

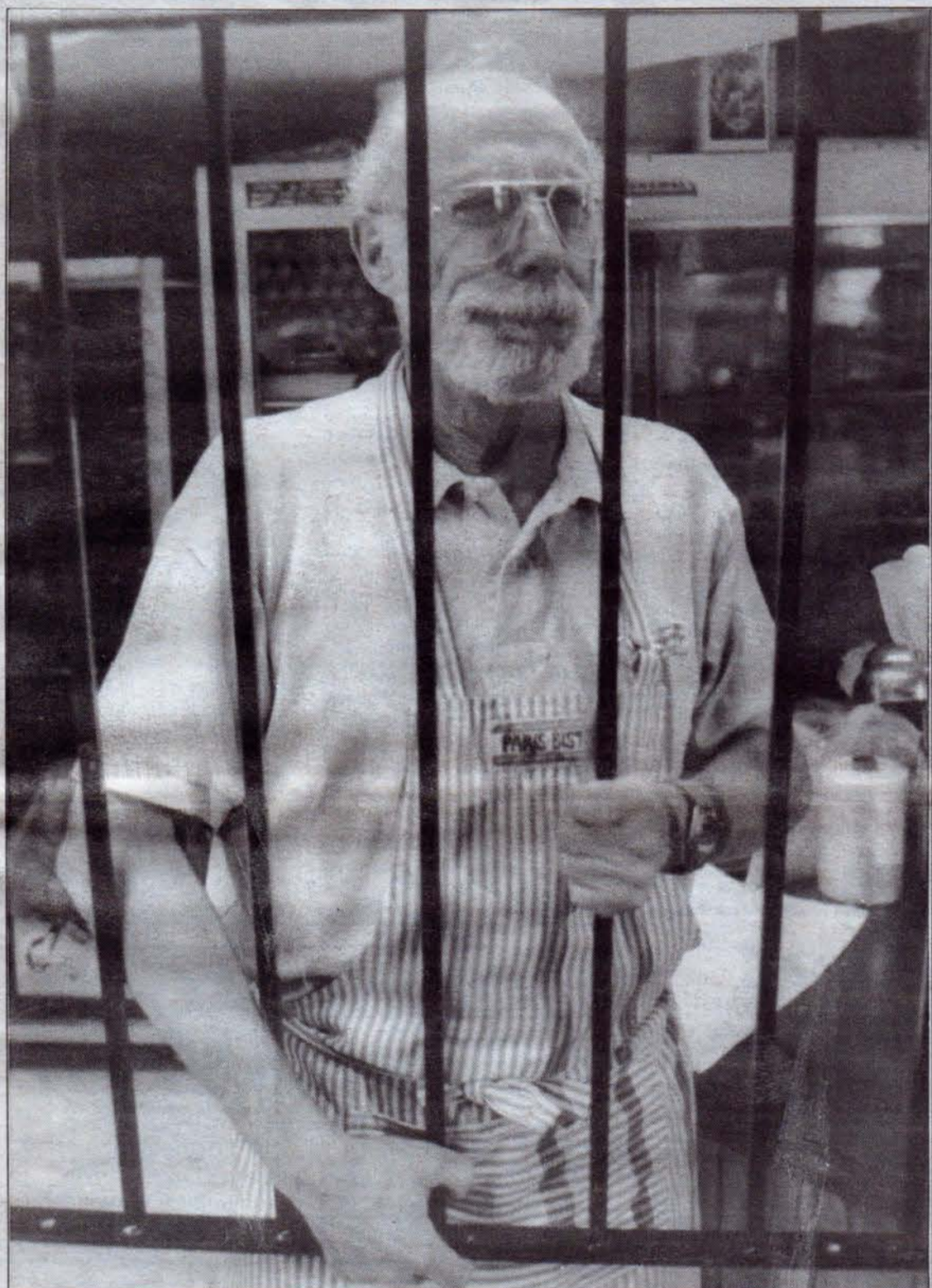
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BEHIND BARS: "Belcher Bob" Harris holds new cast iron bars ready for installation in a side window at his Ganges chili stand. He is

one of several business people who are upset after a spate of break-ins. Photo by Tony Richards

Fed-up Belcher Bob bares bars

He was uncomfortable with the worsening crime situation in Riverside, California, so he moved to Salt Spring.

But after two break-ins last week, Bob Harris is wondering if he made the right move. The owner of Belcher Bob's in Ganges, Harris didn't bother locking the doors to his home when he moved here a few years ago. After a total of three break-ins at his chili stand-deli in the last few months, he's changed his ways.

Last week, Harris' landlord, Les Ramsey, installed bars on windows and grates on skylights in an effort to bar access to persistent thieves.

Two weeks ago, entry was gained through a side window. Thieves took the stereo but left the speakers. Then they took a meat cleaver and hacked their way through a connecting door into the premises occupied by Harlan's and Love My Kitchen.

Just a few days later, a skylight in Belcher Bob's provided access and Harris lost the speakers that had been left behind last time. Again, the adjacent premises were entered and Love My Kitchen lost another stereo.

Kitchen shop co-owner Elsa Fraser said Tuesday the store has been broken into seven times in five years.

"And every time we lose a stereo," she said. On one occasion a clerk had mistakenly left \$800 in cash in the store. That time, both cash and stereo went.

But Fraser said the store has "really beefed up security" recently, though she attributed their problems to the fact that the building is old.

Both Fraser and Harris praised their landlord for his response to the rash of break and enters.

Not only has Ramsey barred windows and burglar-proofed skylights, but he gave \$200 to each of the building's three tenants to help defray the cost of insurance deductibles on their losses.

Meanwhile, Harris has upped his \$500 reward offer for information to \$1,000. But the offer has failed to elicit any response.

And he has little confidence in the justice system anyway. "(The thieves) are not going to get punished ... if they're caught."

They'll just get their hands slapped, he said.

Minister proposes amalgamation into super-district

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

The Gulf Islands School Board would cease to exist under a proposal announced Friday by Education Minister Art Charbonneau.

The minister's proposal for a 50 per cent reduction in the number of school districts would see an amalgamation of the Gulf Islands, Saanich, Greater Victoria and Sooke districts. Restructuring the province's 75 districts is expected to save about \$30 million annually.

But no changes will be implemented until a joint committee of the Ministry of Education and the B.C. School Trustees Association has examined means to reduce the

number of boards and cut administration costs.

Charbonneau said that if the committee is unable to come up with "workable solutions" to achieve financial and restructuring goals, the government will proceed with its own plan. That would result in 37 school districts aligned within the province's 20 health regions.

Locally, that would mean a new super-district encompassing the Capital Region, in which the enrolment of Gulf Islands schools would represent only four per cent of the total. And if the new district's governing structure duplicates that of the Capital Health

AMALGAMATION 2

Muffin-Cat is home after lengthy search

She may have been the most sought-after feline in Salt Spring lost pet history. Detailed posters and ads were plastered everywhere, and a hefty reward was even offered for her return.

But after two months on her own, Muffin-Cat is now safe at home with owners Bud and Lee Sollitt, eating prime kitty-fare and recovering from her adventure.

A grateful Lee said islanders' help and kindness ultimately led to the return of Muffin-Cat.

The five-year-old long-haired calico cat disappeared while staying with Lee's mother-in-law in Brinkworthy.

After the calls went out to find her, Lee and Bud followed every lead they received. A Greenwood sighting saw Lee spend every night for three weeks in her car outside the facility with an SPCA cat trap set up. Staff brought her coffee and invited her inside when the weather was bad.

Then on Saturday the first of the final round of phone calls came from Jack and Connie Adair on Park Drive. They had seen a glimpse of a calico cat, as had neighbour Jim King. Both put food out.

Lee immediately went to the Adairs' home. "Bless them," she said. "I stayed there the whole day."

Finally she saw a definitely spooked Muffin-Cat. "She was just terrified."

The SPCA trap was set up and Lee watched it until midnight that night. The Adairs reset it in the morning and called the Sollitts when Muffin-Cat was caught.

Storm beats at islands: 6,000 go without hydro

Three Saturna Island residences were without power for 41 hours this weekend and about 6,000 other Gulf Islands B.C. Hydro customers sat in the dark for an average of three hours.

Gusts of wind up to 90 kilometres per hour beat at the islands Friday night, toppling trees, spewing limbs onto power lines and cancelling two Gulf Islands ferry runs.

Murray Smith, field manager at the Salt Spring B.C. Hydro office, said at one time there were four main lines "locked out." Two lines serviced Salt Spring residents in the south end and Long Harbour area, and two lines fed outer island homes.

"Salt Spring wasn't hit that bad," Smith said. "But the outer islands really took a pounding."

Also taking a pounding were the two, three-man crews that travelled by boat from Salt Spring to the outer islands that night.

"One lineman said it was some of the roughest water he'd ever been in. The water was coming up over the top of the boat," Smith said.

Three isolated Saturna homes went without hydro for an extended time because a truck had to be ferried over to replace a pole, he added.

Smith said Hydro received

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The little town of Chemainus is still doing it

The little town that did is still doing it. Unlike hundreds of thousands of mural-seeking tourists, I have never placed Chemainus near the top of my places-to-go list. Victoria's bigger, Mayne Island is quieter, Mexico's hotter. And it has been my loss.

So I discovered a couple of weeks ago after receiving an invitation from the Chemainus Theatre Co. to the opening of their newest production. The company is a group of professional actors and theatre people which mounts as many as six productions a year in its three-year-old theatre.

Prominently located in downtown Chemainus, the 270-seat facility, which includes a restaurant, represents a tremendous asset for a Vancouver Island community that used to depend on a sawmill for its livelihood. Today, tourism is a major contributor to the economy, so much so that tourist services are a valued sector of the community.

TONY RICHARDS



Take Larry and Virginia Blatchford's Birdsong Cottage. The three-unit bed and breakfast, like many others, doesn't have the right zoning. But the local land use authority looks the other way because the importance of tourism to the local economy is a widely recognized fact.

(It could also be that authorities have checked out the premises. A night at Birdsong Cottage is a most pleasant night indeed.)

It was the murals that first brought fame to Chemainus and gave it the epithet, The Little Town That Did. Then came the theatre and the little town had done it again,

though it had a great deal of help.

Unlike Salt Spring's ArtSpring, the \$4.5-million Chemainus Theatre was built with private support, that of the Oswald Smith Foundation. It is also operated with the same support, but marketing manager Mike Mulder won't say how much, only that it is "heavily subsidized" by the foundation.

A board of directors consisting of both foundation and theatre company members oversees the operation of the theatre.

Along with the foundation's money is that of sponsoring organizations such as car dealers and other businesses on Vancouver Island and, of course, ticket sales.

Mulder says the company's productions draw theatre-goers from as far as Campbell River in the north and Victoria in the south. And on Saturday nights, Salt Spring Islanders can enjoy a dinner, take in a play and return home on the 11 p.m. ferry.

Or they can stay at Birdsong Cottage or

one of a host of other B&Bs and take time to check out the murals and specialty shops before they come home.

Playing now at the theatre is The Gifts of the Magi, a musical that demonstrates the company's vocal talents as well as its theatrical skills.

A highlight of the six productions scheduled for 1996 will be The Hobbit, which runs for six weeks in July and August. It will be the first time that this play, which is based on the book by J.R.R. Tolkien, has been mounted in Canada. And another event to watch for may be the student drama festival planned for February.

A bug has been planted in Mulder's ear to consider inviting drama students at Gulf Islands Secondary School to participate. It could be an opportunity for them to perform in a first-class theatre facility.

That way they'll be ready for ArtSpring when it opens.

Teachers want sound reasons, not just a knee-jerk reaction

Teachers in the Gulf Islands want the minister of education to slow down and take time to consult with the educational community before embarking on structural change.

Gulf Islands Teachers Association president Larry Field said in a prepared statement that teachers will support amalgamation of school districts if it can be shown to be based on sound educational reasons. But Field sees election planning in the education minister's proposal to reduce the number of school districts from 75 to 37.

"We cannot support knee-jerk reactions by a government desperate to win election brownie points by slashing budgets."

Field was also critical of the provincial government's record in other areas, suggesting it places a higher priority on political opportunity than it does on children.

"We have suffered chronic under-funding, and have been forced to fight with our board for ever-

diminishing resources."

He went on to cite curriculum changes being made with inadequate preparation, reporting procedures being changed without baseline data to validate their worth and the introduction of a new structure for collective bargaining that allows the government to "take away many of those working conditions that benefit the classroom so greatly."

Field said the Ministry of Education has not consulted with either parents or teachers in developing its proposal for amalgamation. And he wondered how "super-boards" and centralized bureaucracy could enhance public education.

"Small boards, while not always models of efficiency, are at least accountable and responsible to their community. Can a new district of 45,000 students with a central office in Victoria oversee the needs of Gulf Island communities? The potential difficulties with this need to be carefully discussed and evaluated."

Gulf Islands students would make about 4% of super-district total

Under the Ministry of Education's plan to amalgamate the province's school districts, reducing their number from 75 to 37, the Gulf Islands would join Greater Victoria, Sooke and Saanich to form one super-district.

What kind of match would the four districts make?

Geographically, they would cover the same area as the Capital Regional District and the Capital Health Board, both of which deliver services to the islands.

Financially, their combined operating budgets would come close to a quarter-billion dollars. Here's how those budgets break down this year:

- Gulf Islands: \$12.9 million
 - Saanich: \$46.6 million
 - Sooke: \$50.4 million
 - Greater Victoria: \$132.4 million
 - Total: \$242.3 million
- In terms of student population, Gulf Islands schools would contribute a total of four per cent of the enrolment of the new super-district. The islands district is considerably smaller than the other three. Current enrolments are:
- Gulf Islands: 1,750
 - Saanich: 8,359
 - Sooke: 8,964
 - Greater Victoria: 23,483
 - Total: 42,556

There are two other significant differences between the Gulf Islands School District and the other three. The geographic dispersal of its schools on five different islands poses transportation challenges and contributes to higher transportation costs.

And the need to provide services on islands with small populations means more school facilities and again, higher costs.

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Board, the islands would have two trustees on the new super-board.

In an interview on Monday, Gulf Islands School Board chairwoman Allisen Lambert was neither critical nor supportive of the amalgamation proposal, saying more information was required.

"This whole thing begs more questions than it has answers." But she anticipates more information will be forthcoming in the next seven to 10 days with regard to the process of consultation to be followed over the next few months.

The ministry-BCSTA committee has until April 15, 1996 to submit its plan to Charbonneau.

Lambert said there will be consultation with partner groups at the local level and with the other three districts in the region.

She noted that all four districts are already cooperating in areas such as common professional development days, curriculum issues and career preparation programs.

"There is some interaction among these four districts at the moment."

However, that interaction does not extend to the operations side. And Lambert pointed out that operating budgets have been shrinking in recent years.

"All four districts are being squeezed at the budgetary level," she said, adding the question: "Where will we get the savings?"

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STOLEN GOODS: Peter Brawn found these items — believed to be stolen — under his Ganges office building while repairing computer network wiring.

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Wiring check reveals stereos

When the computer network went down in a Ganges office last week, a check of the wiring turned up a little more than a poor connection. Dr. Peter Brawn of Helios Natural Health Care on McPhillips Avenue stumbled upon a cache of stereos and other items in the crawl space under the building.

Ganges RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette reports that four portable stereo systems were among the goods discovered by Brawn. They are believed to have been taken during a recent B&E in downtown Ganges.

While stashing their loot, the thieves may even have stopped for a snack. "There was also a pile of half-eaten candy," Brawn said.

He noted that there was no dust on the boxes he found, so they probably had not been there long.

In other police news this week:
• A vehicle reported stolen last Wednesday from a home in the Collins Road area has still not been recovered, but another one has.

When police investigated the theft of a cream-coloured, 1990 Nissan Maxima, they found instead an abandoned vehicle that turned out to have been stolen from the Duncan area.

• Liquor and a portable Sony Diskman were taken in a break-in at a Tern Road home some time between November 11 and 18.

Video Ranch hit again as thieves force entry

Donna Morrison is tired of sweeping up glass.

For the second time in a month, Video Ranch was broken into last weekend.

This time thieves entered by smashing the back door and then kicking in the office door. Morrison said the thieves went through a few drawers, but only got away with about \$30. They did not steal any equipment.

Although the video store's motion-detecting alarm went off, it was incorrectly connected and did not ring at the Morrison home. The Morrisons learned of the break and enter Monday morning.

Morrison said Ganges merchants are getting tired of weekend thievery. She has ordered bars for Video Ranch's back doors and has heard of other store owners doing the same thing.

"If I have to, I'll put bars on all of (the windows). It's not going to look very nice in the summer time

for all the tourists to see bars on all the windows in Ganges."

Last month, thieves broke into Video Ranch through the roof and then exited by jumping through a large glass window. It cost the Morrisons \$500 to replace the broken glass.

Morrison has no complaints about the way local police handle the crimes, but she's "furious with the justice system."

She believes it is time young offenders were named publicly and punished appropriately. She said Singapore has a lower crime rate because perpetrators of minor crimes are publicly caned.

"I'm not saying I agree with caning, but there has got to be a better method than what we do."

Boredom is not at the root of these crimes, she added, because these thieves know exactly what they are doing.

And it is becoming very tiresome.

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Incorporation tops list of Ganges planning review

Incorporation — or some equivalent form of government — topped the recommendations made by the Ganges Village Focus Group for the Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) review.

The first of the group's 117 recommendations stated that the island should immediately embark on the next stage of study towards establishing local government for the island. That could be incorporation under the Islands Trust or a form of government similar to incorporation but under a "preserve and protect" mandate.

"Under our current form of governance, many decisions are made for Salt Spring by jurisdictions that — or people who — are not fully aware of the wishes of most islanders," the report stated.

Many of the recommendations in the report are not possible under the current system, since the Trust cannot purchase or administer land. There is a lack of coordination between the various agencies handling different responsibilities on the island, there are gaps where no agency is responsible and it is often difficult to determine where responsibility lies to resolve some problems.

"All this is particularly true in Ganges where such basic requirements as maintenance, sidewalks, parking, landscaping — and many others — are completely uncoordinated," the report noted. "It seems clear that some new form of governance is required — and soon. But the options must be carefully explored so that islanders have a clear idea of their choices."

The group also called on the Minister of Municipal Affairs to give Ganges access to grant programs available to other municipi-



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ties in B.C., so work can be started on parking, sidewalk and landscaping needs while the community moves towards incorporation.

The group recommended against additional commercial areas being established outside Ganges unless the new areas will not adversely affect the economic viability of existing businesses or threaten the seaside village character of Ganges.

In addition to addressing incorporation, the group outlined 30 general principles on which the recommendations in the report were based. These were:

- No zoning change be approved which would result in a net increase in the projected population under the current plan.
- No lot in Ganges be down-zoned from the previous OCP.
- Needs and wishes of islanders should be given priority in planning, although the economic importance of visitors should also be recognized.
- Upper and lower Ganges village and the area between should be planned as a single unit, with

complementary functions. The upper village was suggested as a good site for residential and special needs housing.

• All key elements of the village, including shops, restaurants, services, schools and residences should be within walking distance of each other.

• Residential housing should exist within the village as well as in surrounding areas. Affordable and special needs housing should be encouraged. There should be no clear distinction between residential and non-residential areas within the village.

• Single family dwellings outside the core should be on small lots, developed along streets which extend from the village core.

• A variety of building heights should be allowed. Three and three-and-a-half storey buildings

should be allowed in limited locations, provided the building does not block views and the third and gable levels are used for residential and

studio use only.

• Multi-use buildings should be encouraged. Land-intensive uses and industry should be placed outside the village core.

• A village square should be created in the hub of Ganges, ideally on the Ganges firehall site once the firehall is relocated.

• A friendly environment for pedestrians should be created through satellite parking, an eventual shuttle service, public pathways, completion of the seawalk, a link to Long Harbour and

slower traffic.

• All parking within the village should be limited to two hours, with drivers encouraged to use satellite parking lots.

• A green belt should define the village and landscaping should reflect the natural look of the island.

• Design guidelines should include both contemporary and traditional architecture. Building exteriors should be compatible with other buildings in the core but need not conform to existing designs. Variety should be allowed provided an overall character is maintained.

• Heritage buildings should be preserved and maintained.

• Views and waterfront access should be promoted.

• Ganges Harbour should include recreational and traditional maritime commercial and light industrial uses, provided these do not degrade the environment.

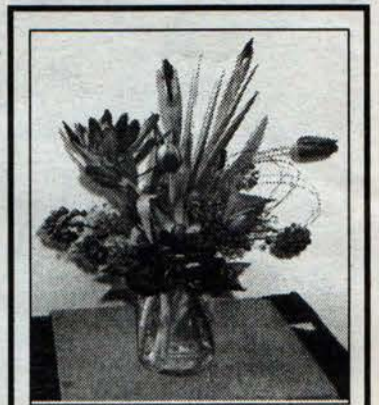
• A harbour plan should be developed to improve use and safety of the harbour. There should be sewage pump-outs for boats, a safe anchorage for a small number of commercial vessels, wake control, and limits on the dumping of fill or dredging in the harbour. The noise of planes in the harbour should be reduced.

• One or more of the islands in the harbour should become a marine park.

Other recommendations supported by the group included a school of fine arts in Ganges, making the village more accessible to cyclists, ticketing of illegally parked cars and completion of a road from the Fulford-Ganges Road via Charlesworth to Atkins Road which would skirt the vil-

lage and allow drivers to avoid the steep hill into Ganges.

The group was opposed to placing a recreation centre in Mouat Park but felt such a centre, if supported by residents, could be built on Rainbow Road opposite either Gulf Islands Secondary or Salt Spring Elementary schools.



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SWOVA house gets funds

Salt Spring's transition house for battered women will get provincial funding to keep it operating until the end of next March.

The Ministry of Women's Equality has come up with a \$12,000 grant to cover basic operating costs from October 1 to March 31, 1996. Operators of the home are hopeful that by then the ministry will have approved a request for \$200,000 to fund the home through the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Shellyse Szakacs of Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA), which runs the transition house and a crisis line, was thankful Friday that the additional money had come through.

But she noted that while the money will cover basic expenses, it does not include wages, which SWOVA will attempt to cover by fundraising.

Ministry spokeswoman Liav Gold said Thursday she was "quite pleased" to give SWOVA the \$12,000 "to tide them over."

"I clearly understand the need for a transition house on the island," she said.

The house, which was donated for the purpose, opened last July with the aid of a \$40,000 grant from the ministry. That money paid for renovations and funded the home's operation for three months, including paying the wages of one full-time staff position.

During that period, Szakacs said, 72 per cent of staff time was donated. Now, with reduced funding, that figure has risen to 100 per cent.

Also during that period, the transition house recorded a usage rate of 300 bed-nights. Szakacs expressed concern for the volunteer workers who man the facility.

"It's a dangerous position to be in because we're at risk of burning out the volunteers."

"A house our size should have five full-time equivalent staff."

Both Szakacs and Gold were cautiously optimistic about the prospects of receiving core funding from the ministry for next year. Szakacs said community support would be essential in demonstrating the need for the transition house to the government.

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Where's the beef?

Gwen Denluck, left, Jane Stafford, centre, and Maureen Bryson show off the sign advertising their new Hereford Avenue gallery. The Sophisticated Cow is operated

by a cooperative of seven local artisans. The gallery's only connection with cattle is the name of the street on which it is located.

Photo by Tony Richards

A host of goodwill 'knights' help Cusheon Lake woman

For one Cusheon Lake resident without power after Friday's storm, knights in shining armour rode in from all quarters.

B.C. Hydro lineman Jim McMahon told the story of an elderly woman who spent Friday night in darkness after a tree fell and cut the electrical service from her house. She spoke to McMahon on Saturday, expressing reluctance to spend another night without power.

McMahon went to her residence to investigate the problem and found an electrician would be

needed to restore her service.

"A tree had come down and ripped the service right off the house," he said.

He made a number of phone calls trying to locate a social service agency that could ensure the woman would not have to spend a second night alone without electricity.

That proved unsuccessful, but when the homeowner was contacted, she agreed to pay for an electrician's visit.

McMahon made a call to the first electrician listed in the Salt Spring

directory - Accent Electric. Owner Andre Dupuis agreed to help and dispatched electrician Steve Stevenson to the site. Hydro then restored power late that afternoon.

But not only did Accent Electric make the emergency call, Dupuis waived the service charge.

The woman's good fortune did not end there, however. The next day, two anonymous men dropped by to help clean up the tree debris and stack the wood. Their good deed completed, they drove off without fanfare.

WEATHER

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numerous complaints about service over the weekend.

"The hardest thing for people to understand is that we don't put everyone on one island on, before moving to the next island."

Crews will put on the main feeders on each island before going back and "putting the pieces together."

"When it comes to putting 30 to 40 people back on compared to 300 to 400, we go to the largest numbers first," he said.

Eight local line men and one contractor from Duncan worked

through the night Friday to restore power. This involved climbing poles, removing limbs and cutting at trees - all in vicious winds.

"You've got to give those guys a lot of credit," Smith said. "They put in long hours and rough work."

B.C. Ferries reported the cancellation of two sailings Friday night. The 9:20 p.m. sailing from Otter Bay on Pender Island to Tsawwassen, and the 10:55 p.m. trip from Tsawwassen to Sturdies Bay and Long Harbour were shut down due to high winds.

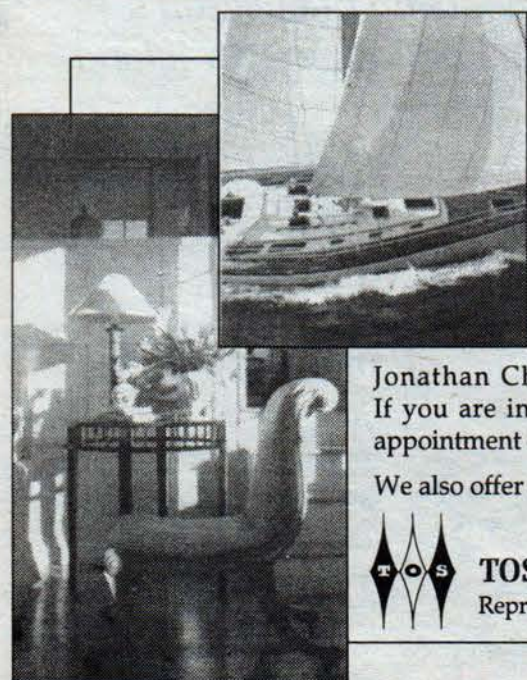
A corporation spokesman said the winds reached 45 to 55 knots.

Ferry finances on agenda

Financial matters will occupy the attention of the ferry planning committee at a special meeting November 30.

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Meeting aims to preserve parks in CRD 'Green Spaces Strategy'

Finding lands to preserve as parks on Salt Spring is easy, a public meeting heard last Thursday. But turning them into official parks is another matter.

About 25 islanders attended a question and answer session on the "Green Spaces Strategy," co-sponsored by the Capital Regional District (CRD) and Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The project aims to identify and develop strategies to secure potential public parklands within the regional district.

Strategy coordinator Jeff Ward and CRD Parks administrator Lloyd Rushton gave a

brief verbal overview of the Green Spaces program before fielding questions. An open house with displays in the multi-purpose room was held from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

It wasn't long into the meeting before Max Soder clarified with Rushton and Ward that the Green Spaces Strategy would not practically apply to Salt Spring because the island is not part of the CRD's regional parks system.

"It's a bit of an esoteric exercise for us," observed Soder, except that islanders could say they like green space on the other side of the water in the regional district.

Rushton said that regardless of Salt Spring's status outside the regional parks system, the Green Spaces project was willing to gather public input about what areas of the island should be preserved and include that in its report and strategy. He confirmed that unless Salt Spring joins the regional park system, the CRD

would not create a regional park here.

That raised questions on the costs and benefits of joining the system. Rushton estimated Salt Spring's share would be about \$100,000, with an average \$20 cost per taxpaying household.

If a new regional park was established on Salt Spring, the cost would be borne by taxpayers throughout the CRD. He noted

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that although Galiano Island does not yet have a regional park, it does pay into the system.

Rushton explained that local parks and recreation commissions might not have the funds to manage a large park and so would turn to CRD Parks for help. Mt. Parke on Mayne Island, which became a CRD regional park this year, was cited as an example.

Rushton and Ward also heard islanders' frustrations with various attempts to get lands designated for preservation or parks.

More than one person involved with Salt Spring's Crown Lands Use Coalition (CLUC), which reported in 1990 with recommendations for preserving and using Crown lands, told the visitors that all the work to identify potential park lands had already been done here.

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission had also

applied for a licence of occupation on two parcels, one for the Mount Bruce and Sullivan area and another near Ford Lake.

Soder said the CLUC report had been turned into an expensive provincial government study and nothing had happened with it "except an unbelievable runaround."

"Can we take this package of stuff and give it to you and please, as our last hope, have you do something with it?" he asked Rushton and Ward.

Briony Penn also said nothing had been done with data provided to the provincial government's Protected Areas Strategy. She hoped the Green Spaces Strategy could at least act as a "clearing house of information."

Kathy Reimer added her experience with the federal government's parks department, which was apparently not interested in the "bits and pieces" of lands left on Salt Spring. This was particularly true, she said, because most of them are not untouched - several contain old homesteads or have been logged at some point.

Regional director Dietrich Luth said he has tried to raise the issue of Salt Spring joining the regional parks system since March 1994.

Rushton said the CRD parks committee had already been commissioned to do a report on the implications of Salt Spring joining the regional parks function, due in early 1996. He said staff from his department would be willing to meet with community members about that option prior to the report being written.

Mystery remains: why isn't island part of CRD regional parks plan?

Salt Spring has never belonged to the regional parks function of the Capital Regional District (CRD), but it could if taxpayers wanted to join.

Neither CRD executive director Bill Jordan nor other people canvassed had a definite answer about why Salt Spring is not in the system. Jordan said the question has come up at different times but there is no record of an answer. He said it appears Salt Spring's first regional director, Douglas Cavaye, declined to include Salt Spring in the function for some reason.

Current regional director Dietrich Luth echoes that story, noting that island business was done more

"informally" then and Cavaye was probably representing public sentiment on the matter.

Luth told the Driftwood he has bandied the issue about since March of 1994 and a staff report on the costs and benefits to Salt Spring joining the regional parks system is due for completion in February.

He said people feel "overtaxed" these days, and a referendum would be the only proper way to determine if the island should join the system.

In the meantime, anyone who has the real story on why Salt Spring didn't join the regional parks system in 1967 is invited to call the Driftwood and give us the scoop.

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School isn't for all students

Not everyone wants to make the grade.

Nor should they, argues Scott Bergstrom, vice-principal in charge of career development and innovative programs at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

At a recent forum on planning programs for potential school drop-outs, he questioned the conventional wisdom that all students should finish high school.

Lessons he has learned from students and his own children have convinced Bergstrom that conventional Grade 12 graduation is not for everyone. The first lesson occurred early in Bergstrom's career when he started working as an alternative education teacher on the north end of Vancouver Island.

In his class — unkindly referred to as the "JDs" (juvenile delinquents) by school administration — he met three students who had no interest in school. Bergstrom's efforts to teach them poetry, the value of X in a math equation or the layout of the solar system drew blank stares.

One Native boy was already working on a family fishing boat

and making more money than Bergstrom. He planned to be a fisherman.

One boy disrupted the class with angry outbursts. Bergstrom contacted the boy's parents and was told they would deal with the situation. The boy returned to school after the weekend even angrier than when he had left. Bergstrom discovered the parents had dealt with the problem by locking the boy in a basement closet all weekend, refusing access to food, water or a washroom.

One boy said he didn't care about school and his parents didn't care either. Unable to believe the boy, Bergstrom phoned the home. The boy's mother answered, obviously drunk, and said the boy's father had vanished three weeks earlier. When Bergstrom described her son's problems with school, she said "tell someone who cares" and hung up.

So Bergstrom asked the students what they wanted to learn. All said they wanted to work. The non-Native teens were especially

anxious to become independent so they could leave home.

Bergstrom stopped trying to teach Victorian poetry and set up an informal work experience program for the students.

The angry boy started working in a bakery, developed a good relationship with the baker and is now a journeyman baker himself.

The uncaring boy began working with one of Bergstrom's friends, a logger, and is now a logger himself.

The Native boy became a fisherman. "He still makes more money than I do," Bergstrom said.

There is no shortage of opportunity to attend school, Bergstrom said. "There are more opportunities to get into school now than there have ever been. We've got more support programs than I've ever seen."

But for some students, school and support programs are not the answer. They want jobs, not geometry.

The best thing the community can do for these students is to open up workplaces so they can get the

real-life experience they crave. In time, some may find careers which require more education, at which point they will be motivated to complete high school or enroll in post-secondary education.

Salt Spring Community Services Society youth worker Trish Nobile said one student recently told her he could make \$12 an hour painting a house while his mother, who has a university degree, works as a waitress making \$10 an hour. Half-a-dozen young people told Nobile that school is not necessary.

When Nobile operated the GIPSY alternate school program, she found offering work experience was one of the most rewarding aspects of the program. Another advantage was the relationship between the young people and the GIPSY staff. For some teens, GIPSY was the "home" they didn't otherwise have.

Nobile pointed out island youngsters are at a disadvantage if they decide they don't like a particular teacher or class at GISS. There is

only one secondary school, so a conflict cannot be resolved by transferring to another school.

Sometimes, the single conflict escalates to the point that the student drops out or is kicked out. "They had rejected the high school or, sometimes, the high school rejected them," Nobile said.

"What do these kids want? Love and acceptance, the same as we all do," said Ralph Miller, who heads the learning development program at Gulf Islands Secondary school.

Some of the students who have trouble in standard classes end up in his program. Often they start off resentful that they are "forced" to come to school.

Miller said he points out that the students choose all their behaviour. Even the choice to come to school is made by the student, who therefore avoids the consequences of not attending school.

If students cannot work with others, he believes they should be briefly excluded from the group. "As a society, being with other people is a privilege, not a right," he observed.

He has found the school's cafeteria program, which teaches cooperative work skills, has brought out the best in some students.

Transition room helps kids work out problems

A time-out place between the classroom and the principal's office is helping some students at Salt Spring Middle School stay on track.

Called "the transition room," the new program is coordinated by teacher Nicolas Mai and paraprofessional Henry Braak. Students can be referred to the room by teachers, administrators or by themselves.

Originally called "the bad boy's room" by students, the transition room has gradually gained a different image as a place where students can go to talk and work out their problems.

When students first arrive at the transition room, they are asked to fill out a form detailing the problem. They are also asked to suggest different ways to deal with the problem and how the situation can be resolved.

Mai and Braak work with students to help them see different ways to react and resolve difficulties. Often that is enough to smooth over a minor problem.

If disruptive behaviour persists, students and transition room staff will draft a contract. Individuals agree to work on problem areas in return for identified rewards, such as an activity the student enjoys doing at home or school.

A contract was broken in only one case since the beginning of

September, resulting in a two-day suspension.

Braak described one instance when the transition room prevented a student from being kicked out of school. The student was very agitated, yelling and throwing furniture. Anyone behaving in that fashion in the principal's office would probably have been suspended. In the transition room, staff were able to calm the student and show better ways of handling anger and frustration.

Braak and Mai also hope to offer small group workshops on topics which help more than one student, such as conflict resolution.

The goal of the transition room is to help keep students in school, equip students with strategies to handle the academic demands of school, and equip students with strategies to handle the social and behaviour demands of school.

Mai and Braak also work with a team in the school which meets weekly to identify and plan possible help for students at risk of leaving school. Braak estimated 15 per cent — or 45 to 50 students — could be classified as "at risk."

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Restructuring in education

School trustees around the province have their work cut out for them as a result of Education Minister Art Charbonneau's demand for cost reductions. Is the demand realistic? Time will tell, as trustees along with their partners in the educational community have until next April to report back to the minister.

And if they fail to come up with a restructuring plan that brings in annual savings of \$30 million, Charbonneau will do it his way. That way means 75 school districts will be pared to 37.

No doubt the minister sees administrative cost-cutting as the safest way to reduce the education budget without harming education quality.

There could, however, be another cost to restructuring. The Gulf Islands enjoy considerable local control over the running of their schools, with five trustees representing Salt Spring and one from each of the four Outer Islands. If we join forces with the other three districts in the Capital Region, ours will be a small voice in a large and distant board room.

The implications of these latest, sweeping changes to education need to be thoroughly examined in a cooperative effort by all those involved. Even if nothing else comes of it, cooperation among the local stakeholders will be a welcome development.

Grass-roots welfare

One of the donors who dropped off some groceries at the weekend's food bank drive made a remark that bears repeating. "Thanks for doing this," she said. She was grateful to the two Salt Spring Island men who had been sitting around talking of an evening when they decided to do something to help fellow islanders.

It's one thing to volunteer an hour or two here, an hour or two there, to help out a local charity such as the food bank. Most of us haven't the time (at least we think we haven't) to give large amounts of it away. But John McNab and Beau Davis decided they did.

They gave up their whole weekend — plus the time it took to get organized — to man a donations van in a Ganges parking lot. The amount of food they collected looked small in the relatively large van, but McNab and Davis were unfazed. They realize that the haste with which they mounted their campaign did not allow sufficient time for promotion. So they plan to rectify that next year.

Meanwhile, their actions serve as a reminder that our community has not lost its sense of duty to care for those in need. This is grass-roots welfare, a far stronger variety than that which is legislated, for it comes from the heart.

We, too, say thanks for doing it, guys. The island is a better place for what you have done.

Premier Harcourt's resignation

What a pity that honesty and leadership do not necessarily go hand in hand.

When Premier Mike Harcourt announced his retirement from B.C. politics last week, British Columbians of different political leanings applauded the premier for his contributions to the province during more than two decades of political involvement. Yet just days before, he was being vilified for his handling of the Nanaimo bingo scandal.

What the bingo scandal has done is remind us that Mike Harcourt, like so many others who seek political office and eventually find themselves in positions of power, hasn't the leadership skills necessary to do the job. And his resignation was another reminder: here's an honest politician who did what he thought best for the province of British Columbia.

His resignation served another purpose as well: it has given the New Democratic Party a better chance at winning the election that must be held next year. However, given Harcourt's honesty and that voters' memories can be woefully short, his decision to resign must not have been an easy one. It is not difficult to imagine that his more opportunistic colleagues in the provincial cabinet played a role in helping him reach that decision. But the premier must have felt a flicker of hope all along that he had the strength to win another mandate.

The next question is, will Harcourt's successor be able to earn as much respect for his or her integrity? And is there anyone in the party with the leadership skills the province requires of its premier?

The candidate with the right combination of both will stand a very good chance of forming another NDP government some time next year.



An ice arena doesn't need to be ugly concrete monolith in park

The current focus of the Salt Spring Ice Park Society (SIPS) is to acquire the use of some 200-foot rink with electric compressors; Zamboni; an adjoining "long house" with change rooms, showers and a few wood stoves; the rink being covered by a welded four-inch aluminum tubing lattice yielding a monocoque structure. Onto this would be secured a replaceable tarp for year-round use.

This proposal is in danger of being escalated into a larger project that may include a hockey rink, a curling rink, a swimming pool and whatever else the community can think of. In other words, a big recreation centre.

All citizens realize that public recreation centres absorb large amounts of tax money. People expect to pay little or nothing to use the facilities, and each year the cost to taxpayers is considerable. But the real danger is that the public also perceives that such a construct would be out of place in Mouat Park, it being a great concrete monolith surrounded by a sea of parked cars. There is an alternative.

SIPS should consider asking to lease land in Mouat Park. A modest "outdoor" ice rink can easily pay its own way, and that necessity can be stipulated as a condition toward awarding the lease.

The optimal model for SIPS would be that of a non-profit sporting association with a completely democratic board of directors.

In Vancouver, icetime now rents for \$225 to \$275/hour for adult hockey and the demand is overwhelming. Clearly, any sheet of ice can gross \$1,000 a day for six months (October 15 - April 15) if properly programmed. Given the market for roller hockey, exhibitions, etc., when the ice is out for the balance of the year, a gross of \$250,000 annually should be achievable when all revenue sources are counted. That much revenue can readily retire a modest mortgage while providing at least three full-time jobs at fair wages.

The classic outdoor rink, with modern additions, is a model which must be given consideration. For an estimated \$750,000, a rink could be built in time

for the 1996-1997 season as follows: An 85-by-200-foot rink with electric compressors; Zamboni; an adjoining "long house" with change rooms, showers and a few wood stoves; the rink being covered by a welded four-inch aluminum tubing lattice yielding a monocoque structure. Onto this would be secured a replaceable tarp for year-round use.

The outdoor temperatures in winter on Salt Spring are no warmer than in public ice arenas, and in fact this "outdoor" rink would be enclosed around the ends and on one side by Plexiglas for safety. One side could be left open for spectators, with the wonderful ambiance of outdoor skating recaptured.

When do the kids play? During school. Most public arenas gather fog all day and then minor hockey and figure skating pay too little for prime evening ice, the only time working adults can play. If the school board can muster the courage to include the national game within its physical education curriculum, then a full 50 hours a week could be available to children at modest cost to the education ministry and hopefully free to the children.

The citizens of Salt Spring will readily embrace a modest ice rink in character with its surroundings in Mouat Park, and the volunteer spirit will thrive. To contemplate a multi-million dollar complex will bring only failure and a revisiting of the swimming pool and ArtSpring debacles.

The public, understandably, will tolerate no more taxes and underfunded boondoggles. SIPS, with only a modest rink to maintain while offering the national game, would be easily capable of meeting its annual budgets, simply from its fall and spring program registration receipts.

Dwight Jones is a member of SIPS, but refers to the foregoing as "the minority opinion."



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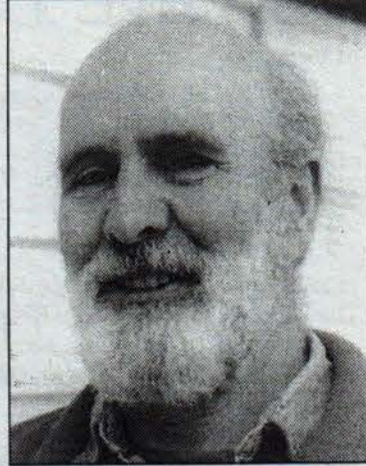
Alan Wyatt
No, because he was forced to



Marie Beaudoin
No, I think he is one of the few decent men in politics.



Graham Regan
Yes, I think there should be a turnover. Let's get some new blood.



Bruce Marshall
He really didn't have much choice, did he?

Letters to the editor

Stop thefts

While talking with teenager friends of mine last weekend, I was horrified to hear about the amount of thefts occurring at Gulf Islands Secondary School. In the last two weeks, one girl had a \$125 walkman stolen from her locker; another one, an expensive fleece pull-over stolen while he was at gym class; another one, an expensive body suit stolen from her gym locker; another one, kneepads, an expensive new jacket and on and on...

Apparently it is a well-known fact that the lockers can easily be opened by a simple kick in the right places...and that the administration has been aware of this since a few weeks after opening last year. I cannot understand the "oh-well-these-things-happen-and-there-is-nothing-we-can-do" attitude.

There is something wrong about students going to a new expensive high-tech school knowing their lockers can easily be opened. I wonder why the company manufacturing lockers hasn't willingly replaced the lockers at no cost in order to preserve their reputation.

I suggest that students and their parents send letters to the company and to the editor of the local paper where that company is situated, describing the problems with the lockers.

I wonder what an article on the Internet about those lockers would do to the profits of that company and future contracts. How about a boycott of that company's other products? Also, did people forget the powerful effects of the 1960s sit-ins? What an educational trip it would be to occupy the administrative offices of that company (if not too far away, of course) until a response is forthcoming to resolve the locker problem. I bet they would be here the next day replacing all lockers at no cost.

I would also suggest that Neill Armitage publish an updated list of stolen items in his interesting weekly column about GISS.

Parents and students, aware of the items stolen, could then keep an eye on matching items suddenly appearing at home or at friends'.

By a strong stance against crime by the majority of honest people at GISS, the offenders would feel watched, therefore probably reducing the numbers of thefts occurring.

I suspect that a lot of these offenders are known to the students, who choose not to report hearing about them stealing because they don't want to be labelled "tattletalers."

There is nothing wrong about standing for truth and honesty. What is wrong is that a few kids think it's okay to steal and get away with it. I wonder if parents ask their children where they bought an item that suddenly "appears" in the household without previous talks about buying an item such as an expensive fleece garment or walkman.

The famous anthropologist Margaret Mead once said: "Never underestimate the power of a small group of people to change the world. Actually, it is the only thing that ever did."

MARIE BEAUDOIN,
Shepherd Hills Road

Don't forget

We attended the Remembrance Day ceremony and found it very moving. We think it very important to show our gratitude to the men and women who fought to preserve our free democratic varieties.

However, during the speeches we did not hear any mention of the

fact that these people were fighting against fascism, dictatorship and oppression. We heard that they fought for God and country but so were the Germans, Japanese and Italians, and all wars have been fought for exactly the same reasons. It must also be remembered that there were people "on the other side" who also lost their lives in fighting for democratic freedom in their own countries.

One should always be aware of any trend towards fanaticism and the abuse of power within one's own country. For instance, in Canada some recent statements by Quebec politicians show the beginning of trends towards intolerance in the name of God and country. The recent accusations of ballot tampering bring to mind some of the subversive methods used on a much larger scale in Nazi

Germany and some present-day countries, e.g. in Latin America.

We hope Canada continues to honour those who fought and died in the world wars, but let us not forget what they were really fighting for.

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Harcourt hounded to leave B.C. politics

VICTORIA — In what by now appears to be a tradition of British Columbia politics, another premier has been hounded from office.

Bowing to the fallout from the Nanaimo Commonwealth Holdings Society scandal, Premier Mike Harcourt announced that he is leaving politics for good. He will not seek the leadership of his party at next February's convention, nor will he run in the next election.

Even though rumours of an impending cabinet revolt had been circulating, Harcourt's announcement came as somewhat of a bombshell. After a brief statement, Harcourt left the press theatre without answering questions.

A few minutes later, I get a call from Harcourt's office. The premier would like to meet with me.

My first question to him was: why just me? "Because you've always been fair," he says. "You kicked us in the pants when we deserved it, but you've never been unfair." Thank you, I wouldn't have it any other way.

I ask him why and when he decided to call it quits. The answer was on October 15, the day he read the Ron Parks report on the bingo scandal.

"I was sick at heart when I read the report, and I made up my mind that day I would quit."

"And even though I was personally exonerated, I was the leader of the party, and I had become the lightning rod for wrong-doings that were committed 10 and 20 years ago. There was no way out for me."

Harcourt leaves briefly to drop back into a cabinet meeting that's been going on upstairs all morning. Moments later, loud desk-thumping emanates from the cabinet room, and I wonder how many Judases are amongst those giving Harcourt this ovation.

The evening before, some cabinet members were reported to have approached him to ask for his resignation. Harcourt says they never did, which means he did an end run around them.

Those reported to have asked Harcourt to consider stepping down include Employment Minister Glen Clark, Social Services Minister Joy MacPhail, Environment Minister Moe Sihota, Forests Minister Andrew Petter, Labour Minister Dan Miller and Finance Minister Elizabeth Cull.

At least three of them — Clark, Petter and Miller — might harbour thoughts of succeeding Harcourt as leader of the NDP.

Harcourt admits that he has, on several occasions, had general discussions about his and the party's future with cabinet and caucus members, as well as party brass.

"It was along the lines of where do we go from here? What do we do now? But I was not asked to step down."

Will his decision to hand over the leadership to someone else give the NDP the breathing room it needs to get its act together before the next election? Harcourt says yes.

"I think so. Instead of a desultory four, five months to come, my stepping down will allow the party to regroup. I will carry the baggage, as is my responsibility."

The government, he says, has nothing to apologize for. Nor does he.

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"We've done well, despite the willful blindness from our foes in the media and the business community, right down to bringing the minimum wage up to a level where a working person can have a go at it, earning \$1,200 a month, instead of \$560 on welfare."

I ask him if he's bitter about having to resign, even though there isn't a blemish on his personal record.

"No, I'm not bitter. I'm proud of my achievements and those of my government over the past four years."

But he admits that the turmoil surrounding the bingo scandal has taken its toll on him and his family. And his parting words are:

"I don't need this. I do not need this."

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CAPITAL COMMENT

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More letters

Christmas ship

As the Christmas season starts to draw near we are beginning our preparations for the annual voyage of the Bellingham Jaycees' Christmas Ship. This year marks the 45th voyage and promises to again delight island children when Santa Claus and crew of Jaycee clowns and Bellingham Sea Scouts arrive at Mouat's dock, Saturday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

Following the greeting dockside, Santa and clowns will visit with island children at the Activity Centre, presenting gifts of toys and candy before making special visits to residents at Greenwoods and patients at Lady Minto Hospital. Santa and crew will then be treated to dinner at the Ganges firehall before retiring for a well-deserved rest.

Salt Spring firefighters are seeking financial support to help fund this year's voyage and island visit. Gifts for Greenwoods residents and Lady Minto patients, candy to replenish Santa's stock, decorations for the Activity Centre, and dinner for all of our special guests are but some of the expenses incurred.

We invite your help in funding this truly unique Gulf Islands Christmas tradition. Donations may be made to the Salt Spring Volunteer Firefighters Association, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T1, or by delivering it to the Ganges firehall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Thank you for your support.
JEFF OUTERBRIDGE,
President, Salt Spring Island
Volunteer Firefighters Association

Bosnia meeting

All islanders will be aware of the plight of refugees fleeing the lengthy war in Bosnia. The United Nations and the Canadian government have established means by which some of these dispossessed people can find a home in Canada.

About a dozen people associated with the Anglican and United churches on Salt Spring Island have begun enquiries into how we might sponsor one or more family groups for settlement here or elsewhere in southern B.C.

We believe there may be other islanders who have been troubled by the tragedy in Bosnia and would be keen to be part of a sponsoring group. A public information and organization meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m., at the United Church, Hereford Avenue. Everyone is welcome.

Further information can be obtained from Nancy (537-9335) or Bob (537-2744).
NANCY BRAITHWAITE,
Trincomali Heights
BOB WILD,
Hedger Road

Park zoning

I would like to correct a statement made in your November 15 article about the ice park and Mouat Park.

The park is not currently zoned to permit indoor recreational facilities. It is zoned Public and Recreation which permits outdoor recreational activities.

To locate an indoor recreational facility in Mouat Park would require rezoning. Such a rezoning would be inconsistent with the current Official Community Plan which includes Mouat Park in a green arc around the village that is to be preserved.

The revised Official Community Plan, now in preparation, will also provide direction regarding the type of rezoning applications that may and may not be considered on the island.

LINDA ADAMS,
Senior Planner, Islands Trust

No more elephants

Re: Ice Park Arena
Let's finish one white elephant (ArtSpring), before we start a second one.
G. HORNBY,
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In response

Well Chris Hoy, we seem to have very different opinions concerning creativity and culture, so let's set aside this issue and the more serious concerns of prejudice and criminalization and go on to the health aspect of this herb. Or, as one woman asked, to talk of the uses, not the abuses, of this plant.

First, may I mention that comfrey has long been known to soothe and heal the lungs when smoked. Marijuana too is effective as an agent to keep the lungs well cleaned out — at least the more potent varieties, for it causes deep coughing which removes all of the very legal pollutants we breathe into our lungs. Herbal smoke is not arbitrarily bad.

It is true that drugs affect your mind space, that is why, for 35 years I have refused to take aspirin, codeine, tylenol, pain pills, anti-stress pills, valium, booze or cocaine. I have not been to a doctor for a health problem in my life.

When I was 16 years old I began two very important parts of my life: my family and marijuana. With three babies, a mortgage, car and furniture payments, etc., I wasn't looking for art, culture or a sense of fulfillment, I was trying to stay sane enough not to drive the truck into a stone wall at top speed. I was raising three children in a world that had no value for those children and which faced death by pollution, if not nuclear destruction.

Marijuana helped me to raise my children in a cheerful, happy home. We got high and played with our little kids, only occasionally worried about our lifestyle being unsuitable for children, because they were so neat! So brilliant and charming. We lived a lifestyle within the ecology rather than supporting a false economy we felt was harmful to the planet, so often there were hard times, yet I don't think we ever let a hardship go by without at least a few giggles.

Now, from a vantage point of 35 years I see how much marijuana helped me to raise three really fine persons, as well as teaching me to be a person I like. So, Chris, I really don't worry about young people using marijuana. The herb

is mellow, it isn't some dangerous pit; I trust young people to make their own decisions. What does worry me is that these young people will be treated like low-class citizens, that they may get into trouble looking for marijuana in the streets, that they will be subjected to armed apprehension and criminalization.

You mentioned "clear" mind. Many people enjoy pursuits of the mind. Expanded mind, introspective mind, fantasy/creative mind, transcendental mind, meditative mind...why set limits? Our society doesn't lend much support to these states of mind. Marijuana does. Marijuana provides an alternative to the prescribed consumer lifestyle that is far less harmful to the environment and natural resources. Many people need this way of life and the environment needs people to live this style of life. I am not asking you to change your lifestyle, I am asking that you allow others their lifestyle.

Perhaps our art is lousy, our craft is delusion and we are not a culture. But we who do smoke marijuana do so by choice, and I, for one, wish for people, young and old, to be trusted to make their own choices in freedom and societal peace.

SHIRLEY MITCHELL,
Stewart Road

Interdependent life

The November 1 Viewpoint by Nina Raginsky was thoughtful and informative. Her work and the 100-plus volunteers of the Salt Spring Island Waterbird Watch Collective have provided the community with information about the loss of biodiversity in Salt Spring Island's 14 estuaries: recreational shellfish harvesting is closed in 12 of our estuaries because of high fecal coliform counts, and many waterfowl who used to feed here have disappeared.

But, the good news is that last year the largest herring spawn in 25 years visited Ganges Harbour. It reached a depth of four-to-five layers and stretched for 12 kilometres. More than 22,000 resident and migrating waterbirds fed on the herring while they were in the

harbour.

How can we assure the continuation of our working harbours and not cause further damage to shellfish from contamination and the loss of more waterfowl?

We can:

- Become informed as to the causes of the contamination in our estuaries, and work toward eliminating these causes;

- become familiar with the Green Spaces Strategy. A number of island estuaries could conceivably become part of this interconnected system of natural areas;

- read the book *Asking for the Earth* by James George, a retired Canadian Ambassador;

- examine the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan (OCP). Do these changes recognize the unique qualities of the estuaries and harbours of Salt Spring Island, and will they result in adequate protection of these endangered ecosystems? If we become better acquainted with this issue now, we will be more informed and better able to comment on the first draft of the OCP which will probably be available for public viewing in early February.

A wise man once said: "...If you want to know your future, look at your present actions." Yes, Nina, we do realize that all life is interdependent.

MARILYN THADEN DEXTER,
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No change looming, weather will persist

I enjoyed a recent weather report by an electronic medium: "Conditions will continue to persist."

I think it is the same message as that in the old music hall song "O! It ain't gonna rain no more, no more!" Or, perhaps, "O! It's gonna rain some more, some more!"

On parade!

There were lots of people, youngsters and oldsters; veterans and others; bemedalled and bereft and all out there at the cenotaph

to remember family members, friends, parents, grandparents and all those others who took part in the wars of the century.

It was Remembrance Day. It was the one day in the year set aside to remember those who went to war and paid a bitter penalty.

That was a lot of people, commented an impressed observer. And he was quite right, but surprise was unnecessary. Cast your mind's eye back and you'll see a host of recruiting offices. Islanders swarmed into the recruitment centres in both wars.

The islands sent far more than the provincial average to serve their king and country in two wars. With that proud record it is only to be expected that islanders, today, pay particular tribute to Remembrance Day.

In Ganges, firemen controlled traffic during the parade by halting passing cars and re-directing them away from the main street.

A member of the fire department commented that several drivers were quite indignant at the closure of the street alongside Centennial Park.

There were other drivers who expressed curiosity about the meaning of Remembrance Day.

The most recent war to involve Canadian troops was that in Korea and that's a long, long time ago. But the Korean War claimed many victims, whose families still remember them.

I lived through two wars. I recall the one-man bands and the wounded veterans begging for a handout. In my youth in Britain, such a veteran would show a small placard, "Old Contemptible," referring back to Kaiser Bill's summary of the early British army in France during World War One: "That contemptible little army!"

My memory of those wars is as old as I am. I was born to the sound of bombs and guns and sirens and alerts. Doesn't seem all that time since it was going on.

Those who died at that time were of my parents' generation. It was in the next world war that my generation was sharply depleted. But I remember them.

First war dead are names to me; I never knew them. Second war casualties were my contemporaries. And I remember them.

Remembrance Day is a reminder of how much we owe to those who never made it back home; to those who might well have wished they had not come back. Remembrance Day is a yearly mark of a national debt. That's why it's a national holiday.

I remember Red McFadden who died in the tail-gunner's seat in a Bristol Blenheim. I remember Josepepe Calamaro, who was lost over Germany. Those names are specific; I used to play bridge with McFadden, with his distinctive insults, "Richards! You're a whore, leading that King!" I went drinking with Pip whenever I could; the wild man from Gibraltar.

But Remembrance Day does not revolve around either of those fellows. It is a reminder that, but for them and thousands like them, our world and our way of life might well have been impossible.

It is profoundly sad that many Canadians should be so unaware of the meaning of Remembrance Day that they would wax indignant at the nuisance of skirting a parade of remembrance.

There is only one bright feature of the event; the number of islanders who were there to sing, to pray, to pay tribute, each in his own way, to the mass of Canadians who suffered to enable us to enjoy this great land from coast to coast.

We shall remember them!

It all came back!

My will was a won't! And like curses, it has come home to roost. Thirty-six years ago, in 1959, I was living in Sidney and I made a will to safeguard my small family in the event of my death. I had little enough to leave!

Last week I had a letter from the trust company which has held that will for a third of a century. I have no recollection of having made it and I cannot remember making it. I know I did, because I signed it.

My three children will be delighted to learn that I have no longer designated a guardian for them when I go. I guess they'll just have to look after themselves! After all, I have them to leave!

TO BE FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



Island health community aims to initiate local clinic for youth

Public support is being sought for setting up a youth health clinic on Salt Spring Island.

Representatives from the Capital Regional District health office, Lady Minto hospital, Core Inn and Salt Spring Community Services Society have been looking into how the clinic could be established.

As public health nurse Chris Smart explains, some funding is available from the Planned Parenthood Association of B.C. Two private rooms in the basement of the hospital are available for clinic use, although the preferred and possibly future site is the Core Inn. Some island doctors have indicated an interest in volunteering their time, and a public health nurse would also work in the clinic for teaching purposes.

The clinic would offer information on a wide range of physical and mental health issues, including birth control and sexually-transmitted diseases. Physicians would also provide clinical services such as pap smears for young women. It would likely be open one day each week.

Workshops for teens on topics such as self-esteem and assertiveness could also be held there.

Smart explains that youths need a different place than adults to access health services for a couple of reasons.

Adolescents often find it awkward to talk to their life-long family doctor about sex or mental

the question is ...

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health-related concerns. Going to a doctor's public office can also make them worry about confidentiality, with relatives, neighbours and acquaintances also using the office. Some youths would rather go without much-needed health services than face potential embarrassment or becoming the subject of public speculation.

But surveys consistently indicate youths want and need to know about ways to improve their self-esteem, birth control options, and avoidance and treatment of sexually-transmitted diseases.

In the 1993 McCreary Centre health study of B.C. adolescents, only 26 per cent of teenage girls reported having high self-esteem. And as Smart notes, low self-esteem and youth pregnancy are related, with young girls sometimes believing a baby guarantees them love and security.

In 1990, 57 per cent of girls and 63 per cent of boys aged 15 to 19 reported having had sexual intercourse. Of this group, 64 per cent of males and 83 per cent of females had one sexual partner in

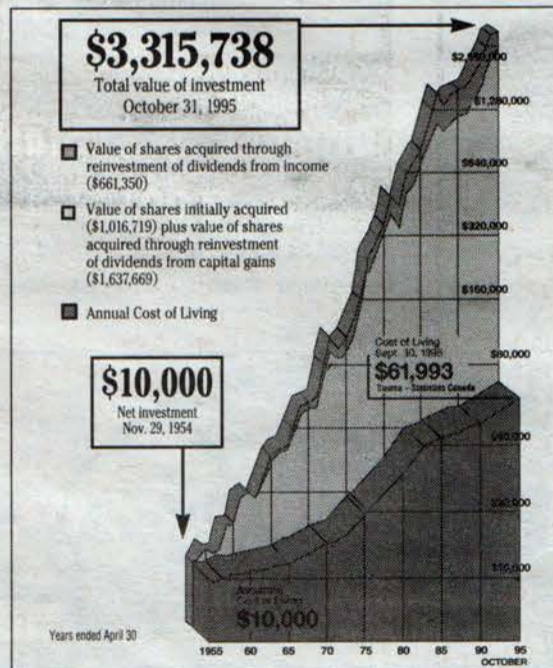
the previous year. A Gulf Islands Secondary School survey done earlier this year showed an overwhelming majority of students wanted condom machines in their school.

Across Canada in 1991, 38,000 females under the age of 20 became pregnant and 64 per cent gave birth. There were nine births to teenage mothers in the Gulf Islands School District in 1994, up significantly from recent years.

A 1994 study done for the Southern Gulf Islands Health Plan Steering Committee indicated the teen pregnancy rate was 23 per cent higher in the Gulf Islands than the provincial average. "Poor education and contraceptive resources for teens" was cited as a possible reason for the higher pregnancy rate.

Before establishing a youth health clinic, Smart and others in the group would like to determine how much public support there is for the idea. They are asking people to register their input by calling Community Services at 537-9971 and voting yes or no to support for a clinic.

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Islanders collect food, \$\$\$

They collected over \$1,000 worth of goods and cash, celebrated Baltimore's Grey Cup win and did their bit for Salt Spring's food bank on the weekend.

John McNab and Beau Davis did a 48-hour food bank blitz in the parking lot at Ganges Village Market, collecting more than \$700 worth of food and \$350 in cash.

"It went rather well for the first time," McNab said on Monday, after he and Davis dropped off all the donations Sunday evening at Salt Spring Community Services.

He estimated that at least 100 people stopped by the van, donated for the purpose by Rainbow Rentals, to make a contribution.

The pair began the drive at 6 p.m. Friday and camped in the van for the next two nights. They stayed on site for two reasons, McNab said. The first was they didn't want to incur any more out-of-pocket expenses than they had to. Taking the van home would have meant buying insurance for it.

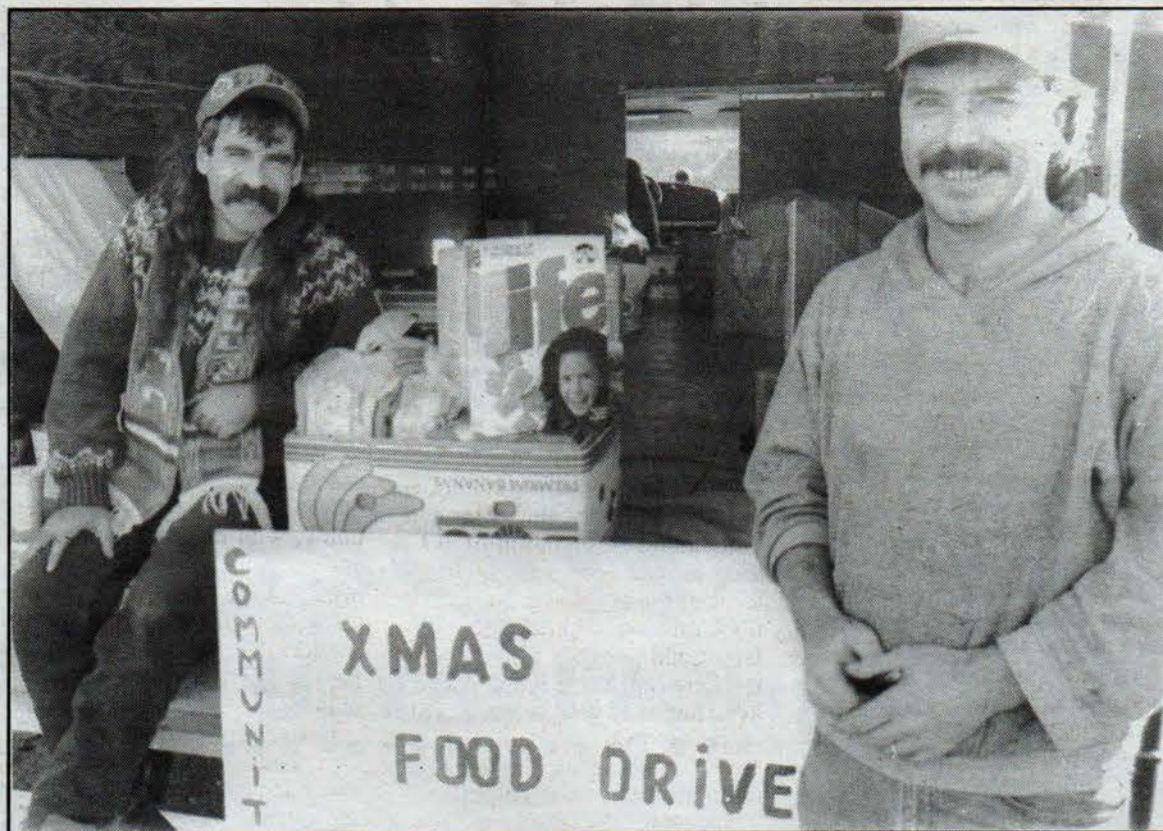
The other reason was to ensure public accessibility for donations.

The two are already making plans for next year, when they plan to do more extensive advertising.

As for the Grey Cup, McNab was celebrating the Baltimore Stallions' 37-20 win over the Calgary Stampeders. He and Davis watched the game between donations Sunday on a television in the back of the van and he was happy to see Baltimore win.

For the former Edmontonian, the long-standing rivalry between Calgary and Edmonton is as strong as ever.

"Anybody but Calgary," he said.



HAPPY CAMPERS: John McNab, left, and Beau Davis were accepting food bank donations Sunday in Ganges. The two collected more than \$1,000 in food and cash with their Christmas food drive.

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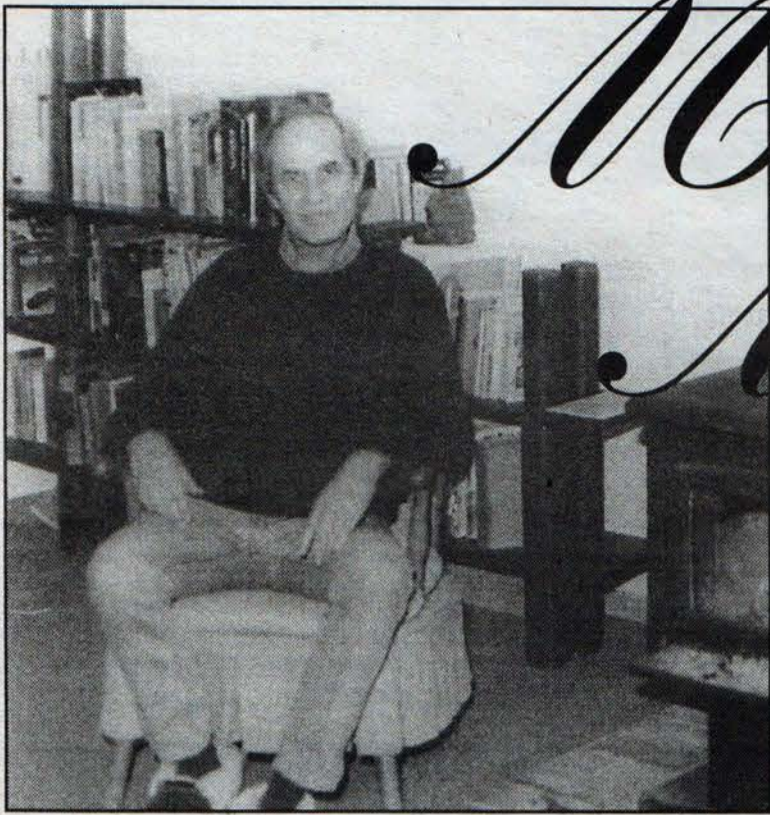
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Margaret's Museum

NOMINATED FOR 11 GENIES



IN WINNING FORM: Movie writer, director and producer Mort Ransen's latest film — Margaret's Museum — is drawing accolades from all corners of the movie business. Here, Ransen keeps warm at his Salt Spring Island home.

Photo by Jim Black

By **JIM BLACK**
Driftwood Contributor

Next January could see a number of Genies coming to Salt Spring Island.

Not the variety known to pop out of a lamp, but those awarded to people for outstanding work by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television. The reason they could end up here is that Salt Spring resident Mort Ransen's latest movie, Margaret's Museum, has been nominated in 11 different categories, including: best movie, director, actress, actor, supporting actor, supporting actress, art direction, cinematography, screen play, original music score and best costume.

While the awards, which will be presented on January 14 in Montreal, allow all those involved to get up and strut their stuff for an evening, few people realize just how long it takes to get a movie from the stage of being just an idea to the final product.

Ransen spent five years working on Margaret's Museum. First as a writer, collaborating with Gerry Wexler, and later as a director and producer. As if he wasn't kept busy enough with all of this, there was also the question of financing the project.

But to Ransen, it is all part of the business he loves. "This is something that I've wanted to do all my life," he said. "Even when I was very young growing up in Montreal, I was writing all the time."

It was in Montreal that he first

got his taste of theatre. "I was a stage actor and around 1960 started directing on stage," he said. "Shortly after that I was asked to join the National Film Board (NFB), which was quite an honour."

He was originally hired on a three-month contract, but ended up staying, as he puts it, "forever." In actual fact, "forever" turned out to be nearly 23 years, in which time he wrote and directed 17 films which won 15 international awards.

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After leaving the NFB, Ransen branched out somewhat, directing three made-for-television movies for Astral Bellevue Pathe and Lorimar Entertainment, as well as directing a number of episodes of Street Legal.

Then in 1988 he made the move from director to producer/director. "I basically became a producer to protect my directing," he noted. "It gives you more control of the outcome of the film."

Bayo was Ransen's first feature film and was shot in

Newfoundland. It starred Ed McNamara. His next feature, Falling Over Backwards, was produced by his own company, Ranfilm Productions, and starred Saul Rubinek, Julie St. Pierre and Paul Soles. But it is his latest film, Margaret's Museum, which is now drawing all the attention.

Prior to its November 7 Genie nominations, the movie was voted the most popular Canadian film by viewers at the Vancouver International Film Festival and the Atlantic Film Festival and was deemed the best film at the San Sebastian Film Festival in Spain.

The movie itself was filmed in both Cape Breton and Scotland.

It is based on Sheldon Currie's short stories and is a bittersweet Celtic love story set in the 1940s. The story deals with life in a coal mining community and one woman's rebellion against the norm.

"We had to travel to Scotland to find a period mine," said Ransen. "In Canada, it seems that after we are through with a mine we either blow it up or abandon it. In Britain they seem to open some of them up for tourism."

Even though Ransen is very happy with the movie, there is one thing he would have liked to be different — his commuting to work. "Talk about bad timing," he said. "We had just moved here from Montreal and then I have to turn around and commute to Cape Breton. Still, it's just part of the job."

And judging from his enthusiasm, he wouldn't have it any other way.



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Photographers stage new show

Paula Swan is one of nine local photographers who have mounted a new show in gallery space on Hereford Avenue, next to et cetera Books & Stationery. About 50-60 photographs, some of which use computer

technology and laser printing, are on display until Christmas. The gallery is open from 10 till 3, Thursday through Saturday.

Photo by Tony Richards

Curtis envisions a busy theatre

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

The Festival of the Arts in July, a blues fest in September and a new year's gala for December. A revitalized Salt Spring Players, a drama group from the high school and the Salt Spring Hysterical Society.

Is it the lineup of events at the Ganges Activity Centre, and performers booked into Mahon Hall?

No, to the contrary. It's part of the vision of April Curtis and many others who see an arts centre in full operation, a performance venue where bums will never tire of hard seats and everyone can see the stage.

Curtis, the administrative coordinator at ArtSpring, sees more than an empty shell of a building sitting lifeless at the corner of Seaview and Jackson avenues. She sees a 265-seat theatre bustling with activity as a host of performances take place throughout the year. And she sees a visual and creative arts area with exhibits, shows, workshops, parties and dances.

Curtis and others closely involved in a project that was stalled until recently are feeling renewed enthusiasm since some large donations were announced in the past couple of months.

So what can we expect when vision becomes reality?

Curtis has prepared what she calls "a taste of things to come." It's a sample program for what might happen at ArtSpring in its first year of operation. Her calendar begins in July and opens with — what else? — 10 performances of the Festival of the Arts.

Two performances of a "celebrity concert" come next. It could be a theatrical event or a musical one. It could be a Belfry Theatre production from Victoria, or a big name in the entertainment world who is in Victoria or Vancouver anyway, and has room in his or her schedule for a trip to Salt Spring.

August might kick off with a summer show which, like the celebrity concert, would be produced by ArtSpring itself. Curtis sees "an up-tempo kind of musical,"

She sees a 265-seat theatre bustling with activity as a host of performances take place ...

or musical revues and comedy acts, something that utilizes "the quality people we have on the island."

After its nine performances, audiences could look for a night of poetry readings and then a couple of productions by different local theatre groups.

September looks a little busier with a jazz/blues fest in the entire arts centre complex: a concert or two in the theatre, a dance in the arts wing and a beer garden and more entertainment outdoors. Jim Byrnes comes to mind, as do the host of blues musicians here and on Vancouver Island.

A literary night, more theatre, a musical and a concert by Tuned Air round out the month.

Theatre Alive is on stage for six nights in October, followed by a Valdy concert and a presentation of

the Gulf Islands concerts series, long a fixture for those who have endured the comfy Activity Centre seats.

Remember when Off-Centre Stage went to the Victoria Fringe Festival and brought back some of the best pieces? It's happening again, for six nights in November, along with performances by local artists.

There's also a dance festival, Reader's Theatre and another engagement by Tuned Air. Salt Spring Singers won't be left out: they're on stage in December with their Christmas concert, as is a special Christmas show and a high school production.

More theatre, more concerts and Burns night are on tap for January, with Scottish country dancing at the latter affair. Women of Note turn up in February, followed by an old favourite — Salt Spring Players, or their successor. Whatever the name, Curtis has them down for a two-night run by "an alive-and-kicking community theatre group."

A big event for March would be the Salt Spring Academy Awards. "It would be a real spring fling, complete with tuxedos, evening gowns — and gumboots!" It would also be a celebration of the very active performing arts community, she says.

More music, more theatre and a variety of other offerings will keep the arts centre busy for the rest of the year. And while the building sits large and lifeless on the edge of Ganges, ArtSpring boosters are not fazed. Even though there's another \$350,000 to raise before it is finished, Curtis, for one, remains confident.

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COUNTRY LIFE: This Australian film — a variation of Chekhov's Uncle Vanya — gets four stars from Vancouver Sun film critic Peter Birnie. "Country Life trots merrily along in a breezy mix of winning performances, sight gags and harsh digs at the landed gentry." Mature with occasional nudity, swearing and suggestive scenes. Fri., Sun-Tues. 9 p.m. Saturday matinee at 4 p.m. (regular prices).

THE WAR BETWEEN US: A powerful drama and sobering journey through a difficult period in Canada's recent past. This emotional story of national betrayal centres on personal friendship during the World War II internment of Japanese-Canadians. Sat. 7 p.m., followed by a reception with director Anne Wheeler and others involved in making the film. Sunday matinee, movie only, at 2 p.m. (NO passes or movie bucks — profits from both screenings will be donated to the Community Services Society Christmas food hamper program.)

Island Video Hits

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2. Dolores Claiborne (-)
3. Batman Forever (1)
4. Santa Clause (2)
5. Rob Roy (5)
6. Free Willy Two (-)
7. While You Were Sleeping (6)
8. Bandit Queen (-)
9. Go Fish (9)
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- Fulford Inn** (*pub*).....Gone Clear (Reggae Band),
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Triskele Celtic Band, Nov. 26 (6-9 p.m.)

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CLOSE SCRUTINY: Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club member Max Soder examines club photographs now on display at Apple Photo. Some 88 photographs are in the exhibition. Photo by Susan Lundy

Island club exhibits hiking photographs

A "first ever" photo exhibition by the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club is now under way at Apple Photo on Hereford Avenue.

Members of the club met at the photo shop last Friday to launch the exhibition and to accept awards.

First place winners included Ian Chisholm (human interest), Catherine Egan (experimental) and Ian Fraser (landscape). Judging was undertaken by Alan Clews, Beverlee Lane and Lorraine Surcouf.

The show was the "brain child" of Fraser, who is also club president.

In naming the winners, Fraser noted that too often hikers focus on getting from "point A to B." Photographing encourages them to stop and enjoy the surroundings.

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Crowds of arts and craft lovers flooded Mahon Hall for the opening weekend of the Six Guilds of Christmas Sale.


Event co-organizer Gail Sibley reported a "successful pulling together" of the island's guilds for this first-ever event. It is the first time all six guilds have shown their work together for Christmas-sale purposes and the first time the sale has extended beyond one weekend.

Opening evening on Friday was jiggled along by Salt Spring's Black Velvet Band with foot-tapping crowds who braved the stormy weather.

On Saturday, Mahon Hall swelled to almost bursting point with locals being joined by visitors from all over the Mainland and Vancouver Island.

This Friday will see shoppers entertained by the Salt Spring Elementary School choir singing Christmas music.


The Six Guilds sale continues daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sunday.




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Five segments featuring the Salt Spring-created Virtues Project will be featured on the CBC television series What on Earth?

The first segment, aired last Monday, featured virtues co-author Linda Kavelin Popov talking about her new book Sacred Moments: Daily Meditations on the Virtues, due out this December.

On December 18, Kavelin Popov's Recharging the Marriage Battery will run, followed by Virtues in the Workplace (January 22), From Frenzied Family to Friendly Family (February 13) and Spiritual Companionship to the Dying (March 6).

What on Earth? is a 30-minute Monday through Friday CBC program which begins at 9 a.m.

Fundraising blitz Saturday

The "blitz" is on to give an energetic boost to the Jaws of Life campaign.


Damaris Rumsby and Barb Tymusko from the CHEK-TV Body Moves program are joining forces for the Saturday Fitness Blitz at Fulford Hall.

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Spread of Virtues Project leaves authors 'humbled'

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

The Virtues Project has taken on a life of its own.

The project, self-published by Salt Spring Islanders Linda Kavelin Popov and Dan Popov four years ago, has been translated into numerous languages, introduced in all corners of the earth, and is now moving into the television medium.

Originally created as an educational aid for parents, the project has expanded to include such seminar themes as "virtuous reality in the workplace" and "re-charging the marriage battery."

Kavelin Popov is currently working on three books, one of which is due out in December.

"People are really needing to connect with their own spirituality," Kavelin Popov told the Driftwood recently.

The need to connect spiritually has taken Kavelin Popov to presentation extremes. Within the last 12 months she has spoken to the United Nations Secretariat and World Conference of Cities, Local Government and Corporations, and participated in a sacred ceremony in a small Fijian village.

When she was invited to speak at the United Nations as part of the closing ceremonies for the International Year of the Family, she discovered the Virtues Project was being honoured as a global program for families around the world.

Among those listening to her presentation was the director of the employee and family assistance program at MacMillan Bloedel. This connection led to Kavelin Popov giving a three-day virtues intensive workshop to MacMillan Bloedel employees called Virtuous Reality: Creating a Conscientious Workplace.

"I have received love letters from these people, saying they have had a spiritual awakening," she said.

An upcoming workshop entitled Virtuous Reality: a Family Affair is slated for Hallmark employees.

"I'm very humbled by the whole thing," she added. "It's very awesome."

Most memorable of the past year's events, though, was a meke meke in a small Fijian village.

Kavelin Popov was invited to the remote village by a Fijian man and his Canadian wife, who is also a virtues facilitator.

"I thought I'd be meeting with a dozen women," Kavelin Popov recalled. Then she learned the village would be holding a meke meke — a sacred ceremony usually reserved for royalty and something not undertaken there for several years.

"I learned we'd be having it in the sacred hall and everyone in the village was coming."

Kavelin Popov was seated next to the chief. There was praying, singing and then the women danced in traditional costumes.

"When I started to speak about virtues, you could have heard a pin drop... I tried to use examples from their way of life.

I said the virtues are like pearls in a shell, you have to open the shell. And I said all your children have these pearls in them.

"I told them we should treat our children as though they belong to

God and not to us."

After the ceremony, Kavelin Popov was treated to plate after plate of "gorgeous" food, colourfully laid out on mats.

"I'll never forget it," she says. She and her husband have also been asked to work with Aboriginal people in northwest Australia, who "need a lot of healing."

Kavelin Popov says she learned "in prayer" a few months ago that it was time for the project to grow.

She says growth hasn't been pushed; they have never "marketed" the Virtues Project.

"All the real marketing is out of the blue — like some invisible spiritual hand is guiding it."

Now she believes the message she received was connected to television. In addition to the segments running on the CBC series What on Earth? over the next few months (see related story), she has been approached by PBS and CBC to look at creating a TV series based on the Virtues Project.

As the project takes on its own life, Popov and Kavelin Popov are no longer the only ones involved.

"Others are now doing work in all different areas," Kavelin Popov notes. "For one man in Australia, it has become a whole way of life. He travels around giving out books."

There are now virtues facilitators and a variety of different

books on the way. One writer is developing a series of 12 stories and activities for pre-schoolers learning the virtues.

In addition to her book Sacred Moments: Daily Meditations on the Virtues, due out this fall, Kavelin-Popov is also co-authoring a school book on virtues. Its working title is Shaping Character: Creating a Culture of

Virtues in our Schools.

Although others are also doing the work, the original authors of the Virtues Project are finding themselves really busy, scheduling one, sometimes two years ahead.

"We've had to adopt one of our own strategies, that of setting clear boundaries and setting aside time for just us," Kavelin Popov said.



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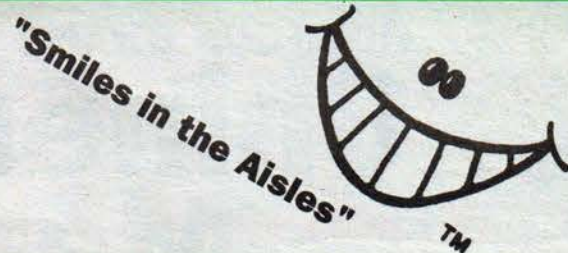
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lb

Island Life is...a Zoo

Photos and story
by
Susan Lundy

When the Banmans exchanged their concrete backyard in suburbia for green pastures and wooded lowland on Salt Spring two years ago, they anticipated a reprieve from the fast pace of their Abbotsford life.

What they didn't know was just how conducive their new life would be to the menagerie of large, small, furry and... well... almost hairless pets that now threaten to overtake their Stewart Road home.

In Abbotsford, nary a fine thread of cat hair marred the couch. And morning chores definitely did not involve feeding the goats.

City life was full and fast. Marianne Banman worked as a fitness and nutrition consultant; Menno Banman worked at Safeway. Children Devan (eight) and Malia (six) had active city lives.

There were no wood chips, pellets, bunny ladders or pet pregnancies.

"Now we seem to be a drop-off point for animals," says Marianne, noting they've never actually placed a limit on the number of pets they might own.

That's not to say they haven't some rules, especially when it comes to Lucy the pot-bellied pig and her as yet frustrated desire to take up a cosy bed inside the Banman house.

"Lucy is an outdoor pig," Marianne says firmly. (But will this mother of two be able to resist the near-hairless, little Lucy's heart-rendering squeals and snorts on upcoming cold winter nights?)

The Banman's current pet situation was foreshadowed when they purchased their house. Two cats (Mama and Kelly) came with it, despite Marianne's feline allergies.

They adopted Maggie the dog next.

Then... "I'd always wanted a horse," Marianne recalls. And outside their window sat this beautiful pasture just growing grass. So they agreed to board two horses for the winter, and after watching them and riding them and generally becoming accustomed to them, they agreed to buy Jhsan, who had magically come up for sale.

"We didn't want him to be lonely," so Coffee joined the corral three months later.

Next came Comet and Snowy the rabbits, adopted from a home in Abbotsford. Snowball, a Fulford bunny, hopped into the spacious bunny pen sometime later.

Then Cedar and Rose took up



FEEDING TIME: Marianne Banman had no idea that island living would be so conducive to pets. She and her family have a menagerie of animals at their Stewart Road home.

residency with the Banmans, donated from the Salt Spring Salter collection of pygmy goats.

"The Salters were downsizing their pets as their kids were growing up," says Marianne, "and it seems we're up-sizing."

It was only time before the

up with an extra chromosome, and the Banmans ended up with more guinea pigs.

"I suggested to Devan that he could go into the guinea pig business, and sell the babies," Marianne says. But Devan claims they are just too cute to send away.

"I guess we're going to have a lot of guinea pigs." They breed every eight weeks.

Then came Lucy.

"Menno made a comment to 'Dan the Man O'Donnell' that he'd love to have a pot-bellied pig. Well, if you want something, Danny O'Donnell can get it."

The Banmans arrived home from church one Sunday morning to find a crate sitting on their doorstep.

"We had no idea what was in it, but as we walked up we heard all this snorting."

Lucy was picked up "for a song" at an auction in Nanaimo. Marianne stresses she is a "minia-

ture" pot-bellied pig and will not grow to huge proportions. This is not to say that her belly won't eventually drag on the ground: she eats dog, goat, and guinea pig food, not to mention just about everything else offered to her.

During the day, Lucy runs happily about the yard, snorting, squealing and wagging her curly little tail. Maggie the dog follows her about in a motherly sort of way.

At night, Lucy (reluctantly) sleeps in a wooden pig pen below the growing guinea pig family, which has its own winter home inside the garage.

Needless to say, the Banman vehicles weather the elements outside.

The goats and rabbits live side-by-side in two great wooden and wire pens, artfully created by Menno with driftwood and tree limbs. The guinea pigs also enjoy a summer home in this neighbourhood.

"Menno just loves his wood-working. Any opportunity he has

Then... "I'd always wanted a horse"...

guinea pigs arrived.

"It started with Furry One who was given to us by a friend at Safeway."

Furry One eventually died, but not before Sandy-the-guinea-pig was introduced to keep Furry One company. Then, of course, after the untimely death of Furry One, Furry Two became necessary to prevent Sandy from joining the lonely heart files.

Both Furies were supposed to be female, but number two ended



ARTFUL CREATIONS: Menno Banman gives tummy scratch to Rose, one of two pygmy goats which enjoy his driftwood and tree limb goat pen.

to be creative... it is definitely his hobby."

This is a good thing, one realizes, trying to imagine all these animals without their artful wooden homes.

Marianne and Menno believe pets are good for the soul: "They really bring this place to life," says Marianne. "And the kids love them all. I think it has instilled in them a gentle nature that comes from nurturing and caring for another living thing."

Although everyone has animal chores to do, Marianne holds no illusions about who does most of the feeding and cleaning of the various pets.

"But the important thing is they can do it," she says. "And on those mornings that I just can't get out, they do it."

So what about favourites? For Marianne, it's Maggie the dog, who used to accompany her on morning runs; Malia gives Jhsan top billing; "Menno is definitely a goat man;" and Devan rates those prolific guinea pigs as number one.

"But Lucy is definitely a close second for all of us," Marianne notes.

And, of course, there is always the possibility of some new and wild creature someday filling a new wooden pen at the Banman home.

However, Marianne has one tough rule: "There will be no snakes. That's where I put my foot down."

But what about an iguana, Marianne?



MISS PIGGY: Lucy the pot-bellied pig is a favorite with all the Banmans. Here, Malia Banman feeds Lucy while friend Kate Parker looks on. Lucy's happy snorting suggests pure enjoyment.

Footsore reporter announces Comdex awards

The first (and only) bit: The footsore awards.

Welcome to the first annual footsore awards, a totally random sampling collected from November 13 to 17 in Las Vegas during fall Comdex '95.

Comdex is the largest computer trade show in the world, filling three huge convention centres in Las Vegas and drawing an estimated 205,000 attendees from around the world. Those present trudged over miles of concrete - thinly concealed by carpet - to view more than 2,000 exhibits and be among the first to learn about the 7,000 new products announced during the week.

It's exciting, educational, exhilarating - and it makes your feet hurt.

The awards, as determined by this footsore writer, are:

Best buy: If you want to make your own business cards, banners, cards, pamphlets, calendars, menus, certificates, posters and logos effortlessly, keep an eye out for Corel's new Print House software. Included are more than 900 professionally designed projects, over 5,000 pieces of clipart, 100 fonts, 1,000 phrases and 1,000

photos. For new users, the program offers step-by-step instructions in plain English. List price is \$99 US but the initial release will be just \$24.95 US for this mini, home-oriented version of CorelDraw.

Best sound waves: A tie, between the futuristic domes of Brown Innovations Inc. and the six-speaker system from California-based SSI Products Inc. Step under one of the two-foot diameter domes to hear clear, stereophonic sound which is inaudible outside the dome. SSI Products president Tom Dodge described his six-speaker system as the equivalent to home theatre sound for a street price of \$299 US. It accepts any stereo output, from a computer to a VCR to a CD player or laser disc.

Best cure for slow drivers: Information retrieval from a compact disc is boosted by Ballard Synergy's d-Time software, which the company claims will increase data transfer by up to 10 times.

Best bid for instant fame: Witch

BITS ON BYTES

VALORIE LENNOX



Desk Inc., a two-month-old company, made a bigger splash at Comdex than industry giant Microsoft. The new company sponsored a concert by rock legend Fleetwood Mac in the massive MGM Grand Gardens Arena. They handed out free tickets to people who stopped by their display on the convention floor and also distributed limited time versions of their new software from the booth and at the concert. By mid-week, Witch Desk was the talk of the convention - and so was their software, which allows users to fully customize their Windows 95 and OS/2 Warp screen displays.

Best detective work: The reality award goes to the Software Business Alliance, which announced a November 9 raid on the Los Angeles home of software pirate Captain Blood (Thomas Alefantos) which resulted in the seizure of more than \$1 million worth of stolen software.

Discovery Toys aids dream foundation

Islanders can do Christmas shopping and donate to a worthwhile children's charity at the same time this year.

Discovery Toys has chosen the Help Fill a Dream Foundation of Canada as its Christmas charity for 1995.

That means that every time someone buys a Discovery Toys product in coming weeks, their purchase contributes to free toys being donated to the foundation.

Local Discovery Toys distributor Holly Clermont is spearheading the island campaign.

"I think it's a really good cause and I really want to do it," Clermont said Monday.

She will set up a display at any workplace wanting

one, but will also use individual orders to help make children's wishes come true.

The Help Fill a Dream Foundation was founded in 1986 in response to a sick child's wish to visit her grandmother. Since then, 294 B.C. children with life-threatening illnesses have had their dreams fulfilled through the foundation.

Toys are also distributed to children in local hospitals during the holiday season.

Discovery Toys was started in 1978 by Lane Nemeth. The company specializes in quality developmental toys, books, games and computer software, and now offers children's clothing as part of their product line.

Clermont can be reached at 537-1538.

You've never tasted anything like this Italian sausage soup

By TERRA TEPPER
Driftwood Contributor

A very lovely lady lived on Salt Spring until her passing. Edna Mae Ford had the same background as mine, a transplanted Californian with roots in the southern States. She made a wonderful sausage soup with a distinctive yet elusive flavour that will have your family asking, "What's in this?" I think you'll agree that you have never tasted anything like this soup.

Italian Sausage Soup

1 1/2 lb. hot Italian sausage, cut in 1/4 inch slices

2 large cloves garlic (or more)

2 chopped onions

About 32 ounces canned tomatoes

1 1/2 cups dry red wine

40 ounces beef broth (home-

made would be best)

1 tsp. basil

1 tsp. oregano

3 tbs. chopped parsley

1 chopped green pepper

2 medium zucchini, cut in 1/4 inch slices

2 cups bow tie or plain noodles, macaroni, orzo or pasta of your choice, uncooked

Salt and pepper

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Saute sausage in large stock pot until browned. Remove sausage and all but 2 Tbs. fat, add garlic and onion and cook until transparent. Add the sausage pieces and cook for 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, wine, stock and spices and simmer 30 minutes. Add parsley, pepper, zucchini and noodles and simmer 25 minutes or until tender. Serve with grated cheese on top.

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OF THESE DATES

Nov. 18-26: Six Guilds of Christmas Sale, 10am-5pm.

Nov. 23: The Hidden Coast, film & slide show, Global Awareness rm. secondary school, 7:30pm.

Nov. 23: SS Weavers & Spinners, Christmas sale is on.

Nov. 27: Lady Minto Hosp. Aux. Soc. general meeting, United Church Hall, 2pm.

Nov. 28: Island Paddlers monthly mtg., Nootka Sound/Myrtle Lake slides, United Church, 7:30pm.

Nov. 29: Establishing healthy boundaries within your family-an experimental wrkshp. for parents of yng. children, Family Place 1-3pm.

Dec. 1: Festival of Lights parade, through Ganges, 5pm.

Dec. 1, 2 & 3: 6th Annual Fullford Hall Christmas Craft Fair, Fullford Hall, Fri 6-9/Sat 10-5/Sun 11-4

Dec. 1, 2 & 3: Beaver Pt. Hall, 14th, Annual Christmas Art & Craft Fair, Fri 5-9/Sat 10-5/Sun 10-3.

Dec. 2: Christmas Potluck, G.I. NDP Club, United Church, Lower Hall, 5-9pm.

Dec. 7: SS Weavers & Spinners Christmas party, T.B.A.

Dec. 17, 18, 19: "Christmas with Scrooge", United Church, 7pm.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am

- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.

- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.

- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)

- Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd. 7-8pm.

- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.

- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.

- Macintosh User Group Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm

(1st or 2nd Wed. ea. mo.)

- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)

- SS Painters Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downstairs, 10:30-1:30.

EVERY THURSDAY

- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.

- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)

- Seniors for Seniors regular Thurs. lunch at noon, reserv. are essential.

- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.

- Scottish Dancing, Anglican Church Hall, 7-9pm

- Oct. 5 thru Nov. 30, Kids' Klub, Community Gospel Chapel, 3:30pm-5pm.

- First Thurs. of the mo., Speakers Group.

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fullford OAP #160, bingo 2:00pm.

- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.

EVERY SATURDAY

- Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fullford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.

- Core Inn, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

EVERY MONDAY

- "Bandemonium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.

- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)

- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.

- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.

- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.

- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am

- Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.

- Story time, library, 9:30am.

- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.

- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.

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Local contact for further information is Louise Henson

at 537-9761.

The award is granted annually to individuals or organizations who "have made a significant contribution to promoting greater understanding, respect and unity between diverse racial groups."

Nominees must have actively demonstrated their commitment to promoting racial unity by either foster-

ing understanding and mutual regard between various racial groups, or facilitating the collaboration and dialogue between various racial groups through projects of mutual concern or benefit.

Any individual or organization may submit one or more nominations for the award. All information should be sent by December 31.

Thieves can access GISS lockers: students forced to carry kit bags

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

Many students have discovered that their lockers at GISS are not secure. Some students have discovered the hard way that there are a few thieves about who make it very difficult for them to hang on to valuable items.

Several students are solving this problem by carrying their kit bags with them all of the time — a solution that works but also creates space problems for everyone in classrooms and places like the Physical Education offices. Some students simply do not bring anything of value to school. Obviously, it is important for students to mark their belongings very clearly so they can be identified.

To help stop thieves, one parent has suggested that students and parents let me know every time something is stolen so I can publish a description of the stolen property in this column. I am certainly prepared to do this. The idea is that all parents can watch for

INSIDE GISS

items that might suspiciously appear at home. I am already aware of one instance where this did occur and the thief's parent retrieved some very expensive items.

Frequently, students are concerned for their own safety if they identify someone who they think is stealing from other students. RCMP Constable Gerard Choquette recommends that students who have this concern should use the Crimestoppers number 1-800-669-8477 to report their suspicions. This is a toll-free number that anyone can call without identifying themselves.

You should have seen a report card from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) by now. They were given out to all students on Monday.

If you didn't get one and would like to pick one up or have it faxed to you, call 537-9944. As always, if you can't get through to get the information you need, please call me at home after 7 p.m. at 537-9873.

If you would like to set up a conference with your child's teachers, call 537-4693 next Thursday or Friday, November 23-24. A parent will take your call and schedule a conference time for you on Tuesday, November 28 between 5 and 8 p.m.



Passports for kids

Finger prints and mug shots were recently recorded for 35 children at Century 21's Child Passport program. David Puhky, 8, was fingerprinted by Const. Gerard Choquette of the Ganges RCMP. The identifying information was recorded in a booklet which was taken home by the child's family. Clinics are held periodically for the program which is ongoing.

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SPORTS AND RECREATION

Fisher wins bronze

Salt Spring judo club members fought with the best last weekend in two separate events.

Jonah Fisher won a bronze medal at the Pacific International Junior Open competition Saturday, facing some of the area's most serious and highly-trained competitors.

"It's a very high level of competition," said coach Shaun Adams. Fisher, 16, was facing athletes much older than himself, and also beat the silver medal winner in one of his matches.

Aaron McCartie also participated in the event and "gave it his best effort," said Adams.

On Sunday, Salt Spring club members travelled to the Victoria judo club for a "team practice" of Vancouver Island judo athletes. The event provided participants with a chance to meet other area athletes, coaches and at least one judo "mentor," and to use the excellent Victoria club facilities.

"Jonah (Fisher) defeated absolutely everyone anywhere near his category," said Adams.

Asha Weston, 14, also performed well, as did seven-year-old Calum Adams.

Calum defeated everyone he faced in both his size and weight class and those who were two years older and larger.

Artistic FC uses elaborate play to win 2-0



A WIN FOR FC: The referee keeps an eye on the play as Mark Nordine, right, of Mouat's FC keeps the ball away from a visiting Vic West player in Ganges Sunday. FC won the game 2-0 before a large crowd of fans.

Photo by Tony Richards

By ALAN WEBB
Driftwood Contributor

Mouat's FC 2, Vic West 0.
Two late goals, both scored after being reduced to 10 men, lifted Mouat's FC to a thrilling 2-0 victory over Vic West on Sunday at the high school grounds.

Vic West proved to be a vastly improved team to the one FC thrashed 4-0 in September and for the first hour the two sides fought to level pegs.

FC was the more artistic of the two teams, persistently trying for possession and elaborate build-ups against the more direct, physical Victoria side. Several long plays, most employing Harrison Jason in the equation, left the visitors looking vulnerable at the back, but FC failed to score.

Vic West's close marking took its toll on several players, with the unlucky Kerry Walker being the most obvious. Having just returned to the first team from injury last week, Walker went down again, this time to a separated shoulder.

Justin Scott moved into the centre midfield spot for the ailing Walker and with the better part of an hour to go it appeared that Mouat's may not have enough players to see them through to the final whistle.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, "Red Card" Wellington lived up to his sobriquet and was ejected for a mistimed tackle leaving FC with 10 men. It was a turning point in the match but not

one that Vic West would have expected.

Instead of drawing everyone back to defend the tie, Salt Spring surged into attack. Frontrunners Corbin Scott, Mark Nordine and Harrison Jason ran miles in creating changes. They were ably supported by Justin Scott, who was outstanding in midfield, Josh Byron and Dave McColl.

Finally, a Colin Walde free-kick from 40 yards picked out Jason and he rose up above the challenges to nod FC into the lead.

On the sidelines there was euphoria among the spectators; among the Vic West 11, bewilderment.

The visitors stepped up the attack but defenders Duncan McGuffie, Walde, and the Aust brothers, Pete and Andy, were not in the mood to concede goals. Nor was keeper Justin Byron, for that matter.

Ten minutes from full-time, Mouat's secured a most remarkable win. Nordine tore past his defender down the left side and blasted a perfect cross to Corbin Scott, who headed bravely past the keeper.

Moments later, with even the Vic West keeper up in attack, Jason and Chad Little nearly combined for a third, but the slippery footing brought down Little and the resulting cross to Jason went awry.

Two sensational goals.
Next Sunday is our last home game of the season, against league leaders Sooke, 2:15 p.m. at Portlock Park.

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Not a soccer fan

The action was on the soccer field on a recent Sunday at Portlock Park, but this pup had no interest in the game. His attention was caught, instead, by a canine cousin who was also present on the sidelines.

Photo by Tony Richards

Local volleyball squad wins tourney bronze

Gulf Islands Secondary School junior girls volleyball team brought home a bronze medal last week after placing third in a mid-island tournament.

The local squad played eight matches in the two-day event held at Brentwood College.

The girls lost to Brentwood in the semi-finals and then beat Duncan Christian School, two games to one, to take third place.

Brentwood went on to win the tournament, beating Shawnigan Lake which took the silver medal.

Team coach Kent Andrews said a "total team effort" led to the third place finish.

The tournament marks the end of the volleyball season for the girls, as only the top team from the mid-island championships advances to the Vancouver Island tournament.

December schedule released

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has announced its December list of activities. They are as follows:

December 5: Walk with Norma Eves along Duck Creek trail to Vesuvius beach followed by lunch at Vesuvius Inn (optional). Meet at Vesuvius Inn at 10:15 a.m.

Hike Reginald Hill with Alan Clews. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

December 12: Christmas lunch at Anglican Church hall, 11:30 a.m., by pre-purchased ticket.

Optional walk in Mouat Park at 10:30 a.m. precedes lunch.

Trail schedule resumes in January. Leaders are needed for 1996.

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Slashers' 'lesser lights' shine

By **MALCOLM LEGG**
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Slashers 1, Sooke 0.
Sometimes you have to go that extra mile for a victory, as the Slashers found out last Saturday, not only in distance but also in the effort of their players.

As far as distance went, after an hour off the ferry the local girls had still not found the field and the road appeared to just wind on and on. Just before we fell off the edge of the earth we found the field, yes! You guessed it — Sooke! And even worse, it was raining. (Of course, in Sooke they call this "liquid sunshine.")

To make matters even more difficult, leading scorer Joelle Morrison, goalie Lisa Baker and solid defender Alanna Scott were all missing (no, we did not lose them on the long, winding trek to Sooke), which meant some of our lesser lights would have to shine in this game.

So often in previous matches the Slashers have looked to Morrison, Stephanie Collette and Launi "Mr. More Wrinkles" Legg for leadership, but against Sooke they would need other girls to come up big and several truly did.

With the famous "S line" broken up, except for Sara "The Sneak" Miles, the Slashers' offence was expected to suffer, but Miles had other ideas. She stepped up the tempo of her game, scored our lone goal in the first 10 minutes, and played with great intensity throughout the match.

Sheila Stacey also had a strong game on right wing, until her bug ran her down. She would have had a great goal except for a lucky Sooke goalpost.

The girls carried their one-goal lead

into the second half but their offence was sputtering badly, allowing Sooke to take control of the game.

Now it was up to the defence and rookie goalie Aslan "Sure-hands" Sinclair to hold them off. And hold them off they did as Maia Vaillancourt, Hannah Smith, rookies Robin Morris and Amber Rockcliff combined with Collette to break up rush after rush.

Even when Sooke did get through, old "Sure-hands" Sinclair was there to corral the loose balls and make the big save.

Special mention should go to rookies Morris and Rockcliff who have improved tremendously and are playing like seasoned veterans in the Slashers back wall.

With time running down, the

Slashers needed a boost to pull the pressure away from their goal, and up popped Kate McNair, Ruth Singbeil and Carmin Osborne, known as "The Hustlers". Yes, "Superpest", "Taz" and "Buzzsaw", well-known nicknames, took control of the midfield by chasing Sooke all over the field and in effect just ran out the clock.

Even Andi "The Tongue" Nelson got into the act by trying a new move in soccer by using her tongue. If it results in any goals we will have to teach it to everyone.

The victory made the long trek home to our Caribbean North a rather pleasant one. It also showed the girls if they go that extra mile and give that extra effort, the rewards will come.

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Old Boys a 'rock 'em, sock 'em, goal-scoring machine'

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Old Boys 7, Nanaimo 2.

Goals, goals, goals and more goals. In fact, it was a feast of goals, as the Salt Spring Old Boys simply trounced a hapless Nanaimo squad 7-2.

What has suddenly turned this mild, meek group of local "old geezers" into a rock 'em, sock 'em, goal-scoring machine? Is it all the goodies provided by our sponsor, Pharmasave, like Advil, A535 and Geritol that are causing us to be "juiced" when we hit the field?

Or is it the tactical pre-game sermon from the coach (this writer) that has the lads fired up? (This week we talked about "bulging the old onion bag" — a quote stolen from another soccer

editorial writer.) Could it be the free jugs at the Harbour House, our other sponsor, after the game? Or maybe winning has gone to our heads and we actually think we are good.

Whatever the reason, it does not matter, as the Old Boys are playing as though they are 10 years younger, making plays that you thought you would only see on TSN's Soccer Saturday and, best of all, they are scoring goals.

Last Sunday's onslaught started with a little lady luck as a hard Alan "Wonderfoot" Webb corner-kick was struck hard by a Nanaimo defender — unfortunately, he struck it hard into his own goal.

Ten minutes later, a Cal "If-you-ever-need-a-car" Mackay

throw-in found Siggy Karl in the box. Karl hammered a low cross which David Norget deftly slid home.

The Old Boys kept pressing and late in the half they struck again as

lead.

Nanaimo tried to rally by scoring a quick goal just after the half, but the Old Geezers were playing possessed on this day, and they just continued their assault.

Cottrell off a Mackay free-kick and Cottrell once more on a set-up from "Hefty" Bantel and Henry "The Legend Returns" Braak pushed the score

to 6-1.

With time running down, Nanaimo did score one more but the Old Boys answered one more of their own as Karl craftily headed a Mackay throw-in over a bewildered Nanaimo goalie.

With the final whistle, Nanaimo let out a great sigh of relief, while the lads prepared for the post-game analysis. (This is where we

have a few cold ones and replay the game from beginning to end, brag about how good we are and listen to Mackay tell us how many points he got.)

But the lads also said good-bye to their goalie Tim "Wendel" Sturup, who was traded to Calgary for the rights to Joe Niewiendyke of the Calgary Flames (rumour has it he would rather play soccer than not play hockey at all).

We will miss Sturup and his mighty dog Sinbad, but hope he can find a game or two on the frozen tundra of Alberta.

Of course, this means the return of "The Legend", Henry Braak, in goal, along with all his antics. His first test will be a tough one as he and the rest of his goal-scoring machine meet the Orcas in Victoria next Sunday.

... the Old Boys are playing as though they are 10 years younger ...

"Wonderfoot" slipped Chris Cottrell away on the right. His hard low cross found David Norget all alone again for another goal.

With only five minutes left in the half, Chris Cottrell finally found the mark as he took a Karl pass and drove it through the goalie's leap for a 4-0 half-time

U16 Boys hang on for 1-0 victory

By MALCOLM BOND
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring 1, Juan de Fuca 0.

Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer's Under 16 boys team started the quest for one of B.C.'s most prized soccer trophies last Saturday with a 1-0 cliffhanger win over a hardworking Juan de Fuca club side at Portlock Park.

Provincial cup play is a single knockout contest — i.e. one loss and you're out. It is held at two different levels, premier and challenge. Few club sides will enter the premier level, which is almost always played for by all-star teams representing entire districts such as lower Vancouver Island or the Fraser Valley. The Fraser Valley district would have nearly 1,000 boys of any given age group from which to choose an all-star team. So premier cup play is pretty heady stuff indeed and beyond the reach of most club teams.

Nevertheless, challenge cup play is nothing to be sneezed at. There are literally hundreds of teams competing to be the best club side in the province and this is what the Saturday game was all about.

For Salt Spring this game featured team discipline in defence

backed by outstanding goalkeeping from Jonathon McDonald. The larger Juan de Fuca team carried the play for the first 40 minutes but Salt Spring gradually worked its way into the match which featured many hard but fair tackles.

As the second half moved on it was starting to show that the visitors had shot their bolt. We seemed fresher and more fit in the later stages. At about 70 minutes the discipline and patience paid off as a deserved hand ball was called in the away penalty box. Mandu Goebel converted from the spot. The last 20 minutes was at first dominated by Salt Spring but the desperate visitors later found new legs.

However, they could not get any shots from closer than 22 yards. A few dangerous crosses were cut out neatly by McDonald. There were many heroes for Salt Spring, especially those like Dar Kinnear, Thomas McKeachie and Colin Beamish, who came off the bench to give much-needed rest for starters such as midfielders Amaury Grieg, Brian Kerr, Santih Buchan, John Edwards and Tom Berry.

Goebel, Jeremy Keating, Jamie Wilkinson, Shaun Carmichael,

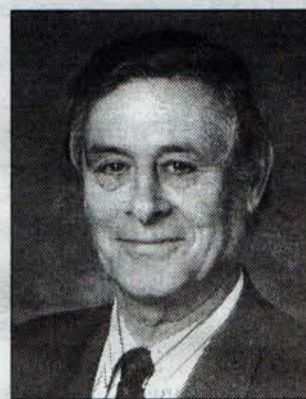
McDonald and Steffan Bond played the entire 90 minutes and were very effective. McKeachie's and Kinnear's crunching tackles and ball winning, coming at a time when the visitors had run low on gas, were as much as anything the item that turned the match in our favour.

Referee Terry Stringer, ably assisted by line runners Sue Spencer and Gil Bard, did a first-class job of letting the boys play and keeping stoppages to a minimum.

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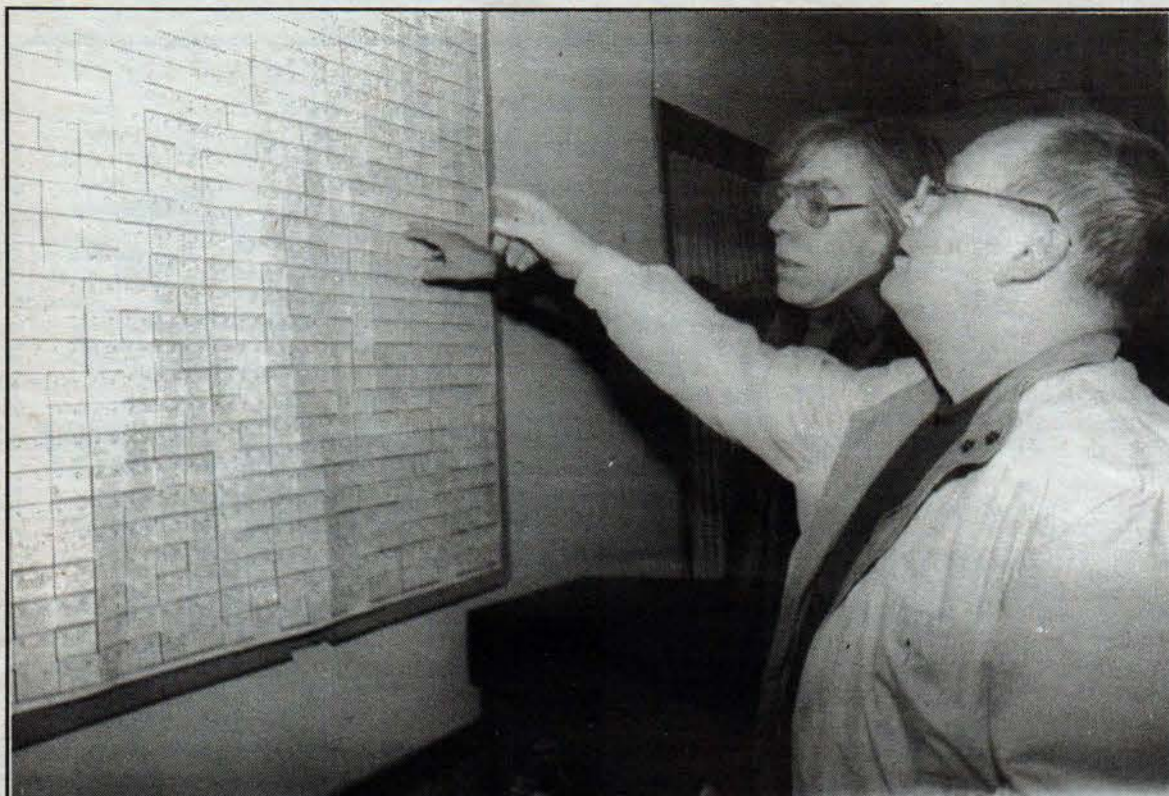
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Scouts, Stallions among winners

Bill Webster, left, points to Tom Clark's potentially winning square Sunday in the Salt Spring Legion's Grey Cup pool. Winners were Barb Bisset, Elsie Marshall, Cathy Proctor and Robbie Robertson, who shared

\$500 in cash. Big winners, however, were local scouts, who will receive the pool's proceeds of \$660. Baltimore Stallions won the Grey Cup game 37-20 over Calgary Stampeders.

Photo by Tony Richards

HIGH ROLLERS

The annual Queen of the Lanes event is coming this weekend. Women who are league bowlers are eligible to sign up. The entry fee is \$10 per person and the winner takes 50 per cent of all the entry fees plus other great prizes. Bowling times are Saturday evening from 7-9 p.m. or Sunday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. There's only room for 40 players.

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Slugs retreat as Sharks bite back despite Topping's courage, talent

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Slugs dipped below 500 hockey for the first time this season following a 5-3 loss to the Chemainus Sharks.

The club record, for the season, thus far stands at four wins, five losses and one tie. The close score in the last game was not a real indicator of the match. The way we played, they should have blown us out of the water. If not for the courage and not to mention talent, of our fearless netminder, Derek Topping, the score would have easily ended up in double digits. Speaking of digits, Pete Huser returned to the lineup, his tender tenacle healing up nicely.

The Slugs really wanted to win this game, seeing as how the Sharks defeated us in our last meeting by a score of 7-4 and this was a club we felt we could beat, if we could get everyone tuned into the same wavelength. It seemed like it might happen early on, with the boys starting this one off in the proper fashion moving the puck around well and getting a number of good scoring chances.

This paid off just two minutes into the game, when Paul Sinclair made a beautiful play, going end to end before rifling a shot past the Shark's goalie to give the Slugs the early lead. The Sharks, however, bit back. Their first goal of the game came near the half-way point of the opening period when the Slugs failed to clear the zone, a theme which came back to haunt us time and time again later in the match.

It was around this time that the wavelength we were all trying to tune into, vapourized, leaving us each to our own devices. This

SLUG TRAIL

seemed to work fine — for the Sharks. They heaped on the pressure for the remainder of the period and despite getting a number of excellent scoring opportunities, only managed to sneak one more past Topping before the end of the period.

Between periods we grabbed ourselves by the collars and gave

Between periods we grabbed ourselves by the collars and gave ourselves a good talking to.

ourselves a good talking to. This game was a long way from over and if we pulled up our socks, we had a good chance of winning it. Nothing like a good pep talk to get a team revved up. Unfortunately, it only worked for the Sharks, who came out and scored two goals in the first minute of the second period, following a horrendous clearing attempt in one case and a mammoth screen play by Deadstop in the other. This did not bode well for our confidence and we could tell just by looking at our netminder Topping that he was in the process of scratching our names off his Christmas card list.

Our play for the remaining 19 minutes of the second frame could only be described as schizophrenic: hot one minute and completely out of it the next.

Fortunately for the team, Topping continued to perform brilliantly, trying to keep us in the game.

Perhaps we were feeling guilty about how badly we were playing in front of him or, more likely, it was just a fluke. Whatever the case, the Slugs came out in the third period ready to play. Topping was still being kept busy, but at least now we were beginning to take it back to the Sharks.

It paid off for the Slugs just a few minutes into the final period when Sinclair scored an almost identical goal to his earlier one. Sinclair was one of the few bright spots on the team during this game and was our most consistent playmaker of the night. This goal seemed to give the lads a bit of life and not long after that Andy Naumann notched his first of the season after a nice three-way passing play from Huser, Rodney Challborn and Paddy Akerman.

Now we were on a roll, down by just one with six minutes to play, and the boys really poured on the attack. Unfortunately, however, they forgot about that other part of the game, namely defence, and the Sharks capitalized on this, sending a wave of forwards down on Topping who made the initial save but was beaten on the rebound when the Slugs couldn't move the puck out.

So the Slugs lose another one. Still there were some bright spots here and there. If we can only get everyone playing on the same wavelength who knows what might happen? But first we have to get everyone to stop oscillating when they should be vacillating.

Three island runners compete at B.C. level

While the majority of the province was recovering from the storms of last weekend, 300 high school boys and 260 girls competed to see who would be the best in the B.C. High Schools Provincial Championships held at Abbotsford.

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The girls race saw the last race by Cara Herman, who has raced for Gulf Islands Secondary every year in her high school career. Herman ran strongly, despite a troubled season, to record a good 76th finish in her final high school race.

It also saw the emergence of the new wave with Grade 9 runner Joelle Morrison competing in her first provincial championship.

Morrison finished 58th in a time of just over 22 minutes on the tough five-kilometre course. With only five girls her own age ahead of her, she has a promising future. For the boys, Rowan Hartman, suffering from either food poisoning or influenza, wisely decided not to run but gained valuable insights watching the best male runners. They included the winner, Nanaimo's Steven Osaduik, who broke the course record by four seconds with a time of 21 minutes, 19 seconds. Vancouver Island also won both team titles with Alberni and Oak Bay winning the boys and girls team titles to emphasize island dominance.

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Celebration honours 50 years since Gladys and David wed

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Patience, perseverance and tenacity are the three ingredients that make a marriage last, according to Gladys and David Slingsby, and they should know — they have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

But before the wedding could take place there had to be a first date. This was where the young RCAF flyboy proved he was serious in his intentions when he asked Gladys to a dance knowing full well he had two left feet.

"I was a terrible dancer," recalled David. "Couldn't dance a lick." Still, he persevered and things worked out as his future bride turned out to be "a fine, wonderful dancer." She taught him a few steps and saved the day.

These two met just three months before the end of the Second World War. David was stationed with the RCAF in Aldermaston, near Reading, England, and Gladys lived in nearby Kingsclear. According to David, he would bicycle the six miles to Kingsclear every evening to have tea and cakes served by the young women of Kingsclear to the servicemen stationed in the surrounding area. Once they got to know each other a little, things moved along at a fairly quick pace.

"We met in September and were married in November," noted David. With the war over, they were looking forward to spending more time building their new life together. But first they had to go through a four-month separation. Troops were sent home in February of 1946 while the war brides had to wait until June of that year before they could sail over.

"I'll never forget that trip over," said Gladys, who travelled to Canada on the Letitia, a hospital ship which was transformed into one of the war bride ships. "I was pregnant with our first child and the trip was very rough. I was sick the entire time. I didn't want to see water ever again," she added. Once they finally reached Halifax, the war brides then clambered aboard trains to reach their final destinations.

Upon their return to Canada, Gladys gave birth to their first child, Terry, in August 1946, in Hamilton, Ontario. David had resigned from the RCAF after the war but, finding no work back in Canada, he re-enlisted and spent the next nine years in the air force at a number of stations around Canada and three years back in England.

They first became connected with Salt Spring Island while stationed at Pat Bay. "We knew some people over here and were looking for a place to buy," said David. "My wife was pregnant with our third child and I was about to be stationed in Fort Nelson where there were no accommodations for her and the children, so when the property



FIFTY YEARS STRONG: Gladys and Dave Slingsby celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Saturday at Fulford Hall.

Photo by Jim Black

came up we bought it."

The irony was that after only one month in the house, the air force informed David that there indeed was accommodations available for his family in Fort Nelson. But getting there proved to be another matter.

"It was late in November, I was seven months pregnant with our third child and had two toddlers under the age of four when we were moving up to Fort Nelson," Gladys said. "David was already up there, so I had to take care of the children and everything else all by myself. We had to wait in Vancouver for three days for the fog to lift and then flew up there in an air force transport plane. David, who had travelled out to the airport looking for us the three previous days had given up and gone back to the base just before we arrived," she added.

But there were some positive aspects of all their moving around as well. "We had only made one mortgage payment when we rented out the house and moved up north," David pointed out. "By the time we moved back, nine years

later, it was paid off." The family has lived at the same place ever since.

Once they moved back to Salt Spring, David worked for Mouat's until the Long Harbour ferry terminal opened in 1963 and he started working on the Queen of the Islands. He remained with the ferries until his retirement in 1980.

Gladys, meanwhile, had her hands full at home with a growing family of two boys and two girls.

"I always knew that I would have two boys and two girls," she said. "No one would believe me at first," she added, noting that out of her five brothers back in England, only one has a daughter.

Since then the family has expanded to include seven grandchildren and the latest addition, six-month-old Tyler, their first great-grandchild, all of which makes the senior Slingsbys very happy.

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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT (Effluent)

THIS APPLICATION is to be filed with the Regional Waste Manager at Environmental Protection Officer, 2569 Kenworth Road, Nanaimo, British Columbia V9T 4P7

"Any person who may be adversely affected by the discharge or storage of the waste may within 30 days from the last date of posting under section 3 (a) or publication, service or display under section 4, write to the manager stating how he is affected"

Letters of concern will be forwarded to the applicant.

PREAMBLE — The purpose of this application is for the disposal of domestic wastewater after treatment in a secondary biological treatment system.

1. I/We NovaTec Consultants Inc. of Suite 201-2840 Nanaimo Street, Victoria, British Columbia V8T 4W9 hereby apply for a permit to discharge effluent from a recreational/commercial development (proposed) located at Otter Bay Marina on North Pender Island, British Columbia to Swanson Channel, approximately 150 metres past the line of embayment for Otter Bay, and give notice of application to all persons affected.
2. The land upon which the treatment works will be located in parcel C (DD67147G), Section 17, Pender Island and Lot 373, Cowichan District.
3. The discharge will be located at 1,000 metres to the southwest corner of Parcel C (DD67147G), Section 17, Pender Island, Cowichan District.
4. The rate of discharge will be: N/A
Average daily (based on operating period) 64.50 (Cubic metres/day)
The operating period during which the effluent will be discharge is seven (7) days per week.
5. The characteristics of the effluent discharged shall be equivalent to or better than: 45mg/L B.O.D.
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6. The type of treatment to be applied is primary treatment and secondary biological treatment.
7. Dated this 16th day of October, 1995.

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A copy of this application was posted at the site in accordance with the Waste management Regulations on 31, October, 1995.



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Saturna Islanders left in darkness after storm whips through island

By GAIL TRAFFORD

Driftwood Correspondent

Winter blew in with a vengeance last weekend. Power outages kept much of the island in darkness overnight Friday until late Saturday evening.

Many people reported seeing the sky light up with blue flashes when the hydro lines came down between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. Friday evening. Mild temperatures made the blackout much more bearable than it might have been but life without electricity in our modern homes can be difficult. It is definitely time to stock up on candles, kerosene, propane and firewood.

Speedy recovery

Geri Crooks returned from the hospital Friday after surgery on her vertebrae. She has been missed in the community during her two-week stay in hospital.

Geri works at the ferry dock, the Cap Mon weather station, the medical clinic and she carries the 911 first response pager for medical emergencies. Friends and neighbours wish her a speedy recovery and return to her busy life.

Inspections

The fire department now does inspections. This is not necessary on a new building because the building inspector can certify that the structure is up to code.

But new chimneys and or wood burning devices added to an existing structure must be inspected in

Lights festival may attract 1,000 children

More than 1,000 children and two dozen floats are expected to converge upon Ganges next week for the sixth annual Festival of Lights parade.

Trucks that have been donated as floats to carry children in next Friday's parade are being claimed rapidly by sponsors, reports spokeswoman Gail Beattie.

"Anyone who has an interest in entering a float can contact me at 653-9069," Beattie said. "This year's involvement by our local students as chaperones on the floats will ensure even more of our younger children are involved."

The parade begins at 5 p.m. at Rainbow Road and Jackson Avenue. When it starts, lights are to be turned off in the village. As the parade proceeds through the village, lights are turned on, building by building, as the floats pass by.

Hot refreshments will be served throughout the evening on McPhillips Avenue by the Special Olympics group. Live music will be offered by the Barley Brothers.

Anyone is welcome to join the parade, from decorated bicycles to the largest float and everything in between, Beattie said.

After the parade, a carol festival will take place at the high school multi-purpose room. Adult and elementary school choirs will perform at Community In Concert at 7:30 p.m.

On the following day, Saturday, December 2, Ganges will be the scene of the annual Christmas Light-Up. Santa Claus will arrive by float plane at 1 p.m. and visit with local youngsters at the Bank of Montreal.

SATURNA NOTES

order to satisfy insurance underwriters. The inspection must be on file before a fire. Should any readers wish to have a new installation inspected, call Alfred Reynolds at 539-5276 or Don Newell at 539-5818 and make an appointment.

Firefighters needed

Volunteer firefighters are always needed on Saturna. Recently, several younger members of the team moved off the island to find work and, although this is to be expected, new volunteers are now needed. A firefighters training course is planned for early 1996 and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Future events

• The Timmy's Telethon Crib Night is coming up November 25. Everyone is welcome to attend this family night of cards. Entry fee is \$2 and light refreshments

are available for a minimal cost.

• Don't forget to come to the Christmas Craft Fair, December 2 at the community hall. Local artisans are busy preparing for this festive occasion and shoppers are guaranteed to find something for their Christmas list. See you there.

• Two Christmas services are planned for December at St. Christopher's Anglican church. The first on December 10 will feature the Christmas pageant. December 24 will be the traditional carols and lessons services. Everyone is encouraged to attend both these special events.

• The Saturna Community Club quarterly meeting is coming up December 18. If you would like to add anything to the agenda please contact Chuck Alp at 539-3118 as soon as possible. The executive will be meeting early next week to prepare for the general meeting and your ideas would be welcomed.

• The Lions Club is planning ahead for New Year's Eve. They have booked a band for a gala celebration at the community hall. The band, MacBenkenrussee, was a big hit at the recent pig barbecue. (Their strange name is just a combination of letters from the names of the players.) Lions president and lead singer Neal MacDonald would like ideas from islanders about what they would like to see happen that night: Pot luck? Catered dinner? Party hats? Phone Neal at 539-3240 and let him know what you'd like.

Green Spaces Strategy meeting on outer islands

Residents of Galiano and Mayne islands can participate in the Green Spaces Strategy with open houses and meetings set for Friday and Saturday.

The presentation and speakers are at the Galiano Island Activity Centre on November 24 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. An open house takes place for the first hour, followed by a question and answer session with strategy representatives.

The Mayne Inn hotel conference room is the site for an open house from 1 to 2 p.m. on November 25, with a question and answer period from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The Green Spaces project aims to identify potential parkland in the Capital Regional District and seek ways of securing it for public use.

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5 BIRTHS

A NEW BROTHER for Hillary! Nancy and Robert Doyle had a baby boy, Stephen Phillip, 8 lbs., on October 11/95 at Victoria General.

6 DEATHS

PATTEN, MARION Ruth (nee Moore), passed away in Lady Minto Hospital November 8, 1995. Marion was born in Lethbridge, Alberta but had resided in Calgary, Regina and North Vancouver before coming to Salt Spring Island in 1987. She is survived by her husband Russell of S.S.I., daughter Leslie, husband Claude, sons Patrick and Jean-Pascal, all of Ottawa; son Jeffrey, wife Hélène, their children Clément, Alba and Clifford, all of Clérmont-Ferrand, France; a sister Audrey Schmaltz of Edmonton, and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her sister Hazel and her parents H.C. and Nellie Moore of North Vancouver. A memorial service was held November 10 in All Saints by-the-Sea. Marion's family wish to express its thanks to the medical and nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their care and comfort. Also to All Saints Rector, Bryan Bjerring, All Saints Church and the many friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support.

WILLIAMS, MALDWIN George, R.A.F., WWII R110018. Born February 27, 1920 at Nanaimo, BC gently went to be with the Lord and his beloved wife on Sunday, November 19, 1995. Survived and sadly missed by his three daughters Tamara, Barbara, and Leona; 5 grandchildren, his longtime canine companion Sheila and numerous friends, especially those on the hill. His presence will be felt at every sunset by the people who loved him so dearly. A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm, Friday, November 24, at Salt Spring United Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

BUD & LEE SOLLITT give their heartfelt thanks to the SPCA, nurses and staff of Greenwoods, the post office, Brinkworthy residents, Driftwood office staff and all of the other kind, generous, compassionate people who helped us in our search for Muffin-Cat. She was recovered, skeletal and skittish, within 1 kilometre of her point of disappearance two months ago. Thank you, Mr. Jim King, and special thanks to Jack and Connie Adair. Bless you all.

I WOULD like to say a special thank you to my son and daughter and families, and also to my many friends for gifts and cards. Also, thank you for the lovely tea served by the women of the V.C.W., all who made my 80th birthday such a happy occasion. Thank you all. Love from Jessie Wagg.

TO THE people of Salt Spring who donated and those who couldn't, Thank you for your donations and support to the food bank drive '95. Thanks to: Rainbow Rentals, Driftwood, G.V.M., Thrifty's, Snack Shack, S.S.I. School Board, Salt Spring Island Community Services, McGoldrick House and Spindrift Resort. Special thanks to Heather, Val, Chip, Andrew, Kelvin, Dustin, Tiffany and the Tambolines for the B.B.Q. Happy Ho Ho. John & Beau.

Don't Miss
CHRISTMAS LIGHT-UP
Sat., December 2
in Ganges
Santa Claus arrives by plane at 1 p.m. at the coast guard dock. He will greet children at the Bank of Montreal until 3 p.m.
Join Us!

10 CELEBRATIONS



Lorcan and Bill invite you to join with us at the Croftonbrook Meeting Place on Sunday, November 26, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the 90th birthday of our Mom, **ELLALINE PITCHER**. It will be a surprise. RSVP 537-5827


THE CELEBRATION RESTAURANT!
If it's your Birthday or Anniversary your Dinner (Entree) is **50% off** and Parties of 4 or more receive a **FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE**. Reservations required. 537-5979.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DUCK LIPS
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11 COMING EVENTS

MACINTOSH USER group meeting, first or second Wednesday of every month (See Too Late To Classify for exact schedule). 7:30 pm at the Driftwood office. Anyone welcome. Call Patti for more information. 537-1790.

A COURSE IN Miracles discussion group, 7:45 pm. Wednesday. 537-1249, 255 Rainbow Rd.

BUDDHIST MEDITATION. 7 steps of mind training developing clarity by opening the heart. Mondays 7:30 - 9:00 pm. 537-2378. For information call Matthew Coleman.

FOOD SAFE Basic Level. Special winter session; Monday, November 27, 9am-4:30pm. Harbour House Hotel, Register Parks and Recreation \$45. 537-4448.

BLUE PETER Marine Pub, Sidney is holding it's annual Craft Fair. November 24, 25 & 26, noon to 8pm daily. Unique local artists display. Wood crafts, hand painted china, clothing, jewellery, baking and much more. Come join the fun. 2270 Harbour Road off Resthaven Drive.

ANTIQUE AUCTION, Sunday, November 26, 1 p.m., Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Avenue.

11 COMING EVENTS


EVERYONE IS invited to a slide presentation and discussion by Gus and Eileen Wittewaall of their two years teaching in China, on Thursday, November 23, in the lower mall of the United Church. 7:00 p.m., pot luck dessert and coffee. 7:30 p.m. - slide presentation and discussion.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS. Book Fair. Fernwood School. November 22, Wednesday, 8:30 - 3:30. November 23, Thursday, 8:30 - 1:00, and 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Find great gift ideas and support the school library.

FLOWER/HOLIDAY ARCH Class, Everlasting Summer. Saturday, November 25, 11am - 1 pm. \$10. plus supplies. 653-9418. We're still open daily!

THIS SATURDAY "Fitness Blitz" Join Barb Tymusko of "Body Moves" and Damaris for a great Saturday morning work-out. Prizes & fun. 1 1/2 hr fitness class, work at your own pace. 30 min. cardio, strength training and lots of stretching so you won't be sore! The \$20/person goes directly to the "Jaws of Life Campaign" for our Salt Spring Island Firefighters. Class starts 9:30 sharp at Fulford Community Hall. Tickets in advance to reserve your step. Available at North End Fitness, from Damaris or Brenda Akerman. More info call 537-0918. Free Babysitting!


YOGA:
Mon., 9:00-10:30 am
Tues., 7-8:30 pm
Thurs., 4-5:30 pm
Fri., 9:30 - 11:00 am
T'AI CHI:
Wed. 7-9 pm
Thurs., 7-9 pm
For Info, call 537-2326 afternoons


A.S.T.A.R. THEATRE FOR YOUTH presents "Truth or Fantasy" An original play Starring 14, 6-12 year olds Dec. 1 / 7 p.m. Dec. 2 & 3 / 2 p.m. Directed by Denise Bertrand & Yvonne Adalian VERY limited seating Reserve Now. Call 537-1067. Performance at A.S.T.A.R. Gallery


NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING will be held on November 27, 1995 at 2:00 pm. UNITED CHURCH HALL Visitors Welcome

Christmas Pot Luck Get-Together for Members & Friends of the Gulf Island NDP Club Sat. Dec. 2 5-9 p.m. Lower Hall, United Church, Hereford Avenue Admission: Donations to the Food Bank

11 COMING EVENTS


"Bah Humbug" Tickets at et cetera

OPEN STUDIO Exhibition & Sale of Recent Ceramics **DENYS A. JAMES** Saturday, Nov. 25 Sunday, Nov. 26 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 182 Welbury Drive 537-4906

The Beaver Point Hall presents the **14th Annual Christmas Art & Craft Fair** December 1, 2 & 3 Friday 5-9 pm Saturday 10am-5 pm Sunday 10 am-3 pm Featuring the Island's Finest Selection of Handmade Crafts and Hearty Cuisine from Our Country Kitchen Come and Enjoy a Unique Yuletide Shopping Experience in Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring Island

6th Annual Christmas Craft Fair at Fulford Community Hall Fri., Dec. 1 - 6-9 p.m. Sat., Dec. 2 - 10-5 Sun., Dec. 3 - 11-4 • 50 vendors • Refreshments & lunch available. Admission: 25¢ Please bring a donation for the food bank

JONATHAN GRANT WILDLIFE Photography SALE 20% OFF Christmas gift card packs All occasion cards Unframed prints Framed prints Matted prints Present Stock Only Quail Hollow 230 Upper Ganges Rd. 537-9634 SAT., DEC. 2ND 10 a.m. 5 p.m. SUN., DEC. 3RD 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Starting in December Cooking Classes/Catering Breakfasts & Lunches Beef Wellington Dinner Parties Desserts Ethnic Cuisine Italian Vegetarian Excellent References Ex. Dorchester Hotel (U.K.) Hilton, Windsor Arms Chef, Pomodori, Belcher Bob's. **Michael** 537-1353 Gift Certificates available

11 COMING EVENTS



WE'RE BACK! The Sixth Annual LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

December 15, 16, 17. Fri. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. MAHON HALL



Over 45 vendors! & Festive Food & Fun!

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THIS THURSDAY November 23 - 7:30 pm.

The Raincoast Conservation Society presents: 'The Hidden Coast' a dramatic & powerful film and slide show at the Global Awareness Room Secondary School

For more information, call Peter McAllister 361-3402 or Patti May-Lawson 537-4292

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Sat., Nov. 25 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse. Reservations only 653-4495

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11 COMING EVENTS

REGISTER NOW!



CRAFT CLASSES:

- * Christmas Kids Sat., Nov. 25/Dec. 2/Dec.9 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. * Woven Reed Christmas Bell with Dorothy Patton Tues., Nov. 28 • 7:30-9:30 p.m. * Lined Wicker Baskets With Lois Codd Wed., Nov. 29 • 7:30-9:30 p.m. * Folk Art Christmas Ornaments With Beth Howard Sun., Dec. 3 • 1:00-4:30 p.m. * Woven Reed Garlic Basket With Dorothy Patton Tues., Dec. 5 • 7:30-9:30 p.m. * Gingerbread Sleigh With Lois Codd & Thelma Houston Wed., Dec. 6 • 7:30-9:30 p.m. * Christmas Garlands With Beth Cherruff Thurs., Dec. 7 • 7:30-9:30 p.m. * Painted Poinsettia Pot With Beth Howard Sun., Dec. 10 • 1:30-4:30 p.m. * Holiday Centrepiece With Beth Cherruff Mon., Dec. 11 • 7:30-9:30 p.m. * Gingerbread House With Thelma & Lois Wed., Dec. 13 • 7:30-9:30 p.m.

For information and registration 537-0701

ANNUAL SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, Dec. 9 9:30 - 4:30 Sunday, Dec. 10 9:30 - 3:30

at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill (More parking available next door at Kingdom Hall & Seabreeze Inn)

WIDE ASSORTMENT OF LOCAL CRAFTS Handmade wooden crafts, jewellery, Christmas ornaments, candy and much, much more.

Shop in good time for Christmas and enjoy the social atmosphere and refreshments.

Vendors welcome. For more information, call Tiui at 537-2901

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Christmas Decorating Party

Thurs. Nov. 30 Everyone of all ages is warmly invited to join the members of Salt Spring Island United Church at their Christmas Decorating Party. 5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Supper 6:30 p.m. Making clay figures for the Nativity Crèche and Christmas tree decorations. 7:00 p.m. Short Carol Service

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11 COMING EVENTS

AFRO INFUSION DANCE

with Alpha Diallo & Baffing from Guinea

Beaver Pt. Hall Friday, Dec. 8 9:30 p.m.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Nov. 29 7:00 p.m. Portlock Park Meeting Room Election of '96 Executive New Members Welcome Call 537-5020 (eves.) for more info.

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T'ai Chi Classes

Beginners & On-going Mondays at S.S. Elem. Music Room 7-8 pm. or Thurs. 9:30-10:30 am. Central Hall Discount if attending both classes. For more info, call Tao at 537-4487

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meet Saturdays 7-8 pm, Community Centre; Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. Central Office across from Elementary School. For information, call 1-383-3553.

ACOA (ADULT Children of Alcoholics) meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., S.S. Community Centre; Thursday, 1 p.m., Fulford. Children of dysfunctional families very welcome.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-604-975-7054.

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

SS TELECOM SOCIETY is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing communications infrastructure and education on the Gulf Islands. Contact: Cameron Smith 604-537-4312, e-mail: ccsmith@pinc.com; snail mail: Box 769, Ganges PO, SSI, B.C. V8K 2W3. Cash donations gratefully accepted. ISCU #996595.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

Salt Spring... 537-2317 or 537-2270 Galiano... 539-2235 or 539-5770 Pender... 629-3312

Ladies only - Thursday nights 5:15 p.m. Please call 537-5538 or 653-4699. Babysitting provided. Alanon/Alateen - A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 653-4288 or 653-2030.

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14 COMMUNITY SERVICES



The aims and objectives of the LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION are to raise funds which will be used to expand and enhance the delivery of medical care by the Hospital to Gulf Islands residents. You can help the Foundation attain these goals by a gift of funds, real or personal property, memorial bequests, endowments, life insurance or securities.

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Please help YOUR Hospital so it can help YOU. 135 Crofton Rd. Salt Spring Island, V8K 1T1 537-5545

17 EDUCATION

SALT SPRING Speakers Group meets 7 pm. first Thursday of every month. This informal group meets to practise and improve communication skills. For more information, contact Haida Kristiansen, 537-0620.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND ON Langs Road, a black magnetic key holder. Can be claimed at the Driftwood.

ON OCTOBER 31, the paws of a kitten costume lost in Ganges. 537-9863.

PLEASE RETURN my hummingbird and my heart. No questions asked. Thank you - Jewel.

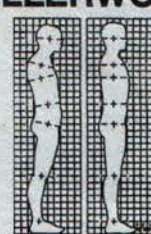
ONE PAIR of navy blue wool womens slacks with a silver brooch attached to the inside pocket. Lost the evening of November 15 in the parking lot of Saltspring Island Middle School, or on the roadway from SIMS to Long Harbour. Please call 537-2635. Reward offered.

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NORTHERN NEWS Services is accepting resumes for general news reporter. Minimum two years reporting experience, photography, willing to accept term assignments in smaller communities. Fax or mail: Bruce Valpy, Managing Editor, Northern News Services, Yellowknife, NWT. X1A 2R1. Fax: (403)873-8507.

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TRAIL & NATURE Club meeting for November 23 has been cancelled in order that members can attend the "Hidden Coast" talk at the high school at 7:30pm. Tickets for the Christmas lunch will be sold at the United Church from 6:30-7:30pm, November 23.

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SALT SPRING Island Community Services Society would like to extend a very big thank you to John McNab and Beau Davis for organising and running the food drive November 17-19 for the Christmas Hamper Program. Thanks also to the donors, the other volunteers involved, Rainbow Rentals and Ganges Village Market for their support of this initiative.

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WANTED. Fridge and 24" stove. 653-4520.

Winners named at annual garden club meeting

By ALISTAIR ROSS

Driftwood Correspondent

Galiano's garden club held its annual meeting and awards dinner at the North Galiano Hall on Wednesday, November 15.

Val Clark organized the pot luck luncheon, and show judge Aini Haksi presented the yearly awards to exhibitors. Winners in the various classes were: grand aggregate award — Alistair Ross; cut flowers — Bev Yeomans; vegetables — Don Gain; floral art — Joan Carolyn; potted plants — Monica Roots; herbs — Margaret Edgar.

Retiring president Ed Yeomans thanked the executive and membership generally for their support during his two-year term of office, and in turn was thanked by the membership for his hard work and devotion to duty.

Elected as president for 1996 was Margaret Edgar. Her executive includes Bill Callaway (vice president), Gloria Clothier (secretary), Don Gain (treasurer), Barbara Gibby (librarian), Joan Carolyn and Carolyn Gibson (showbench coordinators), Andree Connell (program and publicity), Audrey Cook (sunshine), Bev Yeomans (field trips), Ella Johnson (membership), and Lola Haenen and Connie Gray (social).

A brain teasing game attempted during the after-lunch program was won by Shirley Chambers, Andree Connell and Jane Edwards. "Collusion" was claimed but small prizes were awarded nevertheless in the fun event. An amusing poem by Jean Mozley brought the program to a close.

Weavers and spinners

A dozen felt hats made from local wool were sported by members of the Galiano Weavers and Spinners guild at their recent sale of work. New and different fibre arts were featured as well. Sales were brisk.

"Best show ever," states member Mary Jean Elliott. Raffle winners were Ellen Rowa of Vancouver, who won a dinner for two at the Woodstone Inn, and Robin Riddington — a hamper of goodies.

The Weavers and Spinners meet every Thursday afternoon in the members' homes, however, they plan to take some time off over Christmas and will not meet again until early February 1996. Those interested in joining the group can get more information by phoning one of the members.

North Galiano fair

North Galiano's sixteenth annual Christmas craft fair was held on the November 11 and 12 weekend. It was an unqualified success as always.

The event is an important fundraiser for the Galiano Island Community Association. All profits from food sales and the raffle go towards balancing the yearly budget. Specialty sales such as the packaged dog bones, homemade chocolates and bean soup mix are "cost only" items, with all actual profit going into community coffers. Ten per cent of all personal sales go to the community association as well. Although final fig-

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ures are not as yet available, it would appear the association's bank balance will grow by at least \$1,000 as a result of the craft fair.

Trish Cowperthwaite and Jackie Grist organized the food sales on Saturday. Hearty soup and hot sausage rolls was the fare. The Sunday tea was attended to by Alicia Maide and Julia Pearson.

The exhibition space in the hall was divided into boutiques with trellises and decorated with artificial fir bows and silk poinsettias.

Floral sprays made from Oregon grape, and fir and cedar bows graced the main door, the creations of designer Pearson.

The booths, manned by volunteers and crafters, featured such items as floral arrangements, dolls, sweaters and children's wear, Christmas decorations, sewn items, home baking, wearables and one-of-a-kind items. Extending on to the entrance deck was a display featuring quilts, sw quil- aliano

Needleguild. A gazebo on the grounds held other items.

Cashiers for the fair were Edith Wishart, Brian Cowperthwaite, Mary Hope Lovell and Ellen den Holder. Raffle salesman was Runciman Hooley. In charge of the stalls were Ena Hooley, Barbara Gibby, Nancy Davidson, Edith and Elsie Mussell, Paulina Barnes, Marion Williams and Aini Haksi. Assisting were Joan Waterman, Irene Howard, Bev Yeomans and Joan Carolyn.

Dorothy Ross shopped for the event and supervised the stalls, her husband Alistair decorated the hall and Walter Roots, Bill Stafford, Harold Wike and Brian Cowperthwaite did the "bull work" and managed the clean-up.

Raffle winners were: Harold Wike (dinner for two at the Woodstone Inn), Gill Allen

(Ralph Brine's recently published book, "Canada's Forgotten Highway"), Walter Roots (a decorative twig reindeer), Ann Duncan (a walkman radio), Akasha Forest (a living wreath) and Ena Hooley (a box of homemade chocolates).

Off once again

Galiano's Porlier Pass Light Station is to lose its keeper at the end of November. Richard Nicholson came to Porlier Pass just last June. As of the first of December he is posted again, this time to Discovery Island near Oak Bay. Nicholson understands Galiano's light station is scheduled to be automated next spring. An interim keeper will be put in charge here until that time, he feels.

Ambulance centre

Galiano's ambulance service

volunteers received word recently that the island's new station will be officially opened on Saturday, December 2, at 2 p.m. A previously scheduled September opening was postponed for reasons unknown here.

All Galiano citizens are invited to witness the ribbon-cutting and tour the new facility. It should be noted, however, that parking at the centre is limited and street parking on Porlier Pass Drive is often difficult.

Artists' guild invitational

The Galiano Artists' Guild winter invitational show will be held in the South Galiano Hall on Friday, November 24 (5-9 p.m.), Saturday, November 25 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Sunday, November 26.

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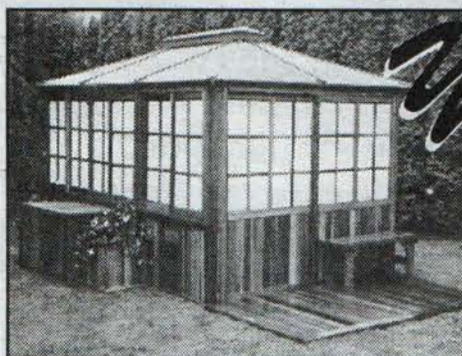
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