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District still positive after report finds three major failings

By GRAEME THOMPSON
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Top-down leadership with poor consultation, crisis-led management and lack of vision are the three main failings of the Gulf Islands School District, according to a special report by the Ministry of Education field services team made public last week.

School district officials who bore the brunt of the report's criticism were nonetheless positive, saying it was "helpful," and "timely" and laid out the strengths and weaknesses of the district.

School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert cautioned that the report was a "snapshot" of a two week period in the district during which serious budgetary matters were being decided for the current year and next.

"We view this as a very helpful kind of analysis," she concluded. "It will assist the district in moving forward in a more structured way."

Provincial superintendents

Oscar Bedard and Norman Thiessen visited the Gulf Islands school district in early April at the invitation of the school board. Their report says there are "no villains" behind the current problems in the district, only "committed and hard-working people who wish the best for children." The report also acknowledges the board is "struggling to maintain a quality system within the reality of significant fiscal restraint."

But the report found the district has problems with communication, planning, accountability, trust and morale. District management has "evolved into a state where it is difficult for effective leadership to take place." The public and the employees do not always know who is in charge and who is accountable for what.

The largest section of the report deals with district management as a whole. Bedard and Thiessen found the school board:

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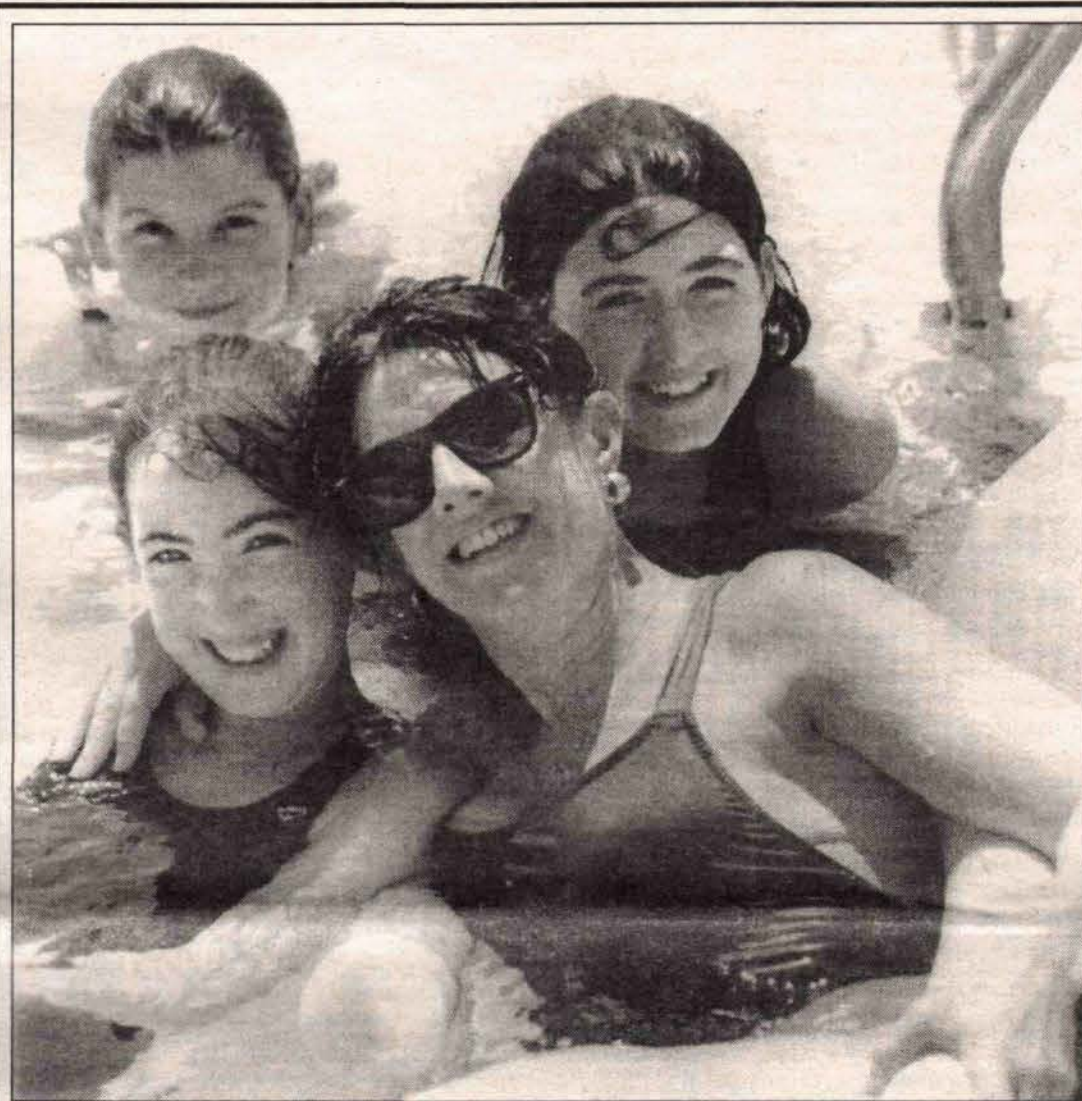
Babysitter believes man fits composite drawing

A man sought for questioning in an incident on North End Road two weeks ago may have been seen outside a home about noon on Sunday.

A 15-year-old girl who was babysitting at a house on North End Road saw a man in the backyard whom she believed to be the man featured in a police composite drawing in last week's Driftwood.

Ganges RCMP were called to the scene immediately but the man had disappeared by the time they arrived, Const. Myles Hall said. Police called a sniffer dog from Victoria to try to pick up a scent from the man, but were still unable to find a lead.

Police have had a number of leads from members of the public about the man wanted for questioning since the incident May 15 but have still not found him. He is not thought to be dangerous but islanders are asked not to directly confront him if seen. Anybody with information should phone Ganges RCMP.



MAKING A SPLASH: Hot, hot, hot May weather brought swimmers for a splash in the now open Shelby Pool at Portlock Park. Here Martha Unger is flanked in the blue

waters by daughters Jessica and Rachael Rothstein. Family friend Kim Bash swims up from behind.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Records set as sun sizzles Salt Spring

Islanders got an early start on their summer tans as record levels of sunshine flooded the skies throughout May.

On Monday, the previous record for hours of sunshine in May was matched. The 1969 record of 320.3 hours of sunshine throughout May was then exceeded yesterday (Tuesday), which also dawned sunny and clear. More sun is expected today.

A solid ridge of high pressure over the south coast has kept all other weather systems at bay, said Terry Duffy, weather service specialist with the Victoria Weather Office. The last measurable trace

of rain fell May 11.

Precipitation for the month is down to 11.6 mm, compared to an average of 33.4 mm. Hours of sunshine are 28 per cent higher than the normal of 250 hours for May.

Duffy said the high pressure ridge is showing signs of weakening. He predicted increasing morning cloud throughout the week but does not expect rain.

Thursday is expected to be cloudy and windy; Friday, sunny with cloudy periods and Saturday is to be mainly sunny.

Island girls look at the stats: 60% of rapes occur on dates

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

She sees it as rape.

He sees it as consensual sex.

This difference in interpretation can be devastating on both sides. It occurs frequently: an estimated 60 per cent of rapes occur on a date.

"Getting lucky" recently went wrong for one Salt Spring resident, who faces possible charges arising out of an assault on a young woman. The circumstances were similar to a date rape, Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan said.

"The law says that when somebody says no, they mean no and when somebody says stop, they mean stop," Sgt. Bunyan said. "I think some people misunderstand how strict the law is on this point." The best solution is to nip date

rape in the bud, before anyone is pressured or forced into sex. But how can those most at risk, teenagers and young adults, guard against date rape?

Fifteen year-old Franziska Satzinger has some ideas. So do 14-year-olds Laura Albert, Anna Puhky, Bronwyn Sutherland, Erin Baker and Jessica McCartie.

These six girls recently participated in a discussion group on date rape and dating aggression coordinated by Salt Spring counsellor Barbara Jordan-Knox.

"There's a chance it could happen to one of us," said Baker. Several of the girls in the group know other teens who have been pressured into sexual activity against their will. "It's happening to your friends,"

Baker added. Often, no one acknowledges date rapes occur, charges are not laid and the victims blame themselves. According to the Canadian Advisory Council for the Status of Women, 72 per cent of rapes are not reported.

"No woman ever asked to be raped," Satzinger observed. Baker said she would be proud of any friend who had been date-raped and had the courage to lay charges.

But prevention is better than prosecution. One defense the teens discovered was a series of quick quips which deflect and defuse "come-on" lines. For example:

He: Everybody is doing it.

She: Then you won't have any trouble finding someone else to do it with.

side for some air?

She: What are we breathing in here?

He: Your place or mine?

She: Both. You go to your place and I'll go to mine.

"When anyone whistles at me, I whistle right back," Sutherland said.

Expectations play a role when dating, so the girls have discussed media images and myths which can influence behavior.

They note there is a society-wide obsession with physical beauty, defined for women as a slim or athletic body with large breasts and nice legs.

"It's all the body," Sutherland remarked. "The body is more important than the face. The body is everything. Maybe we should get our belly buttons to talk."

Girls who fit the image and are confident and outgoing are besieged with would-be boyfriends, the teens observed, while the less endowed can be totally ignored.

McCartie said less popular girls can "feel awful" at their exclusion. Studies show the self-esteem of teenage girls often drops between the ages of 13 and 18, Jordan-Knox pointed out.

Magazines which cater to teens focus repeatedly on how a girl can nab a boyfriend. "Anywhere it says you should act like yourself, it's about how to attract a guy," Albert reported.

Television shows and movies add to the expectation of easy sex, often compounded with violence.

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School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert and school district superintendent Mike Marshall come under the heaviest fire in the field services team report on the Gulf Islands School District.

The "continuing dominance" of the chairwoman was "creating major role confusions" within the district, the report found. Lambert, although respected for her knowledge and commitment "is widely criticized for her perceived intrusion into the administrative affairs of the district."

But Lambert rejected some of the criticism, saying the report was a "snapshot" of a two week period in the district and that the two superintendents who conducted the report did not look beyond that snapshot.

For the first three months of this year, while district superintendent Mike Marshall was on sick leave, Lambert said she took on some of the duties of superintendent, a position she held once herself. She also said she may have undertaken more work than was absolutely necessary during the budget reduction deliberations in February and

Marshall, Lambert under fire

March.

"We could have contracted out to have a superintendent but that would have cost more money," she explained. "I filled a gap but in doing so it raised some questions."

The field services team recommended:

- Lambert "immediately avoid direct involvement" in daily district administration;
- the district management committee, made up of district administrators, principals and trustees, be discontinued;
- senior administrators, principals and vice-principals meet regularly to deal with day to day administrative concerns; and that these meetings be chaired by the district superintendent and minutes sent to the board;
- the board chairwoman investigate methods of evaluating the district superintendent and initiate an evaluation "as soon as

practical."

The field services team singled out the district superintendent, Mike Marshall, to provide the leadership for the district which was lacking. Marshall should be directing the district in a range of issues including annual goal setting, strategic planning, budget preparation and

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monitoring and community consultation and feedback.

Marshall was on sick leave when the field services team was on the island but had great respect for their work, which he said was "really timely" and would benefit the district.

He said the role of superintendents has been changing in recent years as the provincial

Ministry of Education takes a more important role in funding, curriculum and school management.

"Superintendents have to shift accordingly," he said. "Our role will become one of leading these changes."

The report found the superintendent enjoys "wide respect" in the community and is "always available to attend to emergency issues" and can be counted on to provide "informed and valued advice."

The field services team heard school staffs excuse Marshall's infrequent visits to their schools as unavoidable due to "travel complications" and a "heavy political and district-wide agenda." The superintendent's visible leadership has "diminished in recent years."

The field services team recommends:

- inspiration, leadership and

motivation in educational change;

- preparation of a district strategic plan;
- development of monthly work schedule, including monthly visits to each school;
- senior administrators include recommendations and their rationale for each issue which comes up at monthly board meetings;
- procedures for evaluation of senior administrators;
- meetings with teachers and staff about district issues.

The field services report identifies the school board chairwoman as being of the "new order" which places "higher value on organizational structure, a strategic plan, defined processes and clear accountabilitys." The district superintendent represents a "more humanistic" approach, valuing the "less formal decision-making process supported by a climate of trust and integrity."

"Successful districts are those (which) have found a way to retain an appropriate balance between the formal and the informal," the report concluded.

Senior administrators respected, but roles are 'not well defined'

Planning procedures, communication and consistency need improvement among senior administrators and school principals and vice-principals, according to a recently released Ministry of Education field services report on the local school district.

All three senior administrators — Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall, Secretary-Treasurer Ken Starling and Director of Instruction Bob McWhirter — were found to be respected and valued as "competent, experienced and kind" officers. Yet there was "some confusion" about their respective roles. Planning and communication among the three was "not well defined or not always evident."

"It's always really valuable to have people from the outside who are knowledgeable looking at the way things are done," Marshall said. "They came up with a number of recommendations . . . and the board is in the process of reviewing each recommendation."

Secretary-treasurer Ken Starling said the report provided a "good base to build on" to let the board "move forward and upwards."

The field services team found Starling a "highly competent" individual "ready to respond throughout the district" to budget issues. But there was some frustration that district budget matters be expressed so that all could understand the implications. He said Monday he is already working on turning budget-ese into English.

The field services team found the district director of instruction's time taken up more with personnel matters than with visiting schools. School staff said they found the director highly supportive but "relying heavily on informal processes" on issues such as resources and staffing. Schools repeatedly asked for a coordinated approach to acquisition and maintenance of technological equipment.

Director of instruction Bob McWhirter had no comment on

the field services report.

Teachers and staff were dissatisfied with the senior administrators for perceived lack of due process when dealing with the reduction of administrative officers, morale-destroying lay-off procedures, lack of support for laid-off employees and a growing number of stress-related leaves.

Gulf Islands Administrators Association president Glenn Woodley said the association had not yet gone over the report but felt the process had been good.

The field services team recommended:

- individual roles and responsibilities of senior administrators be defined and communicated to the board;
- administrators draft a policy on school staffing levels, including the district's expectations of school staffing of libraries, learning assistance and administration;
- timely release of school enrollment figures, school staffing pro-

jections and budget issues.

A "major impediment" for planning in schools was the delay in obtaining enrollment and staffing projections, according to school administrators. They were also frustrated at the board about contract renewals, re-assignments and evaluations. School administrators would support a move from partial school-based management to full school-based management.

- The team recommended:
- senior administrators consider full school-based management;
 - principals and the superintendent consider meeting in two groups: one on Salt Spring; one on the Outer Islands to save time and money;
 - principals should place a high priority on instructional supervision and support of the K-12 implementation plan;
 - principals explain teacher evaluation process to parents;
 - re-assignment of principals be examined by a school board committee.

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Islanders prepare for watery fun as plans for Sea Capers unfold

Ready to cut some capers? Your chance comes in just over three weeks with the annual Sea Capers community festival June 24 and 25 in Ganges and Fulford.

Festivities start in Centennial Park with a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. The hammers start pounding at 9 a.m. as the contestants in the build-a-boat contest establish an impromptu shipyard in the park.

At 10 a.m. the grand parade rolls through downtown Ganges while the sailing races set out from the Coast Guard dock.

A series of activities will keep families busy during the Lark in the Park, starting at 11 a.m. Water lovers will want to wander over to the Coast Guard dock for the off-shore antics of kayakers and canoeists.

Wet fun continues at 12:30 p.m. with the launch in Centennial Park of the just-created boats from the build-a-boat contest.

The walking on water competition starts at 1 p.m. from the Coast Guard dock.

In the afternoon, the action shifts to the Legion, with a beer garden on the legion lawn from 1 to 6 p.m. and a dance at Meaden Hall at 8:30 p.m.

A Concert on the Green will be presented from 1 to 6 p.m. on the Legion lawn. Performers include interpretive dancers Izadoura and Brad Magnus, Celtic group Triskele, rock group Pogo and the Carrot Revolution, Lisa's Beast, Ted Cook and Etc. and folk music by the Stack Sisters.

Refreshments will be available starting at 1 p.m.

On Sunday, caper cutting continues in Drummond Park in Fulford. Treasure hunt registration opens at 9:45 a.m. in the park and sand sculpting teams start their efforts at 10 a.m. The Great

Driftwood Contest starts at 11 a.m.

Awards for the best sand sculptures and the best natural and decorated driftwood entries will be presented at 1:30 p.m.

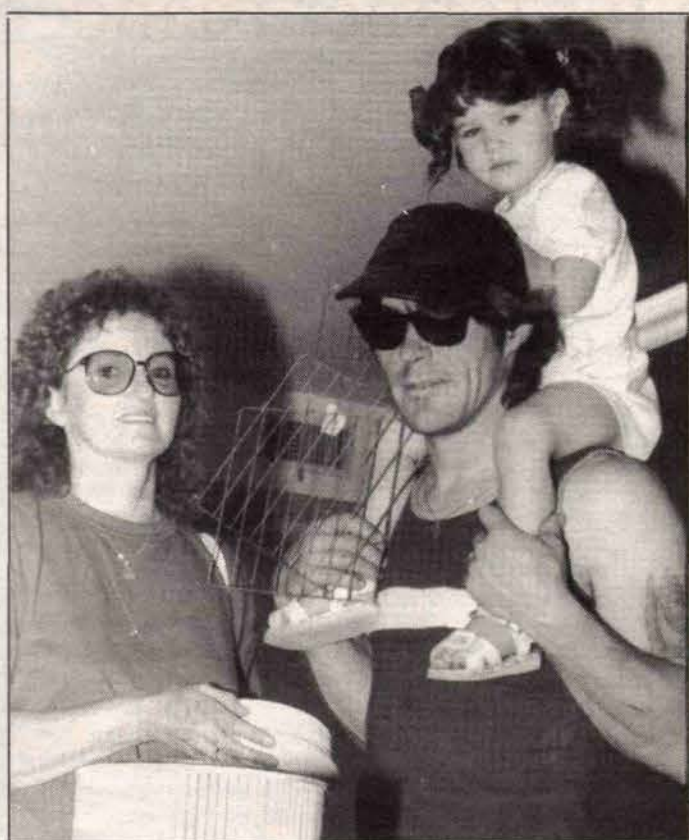
An outdoor concert will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. On the program are Celtic musicians Black Velvet Band, interpretive dancers, music by Wolfhound Twist and the Paul

Brosseau Jazz Fusion Quartet.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Volunteers are needed to help with many of the events. For information, call organizer Bruce Mills at 537-5515 any time.

For information on the parade, call Don Fraser at 537-1854 and for information on concessions, call Gale Beattie at 537-5515.



Treasure hunting

Kathleen (left), Katelyn and Lawrence MacDonald sift through goods for sale at the All Saints by-the-Sea garage sale held last Saturday at the Ganges church. Photo by Derrick Lundy

REPORT:

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- had top-down leadership with ineffective consultation
- used crises-driven decision-making
- lacked vision
- was out of touch with the needs of individual schools

The report praised the board for its commitment, knowledge and varied experience and the quality of comprehensive planning documents in the district. But Bedard and Thiessen found employees and the community do not recognize a "district vision or a blueprint for district action."

Some of the recommendations made to remedy the current malaise in the district include:

- clearly identifying the roles of the board, trustees, the chairman and the district chief executive officer;
- drafting a policy document to reflect the board's mission, its major goals and the operational objectives planned to attain those goals and to consult widely on the policy and publicize it widely;
- continuing to assign trustees to schools and encourage more trustee involvement in schools and parent advisory meetings;

- hold at least one meeting annually on the Outer Islands.

In addition, the report recommends the board establish a committee to review the roles and expectations of senior administrative staff in the district with a view to recommending alternatives to the board.

The committee should comment on the "potential to reduce the number of senior administrators" and delegate functions now performed by them to less costly positions. Such a committee should be made up of one trustee, one principal or vice-principal, two teachers, two support staff and the three administrative officers.

Another committee should be struck to discuss employee morale and to make recommendations to the board on employee recognition, long-service and retirement recognition and district employee social events. Such a committee would be made up of one trustee, one senior administrator, one principal or vice-principal, one member of the Gulf Islands Teachers Association and one member of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

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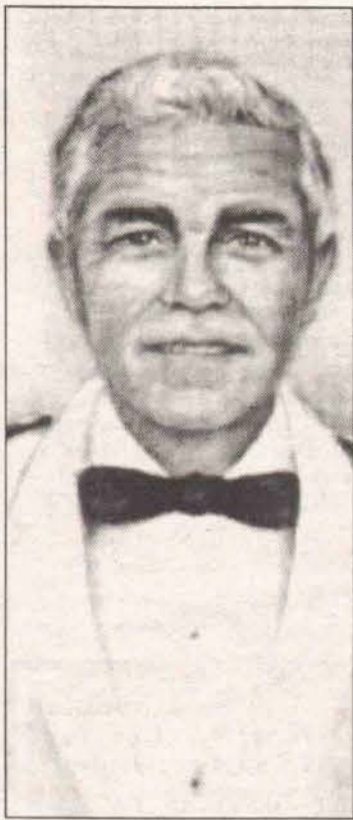
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Halifax building named for former islander



Fred Jones

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Halifax, Nova Scotia is a long way to go to find a Salt Spring Islander commemorated, but that is exactly where Frederick Alun Jones has been honoured this month.

A building has been named after the former islander and Navy man in Halifax, at a newly commissioned Naval land-ship, HMCS Trinity. The Frederick Alun Jones Building houses the latest Canadian Forces Oceanographic Research and Surveillance Establishment.

Jones, who moved to Salt Spring in the early 1980s and died in 1986, spent most of his 33-year-long naval career working in surveillance operations for the Canadian and American armed forces. The development of computer technology and an undersea surveillance network in the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic was initially to detect the movements of Russian ships and submarines, wife Mona Jones explained.

"It was very, very classified what he did," she recalled last week, after returning to Salt Spring from the opening ceremonies. "He never told me what he did."

Like many in the armed forces, Jones "served in silence." The official commissioning of HMCS Trinity May 5 allowed Mona Jones, her children and grandchildren to get to know a little more about what their father and grandfather did during his long naval career.

"It was one of the most exciting times of my life," she said of the ceremony. "It was a chance to see so many old friends, to see the honour given my husband, his accomplishments and his career and to find out what he did."

Born in 1919 in Wales but brought up in Saskatchewan, Fred Jones joined the Canadian Navy in 1937. He rose in the ranks through the Second World War and Korean wars, eventually retiring as Lieutenant Commander. He had done some training during the

Second World War in anti-submarine detection, but the work for which he was honoured publicly in May really began in 1954 during training for Project Caesar, the first phase of an ocean-wide undersea surveillance system. Later it was renamed the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System.

Jones trained in the United States for many years. During the Cuban missile crisis in 1961, one American commander said he would only act on data identifying Russian ships and submarines if it were interpreted by Fred Jones. Jones also ventured to the northernmost parts of Norway to install surveillance cables and built his own computer specifically for classifying undersea surveillance signatures.

When he retired in 1968, after 33 years in the Navy, he joined Computing Devices of Canada in Ottawa where he continued his work in computer applications.

"The passage of the Cold War has not changed the fundamental

requirement to conduct surveillance of Canada's off-shore waters and to know what is going on in our own backyard," Rear Admiral Gary Garnett, commander, Maritime Forces Atlantic, said in the opening ceremonies. "For 40 years oceanographic operators have served Canada in remote locations. HMCS Trinity brings them closer to the fleet."

HMCS Trinity was built to allow Canada to continue to collect and interpret such data close to the Atlantic fleet base instead of in remote locations in the high Arctic, Norway or Bermuda. The facility will be jointly run by the Canadian and American armed forces.

As well as monitoring the whereabouts of domestic and foreign naval ships and submarines, the new facilities at HMCS Trinity will include data collection for drug smuggling, illegal fishing, seismic information, the effects of drilling on the environment and even whale migration.

Island companies making plans to bring Internet service to island

Would-be net surfers on Salt Spring can start waxing their boards — two companies are planning to bring local Internet access to the island as soon as B.C. Telephone installs the required technology.

B.C. Tel expects to complete installation by the end of June. A Salt Spring company, Imagen, announced plans Friday to offer Internet access to island residents. Island Net, which already offers Internet access to several communities on Vancouver Island, announced plans in April to bring Internet service to Salt Spring.

Last Friday, both Island Net and Imagen discussed a joint project but by yesterday, each had decided to implement their own service.

A software company specializing in document compression, Imagen has its programming office on Salt Spring and its Internet server in Vancouver. CEO Dwight Jones wants to consolidate his operation on Salt Spring once Internet access is available.

Given his company's need for good access to the Internet, he planned to establish an Internet link and then offer Internet service to island residents.

Island Net earlier announced plans to offer 56K access to islanders — roughly the capacity to transfer 28 typed pages a second. Imagen plans a 672K access, the capacity to transfer 336 typed pages per second.

The larger capacity, known as bandwidth, would allow islanders access to large files over the Internet as well as faster retrieval of information, Jones said.

"We hope that by bringing in large bandwidth that we can

achieve economies of scale by then dealing it out to business users," Jones said. "Otherwise, each business faces \$3,000 installation fees and \$2,000 a month just for 56K (access)."

Imagen is developing software which allows easy conversion of documents into "pages" which can be posted on the Internet. One service Jones hopes to develop is a Salt Spring cyberspace business centre, through which local businesses and professionals can offer services and products on the Internet.

Would-be net surfers on Salt Spring can start waxing their boards.

Preliminary discussions Friday had both companies considering a joint operation. "We would be happy to work with him (Morley). He has a track record," Jones said.

While Imagen's expertise lies in putting information on-line so businesses and other users can tap into the Internet market, Jones said Island Net's expertise lay in providing users with dial-in access to the Internet.

On Tuesday, Morley said his company had decided not to undertake a joint project with Imagen, in part because Imagen's project utilized government grant funding. Morley fears government funding may be required on an ongoing basis to finance the more expensive bandwidth and may not always be available.

Jones wants to offer more bandwidth, to ensure islanders have access to all the options of the Internet, including animation and

digitized video. "You can't enjoy all that if you don't have the bandwidth," Jones said.

If 100 island users logged onto a 56K line during the evening, Jones predicted the traffic would clog that line. "They'd all be trying to sneak through the eye of the needle at the same time."

Morley noted there are only enough users on the island for one Internet provider. "The last thing he wants to do and we want to do is compete. Salt Spring is not big enough for two Internet providers."

Still, regardless of Imagen's plans, he said Island Net still plans to come to Salt Spring, probably in July.

Imagen is also planning to go ahead. The company has already leased offices in downtown Ganges which Jones will use both as a centre for local Internet access and as a classroom.

Imagen is offering its offices to the Salt Spring Telecom Society, which will be offering courses on the Internet. Computer animation and online multimedia can also be taught, given the high bandwidth which will be available.

"I also want to make C programming instruction available to island children," Jones said. Such instruction is not available through the school system, Jones added, but is critical for students who want to pursue a career in computing.

"Software companies can provide clean jobs for the coming generation on the island and reduce a dependence on tourism," Jones observed. Internet access allows software companies to come to Salt Spring, providing a relaxed environment for programmers.

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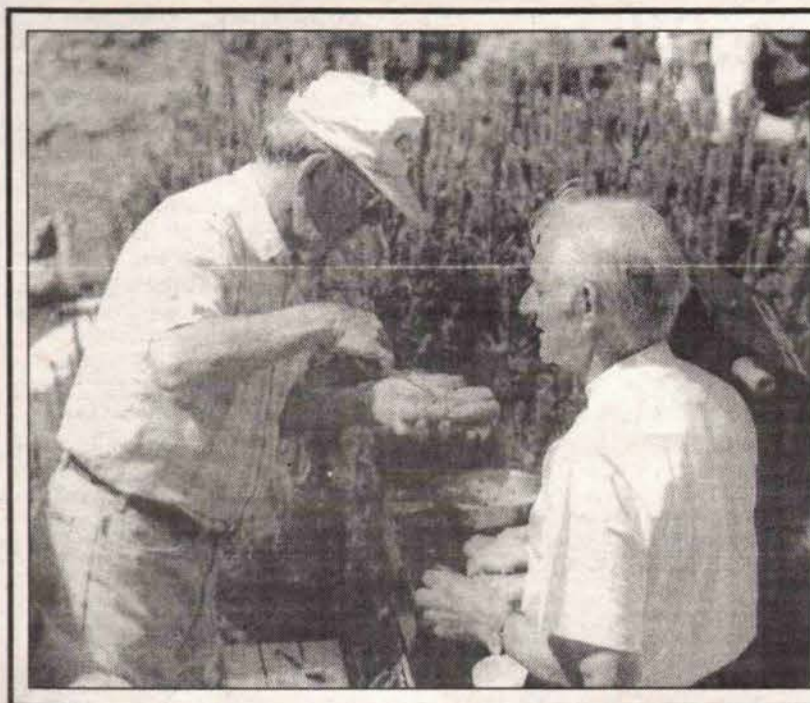
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Talents Unearthed
 Lowell Hicks (left) serves up a hot dog as Sam Evans stands by. The two were part of numerous islanders who enjoyed the United Church's Talents Unearthed event last Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Director of instruction job cut as district tries to save money

One of the school district's three senior administrative positions has been cut as the school board continues to find ways to reduce spending.

In an open letter to all employees of the district, school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said Bob McWhirter's position of director of instruction would be eliminated in September. The cut is part of the board's commitment to running the district on the projected budget of nearly \$13 million.

Since 86 per cent of the budget goes to pay staff, "continuing restraint in staffing levels" across the district can be expected. At last month's board meeting, the board announced there would be

10 fewer teachers in September than the minimum required by contracts.

The elimination of director of instruction and two vice-principalships in the district — one at Fernwood; one at Salt Spring Elementary — are part of a plan to reduce expenditure in the administration part of the budget. No island elementary school will have a vice-principal.

McWhirter has been reassigned as vice-principal of the soon-to-open Salt Spring Middle School. As a contracted employee of the district, he will continue to receive the salary he negotiated with the district as director of instruction. McWhirter's expertise in curriculum and instruction and his

insights into the needs of middle school-level students were cited as significant assets to the new school.

In other administrative changes, Fulford Elementary School principal Glenn Woodley is set to retire and take up a half-time position developing identification procedures and a program for gifted students in the district. A new shift to address special needs in the district is the reason for this new position, the press release said.

Barb Aust, principal of Phoenix School, will become principal of Fulford Elementary. Kevin Vine, acting principle of Salt Spring Elementary, will also be supervisory principal of the Phoenix School.

Crash investigation eyes broken Norseman bolt

A broken bolt is the current focus of an investigation into the March 21 crash of Hanna Air's Norseman off Kuper Island.

Transportation Safety Board investigator Gerry Binnema said no conclusion has been reached in the investigation. However tests showed a bolt holding a diagonal strut on the float suffered from metal fatigue.

"We did find a fatigue crack in one of the bolts," Binnema reported. The weakened bolt may have allowed the float to move backward and forward slightly.

Binnema has contacted the float manufacturer and is trying to determine whether the weakened bolt would have put sufficient stress on the float to cause the accident.

The accident occurred when the left float broke as pilot Mark Rolston was attempting to land the Norseman off Kuper Island just before 8:30 a.m. March 21.

Rolston and all three passengers escaped serious injury.

Binnema said it is too early to conclude that the bolt was responsible for the crash. The accident is still under investigation.

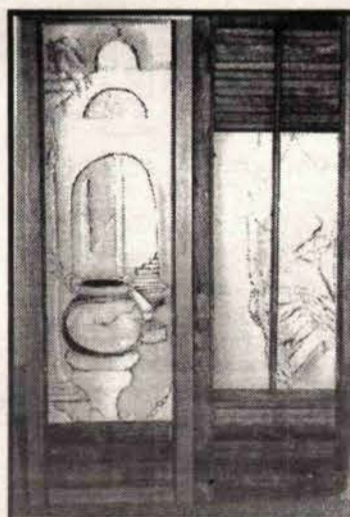
Local depot reorganized

Concrete pads added to the recycling depot over the past two weeks are part of a reorganization of the space that will allow drive-through drop off of recyclables.

Manager Peter Grant said the new pads will carry steel roll-off bins for glass, tin cans, newspaper and office paper.

Although the new pads now limit turning room at the Rainbow Road depot, Grant said the completed renovations will make it easier to drop off recyclables.

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Fortunately for the community society, executive director Jane

Staff extinguish potential hazard

Parlee said, youth services director Meredith Knox was at a meeting at the centre. She spotted the fire before it got out of hand and helped put it out before Salt Spring firefighters arrived on the scene.

"What could have happened could have been devastating," Parlee said.

The fire was likely caused by a cigarette, fire chief Les Wagg said, though there is a possibility a hot exhaust from a vehicle caused the rotten tie to ignite.

In other fire news:

• Fire chief Les Wagg announced permits for open fires are cancelled as of May 31 until there is rain. The

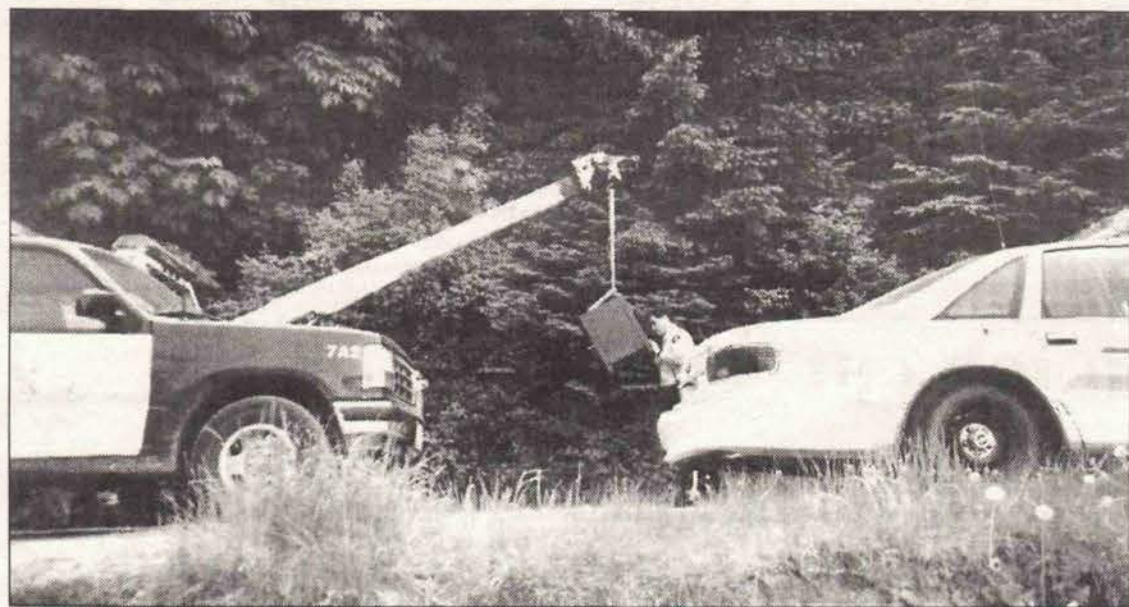
only exceptions are for approved incinerators and small campfires which have permits. Wagg cautions everyone who lights campfires to extinguish them thoroughly.

• A half-acre of land was burned in a small fire off Musgrave Road Thursday afternoon. The fire may have been caused by a brush pile set a month

ago and not properly extinguished.

• A campfire in Maxwell Park left unattended brought fire fighters to the scene at 8:15 a.m. Saturday. The campfire was put out quickly, though fire chief Les Wagg said neither camping nor campfires are allowed in that park.

• A bush fire off Stewart Road Monday afternoon was put out by local firefighters after a small area was burned. The cause of the fire is unknown.



LOST AND FOUND: RCMP Const. Rob Doyle helps in the removal by tow truck of the Harbour House Hotel safe found broken and empty near Bader's Beach. Photo by Don Bouton

Harbour House safe returned: empty

The Harbour House safe which was stolen March 6 was returned to its owners this week, broken and empty.

The safe was discovered in bushes near Bader's Beach May 22 and recovered with the aid of a tow truck. The back panel of the safe had been removed. Harbour House officials would not say what had gone missing in the robbery. An RCMP forensics unit came to the island to look for fingerprints and other signs of the perpetrators. The investigation into the robbery is continuing.

In other police news:

• A single vehicle accident last Monday night landed one 43-year-old islander with charges of impaired driving and possession of a narcotic. The accident occurred on Beaver Point Road about 8 p.m.

• A 37-year-old island man was charged with impaired driving Friday about 9 p.m. after he was stopped for speeding. When he showed signs of impairment, he was taken to the Ganges detachment where he refused to provide breath samples.

Buyers should check regulations

Before you buy, make sure you can build.

In order to clarify development requirements for owners or purchasers of subdividable land, the Salt Spring Trust Committee passed a resolution May 12 suggesting that the committee is unlikely to support subdivision applications which require road construction beyond a 66 foot right-of-way and a 45.6 foot cleared width.

In a statement, the trust commit-

tee noted that some variances from those standards may be required to accommodate particular topographic conditions.

"If there appears to be other benefits to the community, we will consider supporting roads which must be wider due to topographical conditions," trustee Bob Andrew said. "We will take all aspects into consideration."

The motion was passed after Salt Spring Trust Committee opposed a development on Mt.

Tuam which would have required road construction well beyond the usual for island roads.

"This policy will be of interest to those who own or plan to purchase land with subdivision potential and their advisors, and to those who are involved in subdivision proposals that require road construction," Trust senior planner Linda Adams noted.

For more information, call the Islands Trust planning staff at 537-9144.

Postal system taxed by notices

Islanders should be receiving their annual tax notices in the next two weeks. That is, if the government department issuing the notice has been notified of their new addresses.

Acting government agent Marie Wall said many address changes will have been recognized during the property assessment process earlier this year. But those islanders who do not receive their tax notices by June 12 should contact the Government's Agent's office in Ganges which will try to redirect undeliverable notices.

Payment of property taxes, due July 4, is the responsibility of the property owner, Wall said.

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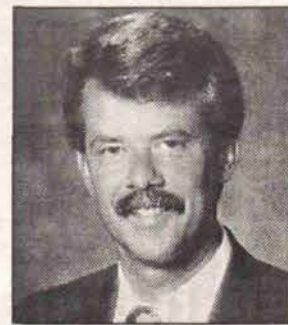
Delia von Schilling, owner of Blackburn Meadows golf course, pleaded guilty to an offence under the federal Fisheries Act and was fined \$1. In addition she was ordered to pay \$1,500 to the Crown to promote fish habitat programs.

Judge Ann Ehrcke fined von Schilling in Sidney court where she appeared May 19 on a charge of "carrying on work which resulted in harmful alteration . . . or destruction of fish habitat" under section 35 of the Act. The charge was related to land clearing which went on while the golf course was being developed between August 18 and September 30, 1992 at the site on the edge of Blackburn Lake.

Ministry of Environment officials brought the charge against the golf course owner because Blackburn Lake is stocked with fish by the province, and the clearing close to the edge of the lake was seen as detrimental to that fish-rearing habitat.

The \$1,500 court ordered payment to the Crown was "for the purposes of promoting the proper management and control of fisheries and fish habitat."

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DATING DEBATE: Discussing dating issues in a group moderated by counsellor Barbara Jordan-Knox were teens (front, from left) Jessica McCartie, 14, Bronwyn Sutherland, 14, Anna Puhky, 14, (back, from left) Erin Baker, 14, Franziska Satzinger, 15, and Laura Albert, 14.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

Date rape could signal abusive relationship

Date rapes may happen without warning. Or they may be a form of abuse, a sign of an unhealthy relationship where the needs of both partners are not equally respected.

Counsellor Barbara Jordan-Knox outlines some warning signals of a potentially abusive relationship. Anyone in a relationship could become a victim of abuse if he or she:

- Feels unable to live without the partner.
- Stops seeing other friends and family.
- Gives up activities because the partner does not enjoy them.
- Feels as if it is necessary to "walk on eggshells" to keep the peace.
- Is afraid to talk about worries and feelings connected with the relationship.
- Stops expressing opinions if the partner disagrees.
- Feels responsible for helping and "reforming" the partner.
- Believes jealousy is a sign of love.
- Feels inadequate for not enjoying the same sexual activities as the partner.
- Believes such blackmail statements as "I'll kill myself if you break up with me" and "If you don't, I'll tell everyone you did anyway."
- Feels sad, lonely and tied down in a relationship.
- Will put up with anything to keep the partner.
- Is afraid to break up with or leave the partner.

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DATE RAPE: *Prevention is possible*

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Baker noted television heroes often "throw around girls" and the girls accept the abuse. Characters hop in and out of different beds like Mexican jumping beans.

"It's totally unrealistic," Baker said.

McCartie agreed. "How healthy can sleeping with ten different guys be?" she asked.

On many shows, intelligent women are invariably "bitches" and beautiful women are stupid.

"They make girls on TV look like bimbos," Sutherland said.

"If you're pretty, you're stupid," Albert observed.

Images of beautiful, scantily clad women are popular, the girls note, citing Baywatch — sometimes called "Boobwatch" — as one of the shows which intrigues boyfriends.

Does a steady fantasy diet of compliant cheesecake carry over into real life?

The teens found further clues in language.

A man who sleeps with many women is a "stud," an expression of admiration.

A woman who sleeps with many men is a "slut" or "whore." The teens note there is no male equivalent for the terms "slut",

"bitch" or "whore."

One of the most devastating insults for a young woman is being labelled a "frigid bitch," the teens explained. Some girls have agreed to sex just to disprove that accusation.

In which other ways are girls pressured into sexual compliance?

Puhky said the girl could be drunk or stoned, and so lack the will to refuse.

Sutherland suggested the girl might like her boyfriend and be afraid she will lose him to another girl if she does not agree to sex.

But Albert, echoed by the other girls, noted that some boys only stay with a girl until they succeed in sleeping with her. "They break up after they sleep together."

The worst situation, the girls agreed, is when the boy brags about his conquest. "That's bad, if as soon as it happens, they tell everyone," Albert said.

"Once you've done it and he breaks up with you, you can't take it back," Baker pointed out. But she added that not all young men are interested in racking up conquests. Many see sex as something special, so are willing to wait for the right relationship.

Boys can also experience sexual harassment, especially when approached by sexually aggressive

girls, Jordan-Knox noted. Given social pressure to "score," it is hard for boys to resist such advances even when they are not interested.

Young people of both sexes can avoid situations which may lead to date rape.

• Baker: Say No! Don't be alone with someone you don't know very well.

• Puhky: Don't be alone, especially with older guys. (Sutherland reported seeing 20 to 25-year-old men cruising parties, trying to pick up impressionable younger girls. "There're horny and bored and the girls their age just think they're disgusting.")

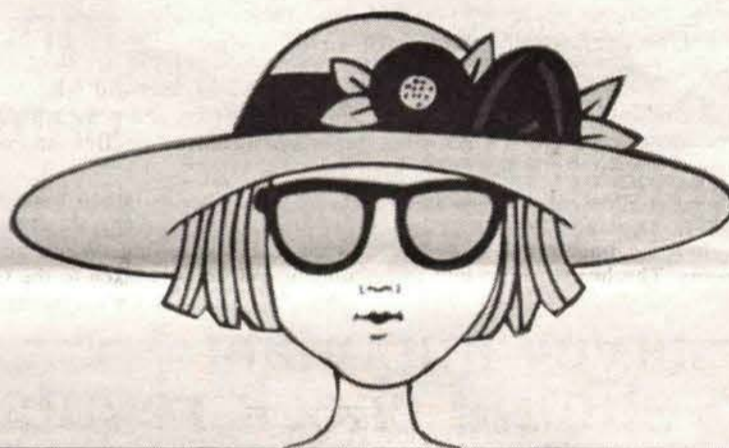
• Satzinger: Don't get drunk and/or high.

• Albert: Don't stay alone with each other if either of you are drinking

• Baker: Set your sexual limits at the start of the relationship.

To help other teens understand date rape issues, the girls will be posting some of their information at Gulf Islands Secondary. Jordan-Knox is also planning to run another discussion group for teens, starting June 6 and continuing until the end of the month.

"I think this information should be available to every teen," Knox said.



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Criticism well taken

Criticism is hard to take, especially that dotting an official and every public 50-page report.

But most of the reaction of the Gulf Islands school board and school administrators to the field services team report on district operation has been laudable.

Superintendent Mike Marshall welcomed the report and described it as helpful. Board chairman Allisen Lambert thought the report laid out the strengths and weaknesses of the district.

The skills and dedication of the staff, the expertise of board members were cited as strengths as was the kindly and humanistic approach of senior administrators. But in combination, the relaxed and humanistic approach of administrators clashed with the expertise of board members — specifically that of board chairman Allisen Lambert.

The traditional style of the district has been informal, relaxed, devoted to building consensus and meeting needs, in keeping with the spirit of the Gulf Islands.

Consensus building and meeting needs works well when times are good, but is less easy to implement when budgets must be cut and a growing district must be managed. Like many institutions on the Gulf Islands, the school district is in transition from the laid-back island style to a more structured system.

Lambert — herself a former school superintendent — has been a key part of the transition, drawing on her formidable experience in educational bureaucracy. But a board chairman is a volunteer, not a staff member. That she stepped beyond the role of a school board chairman in trying to change the district structure was indicated by the report's criticism of her involvement in the day-to-day operation of the school district.

Unfortunately, Lambert has dismissed this criticism, saying she only stepped in as an unofficial superintendent because Marshall was on sick leave. But even her decision to do that, well-meant as it was, showed the line between the board chairman's role and senior staff role had become blurred.

Marshall is right. The report is valuable in that it points out how the district lost direction — and control of its budget, creating an \$800,000 deficit.

We can only hope that all players, from parents to staff to the board chairman, carefully consider the report's message.

Needs survey important

Child care needs assessment now ongoing throughout the southern gulf islands will likely show a crisis situation in some areas of island child care.

According to Ellen Garvie, who is heading up the assessment, there is no licensed daycare available on the Outer Islands at all. On Salt Spring, there are probably less than 10 licensed spots available for children under 30 months old, and after school care does not exist.

Garvie estimates three-quarters of island children are being cared for in non-licensed situations.

What this means, she says, is parents here have no way of ensuring their children will receive quality care.

Economics have changed to the point where many young families need two incomes to survive and for them, quality daycare is essential. Other parents attend school or re-training courses, some seek socialization opportunities provided by daycare, some need child care during illnesses. Daycare needs for single and school-age parents are obvious.

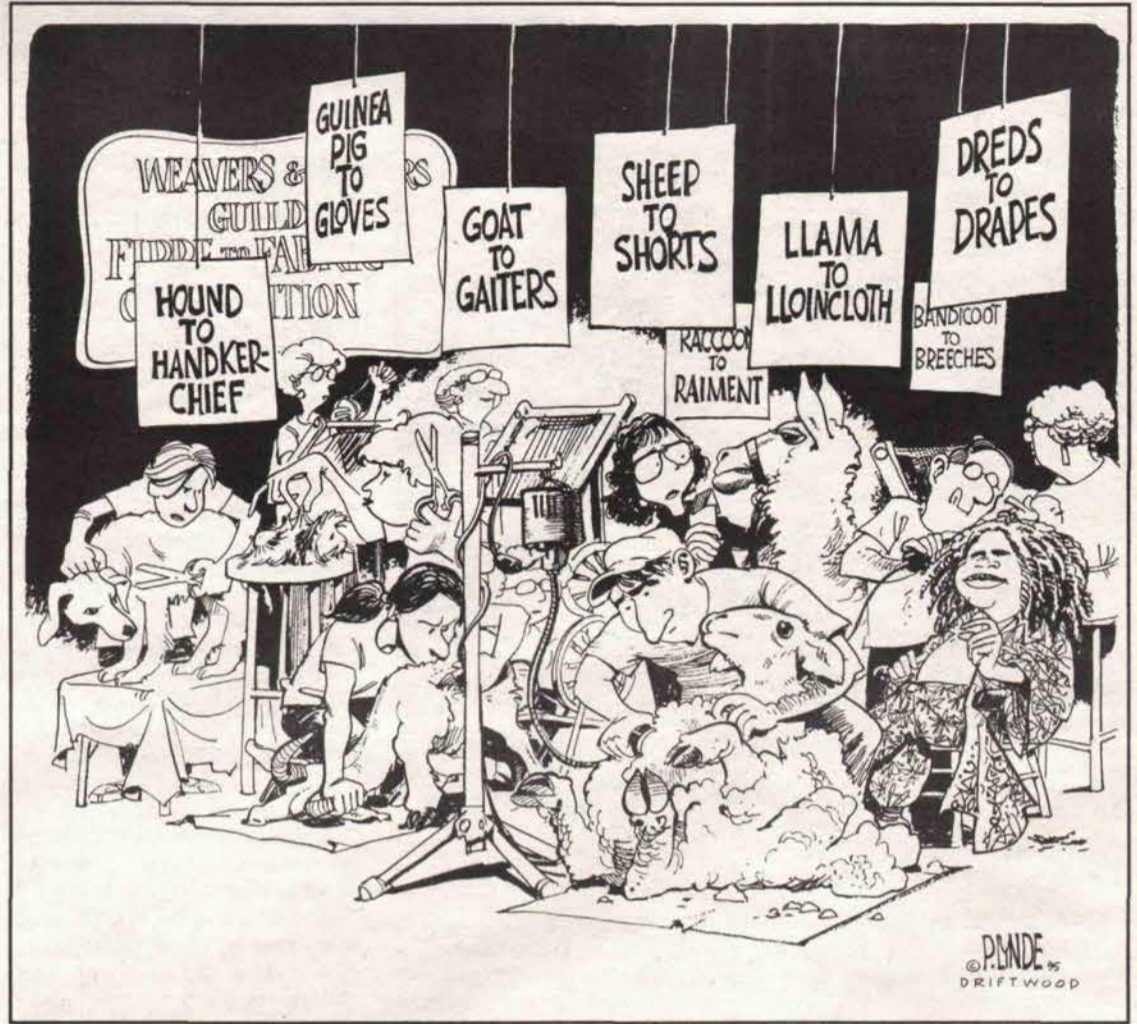
Selecting a daycare can be highly stressful, especially when many island facilities are full, or won't take children under three-years-old.

One island daycare recently reported turning away three infants in one month, Garvie says.

The Southern Gulf Islands Child Care Needs Assessment is a good place to begin the task of laying a foundation for present and future daycare needs.

Island parents can help this process in two ways. First, everyone who received a needs assessment questionnaire is encouraged to fill it out and return it. And second, a June 7 public meeting in the Salt Spring Elementary School library will look at child care needs and help formulate plans.

Once the areas of need are identified, we will be one large step closer to taking on the task of working together as a community and meeting these needs.



Finding strength amid adversity: parents get by in children's ICU

I met Linda just over one year ago in the mothers' room at B.C. Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

Linda's name kept appearing above mine on the sign-in sheet. Like me, her child was in the intensive care unit (ICU) and inevitably, we met at about 11 p.m. one night.

Linda's baby, nine-weeks-old, was born with a faulty trachea that made breathing difficult.

Linda sat next to me, exhausted, emotion spent and told me her baby was not expected to survive the night.

My daughter, Sierra, then six months old, had a breathing problem caused by acute obstructive sleep apnea. When she fell asleep, she would stop breathing then gasp for air and repeat the process. A heart monitor at Victoria General Hospital indicated her heart rate was dropping dangerously low during the apnea periods.

A breathing tube was inserted through her nose, she was given a steady dose of morphine and flown via medivac helicopter to Children's Hospital. The following day she would undergo emergency surgery to remove tonsils and adenoids, the second youngest child ever to have the operation at that hospital.

The ICU at Children's Hospital exists separately from the outside world. Critically ill children, many of them babies, lie lost in tangles of wires and tubes, surrounded by beeping monitors. The doctors and nurses maintain a quiet and determined cheerfulness, while parents sit, stunned, at their children's side.

Sent from the ICU during certain hours, grey-faced parents gather in one of two lounges. Some sleep here, on the couch or the floor. Others gather and speak in hushed tones. Others pace.

One father suddenly-spoke to me, words tumbling from him with little coherence. His five-year-old daughter, I discovered, was still in a coma, 10 days after a car crash on the Squamish highway.

He said: "You know, I stood there beside her bed, so tired I thought my feet would fall through the



In the world of the ICU it becomes clear: life itself is all that matters.

floor, and I wanted to ask . . . I wanted to ask the doctor if she was still going to be here tomorrow."

One year later, those words still send a shiver through my body.

I asked Linda that night, how one deals with the knowledge her child might not live through the night. It isn't real, she said. It is so nightmarish, it just isn't real.

Her baby survived the night and doctors decided to perform an complex operation which had only ever been done once before. They would cut open the baby's trachea and patch it with a piece of skin from her heart. Again, the child would have to fight to survive the ordeal.

The anguish I felt, waiting for completion of Sierra's operation, was magnified in the stricken eyes of Linda and her husband as they waited for word on their child. Linda sat in the lounge, unmoving, hands clenched. Her husband paced the halls, reeking of tobacco, and unable to rest.

Once again, the child survived. It would be two weeks before doctors could determine whether she would live, but Linda was ecstatic. On the mothers' room sign-in sheet she wrote: "Today is a wonderful, wonderful day."

And yes. In our world, we are concerned about bumped heads and scratched elbows. We bemoan temper tantrums and worry about our children waking up at night. In the world of the ICU it becomes clear: life itself is all that matters.

Two weeks later I returned to Children's Hospital where then two-year-old Danica was also undergoing a tonsillectomy for OSA. I saw Linda in the hallway.

"We're going home!" she rejoiced. Through the past year, I have tried to draw on Linda's strength — to write "today is a wonderful day" in the face of adversity. For I have life today, my children have life. And what else really matters?

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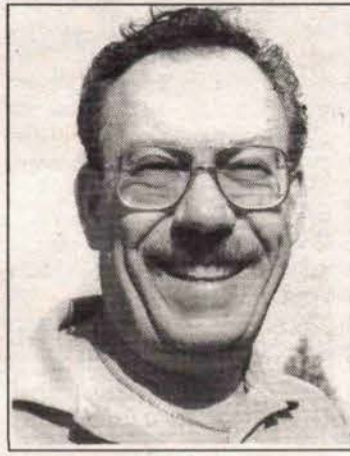
Susi Dollheiser

No, I don't think so. In a democracy I trust the government which I have elected to make good laws for people and the environment.



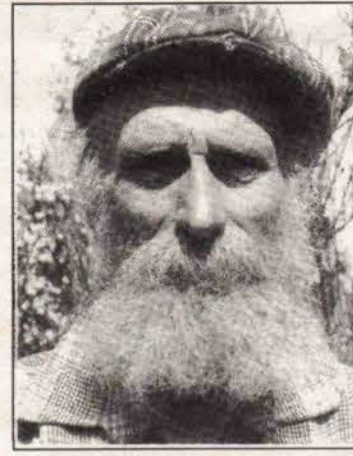
Sarah Gjosunde

Yes, like child abuse custody cases when the authorities do not remove the child from an abusive situation.



Dennis Andrews

No, not as far as I'm concerned. We live in a good country — if we don't go by the law, we've lost it all.



Charles McDonald

My guess is that when there's damage to person or property and you can't get the police in time to stop it.



Elizabeth Gilbert

I think if a person is in danger, then they should take it into their own hands to defend themselves.

Letters to the editor

Longterm benefits

I was surprised and concerned to read in your columns that the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee had reversed its position on a proposed subdivision development on Mount Tuam.

This reversal is bad news for the public as well as the developer. What is at stake in this well-thought-out project is 200 acres of land (out of a total of 600 acres) which would be transferred from private to public ownership. This is prime acreage from an environmental standpoint: 100 acres to link two existing ecological reserves, thereby making the total ecological reserve in this area far more effective; and 100 acres of parkland to preserve a breathtaking viewpoint and recreation area for public use. Once these parcels are in the public domain one can look forward to their public benefits in perpetuity.

The project would also turn over a further 100 acres of good-site upland forest land to Texada Logging, which owns the adjacent forest land, for reforestation. And finally, often overlooked but of significant public interest and benefit, is the fact that the project would be required by Highways to re-build a section of the public Musgrave Landing road, shortly after it leaves Dubois Road, in order to eliminate the series of steep and dangerous switchbacks which exist there.

The objections raised by the Trust Committee against this project centre on the proposed access road, which would depart from the Musgrave Landing road a short ways after the switchbacks and angle back across some steep terrain where construction would require rock blasting and a larger than normal right-of-way. However, these are short-term problems, mainly to do with aesthetics, and can be alleviated, if not eliminated, by improving design of the road; and through natural

regeneration of the rock cuts within about 10 years, at the most, if not sooner.

In all other respects, to the best of my knowledge, the proposed project is entirely within the Official Community Plan, which, presumably, is why it was approved by the Trust Committee in 1994.

So why should the Trust Committee reverse its earlier approval of this project? Search me. However, in my humble judgement if one looks at the project as a whole, and not just at pieces of it to suit one's hidden agenda, the public benefits of this project far out weigh the public costs, especially if these are taken into account over time.

**S. SYDNEYSMITH,
Beddis Road**

Integrity is alive

I'm always skeptical of persons such as Mr. Popkin-Clurman who are critical of other's efforts but who offer no evidence of their expertise to validate their criticism.

Is this person in the computer business? In sales? In software? If so, how recently?

What has been his experience in the requirements for library use? He mentions "bare bones" computerization of the library. How bare are his bones? He also mentions that if the library obtained a "commercial" database program it could be modified to serve the library. Since our library's computers must interface with other provincial libraries as well as take care of our local needs, that "modification" would be rather extensive. It might be a bit much for local computer students.

On another point, Mr. Popkin-Clurman implies (actually more than implies) that HNW Design Associates took advantage of the library computer committee.

All I can offer is my own experience with HNW. Just after deciding that we were going to get a computer system, my wife and I made a trip to Southern California.

So we shopped in Orange County, in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles, and, on our way home, we shopped in Reno Nevada, Bellingham Washington, and in Richmond, B.C.

HNW - Adrian Noble - was just as knowledgeable as any we had talked to and his prices were in the same ball park as the best we had previously found. I believe integrity is still alive and well right here on Salt Spring Island - at least in some circles.

I surely hope our community will continue to support our library as it has in the past.

**DON SLOTTEN
Ganges**

Still excessive

Thank you for your balanced article re: library and resident debate. You should know however, that my estimate contained the extra equipment which Mr. Burridge said I did not take into account.

First of all, I see no need for the \$8,000 9-unit CD Rom tower that is claimed is required. Further there is no need for the 4,000,000 book database, because such a

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database already exists and can be down loaded as needed from the provincial library system.

Mr. Burridge claims they bought the equipment for less than my estimate. Actually my estimate of equipment needed can be obtained for \$8,000. The \$13,000 is a median figure. As for the Grolier Encyclopedia on CD Rom, they already possess several encyclopedias in the library. To download articles from the Grolier would require additional printout equipment and more complex "dumb" terminals.

The \$1,500 networking software as Mr. Burridge claims, would not be needed for a simple closed system. As for training volunteers at \$1,500, that can be done at no cost by volunteer local experts.

As for the expenditures of \$4,500 for 2,500 bar codes for books and library cards, a bar code printer will make them as needed at a very nominal cost. If wear and tear is to be considered, the user library cards can be simply laminated, again as needed.

Also the installation cost and furniture needed is very excessive.

I stand by my original letter.
**J.R. POPKIN-CLURMAN
Highwood Place**

Sounds sensible

Tom Toynbee's article on the sewer makes it sound pretty sensible. Raised output and bacterial count may not adversely effect water quality and nobody wants to swim there anyway. And without added sewer potential, the town can't expand anymore either.

Let's see, what's next? Incorporation? Then expropriation? Ganges meets Booth Inlet by the year \$1999.99? Maybe, but perhaps we'll first have to survive the shakeup of ecosystem collapse, that various wackoes are predicting .. but most importantly, what about parking? Sometimes I have to ride my bicycle to town just to avoid the walk from the car.

**KEITH MacHATTIE
Grantville Street**

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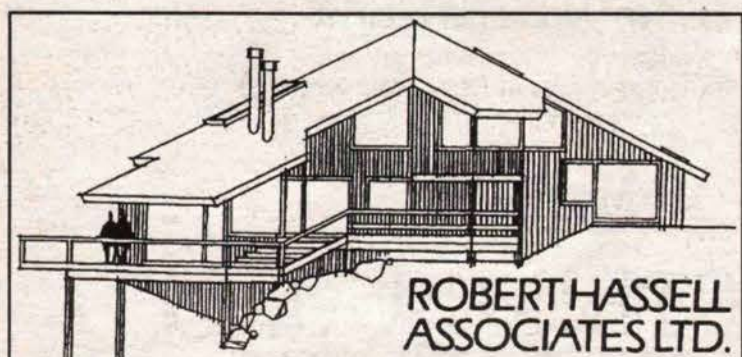
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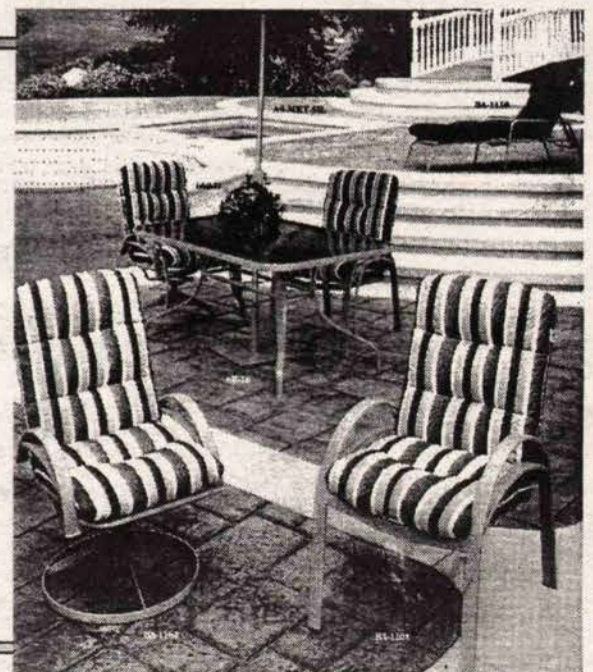
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Liberal miss mark: united stand needed

VICTORIA — There are times when intelligent and seasoned politicians set aside their ideological differences in the interest of a greater common goal.

In the British Columbia Legislature, that happens only on rare occasions. Usually, the political lines are drawn sharply, leaving little room to accommodate the opponent, but it does happen now and then, as it did, for instance, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of VE Day.

Members from all sides of the political arena observed the day with speeches that ranged from eloquent to haunting. For once, the House stood united.

Lamentably, our representatives didn't see fit to take an equally united stand last week when unity was called for. At least, not all did.

Reform leader Jack Weisgerber, intelligent and seasoned politician he is, immediately grasped the need for a united stand, but Liberal leader Gordon Campbell decided to put party politics before the interest of British Columbia.

The occasion was a special debate on the collapse of the deal the government had reached with the Bonneville Power Administration regarding the downstream benefits of the Columbia River Treaty.

Some background is necessary to put last week's development into perspective. Thirty years ago, the Columbia River Treaty was signed by the governments of British Columbia, Canada and the United States to provide for and share the benefits of flood control and power generation by regulating the flow of water in the Columbia River.

The original agreement required Canada to build three dams — the Duncan, the Keenleyside and the Mica — to provide water storage for power generation and flood control south of the border.

In 1964, the W.A.C. Bennett government sold the first 30 years of our share of the increased power production in the U.S. for \$254 million. It seemed like a good deal at the time, but when energy prices began to soar, the deal, in retrospect, looked less beneficial to British Columbia, especially considering the terrible environmental impact the whole project had had in the Kootenays.

The deal that had been reached with the Bonneville Power Administration in September last year, addressed the last 30 years of the treaty to 2024. And it was a deal any way you look at it.

The negotiators for Bonneville had signed on the dotted line; so had the negotiators for British Columbia. The president of Bonneville met with Premier Harcourt, shook hands on the deal and said it was a good one for both the U.S. and British Columbia.

The deal was worth several billion dollars to British Columbia over the next 30 years, with an up-front payment of \$250 million.

Convinced it had a deal — and there was no reason to think otherwise — the government immediately addressed the harm the Columbia River project had caused in the Kootenays during its construction, when entire communities were relocated and flooded with little regard to compensation.

The government committed to spend millions of dollars from the \$250 up-front payment in the Kootenays, in the communities that had born the brunt of the project. Everything seemed fine until last week, when Bonneville announced it was reneging on the deal.

Bonneville is no newcomer to welching on deals it has made. It has done so on several occasions with other utilities, presumably to extract an even better deal for itself.

Faced with this American company's determination to blackmail British Columbia into making concessions after a deal had been reached, nothing but a united stand by British Columbia's political leaders will send the right message.

Weisgerber clued in right away. Taking a few sideswipes at the Harcourt government for maybe having jumped the gun in announcing how it would spend the money for the downstream benefits, he made it clear that the Harcourt government will have his party's support when it comes to playing hardball with Bonneville.

British Columbia, he said, was in a good position. It had a product the Americans want and need. The government, he said, should go back to the bargaining table with an even better opening position for British Columbia.

Campbell, on the other hand, demanded that an all-party committee, including independents, be struck "to develop strategies" for dealing with the Bonneville Power Administration. The Liberals went as far as saying that there was really no deal, which is just what Bonneville wants to hear.

When it counted most, the Liberals failed to grasp the importance of a united front. They also showed that they are far from ready to govern this province.

CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Who's who

I enjoyed Graeme Thompson's article covering Salt Spring Sailing Club's Round Salt Spring Island Race last weekend, and in particular, enjoyed having him as one of the crew. However, I would like to point out an error in his coverage of the race.

Louis Renaud's Buckshot is not Deryn Mor's nemesis. It is the other way around.

KEVIN VINE
Skipper, Deryn Mor

Compromise needed

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the Driftwood for making the Beaver Point Hall boycott of younger bands a front page issue. Beaver Point Hall is certainly the best musical venue on the island, and it is a shame that it is no longer available to youth-oriented acts.

The young musical talent on the island very rarely has a chance to perform for an audience. These local bands should have far more opportunity to play on this island than they have had in the recent past. The island's youth will no longer settle for the Barley Brothers as the mainstay musical performer on the island.

The hall committee's decision to ban rock groups from the hall seems hypocritical — could it be that the committee members have forgotten the dancing days of their youth?

If "moshing" and its ensuing floor damage is the problem, then I know plenty of people who would volunteer to help reinforce the floors if it meant

that they would be able to play there. And, with Beaver Point's relatively higher rental rates, could the hall committee not afford to hire some type of extra security? Other musical venues around B.C. must be maintained by some form of regulatory precautions, and I see no reason why similar precautions shouldn't be enforced here.

So, finally, I raise the question: could the problems that Beaver Point Hall and its nearby residents have been experiencing not be solved by some collaborative effort on behalf of participating bands and the community? My friends and I are certainly opposed to anybody causing any damage at the hall, but is simply closing the venue off to youth acts the only answer? There must be a compromise in there somewhere.

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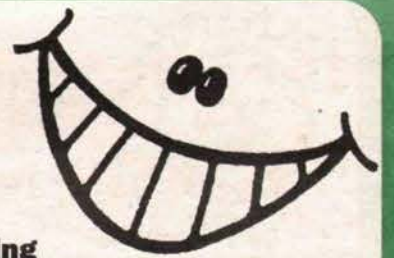


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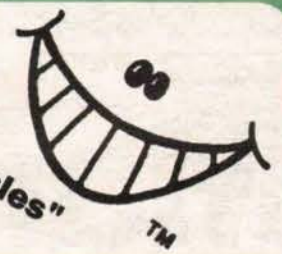
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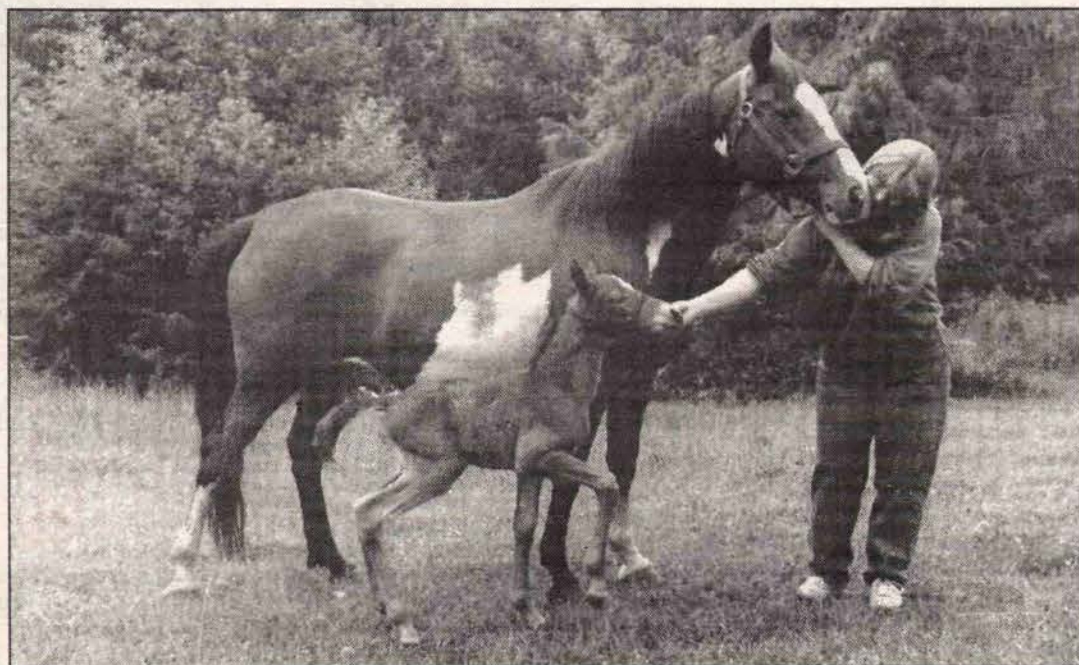
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PRC takes on Mouat Park operation

Demand from tourists has forced the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) to take on operation of Mouat Park's campsites although the commission has not yet received the required permit to run the park.

Parks and Recreation administrator Tony Hume said some irate tourists had even called his home to complain. B.C. Parks has been advising tourists that the PRC is now operating Mouat Park but the PRC has yet to receive a licence of occupation from crown lands.

The park is officially under the

jurisdiction of crown lands pending completion of a provincial order-in-council transferring the park from B.C. Parks to the Capital Regional District.

Verbal approval has been given for the PRC to oversee the park but nothing has come in writing from the government. Meanwhile, people have been camping in the park all month.

"We had an awful lot of activity up there," Hume said.

He took the problem to CRD property officer Simon Joslin and has also sent a letter advising B.C.

Lands that the PRC would begin operating the park effective last Friday, unless an objection was received from B.C. Lands.

No objection was received, Hume said. The PRC has now begun collecting and disposing of garbage, maintaining the toilets, issuing camping permits, collecting a \$15 fee for overnight camping and selling bundles of firewood to campers.

"We have taken on that responsibility without the legal jurisdiction," Hume told commission members Monday night.

In his letter to B.C. Lands, he urged that body to issue the licence of occupation for Mouat Park as soon as possible in order to regularize the PRC operation of the park.

"We can no longer avoid meeting the customers' demands, particularly since B.C. Parks are informing the public that the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is running the park and that the camping is open," Hume told B.C. Lands.

Health council submits work

The Southern Gulf Islands Community Health Council has finished its work on the community health plan and has submitted it to the Capital Health Board for consideration.

That body will consider the local community health council's request for official designation as a community health council within the region at a meeting June 6, Salt Spring Island member Gordon English said.

The collection of documents sent to the Capital Health Board can be found at Mary Hawkins

Library in Ganges. The designation document, Salt Spring Island's community health plan and community health plans for the other Gulf Islands are included.

The next stage in the New Directions process for the interim community health council, English said, will be to consider how the transition of health employees from the current health service providers — the hospital society; Greenwoods society; home support services society — will be made to the interim community health council.

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Salmon enhancement workers busy at Bullock Creek

The Bullocks watershed is beginning to look mighty good. Kathy Reimer and her crew of salmon enhancement workers are turning Bullock Creek, which runs into Bullocks Lake west of Robinson Road, into a fish habitat. It is the second phase of work in the Bullock-Stevens Lakes water system. The work is pleasing local landowners because of creekside beautification; it is pleasing farmers by providing proper drainage for adjacent land; it is

pleasing fish with its clear and safe passage to spawning beds. Island Stream and Salmonid Enhancement Society has targeted the creek as one in need of work, Reimer said. The stream which flows into Bullock Lake — named after the turn-of-the-century top-hatted farmer who owned most of the land around it — is not natural, but rather a channel carved out of blue clay by farmers who wanted to drain the depressed, marshy land. But Reimer has done as much

as she can to make that unnatural stream bed fish-friendly. Her crew planted fall rye along the shores and dragged in 200 bags of leaves to spread around, to provide loam in years to come. They planted cedar seedlings, willows and swamp iris along the edge of the water to shore up the stream-edge and provide shade and shelter. They planted root wads in the stream, particularly in dug-out ponds where young fish can seek shelter from predators.

They have put in wood duck nest boxes to encourage ducks, which used to use the flooded land hereabouts in the winter and spring. They have also attempted to restrain the local beaver population from making too many dams. "We're trying to get them satisfied with smaller dams," Reimer said. One way they are trying to do that is by inserting pipes through the dams to keep the water flow constant. Salmon enhancement worker

Surge Taylor has been working with Reimer and the local society for more than a year now. He said he likes the outdoors work and finds it relaxing. Younger brother Ben Taylor also likes the work, because he gets paid for it. The work on the creek was sponsored by Environment Canada's Environmental Partners Fund and the B.C. 21 Community Salmonid Enhancement and Restoration Fund.

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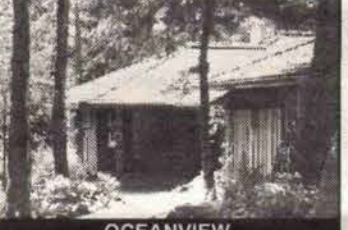







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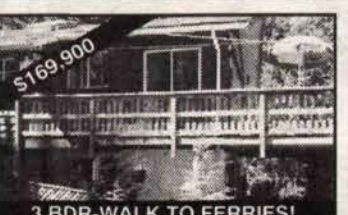







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Club releases schedule

Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club has released its schedule for June.

June 6: Hike from Shepherd Hills to the sea with Bob Ball (challenging).

Walk the Maracaibo Rainforest with Edna Gatt.

Both groups meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

June 13: Hike to Bold Bluff with Bev Frankcombe. This is a long but level trek. Meet at Burgoyne Triangle at 10 a.m.

Walkers bus tour to Royal Roads non Military College is by reservation to Norma at 537-1105. There are only 22 seats.

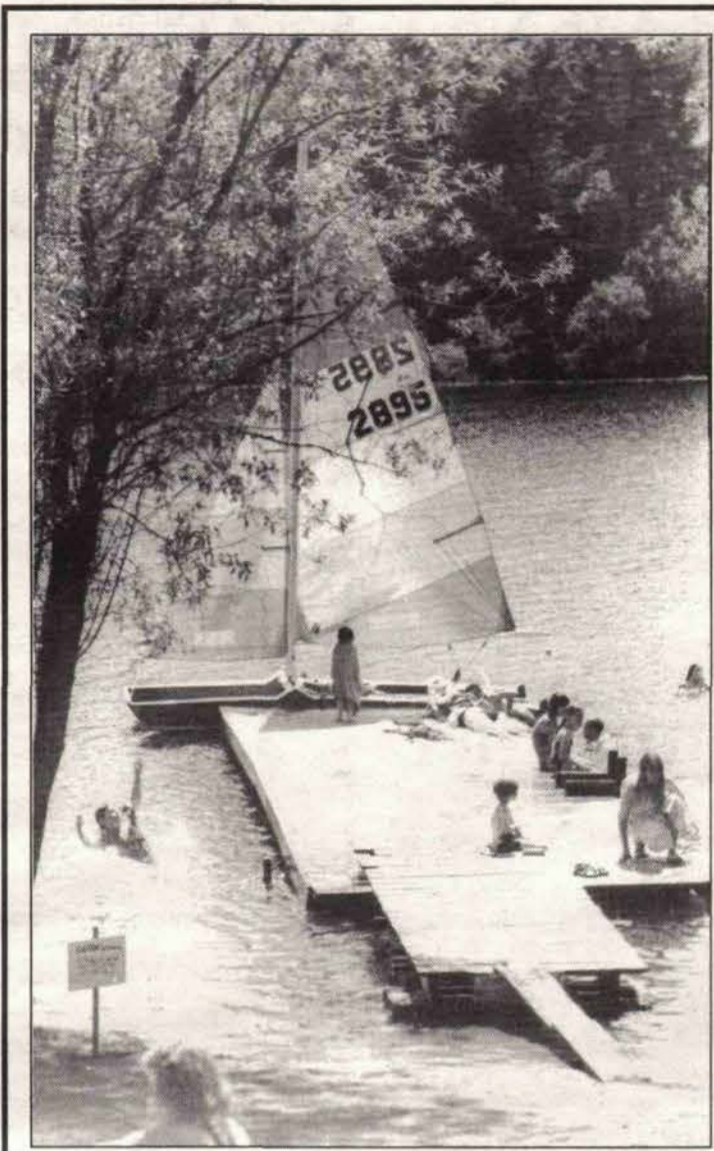
Other walkers meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. to choose own walk and leader.

June 20: Hike Maple Mountain II with Bill Harrington. This is steep. Carpool at Portlock Park in time to go as foot passengers on 10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

Walkers meet Adryce Brawn at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. for a surprise.

June 27: Annual strawberry festival held for members only. Meet at Drummond Park 10:15 a.m. and bring your own bowl and spoon. There will be a combined walk and hike.

Also final payment and bookings accepted for Mount Washington fall trip.



Gone fishin'

Boaters, swimmers and sun-worshippers converge at Cusheon Lake to soak up some rays and enjoy a little summertime recreation.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Pender takes cup —again

Pender Island ladies won the inter-island Georgeson Cup for the fifth consecutive year.

The final game of this popular 18-hole event was played May 24 on Galiano. Overall, Pender beat Salt Spring by 13 strokes.

The club extended congratulations to local player Jill Wheaton, who had her first hole-in-one.

Just under 50 women teed-up to compete for the Brooks Cup on May 23.

Jean Hopkins and Becky Armstrong tied with a low net of 71, and will play an additional 18 holes to determine the winner. Pat Lavender was runner-up with a net 73, and Pam Ellacott took the low net gross with 95.

GOLF TEES

Pat Lavender and Dolly Whorley won the putt pot with 28.

Ladies in the nine-hole division had 28 golfers turn out under sunny skies, May 24. Babs Ross won low net, Elizabeth Kirwin took low gross, and Ann Volden collected the putt pot. Vi Huska won the voucher on number two for being closest to the hole.

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After a bad track day, Bennett eyes Kelowna

A bad day on the track left Salt Spring Island long-distance runner Zoe Bennett without medals or even personal bests on the weekend. Bennett was the only high school athlete to make it to this year's provincial school championships in Coquitlam Friday and Saturday.

"Every athlete has bad days," she explained Monday. "It was bad timing for me to have a bad day when it was also an important day."


Bennett, a Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, was competing in the 3,000m and 1,500m races. She has competed at the provincial school level five times previously and was not so nervous about the competition itself.

Friday just after noon she ran the 3,000m race. She said she had a bad start and she didn't run well afterwards. The bad start put her in a bad mood. She finished number 17 out of 30 with a time of 11:26. Her personal best is 10:46, significantly faster over a distance of nearly two miles.


About an hour later she competed in the heats for the 1,500m race. She said she ran a good race to start but did not finish with a sprint, as she might have done. In the end she was one second off and did not go on to the finals.

While the school sporting season is over, she will run against other B.C. juniors in Kelowna in July when the provincial clubs hold their own provincial championships.

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Athletes compete at Port McNeil

Eight intrepid athletes from Salt Spring Track and Field Club spent the May long weekend in Port McNeill at the annual Nighthawk Invitational Track and Field meet.

Stephanie Collette, in her final work-out before the summer games trials, had a good jumping day, winning the long jump in 4.18m and coming second in the triple jump in 9.33m - both were personal bests. She also ran the sprints well, coming second in the 100m, second in the 200m and third in the 400m.

Joelle Morrison found some of her enthusiasm from last year and competed in eight events, winning the high jump with 1.41m, improving her shot put to 5.80m and racing very close to her per-

sonal best in the 400m.

New member Emily Bond tried seven events at her first competitive track meet, and showed potential with second places in 400m, long jump and shot put.

In the second youngest age group, those born in 1985, Salt Spring has two of the best athletes on Vancouver Island.

Caitlin Wilson tried seven events, improving her personal best in the 200m to 35.1 seconds and her sprint hurdle time to 18.0 seconds for a fine third place, equalling her third in the shot put.

Kelly Kerr won six out of eight events with her best events being the sprint races and shot put.

Three juvenile boys, born in 1979, competed mainly against

themselves. Sean Charish put the 12 lb. shot 9.28 for third place and finished second in the triple jump. Erik Jorgensen tried some events for the first time, won the javelin and discus, came second in shot and completed well in the high jump, long jump and 100m.

Daniel Bennett continued his good form, winning the 400m in 58.7 seconds and the long jump with 4.96. He had a good 100m and came second in high jump, 1.58m and javelin 28.86m. Even his weakest event, shot put, saw a new personal best of 8.43.

The next club competition is at Powell River on June 10-11 where all athletes born in 1980 and 1981 will be trying to win selection on the summer games team.

Crocker elected as commander

A new bridge of elected officers was pledged to office recently at the Salt Spring Island Power and Sail Squadron annual general meeting.

Aubrey Crocker, a six-year member of the local boating education and awareness squadron, was elected as commander. Eight new members, including three women, joined him on the executive of 15.

"These are great people who do a good job volunteering their experience and knowledge to teach safe boating to the public," Crocker said.

He intends to carry on the traditions of the squadron, built up through 22 years on the island. The safe boating course offered in

the fall each year is probably the biggest service the squadron runs. It keeps a public presence during events like Sea Capers, where it usually has two floats.

The squadron held its annual change of watch dinner at Alfresco's April 28, with the Right Reverend Barry Valentine giving the grace and squadron historian Harold Helm giving the toast to the Queen.

Joining Crocker on the new executive are Arnold Budd, executive officer, Brian Le Lievre, secretary, and Lorna Tolman, treasurer. Sunny Van Der Kloof is training officer, with Peter Marshall and Brian Cornwall, assistant training officers (boating) and Jim Linklater, assistant training officer

Number 'one' curses GVM in junior Babe Ruth league

Ganges Village Market's junior Babe Ruth team was cursed by "ones" last week.

They lost by one run to Ladysmith Whalers in their first game on May 26, and lost 11-5 to Islands Heritage Realty with one bad inning on May 28.

GVM played a good all-around game, with seven different players getting hits while holding the Whalers to five hits. But coach Roy Kinnear said some bad base running reduced chances to score runs and errors taken at the wrong time combined to give the Whalers the 6-5 win.

Jamie Wilkinson scored a double for GVM. Islands Heritage Realty scored eight runs in the fourth inning against GVM on May 28, creating a 9-5 deficit GVM could not overcome.

Oscar Ventor was the winning pitcher, and struck-out six batters. He and Chris Urquhart hit doubles for IHR, while Tom Langdon and Thomas Little did the same for GVM.

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Keoughs aid production of Chilcotin presentation

The volunteer work of Salt Spring photographers was instrumental in producing a video being used to urge preservation of the Southern Chilcotin Mountains.

Pat and Rosemarie Keough were part of a 10-day horseback trip into the wilderness region last July that resulted in "The Southern Chilcotin Mountains: A Gift to Man From Nature - to be Respected."

The video was shown to the B.C. legislature in April, as part of a presentation by The Southern Chilcotin Mountains Wilderness Society (SCMWS) requesting the subject area be made into a provincial park.

Musician Terry Jacks produced, scripted and wrote music for the video, which also includes work of wildlife artist Robert Bateman and photographs by Birgit Bateman.

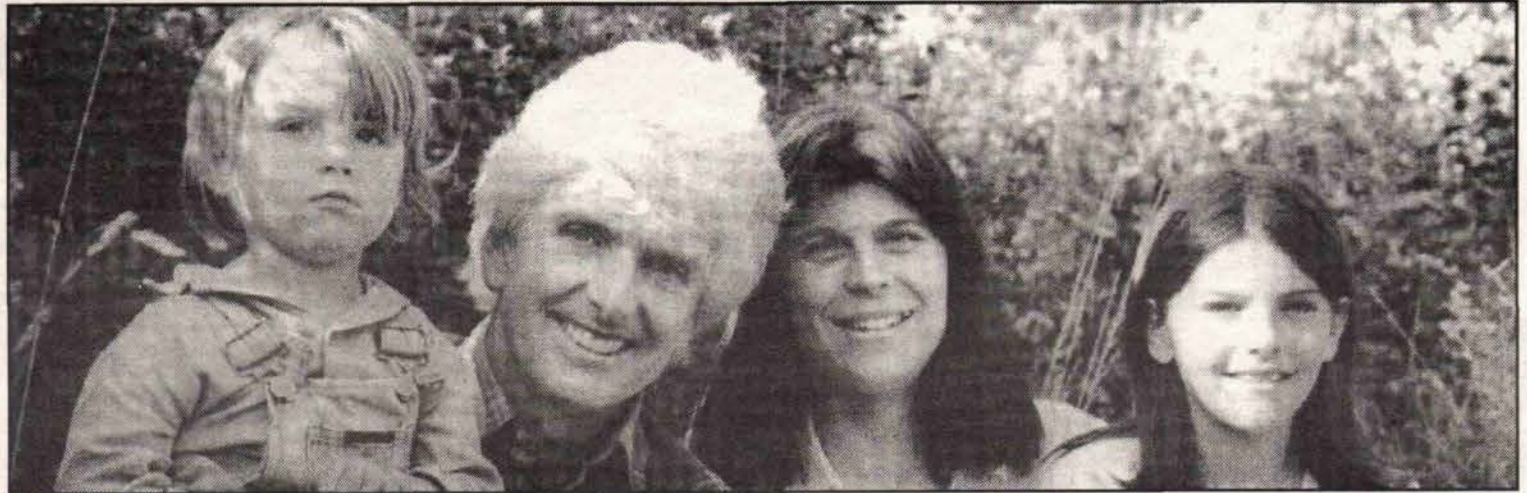
Riding horses while on a photo assignment was a novel experience for the Keoughs, made even more interesting by the antics of Pat's aptly-named horse "Joker."

The Keoughs were impressed with the area and described it as an "accessible wilderness with a real park-like setting to it."

Vancouver resident Dennis Perry is one of the society's key figures.

He told the Driftwood the SCMWS includes 30 member organizations representing 100,000 people, with the group's aim being preservation of about 100,000 hectares in the Spruce Lake area. Located only 200 kilometres directly north from Vancouver and 80 kilometres west of Lillooet, in a "transition" zone between the Coast Mountains and the Chilcotin Plateau, the area is known for its vast range of flora and fauna and its wilderness recreation values.

Perry said the SCMWS was pleased with the provincial government's commitment last fall to preserve 65,000 hectares of nearby lands as part of the Cariboo Chilcotin Land Use Plan. There is not a huge distance between that area and the Spruce Lake regions, he said. "It would be tremendous to connect them."



PHOTOGRAPHIC FAMILY: Whether travelling into the wilds of B.C. or continents beyond, the Keoughs, their enthusiasm

and camera equipment go together. From left to right are Glen, Pat, Rosemarie and Rebekka Dawn.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Inspiration

The great outdoors inspires Keoughs' art

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

When organizers of a South Nahanni River expedition put Pat Keough and Rosemarie Czirsusz into the same canoe in August of 1984, they had no way of knowing what that decision would spawn.

Paired because of a mutual interest in photography, they were soon struck by their natural ability to communicate as they maneuvered their way down the often turbulent Northwest Territories waterway. Communication was crucial to their survival on the Nahanni, just as the Keoughs' communicating through photography, writing and publishing now urges the survival of wilderness areas and respect for traditional ways of life.

Whether it's a woven cluster of purple saxifrage and Arctic willow or the serenity of rolling Ontario farmland, the Keoughs' photos and writing compel viewers to consider the unique amenities of regions they have explored. Their most recent work contributed largely to a video called "The Southern Chilcotin Mountains: A Gift To Man From Nature - to be Respected." (See separate story in this issue.)

The Keoughs were not professional photographers when they met 11 years ago. Both worked for large companies in urban Ontario. Both had a passion for the outdoors and photography. It was not until their honeymoon in India some months later, while living in a jungle treethut in a com-

munity of elephants and monkeys, that they considered how they could make a living while pursuing their love of the wild outdoors.

A brave first step meant putting everything on the line financially to self-publish "The Ottawa Valley Portfolio," a coffee table book trumpeting the area's natural beauty and history.

The success of that effort spurred similar artbooks on the Nahanni and Niagara Escarpment regions. A planned fourth book will feature Nova Scotia. The Keoughs have also published three other books and completed numerous videos and other assignments.

Alaska's Copper River Delta is one of this year's destinations, where they will participate in the Netherlands-based Artists for Nature Foundation project.

While they have travelled far and wide in the past 10 years, Salt Spring has been their base for the past eight. While they first came to the island to visit friends, Pat was also born in Vancouver and partly-raised in B.C.

Few couples want to work together all the time, never mind do it harmoniously or with such positive results. But the Keoughs say that besides being best friends, their artistic strengths complement each other both in writing and photography, and the fluent communication they first found on the Nahanni simply feeds the process.

His prose is more "purple" than Rosemarie's, while she tends to shoot tighter pictures, for example. Resulting photographs or text are often in between what each

would produce working solo.

"Sometimes we can actually see the progression of thought when we look at a roll of film after it has been developed," notes Rosemarie.

They observe that progression could not occur without the mutual respect of opinions and free-flowing discussion that marks their relationship.

"Because we can do that, we can be extremely productive," says Pat.

Another major creative force is their children Rebekka Dawn, age eight, and Glen, one-and-a-half, who accompany the Keoughs on their trips. Glen was nine-months-old when he ventured into the southern Chilcotin for 10 days on horseback last summer.

The 1991 video "The Nahanni and Rebekka Dawn" was as much about including children in explorations of the natural world as the region itself. At age two-and-a-half, Rebekka Dawn canoed the Nahanni River, rappelled down a cliff into a

cave with her mother, and otherwise participated fully in the five-month wilderness expedition.

"As long as they are kept well-fed, warm and dry, children can go anywhere," confirms Rosemarie.

Simply being closer to the ground and fuelled by fervent curiosity, children also see things their parents might miss.

Immersing Glen and Rebekka Dawn in the world's splendour and hoping wilderness areas will still exist for them to show their own grandchildren provides further inspiration for the Keoughs' work.

Always cognizant of what started it all, they feel fortunate to combine work, family and a sense of doing something worthwhile by encouraging respect for and preservation of the world's special places.

"All because of our love for wilderness we met each other and today enjoy the very wonderful quality of life that our work in wild places has given us," says Pat.



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Beaver Point fun to raise money for Clayoquot restoration camp

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

An evening of entertainment, eats and fun at Beaver Point Hall June 9 may also help restore some of the damage in Clayoquot Sound.

Salt Spring Island's Friends of Friends of Clayquot Sound are sponsoring the evening in a bid to raise funds towards the Clayoquot Restoration Camp.

Slated is entertainment by musicians Lisa Max, the band Lisa's Beast, and a group calling themselves Ian, Kevin, Barb, Sue and Kate. There will also be an open stage for music, poetry and humour.

During the evening, Paul Cienfuegos of the Friends of Clayoquot Sound will present a slide show showing some of the environmental damage in the area, including recent clearcuts and stream damage.

He will also outline plans for the camp, which will operate from June 27 to September 25.

"It is open to everyone is an attempt to bring together previously polarized groups," said Salt Spring Friends member Kirsten Elder. Among those welcome to participate in the camp are First Nations people, forest workers, environmentalist, fishermen and women, young people, women's groups, business people, scientists, unemployed people, seniors, children and students.

During the summer, small work

groups led by guides will do restoration work in the area. Work will be done to restore the salmon stream in the Sound and to build accessible trails into the forest behind the clearcut.

Tours will show visitors the effects of clearcut logging and there will be workshops on eco-forestry, forest ecology, tenure reform, permaculture and bioregionalism.

Friends of Friends of Clayquot Sound are sponsoring the evening to raise funds towards the Clayoquot Restoration Camp.

"The purpose of the camp is to bring people together to restore the clearcut area, educate about positive alternatives to clearcut logging and heal relationships between the different sides in the forestry issue," Elder explained.

The Friends of Friends of Clayoquot Sound are planning a variety of activities linking the Salt Spring group with the Friends of Clayoquot Sound in Tofino.

First is the benefit June 9 at Beaver Point Hall. In addition to raising awareness about the issue, the benefit will attempt to raise money to send people from Salt Spring up to the Clayoquot Restoration camp this summer.

The restoration camp will be able to accommodate 200 residents at a time. Volunteers can stay any length of time from three days to three weeks. Work projects will be organized so all can join in, regardless of experience or physical strength.

The Salt Spring group also plans educational bus tours of the Walbran Valley so groups of people can see the rainforests, learn about forest ecology and see the effect of clearcut logging in the valley.

They will also have a table at the Saturday Market in Ganges to provide information about the situation in Clayoquot Sound, to sign people up as volunteers for the restoration camp and to give people, including tourists, an opportunity to join in the bus tours to the Walbran Valley.

Meetings of the group are held Tuesdays at Rodrigo's Restaurant in Fulford, starting at 7:45 p.m.

"Clayoquot Sound is not a dead issue," Elder said. "Clearcuts are still destroying unique, old-growth forests and habitat for many species of plants, animals and birds. Now is the time to get involved."

Involvement can start with a good time at Beaver Point Hall a week from Friday. Desserts and refreshments will be available during the evening. Admission is by donation.

For more information, call Elder at 537-1146.



FASHION PLATE: Showing off some of the pretty springtime dresses they made and then modelled in a fashion show are (front, from left) Amber Rockliffe, 12, Stephanie Collette, 13, Kirti Janyk, 13, (back, from left) Joelle Morrison, 13, and Neacol Booth, 15. All are members of Sue's Sewing Club, a group started to compensate for the lack of advanced sewing classes in the school system. The fashion show was held at Gulf Islands Secondary Monday night. Photo by Valorie Lennox

ENTERTAINMENT

This week at the Cinema

STARTS FRIDAY

FRENCH KISS: Un soupçon de romance is in store with this film by Lawrence Kasdan, just as islanders have been feeling the effect of a heat wave. Timothy Hutton plays a Canadian doctor in love with an American, Meg Ryan. When he goes off to France on business, Ryan follows and runs into the smooth, not quite clean-shaven Kevin Kline, who masterfully portrays the embodiment of a French lover. A bit of cloak and dagger business under the Eiffel Tower make this a fun film. Mature. Friday to Sunday, 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 9:15 p.m.

CRIMSON TIDE: Tension underwater is the basis of this film about the two attitudes of different officers to a Russian military incident. A nationalist leader seizes a Russian nuclear missile base and the USS Alabama Captain, played by Gene Hackman, wants to launch a defensive nuclear strike. Lieutenant Commander on the vessel, played by Denzel Washington, thinks otherwise. 14 years, some violence and very coarse language. Friday to Sunday, 9:15 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 7 p.m., Tuesday matinee, 4 p.m.

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FEEL THAT JAZZ: Singer/songwriter Susan Cogan, left, and jazz pianist Barrington Perry are teaming up for an afternoon of old jazz songs at All Saints by-the-Sea. *Photo by Graeme Thompson*

Cogan, Perry team up for jazz

Jazz is something you feel as well as play, according to island musician Barrington Perry.

Islanders will have a chance to feel some jazz this weekend when Perry teams up with singer/songwriter Susan Cogan to play some old-time jazz favourites at All Saints by-the-Sea.

The two have jammed together in the past, and even spent time last year practising for a concert duet, but other commitments got in the way. This spring, they have teamed up again and Sunday's afternoon concert is the culmination of their work.

"We decided to do a concert of old jazz tunes . . . songs I've been singing in the car, in the bathtub, in the home, ever since I was a little girl," Cogan said.

"These are tunes that meant something," Perry added. "They have meaningful lyrics. They have a meaningful musical structure."

Songs like *But Beautiful*, *Hey There* and *As Time Goes By* are on the program for the afternoon concert. Some are romantic; others are more soulful. *Birth of the Blues*, *Nice Work If You Can Get It* and *Lullaby of Bird Land* are other old-time favourites the duet will play.

These songs — many of which came from musicals — were recorded as popular songs of their day, that being the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. But they were given different interpretations under the aegis of jazz. Notes were added or left out; chords put in; impromptu bars added for fun. They were, in effect, "jazzed up."

"What makes it jazz is the way its sung and played," Perry explained and to prove his point last week, he played *Jingle Bells*: the first time straight, as every elementary school child would recognize; then jazzed up.

Perry has spent a lifetime in jazz, first in New York and then in Chicago. The Barrington Perry trio played the Cousins Club in that musical town, sharing the stage with some of the great jazz players of America and they would jam together after the regular show.

He has lived on Salt Spring since January 1993 and plays regularly at the Harbour House Hotel.

Cogan has recorded her own material in the 15 years she has lived on the island. She was drawn to the idea of a jazz duet by a long-standing love of jazz. People are often attracted to the music of their youth, she explained. For her that was jazz, including artists like Sarah Vaughan, the Hi Los and Ella Fitzgerald.

Perry and Cogan are playing Sunday afternoon at All Saints by-the-Sea starting at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

Quintet shares musical intuition

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

The music of Mozart and Brahms will be filling Ganges United Church next Sunday afternoon when a special chamber group visits the island.

Salt Spring Islander and cellist Paula Kiffner is a member of a just-formed quintet which played two concerts recently in Victoria. The quintet will be performing two classical works written for two violins, viola, cello and clarinet on Salt Spring June 11. The Mozart piece is a quintet in A major. The Brahms piece is a quintet in B minor, opus 115.

"These are the absolute gems of the whole repertoire for this combination of instruments," Kiffner said this week, but added that the pieces were gems of the whole classical repertoire as well.

"When you hear these pieces, they can evoke physical responses," she said. "The Mozart piece evokes a sensation like the lightest breeze. It almost has a fragrance."

"Brahms is an evening piece, except for the third movement which is like a walk on a sunny day."

When asked whether islanders would be torn between this afternoon concert and time at home in their gardens, she said, "This concert is also a good garden."

The five musicians who are visiting Salt Spring June 11 have been friends a long time, Kiffner said, but have not played together long.

Ann Elliott-Goldschmid is the

first violinist of the Lafayette String Quartet in Victoria. A native of New Brunswick, she studied under Victor Yampolsky in Boston. In 1981 she won the Canadian National Music Festival.

Violinist Mark Butler recently returned to Canada from England where he was a member of the Chilingirian Quartet for 21 years. He has travelled extensively with the quartet and made more than 30 recordings.

Jennifer MacLeod has played viola in the Grand Rapids Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic and was principal viola in the Victoria Symphony until 1993 when she became a full-time mother. She plays the occasional concert with the Victoria and Vancouver symphonies and in chamber concerts like this quintet.

Keith MacLeod has been principal clarinet of the Victoria Symphony since 1982. A native of Vancouver, he studied there and in Chicago. He is frequently featured as a soloist and is often broadcast on CBC.

Kiffner has been a cellist for as long as she can remember — longer even. Her mother recalls that as a child she would pay special attention to the radio whenever she heard the sound of a cello. When she was 10 years old at school in Ohio, the superintendent of music, who was a violinist, told her she had the hands of a cello player. That was it. She began to play the cello.

After studying at the Peabody

Conservatory in Baltimore, she spent 13 years with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, until 1988. In 1991 she and her partner moved to Salt Spring Island, where she teaches and continues to play chamber music, notably with Aristos.

This latest group plays together well, Kiffner said. From the first rehearsal, which ran "perfectly smoothly" the five musicians have shared intonation and musical intuition.

"We seem to see music so much together," she said. "We don't have to talk a lot of anything. We just play."

Islanders who want to judge for themselves can go to the Ganges United Church Sunday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$8 for students and seniors at the door.

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Bylaw which limits studio space criticized by Salt Spring artisans

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

To a home-based artisan, studio space on a property can be more important than living space.

But few people want a production shop in their neighbourhood, so a 1979 bylaw put limits on the amount of space which can be used for a home-based business. Under the bylaw, a home-based business operation is limited to 30 per cent of the living space in the home, to a maximum of 500 square feet.

Those restrictions are too strict, say Salt Spring artisans Donna Johnstone and Michael Robb.

"Craft people traditionally don't have money to build large houses," Johnstone explained.

They are more likely to focus on their studio space, where they will spend much of their time. For example, Johnstone points out a set of hooks in the ceiling of her studio, where she once hung a swing so her daughter could play while mom sewed in the shop.

Artisans are often family oriented and the studio may serve as an extension of living space, Johnston added.

She and Robb share a home which is just under 700 square feet. Were they building a studio today, the bylaw would allow them less than 210 square feet of studio space, which is not enough for the variety of crafts and art which they produce.

Their studio is in place but they wonder about the impact of the restrictions on those starting out, who have not yet constructed studios. The restrictions could hamper the island's viability as an arts and crafts centre, they note.

Trust senior planner Linda Adams said the size limit on home-based businesses is being reviewed. Some craft businesses, such as pottery or woodworking, require more space than allowed under the bylaw.

"It is a topic that we're looking at very closely. Now we're in the process of re-assessing it," Adams said.

There are other controls on home-based business, Adams said. A home occupation cannot employ more than one person and cannot produce noise, dust, smoke, gas or other emissions which disturb neighbours.

Materials cannot be stored outside and any structures must conform to typical construction within a neighbourhood.

Adams said the Jobs, Business and Industry focus group has made an initial recommendation that the size restriction be relaxed.

But, group member Gary Holman stressed, that recommendation does not mean the committee wants no size restrictions on home businesses.

"The issue we're struggling with now is how do you make reg-



SEW, SEW SPACE: Clothing designer Donna Johnstone needs a good-sized studio for her sewing machines, cutting table, fabric and completed stock. She is concerned restrictions on studio size could hamper the efforts of other craftspeople to make a living on Salt Spring.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

ulations on size more flexible without upsetting the residential character of the neighbourhood," Holman said.

The focus group has discussed home occupations at length, noting that up to one-quarter of island residents describe themselves as self-employed. Like the Saturday Market, Holman said home occupations can serve as a nursery for small business.

"To do anything serious in the way of livelihood in a home occupation, the restrictions are a concern," Holman said. But regulations should ensure that a home occupation does not grow into an industry on residential land.

Beyond the "nursery" stage, a business should have to compete on an equal basis with those operations on commercial land, Holman said.

Adams agreed. "After a while, they're supposed to move."

Adams said the size of studios has not been an issue. She suspected a home-based studio or craft business would only concern neighbours if it grew to a 2,000 square foot, semi-industrial operation.

"It's meant not to be the primary use of the property," Adams said. She suspects there are many operations which use more than 30 per cent of the residential floor space to support a home-based business. But action is seldom taken to enforce the bylaw, provided the operations are quiet, create no environmental problems and do not draw too much traffic into the neighbourhood.

"I can't remember an instance where someone shut someone down," Adams said.

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Leslie Carson (left) is hard at work creating facial designs on Dylan Hume, who watches in a mirror held by Elizabeth Deacon. The

youngsters were seen in Centennial Park last Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Guru user groups can smooth rocky computer relationships

The first bit: Ask a Guru

Computers are not user-friendly. And no, I don't want to hear from the legions of Macintosh users out there who want to praise their lovable little, "easy to use," square-screened Macs.

At home I struggle almost non-stop with a DOS-based PC. At work I wrestle with a Mac.

Both crash for no discernible reason. Both operate "intuitive" software which makes no sense. For example, the command to "undo" a previous command in both Macintosh and Windows is CONTROL + Z, not the much more logical CONTROL + U.

Despite the aggravation, I love computers, right down to their fingertip-sized RAM chips.

But it takes a little counselling now and then to keep the relationship going — to resolve those little conflicts which arise between hardware and software and make the owner want to slam-dunk the mouse through the monitor.

I rely on Gurus — those folks who know stuff about computers which I have yet to learn and are willing to share their information. I also serve as a Guru, of sorts, for friends and family members who have questions I can answer.

One of the best sources of Gurus is a user group, an organization often stuffed with computer users who are willing to share their expertise.

The Salt Spring Macintosh Users Group (SSMUG) meets on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Driftwood office. Next meeting is June 7.

President is Patti Gregson. Executive officers are Uri Cogan and Cameron Smith. Apple Ambassador/Software Librarian is Mark Classen.

The group's meetings usually include a presentation on some aspect of computing. Recent topics have included troubleshooting Macintosh problems, surfing the Internet and fractal graphics.

Owners of DOS-based computers are also welcome — although they may hear a little gentle proselytizing from the more fervent Macintosh fans.

Plans are underway to form a



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user group for DOS-based computers using Windows. A number of people have expressed interest and a possible location has been offered for meetings. Those interested in the group are invited to call Uri Cogan at 653-4563 between 9 a.m. and noon to have their name added to a contact list.

Another source of information is the "Salt Spring computers" forum on Raven Net, a local computer bulletin board. A number of techno-wizards hang out in this electronic forum and questions usually generate a number of responses.

Help is also available through some of the international forums carried by Raven Net.

Copies of the software to access Raven Net are free and available from Radio Shack in Ganges, Parkside News in Ganges and Tribal Drum Communications in Fulford.

To access Raven Net, call 537-1646 for a 10-minute free visit per day. Visitors can only read messages. A local membership, which allows 20 minutes per day browsing, local e-mail and posting messages, is \$20 annually. For more information call Mark Classen at 537-9522.

Bits on Bytes will also take a stab at answering questions or ferreting out information on specific topics. Post questions to the Driftwood forum on Raven Net; leave a message at 537-9933, extension 208; or drop off a note at the Driftwood office.

The second bit: Take a class with a Guru

Directions on finding the on-ramp to the "information highway" and navigating the routes will be offered through a series of Salt Spring Telecom Society courses.

The courses start next Thursday with an introduction to on-line

communications and will continue once a week for the next nine weeks.

Topics are: June 8, Getting Connected; June 15, Basic Computer Configuration; June 22, Internet Overview; June 29, RavenNet; July 6, Compuserve; July 13, America Online; July 20, Internet — Navigating the World Wide Web; July 27, Internet — USENET and e-mail; August 3, Internet — Introduction to Building Web Pages; August 10, Internet — Gopher, FTP and Telnet.

All courses are \$20 except for the August 3 course, which is \$50. The entire series is \$190. For information, call Cameron Smith at 537-4312; Uri Cogan at 653-4563 or Steve Lawson at 653-9252.

Internet access through a local call is expected to be available on Salt Spring sometime in July.

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Animal control officer seeking sheep killing suspects

Half a dozen sheep on several farms at the north end were killed or maimed by two dogs last week.

Salt Spring Island animal control officer Howard Byron is tracking a large, long-haired black dog and a keeshond which were seen on at least three properties in the last 10 days.

In the early hours of Thursday morning, Robinson Road resident Bruce Pearson heard the sound of bells. The bell was around the neck of an agitated Jacob ram, one

of some 15 Jacob sheep belonging to Howard Byron and grazing on the grounds of the Green Rose Bed and Breakfast.

Pearson had surprised a large black dog attacking the small flock, Sunday Byron recalled Monday. She helps her father track down reports of dangerous animals on the island. The dog, and possibly one other, had killed one Jacob ewe. By the time Howard Byron arrived on the scene with flashlight and gun, a lamb had also been killed.

Friday afternoon, between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m., Terry Byron heard a commotion on his farm on Walker's Hook Road. He saw a large black dog, "at least 100 lbs." and a keeshond-like dog attacking his sheep. He took a shot at them and thinks he may have hit the larger of the two.

The previous week, seven animals were killed on two properties. One was a Jacob ewe killed early in the hours of May 21 on the Green Rose farm. In addition, two ewes and four lambs on

Bonacre Farm on LePage Road were killed that morning or the night before. One dog was spotted stalking the sheep on the LePage Road farm.

Byron thought at first a cougar may have been responsible for the deaths because the sheep were attacked from the front and all had gaping holes in their chests where access to vital organs was made. These are similar to the methods used by cougars, he said.

But the several sightings made by different islanders of one big

black dog and another keeshond-like dog confirm the work is not that of a cougar.

Howard Byron said he is still investigating the spate of killings and looking for any information on the whereabouts of these two dogs, which he does not believe are strays. All dog owners should be aware their animals can kill sheep and they should know where their dogs are at all times of the day and night, to prevent this kind of trauma to island farmers, he added.

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