

Driftwood

Schools hiring process 'flawed'

• More coverage—Pages A4, A5
• Editorial—Page A8
By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

How could Gulf Islands school trustees not see a potential \$800,000 deficit reeling towards them this year?

That has been an oft-repeated question since the announcement two weeks ago that the Gulf Islands School District was having to pare \$797,000 in expenditures before the end of the fiscal year.

The potential for a deficit first came to light in December, and trustees directed superintendent Mike Marshall, now on sick leave (see related story), to prepare a plan of action. Marshall's budget reduction plan was approved by the board January 11, much to the dismay of district staff for whom layoffs are pending.

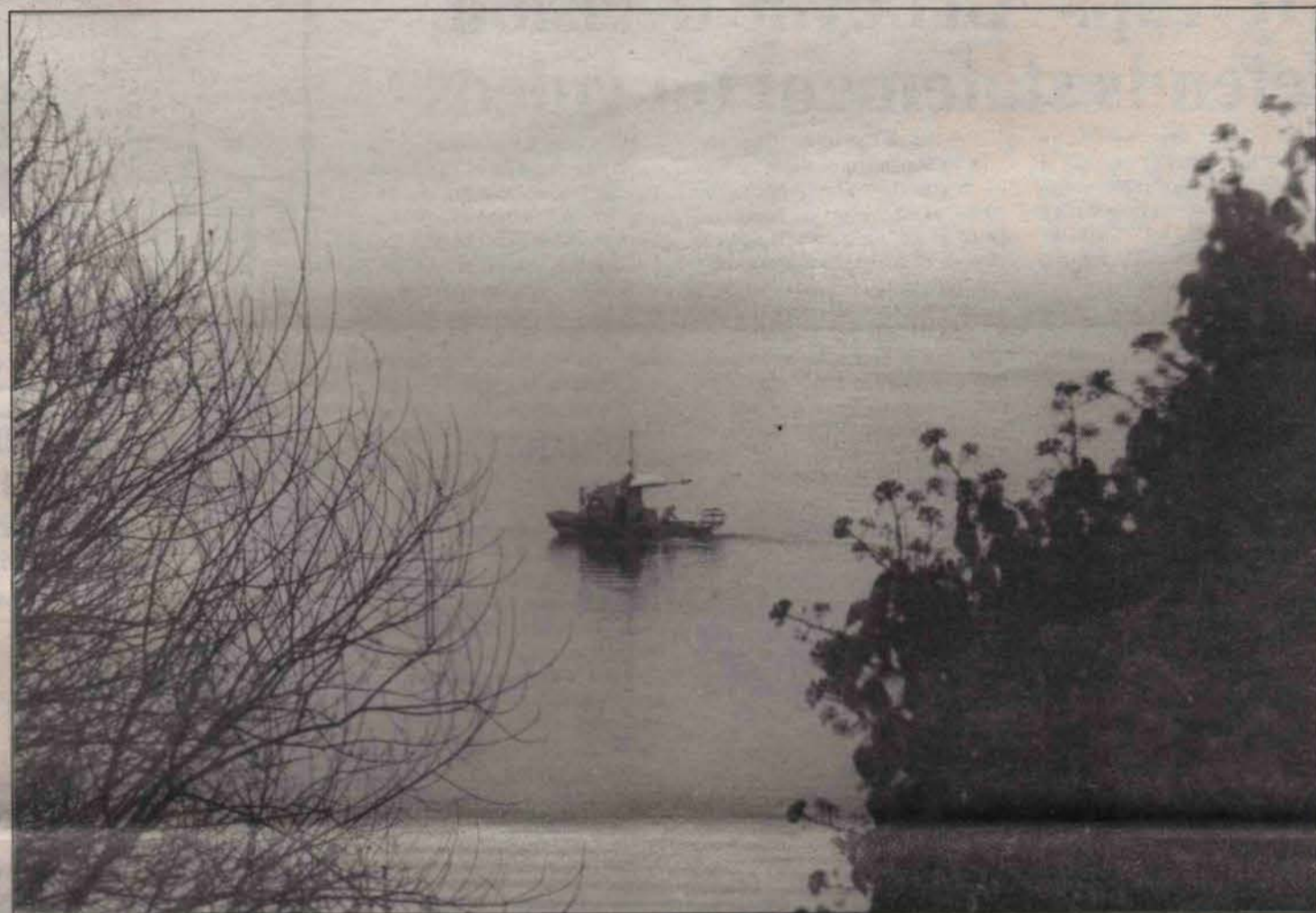
With the hiring of more staff than the district can afford identified as a major factor in the problem, control over that hiring is being reined in. Without cuts set for approval at a special school board meeting today (Wednesday), the district's payroll would have increased by \$660,658 from preliminary budget levels last April.

The process for approving new staff was clearly flawed, board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said in an interview Monday.

School boards work with administrators to produce a preliminary budget the April before a new school year begins in September. That budget includes a "global staffing level" based on projected enrolment. The board then delegates hiring authority to school administrators who are in the best position to determine the staffing needs of each school, explained Lambert.

The preliminary budget gives

SCHOOLS A4



Pulling the traps

A crab boat pulls traps near the Salt Spring shore against a backdrop of fog in Trincomali Channel Sunday. The crab fishery employs nearly a dozen people on Salt Spring.

Photo by Tony Richards

After dozens of operations since his birth, youngster, 8, family, get set for more

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Before he was one day old, Kane had a six-hour operation.

He spent the first month of his life in a hospital ward, his tiny body held in traction while he recovered from surgery.

"I held him for a matter of 10 minutes," his mother Donna Roscoe recalled, describing her son's birth. It was a month before she held Kane again, cuddling him in a sheepskin because the baby was in too much pain to endure direct contact.

"It was a big ordeal," she said. That first operation was just the start of treatment. By the

time Kane was 18 months old, he had gone through 20 operations or medical procedures. By the time he was five, the total had climbed to 30.

Kane, now 8, was born with bladder exstrophy, a rare congenital defect which occurs once in every 40,000 to 50,000 live births. Best described as an incomplete development of the lower abdomen, it involves several of the body's most complex and essential systems.

Kane's first operation closed an opening in his abdomen and adjusted the positioning of his pelvic bones. This operation is usually done at birth, since the bones are still pliable and can be more easily moved into the correct align-

ment.

Fortunately, Kane was a big baby, weighing almost 10 pounds when he was born. His size and otherwise good health increased the chances of successful treatment. Many of his organs were well-developed, adding to his chances of a normal life.

A second stroke of good luck was that the family was living in one of the two cities in Canada where the problem could be treated. Ultrasound had not detected the defect, so the problem was only identified when Kane was born.

OPERATIONS A3

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's ... Coast Guard setting flares

When a fiery, glowing light the size and colour of the moon came to a full stop, slid behind the trees and then slowly moved to the west and disappeared, at least one islander thought she had encountered a visitor from outer space.

The north Salt Spring resident was walking on Walker Hook Road last Tuesday evening around 8:45 p.m. when she spotted the "strangest thing."

The glowing light was in the wrong place to be the moon. When spark-like lights started shooting all around it, she wondered if it was an airplane on fire. Then it came to a full stop and started moving to the west.

"It was eerie, scary," she said.

A call to the Ganges Coast Guard the next morning brought the situation back to earth. Local Coast Guard crews had received a report from a passing tugboat of a windsurfing board, sail up, floating in Trincomali Channel.

They felt the situation was unusual because if the board had drifted from a dock, the sail would not be up.

The Coast Guard shot off several illumination flares from Wallace Island, which were likely carried by the wind across the Walker Hook area, giving rise to an unearthly appearance.

INSIDE



HAUNTED HOTEL: Strange, nocturnal events at the Harbour House Hotel are blamed on the friendly ghost of Walter Herzog. Page B1

WORRIED ABOUT WATER: Farmers gather for Trust's agricultural workshop. Page A20

Two-day meet begins ferry planning process

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Islanders and other stakeholders who gather later this week to talk about ferry service can be forgiven if they take some skepticism into the meeting. But if the design of the process — and the experience of a similar, north-coast committee — is anything to go by, the exercise could usher in a new era in local transportation planning.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation announced plans in December to

develop a 10-year strategic plan for Gulf Islands ferry service, a process that would utilize a stakeholders' advisory committee.

At the time, corporation president Frank Rhodes referred to an open planning process to generate new ideas to meet the challenges of local ferry service. Though the announcement was greeted with interest, years of frustrations of scheduling ferries to five different islands and dealing with a bureaucracy with its own agenda have left local transportation represen-

PLANNING A23

This Week

Around the IslandsB11
 Arts, Entertainment.....A17
 Classifieds.....B13
 Opinion.....A8
 Real Estate.....B2
 Sports.....B5

Fair Change

Island Savings was buying U.S. cash on Tuesday at the rate of 1.3889

THE URBAN MORON



MP raps Airborne decision, defends statement on videos

Disbanding the Canadian Airborne Regiment is a political move made in the heat of public outrage over a repulsive video and not a reasoned decision, says Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Jack Frazer, the Reform Party defence critic.

"I don't agree," Frazer said Tuesday, adding, "I'm holding no brief for the Airborne Regiment."

The regiment, already in disgrace over manslaughter and torture charges arising from the death of a 16-year-old Somali youth in March 1993, was back in the news last week with the release of two amateur videos.

One showed a 1992 "hazing" at CFB Petawawa, Ontario. In the video, a black soldier walks on his hands and knees and has the message "I love KKK" painted on his back. Dirt, excrement, urine and vomit were incorporated into various initiation activities.

The second video showed regiment members, while on duty in Somalia, referring to blacks as "niggers."

Instead of disbanding the unit in response to the videos, Frazer said, there should have been a public inquiry. The operation of the regiment, the role it plays in Canada's armed forces and whether it should be kept but restructured are some of the questions Frazer would like to have seen answered before a decision was made to disband the unit.

The abrupt loss of the regiment now puts pressure on one of Canada's remaining regiments to get ready on short notice for a tour of peacekeeping duty in Croatia, Frazer said.

The Royal Canadian Regiment, now in Croatia, completes its tour of duty at the end of March. The Airborne Regiment was being prepared to go to Croatia. If Canada intends to maintain a peacekeeping force in Croatia, another regiment — likely the Royal 22nd Regiment — will go instead.

Members of the Airborne were originally pulled from other regiments throughout the armed forces. They will now return to their original units, Frazer said.

He admitted the Airborne had a reputation both in and outside the forces as an "elite" unit, since members were expected to parachute into battle carrying only a 60-pound pack. The unit's reputation tended to lead to dislike both in and outside the service, Frazer added.

A tough, self-reliant attitude was encouraged. Frazer suggested the hazing activities may have been an attempt to prove personal strength and build camaraderie within the unit.

But he said there are better ways to achieve the same goal. During his 36 years in the military, he said, he never encountered anything like the activities depicted in the video. "My reaction to the videos is one of revulsion. I've never seen anything of that degrading nature. What they were doing was demeaning people."

His memories of hazing include requiring recruits to run set distances while carrying packs or standing at attention to a harangue from a senior officer. Such training builds the self-control required in military situations. Frazer said soldiers must also learn self-discipline so they behave appropriately when on peacekeeping missions and when dealing with the public.

"I've seen them (Canadian peacekeeping troops) in action and they're caring, compassionate and observant and they mean what they say."

Frazer himself drew some heat for comments he made Thursday in which he said the videos did not depict racism within the Airborne. The comments were taken out of context when reported in a Victoria newspaper, he said.

"I put myself in the position of presiding officer at a summary trial and asked, 'Could I, based solely on the evidence revealed by those videos, convict either the people involved or the Airborne Regiment of being racist?' The answer had to be no. There was sufficient evidence to revolt the viewer, to chastise those depicted and certainly enough to call for further investigation but not enough to convict," Frazer explained.

Frazer maintains a public inquiry should have been the government's next step. "Rather than jumping to conclusions based on an emotional reaction to the videos, I believe mine has been a responsible position."

"Let's seek the facts, all the facts and use them to consider the situation and make our judgment."



Frazer

ROBERT HASSELL ASSOCIATES LTD.
RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND PLANNING
 OFFICE: 5 CREEKSIDE, 121 McPHILLIPS AVE.
 GANGES, B.C., BOX 774, TELEPHONE 537-4368

JONATHAN L. OLDROYD
 Barrister & Solicitor
 Notary Public
 General Legal Practice

"Above the Pharmasave"
 P.O. Box 330, Ganges P.O.
 Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V9

TEL: 537-2752 FAX: 537-4531

LAW OFFICE

FOR THE RECORD

• A story last week on Salt Spring singer Debbi Toole mistakenly identified Toole's Victoria-based voice teacher as Maureen Brad. In fact, the instructor's name is Maureen Branch.

THE MAN WITH THE VAN

NRS SALT SPRING REALTY LTD.
 149 Fulford Ganges Road,
 P.O. Box 69, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0
 Phone: (604) 537-5515 Fax: (604) 537-9797

GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED BONDS FOR YOUR R.R.S.P.

Steve Somerset
 Investment Advisor
 361-2417 (collect)

10.1% *Rate subject to change without notice

NB NESBITT BURNS
 Member of the Bank of Montreal Group of Companies
KNOWLEDGE is POWER

RENEGADE RENOVATIONS

- Drywalling • Taping
- Tile Setting • Steel Studs
- Ceramic tiles - basement finishing
- Mexican pavers

Free Estimates Cellular
 537-9127 537-7658
 Serving the Gulf Islands

Gulf Island Glass

Vacation at home in a custom **SUNROOM**

Free estimates - call today!
 Shop located: Corner of Robinson & Upper Ganges Rd.
ROY CRONIN 537-4545

Tide Tables AT FULFORD HARBOUR
 Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet
 sponsored by Harbours End Marine & Equipment Ltd.

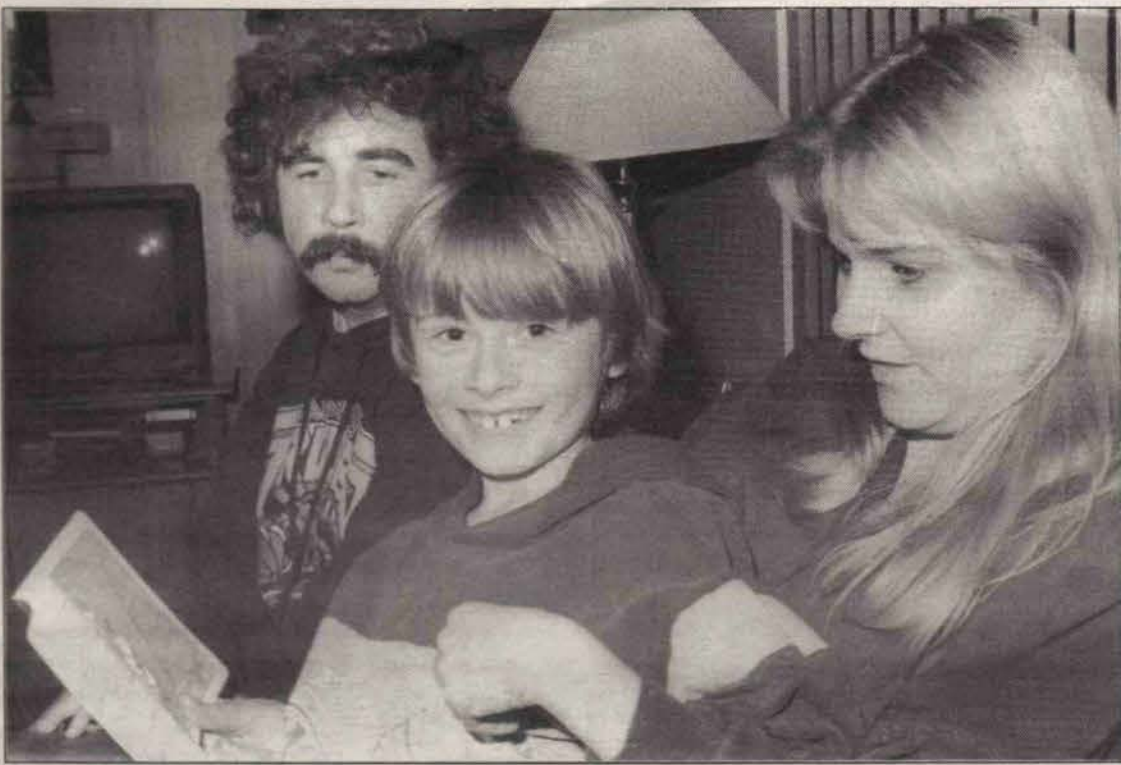
JAN 25	0105	8.8	29	0510	11.0
WE	0410	8.5	SU	0935	9.3
	1025	11.3		1355	10.7
	1825	2.8		2140	1.2
26	0250	9.6	30	0540	11.1
TH	0540	9.3	MO	1030	8.8
	1105	11.2		1500	10.5
	1915	2.0		2225	1.5
27	0350	10.3	31	0610	11.2
FR	0715	9.6	TU	1120	8.1
	1155	11.1		1600	10.1
	2005	1.5		2305	2.1
28	0435	10.8	FEB	0640	11.2
SA	0835	9.6	01	1205	7.5
	1255	10.9	WE	1705	9.8
	2055	1.2		2350	2.9

Don't get caught in the dark!
HONDA GENERATOR
 Model EG 3500, Regular \$1556.00

ONE ONLY! SAVE \$160⁰⁰
 CLEARANCE PRICED \$1396.00

HARBOURS END MARINE & EQUIPMENT
 122 Upper Ganges Rd. at the head of Ganges Harbour
 Mon.-Fr. 9 - 5
 Closed Sat. during Jan. & Feb. **537-4202**

GULF ISLANDER ADVERTISING SPACE ON SALE NOW!
 Call Jeff, Damaris or Carol to reserve your space. 537-9933



BALTIMORE BOUND: Steve and Donna Roscoe hope an operation in the United States will be approved for their son Kane, who suffers from a rare congenital defect. Photo by Valerie Lennor

OPERATIONS: *Eight-year-old's battle continues*

From Page A1

"We didn't realize how lucky we were until we met parents who were flying in (to Vancouver) from all over the country," Donna Roscoe said. "We met one other family (dealing with the same problem) and they were from Saskatoon."

Kane went through another major operation shortly before his second birthday.

By the time he was three years old, he had developed a severe allergy to latex — a reaction which sometimes occurs in children who are constantly exposed to medical procedures.

"Everything that's medical has latex in it," his mother observed. Surgical gloves, intravenous tubes and operating equipment all incorporate latex.

As a result of the allergy some of the medical procedures which might have been done in the last few years have been delayed.

By the time Kane was five, the Roscoes decided his condition was stable enough to allow them to leave Vancouver for Salt Spring Island. "I thought things were going really well," Donna Roscoe said. She expected Kane would not require any more surgery until he was a teenager.

But circumstances have changed. In November, Kane was back in hospital for a week, being treated for a serious infection. Donna and Steve Roscoe now notice their son is often suffering from mild infections.

Kane still has three fistulas —

small openings in his abdomen — which need to be repaired. And the first operation, to align his pelvic bones, was not entirely successful.

In November, Kane's doctor discovered he was suffering from reflux, the passing of urine back through the kidneys, a condition that can damage those organs.

By the time he was five, the Roscoes decided his condition was stable enough for them to leave Vancouver for Salt Spring.

Kane's kidneys are already under stress because he must take antibiotics to reduce the risk of infection. Every six months, he has gone for an ultrasound to check the condition of his kidneys.

"We never know what the next stages are," Donna Roscoe said. "I've been told that it is not life-threatening. I've also never been told that they live a full life."

The Roscoes have been advised that Kane should now be treated at the John Hopkins Children's Medical and Surgical Centre in Baltimore.

X-rays have been taken and sent

to the specialists in Baltimore. Now the family is waiting for word that B.C. Medical will finance the operation. They are also waiting for an opening in Dr. Robert Jeffs' schedule at the John Hopkins Centre.

"He's probably the best there is in the world," Donna Roscoe said.

Meanwhile, they have applied — reluctantly — to local service clubs for financial help. Steve Roscoe's income as a fisherman and his wife's earnings from a home-based craft business are not enough to finance the plane trip to and from Baltimore or the cost of staying in the U.S. city.

Plane tickets alone will cost \$800 to \$900 one way. Even with B.C. Medical covering the cost of the operation, the family will still have to come up with money to live in Baltimore for up to two months.

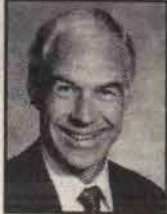
They have been advised that both parents should go since they will have to be with Kane round-the-clock while he recovers.

Kane has accepted the idea of another operation, despite a dislike for hospitals. Donna Roscoe describes her son as sensitive and kind, with a wonderful sense of humour.

The family hopes the operation will be the last for a long time.


"It's too much for one little guy to go through," his father said.

**NO COUPONS,
NO GIVE-AWAYS, NO GIMMICKS.**




Call
ROBERT CAMPSALL
537-1015 Call anytime

**Just Good
Old Fashioned
Service.**




Real Estate
Buying or
Selling

Forthright, Conscientious Service



NRS SALT SPRING REALTY LTD.
Phone: (604) 537-5515
FAX: (604) 537-9797
Victoria Direct: 656-5554
Vancouver Direct: 278-5595

Due to increased public demand



MOBY'S
marine pub

is pleased to announce

EXTENDED WINTER HOURS:

Lunch: 11am-5pm
Dinner: 5pm - 10pm
Munchies Anytime: 11am-Midnight

7 DAYS A WEEK!

Our kitchen never closes before midnight

124 Upper Ganges Rd.
537-5559

The
"Beach House"



With the best year round deep water moorage on Salt Spring Island. The 1835 square foot architect designed home offers the ultimate casual west coast lifestyle.

\$789,000 MLS

Please call
Henri Procter
537-4273



GULF ISLANDS REALTY LTD.
163 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T9
Phone: (604) 537-5577



**Skin
Sensations**
Aesthetics by Judith

Hands, Face & Feet
(manicure, facial and
pedicure package)

**SPECIAL
20% OFF**
In studio - Vesuvius
537-1624

**DOING YOUR
OWN REPAIRS OR
INSTALLATION?**

Come in and see us for
parts & free advise
from a professional!

**YOUR LOCAL PLUMBING
SUPPLY STORE**

**LEE THE PLUMBERS
WAREHOUSE**
537-1068
Mon. - Sat. 8am -5pm
105 McPhillips Ave., Ganges

24 HOUR EMERGENCY REPAIRS

Supplies, services account for 16% of school district shortfall

Not all of the Gulf Islands School District's potential funding shortfall has been caused by hiring more staff than it can afford.

About 16 per cent of increased expenditures are in the "supplies and services" sector.

Almost \$62,000 was spent on supplies and work needed to implement programs at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

That included work not covered by education ministry capital funding in the applied technology area, electrical work and millwork to install cafeteria kitchen equipment and purchase a kiln for the art department.

Hydro bills, water, sewage and garbage disposal costs across the district are also projected to increase substantially over amounts budgeted last April.

Some of those costs have come from operating part of the old high school as Salt Spring Island Middle School. When the district's budget was set last April, Grade 8 students were set to go to the new high school this September.

But prior to September some parents and administrators felt it would be better for those students to

receive their "core subjects" as a group, which Grade 8s have done at Mahon Hall in the past few years. A recommendation was then made for those students to use space at the middle school, even though the district would receive no operating grant for the school until September 1995.

Providing custodial and operating services for the school "seemed manageable," said school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert.

"It's a temporary problem, but a piece of why the board is overbudget."

Meanwhile, five new salaried positions added \$209,475 to the operations budget. Positions include one maintenance person, three custodians and one additional groundskeeper.

Some of the maintenance person's duties were once contracted out, said Lambert. But it was deemed more cost-effective in the long run to hire someone full-time rather than contract for electrical and other services as needed.

Proposed reductions in the operations budget are set for review by the school board today (Wednesday).

SCHOOLS: Controls needed on hiring

From Page A1

approval for each category of expenditure, such as teaching and non-teaching staff. "Then it's up to its administrators to ensure the programs and services are delivered within that broad approval," she said.

School trustees have always approved teacher appointments after the fact. They have never approved support staff, nor received a school-by-school breakdown on that category of staffing.

This process is being changed because of the current problem, said Lambert.

The board was not aware that staff costs were increasing as fast as they were and outstripping the district's income. More revenue from the education ministry was expected because the district was serving 88 more students than estimated at the time of budget preparation. The ministry bases its funding to school districts primarily on the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled as of September 30.

At the October 14 board meeting, secretary-treasurer Ken Starling reported that additional revenues forthcoming because of higher enrolment had already been allocated. But no alarm bells were sounded that month or the next.

"In November we felt we were cost-neutral because we were not apprised before the fact of the degree of hiring that was going on in the system," said Lambert.

It was not until mid-December that the magnitude of the potential deficit was identified.

Lambert did not want to blame individuals for the situation facing the board. All trustees can do now is make procedural changes necessary to ensure it does not happen in future, even if it means more time and meetings for school trustees.

"Much greater detail will be required by the board," said Lambert. "There will be more accountability with respect to monitoring and getting the information it needs in a timely way."

"The board will be very active

in reviewing and approving, prior to the fact, all cost additions that exceed the (preliminary) budget amounts."

While all school trustees are involved in the deficit problem and working on solutions, trustee David Eyles said the board had decided to "speak as a board" with Lambert as spokeswoman.

Trustee Ken Lee did say the board was "angry" about a situation caused by accepting the advice of administrators. "Sometimes we've questioned it, most times we've gone along with it," he said.

Lee was optimistic the budget reduction plan would bring spending back on track and hoped all groups would work together to soften the blow of reductions. He echoed Lambert's determination to avoid a repeat of the deficit crisis.

"It won't happen again as long as I'm on the board," he said.



Unique Floral Arrangements for every occasion.

- ✦ Birthdays
- ✦ Anniversaries
- ✦ Weddings
- ✦ And ... just because


YOUR RRSP CENTRE

RRSP LOANS AT PRIME o.a.c.


We have a Registered Retirement Savings Program that's right for you ... and easy to live with. Whether you choose to make small monthly deposits or periodic lump sum contributions, we can help you develop a strong financial plan which will bring you immediate tax savings while providing excellent long term growth. Interested in planning for the future and saving taxes today?

Please give us a call


105 Rainbow Rd., Ganges
Mon. - Fri. 9am-4pm
537-1730
We're your resident RRSP specialists



Mafalda Hoogerdyk



TG Investors Group
PROFIT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE



Martin Hoogerdyk
Chartered Financial Planner

ADVERTISERS! Call today to reserve your space in our 1995 Gulf Islander! Jeff, Damaris or Carol 537-9933



Matrix
HAIR • SKIN • COSMETICS

GREAT HAIR'S NO HASSLE WITH THE RIGHT STYLING TOOLS.


You choose the right tools to build something great. We use the right tools to give your hair more style. Like VaVoom!® styling products from MATRIX® ESSENTIALS. There's Shampooing and Conditioning to give hair a fuller, healthier look. And quick-drying, non-sticky Spritzing Spray to hold your style. Come in soon for a hair care and styling consultation.

25% OFF

Selected Matrix Men's & Ladies Haircare Products
Must bring this ad. Expires Feb. 28/95

STUDIO 103

HAIR DESIGN LTD.
Hair styling for men, women, children
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9-5 / Tues. 9-9
2103 Grace Point Square
537-2700



50% off

ALL T-SHIRTS

(as low as \$8.50)

ALL HOCKEY JERSEYS

(as low as \$35.00)


- AND -

BACK ISSUE COMICS

(in back issue box only)

SALE ENDS JANUARY 28, 1995

Open: Mon.-Sat. 10-5 • STORE 537-1337 / FAX 537-9851
#6 - 149 Fulford-Ganges Rd., Gasoline Alley



COLLECTABLES & MORE

Unique gifts for any age .. any occasion.

Sargeant's Mercantile

6am - 10pm EVERYDAY.

96% OFF

\$1 ea.

...on selected sweatshirts. Choice of colour & size

-MORE JANUARY SAVINGS-

Sale prices in effect Thur. Jan. 26 - Sun. Jan. 29, 1995 (While Supplies Last)

60% OFF - marine, fishing & camping supplies

50% OFF - Secret pantyhose • Gifts • Calendars & Diaries

40% OFF - Photocopies - colour & regular
- Stuffed animals
- Selected grocery items / - Videos for sale

30% OFF - Office supplies (in stock items only)

LOTSA STUFF FOR \$1...Look for unadvertised specials!

\$2.99 4L jug
2% MILK

**WHILE
SUPPLIES
LAST**

Present
this
coupon.

THURS. JAN. 26
to SUN. JAN 29,
1995

**20% OFF
MARINE FUEL**

**Superbowl
Special**



PIZZA



It's not just for breakfast anymore! Enjoy our handmade gourmet pizza & a 2 L pop with your favourite sport!
Ask about our special Superbowl discounts! 12 noon - 10pm.
SUNDAY JAN. 29TH, 1995 ONLY

Delivery Everywhere

(Free on orders over \$20 excluding taxes)



OVERLOOKING THE FERRY DOCK
Lots of Parking for your Car, Bicycle or Boat!

#1 - 2810 Fulford-Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1Z2
(Fulford Harbour)

Phone 653-9600 Fax 653-9800



Parents plan to fight special needs cuts

Parents of special needs children are among groups scheduled to put the heat on the Gulf Islands School Board at its meeting today (Wednesday).

Asking for a formal accounting of "targeted" special needs funds, and assurances that services to special needs students will not be reduced, are part of parents' response to suggested budget cuts put forth by the board January 11.

About 30 parents attended a Gulf Islands Special Needs Association (GISNA) meeting January 17 to hear about proposed cuts.

Members Judy Boylan and Betty Kempling said a 20 per cent annual reduction in paraprofessional staff costs was being contemplated. That would be more like a 40 per cent reduction for the remaining half-year.

"I strongly suspect their major reason for targeting this area is because they can," Boylan said.

Only 30 days' notice is required to lay off paraprofessionals, who are members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), while teacher contracts restrict the layoff of teachers at this point in the school year.

Although parents at last Tuesday's meeting were concerned that several paraprofessionals assisting special needs students and teachers in classrooms would be laid off, the school board's official position is that services to special needs students will not be reduced.

"At no time would the board consider achieving reductions through removing services to special needs students," board chairwoman Allisen Lambert told the Driftwood Monday.

School District 64 received \$1,992,000 in funds this year to be spent only on children designated as having "special needs." That includes costs for teachers, support staff, administrators' time and supplies.

The School Act prohibits spending of those funds for any other purpose.

Longtime district teacher, counsellor and consultant Ralph Miller spoke to the GISNA meeting. He and others have always been concerned about "targeted" funds being spent on services to special needs students, he said.

"This (budget cutting situation) just brings it into more acute focus."

He felt requesting a formal accounting at this time was appropriate.

Lambert also said special needs funding and services will be dissected by the board before the 1995-96 budget is drafted in April to ensure the best services are being provided with targeted funds.

Several people at the meeting noted this was not only an issue for parents of special needs children, but for all families with children in district schools. Without enough paraprofessionals to assist teachers in classrooms, all students will be affected.

Kempling urged parents to contact trustees and ask if their children would get the services needed after budget cuts were implemented.

"We're the ones who have the last say in it," she said.

Lambert indicated Monday that parents had been busy making their concerns known to trustees during the past week.

In addition to a presentation by GISNA members, today's board meeting will hear delegations from the district's CUPE employees and the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association respond to the budget reduction plan.

Lambert and secretary-treasurer Ken Starling met last week with all the district's school principals to determine exactly how cuts will be made in each school. That information will be reviewed by the school board today.

About 30 attended a Gulf Islands Special Needs Association meeting to hear about proposed cuts.

Rocket meeting Monday to explore marketing ideas

Fuelled by entrepreneurial ideas and energy, there's a "rocket" being built on Salt Spring.

A series of open discussion meetings called Building our Own Rocket has been organized by the island's Chamber of Commerce. The first one is set for Monday, January 30, at the Royal Canadian Legion beginning at 7 p.m.

Chamber director Duart Campbell is a driving force behind the rocket concept. He sees infinite opportunities for the island's home-based business people to benefit from sharing ideas and resources.

Campbell has already been thinking about ways for island businesses to "take off" and reach the skies.

Creation of an artisan-run group distributing goods to the United States, arranging package deals for tourists between accommodations people and home-based business operators, or marketing a summertime "artisan week" are a few ideas he has suggested.

Campbell said the chamber is "trying to be a catalyst to get the ideas flowing, and ones that are positive, and not ones that are out

of our control."

"Within our control" means actions that don't rely on government agencies for assistance or grants.

He also stresses that "home-based businesspeople" are not restricted to artisans. Anyone working from a home base who could benefit by joining forces with others is urged to attend the meetings.

"The last 10 years have increased our challenges but we have also seen an incredible increase in opportunity and potential," said Campbell. "Technology and communications have made the unheard-of possible. Even the free trade deal may help get us better access to the huge U.S. market."

"We have a great island, creativity abounds in our people and there are opportunities galore if we can turn our collective energies to seeking ways to succeed. We need to put our heads together and explore the creative ideas which we can all contribute."

For more information about Monday's meeting, contact Campbell by phone at 537-1589 or by fax at 537-9766.

MOUATS CLOTHING CO.

YEAR-END

INVENTORY CLEAR-OUT

ALL SALE ITEMS, CLOTHING, SHOES, ACCESSORIES-MENS/LADIES/KIDS HAVE BEEN MARKED DOWN TO THE LOWEST PRICES BEFORE WE TAKE INVENTORY AT MONTH END.

LADIES CLOTHING CLEARANCE \$10. \$20. \$30. \$40. \$50. \$60. \$70. \$80. COATS up to 70% off	KAMIK BOOTS Kids, Womens, Mens Duckies 1/2 price BRITCHES, GANT & WOOLRICH MENS WEAR 1/2 price	COUGAR Shoes & Boots (entire stock) 1/2 price MENS WINTER LINED JACKETS Reg. to \$90 \$39⁹⁹
---	--	---

Don't Miss This Final Sale!

VISA, MASTERCARD, HOMECARD Monday-Saturday 9:30-5:30 537-5551



YEAR-END

INVENTORY CLEAR-OUT

ALL SALE ITEMS, CLOTHING, SLEEPWEAR, UNDERWEAR, SOX, PANTYHOSE, ETC. HAVE BEEN MARKED DOWN TO THE LOWEST PRICES BEFORE WE TAKE INVENTORY AT MONTH END.

Don't Miss This Final Sale!

VISA, MASTERCARD, HOMECARD Monday-Saturday 9:30-5:30 537-5551

YEAR-END

INVENTORY CLEAR-OUT

ALL FRAMES 20% OFF

CALENDARS 50% OFF

PAPER NAPKINS & COVERS 20% OFF

NIGHT LIGHTS 20% OFF



HOT CELESTIAL SUN-MOON 30% OFF

WIND CHIMES 30% OFF

PLUS... MANY MORE SAVINGS IN STORE!

LAST CHANCE... ENDS JAN 31!

Hours: Monday - Saturday 8:30-5:30
537-5551

Home Hardware stores launch used paint collection program

A national hardware retailer has taken up the used paint recycling cause.

Home Hardware Stores Ltd. has beaten other paint manufacturers to launching a recycling program that takes back surplus paint — at no charge to the consumer.

The local Home Hardware store, Mouat's Trading Co., will begin taking back old paint February 7, manager Ben Martens said Monday.

The company is accepting any manufacturer's paint, not just its own, and is doing so without charging the "ecofee," a surcharge on paint purchases implemented last November by B.C. paint manufac-

turers. Purpose of the fee is to set up a recycling system for old paint, but such a system has yet to be put in place. (See separate story.)

When Home Hardware announced plans to recycle its own brand of paint, the provincial Ministry of Environment suggested it should accept all brands. The company agreed to collect all brands, but will recycle only its own.

The recycled paint is expected to be available on store shelves later this year.

More than 100 Home Hardware stores in British Columbia will be ready to accept old paint by the end of February.

Consumers pay paint recycle fee but there is no collection service offered

Many local residents are paying for a paint disposal depot that does not yet exist.

Under the B.C. Paint Care Program, introduced last October 1 by the B.C. Paint Manufacturers' Association, an extra charge is attached to every can of paint to cover the cost of depots which will handle the returned paint.

All paint sellers but one on Salt Spring are charging the fee, which ranges from \$1 for a five to 23-litre container down to 10 cents for 250 ml or less.

A 1-800 number posted near the paint tins in local stores purports to direct people to where they can dispose of their paint tins. But when the number is dialed from Salt Spring, a recorded message suggests the caller check back for depot locations in March or call the B.C. Recycling Hotline for disposal information.

A call to that number suggests paint be returned to Home

Hardware. (See separate story.) If there isn't a Home Hardware store in their community, consumers are advised to wait until a drop-off date is set for their area. Completely dry, empty paint cans can be disposed of with regular garbage.

Calypso Carpet owner Alan Redpath predicts there will never be a depot on Salt Spring although he expects one will eventually be set up in Duncan. Once his business moves to a new, larger building, he is considering setting up some type of paint collection area.

Ideally, he would like to find a way to direct any unused paint back to people in the community who could make use of the product.

"I can see the problem that people are going to have on the island trying to take it into Duncan," he said.

Mike Stefancik, assistant manager at Windsor Plywood, said the store must pay the extra fee when purchasing paint from wholesalers. But he said the store will-

ingly supports the program. "We feel it's a good idea."

Unlike Redpath, he expects a depot will eventually be established on Salt Spring. "It's at the infancy stages now."

Slegg Lumber salesman Andy Scheres confirmed the store is also charging the disposal fee but has heard no further information on the program.

Kevin Marks of KCM Paint and Paper was skeptical that any paint disposal program could be established on Salt Spring. "I can't see that happening until they agree with the ferries on what they're transporting."

He tried to offer a paint collection program two years ago, only to run afoul of dangerous goods regulations. The program established by the paint manufacturers has not resolved the program for islanders.

"They're charging the fee but it is still difficult getting rid of it," Marks said, adding, "Take it to Mouat's. They're collecting it for free."

Chimney fire causes no damage

A build-up of creosote under a chimney rain cap was responsible for a chimney fire just after 3 p.m. last Wednesday on Old Divide Road.

By the time firemen arrived, the fire had almost burned itself out and there was no damage.

"This happens quite often," fire captain Erling Jorgensen said, explaining that creosote can condense and accumulate under the metal rain cap, become overheated and ignite.

Barbara Jordan-Knox M.S.W.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELLOR

Office: 152 Fulford-Ganges Road
Mon. - Fri. 8-4pm 537-5111

Saluting the arrival of the

S.S. DAIRY STORE



Docking soon at
MOBY'S MARINE CENTRE
126 Upper Ganges Road

Watch For It!

Webs n Things
STUDIO & GALLERY

2275
North End Road
537-1037

Gulf Islander advertising space is on sale now! Call Jeff, Damaris or Carol to reserve your space in this wildly successful tourist publication. 537-9933

HANNA AIR
SALTSPRING

NEW SERVICE Downtown Vancouver!

Save up to \$25 one way over competitors fares.

Same super services to Vancouver Airport 3 times a day - Winter Schedule.

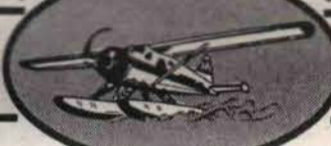
CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFO

Reservations 537-9359

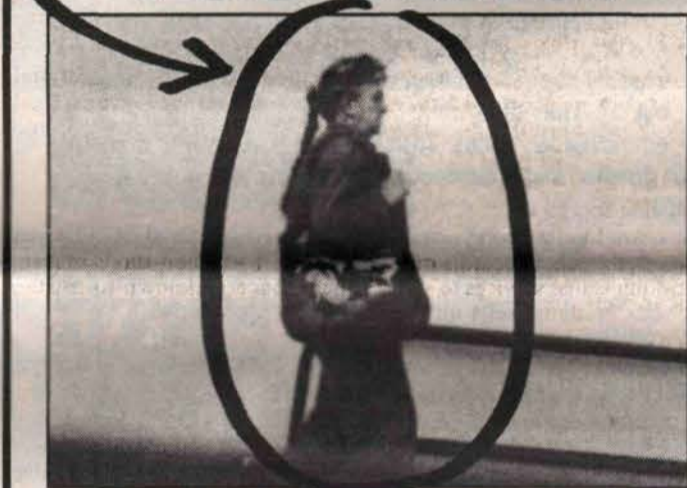
VISA IATA 1-800-665-2359 MasterCard

Call Jeff, Damaris or Carol TODAY to reserve your space in our 1995 issue of Gulf Islander - 537-9933

HARBOUR AIR LTD.



You Who?



You are this week's winner of a return flight on

HARBOUR AIR'S NEW AIRPORT SERVICE

WINTER SCHEDULE
effective December 1, 1994

GANGES to VANC. AIRPORT daily service
\$55.00 one way inc. GST

Flt #	Departs	From	To	Arrives	Routing
801	7:40am	Airport	Ganges	8:00am	direct
802	8:00am	Ganges	Airport	8:25am	stops
803	12:15pm	Airport	Ganges	12:40pm	direct
804	12:45pm	Ganges	Airport	1:10pm	direct
805	3:30pm	Airport	Ganges	3:55pm	direct
806	4:00pm	Ganges	Airport	4:25pm	stops

GANGES to DOWNTOWN VANC. daily service
\$60.00 one way inc. GST

Flt #	Departs	From	To	Arrives
402	8:00-8:30am	Mon-Fri. Islands	Vanc.	8:30-9:00am
403	3:30pm	Mon-Fri. Vanc.	Islands	4:00-4:30pm
405	9:00am	Saturday Vanc.	Islands	9:30-10:00am
406	9:30-10:00am	Saturday Islands	Vanc.	10:00-10:30am
407	2:00pm	Sunday Vanc.	Islands	2:30-3:00pm
408	2:30-3:00pm	Sunday Islands	Vanc.	3:00-3:30pm

Ticketing through your local travel agents

HARBOUR AIR LTD.
537-5525
1-800-665-0212

"Your local airline for over 9 years".

If you are this weeks winner, simply call Harbour Air to claim your prize.

A painful lesson

If you're going to play, make sure you understand the game. Our democratic system puts the final responsibility for government in the hands of ordinary people. Those who sit on our school board, on the Trust Council, on the regional board — even in the legislature and in the House of Commons — are seldom experts in the business of government.

No matter how skilled they may be in their own fields, they often end up relying on the professional administrators, bureaucrats or civil servants who have made a career of government. This is especially true of newly-elected representatives, who must make decisions about policy, planning and budgets while still learning the basics.

For many, the easiest course of action (or inaction?) is to rely on the professionals who fill government offices — even if those elected don't quite understand the reports which fill their agendas.

So it is not difficult to understand the current predicament of the Gulf Islands School Board, which has abruptly found itself awash in red ink.

As trustee Ken Lee admits, the board listened to the administrators and the administrators were wrong.

Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the people steering the ship — the school trustees — did not understand the implications of secretary-treasurer Ken Starling's report last October that all additional funding had been allocated. They did not realize that statement needed to be measured against a growing staff list.

In fact, they didn't know the list was growing, since the full report never showed up on their monthly meeting agendas.

They didn't understand the system well enough to ask the right questions. Had those questions been asked, control over the district's finances would not have been lost somewhere between the school board, the district administration and the school administrators.

The trustees should have made it their business to know what was going on. They didn't.

The administrative staff should have made their reporting to trustees detailed and clear enough to indicate the problem.

It wasn't.

This school board has learned a painful lesson. Never again will these trustees complacently accept the word of their administrators that all is well. In future, they will ask many questions and insist on answers that they can understand.

These trustees now know what they must do. But what about the next slate who will fill their seats?

Among changes that must be made to district procedures: better education for incoming trustees and better reporting to trustees by district administrators.

We hope she's not serious

A section of the Sustainable Salt Spring report looked ahead with a vision of the island in the year 2025. But what will it be like here in just 10 years?

Community enthusiasm for launching grand schemes ought to have created an unfinished project or two. Parking will be hard to find in Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius. The Long Harbour ferry will invariably run late. An incorporation study will be preparing a list of options for local government. And Kathy Reimer will have retired from salmon enhancement work.

Say what? Can that last forecast be possible?

It is if you can believe a quotation attributed to Reimer in a story last week about the latest creek enhancement work. The driving force behind creek improvements indicated the youth of today would be doing her work 10 years hence.

After so many years of her tireless efforts on behalf of salmon enhancement, it is difficult to imagine it being carried out without the indefatigable Reimer at the helm. Here is an islander who every day makes a difference for the benefit of future generations of humans and fish.

Here is someone whose retirement just 10 short years from now would create a vacuum that few could hope to fill.

We can think of no one else who has made such a significant contribution to the local environment. And we can think of no one else with the energy, the expertise and the enthusiasm to carry on the job.

We can only hope, Kathy, that you've been misquoted!



Part of unsustainable culture to exaggerate, distort, criticize

The various responses printed in the Driftwood two weeks ago to the Salt Spring roundtable's discussion paper are both encouraging and laughable. It's good to know that many people are thinking about how continued growth here on Salt Spring can be sustainable into the future.

While of course the easiest vision to reject was the light rail transit, this was only one idea mentioned on two pages of a 38-page report which included a full page of transportation recommendations which did not include the railway. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water!

I liked the cartoon picture of a future Salt Spring alive with forests and natural looking houses; a lot nicer than the real picture of the Mill Bay/Maple Bay area, well-lit with houses which have stripped the land of any hope for a sustainable rural lifestyle. (Although what that chicken had against goats must be purely hereditary; the roundtable didn't reject this potentially land-eroding species.) We chose a railway vision because it is both the cheapest and least polluting transportation option, costing only U.S. \$5.50 per thousand passenger kilometers compared to cars at \$39.78 per thousand.

Our section, Future Visions, as mentioned in the report, is only a beginning to what we hope will be a larger community visioning of a sustainable Salt Spring. The invitation to join the roundtable process was put to businesses and chamber members who could and still can contribute their ideas toward a sustainable Salt Spring.

It is a difficult question we are all working to understand: how do we plan for the growth which is happening so fast, allowing for a diversity of jobs and lifestyles yet keep this island's beauty, rural qualities and liveability for the next generation. It is part of our own unsustainable culture that we exaggerate, distort and criticize each other's ideas, rather than add to them, being more creative and deep thinking.



VIEW
POINT
BY SHEILA
HARRINGTON

I would much rather live next to a solar aquatic greenhouse which discharges drinkable water and useable compost rather than next to an enlarged and improved sewage plant which still discharges sewage into our harbour.

The report also carries recommendations to increase non-polluting light industry, agricultural activities, sustainable forestry related activities, low-impact recreation and tourism and value-added industry (such as clothing, building materials, food processing and boat building). It supports promoting (rather than eliminating or decreasing as one islander suggested) local businesses and producers.

Our housing suggestions include a pedestrian-style Ganges in addition to village clusters for new developments. The addition of residential units above retail stores in the Ganges area would increase the liveability and security of the area, alive with recreational and cultural activities, including sea walks and boat rentals and marine-related businesses. As for the cluster housing arrangement, it makes neighbourhoods more liveable with more trees and green spaces and fewer roads. The current trend is to sell five to 10-acre properties to rich urbanites planning to retire to what was once a rural beautiful island, now cut up by mega-homes with clearcut septic fields.

People with copies of the roundtable's discussion paper should copy the tear-out response sheet and pass on the booklet to a friend for their input. Unfortunately, rather than gather dust on a shelf, there are very few copies of the paper left. A few are available at the Trust office, or call Salt Spring Community Services, 537-9971, to request a copy.

Sheila Harrington was coordinator of the roundtable, organized the 1993 Sustainable Building Practices Conference, edited the Building Green on the Gulf Islands book, and recently coordinated the Southern Gulf Islands Bioregional Project. She lives and works on Salt Spring and Galiano.

I would much rather live next to a solar aquatic greenhouse... than next to an enlarged and improved sewage plant which still discharges sewage into our harbour.

Gulf Islands
Driftwood



Published Wednesdays
at Ganges, B.C. by
Driftwood
Publishing Ltd.
328 Lower Ganges Rd.
Salt Spring Island, B.C.
V8K 2V3
Phone: 604-537-9933
Fax: 604-537-2613
Vic. Direct: 604-655-1619
Office Hours
8:00 am - 5:00 pm,
Monday to Friday

President Frank Richards
Publisher Joyce Carlson
Managing Editor Tony Richards
Assistant Editor Susan Lundy
Reporters Valorie Lennox, Gail Sjøberg, Graeme Thompson
Advertising Jeff Outerbridge
Damaris Rumsby, Carol Pering
Claudia French, Linda Pickell
Mary Lou McLean
Office Patti Gregson, Lorraine Sullivan
Peggy Kerry, Alice Richards,
Catherine Trudell, Liz Jones
Production PRINTED WITH SOY INK

Yearly Subscription Rates
Southern Gulf Islands \$33.17*
Elsewhere in Canada \$62.06*
6 months Elsewhere in Canada \$41.73*
Outside Canada \$169.00
Publications Mail
Registration No. 0803
* Includes GST
International Standard Serial Number 1198-7782
Memberships
Canadian Community Newspapers Association
B.C. & Yukon Community Newspaper Association
B.C. Press Council

SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: How should the school board deal with the deficit?



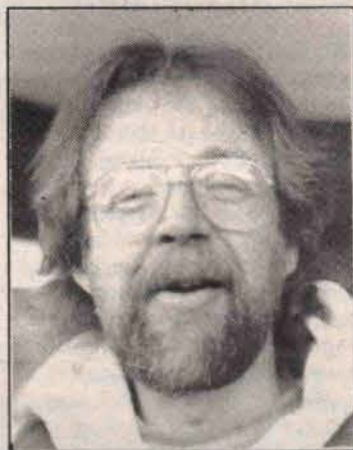
Gloria McEachern

I think the school board should resign. They were forewarned months ago that they were over-spending and they were going to be faced with a deficit.



Ray Popkin-Clurman

I suppose the teachers should take a salary cut like everybody else.



Ron Cooke

I think they should do a proper audit of where the money went and then get on with solving the problem.



Marion Marks

I think the children are lucky enough to have a nice school like that. I think they should do some volunteer fundraising.



Heather Jones

I think they should turn off some of the lights at night. They have tons of lights on.

Letters to the editor

Ensuring year of success

From an environmental perspective, 1994 has been a year of "extremes" with record changes in weather and climate. We have also seen some major social changes and miraculous comebacks as dramatic as the last two games of the Grey Cup.

The same thinking, hoping and strategizing on the environmental scene is required to take us into the next century - if we're going to "out-manoeuvre the opposition." The ocean is warming up; El Nino - that "mysterious tropical current," has now appeared in the Indian Ocean (as well as the Pacific), and is linked with droughts and famines which they predict will hit India in approximately six months. There are facts (which are not being dealt with by our "media") we no longer can avoid: i.e.: 40 per cent of the greenhouse gases produced in B.C. (35 per cent of the total from car pollution and 50 per cent from pulp mills) are being absorbed into the ocean (warming it up and altering fish and marine life).

Are we winning? Answers vary from "who cares?" to "you can't beat the system" to "what can we do?"

Prime Minister Chretien is meeting President Clinton in February to discuss various issues. Please write him stressing that there won't be any economy if the environment becomes more polluted; cleanup is a priority (address: Ottawa K1A 0A6). Also, this could be a provincial election year and provincial Environment Minister Moe Sihota should be contacted (Victoria V8V 1X4). Politicians love the words "growth economy" and "global economy" but don't seem worried about being stewards or protecting what environment we

have.

The upcoming Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig (commencing January 31), predicts a year of success for all; "all's for the best in the best of all possible words!"

Let's ensure that it is!
SUE HISCOCKS,
Morningside Road

Limits on freedom

The Canadian government had a huge office building in Quebec which housed among other ministries the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs of which my son was chief. He was English, bilingual and employed both English and French investigators. He lived in Quebec and the two languages were accepted quite happily. My husband and I visited quite often.

In Ontario where we lived the French-speaking population were treated royally with many French-speaking schools, French-speaking law courts and all foods packaged with bilingual labels. In fact, one English store I frequently used to get my English magazines had all the English chocolate bars removed by government officials because they did not have the description in French too. Then certain people in Quebec were not satisfied - they wanted more - they wanted everyone to speak only French. So they brought in unilingualism and insisted that everyone in Quebec spoke French only - even the children in school playgrounds were made to speak French, and all road signs, shop signs, etc., had to be in French only.

When my granddaughter was old enough for school she either had to go to a French school or my son had to move out of Quebec - yet in Ontario everyone had a choice. By this time I was

getting more than a little annoyed because although I liked the province of Quebec and it was fun to try and learn their language, when they started to take away my freedom of choice it was a different story. After all, wasn't freedom the whole point of the last war and wasn't that what thousands of people laid down their lives for?

The climax for me came when the son I spoke of died and although the death certificate was printed in both English and French, they refused to fill it in in English as they said it wasn't allowed in Quebec, though he died in Ottawa. So please, Alice Tester, see the other side of the picture. If it is a minority, isn't it time the majority made themselves heard before it is too late?
JOAN E. MILTON,
Lower Ganges Road

McKIMM & LOTT

BARRISTERS • SOLICITORS • NOTARIES PUBLIC

Serving Saanich Peninsula and the Gulf Islands for 22 years

McKimm & Lott has seven lawyers with a wide range of expertise to advise you in many areas of the law.

Areas of practice:

family	criminal
corporate law	insurance law
commercial law	wills/trusts/estates
marine/fisheries law	commercial litigation
real estate/condominiums	ICBC/personal injury/medical

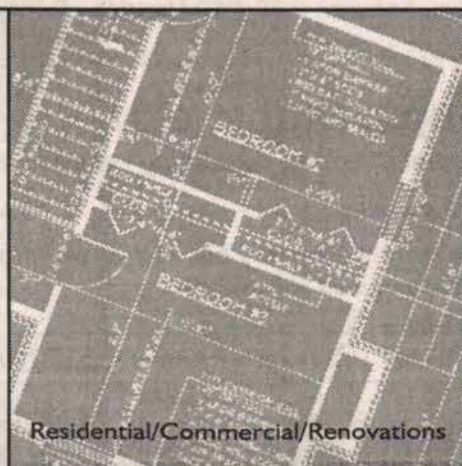
Ganges Centre, Ganges, B.C.,
Sidney office Tel: 656-3961

Tel: 537-9951 Fax: 537-4341
• Victoria office Tel: 389-0809

KEN FRENCH GENERAL CONTRACTING

Over 30 years experience

For a free estimate
and a solution to
affordable construction
call 537-9942



Residential/Commercial/Renovations

Olde Tyme VALUES & SERVICE

SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 1995

One Day Only!

15%

OFF ALL
MERCHANDISE

(except fuel, feed, tobacco products, video rentals and newstand)
WHILE QUANTITIES LAST

PATTERSON MARKET LTD.

Fulford Harbour 653-4321

Serving Islanders since 1915

Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-7pm / Sat. 9am-7pm / Sun. 9am-7pm



NDP transformation heralds next election

VICTORIA — A politician's stance on any particular issue "all depends on whose ox is being gored," Dave Barrett, British Columbia's first NDP premier, once said.

With a provincial election on the horizon, Mike Harcourt's ox will be in for a lot of goring in the next few months, prompting the province's second NDP premier to take some rather peculiar political and philosophical stances.

There are the small things such as hiring freezes to which the NDP was invariably opposed when they were in opposition.

Yet there's now a hiring freeze of sorts in effect, and most vacant positions remain either unfilled or are restricted to in-service applications.

CAPITAL COMMENT
HUBERT BEYER



And the same party that used to bash the Socreds for "creative bookkeeping" is now trying to sell British Columbians on the notion that it will bring down a balanced budget this spring, a feat that will require creative bookkeeping of considerable proportions.

I have little doubt that the next budget will be presented as a balanced one, with a precise match of revenue and expenditure figures, but like any card game, the one the Harcourt government is playing has several jokers in the deck, the major one of which has to do with long-term expenditures.

Massive borrowings for road construction, for instance, will not show up in the budget, and the only way to really assess the province's fiscal situation is to look at the province's accumulated debt which now stands at \$27 billion. That's up by at least \$7 billion since the Harcourt government took office.

The creative bookkeeping trick that will enable the Harcourt government to lay claim to a balanced budget is the removal from the annual budget of such things as highway, hospital, school and sewer construction.

Rather than rolling these into the annual operating budget, they'll be treated as long-term investments to be paid off over a 20 or 25-year period.

Another approach to balancing the budget that would have sent Barrett into deep depressions may be privatization. In a recent pre-budget meeting, Finance Minister Elizabeth Cull told reporters that the government is looking seriously at privately owned hospitals, schools, toll bridges and roads.

"We're doing some work to see whether there aren't some ideas besides direct government funding and building of facilities that we need," Cull said. "I think you could look at the private sector building (hospitals) and then renting to a hospital board."

She must be joking or else she doesn't know about the convulsions her colleagues went through when they fought Bill Vander Zalm's privatization of such things as highways maintenance and tree nurseries.

They also didn't exactly fall all over themselves with joy when the Socreds under Bill Bennett sold ferry vessels to the private sector and then leased them back.

Cull admits that there are some problems to be solved before the government tells the private sector to go nuts and build hospitals, roads, schools and bridges to its heart's content.

Most developers, she says, want the government to guarantee the debt or sign a long-term lease. But as soon as the government does that, it must carry the debt on its books, and the interest is often higher because the government has a better credit rating.

Having to carry the debt on its books is the one she really dislikes, I suppose, because it defeats the government's balanced-budget mirror show.

Now, don't get me wrong. I have no problem with privatization. I've always been firmly convinced that the private sector can run things more efficiently than government. I also believe that there is room for government and private enterprise to co-operate.

A good example was the public-private partnership that will see a paved road built to the Mount Washington ski area on Vancouver Island. The provincial transportation financing authority borrowed the money, which will be repaid by a \$2 surcharge on ski lift tickets.

As an avid skier, I anxiously await the day I can drive all the way up to the ski hill without having to buy an all-terrain four-wheel-drive vehicle. But again, I point out that although this arrangement can hardly be compared with health care user fees, it's a user-pay scheme nevertheless, and that's something that used to rub the NDP entirely the wrong way.

But we might as well get used to the miraculous transformation the NDP has undergone. Forgotten are the battles of the past when the very mention of the word privatization sent NDP opposition members into a frenzy.

Let's let the private sector pave our roads, build our schools and hospitals, and yes, there may even be a place for the public sector in replacing the Lion's Gate Bridge in Vancouver. After all, it does depend on whose ox is being gored.

More letters

Where are condom machines?

Re: teen pregnancy rates and condom machines in the high school.

In the face of the violence and furor surrounding the abortion issue in the rest of North America, Salt Spring may seem happily removed and unaffected. But a recent (June 1994) report prepared for the Southern Gulf Islands Health Plan Steering Committee indicates that our teen pregnancy rate (number of pregnancies per 1,000 females between the ages of 15 and 19) is significantly higher, at 66.7, than it is either in the Capital Regional District (51.4) or the province as a whole (50.9). The report's authors observe that "the relatively high teen pregnancy rate may be indicative of poor education/contraception resources for teens."

In the face of these statistics, and knowing the consequences associated with teenage pregnancy, why aren't we doing more to prevent it? Why do we still not have condom vending machines in the washrooms of our high school, at youth centres, in health clinics, and at the hospital? At the very least their presence might serve to remind students that pregnancy happens, and that prevention is possible. They might choose abstinence, or use other methods.

I find it difficult to reconcile the image of workers at hospitals and abortion clinics who are literally

risking their lives to ensure that women, evidently including some of our own pregnant teens, have access to abortion, when we as a community don't seem to have the courage and resolve, in the face of a few hostile parents, to ensure that we are doing as much as we can to prevent those pregnancies in the first place. Preach abstinence, but please, pass the condoms.

JULIA ATKINS,
Brookwood Place

Magic not fun for everyone

Re: Wrong conclusions, Driftwood, January 18.

Mr. Klenman has a hard time with some of the conclusions I've drawn about his involvement with the game Magic, so I will be a bit more specific. How did I do my research, Mr. Klenman? Well, I spoke with lots of the kids who patronize your store, many other parents, as well as visiting other stores off Salt Spring who also sell Magic cards. What I found was that there is quite a discrepancy in the prices charged for the cards you sell individually and those sold at other establishments. It must be very difficult as an ambitious store owner for you to not feel defensive about this, or to have an objective perspective, but from the outside looking in, what I see is a clear case of free enterprise

taken to the extreme - unsuspecting youth being taken advantage of.

I really don't care who the game was designed for - the fact is that, on Salt Spring, lots of young kids (as young as seven and eight-years-old, you were quoted as saying), mainly boys, are playing this game. And you, Mr. Klenman, to a big extent are a role model to these young people.

Unlike a rare or handcrafted chess set, for which the consumer would pay an increased fee to acknowledge the workmanship involved, or the material the set was made from, Magic cards are mass produced on card stock and, as such, have no intrinsic value whatsoever. I feel nothing but contempt for the concept of arbitrarily assigning increased value to certain individual cards and the effect this has on the kids. Did you listen to the discomfort expressed from parents and school teachers at the dynamics that started taking place between the kids when this element came into the picture? Do you understand that this isn't "fun" for everyone involved like it is for you?

When I read that kids are spending \$500 to \$600 on Magic cards, as mentioned in the January 4 article, it makes me shudder. Personally, I can think of several more intelligent, creative and lasting choices to be made, and as an involved, concerned parent, I will definitely advise my children accordingly.

CONNIE ADDARIO,
Byron Road

SALT SPRING ISLAND
CUSTOM FURNITURE CO.
B.C. CANADA

111 WELBURY PT. DR. (604) 537-5114

1995-96 SSI DIRECTORY 1995-96

Personal Listings:

If you are not in last year's Directory but want to be in the next one...If your phone is not listed in your name but you want to be listed...If you live on Salt Spring and don't have a telephone but want to be listed so people will know where you are....

Go to the nearest bank, credit union or post office, find the black box on the counter, fill out the yellow "Personal Listing" form and drop it in the black box. We'll take it from there!

OR

Fill out the Business Reply Card in the current Directory and mail it!

Business Listings:

a) If you are in the current Directory, do nothing - you should automatically receive an information package early this month.

b) If you are not in the current Directory, but wish to advertise in the 1995-96 edition, call us at 537-2000 before Jan. 31st or come to see us at 105 Hereford Ave. between 9:30-4:30 Monday - Friday.

Societies, Groups, Clubs, etc:

a) If you are in the current Directory, do nothing - you will be called for an update;

b) If you are not in the current Directory but wish to be listed in the "Societies" pages, please call us at 537-2000.

Lions Publications - 105 Hereford Avenue - 537-2000

ROTARY BINGO

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 — 7:00 P.M.

Royal Canadian Legion Meaden Hall

CERTAIN RULES APPLY

BLACKOUT JACKPOT

Prize \$500

Licence #764375

We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities



Friendly Carry-out Service!

THRIFTY FOODS™



Lots of Parking Available!



Customer Service 537-1522

Prices in effect Wednesday, January 25 to Tuesday, January 31, 1995

Quality

Value

Service

Smiles in the Aisles...



Smiles in the Aisles are back BIGGER and BETTER!

If you spot your photo in our Driftwood ad or in the store on our "Smile Board", then notify a staff member and we will enter your name to win

A TRIP FOR 4 TO DISNEYLAND IN CALIFORNIA!

Contest ends March 31/95. See details in store!



SUPER SPECIALS OF THE WEEK!

THRIFTY, FRESH
Gourmet Pizza
2/9⁹⁸
8 var. Large
* SALT SPRING STORE ONLY!

COUNTRY STYLE
Pork Sausage
13⁸⁸
10 lb. pkg.

TENDERLOIN END
Pork Loin Chops
17⁸⁸
10 lb. pkg.

SUN RYPE, BLUE LABEL
Apple Juice
88¢
1 L.

MONEY'S, WHITE
Mushrooms
1³⁸
3.04 kg. lb.
* SALT SPRING STORE ONLY!

MINUTE MAID, FROZEN
Orange Juice
88¢
295-355 ml.

THRIFTY FOODS
Drinking Water
NEW!
88¢
4 l. jug

OLD DUTCH
Potato Chips
98¢
200 g.

THRIFTY FOODS IS PROUD TO PRESENT SALT SPRING'S 1ST ANNUAL

Bridal Fair

Sunday, Feb. 19th
ACTIVITY CENTRE
Salt Spring Elementary

- FASHION SHOW • EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS • MUSIC
- DOOR PRIZES • REFRESHMENTS

Everything you need for planning your Wedding will be here!



Mouat's Centre, Salt Spring Island STORE HOURS: Mon.-Sat. 8 am. - 8 pm., Sun. 9 am. - 7 pm.



Quality, Value

Prices in effect Wednesday, January 23, 1996

Service Deli

We Reserve the Right to

Chinese New Year WONG WING, BULK Dry Garlic Spareribs 100 g.	1⁰⁸
WONG WING, BULK Chicken Fried Rice 100 g.	58^c
WONG WING, SINGLES Chicken or Vegetable Spring Rolls ea.	98^c
CUDDY FARMS, QUALITY Ham Style Turkey 100 g. <small>Sliced or Shaved</small>	68^c
DUTCH, RANDOM CUT Mild or Spiced Gouda 100 g.	1²⁸

OLAFSONS, SINGLES Herb Focaccia Bread ea.	2⁰⁸
THRIFTYS OWN, MIN. 100 G. Deluxe Sausage Pizza 12" ea.	6⁹⁸
RANDOM CUT Canadian Cream Havarti 100 g.	1²⁸
VICTORIA DAYSPRING PASTA 9 var. Flat Pasta 350 g. pkg. ea.	2⁰⁸
8 var. Filled Pasta 350 g. pkg. ea.	2⁹⁸

SUN RYPE, BLUE LABEL Apple Juice 1 L.	88^c
KRAFT PHILLY Cream Cheese Dips 227 g.	1⁶⁸
BAKERS Chocolate Chips 225-300 g.	1⁴⁸
DARE, SELECTED VAR. Cookies 300-350 g.	1⁵⁸
NALLEY Chili Con Carne 425 g.	1²⁸
POST Marshmallow Alpha Bits 400 g.	3¹⁸
POST Honeycomb Cereal 400 g.	3¹⁸
POST Honey Bunches of Oats 450 g.	2⁹⁸
MAXWELL HOUSE Ground Coffee 300 g.	3³⁸
MAXWELL HOUSE Instant Coffee 150-200 g.	6⁵⁸
GENERAL FOODS International Coffees 125-283 g.	3⁴⁸
TETLEY Tea Bags 144s	4²⁸
MURCHIES Hot Chocolate 400 g.	3⁵⁸
BERNSTEIN Salad Dressing 473 ml.	1⁹⁸
GOLDEN BOY Peanut Butter 1.5 kg.	3²⁸
CAMP Maple Syrup 375 ml.	3¹⁸
PACE, MILD OR MEDIUM Thick & Chunky 642 ml.	3²⁸
MINUTE MAID, FROZEN Orange Juice 295-355 ml.	88^c

 Drawing courtesy of Robert Amos ORIENTAL DELIGHTS	
YU SING, FROZEN Oriental Entrees 170-284 g.	1⁵⁸
THRIFTY, WHOLE Baby Corn 398 ml.	1¹⁸
SUPERIOR Pearl River Soy Sauce 750 ml.	88^c
V-H, SELECTED VAR. Sauces 227 ml.	98^c
GOLDEN DRAGON SELECTED VARIETIES Sauces 455 ml.	1⁸⁸
MANDARIN GARDEN SELECTED VARIETIES Patties 170 g.	1⁴⁸
TAIPAN, SELECTED VAR. Sauces 350 ml.	1⁷⁸

Seafood

PACIFIC CAUGHT, SKINLESS Fresh Snapper Fillets 100 g.	88^c
RAW, HEADLESS Black Tiger Prawns 100 g. <small>Thawed for your convenience</small>	2⁶⁸
BARNACLE BILLS, READY TO SERVE Imitation Lobster Chunks 100 g.	1¹⁸
POLAR SEAS, READY TO EAT Barbecued Salmon Tips 100 g.	88^c

BONELESS, THAWED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE Skinless Halibut Fillets 100 g.	1⁷⁸
FARM RAISED, WHOLE Fresh Spring Salmon 100 g. <small>Head on</small>	88^c



Frozen Food

VALLEY FARMS, FROZEN Vegetables 1 kg.	1⁵⁸
FRASER VALE, FROZEN Chopped or Leaf Spinach 300 g.	88^c

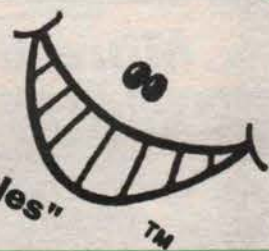
MAXWELL HOUSE Instant Coffee 150-200 g.	6⁵⁸
TETLEY Tea Bags 144s	4²⁸
MURCHIES Hot Chocolate 400 g.	3⁵⁸
BERNSTEIN Salad Dressing 473 ml.	1⁹⁸
GOLDEN BOY Peanut Butter 1.5 kg.	3²⁸
CAMP Maple Syrup 375 ml.	3¹⁸
PACE, MILD OR MEDIUM Thick & Chunky 642 ml.	3²⁸
MINUTE MAID, FROZEN Orange Juice 295-355 ml.	88^c

SUNBURST Cup of Noodles 64 g.	58^c
ITALPASTA Pasta 900 g.	1²⁸
BLACK DIAMOND Cheddar cheese 225 g.	2⁴⁸
HUNTS, SELECTED VAR. Thick & Rich Pasta Sauce 725 ml.	1⁵⁸
LIBBYS, SELECTED VAR. Pasta or Beans 398 ml.	78^c
AYLMER Cream & Chicken Soups 284 ml.	58^c
THRIFTY Baby Clams 142 g.	1⁴⁸
AYLMER Tomato Soup 264 ml.	38^c

Free Delivery Anywhere on Salt Spring, Mon - Sat on Orders of \$25 or more

Service

"Smiles in the Aisles"



Monday 25 through Tuesday, January 31

Limit to Limit Quantities

In-Store Bakery



CHINA LILY Soy Sauce 483 ml.	1⁷⁸
THRIFTY, WHOLE Water Chestnuts 227 ml.	68¢
DIAMOND Instant Noodles 454 g.	78¢
SAPPORA ICHIBAN Chow Mein Noodles 300 g.	58¢
YEO'S 100% Pure Sesame Oil 150 ml.	2¹⁸
MARUCHAN Wonton Soup 68 g.	78¢
TAIPAN Rice Crackers 100 g.	1³⁸

THRIFTY Oriental Noodles 397 g.	1²⁸
DELMONTE Fruit Splash 3 pk.	98¢
MAZOLA Corn Oil 2 L.	3⁸⁸
PURINA Puppy or Low Cal Dog Chow 2 kg.	2⁹⁸

ORVILLE REDENBACKER Microwave Popcorn Except Cheddar 296 g. or 5s.	1⁵⁸
--	-----------------------

O'DOULS Malt Beverage 6 x 355 ml.	3⁷⁸ Plus Deposit
-----------------------------------	------------------------------------

THRIFTY Cheddars or Imported Cheese	20% OFF AT CHECK OUT
-------------------------------------	-----------------------------

PLUS FLAVOURS Pepsi or 7-Up 2 L.	1¹⁸ Plus Deposit
----------------------------------	------------------------------------

KLEENEX Bathroom Tissue 8 roll pkg.	2³⁸
-------------------------------------	-----------------------

MONICA Grated Parmesan 250 g.	2⁹⁸
-------------------------------	-----------------------

GREEN GIANT Vegetables 6 pack	4⁵⁸
-------------------------------	-----------------------

KLEENEX, REG. OR ULTRA Facial Tissue 100-150s	88¢
---	------------

BOUNTY Paper Towels 1-2s	1⁹⁸
--------------------------	-----------------------

SPEED STICK Deodorant 45-75 g.	2²⁸
--------------------------------	-----------------------

PAMPERS Jumbo Diapers 4 sizes	14⁹⁸
-------------------------------	------------------------

BRITA Replacement Filters pkg. of 3	14⁹⁸
-------------------------------------	------------------------

BRITA, STANDARD SIZE Water Filter System	16⁹⁸
--	------------------------

KOTEX Feminine Pads 14-48s	3⁴⁸
----------------------------	-----------------------

MARDIGRAS Jumbo Towels or Serviettes 1s or 120s	98¢
---	------------

PEAK FREEN, SELECTED VAR. Tea Biscuits 400 g.	2²⁸
---	-----------------------

CHRISTIE, SELECTED VAR. Cookies 400-450 g.	2²⁸
--	-----------------------

PLANTERS Dry Roasted Peanuts 450 g.	2⁵⁸
-------------------------------------	-----------------------

KOALA SPRINGS Mineral Water 750 ml.	1⁴⁸
-------------------------------------	-----------------------

ISLAND HARVEST 100% WW Bread 680 g.	1³⁸
-------------------------------------	-----------------------

LOWNEY Bridge Mix 340 g. cello	1⁸⁸
--------------------------------	-----------------------

OLD DUTCH Potato Chips 200 g.	98¢
-------------------------------	------------

Apple Pie

2⁴⁸ ea.

White or 100% WW Homestyle Bread

98¢ 454 g.

Carrot Muffins

1⁹⁸ pkg. of 6

Flax & Wheatgerm Bread

1³⁸ 454 g.

Bulk Savings

Golden Raisins

32¢ 100 g.

OLD DUTCH ASST'D SNACKS Tacos, Nachos, Tostados, Corn Chips & Crunchies

1⁹⁸ 511 g. bag

SUNKIST #1, ROASTED & SALTED California Natural Pistachios

98¢ 100 g.

"A GREAT SUPER BOWL SNACK" Commonwealth Fruit & Nut Mix

68¢ 100 g.

FOLEYS, "YOUR CHOICE" Chocolate Covered Peanuts or Raisins

58¢ 100 g.

Flowers and More

One Gallon Winter Heather

4⁹⁸

Alstromaria or Spring Cut Flower Bouquet

3⁹⁸

4" POT Polyanthus

98¢

5" POT Tulips

3⁹⁸

3 for Carnations

98¢

6" POT Azalea

8⁵⁸

4" POT, ASST'D Spring Bulb Plants

1⁹⁸

6" POT Tropical House Plants

4⁹⁸

6" POT Mixed Bulb Pan

6⁹⁸

4" POT African Violets

1⁶⁸



or more, (\$2 Charge Otherwise), Same Day Delivery on Orders in by 2:00 PM

Fresh Produce

More Smiles...



**Our Produce Departments
Also Carry A Wide Selection
of Other Oriental Items**

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Baby Bok Choy | Young Ginger |
| Tara Root | Cilantro |
| Wonton Wrappers | Bean Sprouts |
| Lemon Grass | Sing Qua |
| Pommelo | Eggplant |
| Eggroll Wrappers | Flowering Chives |
| Chow Mein Noodles | Water Chestnuts |
| Foo Qua | Steam Fried Noodles |
| Dun Qua | |

GLING HAI FAT CHOI

"Salt Spring only"
MONEY'S
**White
Mushrooms**
1 38
3.04 kg. lb.



BC GROWN
**Oyster
Mushrooms** 13.18 kg. **5 98** lb.

BC GROWN
**Shiitake
Mushrooms** 19.79 kg. **8 98** lb.

CALIFORNIA
**Sui Choy or
Bok Choy** 84¢ kg. **38¢** lb.

CALIFORNIA
Daikon 1.94 kg. **88¢** lb.

CALIFORNIA
**Gai-Lan or
Yu Choy** 2.16 kg. **98¢** lb.

SUNKIST,
CALIFORNIA
Lemons **10/1 00**

CALIFORNIA
Kumquats 6.56 kg. **2 98** lb.

MEXICAN "NEW CROP"

Asparagus 4.36 kg. **1 98** lb.

CALIFORNIA
**Green
Onions** bunches **4/98¢**

AUSTRALIA, FRESH
**Lychee
Nuts** 11.00 kg. **4 98** lb.

CALIFORNIA
**Organic
Broccoli** 1.99 kg. **88¢** lb. Salt Spring Only!

CALIFORNIA
Sno Peas 4.36 kg. **1 98** lb.

BC GROWN, MEDIUM
Onions **98¢** 3 lb. bag

CALIFORNIA, SIZE 88

**Royal
Mandarins** 1.50 kg. **68¢** lb.

Quality Meats

GLING HAI FAT CHOI

GRADE 'A' OR 'U'
**Fresh Whole
Fowl**
68¢
1.50 kg. lb.



ISLAND GROWN
**Pork Loin
Chops**
3 68
Boneless Centre
Cut 8.11 kg. lb.

ISLAND GROWN
**Boneless Pork
Loin Chops** Rib or Tenderloin
End 5.69 kg. **2 58** lb.

GRADE A - AVAILABLE THURSDAY
**Fresh Young
Ducks** 2.82 kg. **1 28** lb.

ISLAND GROWN
**Pork Leg Inside
Roast** Boneless 5.69 kg. **2 58** lb.

ISLAND GROWN
**Pork Leg Outside
Roast** Boneless 5.03 kg. **2 28** lb.

FROZEN GRADE 'A'
**Whole
Pheasants** For gourmet dining!
7.23 kg. **3 38** lb.

WHILE STOCKS LAST
**Fresh Chicken
Feet** 1.06 kg. **48¢** lb.

Fresh Australian Spring Lamb

WHOLE, SHORT CUT
Lamb Leg 8.33 kg. **3 78** lb.

**Lamb Loin
Chops**

BONELESS
Lamb Shoulder 7.67 kg. **3 48** lb.

**Boneless Lamb
Leg** 9.66 kg. **4 38** lb.

4 98 lb. 10.98 kg.

**Rack of
Lamb** 12.30 kg. **5 58** lb.

THRIFTY QUALITY
**Fresh Ground
Pork** 3.48 kg. **1 58** lb.

WASHINGTON SELECT GRADE BEEF
**Sirloin Tip
Steaks** Great for Swiss steak
or braising. 5.91 kg. **2 68** lb.

SWIFT, REG. OR LAZY MAPLE
**Sliced Side
Bacon** 500 g. pkg. **2 18** ea.

SUPERIOR
**Smoked Pork
Picnic** Hockless shoulder. 2.16 kg. **98¢** lb.

WASHINGTON SELECT GRADE BEEF

Boneless Sirloin Tip Roast 5.69 kg. **2 58** lb.

More Smiles...



\$ Cash for Kids \$

SCHNEIDERS, SELECTED VAR.
**Skinless
Wieners** 450 g. pkg. **2 58** ea.

SCHNEIDERS, SELECTED VAR.
**Sliced Luncheon
Meats** 175 g. pkg. **1 68** ea.

Schneiders will donate 5¢ to the Variety Club for every package of Schneiders Wieners or Luncheon Meats sold. Thrifty Foods will match this donation for the products sold in our stores from January 25th - January 31st, 1995.

More letters

Health system unequaled

Alex Mitchell's column (Driftwood, January 4) dealing with the care and caring attitude his "lady" received from the medical community as well as her social community following her injury, caught my attention. I too have been on the receiving end of similar treatment and I would like to share some of it with you in hopes that my gratitude will filter back to those who so richly deserve it.

Approximately 18 months ago I sustained life-threatening injuries on my property here on Salt Spring.

Luckily, my dear lady and my son were on hand and immediately sprang into action. Their prompt action, without a doubt, saved my life. The ambulance crew were on the scene in moments while my loved ones were being coached by 911. They, collectively, kept me alive until I was delivered to Lady Minto Hospital where the staff there went to work as only they can do. Later in the day I was taken by helicopter to Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. The emergency medical team there did an outstanding job of putting me back together and, over the next few weeks, getting me on the road to recovery.

Subsequently, I spent many weeks at B.C. Rehab in Vancouver and I am now back here on Salt Spring with one blind eye but otherwise returning to some semblance of a normal life.

I am not a religious man in the traditional sense, but now, especially, I am a firm believer in angels and miracles! The miracle workers are driving ambulances or wielding scalpels while the angels are moving among us here on the island and among our friends in Vancouver and in our health care system which is without equal anywhere.

RON HAYNE,
Rourke Road

Disturbed by deficit

I was deeply disturbed by what I read on the front page of the Driftwood January 18: "Board approves plan to cut \$800,000." What truly amazed me were the statements given by board executives, namely secretary-treasurer Ken Starling and chairperson Allisen Lambert, which were so blatantly hypocritical and contradictory. "The reason the school board must eliminate the deficit ... is that that School Act does not allow boards to run deficits." Yet only one line earlier Starling stated: "There is an estimated over-expenditure of \$600,000 and an actual deficit of \$175,000 from last year." I am forced to ask myself, and them: What happened

to the School Act? Then came the excuse: "... the district received a letter from Education Minister Art Charbonneau approving last year's \$175,000 debt on the condition it be retired in 1994-95." I personally have taken only Accounting 11, but I know from balancing my own chequebook that you cannot kid yourself into believing that a payment put off this month will get paid the next. There is always something more important to spend the money on.

Then Starling commented: "... the reasons for the projected deficit had not changed since December, when trustees were first advised of a potential deficit." They were advised of a potential deficit? How could they possibly have overlooked spending nearly a million dollars? I believe the editorial in the same issue hit the nail on the head: "... the local school system would be bankrupt if it were a privately-run business."

My final concern is with the cutbacks themselves. "When a teacher phones in sick, a librarian or principal or other non-teaching instructor will take over rather than hiring a substitute." As a Grade 12 student facing British Columbia Provincial Examinations at the end of this month, I cannot afford to attend classes run by inexperienced "non-teaching instructors." Should my future be compromised because of an oversight by the school board? I think not. My suggestion, then, to the executives: Find a new accountant!
**AMBER CARTWRIGHT,
Grade 12 student,
Gulf Islands Secondary School**

CUPE takes brunt of cuts

Regarding the cutbacks that have to be made to the current school budget, it appears that the brunt of the cutbacks will be borne by CUPE, including support staff and teaching assistants. This seems unfair since they are the lowest paid workers in the school system, and because it will particularly affect special needs children who require support the most.

Ken Starling (secretary-treasurer) and Allisen Lambert (school board chairwoman) both talk of the need to share the burden of these cuts as fairly as possible. Yet senior administrators, who should take some of the responsibility for

the deficit, and are the highest paid staff in the system, have remained silent about ways in which they could contribute. How about a voluntary salary cut for senior administrators, Mr. Starling? The teacher's union understandably argues that the problem is not one of their making. But it certainly isn't CUPE's fault either, and yet the union, which has contract protection against layoffs, seems content to let CUPE take a proportionately much bigger hit.

I'm sure Ms. Lambert would argue that the school board's authority to impose solutions is limited. But the board should at least publicly propose a more equitable sharing of the deficit, rather than taking the path of least resistance by simply taking the money from those who have little contract protection and can least afford it.

**GARY HOLMAN,
McLennan Drive**

No unelected board members

ArtSpring members approved bylaw changes less than a year ago. Members made it clear then that they did not want unelected officers of the board. The board should stop trying to reverse that decision. The past president of ArtSpring was never elected, and should not be added to the officers of the board. Continuity on the board is not an issue, because only half the board are elected each year. Members should plan to attend the special meeting on February 28. Be prepared to vote against any proposed bylaw changes that would undo our good work last spring.

ArtSpring costs have escalated once again. The latest hike nevertheless contains a germ of hope. For the first time ever, an ArtSpring board member has clearly stated that the funds required to open the building cannot be raised locally within a reasonable time. And for the first time ever, a board member has given a realistic assessment of the likely operating costs of the building for the first few years. Chris Chapman is to be applauded for bringing a refreshing blast of common sense as well as some sound business sense to bear on ArtSpring finances.

**TILLY CRAWLEY,
Maliview Drive**

One Hour Service

Choose from our great selection of frames or use your own and we can make up your prescription in about one hour. That includes bifocals and progressives! Our trained staff will advise you on the best choices for your prescription.

We have frame and lens complete packages starting at \$119.95.

We offer complete contact lens services from a certified contact lens technician.

Bring in this ad and we will give you \$30 off the price of a complete pair of eyeglasses. *(Frame and lenses. Does not apply to packages. No other discounts.)

We match competitor's prices.

Lots of free parking


**CLASSIC
EYEWEAR**
Today

Located on the way into Victoria from the Fulford Ferry
777 Royal Oak Drive, Broadmead Village

479-2523

Monday-Thursday, Sat. 9:30-5:30
Friday 9:30-7:00 Sunday 12:00-5:00

Merit Kitchens

Our kitchens don't just cook. They sizzle.

CONSIDERING RENOVATION?

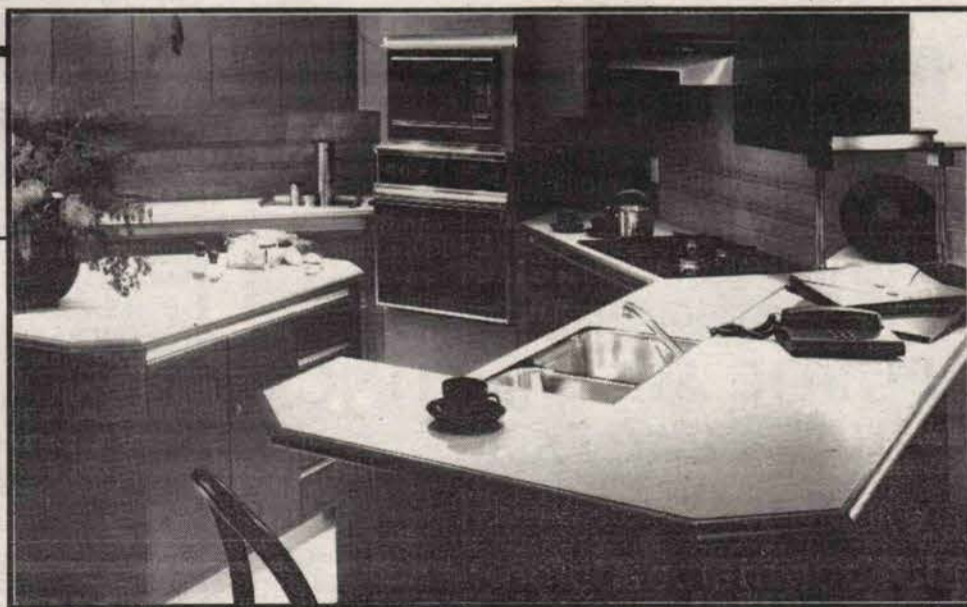
If you live in an older home, take a critical look at the kitchen. If it's cluttered, dark and inefficient, new cabinets may be the answer.

Merit's exciting line of styles, finishes and accessories can make a valuable contribution to the function and the personality of your home.



MAKE YOUR
NEXT KITCHEN YOUR BEST!

Visit our new showroom.



SALTSPRING
KITCHEN CO. LTD.
YOUR MERIT CENTRE

537-9222
320 Upper Ganges Rd.

SAVE THOUSANDS!!



CEDAR HOME KITS

\$25 - \$35 sq. ft.

85 Standard models 400-5000sq. ft.

or your custom plan.

SPECIALIZING IN POST & BEAM DESIGNS

Full color plan book \$12 - Visa

Island shelling crews available

B.C. toll free 1-800-663-5693

SHIPPED WORLDWIDE

LINWOOD HOMES

8250 River Road, Delta, B.C., Canada V4G 1B5

(604)946-5421

Join process, planner says after harassment complaint

Small business owners who want zoning changes should speak up now. Participating in the Official Community Plan review is the best way to have changes made for the future.

That's the advice from Islands Trust planner Linda Adams to Paul Konig, after Konig sent a letter complaining about Islands Trust "harassment" of a small business on Salt Spring.

"It has come to my attention that you are discriminating against small island businesses," Konig wrote. "I know of hundreds of island home-run businesses that make this community tick. They are the bread and butter of our island way of life."

Konig operates a small home-based busi-

ness himself, supplying firewood to island residents and notes that no one has ever complained about his business. But he is concerned about the plight of other small business owners. Many do not comply with zoning regulations and could be closed down if a neighbour complains.

Konig pointed out there is no industrial park space available for such businesses. And he observed there is not enough parking in current commercial areas, such as downtown Ganges, while there is usually plenty of parking around home businesses.

"The reason people are leaving this island and B.C. is because of your infuriating bungling in our wonderful lifestyle. We need less interference and more encourage-

ment to own small businesses out of our homes," he wrote.

Adams said the Salt Spring Island zoning bylaw intentionally permits a wide range of home-based businesses. However, if a complaint is received indicating a home-based business is operating outside the bylaws, the matter is turned over to the Trust's bylaw enforcement officer.

Adams noted the Salt Spring Trust Committee may also try to negotiate a solution between the business and the complainant.

Since September, a jobs, business and industry task force has been discussing zoning issues affecting jobs and business on the island. The group will be making recom-

mendations to the Trust Committee on whether any changes should be made to the zoning bylaw.

Two industrial parks are already identified in the current community plan. One is at the corner of Robinson and Upper Ganges roads and is partially developed. The second, at the corner of Atkins and Rainbow roads, is not yet developed.

Adams said Konig's comments had been sent to the task force and invited him to submit any further ideas on zoning changes. A workshop on island jobs, businesses and industry will be held in early March.

"I definitely will be going to that meeting," Konig said Monday. "This is becoming a real concern for a lot of businesses."

More letters

Energy applauded

I applaud the energy of the sustainable Salt Spring Community Roundtable in producing their discussion paper for the Official Community Plan review.

Rather than investing all this energy in solving immediate problems on the island, they elected to design a future Hutterite colony.

JOHN A. ELLACOTT,
Fulford Harbour

Junk mail

Junk mail continues to proliferate, and in spite of the fact that most of us do not want it or benefit from it, we are still forced to deal with it.

I have been told that junk mail is a lucrative source of revenue for the post office. How does this fact balance against the expense first to our forests, then in the advertising costs of what we buy, and finally to the disposal of it. Any way you look at it, we the public are paying for it several times over.

With the advent of the new banks of mail boxes we are now faced with the visual pollution of junk mail all over the island.

Surely there is an answer to the junk mail problem. How about a law to prohibit its production?

ELIZABETH M. POOLE,
Samuel Crescent

Model library

As a faithful user of our local library, I take very personally the Library Services Branch interference in a very well run service.

I've read with great interest over the past few months of budget problems within public service

libraries, necessitating extra days of closure due to the lack of money to keep them open. Is this what we face if the Library Services Branch have their way? It would be more productive if this group rewarded volunteerism, dedication and efficiency to encourage others to look at the Salt Spring model, thereby helping to keep costs under control.

The January 13th issue of the Times-Colonist indicates that Sooke residents face a \$70 increase on the Capital Regional District portion of their 1995 taxes, largely due to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Service.

In light of this, our \$10 voluntary contribution to our own library looks better and better, I think!

CORA L. MCCREA,
Woodland Drive

Readers' group

Last summer you published my letter about Project Ploughshares. Ploughshares describes itself as "an ecumenical coalition on disarmament and development sponsored by Canadian religious and civic organizations." It publishes a quarterly magazine which seeks to inform its readers and encourages them to write letters to our political leaders concerning these issues.

In my original letter I invited anyone interested in forming a readers' group to phone me. As a result, a dozen people now meet quarterly to discuss the contents of the magazine and to determine what action if any to take. We wish to extend an invitation to others to join our informal group. If interested, please phone me at 537-2744.

BOB WILD,
Hedger Road

Bruce's workshop helped me change my life!

"Before the Personal Mastery workshop I was just doing what I thought I should and wasn't really happy with it. The workshop helped me figure out what I really wanted to do. And to do it!"

For free info regarding Personal Mastery Courses
Please call Bruce Elkin @ 537-1177

Uncommon Sense

Heather Ferguson, Musician/Counsellor, SSI

Sidney

SUPER FOODS

Prices Effective
JAN. 24-30/95
We Reserve
the Right to
Limit Quantities

**SINCE
1964**

2531 BEACON AVE.
"Sidney By The Sea"

**SHOPPING AT
SIDNEY SUPER FOODS MAKES
CENTS, BECAUSE
YOU SAVE DOLLARS**

OPEN EVERY DAY:
Thursday Open 'til 9:00 p.m.
Friday

WE OFFER YOU QUALITY BEEF, MEAT PRODUCTS, AND FRESH PRODUCE AT PRICES YOU CAN AFFORD

<p>FRESH IMPORTED BEEF BONELESS FAMILY PACK Top Sirloin STEAKS 5.47kg 2.48 lb</p> <p>FRESH GR. A YOUNG DUCKS 2.82kg while stock lasts 1.88 lb</p> <p>READY TO SERVE 5.49kg HAM STEAKS 2.49 lb</p>	<p>FRESH WHOLE SHOULDER PORK PICNIC 1.74kg .79 lb</p> <p>FRESH FAMILY PACK PORKSIDE SPARERIBS 3.92kg 1.78 lb</p> <p>FRESH LARGE SIZE BOILING FOWL 1.28kg Gr. "A" or "U" limit in effect .58 lb</p>	<p>MAPLE LEAF BRAND SALE SLICED REG. OR WISE CHOICE SIDE BACON 500g 2.18 pk</p> <p>VAC-PAK all var. WIENERS 450g 2.18 pk</p> <p>SLICED COOKED MEATS: Bologna, Chicken Loaf, Mac. & Cheese 175g .88 pk</p> <p>OVERLANDER BULK SMOKIES 4.39kg 1.99 lb</p> <p>FRESH WHOLE CUP UP FRYING CHICKEN 2.80kg 1.27 lb</p>	<p>CUT FROM CANADA GRADE "A" BEEF CHUCK CROSS RIB Roasts 4.34kg 1.97 lb</p> <p>BONELESS BEEF CHUCK BLADE STEAKS 4.34kg 1.97 lb</p> <p>FRESH CUT UP STEWING BEEF 4.78 2.17 lb</p> <p>FRESH PACIFIC OYSTERS 8oz. 3.28</p> <p>FRESH 7.23kg RABBIT MEAT 3.28 lb</p>
---	--	---	--

WE ALWAYS PRODUCE MORE FOR YOUR FOOD DOLLAR AT SIDNEY SUPER FOODS—WE ALWAYS PRODUCE MORE FOR YOUR FOOD DOLLAR AT SIDNEY SUPER FOODS

CALIFORNIA RUBY RED Grapefruits 56's 4/88 ¢	B.C. FANCY McIntosh Apples 1.28kg 58 ¢	SUNKIST ROYAL MANDARIN Oranges 1.06kg 48 ¢	U.S. FRESH HEAD Lettuce 30's 58 ¢	FRESH CALIFORNIA SMALL Asparagus 5.25kg 2.38 lb	B.C. OR U.S. FRESH GREEN Cabbage .62kg 28 ¢
---	--	--	---	---	---

PEPSI OR 7-UP Reg or Diet 2L 1.27 plus deposit	KRAFT PEANUT BUTTER 1kg Assorted var. 3.87	KRAFT CHEESE WHIZ 1kg 6.97	SCHNEIDERS SLICED CHEESE 500g assorted 2.97
--	--	--	---

BRUNSWICK 30% leg meat CRAB MEAT 170g 2.57	OCEANS RED SOCKEYE SALMON 213g 2.87	SCARDILLO MOZZARELLA CHEESE 340g 2.77	OLIVIERI assorted FILLED PATAS 350g 2.37
GENERAL MILLS CERAL 425g OATMEAL CRISP with almond or raisin 2.37	OCEANS FLAKED OR CHUNK LIGHT TUNA 184g .99	OLIVIERI assorted PASTA SAUCE 170ml-330ml 2.67	LEE KUM KEE OYSTER SAUCE 420ml 1.78
KELLOGS CEREAL RAISIN BRAN 800g 3.97	OCEANS BABY CLAMS 142g 1.49	MAYONNAISE 1kg 3.87	MAZOLA PURE CORN OIL 2L 3.88
ACT II, MICRO assorted POPCORN 255g-300g 1.57	HUNTS THICK & RICH PASTA SAUCE assorted 725ml 1.69	SKIPPY assorted var. PEANUT BUTTER 500g 2.17	PEARL RIVER SOYA SAUCE 623ml .88 btl.
McCORMICKS COOKIES VIVA PUFFS 250-300g 1.97	BEST FOODS HELLMANN MAYONNAISE 1kg 3.87	VENICE BAKERY BAURENBROT Rye Bread 680g 1.57	WESTON'S FAMILY Bread 567g white or 60% w/wheat loaf .89
WASA assorted Crisp Bread CRACKERS 200-250g 1.37	SKIPPY assorted var. PEANUT BUTTER 500g 2.17	OVALTINE Plain or Choco. Drink Mix 400g 2.98	FROZEN CARNATION HASH BROWN POTATOES 1kg .73 pk
NIAGARA Apple Juice 1L TETRA .67	DARES GALORE Choco-Chip Cookies 350g 2.57	CARRIAGE TRADE Tea Bags 144's 3.18	FROZEN FAMILY SIZE reg or mini EGGO WAFFLES 465g 2.67 pk
KLEENEX 2 ply FACIAL TISSUES 150's .89	ISLAND FARM SOUR CREAM 250ml .78	V.I.P. LIQUID LAUNDRY POWDER 2kg 2.97	FROZEN CHEEMO assorted PEROGIES 1kg 2.47
GLADS OUTSIDE 26" x 36" GARBAGE BAGS 10's 1.97	V.I.P. LIQUID PINE CLEANER 800ml 1.57	V.I.P. LIQUID GRANNYS DISHWASHING 1L 1.57	FROZEN McCAIN, CONC. ICED TEA 355ml .67 tin
TRI-V assorted DOG FOODS 709g .69	V.I.P. LIQUID PINE CLEANER 800ml 1.57	V.I.P. LIQUID GRANNYS DISHWASHING 1L 1.57	FROZEN McCAIN, CONC. ICED TEA 355ml .67 tin
AUDUBON PARK WILD BIRD SEED 10lbs 3.87	V.I.P. LIQUID GRANNYS DISHWASHING 1L 1.57	V.I.P. LIQUID GRANNYS DISHWASHING 1L 1.57	V.I.P. LIQUID GRANNYS DISHWASHING 1L 1.57

CLIP & SAVE AT SIDNEY SUPER FOODS

KRAFT PARKAY MARGARINE 3lbs 1.99 pkg	JUBILEE 8 rolls BATHROOM TISSUE 1.49 pkg	GOLDEN AWARD All Purpose FLOUR 10kg bag 4.57
--	--	--

With this coupon & family order. One coupon per pack, expires Jan. 30/95

PAMELA VALLEE

C.G.A.
Certified General Accountant

is pleased to announce
the re-opening of her

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

Preferred areas of practice:
Fishing and Maritime Industries
• Personal and Corporate Taxation

Discount for 1994 tax clients engaged before
March 1, 1995

Attending Salt Spring Island, Campbell River and Vancouver
by appointment

(604) 287-6350

BOX 408, Heriot Bay, B.C. V0P 1H0
Standby VHF Channel 12 "Annie Tuck"

TAKE A HIKE

With a handcrafted walking staff carved on Salt Spring

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Picture this: On a walking trail is a well-heeled hiker. On his feet are \$200 boots. He is wearing a \$175 sweater under a \$250 lightweight hiking jacket. He carries a \$125 backpack and is followed by a tail-wagging purebred dog (\$450). Swinging from his hand is his walking staff, an old stick picked up from the side of the trail.

Is there an opportunity here?

For Salt Spring artist and farmer Bryan Smith, the sight of "yuppies with their puppies" hiking through Lower Mainland parks suggested a potential market. He estimated the average hiker had spent \$600 to \$800 on hiking gear. Wouldn't these people like something better than a dead branch for a walking stick? Perhaps they'd prefer to carry a piece of art — a carefully designed, hand-carved staff of gleaming wood?

So Smith — who had made walking sticks as a teenager — got out his tools and began carving. The result has been a series of individual, hand-carved staffs marketed through Naikai Gallery on Salt Spring.

He chose arbutus as the material for the staffs. "It's extremely resistant wood, very hard with a very tight grain on it," he explained. In Canada, the tree is only found on part of the west coast, he noted. "To outsiders, it's exotic."

He searches through the woods to find straight pieces long enough for walking staffs. "It's very difficult to find straight stuff," he remarked. He also looks for straight pieces with a branch attached at a right angle, which can be transformed into walking canes.

The wood is so hard that Smith doesn't bother putting ferrules on the bottom tips of the staffs. His own walking staff barely shows the impact of a year of use.

The hardness of the wood also makes carving a challenge. Smith carves outdoors during the day to ensure he is working in good light, since the wood will show every flaw.

He tries to make sure the finished staff will be both useful and attractive. Each is topped with a figure and the top section is shaped to fit a hand with a depression for the thumb. A band of carved decoration encircles the staff about a foot to 18 inches from the top.

On Smith's staff, the top decoration is a stylized carving of an arbutus tree. The band of decoration is a relief carving of flowing arbutus leaves.

"Every piece I do I find is getting better. As long as I keep getting better, that's the important thing."

His latest staff, now in Naikai Gallery, is decorated with images of killer whales. Smith describes

it as the best of his creations.

An interest in animals is reflected in many of his carvings. One staff is topped with a seal and decorated with a pierced design of frolicking dolphins. Another features a mountain goat. Depending on the staff and other demands on his time, carving a walking stick takes from five days to a month, he said.

Smith also carves figures from soapstone. His current project is a bear lying on its back. A bowl will be scooped out of the centre and topped with a carved arbutus lid.

"I've always done animals. They're far more intriguing," Smith said.

His interest in art dates back to high school, when he was enrolled in an advanced art program in Ontario. Students took art

Wouldn't people like something better than a dead branch for a walking stick? Perhaps they'd prefer to carry a piece of art

classes for half of each school day and were expected to carve out a career in commercial art.

Smith tried commercial art but found he disliked having to produce work under someone else's direction. He briefly made a living sketching houses before accepting a job in the security business.

He continued creating art as a hobby, working with photography and on pencil and charcoal drawings. He then switched to pen and ink sketches and honed his skill in the technically demanding field of pointillism.

Between 1987 and 1991, he

created a series of detailed drawings illustrating exotic birds, especially parrots. Each image was composed of thousands of tiny dots.

"I tend to dwell on one area for a while," he admitted. At the time, he and his wife Anna were raising exotic birds in Ontario and found there was a market for the art.

It was a job offer in Louisiana that led, indirectly, to their move to Salt Spring. Bryan Smith took the short-term job, the family moved south and spent six months enjoying the relaxed Louisiana hospitality.

Returning home after the job ended, they found themselves unhappy with the more reserved social style of Ontario. Hearing that the west coast was more relaxed, they decided to head west and moved to Vancouver.

Vancouver didn't feel quite right, so they moved to Victoria, where Smith found a job installing security systems. It was a trip to Salt Spring, to pick up some goats, that introduced them to the island.

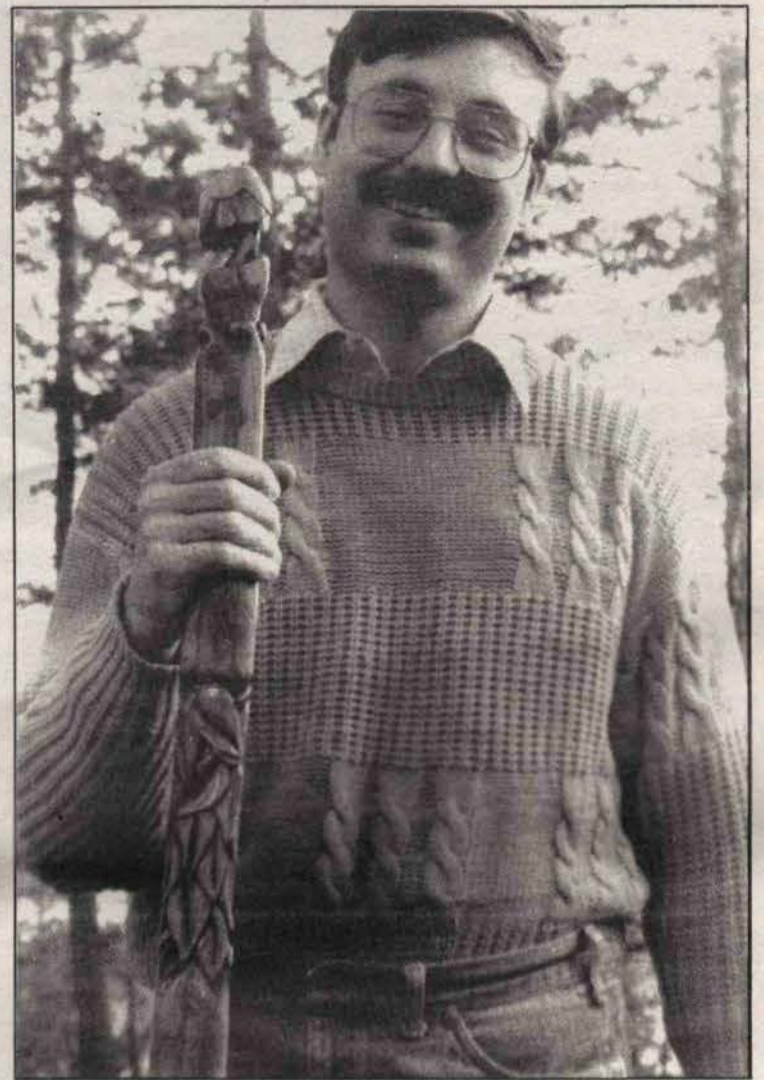
This, they decided, was where they were meant to be and last August they made the move.

Smith's interest in animals extends beyond his carvings and ink sketches. He and his wife also raise several unique species under the name Gulf Island Exotics.

They are raising African pygmy hedgehogs, Nigerian dwarf goats, sugar gliders (a type of flying squirrel common in Malaysia and Australia), ferrets, registered Appaloosa ponies and miniature Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs.

Bryan Smith expects his carving, Anna's craft work and their exotic creatures to provide enough diversity to keep the family afloat and life interesting.

"Never concentrate on one thing. You do and unforeseen circumstances will wipe you out."



STYLISH STAFF: For walkers who want only the very best, artisan Bryan Smith creates hand-carved walking sticks of polished arbutus. His work, including carvings in stone, can be found at Naikai Gallery in Ganges.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

SUPER BOWL TAILGATE PARTY!

SUNDAY JANUARY 29th

B.B.Q. on the Lounge Deck
12:30 - 2:30

Ribs - Burgers

Hot Dogs & Chili

Draws, Squares & much more

\$3.95
+ tax



If it's happening on the island it's at the

HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL
537-5571

ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS!

Now you can place your classified ads 24 hours a day
7 Days a week. ONLINE ON RAVEN NET.

SEASIDE KITCHEN
Seafood Restaurant
WINTER HOURS 11am - 8pm
Wednesday - Sunday / closed Mon. & Tues.
Dinner reservations advised
(604) 537-2249
Salt Spring Island
The Bay at Vesuvius
Reservations Recommended

Piano Tuner & Technician

GREG DAVIDSON

- Tuner for Victoria Symphony
- Pianos bought and sold, tuned
- Pianos repaired, refinished, restored
- Regular trips made to all Gulf Islands

383-6478



ON A HAPPY NOTE: Clarinetist Jan Macpherson flashes a satisfied grin during a Bandemonium practice last week. She and fellow musicians Bill Dawson and Shandra Platts were among band members preparing

for performances this weekend. Below, Femmy Schuurmans, left, and Muriel Hale exercise their lungs on a French horn and baritone, respectively.

Photos by Graeme Thompson

Older, better Bandemonium to offer two weekend concerts

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Another year older and another year better. That describes Salt Spring Island's community band, Bandemonium, to a tee. The band is having its second annual Celebration of the Band concert this weekend.

The group was formed almost two years ago to fill a perceived need and a demand for a brass, woodwind and percussion band. Since then, it has grown to more than 50 members and has improved steadily in its ability to play enjoyable and challenging music.

"Everything's new," co-director Wendy Milton said. "Most is real traditional good old-time band music, written just for bands."

Toccato for Band, by Frank Erickson, is a tune most people will recognize, she said, especially anyone who has had any school or community band experience at all. Other tunes, like Evening Prayer and Light Cavalry, were written for an orchestra but have been transcribed for bands.

Hogan's Heroes March is

another piece people may remember from the television series. And That's a Plenty is a popular Dixieland tune. Kids will enjoy the Lion King medley which has been added this year — they can even get up and dance in the aisles if they want, Milton said.

There's no doubt that Bandemonium has been getting better with age, she said. The band is playing much more difficult pieces than it could have last year, including pieces Milton remembers from her school band days. Explorations and Cimarron Sketches are two of the more challenging pieces.

There are two concerts planned for this weekend, one full concert for the adults and a shorter one for families, with a sweet-filled intermission. The Saturday evening concert will be about an hour and a half long, while the Sunday afternoon concert will only last one hour, so children hear enough to enjoy but not so much that they get restless.

"We're hoping to pull in enough people for two concerts," Milton

said.

The performances will include pieces by the whole band as well as pieces by different sections. A saxophone quartet will prove how versatile that instrument is, Milton said. A clarinet choir will also play some of its own music for the concert.

And the popular big band section of Bandemonium will also make a reappearance on stage.

Tickets — at \$7 for adults and \$2 for students and children — are available from Bandemonium members, Sharon's or at the door. The evening show starts at 7:30 p.m. and the afternoon show at 2:30 p.m. Both take place in the multi-purpose room at Gulf Islands Secondary School.



Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92

SUNDAY

January 29th, 1995

Watch all the action on the
LARGEST SCREEN TV
on Salt Spring

Legion Opens **11:00 a.m.** Kick Off **3:00 p.m.**
Members and bonafide guests welcome

DORIC MOTEL
Victoria's Friendliest Motel!

BED AND BREAKFAST

\$39 sgl/dbl occupancy

*Enjoy complimentary breakfast
at a nearby restaurant*

- Valid Until April 30, 1995
- Subject to availability & taxes

RESERVATIONS - 604-386-2481

3025 Douglas St. Victoria, B.C. V8T 4N2

CLASSIFIEDS ONLINE!

Raven Net BBS members can now place classified line ads in the Driftwood using a special form that is now available online. It's easy! Try it!

You're invited to:

Thelma's Going Away Party!!

FRIDAY, JAN. 27TH 8PM Music by:
THE "PEELERS"

MUNCHIES AVAILABLE at the
FULFORD INN

653-4432

Quote Chamber of Commerce President (Driftwood Jan. 11, 1995)
"Another one alive & well in Fulford"
"How many businesses thrive three blocks out of the core?"

A dance feast: Robbyn Scott performs new work at festival

A Salt Spring Island choreographer/dancer will perform in Victoria's first Focus on Women Arts Festival.

Robbyn Scott and Victoria dance partner Denise Lieutaghi will perform a 20-minute excerpt from their most recent work, *Simplement Delicieux*, at the festival, which runs February 2-5.

Scott says *Simplement Delicieux* is a humorous and serious look at food which developed from Lieutaghi's love of cooking and the inevitable role food plays in the two partners' friendship.

Scott and Lieutaghi met at a dance workshop in Victoria. They "hit it off" and immediately began collaborating on *Gaia* (performed in Victoria in 1993-94) and *L'Amite* (performed on Salt Spring in 1994). They began work on *Simplement Delicieux* in September of last year.

A release on the work says it "explores the imaginary world we step into when our taste buds have been seductively tantalized. Two women share an evening of international cuisine, sending them whirling

into another dimension as dance, theatre and vocalization emerge from succulent plates seasoned with aromatic herbs and spices.

"*Simplement Delicieux* touches on the empowerment women find through nourishing, preparing and providing sustenance for others.

Simplement Delicieux is a look at food which developed from Lieutaghi's love of cooking

It celebrates the sharing of tenderness and camaraderie in the ongoing exchange of familial and cultural traditions."

In its entirety, the work is an evening-long production that focuses on an entire meal. The 20-minute excerpt which will be presented in February will just present the first course.

Props, vocalizations and dance will dramatize the dancers' pro-

gram. For example, Scott says vocalization will be used in the "bird section."

Does this mean they will be "eating" chicken?

"We have a lot of fun," Scott says in response. "That's who we are."

Props include a large cauldron used for the first part of the production where they are nomads eating soup. Baskets of food and a restaurant table with candles, cups and a purse help move the first course into the present.

Scott and Lieutaghi say they are glad they met each other because they share similar esthetics in theatre and dance. They have both worked with international choreographers in the post-modern field and have travelled extensively with these groups.

Following the Focus On Women Arts Festival, they are making plans to present the entire work of *Simplement Delicieux* in other festivals such as the Duncan, Vancouver and Victoria "fringes," Vancouver's *Dancing on the Edge* and Women in View (in 1996), and Salt Spring's Festival of the Arts.

Magnus a performer at annual telethon

Salt Spring Island dancer Brad Magnus will be a key performer on the international cast for the Variety Club Show of Hearts Telethon February 11-12 at the Plaza of Nations in Vancouver.

A Variety Club release notes Magnus has danced in Vienna and the United States, studies with top international instructors in Victoria and "is a favourite performer around his home on Salt Spring."

Born with Downs Syndrome, Magnus has achieved far more than doctors expected when he was born. He graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School and spent a year by himself at Selkirk College in Nelson, B.C. He plays basketball, writes poetry and uses dance as an outlet for emotions and feelings.

Magnus is joining the Variety Club cast as a featured performer.

Telethon associate producer Nancy Cottingham Powell took Magnus' audition tape to one of Canada's top international choreographers, who will create a special dance piece for Magnus to perform in the telethon.

Theme of this year's telethon is "You Can if You Believe You Can." It will remind viewers to "look not at disabilities, but to the overwhelming potential in all of B.C.'s special children."

BANDEMONIUM
'CELEBRATION OF THE BAND'
 Sat., Jan. 28 / 7:30pm
 Sun., Jan. 29 / 2:30pm
GISS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
 Tickets: Bandemonium members, Sharon's or at the door. Adults \$7; Students/Children \$2

ISLAND WELL DRILLING LTD.
 Red Williams, owner-operator
 Serving the Gulf Islands since 1959
 Call collect: 539-5339

Gulf Islander is back! Reserve your advertising space today: Jeff, Damaris or Carol 537-9933

Free Introductory Seminars
 Introducing the
Uncommon Sense Personal Mastery Course
 Feb. 8 and 14, 7:00 PM
A program for organizing your life around what you most want to create!
 For free info, or to reserve a space
Call 537-1177 — Anytime!

alfresco
THE CELEBRATION RESTAURANT!
 If it's your Birthday or Anniversary, your Dinner (Entree) is
50% off
 and Dessert is on us.
 Tuesday - Saturday from 5 p.m.
 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
 537-5979
 Grace Pt. Square

Salt Spring Tours-537-4737
On The Bus
Excursion Calendar
 Jan 26 **Victoria - Every Thursday**
 Seniors \$10 - Adults \$13
 Cheaper & easier than taking your car.
 Jan 29 **Mt. Washington - Sunday Skiing**
 Bus, Ferry and Ski lift tickets
 Adult - \$45.00 Youth - \$39.00
 Child - \$34.00 Senior - \$37.00
 Because of our later arrival Mt. Washington is giving us special rates for weekends!
 Buy your tickets at "et cetera" ASAP
 Feb 11 **Pub Crawl - Saturday noon to midnight**
 Victoria to Duncan
 Bus, Ferry, Munchies & Dinner \$40.00 ea.
Do you have a show or event you would like to go to? Boat Show, Car Show, Theatre? Others may too! Call me with your ideas.
 Call us about Custom Charters
 Hourly, Daily or Weekly Excursions
 Private Parties, Group Transportation
 Tickets & Excursion Details Available At - et cetera
 For Information Phone - 537-4737

ENTERTAINMENT

This week at the Cinema

JUNIOR: Macho and motherhood meet in this romantic comedy, in which muscle-bound Arnold Schwarzenegger battles morning sickness, mood swings and unusual cravings as a man carrying a baby for a scientific experiment. Arnie plays Alexander Hesse, a research scientist who develops a drug designed to ensure healthy pregnancies. When the Federal Drug Administration refuses to allow clinical trials, Hesse agrees to act as a surrogate mother for three months while taking the drug. Naturally, at the end of the three months, Hesse is unwilling to give up the baby, leading to a battle with his partner and the university. Rounding out the cast in this crib-side comedy are Danny DeVito as a money-hungry fertility physician, Pamela Reed as DeVito's pregnant ex-wife, Frank Langella as the slimy director of Leland University's biotechnology program and Emma Thompson as a clumsy cryogenicist. Mature, occasional coarse and suggestive language. Friday to Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday at 9:15 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

READY TO WEAR: Robert Altman has targeted the fashion industry in this multi-threaded comedy, which pokes fun at the glitz and glamour of the spring fashion shows in Paris. Danny Aiello, Lauren Bacall, Kim Basinger, Jean-Pierre Cassel, Teri Garr, Richard E. Grant, Linda Hunt, Sally Kellerman, Sophia Loren, Lyle Lovett, Marcello Mastroianni, Stephen Rea, Tim Robbins, Julia Roberts, Tracey Ullman and Forest Whitaker are among the talents seeking a piece of the action around the runways. Mature, some nudity, very coarse language, occasional suggestive scenes. Friday to Tuesday at 9:15 p.m., Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

MOVIE BUCKS ARE GIVEN OUT SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS.

Island Video Hits

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mask..... (-) | 6. Shadow..... (-) |
| 2. True Lies..... (1) | 7. Trial by Jury..... (-) |
| 3. Wolf..... (-) | 8. North..... (-) |
| 4. Maverick..... (2) | 9. The Colour White..... (5) |
| 5. Client..... (3) | 10. Blown Away..... (6) |

On Tap at the Pubs

MOBY'SFriday Night Live: Kindred Spirits, Richard Cross and Chris Dixon, Paul Brosseau Fusion Ensemble, Jan. 27
Sunday Jazz, Scott Neilson Trio, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.
VESUVIUS INNBlues Jam, hosted by Neil Taylor and group, Jan. 26, 8:30 p.m.
Barley Bros Open Stage, Feb. 2, 8:30 p.m.
HARBOUR HOUSESuper Bowl Tailgate Party, BBQ on deck, Jan. 29, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Community TV Schedule

Jan. 26, 6 p.m. ... Islands Trust, workshop 11 (agriculture)
 Jan. 26, 8 p.m.Attuning to Angels
 Jan. 29, 3 p.m.Keep Fit
 Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m.L'Echo Francophone
 Jan. 29, 4 p.m.Islands Trust, workshop 12 (water)
 Jan. 31, 11 a.m.Keep Fit
 Jan. 31, 11:30 a.m.Storytime (debut)
 Jan. 31, 12 p.m.Islands Trust, workshop 12

Sufficient water for farmers tops workshop's list of issues

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Water is the overriding concern for farmers, according to the Salt Spring residents who crowded into last Tuesday's official community plan (OCP) workshop on agriculture.

An estimated 100 people, the largest number to date at an OCP workshop, met at the Anglican Centre to discuss issues facing local farmers and identify ways to maintain agriculture on Salt Spring.

At least one participant doubted the Islands Trust or the review of the community plan could help local farmers. "My fear is the bloody Trust will be down telling us how to run our farms," veteran farmer Dick Royal announced. His statement generated a delighted response from the crowd and was echoed by a few other workshop participants.

But it was water that topped the list when participants were asked to rate their greatest concerns. To resolve the problem, they suggested the agricultural community be given priority to water supplies over new housing.

Other possible solutions included new sewage systems which conserve water, encouragement of water stewardship throughout the island and a tax rebate for installing storage systems.

Participants expressed concerns over the conditional nature of current water rights, which could leave farms without water if the conditions are not met, and the difficulty of getting water rights on lakes. One speaker suggested farmers be given free water licences.

Preservation of existing farms was another important issue for many workshop participants who feared the high value of land would lead to the loss of agricultural land. The same high value leads to higher taxes, which



OCP REVIEW

threaten the economic viability of marginal farms.

John Wilcox noted present zoning regulations do not take into account the multi-generational nature of a family farm. Such a farm often requires housing for more than one generation and is not a nuclear family living in a pastoral landscape. "It's a working unit."

One commonly expressed fear was that increased development would lead to farms being surrounded by homes, which would restrict the farm's ability to operate. For example, if a driver is in an accident involving livestock, the onus falls on the farmer to prove the stock was not at fault.

Several participants suggested the Agricultural Land Reserve designations be reviewed and revised, since some land which could be used for agriculture is not in the reserve and other land which is not agriculturally viable is in it.

Land should be considered on its own merits and some compensation — such as transfer of development rights — given in exchange when land is assigned to the land reserve.

Incentives could be developed to reward farmers for good stewardship. For example, those who reduced or eliminated the use of chemicals or kept water clean could gain enhanced water rights, financial rewards, official farm status or permission to construct more housing on their land.

"I hope the public would support

farms as farms, rather than the pretty pastoral scenes maintained by farmers," one workshop participant remarked. Ideas put forward by the group included an active farmers' market, sale of value-added products at the farm gate, aggressive local marketing of products, improved winter storage of crops and zoning changes to allow increased use of greenhouses.

Residents need to be educated to watch for local produce in stores and local stores need to clearly identify local produce.

Several farmers noted government regulations make it more difficult to farm. Among the problems are bylaws which limit barn sizes, setbacks from water, restrictions on roadside stands, burning and noise bylaws.

Farmers should be exempted from any bylaw which interferes with the operation of their farm, one speaker stated.

Another suggestion was to eliminate temporary farm buildings from building permit requirements.

Beaver Point farmer John Ellacott added some levity to the evening's discussions. In reference to the Sustainable Salt Spring report, which suggested a narrow-gauge commuter railroad around Salt Spring, Ellacott asked, "When they order the trains, can you make sure they come with cow-catchers on the front?"

Wandering livestock prompted Ellacott's second observation. "Beaver Point Road will lose its rural character if Mike Byron ever finishes his fence," he said, sparking appreciative laughter from the crowd.

Saanich North & The Islands
Clive Tanner M.L.A.

#11 - 9843 Second Street
Sidney, B.C. V8L 3C7
(Marina Court, behind The Landmark)

Telephone 656-0488
(or call 1-800-663-7867
and ask for 656-0488)
Fax: 655-4906



Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm. Other times by appointment

Stop in for some healthy savings during our
PRE-INVENTORY SALE
January 25 - 30, 1995

10% OFF
EVERYTHING
(except dairy items)

MAGIC WAND Personal Massager **\$49**
with rechargeable battery. Reg. \$65.50



Located in
the Trading Co., Bldg.
Lower Ganges Rd.

NATURAL FOODS
537-2325

Open:
Mon. - Sat.
9:00am - 6:00pm

VESUVIUS INN



The wonderful designated drivers in groups of 4 or more guests will eat free with unlimited pop and coffee

NEW

BLUES JAM

Thursday, Jan. 26th
Neil Taylor, host
and
His Talented Group
with support from SSI's Finest
8:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 2nd
BARLEY BROS.
OPEN STAGE

If we are lucky one new face and sound even better than ever
8:30pm

Come for dinner - Enjoy Deb's Specials -

VESUVIUS INN

An Island Tradition
537-2312

PUB HOURS:
Daily 11:30-12:30
Sunday 11-midnight



Burritt Bros. Carpets

ROLL END CLEARANCE

PAY NO GST
When you mention this ad.
Offer good until Feb. 4/95

Here are a few roll ends available:

SANTORINI 100% Wool, Grey 11'x13', Regular \$625	NOW \$295
CEZANNE 80/20 Wool, Beige 11'x13', Regular \$1229	NOW \$359
COMMERCIAL LOOP Green, 17'x12' Regular \$504	NOW \$239
MANDARIN Snow White, Heavy Duty Commercial 16'x12' Regular \$602	NOW \$295

Don't miss our large selection of carpet & vinyl roll ends at similar savings!

Burritt Bros. Carpets
GANGES VILLAGE MARKET CENTRE

ARLENE DASHWOOD
RANDAL DASHWOOD
Family Representatives for the Gulf Islands
537-5533
•Vancouver • North Vancouver • Salt Spring

The

FAT RASCAL



This week we're making:

- English Bangers
- Marinated Chicken Wings
- Scotch Eggs

LYNN & ZOE

537-5236

Barred owl with bad attitude back home after rehabilitation



GOODBYE BA: Colleen Stranix of the rehabilitation centre in Delta prepares to release Ba the barred owl. The name stands for Bad Attitude.

Photo by Gail Spueberg

Hydro reviews pay policy as part of province-wide cuts

Salt Spring residents accustomed to paying their Hydro bills in the local office may have to make other arrangements following a review of the practice by B.C. Hydro.

As part of a province-wide series of cutbacks, Hydro may decide the local office can no longer accept bill payments over the counter. Payments will have to be mailed in, made at a bank or paid through pre-authorized automatic payment from customers' bank accounts.

Once a decision is made, district manager Mel Williamson said, details on the changed payment method will be sent to customers. He estimated 20 per cent of Hydro's 5,110 Salt Spring cus-

tomers come into the Ganges office to pay their bills.

Although staff cuts are occurring in other B.C. Hydro offices, Williamson said there have been no cuts in the Gulf Islands district.

"There's no staff reduction here at this point in time," he reported Monday. The manager, five office staff, three design staff and nine people on maintenance crews serve an estimated 9,400 customers throughout the Gulf Islands. They handle billing, service requests, meter reading, design of new services and repairs.

In addition to the customers on Salt Spring, B.C. Hydro has 365 customers on Saturna, 1,000 on Galiano, 1,900 on the Penders and 1,200 on Mayne.

It was a hoot of a reunion and fond farewell.

A barred owl returned to his Salt Spring "home" Sunday following a four-month stay at the Delta Orphaned Wildlife (OWL) rehabilitation centre. After a brief meeting with those who found and cared for the injured owl last summer, and other wildlife fans, he was released into the forest surrounding Kathy Reimer's Tripp Road property.

OWL representative Colleen Stranix said the bird was named Ba by centre volunteers. "That's for Bad Attitude," she explained.

Ba was first spotted by Rod Peters in a field near Beaver Point and Fulford-Ganges roads last August 26.

"I saw the grass bouncing," recalled Peters. He walked over to investigate the mystery and discovered the young barred owl unable to fly.

Ba lived in the Reimers' barn for about two weeks until he was transferred to OWL for the best care possible. A broken left wing needed mending, and Ba progressed through six different cages in Delta on the way to becoming independent again.

OWL is a volunteer organization caring for injured or orphaned birds of prey. Stranix estimated 60 to 65 per cent of its patients are successfully rehabilitated. OWL also offers several educational programs and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday.

After Ba had flown up and away into the evergreens bordering Reimer's farm, Stranix said without hesitation: "That's the best feeling in the world - to let them go."

SALT SPRING CINEMA
Central Hall Fri. Jan. 27-Feb. 1
24 HOUR INFO LINE 537-4656

MATURE
Occasional coarse & suggestive language

JUNIOR

Fri.-Tues. 7pm / Wed. 9:15pm
Sun. Matinee 2pm (reg. prices)

ROBERT ALTMAN'S
READY TO WEAR
(PRET-A-PORTER)

Some nudly, very coarse lang., occ. suggestive scenes

MATURE

Fri.-Tues. 9:15pm
Wed. 6:45pm

SUN. & MON. - GET MOVIE BUCKS \$4.00 TUES. ADULTS ASK ABOUT OUR "DOUBLE FEATURE SPECIAL"
Separate Admission: Adults \$7 Students \$6 Seniors & Children 14 & UNDER \$4.00

FIRST • CLASS • FOR • LESS

Stay for \$59* and breakfast is free.

- Winter bed and breakfast special includes complimentary breakfast for 2.
- Friendly home-away-from-home
- Stay'n Save Motor Inns conveniently located in four of BC's most popular destinations
- Beautyrest™ mattresses, free sports and movie channels, family restaurants and more.
- Coupon must be presented upon check-in

Stay'n Save
MOTOR INNS

Vancouver Airport
Victoria
Kamloops
Kelowna

1-800-663-0298
FAXline (604) 273-9522

*Single/Double per night basis. Valid Nov. 1/94 to March 31/95. Available at all locations. Subject to availability. Taxes extra.
OFFER VALID FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY ONLY

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR ADVERTISING SPACE IN OUR 1995 GULF ISLANDER! 537-9933

Welcome the Year of The Pig

CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL DINNER

Thurs. Feb. 2, Fri. Feb. 3, Sat. Feb 4, Sun. Feb. 5

- Mu-Shu Pork
- Fried Prawn Slices with Sour Sauce
- Stir Fried Chicken in Bird's Nest
- Beef & Snow Peas
- Mashed Taro on Crispy Duck
- Pork a la Szechwan

\$17.95

per person

Dinner hours only. Minimum 4 people per party. Regular menu also available.
Reservations Please 537-2535

Golden Island

CHINESE RESTAURANT-LICENSED

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

LUNCH.....Tues.-Fri. 11:30-2
DINNER.....Tues.-Thurs. 5-10
Fri.-Sat. 5-11; Sun. 5-9

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS
Ask about our weekend
DINNER SPECIALS
Closed Mondays

Upper Ganges Centre, Ganges 537-2535

MOBY'S

Dash Away
Lunch Buffet

\$6.95

Thursday & Friday
11:30am - 2:00pm

SUNDAY JAZZ

Scott Neilson Trio
7pm
Sunday, Jan. 29th
Dinner 5-10pm

Friday Night Live
January 27th

- 9pm-"KINDRED SPIRITS"
- 10pm-"RICHARD CROSS & CHRIS DIXON"
- 11pm-"PAUL BROUSSEAU FUSION ENSEMBLE"

marine pub

537-5559 - 120 Upper Ganges Rd.,
"at the head of Ganges Harbour"

Lounge, restaurant features of Harbour Air's new terminal

Construction is under way on a new seaplane terminal at Vancouver airport that will provide a passenger waiting area, lounge, restaurant and office space for Harbour Air Ltd.

The \$1.5 million terminal building is being erected on the site of the old terminal, which was torn down in November. The 5,600-square-foot, two-storey structure will enjoy the same waterfront location on the Fraser River.

Harbour Air expects the new terminal to open in June.

Meanwhile, passengers flying out of the airport make the first leg of their seaplane journey on dry land. While the seaplane dock is inaccessible due to construction, planes are loaded and unloaded on the tarmac near a temporary terminal building.

Once a plane is loaded, a unique hydraulic lift called a beaching gear, constructed from the chassis of a pickup truck and used much like a forklift, raises the plane off



ON THE RAMP: A Harbour Air Beaver is launched at the airline's Vancouver airport terminal on the Fraser River.

the ground. It is then moved across Inglis Drive and on to a launching ramp.

This procedure will be employed until planes can once again be moored at floats on the river.

Fourteen-year-old Harbour Air

provides seaplane service to the forest and tourism industries as well as scheduled service throughout coastal B.C. It offers three round trips daily between Ganges and Vancouver airport and one daily round trip to downtown Vancouver.

• PDS has branched out into providing a personnel service. Lynne Logan's Professional Domestic Services is now offering qualified, on-call personnel such as legal, medical and real estate secretaries, word and data processors, bookkeepers and receptionists, restaurant staff and retail shop assistants and managers.

The business is also a distributor for Electrolux supplies and continues to provide bonded, insured and uniformed cleaners for local homes. PDS can be reached at 537-5298.

• More than 30 years' experience in the construction industry stands behind B.J. Handyman

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Services, a new business operated by Brian Jewell.

Quality and dependable workmanship are offered in carpentry, drywall, electrical, painting, concrete work, plumbing and welding. Free estimates and seniors' discounts are available.

Jewell can be reached at 537-1810.

• A new Salt Spring business aims to help people live a happier,

healthier life. Health In Motion, owned by Debra Berteig of Salt Spring and Carol Michiellin of Victoria, operates out of 130 Hillgrove Road.

Services include soothing and relaxing body work in the home, office or Health In Motion studios, nutritional counselling that analyzes a client's nutritional state of health and designs a herbal program, and muscle balancing to correct imbalances in the body which may relate to stress, nutrition, learning problems and injuries.

Health in Motion can be contacted at 537-1565

Credit union still looking at options

Island Savings Credit Union members may yet see a special investment vehicle tailored to suit the concerns of some Salt Spring Islanders.

The credit union surveyed local members last year after some expressed dismay over lending policies. At issue was the logging and subdivision of land on which the credit union held a mortgage.

Earlier this month, Island Savings chairwoman Pearl Graham reported in a letter to members that no immediate action would be taken as a result of the survey.

While many of the 800 respondents favoured options such as a community fund savings account and an ethical savings certificate, there was less support for actually using those instruments.

Fifty-four per cent felt the first would be a good idea, but 66 per cent said they probably would not invest in it, Graham said in her letter. Seventy per cent of respondents saw merit in the savings certificate but only nine per cent expected they would use it.

Asked if they felt the credit union should ensure projects meet certain environmental standards to qualify for loans, only 24 per cent said it should do so.

Meanwhile, fully 96 per cent said they were satisfied with

Island Savings' services.

Graham told the Driftwood Monday that she was pleased with the number of responses. She described them as coming from people "who felt strongly one way or the other."

She also said Island Savings is

still looking at offering a service that would help satisfy member concerns. "We're still considering an investment vehicle that people can use" if they wish.

The Duncan-based credit union has about 6,000 accounts at its Salt Spring branch.

Congratulations



MARION MARKS
537-2453



SHELLI ROBERTSON
653-4347

MARION MARKS & SHELLI ROBERTSON TOP SELLERS

NRS Salt Spring Realty Ltd., is pleased to congratulate **MARION MARKS & SHELLI ROBERTSON** as top selling realtors for the month of December, 1994. Call NRS, North America's finest real estate marketing system, for all your real estate needs.



NRS SALT SPRING REALTY LTD.
101 - 149 Fulford Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T9

Phone: (604) 537-5515 Fax: (604) 537-9797
Vic.Dir: 656-5554 Van.Dir: 278-5595

GLORIA OLSON
Chartered Accountant

539-5152

Site 19, Comp 8, RR1
Galiano Island, B.C., V0N 1P0

Gulf Coast MATERIALS

Due to high wind storms and mechanical breakdowns at the Construction Aggregates Gravel Pit, our barge load of gravel, scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18/95 was postponed until Wednesday, Jan. 25/95.



For quality wood products that add value to your home, come to

artisan
MOULDINGS WAREHOUSE

477 Boleskine Rd., Victoria
475-2077 • 1-800-660-7797



CARPETS CERAMIC TILE BLINDS AREA RUGS HARDWOOD

With prices this low, you'd think we're out of our minds.

United Carpet's

Crazee
CARPET CAPER

COMING SATURDAY, FEB. 4 1995
1 DAY ONLY 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM



THE OFFICIAL CARPET OF AIR TRAVEL
We're proud to be the only floor and window covering store of offer collectors of AIR MILES Travel Miles.

UNITED CARPET®

Experience the Difference

In Sidney at 9752 - 4th St.

Call Toll Free: 1-800-789-9599

655-4858

Across from Budget Rent-a-Car

CARPETS CERAMIC TILE BLINDS AREA RUGS HARDWOOD

SALT SPRING MINI STORAGE

347 Upper Ganges Road
"Safer than Someone's Old barn"

RESERVE TODAY CALL
537-5888
FOR SIZES & RATES

PLANNING: Committee to look at next 10 years

From Page A1

tatives cynical and jaded.

Only 10 days ago, longtime transportation committee member Kathy Scarfo of Salt Spring, who is also a member of the new advisory committee, wondered how the new one would be any different.

But in a telephone interview last Wednesday, consultant Brenda McBain insisted the process will be "participant-owned."

"The ferry corporation is not coming with a plan or series of options for people to respond to," said McBain, who will be a facilitator at the advisory committee's first meeting Friday and Saturday.

She conceded that the 27-member committee faces issues that are "extremely complex" and there are no easy answers. But, she noted, "there are some ways to make the system work better."

Committee members will be invited to present their "interests" in terms of ferry service and, over the next six months, help generate a plan that will be presented to the ferry corporation's board of directors in June.

McBain, whose Victoria company CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. has been engaged to facilitate the process, said the committee's work would not be "filtered" through B.C. Ferries, but would go directly to the board.

The process being followed here is not unlike that which has taken place on the north coast. There, a stakeholders' committee was struck to examine ferry service on routes 10 and 11, between

Port Hardy and Prince Rupert and Prince Rupert and Skidegate, as well as the needs of small coastal communities. As far as Prince Rupert Mayor John Kuz is concerned, "genuine consultation" replaced the "tokenism" of before. "We actually got a sense we were being listened to," said Kuz, who is chairman of a now-permanent advisory committee.

He explained in a telephone interview Sunday that the strategic planning process involved several days of meetings over a number of months, after a one-day session in which stakeholders presented their concerns.

"We were able to bring several northern frustrations out."

One of the committee's recommendations was that the corporation impose a \$1 surcharge on fares throughout the ferry system to create a fund for capital projects. Such a fund, Kuz said, could accumulate up to \$1 billion over 14 years.

While Kuz was pleased with the process, he said the ultimate indicator of its success will be the response to its recommendations by the B.C. Ferries board.

This weekend's meeting of the Gulf Islands committee — representatives will gather for more than 12 hours beginning at 2:30 Friday and wrapping up 24 hours later — will be the first of four meetings of the entire group, McBain said. Other discussions will take place through telephone conferences and in subcommittees.

The ferry corporation is putting together an information

package for committee members but McBain stressed that any proposals prepared before now will be presented only for information. The corporation will not offer a selection of plans and ask which one representatives like best.

"We won't ignore the research and analysis that B.C. Ferries has already done," McBain said. "We will bring it in when the need is generated."

ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS!
Raven Net members can now send Driftwood Classifieds via modem! 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

IT'S 1995 AT WINDSOR



General Paint Breeze Interior
LATEX PAINT

#50-010-Semigloss
#55-010 Eggshell
#52-010-Flat

19⁹⁵
3.78L

(Pastel Colours only)

Sale ends Jan. 31/95

Windsor Plywood

SALTSPRING, RAINBOW ROAD
537-5564

STORE HOURS: MON - SAT 8:00am - 5:30pm • CLOSED SUNDAYS

FINISHING... And BUILDING SUPPLIES!



27 stakeholders at table for meeting in Saanich

Twenty-seven stakeholders in Gulf Islands ferry service — 20 of whom are full-time island residents — will gather at the North and South Saanich Agricultural Hall Friday and Saturday to begin drafting a plan for the next 10 years.

Representatives from individual islands are expected to present their needs for service to the Mainland and Vancouver Island, while the B.C. Ferry Corporation will likely state its concern over an annual subsidy of more than \$20 million.

Committee members are Philip Grange, Allisen Lambert, Neville Atkinson and Kathy Scarfo of Salt Spring; Patrick Brown, Bob Culmer, Ron Thorner, Linda Wein and Robert Southey of Pender; Runciman Hooley, Annie Nichols and Geoff Gaylor of Galiano; Sonja Taiji, Barry Wilks, Barbara Nelson and Jonathan Chilvers of Mayne; and Raymond Lindsay, John Money, Jacque Campbell and Joyce Whitehead of Saturna.

The committee's membership also consists of five non-resident property owners (one from each island) and two representatives from B.C. Ferries. They are Jeanette McKay, assistant vice-president — south of operations and customer services, and Len Roueche, director of strategic and corporate planning.



Did you know!

- Ninety per cent of Canadian women will be entirely responsible for their own financial affairs at some point in their lives.
- Women are significantly more concentrated in jobs that have no retirement plans.
- One out of three women retiring today lives at or below the poverty line.

If you are a woman interested in financial security, come spend an entertaining evening with:

Joanne Thomas Yaccato
Best Selling Author of
Balancing Act:
A Canadian Woman's
Financial Survival Guide
Presented by:
Carolann Steinhoff
and Pamela Russell-Nyren

Scotia McLeod

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1995 - 7:00 p.m.
Empress Hotel, Crystal Ballroom - \$10.00/ticket
Proceeds to Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation
RSVP 389-2124 or 1-800-663-1855

RRSP

5 YEAR FIXED TERM

8.75%

Ask for details at any branch.

Rate subject to change without notice



Duncan	746-4171
Mill Bay	743-5534
Salt Spring	537-5587
Victoria	385-4476

THRIFTY FOODS™

Mouats Centre, Salt Spring Island / Mon.-Sat. 8am -8pm Sun. 9am-7pm

FLOWERS AND PLANTS

You will love our large selection of tropical plants, flowering plants, hanging baskets, cacti and plenty of cut flowers.

We're only too happy to prepare bouquets and arrangements for weddings and other special occasions

Yes, we deliver and we accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

"Congratulations to last week's lucky winner of a \$30 arrangement"
JENNIFER PENNEY

Enter a friend's name to win a \$30 arrangement in our weekly draw

FRIENDS NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE #
YOUR NAME



"THE PLANT & FLOWER PEOPLE"

INSIDE GISS

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Counsellor Coordinator

• This is the last week of regular classes for this semester. Most students have the necessary work completed, but a few have not. If you have a child in one of these classes, note that these term-end assignments are due this Friday:

- Social Studies 11 (Rob Griffith) "Developing Nations" projects;
- CADD (Dave Betts) architectural assignment — house plans;
- Computer Graphics (Dave Betts) animation projects.

• If your child is studying English with Doug Bambrough during the next semester, watch for a notice of a meeting that should be coming home to you very quickly.

Bambrough is setting up this meeting to outline his English course for this semester so parents will know what is expected from the students, and to give some indications of the best ways by which the child's efforts can be supported.

• Our Advanced Studies Program is offering students a chance to get a head start on earning university credits and to earn a double credit for high school graduation if they have completed their English 12 and earned high grades in this class. These students can enroll in a "tutor assisted and mentor supported" first-year university class in English or Psychology. Talk to Scott Bergstrom (537-9944) for more details.

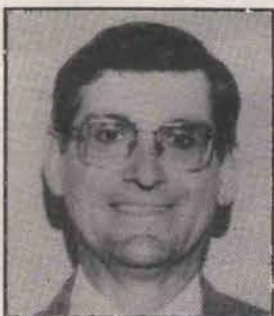
• I have made arrangements for a few parents and students to tour Malaspina University-College on February. Call me (537-9944) if you wish to come along.

We are also putting together a group of 10 students to attend a "Youth Taking a Stand Against Youth Violence" workshop in Nanaimo on February 18-19. We are looking for students who would like to get involved in developing solutions to the problem of youth violence.

• It is not summer, and most students are not job hunting yet; but studies published by Employment Canada reveal some interesting statistics you may find useful in helping your child look for a job.

Over 50 per cent of jobs that people find are the result of what is known as "cold calls": - walking into a business, asking what jobs are available and then "selling" themselves to the employer.

About 12 per cent of the jobs are found through Employment Canada; 12 per cent through job clubs, and 6 per cent from following up newspaper ads.



Steve Somerset, a resident of Salt Spring since 1989 has been helping investors manage their money for 29 years.

For over 80 years Nesbitt Burns has been offering a full array of high quality investment products and services: RRSPs, stocks, bonds, GICs and Mutual Funds.

For all your investment needs call STEVE SOMERSET Investment Advisor 361-2417 (collect)



NESBITT BURNS

Member of the Bank of Montreal Group of Companies

WORKWEAR WORLD



LEVIS JEANS

501, 512, 516
Slight Imperfections

34⁹⁹

Sizes 28-38
WHILE QUANTITIES LAST

RED TAG!

Sale

LADIES BROOMSTICK SKIRTS

100% Rayon
Asst. patterns
and colours
Reg. 39.99

19⁹⁹

WHILE QUANTITIES LAST

MENS BLANKET COAT (4 only)
Grey/White mix
Reg. 169.99

119⁹⁹

MENS, POPLIN STROLLER COAT
Navy or Teal
Reg. 109.99

79⁹⁹

MENS, WOOL DUFFLE COAT (4 only)
With Black Leather Trim,
Reg. 199.99

129⁹⁹

THE BIG BOOT BLOWOUT!

HH BROWN Womens CSA Tan, Lined, 6" WORK BOOTS Reg. 109.99	79⁹⁹	HH BROWN, CSA Unlined, Tan, 8" WORK BOOTS Reg. 59.99	49⁹⁹	KODIAK, CSA, Brown Lined, 8" WORK BOOTS Reg. 117.99	97⁹⁹
HH BROWN Worklytes, CSA Lined, 8" WORK BOOTS Reg. 99.99	79⁹⁹	BLACK, CSA WORK SHOES Reg. 84.99	64⁹⁹	KODIAK, CSA, Black Unlined, 6" WORK BOOTS Reg. 74.99	54⁹⁹
HH BROWN, CSA Unlined, 6", Tan WORK BOOTS Reg. 74.99	54⁹⁹	KAUFMAN, CSA Lined, 6", Tan WORK BOOTS Reg. 99.99	69⁹⁹	MATTERHORN HIKING BOOTS Reg. 69.99	49⁹⁹
HH BROWN, CSA Lined, Tan, 8" WORK BOOTS Reg. 69.99	59⁹⁹	KAUFMAN, Black, CSA With spring insole OXFORD SHOES Reg. 99.99	79⁹⁹	HI-TEC, 8" HIKING BOOTS Reg. 99.99	79⁹⁹
HH BROWN, CSA Western Style, Tan WORK BOOTS Reg. 132.99	92⁹⁹	KAUFMAN, No Steel Toe 8", Tan WORK BOOTS Reg. 97.99	77⁹⁹	TERA NOVA 8" lined TERRA LITES Reg. 79.99	59⁹⁹
WORKWORLD MENS WORKSETS Navy, Spruce or Grey Reg. 24.99 ea.	19⁹⁹	WATCH FOR OTHER RED TAG SAVINGS THROUGHOUT THE STORE		LADIES STRETCH JEANS Black or Denim \$32.-\$39	29⁹⁹

STANFIELDS, WAFFLE WEAVE
Premium, Ultra Thermal
SHIRTS OR LONGS
50/50 poly/cotton
Reg. 19.99 ea.

15⁹⁹

EA.

SOREL, INSULATED, REMOVABLE LINER

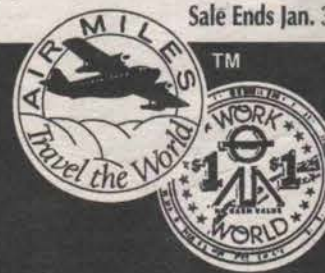
Mens Snow Lion Boots
Reg. 89.99 **69⁹⁹**

Ladies Freestyle Boots
Reg. 79.99 **59⁹⁹**

ALL SALE ITEMS WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!

LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

WORKWEAR WORLD



Sale Ends Jan. 31/95

109 McPHILLIPS AVE., GANGES

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 - 5:30 / Saturday 9:00 - 5:00

537-2999

