viewed, and gives it back to everyone, especially children..."

"The show sounds religious," says actor David Fiander, "but it's really all about life. It's down to earth and human."

Other cast members are Travis Kennedy, Juno

Ruddell, Krista McKeachie, Erin Bergsma, Aaron McCartie, Lauren Bowler, Sonnen Sloan, Katie Emmings, Jeremy Miller, Jessen Dakin, Kevin Willingham and Nayana Filkow. The music is provided by a four-piece band led by Lloyd English, while Sue Newman is choreographer and she and Virginia Newman are musical directors.

Godspell opens Tuesday in the high school multi-purpose room and runs nightly until April 8. Tickets — available at et cetera and the door — are \$9, \$6 for children under 12. Show time is 8:30 p.m. each night.

A dinner and theatre package are being offered for the Friday, April 7 performance, with a gourmet, candlelit dinner in the school dining room at 7 p.m. Reserved seating for the dinner and theatre package is \$16 per person at et cetera.

Saturday's Forst concert sold out

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Tuned Air's gala event Saturday at Ganges is sold out. The first 175 islanders who phoned for tickets will hear Judith Forst, Mary Anne Barcellona and Douglas DeVillier. Everyone else will have to buy the CD.

But there are many more Tuned Air events planned before the August Quebec tour, so hold the disappointment. The events are planned to raise \$35,000 for air fares and charter bus services for the 45 members who are going on tour in Quebec later this year. So

far, the choir has raised \$18,000, fundraising committee chairwoman Donna Regen said last week.

Casino nights, the Christmas concert and garage sales have been some of the public events with which the choir has raised money thus far. The equivalent of one plane ticket — nearly \$1,000 — has also been raised among choir members through raffles at rehearsals.

Regen is "guardedly optimistic" about the fundraising. Choir members are busy selling \$10 raffle tickets before Saturday night's draw and several more events are

planned in advance of the August 4-13 tour, including another garage sale, a series of spring concerts and a wine festival.

The choir is presenting its full Quebec program in May for the benefit of islanders who will not be in Montreal, Asbestos or Quebec City in August. It is a chance to perfect their program and give locals something in return for their tour support all year.

The last public event will be a wine festival with music. Choir members will be singing appropriate songs to bring out the best in the wines in an island garden setting.

Fulford gallery to show work by young artists

Work by four young artists will be showcased at the 100,000 Welcomes Gallery in Fulford village starting Sunday and continuing until April 13.

Ramona Reigel, Graham Kaye, Andrew Ranford and Tashika Moseley are the featured artists in the mixed media show and sale. Reigel and Moseley are in Grade 12 at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS). Kaye and Ranford are recent GISS graduates.

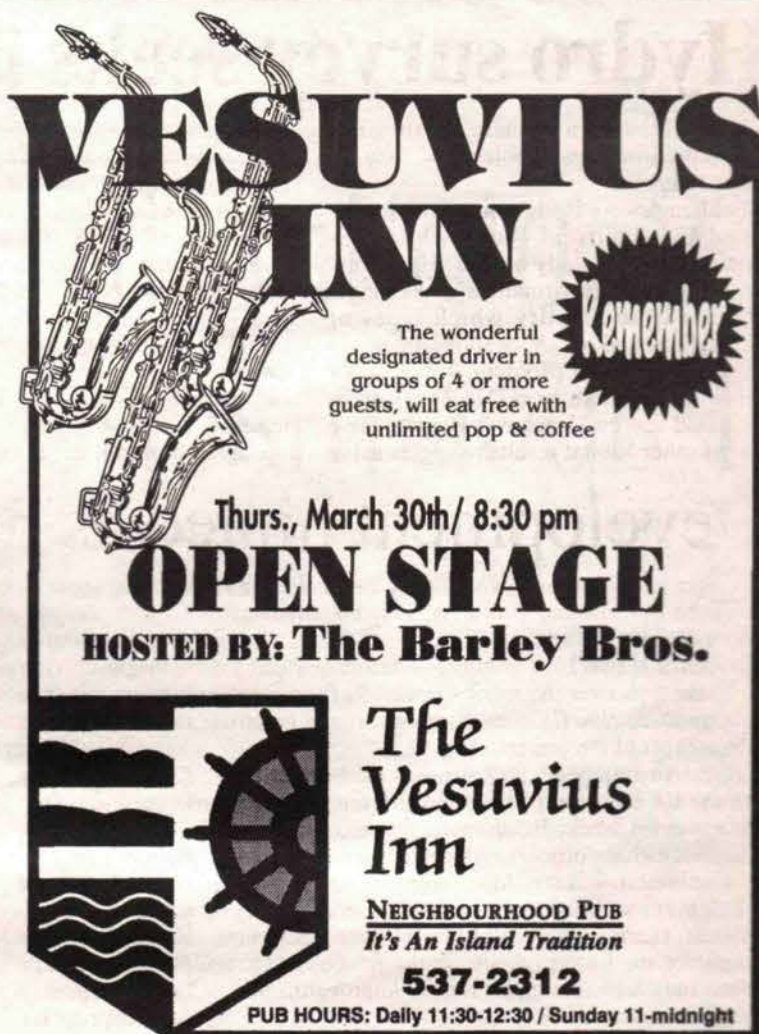
All four hope to pursue artistic careers, gallery owner Renee Kreeft noted. "The show is an opportunity for these very talented young artists to show and share their art work with others. It is also a chance for Salt Spring as a community to show their support for these up and coming young artists... the artists of tomorrow."

Included in the show will be Reigel's pen and ink abstract drawings, Kaye's realistic renderings in pencil and watercolours, Ranford's provocative abstract oil paintings and Moseley's expressionistic water-colour and oil paintings.

Both Kaye and Ranford hope to enroll in the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design next September. Kaye plans to focus on traditional art while Ranford is interested in film, video and animation.

The show will open with an open house Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The artists will be in attendance and treats will be served.

The gallery is on Morningside Road in Fulford village.



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THE QUICK AND THE DEAD: Another great western movie in the long tradition of good westerns. This one stars Sharon Stone, who also produces, as the icy cold but beautiful female gunslinger out for revenge for her dead father. Her intended victim is none other than Gene Hackman who plays a nasty mayor of a typical, dusty no-name town. He holds an annual gun-slinging festival at which Stone hopes to gun him down. He's never been defeated before, but ... Restricted, some violence. Friday to Sunday, 9:15 p.m., Monday to Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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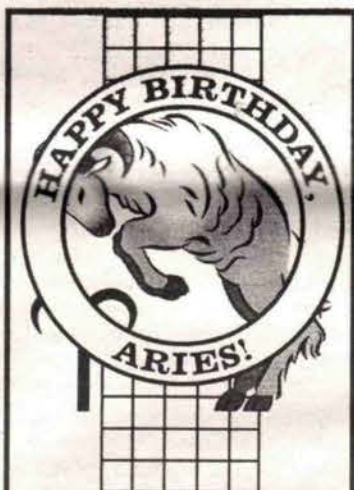
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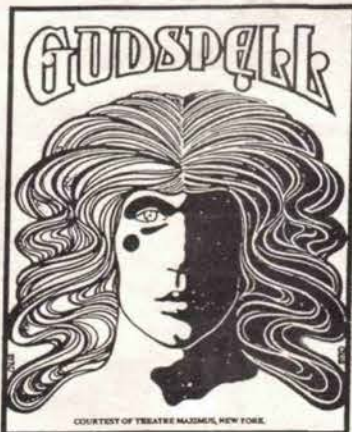


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Hydro survey seeks information on eagles' habits

Where are eagles perching? If the birds are spotted on power poles, B.C. Hydro wants to know.

Bald eagles are being injured or electrocuted by electrical lines, which has prompted a joint study by B.C. Hydro and the Ministry of Environment. A survey is under way to identify which types of installations and which locations are drawing the birds. The problem is especially acute near urban areas in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island, where loss of other habitat results in eagles using

power poles as resting or perching sites.

This puts the eagles at risk, since the birds can be electrocuted if they come into contact with live wires.

Chris Wooldridge of Salt Spring is the local volunteer contact for the survey. As Salt Spring's SPCA inspector from 1977 to 1993, she recalls dealing with 35 injured eagles. Although it is difficult to determine how the birds were hurt, colliding with wires is a frequent cause of injury.

Eagles hunting, defending territory or

performing courting displays are not watching out for electrical wires, Wooldridge noted.

She would appreciate islanders watching out for the eagles. She has copies of the reporting forms, which include sketches of different types of Hydro pole. One goal of the survey is to determine whether a particular type of pole is especially attractive to eagles.

Naturalist groups, wildlife rehabilitation groups and individuals are being asked to record the locations and fill in one of the

forms when bald eagles are spotted flying near or resting on power poles.

Wooldridge, whose past experience includes organizing the Christmas bird count for eight years and the mid-winter bald eagle count for almost as many years, hopes islanders will participate in this survey.

For information, Wooldridge can be reached at 537-2377.

Results of the survey will help Hydro develop measures to prevent eagle electrocutions.

Development hinted as marina sold

Longer hours and improved service for boaters are promised by Suzanne Guinness, new co-owner of Ganges Marina.

Effective March 16, a group of investors headed by Guinness took over the marina operation from Bard and Lynda Brown. Guinness is president and corporate manager of the venture.

Effective immediately, Guinness said operating hours at the 84-berth marina will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. In summer, the hours will be extended, with the office open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Operations manager is Alec Thomson.

The marina already offers showers and laundry facilities. Guinness said there may be some re-development of the waterfront site in the future and that some renovations are under way to improve the services for marina clients.

Salt Spring Trust Committee member Bob Andrew

said the Trust office had been approached informally about a possible marine-style development along the waterfront by the new owners.

Proposed is completion of the seawalk where it borders the marina property and a waterfront commercial development accessible from the seawalk. The idea has been taken to the Salt Spring Advisory Design Panel, Andrew said, but no formal application has been made.

He noted the proposal would require rezoning of the property and possible relaxation of parking requirements.

Guinness's other business, Heritage Car and Truck Rental, has moved to the marina site from the Hanna Air office although a satellite desk will still be maintained at Hanna Air.

Salt Spring Kayaking also operates from the marina site.

MP welcomes Forces' Somalia probe

A civilian inquiry into Canadian peacekeeping forces' activities in Somalia has been welcomed by MP Jack Frazer, the Reform Party's defence critic. The inquiry will examine events that occurred from 1992 until last November.

Frazer also welcomed use of the Inquiries Act for the investigation, which will allow witnesses to be

subpoenaed. As well, testimony can be given in camera, "allowing individuals to testify without fear of career implications," Frazer said in a prepared statement.

He was pleased that no one, including the minister of national defence, will be exempt from investigation. "With allegations of high-level cover-up having been

made, it is important that everyone concerned be obliged to report to the commissioners.

"This probe is long overdue and the situation has caused the Canadian Forces and many individuals to walk under a cloud of suspicion ..."

The inquiry is due to report its findings by December 22.

Local artist's new work on show

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Island scenes have inspired many artists who have come to live on the Gulf Islands. Anne Chisholm is no exception.

Five new watercolour works, exhibiting her keen eye for detail and her bright painting style, are on show at the Naikai Gallery in Grace Point Square this week. There are also two new limited edition prints.

Harbour Majesty features St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Fulford Harbour. Built in 1864 in wood, encased in stone in 1880 and renovated in 1973, the pretty little church seemed appropriate as

a subject for a painting. It was one of the first island scenes that Chisholm saw when she came off the Fulford ferry two years ago.

Her second limited edition print, *Sunset's Caress*, shows a sun-bathed traditional wooden deckchair which many islanders and island visitors will recognize immediately as part of island life.

The original paintings include a scene of Mount Maxwell from below, a spring view with sheep, and a horseback-riding scene, also on Mount Maxwell, and a golfing scene. Interpreting the motion of athletes in action is one of Chisholm's recent artistic interests.

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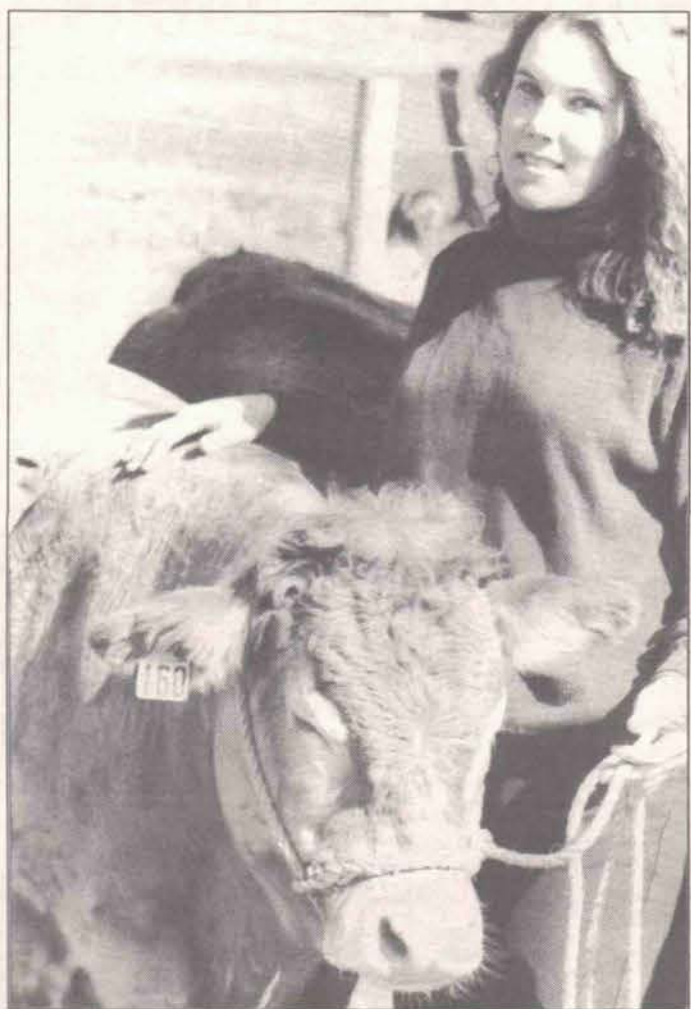
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Young farmers show their stock

Alison Cunningham, a member of the Salt Spring 4-H beef club, was at Ruckle Park Sunday showing visitors the results of the club's winter work. A horse-ploughing competition was the main draw during the day, with lunch provided by the local Lions.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

INSIDE GISS

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Counsellor Coordinator

High school students who are having personal difficulties frequently are reluctant to approach their parents or other adults, but they will confide in their fellow students.

The peer counselling program at Gulf Islands Secondary School has been set up to encourage students to look to their peers rather than take unwise (and sometimes drastic) steps to get help. However, to ensure that the peers to whom they talk do provide sound counselling, students have to be trained.

This year about 40 students will be receiving part of their training during the second weekend in May when they head off to the United Church camp at Shawnigan Lake for intensive instruction. Some of the students who have participated in this program in previous years help out in a variety of ways, including voluntarily cooking for the group and the Community Centre supports the program by providing the services of two of its youth workers, Trish Nobile and Jamie Alexander.

Also, since this is part of the career preparation program, Scott Bergstrom has found funding for transportation. Usually, each of the students pays about \$50 for this training, and the other \$1,500 in costs has been paid from other sources. The Anglican Church Outreach Fund has again generously provided funds - this year to the amount of \$500.

Where the other \$1,000 will come from to cover the cost of training these students this year, we don't know. Suggestions? Call me or Anne Marshall at 537-9944.

This Friday, March 31, applications for local scholarships are due.

This evening (Wednesday) we are meeting with students and parents of students who are presently in Grade 8 or 9 to review the course offerings for this fall. As part of this meeting, students will be asked to make preliminary selections of their classes. Please bring along the course outline booklet that the students were given earlier this week.

Tomorrow night, Thursday, we will be repeating the process for the Grade 11 and 12 students and their parents.

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36 sign petition to Quebec

A national call for fellow Canadians to extend the hand of friendship to the people of Quebec was answered by 36 islanders this month.

Margaret Bishop saw an advertisement in the March 4 Globe and Mail asking Canadians to tell Quebecers that their "uniqueness contributes to the country's greatness." Nine people, calling themselves Canadians for a Unified Canada, submitted the ad in order to "erase the deep feeling of indifference" which may fuel the separatist cause.

"A lot of Quebecois have never been out of Quebec," Bishop said last week, after faxing off the petition of support with the 36 signatures. "They don't know what other Canadians think. The more we can let them know we want them to stay, the better."

BRIDGE TRICKS

Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club results:

North/South winners on March 20: Wim and Ina Krayenhoff, Sue Bradford and Peter Jacquest,

Gordon Hutton and Ron Dickson. East/West: Ian Chisholm and Bryan Dawson, Conhor Hunt and Shirley Love, Don Sharp and Cornell Sawchuk.

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OMETEPE INDEPENDENCE IV

Canadian funds, Nicaraguan labour mean clean water in Nicaragua

Stories and photos
by Graeme Thompson

The children of Madronal, a small community on the southern end of Ometepe, know what clean water means. It means smiling people and sunshine and green plants grown in kitchen gardens close to home.

It means hard work — fathers digging nearly five kilometres of eight-inch trench through rocky volcanic soil. It also means less work — mothers no longer carrying five-gallon jugs a mile or more up to the spring or down to the lake.

These were some of the images captured in coloured pencils and paint at a local water committee meeting on the Nicaraguan island in January. The next day, their vision was reflected in work parties of fathers and mothers and older siblings on the hill above the village. They were clearing the land and digging trenches for the water line that will eventually bring water to their homes.

While the people of Madronal do the physical work to bring clean water to their community, Gulf Islanders help pay for materials through the Ometepe Gulf Islands Friendship Association (OGIFA). When the work is complete, it will have been a collaborative effort of two communities — one in the North, one in the South.

"We can learn a lot from islands like Ometepe about protecting culture and community development," says OGIFA founding member and Mayne Island farmer Ron Pither. "We can also learn a

great deal about simple community strengths by observing other places that aren't North American."

Nicaragua was in the middle of a war in 1987 when Pither and Galiano Islander George Harris first visited Ometepe. They were looking for a sister-island relationship and discovered clean water was one of the most pressing needs of islanders.

The next year OGIFA was formed. Some \$15,000 was raised by private donations, church groups and fundraising events. Most of that was matched by B.C. Save the Children Fund to give \$25,000 and then the Canadian International Development Agency added \$50,000, for a total budget of \$75,000.

The first project, begun in 1989 and completed in 1991, was to repair the water supply system in the two main towns, Moyogalpa and Altagracia. OGIFA fixed electrical pump systems where it could and diesel pump systems where they were more practical, bringing a more secure water supply system to some 10,000 people.

The second project, starting in 1992 with \$25,000 left over from phase I, was to bring clean water to 1,000 people who had never had it before. Water from a pristine lake at the top of a volcano would be piped to Balue, the largest community on the south end. That project was completed in 1993.

The third project, initiated last year but stalled because of funding problems, is an extension of the second. A pipe leading off the Balue trunk line will take water to 500 villagers in Madronal and San Fernando.

The project includes family gardens, watershed conservation, fuel-efficient wood stoves and women's and children's health — what Pither calls integrated development — and would cost about \$60,000 over three years. The simple water line extension would cost \$31,000. OGIFA has been waiting since last August to find out whether CIDA will be involved in this third phase.

The uncertainty of money in this phase is compounded by the uncertainty of time. The people of Madronal — who are all farmers — can work long hours now because they are not tending crops. But when April rains come, they have to plant, and they will have less time for water.

"Water gets rid of thirst but it doesn't get rid of hunger," water engineer Scott Renfro observed at a Madronal community meeting in January. "Resources are very limited here and we need to take advantage of them."

Noe Gonzales, president of the community water committee, said that problems notwithstanding his people are willing to do the work. They are excited by the prospect of clean water, even if it takes a longer time to get it. "They know the work is for themselves."

But the relationship between the Gulf Islands and Ometepe has not solely been one of water, says



COMMUNITY SUPPORT: The people of Madronal were asked by members of the Ometepe Gulf Islands Friendship Association to sign a petition to the Canadian govern-

ment seeking money for the water project in Madronal. Adults signed their names; children drew and painted colourful local scenes.

long-time OGIFA member Marg Simons of Salt Spring. Several dozen northerners have paid visits to Ometepe — some more than once. One year, a video team went south to make films about Ometepe from a child's viewpoint. The videos have become Central American resource material in B.C. schools.

There is also a trade link: coffee from a co-op on Ometepe is brought to the Gulf Islands and sold to provide money for the water projects. Salt Spring Voice of Women have also befriended a women's sewing co-op on Ometepe, providing money for

sewing lessons and patterns.

Pither, who has just returned from Ometepe, would like to see more island links — with small businesses, educators, health workers and service club members — and more trade development.

For the present, the water project is the main focus of attention, especially as OGIFA waits to see if its money will be matched by CIDA.

And so the men and women of Madronal continue to climb the hill behind their village to cut the rocky earth with picks and spades.

They will complete the five-kilometre water line in individual

10-metre stretches, carefully recorded. As each family shares the work, so they share the water. And eventually, maybe this year, maybe next, but eventually, Madronal will have its clean water.

That will not end the involvement of OGIFA on Ometepe or the relationship between the Gulf Islands and its southern sister. "Continuing concern and commitment" will carry on, Pither says from his Mayne Island farm, though he cannot say with certainty what future relationships may develop.

"At least we'll be bringing damn good coffee to the islands."

Canadian aid has worldwide reputation

Gulf Islanders are not alone among Canadians in their support for communities in the South. In the last two generations, Canadians have earned an international reputation for lending a helping hand to the poorest people in the developing world.

The centrepiece of that reputation, since 1968 at least, has been the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

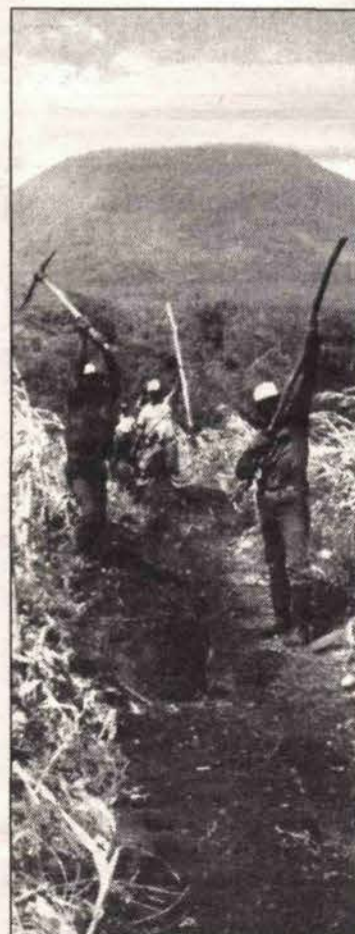
Here are some statistics about the organization:

- CIDA has a budget of \$2.2 billion, down from \$3 billion in 1990 and slated to be cut another \$500 mil-

lion in the next two years.

- CIDA spends \$646 million on the Partnership Program which supports Canadian and international organizations and private business in development programs, helps to alleviate global hunger and encourages education and understanding of development issues.

- Some \$244 million of Partnership Program funds went to 400 organizations like OGIFA this year, helping with the water projects on Ometepe. Next year that amount will be cut to \$199 million.



NEW WATER LINE: Picks, digging bars and shovels are used to dig the eight-inch trench for water line.

TO BE FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS

Writing from the United Kingdom

Odette obit

I read the obituary of Odette Hallowes, GC, in a recent Times. Like most of my age group I was familiar with the tale of the French-born British agent who was smuggled into wartime France and ultimately taken prisoner by the Gestapo.

Despite torture and the horrors of a concentration camp she never disclosed information on her activities. She was featured in story and movie and became the first woman to win the George Cross. Her story was one of the war's great romances of heroism.

Despite her experiences, she still survived her three-score-years-and-twenty.

The obituary is still startling in today's world. It is still a stark reminder of what can happen in a bloody war when we read of a woman hospitalized after suffering the loss of her toe nails, torn out by the secret police in an effort to have her disclose the names of her associates. The obituary also recalled her suffering hot irons to her back during her imprisonment.

The obituary might be more timely had it described an incident of many centuries ago.

Perhaps the real tragedy of Odette Hallowes' tale is that such tortures are still to be found, and suffered, in too many parts of today's world of violence and aggression.

When winter goes

During the past month I have been the victim of an angry weatherman. I have been drenched in rain and I have been blinded by wind-driven snow. On at least one occasion I was attacked by hailstones as big as large peas and big enough to afford discomfort as they penetrated a thinning buffer of hair on my head. I have been battered by winds from every direction and mostly frigid and I have been startled to learn that a mild winter has brought flowers into bloom ahead of their time.

But all is well: spring is here! Just wait until the temperature is reported in the double-digits!

Memorial

I went to church last week to share in the mourning of four airmen.



The four were flying with the Royal Canadian Air Force and they died exactly 50 years ago when their Halifax four-engined bomber failed them on March 5, 1945.

The memorial service was held in the 1,000-year-old church whose roof was blown off when the Halifax blew up with a full bomb load.

It was a warming ceremony in a cold church.

Holy Trinity Anglican church, in Little Ouseburn, a small village of North Yorkshire, has seen death in all its faces since Saxon times. When the memorial service was held last week the church was crowded as never before. I was given a seat in the chancel where the chairs had been placed alongside the choir stalls.

We were invited to pray for the four members of 425 Royal Canadian Air Force Squadron who were unsuccessful in baling out of their Halifax when a crash was inevitable.

They were F/O Bob Lowe, and Flt.-Sgt. Jim Lynch, from Ontario; F/O Paul Hall, Newfoundland; and P/O Jack Hyde of Vancouver.

The Canadian presence was unmistakable. The blue of the Canadian air force stood out in the body of the church, against the traditional blue of the Royal Air Force personnel and of the air cadets from York who lined the path to the church and who provided the band for the occasion.

The Canadian anthem was sung with as much fervour as might be heard in any church in Canada.

At the conclusion of the service the congregation moved outside to the dedication of new doors and a window, unveiled by the air advisor to the Canadian High Commission in London and the commanding officer of the Royal Air Force Station at Linton-on-Ouse.

The commandant of 425 (Alouette) Squadron, Lt.-Col. Yvan Houle, with other officers, had flown in from exercises in Norway to take part in the tribute to his predecessors in that unit. Their home station is Bagotville, Quebec.

The entire ceremony was a warming reminder that the war dead are never forgotten.

Many of us could visualize the last day of Halifax MZ 454, with a group of seven crew members laughing their way to their places

and jesting about this, their 11th mission over Germany. They had then taken off from the field at Tholthorpe, in Yorkshire.

When mechanical problems aborted the mission and the plane came down into a field, only three men walked away.

The three were F/O Jack Brownell, and Flt.-Sgt. Ken McCuaig of Ontario and F/O Bud Brabbins of Edmonton. None could attend.

The doors and window dedicated and unveiled were there to replace those damaged when the Halifax crashed.

There was a gathering in the village hall afterwards when pictures and charts were assembled to illustrate some of the events around the fatal crash.

I left with a sense of warmth and appreciation of so small a community taking time out to remember the Canadians who died in their midst. It had not been simply a memorial service; it was a loving memorial service.

And I was there purely by chance; a happy chance!



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- APR. 11:** Historical Society "The Kanaka Story" Central Hall, 2:30pm.
- APR. 19:** SSI Golf & Country Club AGM, Clubhouse, 8pm.
- APR. 20:** Fabric Guild meeting, Lower Hall Library, 7pm.
- APR. 22:** Masquerade Ball for Greenwoods, Meaden Hall, dinner 7pm; dance 8pm.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
 - Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg, 11am
 - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
 - Playgroup for tots, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11am
 - Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
 - Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am.-12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).
 - GISS Parents Group, School Library, 7:30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month).
 - Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd. 7-8pm.
 - Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
 - Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
 - Yoga Level II, 125 Horel Rd., 9:15-11:15.
 - Macintosh User Group Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm (1st Wed. each month)
- EVERY THURSDAY**
 - Every 1st, 3rd & 5th, building fund-bingo, Meaden Hall, 7pm.
 - Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
 - Scottish Dancing, New Anglican Church Hall, 7-9pm.
 - Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, Central Hall, 7-9pm.
 - Gut Support Gr., rm S208, High School, 7pm. (every last Thurs.)
 - Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
 - Seniors for Seniors luncheon, 12 noon, reservations needed.
- EVERY FRIDAY**
 - OAPO Br. #32 Looney Tea & Video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm. (except 4th Thurs.)
 - Smiles Cafe, Ganges United Church, 12-1pm.
 - Kids Klub, Community Gospel Chapel, 6-11 yrs., 3:15-5:00pm.
- EVERY SATURDAY**
 - Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fulford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.
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 - Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.).
 - Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
 - Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 12 noon.
 - Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
 - 8-12 year olds roller hockey, Portlock Park, 11am-2pm.
 - Story time for preschoolers, Public Library, 9:30-10am.
 - OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
 - French Conversation Group, Seniors for Seniors, 10:15-11:30am (except last Monday of mo.)
 - Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
 - Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.
- EVERY TUESDAY**
 - Duplicate-Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
 - Chess Club meeting, new High School, rm 204, 7pm-10pm.
 - 8-12 year olds soccer, Portlock Park, 11am-2pm.
 - Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
 - Yoga Level II, 125 Horel Rd., 9:30-11:00.
 - Recreation and target archery, Fulford Hall, 4-6pm.

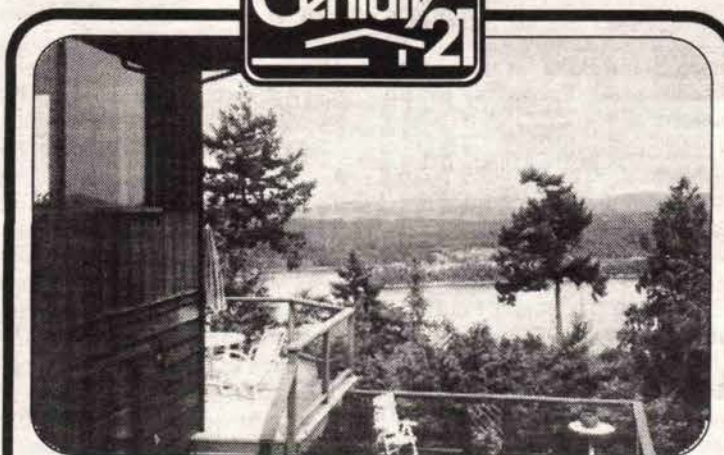
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Saturna's 'bird man' dies after struggle with heart disease

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Contributor

Saturna lost a long-time resident last week when Don McLellan passed away after a lengthy struggle with heart disease. Don was born in Olds, Alberta, in 1917. He is survived by his wife, five children, 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Don made a career of printing, first as a job printer for 20 years and then as a printer for the Sun (later Pacific Press) for 37 years. During the Second World War Don enlisted in the Air Force to train as a wireless air gunner. He developed rheumatic fever and was discharged as medically unfit, much to his dismay.

After his move to Saturna in the late 1970s Don exercised a talent and passion for gardening. With help from his wife, Joan, he turned their Tumbo Channel home into a showpiece. He continued to raise birds in an aviary, a lifelong hobby.

Don will be fondly remembered by many of the island young people. He was known as the bird man because of his aviary. He introduced many youngsters to the art of raising budgies, canaries and finches.

Don was a stalwart member of St. Christopher's Church where he and his wife Joan were largely responsible for adding the finishing touches to the basement addition including painting, laying the flooring and installing shelves and cabinets. They initiated and supported the Eddie Reid Library

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which is presently located in the church basement.

Don served his community as a member of the Lions Club, serving one term as president. For several years Don was editor of the Lions' community newsletter and telephone book. When he retired from that job Don wanted the local children to carry on the tradition so he offered the job to the elementary school. Thus the Saturna Sunset Scribbler was born.

Poor health forced Don and Joan to retire to Sidney over two years ago and Don has resided at Tillicum Lodge since September. Joan reported that Don's passing was peaceful.

Rev. George Taylor conducted the funeral at Hayward's Funeral Home in Victoria on Monday.

Harvey Ackerman, and Em and Laura Coombes took a cheque for \$500 to Timmy's Telethon in Victoria this week on behalf of the Saturna Lions and the crib nights. Every month throughout the winter the Lions hold a family-oriented crib night complete with refreshments and prizes to raise money for Timmy.

This month winners were Harvey Ackerman, Bob Close and Marion Publicover. Two final crib nights to be held April 22 and May 27 will complete the season.

The Official Community Plan steering committee will be chosen April 1 at the Community Hall. John Money and Harvey Janszen of our Local Trust Committee, have advertised for nominations to the steering committee and the final decision will be made at a meeting beginning at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in this process.

The Saturna PAC is accepting donations of trees and shrubs to beautify the school grounds. A work bee is planned for Saturday, April 1, at the school to plant all the donated trees. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Call Madeleine Abbott at 539-9906 for more details.

Rev. Bruce Bryant-Scott will be inducted as incumbent of the parish of the Penders and Saturna Monday, April 3, at 4 p.m. at St. Peter's Church on North Pender Island. Rt. Rev. R. Barry Jenks, the Bishop of British Columbia, and Rev. Trevor Fisher, rural dean of Saanich, will officiate. A reception will follow at Camelot-by-the-Sea, 1215 Otter Bay Road.

Rev. Bryant-Scott has been spending time visiting parishioners on Saturna following his biweekly services at St. Christopher's Church. He will be on island for the Palm Sunday service April 9 and again for the Easter vigil, a family service, to be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15. If anyone would like to meet with him, Bruce would be happy to oblige. Call 629-3312 to make arrangements.



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Ratepayers' St. Patrick's Fest: new way to make life better

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The Galiano Ratepayers Association decided some months ago to have a party, not for themselves, but for the island generally. It was also decided to hold the event on Saint Patrick's Day, so as not to clash with North Galiano's Burns Supper (February) or the Lions Seafood Dinner (April). What could be more appropriate than "green" on an island where trees and forestry has been the main industry for many years.

The fest was held at the Lions Park Centre on March 18, a sit-down dinner for 1,400 where all enjoyed soda bread, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings and grasshopper pie for dessert. Appropriately, shamrock place cards marked the diners' places at the tables.

After welcoming remarks by Ratepayers president Irene Frith, the running of things was then turned over to Keith Pearson, MC for the evening. A sing-along of Irish favourites and other popular oldies was led by Keith after supper was over.

Professional auctioneer Wayne Stanley, donating his time and expertise, auctioned 25 items donated by local citizens and businesses - things such as five yards of topsoil, 10 pounds of homemade sausages, on-site milling and hockey tickets. The auction brought in a handsome amount to be donated by the Ratepayers to purchase equipment for an island service. Midway through the after-dinner doings dancer Julie Brewster entertained.

Credit for a successful evening goes to many, but particularly to general organizers Ann Harrison, Beryl Ford and Valerie de Wint. Mary Jane Elliott prepared and printed the programs, Cookie Halverson and Danny Mattin ran the bar, Glenna Mattin and Bea Robson were ticket sellers.

The Saint Patrick's Day Fest was the Ratepayers' first such venture. The group was formed to protect the interests of homeowners at a time when others (on and off-island) appeared to believe the supply of funds to fight court battles with large industrial companies was inexhaustible. The Ratepayers believe they can make island life better in other ways. With Saturday's successful fest, they may have proved it can be done.

GALIANO NOTES

Annual meeting

The annual general meeting of the North Galiano Community Association was held in the hall on March 18 with 59 attending. Guest speaker Const. Jim Pletz spoke of the need for homeowners to take precautions against the possibility of break-ins, of which there were several on North Galiano during 1994. He expressed the hope that a neighbourhood watch would be set up in the near future.

Two reports were given by president Nancy Davidson, one a "state of the union" for the hall and the community association, the second a report on hall usage and activities. In the absence of treasurer Geoff Bonser, Brian Cowperthwaite read his report, the highlights of which showed a 1994 income of over \$7,000, disbursements of \$5,000 and capital expenditures of about \$2,500, an excess of expenditures over income of about \$600.

Road work and the preparation of a parking area on lot 15 just north of the hall accounted for much of the excess in expenses. Cash on hand on December 31 was close to \$9,000.

Improvements to the hall in 1994 saw the damp-proofing of the crawl space under the building, the replacement of some of the building's underpinnings and the insulation of the skirting walls. The association is seriously considering the replacement of 30-year-old roofing on the main part of the building during the coming months.

Fire Chief Waterman's report for the Volunteer Fire Department listed seven calls during the 1994 year - a house fire (unoccupied and too far gone when the alarm sounded to save anything but the trees which surrounded the building), two chimney fires, one slash fire, one downed Hydro line fire and a serious accident where the group's newly purchased extrication equipment was put to use.

Flares dropped off the Fraser delta caused a false alarm here when those seeing them thought they had identified a fire on Bodega Ridge.

Membership in the department is down a bit with the resignation last fall of two of its members. Chief Waterman will welcome new recruits in order to bring his force up to 15 once more.

Meetings are to begin soon on the desirability and (perhaps) eventual union of the north and south fire departments. Present duplication of services and equipment are cited as a possible gain from such a bonding. At the moment, joint training sessions are being organized whenever possible.

During 1994 another pumper truck was acquired for \$1.00 plus some small repairs to the vehicle. The old Esso fire pumper adds to the surety of fire coverage in the two-hall, 17-kilometre area covered by the North Galiano volunteers.

The election of a new vice-president and one director was carried out, some contesting the form of ballot used and who was entitled to vote. Elected vice-president was long-time member Woody Coward, the new director, Bill Paterson. Connie Gray was confirmed as secretary for two more years, as was director Brian Cowperthwaite. Members of the executive with one year left of their mandates are Nancy Davidson (president), Geoff Bonser (treasurer) and directors Arne Haksi, Walter Roots and Harold Wike.

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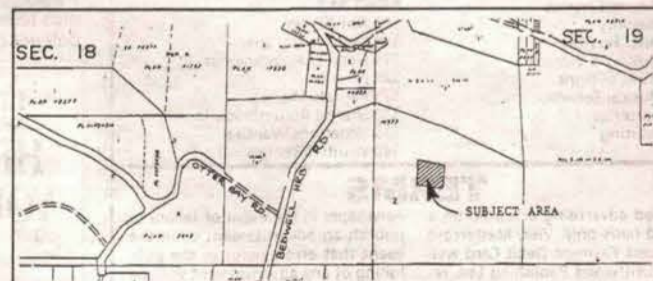
DATE: Thursday, April 6, 1995
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Agricultural Hall
Mayne Island, B.C.

The public are invited to attend and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Trust Committee on any matter of interest

NOTICE NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NP-TUP-01-95

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 1995, at the Pender Island School, North Pender Island, B.C., be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Industrial Use Permit, pursuant to Section 975 of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C., 1979, Chapter 290 for the purpose of siting and operating a facility for the design and manufacture of automated packaging machinery on part of Lot 2, Sections 18 and 19, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 14577.

The location of the subject property is shown on the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed Permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Wednesday, March 22, 1995 and continuing up to and including, Friday, March 24, 1995.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(a)(v) of the Municipal Act, additional copies of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Library and on Local Public Notice Boards on North Pender Island, B.C. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the North Pender Island Planning Technician at the above address (telephone: 387-4000, FAX: 387-4047) before 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 24, 1995.

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06 DEATHS

DE LA FRANIER, JACK. Suddenly passed away at Lady Minto Hospital on March 18, 1995, at age 59. Survived by his loving wife, Marion, daughter Denise (Jim) Akerman, son, John De La Franier. He leaves behind his sisters Norma (Colin) Jones, Jean De La Franier and Ethel (Joe) Connell, all of Toronto. Several nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by many friends and workers on Salt Spring. Memorial services to be held Apr. 2, 1995, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Meaden Hall, 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made to the Diabetes Association. 13

GARRICK, KATHLEEN, passed away in Victoria on March 25, 1995. She was born on Mayne Island where she was a telephone operator for many years. She also worked for BC Tel in Victoria. Kathleen is survived by her sister, Ellen Adams, of Victoria, and her nieces and nephews. No service by request. Arrangements through the Memorial Society of BC. First Memorial, 658-5244. 13

TOMLINSON, MILDRED ALETA (nee Stevenson), born April 20, 1921, passed away March 22, 1995, in Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria. Predeceased by her husband Jack in 1980. She is survived and lovingly remembered by her nieces Myrna and husband Don of Westlock, Alta., Margaret of Reno, Nev., Maxine of Victoria, and Nicki of Fredericton, N.B. She also leaves her nephew Bruce of Tecopa, Calif., and sister-in-law Hazel Bradbury of Victoria, cousins Doreen and Marjorie in England and Emma of Calgary as well as numerous great-nieces and nephews and many friends. Aleta was a long time resident of Salt Spring Island and devoted many hours of volunteer work to the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, Lady Lions and Seniors for Seniors. A memorial service was held on March 25, 1995, in the Ganges United Church conducted by Rev. Barry Cooke. If so desired, donations may be made in Aleta's memory to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, 135 Crofton Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1T1 - or any charity of choice. 13

08 CARD OF THANKS

THANKS TO Dr. Rowell, Dr. Crossland and the Nursing Staff at Lady Minto Hospital for the care and attention given to Jack De La Franier during his illness. Marion De La Franier and family. 13

MRS. DORIS De LONG and family would like to send their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Ron Reznick, Dr. Bob Crossland and all the family and friends who have been so supportive during Bill's illness and death. Also thanks to Father Leo Boyd and Pastor Murray Sinclair. Thanks also to all who sent flowers, condolences and donations. 13

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32 MEETINGS

The Information Highway
and telecommunications in general are going to have profound effects on the cultural and economic life of Salt Spring. Can we afford to sit back and wait for the Big Boys to tell us when we can have access and what sort of access we can have? Can we trust BC Tel and Ted Rogers to keep our interests in mind or are they too interested in their own bottom lines?
Let's investigate the possibility of making our own Island-mandated decisions about when and how we are going to join the information revolution. Shall we start with high-speed local Internet access? What about flat-rate calling to Victoria and Vancouver? What are some of the other benefits and advantages of local ownership?
A meeting to discuss the formation of the Island-owned Salt Spring Telecommunications Co-op will be held Saturday, April 1st (no joke!) at 11a.m. Salt Spring Centre School.
For more information, call Cameron Smith, 537-1552.
Salt Spring Telecommunications Co-op

Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club will be held in the Clubhouse on **Wednesday, April 19th, 1995, at 8 pm.** The Agenda for the meeting is posted on the notice board in the Clubhouse.
By order of the Board of Directors
Patsy Siemens, Secretary

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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**535 SITUATIONS
WANTED**

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**540 WANTED/
RENTALS**

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RESPONSIBLE, WORKING Island family needs house for May 1 or June 1, long-term preferred. Barbara, 653-9054. 15

**TOO LATE TO
CLASSIFY**

COTTAGE, NORTH end, near new, 1200 sq. ft. 2 bedrooms, N/S, \$800/mo. Available Apr. 1. Long term. 537-9531.

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Islander, 18, wants to return to Guatemala

By **TONY RICHARDS**
Driftwood Staff

McDonald's is big in Guatemala. So big, in fact, that people will drive for several hours to go out for dinner at McDonald's in Guatemala City.

That was among the oddities 18-year-old Kirsty Chalmers found during a three-month visit to the Central American country. Another was the popularity of American television and movies.

"They watch 90210 and think it's so cool," Chalmers said in an interview. Almost every family had television with cable in Guatemala City.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate spent most of her time in a large town five hours north of Guatemala City, learning

Spanish and getting to know the country. She was enrolled in a school along with about 25 other young people from Canada and several other countries.

For \$100 US per week, the students were provided room and board and one-on-one instruction by a teacher for five hours a day. Chalmers went to Guatemala able to order food and drink in a restaurant and greet someone in Spanish. She came back with a near-perfect accent and the ability to converse at length.

The country's biggest attrac-



Chalmers

tion for Chalmers was the people, particularly the children. And living with a Guatemalan family in their adobe home, she had the opportunity to get to know Guatemalans well, and see firsthand how they live.

Numerous trips to Mexico on family vacations had already introduced Chalmers to the Third World, so culture shock was not a problem. In fact, there were few problems other than the time some men tried to pick up Chalmers and her fellow students at a disco. The men wouldn't leave them alone and threatened to become violent.

But she didn't usually find security a problem. "Basically, I felt really safe."

Chalmers has fond memories of spending time in a home estab-

lished for abandoned children. "If I went back I'd like to do something with the kids," said Chalmers, who found a lot of satisfaction from working and playing with them.

"They really like soccer," she discovered.

Chalmers' Guatemalan school is operated by a community organization that supports coffee growers and operates various local projects. The fees paid by students not only pay the teachers and for the school's administration, but help support those projects as well.

Chalmers' plans are uncertain, but she is determined to go back to Guatemala and see more of the country.

"I want to travel more to find out what I want to do."

Holocaust survivors to speak at symposium

Islanders will have an opportunity to hear first-hand about The Holocaust next week.

Two survivors of Nazi Germany's efforts during the Second World War to exterminate Jews will be guests at a Holocaust Symposium April 5 at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Fulford teacher Stella Weinert points out that The Holocaust's survivor population is aging, leaving little time remaining for others to hear their stories first-hand.

Symposium organizer Rob Griffith, who teaches social studies at Gulf Islands Secondary, says developing awareness of The Holocaust among students is "an important

goal." Future generations must know about it in the hope it will never happen again, he says.

The symposium is sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress and travels to different school districts. It will run from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room 211 at the high school. The event is open to the community.

Bill DeLong passes away at Lady Minto Hospital

Funeral services were held March 20 for Bill DeLong, a resident of Salt Spring Island since 1955. He died at Lady Minto Hospital on March 16.

DeLong was born in 1911 at his parents' farm near Fort William, Ont., the sixth child in a family of 15. After a stint working on the farm, he worked as a gold miner in Beardmore and Empire, Ont., where he acquired two three-ton trucks and formed the DeLong Transport Company.



DeLong

Later he purchased a bulldozer to do roadwork. In 1939 he married Doris Fournier, later moving to Fort William where he worked for the highways department. He also operated the Triple D Mink Farm with about 200 animals.

DeLong attempted to join the military when the Second World War broke out, but was not accepted due to an eye injury sustained during childhood. Instead he went to work for a firm building airplanes for the

war. The summer of 1954 found Bill, Doris and son George DeLong in Vancouver, where they stayed for a few months. The following year they moved to Salt Spring and in 1958 opened the Fernwood Grocery, which they ran until 1972.

Bill DeLong also worked for B.C. Ferries and for Valcourt Hardware and Building Supplies. DeLong, Peter Cartwright and Victor Beddis were pioneers of the Fernwood Water District's water line.

DeLong was active in the community in other ways. He ran contests in which children rolled pumpkins up Fernwood hill and coached roller hockey. He made sure that women visiting the DeLong home for his wife's choir practice were distracted by his hydroponic gardening, fruit trees, grapes and lapidary jewellery.

The DeLong family's swimming pool became well known among island children who attended swimming lessons there.

Bill DeLong leaves two brothers and five sisters, and was predeceased by son George in 1988.



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New sawmill opened to cut alder, maple

Thirty years ago

March 11, 1965

Apron strings flying, six men carrying frying pans graced the front cover of the Driftwood. All were participants in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race men's open. Jack Evans won the event.

A new sawmill operation, K. & D. Alder Co. Ltd., was revving up its saws in Fulford Harbour to cut alder and maple. The wood was to be sold for pulp manufacturing in the United States. The company was expected to employ up to 20 men.

Twenty-five years ago

March 12, 1970

Saanich and the Islands MLA John Tisdalle thought the future of the islands lay in controlled growth. In a conversation with Galiano resident Mary Backlund, the MLA said, "I see a good future, not in housing unlimited but in limited housing with a reasonable programmed development. These days of communication, no place as beautiful as the Gulf Islands should be expected to remain in a deep freeze for long," Tisdalle said. Salt Spring planning was under way, with a public meeting planned that week with Greater Victoria area planners.

Volunteers were gathering donations collected towards constructing Drummond Park as a 1971 centennial project. The Lions and Rotary clubs had both promised donations for the project along with money from other groups and individuals. A government grant of \$1,500 would be available as long as islanders could raise matching funds.

Twenty years ago

March 12, 1975

Rumours of a bridge linking Mayne and Saturna islands were shot down by MLA Hugh Curtis. Improvements to the Village Bay dock sparked the rumours, Curtis suggested, since a bridge would reduce the route travelled by the Mayne Queen. Asked by Curtis about a potential bridge, provincial Communications Minister Robert Strachan said there was no bridge planned.

The newly-formed Islands Trust would cost \$236,552 to operate for the coming year, MLA Curtis reported. The amount included \$72,552 in temporary assistance salaries; \$5,000 in office expenses; \$7,000 in travelling expenses; \$3,000 for office furniture and equipment; \$120,000 in allowances and expenses; \$3,000 for printing, publications and advertising; \$1,000 in contingency; and \$25,000 for consultants.

Ganges RCMP were looking for marksmen who had been shooting out street lights. Three lights had been destroyed at Central, three at Vesuvius, one in the highways yard and a recently erected revolving sign at Valcourt

DOWN THE YEARS

Business Centre had also been punctured.

Fifteen years ago

March 12, 1980

Lady Minto Hospital might have to be closed if the provincial Cabinet did not intervene to ensure sewer service was provided in Ganges, a Capital Regional District (CRD) committee was told. Robert Wright, chairman of the CRD solid waste and sewage committee, said the Pollution Control Board's ruling on the Ganges sewer would dramatically increase the cost of the sewer system. The committee agreed to appeal the control board decision to the Cabinet. During discussion of the issue, the chairman noted the hospital could be closed if sewer service was not provided. Between April and February 1980, Lady Minto spent \$48,110 to pump out its septic tank. A new disposal field was installed, put into use on February 14 and generated a complaint from an adjoining resident by February 15.

Garnet Marler donated a two-acre site for the Pender Islands Health Care Centre, one of six pieces offered by local residents for the facility. The chosen site was across from the school and community centre. A provincial grant was available to construct the building but money was still needed to drill a well, lay in a septic field and put in driveways. As of mid-March, the community had donated \$2,200 to the project.

Ten years ago

March 13, 1985

B.C. Ferry Corporation's new reservation system for travellers to the Gulf Islands went into effect,

sparking complaints from residents that changes were made to ferry service without local consultation. The reservation system and increased parking fees at Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen terminals were among the issues to be discussed at the Salt Spring Transportation Committee's annual general meeting.

Ronald McFarlane, 19, was sentenced in B.C. Supreme Court to 12 years in jail after being convicted of the rape and stabbing of singer-composer Shari Ulrich in 1981. McFarlane was 16 at the time of the attack, in which he threatened Ulrich with a knife, forced her into the brush on Churchill Road and raped her twice. He stabbed the singer in the back when she attempted to run away. She survived the attack but was treated in Victoria hospital for 10 days.

Five years ago

March 14, 1990

The Islands Centre Society completed a deal to purchase two lots on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges, the start towards construction of an arts centre for Salt Spring. Arvid Chalmers, a director of the society, said his real estate firm would waive the commission of almost \$10,000 on the sale. The two lots were to be added to five lots in Mouat Park where the arts centre would be located.

Ganges RCMP arrested a 24-year-old woman following the armed robbery of a Salt Spring taxi driver. She hired the taxi to take her from Ganges to Vesuvius, where she placed a sharp object against the taxi driver's neck and demanded money. She fled on foot with approximately \$80 in cash.

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