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Luck of the draw

Anne Isbister, left, gets kick out of showing off crib hand during a game with Fern Haworth. It was only a 28 hand but she got one twice in the same afternoon. Both

times Isbister dealt herself three fives and a face card, and both times Haworth cut another five. The two have been playing crib together for nearly 30 years. Photo by Tony Richards.

Employees vent their anger, hostility at special meeting

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Gulf Islands school trustees were in the line of fire last Wednesday as employees, students and parents converged on the school board office to express anger over the budget crisis.

Trustees met to hear about and approve a revised "budget reduction plan" which will cut just over \$625,000 from operating costs for the remainder of the school year. (See separate story, Page A20.)

Board chairwoman Allisen Lambert wasted no time accepting "absolute responsibility and accountability" for the deficit on behalf of the board. But acceptance of responsibility did not diffuse much of the anger destined for ventilation.

Trustees endured waves of hostile comments and questions throughout a three-hour meeting.

Several CUPE employees outlined their resentment about bearing the brunt of cost reductions, not only this year but during past "restraint" phases. Many said their trust, loyalty and morale had been seriously eroded by their experience with the district and its decision-makers.

Long-time district employee Dorothy Kyle said she had witnessed a "roller coaster ride" of positions cut, sometimes restored, re-titled or modified. Several CUPE-staffed services had not recovered from the round of June 1993 cutbacks.

"It is time that the senior administration and the board of school trustees took a long hard look at the way they play with the lives of the people in their employ," she said. Thirteen-year district employee

Judy Boylan said she has watched the board slash programs and positions and introduce new ones "apparently without sufficient research or responsible fiscal planning."

"Your mistakes are exacting an enormous toll in terms of morale and stress from all employee groups throughout this district. Your employees' moods run the gamut (often several times a day) from rage to powerless depression. This is not healthy for people who are desperately trying to help children grow into whoever they can optimally become."

Teachers also expressed anger

about the budget deficit and its effects on students.

Gulf Islands Teachers Association (GITA) president Larry Field said he had already bought art supplies with funds from his own pocket so he could conduct an art class at Salt Spring Elementary.

Field said the board must explain why it could not accurately estimate expenditures or discover serious overspending until halfway through its fiscal year.

"Why is the board reluctant to take responsibility for this deficit

ANGER A19



TRUSTEES' ORDEAL: Charles Hingston holds his head in his hands as he and fellow school trustees listen to a litany of criticisms by district staff last Wednesday. More than 60 people crowded into the board room to attend the special meeting.

Photo by Tony Richards

Hub terminal among ideas at ferries meet

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By VALORIE LENNOX
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Elimination of the Long Harbour and Fulford ferry terminals, a hub terminal at Mayne with vessels radiating out to serve the other islands and a new terminal on the southeast corner of Salt Spring were among suggestions put forward last week by the new strategic plan advisory committee for ferry service.

Committee members broke into three groups Saturday for a "brainstorming" session to design an ideal ferry service for the Gulf Islands. Each of the groups included representatives from the five islands.

Ray Lindsay of Saturna summarized the suggestions from his group, which included:

- A core service running in as straight a line as possible between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen. Lindsay outlined two options for the core service.

- The first was to retain route 9 (Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen) but schedule the route so that each sailing had only two stops. If a ship sailed from Pender it would only make one stop at another island before reaching Tsawwassen.

- The second option was to eliminate route 9 and replace it with a system in which all Gulf Island routes linked with Swartz Bay. Each sailing would only make two stops in the islands, including point of origin. Vessels sailing from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen could include a stop in the islands.

- Saturna to be served solely by a smaller ferry from Mayne.

- Long Harbour and Fulford Harbour terminals to be replaced with a terminal near Beaver Point on Salt Spring to eliminate long sailings into inlets on Salt Spring.

Similar ideas were proposed by the second group. Their plans included:

- No more than three stops in the Gulf Islands per trip.

- Development of Village Bay on

Mayne as a central hub with runs connecting to Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay. Smaller, faster ships sailing with greater frequency would connect Village Bay with the other islands.

- Closing of Long Harbour and Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring and development of a new terminal on Salt Spring at Cusheon Cove.

The third group focused on reliability and frequency of service. They suggested:

- A central hub either at Village Bay or Otter Bay. The Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route would be retained, but would only stop at the hub port before sailing to Tsawwassen. Smaller vessels serving the islands would bring passengers to and from the hub.

- Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen sailings would stop at the hub. An alternative could be a sailing from Swartz Bay to the hub and then a second vessel connecting the hub with Tsawwassen.

- Another option divided the islands down the middle, with one service for Salt Spring and Galiano and one for Saturna, Mayne and the Penders.

- Eliminate ferry service to Saturna. Instead, connect Saturna by bridge to Mayne.

- Establish a passenger-only service between islands.

- Limit travel for commercial vehicles to off-peak hours.

The next step in the strategic planning process is to have the proposals assessed by B.C. Ferries for feasibility and cost. Input from the public will be sought through a series of open houses to be held on the islands at the end of this month or early in March.

Salt Spring's Kathy Scarfo stressed that all of the ideas proposed by group members were just concepts. "I wouldn't like to go back to Salt Spring having them think that I think (a terminal at) Cusheon Cove is a great idea."

The advisory committee's next meeting is slated for the end of March.

Highways blamed for mountain of problems

By SUSAN LUNDY
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Only a superhuman effort will pacify the owner of Salt Spring's "Lois Lane."

And judging from the outcome of a meeting last week with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, that effort will be made.

Lois Johnson, who lives at the corner of Upper and Lower Ganges roads, has been complaining to the highways ministry since June regarding road work that left her a mountain of problems and a steep

driveway she calls Lois Lane.

Last week, Johnson's garage was flooded with mud and her freezer, located in the garage, no longer works. During cold spells, her driveway ices up and is inaccessible. Two cyclists have skidded over the bank and onto her property. She has lost two parking spots, brushes danger every time she enters or exits her driveway, and is faced with the sight of an ugly bank of dirt each time she opens her front door.

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THE URBAN MORON



Hecklers interrupt meeting, call for radical action

By VALORIE LENNOX
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Disenchanted youths and disgruntled adults took over Thursday's environmental forum, cutting short the scheduled speakers and haranguing the crowd with demands for land and jobs.

"We need to give Salt Spring a social conscience," one man shouted, complaining that the meeting was boring. He criticized the group for being unable to agree on the issue and for not acting on the changes which he felt needed to be made.

"Talk! Talk! Talk!" he exclaimed in disgust, storming out of the meeting.

Others verbally attacked both the committee and the approximately 80 people in attendance.

The major heckling started midway through the meeting after two of the four scheduled presentations had been completed. Briony Penn had summarized the major land issues which the environmental focus group had identified.

Ann Humphries had presented a heritage-oriented slide show on the history of Salt Spring and brought in local architect Jonathan Yardley to stress the importance of preserving the island's heritage.

Even at that point, it was clear the meeting was not going as planned. Several committee members were surprised by the style, scope and length of Humphries' presentation

and there had been some mild heckling from the crowd.

David Shebib interrupted the speakers to announce that the problem lay in the control of society by banks.

Despite the disruptions, Kathy Reimer completed her summary of issues surrounding the preservation of freshwater resources. "If we carefully restore, protect and preserve these water resources, there will be enough for all," she said.

Like the other two speakers, she invited those present to fill out questionnaires and give their opinion before leaving the meeting.

Ian Kyle, slated to talk about shoreline issues, cut his speech short. "I agree with you. I'm bored stiff. Let's get on with it," he declared. He invited those in the audience to drop by one of the displays set up in the back of the room, discuss their concerns with people manning the displays and fill out a questionnaire. "Let's just get on with it. I'm tired of this."

Chairman Arnold Budd defended the group's identification of environmental issues. Issues must be identified in order to be targeted, he observed. "All I know is that when you go duck hunting, you don't go flock shooting, you pick out a duck." "I'm not sure about your analogy," someone called out from the crowd.

Virginia Newman asked why there was no moratorium on

development while the revision of the community plan is under way.

At that point, Shebib leapt to his feet and announced that his group was taking radical actions to force change. "We're not happy with the system. We're all controlled by the banks."

But people in the audience tried to pull the meeting back on to its environmental track. Sue Hiscocks tried to turn discussion to the issue of the Crofton mill. For years, she said, people on Salt Spring have tried to get the mill to "clean up their act."

Islands Trust member Grace Byrne outlined the review process being used to update the Official Community Plan. "We're listening. We're going to use what you're saying to build the island that you and I want."

Regional director Dietrich Luth promised to convey information

from the meeting back to the Capital Regional District.

Budd offered to open the meeting to comments from the crowd before adjourning. The hecklers took full advantage, showering the group with complaints about private ownership of land, the system, lack of jobs for youth and criticizing the process being used to review the community plan.

"If you're going to get something together, you've got to do it properly," one speaker charged. Doing it properly means doing it for others and not just for one's self, he added. "Cause if you're doing it for yourself, then pack it in."

David Shebib complained that his 15-year-old son can't find a decent job and that other young people can't get meaningful jobs. "I'm opposed to the whole system." "The ownership of land is really

a fallacy," another youth observed. The crowd was told that the land base is a lie and ownership is false. "We have no place to be where we are free."

Another youth screamed his outrage over his inability to find a job. He wanted land where he could grow food or he would be forced to leave the island, he said. The microphone amplified his rage, disturbing a night school class in an adjoining wing of the school.

At that point, the meeting was adjourned. Several people had walked out but those still present visited the various displays on shoreline, land use, heritage and freshwater conservation to collect information and record their opinions.

Shoreline talk, walk planned

A close look at the shoreline will be taken Tuesday, just before the Islands Trust meeting on the issue.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Grace Point Square conference centre, Brendan Holden will present a program on shoreline management. Holden is a senior hydraulic engineer and geomorphologist for the Ministry of Environment.

Following Holden's talk, a shoreline walk will start at 3 p.m. from the Salt Spring Sailing Club at the bottom of Douglas Road. Participants are advised to wear boots.

A workshop on shoreline issues will be held at 7 p.m. at the Anglican Centre as part of the Official Community Plan review.

Freight firm's sale has no effect on islands

The transfer of Sidney Freight to Vancouver-based Van Kam Freightways will not affect Salt Spring Freight or Pender Island Freight.

Jerry Jackson, owner of all three companies, said he has sold Sidney Freight to Van Kam, which will use the company's Sidney depot. "Nothing will change as far as the customer is concerned."

But Jackson plans to keep both of the island freight companies, which will be operated by his son-

in-law, Stephen Combs.

"Salt Spring Freight will stay exactly the same," he said. "I had Salt Spring Freight before I even had Sidney Freight." He has been in the business 35 years and recalls driving the truck for Salt Spring Freight.

He decided to sell Sidney Freight in order to semi-retire. The day-to-day operation of the Salt Spring and Pender Island companies will be handled by Combs.

Howe Sound Queen off Friday

B.C. Ferries is warning travellers that sailing waits are anticipated on the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry during the next three weeks.

On Friday, the Howe Sound Queen will be replaced by the much smaller Vesuvius Queen, while the former is off for refit. The replacement vessel carries only 32 vehicles compared to the Howe Sound Queen's 70.

The larger vessel is expected back on the run by February 22.

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ROAD WORK CREATES PROBLEMS: Lois Johnson looks down on problems created by road work in front of her Ganges property, which now lies at the foot of a steep embankment at the corner of Upper and Lower Ganges roads. The road on which she is standing used to be at the same level as the driveway in front of her home.

Photo by Tony Richards

HIGHWAYS: Rebuilt intersection creates problems

From Page A1

The Highways project on Upper Ganges Road last June used a large quantity of fill to eliminate a severe dip in the road. But while motorists may appreciate the smoother ascent on to Lower Ganges Road, the road work resulted in a greatly changed access to Johnson's home, which now sits in the centre of a "bowl" and can only be reached either side via a steep driveway.

Drainage problems occur from a constant oozing of water and mud from the bank on to the driveway, leaving a "slippery, mucky mess." Access to the driveway is dangerous because there are no visible guidelines for cars approaching or leaving the property up and down the steep grade.

"I was under the belief there should have been more of a plateau before the front of the car was extended out on to the road," Johnson said in a letter to the ministry, dated June 2. "I also don't believe that any large emergency vehicle could turn right down the driveway."

This letter was accompanied by a dozen phone calls, but the ministry did not respond until island lawyer James Pasuta sent a letter, dated January 10.

In the letter Pasuta noted there is a "direct causal relationship"

between the road work and Johnson's problems and therefore legal action "based on negligence would succeed quite handily."

Pasuta's letter resulted in a meeting with area manager Mark Stevens at Johnson's home January 24.

"He asked what we wanted and we said the same things we've always said," Johnson noted. "It really annoys me that I had to put out my own money and go get a lawyer" before the ministry would respond.

Stevens told the Driftwood that drainage work, the "major source" of Johnson's problems, would begin at

the site next week. Better drainage should eliminate the runoff of mud and water and lessen the chance of icy build-ups.

"When we did the construction we must have hit a spring," Stevens said. "In the summer, the water wasn't coming out, but once the rains started"

Stevens said each of Johnson's complaints would be dealt with. Black and white delineation marks will be installed along the top edge of the driveway, providing visual aid to those entering and exiting the property.

A new hydro-seed mixture including wildflowers will be sprayed on to the bank and "hopefully lessen its visual impact."

An engineering staff "warrant calculation" which considers slopes, speed limits and prevailing weather conditions did not prioritize the area for installation of barriers, Stevens said. However, staff would be "revisiting the barrier issue" to re-examine the situation.

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New ferries advisory group is not a PR ruse, says Rhodes

Public participation in planning ferry service is not a public relations ruse, B.C. Ferries president Frank Rhodes told members of the strategic plan advisory committee.

"The work you undertake is meaningful and will directly impact the future of B.C. Ferries," Rhodes said at the group's first meeting Friday.

"We are now at a critical juncture. We have to change the way we do business."

The first step is revising the corporation's strategic plans, based on advice from stakeholder groups like the Gulf Islands committee. A new budget framework is being developed, based on 10-year capital plans, and the organization is being evaluated and restructured.

One reason for the change is the gradual loss of provincial government subsidies. For the first 30 to 35 years of its operation, B.C. Ferries relied on taxes to cover capital costs and had operating shortfalls covered by the provincial government.

Since 1990, B.C. Ferries has lost \$25 million in subsidy support. At the same time, the corporation has assumed responsibility for its own capital debt, which increased from zero to \$35 million between 1990 and 1995.

Coping with these changes is, Rhodes said, "one of the untold financial success stories of B.C. Ferries."

Eventually, B.C. Ferries is to join the ranks of B.C. Rail, B.C. Crown Printing and B.C. Lottery Corporation as a self-sufficient Crown corporation. B.C. Ferries is moving towards a more commercialized operation by introducing seasonal variations in fares, larger gift shops on ships and more innovative use of the corporation's revenue base.

While attempting to put its operations on a more businesslike basis,

Rhodes said the corporation must also meet increasing demands for service. Only the sailings between Vancouver Island and the Mainland show a profit. All others operate at a loss.

The Vancouver Island-Mainland routes generated a \$17 million profit last year, while the Sunshine Coast routes required an \$18 million subsidy, the mid-coast/northern routes a \$17 million subsidy and the Gulf Islands a \$23 million subsidy.

When those figures were challenged, Rhodes offered to have them analyzed by independent accountants to demonstrate to the committee that the losses are real. "It is not voodoo economics which produces loss or a profit.

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The dollars out are much greater than the dollars in."

Bob Culmer of North Pender disagreed with the concept of a commercially-oriented ferry service. The Gulf Islands routes could be made profitable if only a single ship served all the islands, but that would not meet the need.

Geoff Gaylor of Galiano agreed. "It's an essential service. To look at that as a business — I don't understand that. It's not a subsidy in my mind. We have to have a service that works."

Ray Lindsay of Saturna said B.C. Ferries never discusses the "subsidy" to B.C. shipyards by having the superferries built in B.C. instead of constructed for less elsewhere. He also noted B.C. Ferries workers are highly paid but

doubted their productivity measured up to private-sector workers.

"I'm very proud of the workers of B.C. Ferries. I don't want to see a black hat on the employees," Rhodes said.

Many people don't realize that the numbers of crew on each ship are set by Coast Guard standards. In addition to whatever job they may perform on the ship, each has a marine emergency duty certificate and is expected to deal with any emergencies at sea.

He agreed with Lindsay's assertion that B.C. Ferries is under-capitalized. "We are eating our equity," he noted.

"If we built a vessel a year for the next 10 years, the average age of our fleet would be the same — 25 years."

He defended having the superferries built in B.C. Although a bid from a Louisiana firm was \$40 million less, building the two ferries in the province generated far more local economic benefits than the additional cost. Since completing the superferries, the Western Canada Marine Group has received \$50 million in orders from other countries for ships, based on the experience it gained.

B.C. Ferries' operation has drawn delegations from Europe, who want to see the system in action. Tsawwassen, Rhodes said, "is the only ferry terminal in the world that can turn a ship around as fast as it does."

B.C. Ferries is now getting requests from small growing communities on the north coast who have not had ferry service in the past. For Rhodes, the importance of ferry service was driven home when he asked a resident of one of those communities how ferry service would benefit their community.

The answer was simple. "Fresh milk for kids."

Committee debates ferry philosophy

Fear is predicted to spur the flow of people from the cities to the Gulf Islands. Should the ferry service make it easier for them to come?

That question recurred repeatedly Friday and Saturday during debate on ferry service by the new advisory committee.

Charged with coming up with plans for ferry service over the next decade, the 27 committee members wondered if improving service would accelerate development on the islands.

One member predicted increased crime in the cities will lead to more people wanting to move to the islands, which are safer in part because they are linked to larger centres by ferry. Few criminals want to risk a wait for the next sailing to escape the scene of a crime.

Another observed that in keeping with the Islands Trust mandate to preserve the Gulf Islands, ferry service should be kept to a minimum.

Islands Trust representative Sonja Taiji said the Trust's transportation statement does not say ferry service should be provided after demand exists while other group members noted growth on the islands is controlled by strict zoning.

But Salt Spring resident Drew Thorburn said there are fears on Salt Spring that more frequent ferry service will lead to the island becoming a suburb of Saanich, with many commuting to jobs in Victoria.

Similar concerns were expressed by Geoff Gaylor of Galiano, who said that island is only half developed. There are fears that service beyond strictly essential levels will lead to faster development.

During a discussion of high-speed, passenger-only ferries,

Saturna trustee John Money said such ferries could change the character of the community. "It's fine to have the optimum service but we have to consider the impact on our communities."

Thorburn asked if the ferry corporation determined the level of service by the demands of the customer or by the desires of the community.

B.C. Ferries representative Jeanette McKay said the corporation's strategic plan commits B.C. Ferries to supporting community plans.

A survey of Saturna residents showed 75 per cent thought ferry service should be neutral in the development issue, neither encouraging nor discouraging development.

Taiji suggested a recommendation should be sent to B.C. Ferries that the aspirations of each community be considered when supplying ferry service.

From their discussion, advisory committee members established a statement of purpose for the committee and a statement of mission.

The statement of purpose declared: "Working in a collaborative manner to develop a well understood, broadly supported strategic plan for the future ferry service in the southern gulf islands."

The draft mission, which they hoped B.C. Ferries would adopt, stated: "B.C. Ferries, while providing a safe, efficient, reliable and essential transportation link between Mainland areas, Vancouver Island and the southern gulf islands, will strive to develop for its customers scheduling, facilities and a fleet in concert with the aspirations of each affected community."

In addition to devising those two statements during their initial dis-

ussion, group members suggested a representative from a small "satellite" island without ferry service be invited to join the committee.

Thorburn noted there is a great deal of public skepticism about the advisory committee. He hoped B.C. Ferries would use the input from the group and from the public when open houses are held.

"It's very difficult to overcome the cynics on the island," he said.



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Late sailings, poor connections common concerns of members

By VALORIE LENNOX
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Reliable ferry service. That was the major demand from 25 Gulf Islands residents who gathered in Central Saanich last Friday and Saturday for the first meeting of the strategic plan advisory committee.

Participants from Salt Spring, Galiano, Saturna, Mayne and the Penders aired their gripes over B.C. Ferries service to their islands. The informal survey revealed many common concerns, including late sailings, missed connections and poor inter-island service.

From Salt Spring:

Ferry scheduling committee member Kathy Scarfo said fares should be consistent for all routes and the subsidy level for each route should be clarified.

- Essential services should receive priority boarding but there should not be assured boarding based on payment of an additional fee.
- More options for cargo delivery, including off-hour dangerous cargo sailings.
- Each terminal should have enough parking for one sailing load. Faster vessels would increase sailing frequency and allow more traffic to be carried.

"When I came here six years ago, you could set your watch by the ferry service. For whatever reason, it has deteriorated," business representative Neville Atkinson said.

- Passengers must turn up at 6 a.m. for a 6:40 a.m. departure. The ferry doesn't start loading until 6:40 a.m. and then leaves late. (Several other speakers echoed this complaint.)
- On the Fulford-Swartz Bay route, heavy trucks are loaded first and let off first. This results in cars following these slow, cumbersome vehicles for 22 km on a twisting, hilly island road.

Glen Champion, representing non-resident property owners, called for a direct sailing from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen, especially on Sunday evenings.

- Ferries should be scheduled to allow connections. The Fulford ferry should link with the sailings between Vancouver Island and the Mainland. Passengers in transit to or from the Gulf Islands through Tsawwassen or Swartz Bay should have guaranteed loading on their next sailing.

From Pender Island: Resident Patrick Brown suggested fast, passenger-only sailings between the islands aboard large water taxis to strengthen island businesses and enhance cultural life.

Non-resident property owner Graham Leggett said it is impossible to do business on Pender during one day after sailing from the Lower Mainland, since the government office closes at noon and the ferry doesn't arrive until noon.

- There is little liaison between ferry crew and terminal staff, resulting in some cars ending up on the wrong ferry and creating delays. Passengers should board and disembark via a walkway and not block the car deck.

From Saturna:

- A survey showed 82 per cent of Saturna residents do not use inter-island service.
- They want B.C. Ferries to be the service provider and the government to live up to its long-standing policy of subsidizing ferry service.

From Galiano:

"Any delay in one ferry now sets back two or three other ferries," business representative Geoff Gaylor remarked.

- Volunteers working for emergency services, such as the ambulance, should receive priority loading to ensure they are back on the island for their shifts.
- The commercial rate structure was recently increased without any consultation with island businesses. Such businesses are providing essential services to residents and often find it difficult to survive.

From Mayne Island:

- Travellers arrive 45 minutes early for reserved service from Tsawwassen to Mayne. B.C. Ferries should then leave on time.
- Cost of ferry fares questioned. Why does it cost so much more to reach the Mainland than Swartz Bay, when the distance from Mayne Island is the same?

Overall Gulf Islands:

Islands Trust representative Sonja Taiji of Mayne noted the basing of ferries at Swartz Bay made the early-morning trip from Swartz Bay and the late-evening trip back almost "deadhead runs."

- B.C. Ferries should not be able to increase fares without advance notice. Since B.C. Ferries is a monopoly, there should be a regulating body to review and approve fare increases.
- B.C. Ferries and B.C. Transit should coordinate schedules to provide transit service for ferry foot passengers.

School trustee Ken Lee advocated passenger service between the Outer Islands and Ganges to allow people to reach education and health services. At present, it

takes two days to visit all the schools in the district.

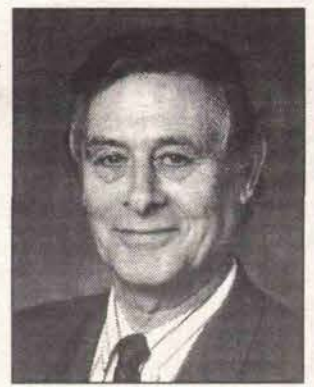
Outer Islands Capital Region director Jacques Campbell said she found inter-island travel frustrating, since it takes her 14 hours to reach Galiano. Even a once-a-week connection allowing a working day trip to each of the islands would be helpful, she said.

B.C. Ferries representative Len Roueche said a high-speed, passenger-only service was suggested five years ago but received little support in the islands. B.C. Ferries has not reviewed scheduling of its connections with B.C. Transit, he added.

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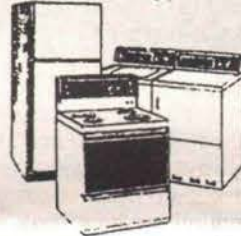
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Focus is on fanatics

Environmentalists can be an independent lot. Instead of fitting into the Island's Trust series of focus workshops, the environmental focus group decided to hold its own series of public workshops.

After last Thursday, we hope they are reconsidering that decision.

Before the meeting, the group had put many hours into researching and debating environmental issues on Salt Spring. The displays in each corner of the high school's multi-purpose room testified to their effort.

So why was the meeting, in the words of more than one observer, a fiasco?

There were two basic problems. The first was lack of cooperation within the group. If guidelines had been established before the meeting, there was no sign of it. No effort was made to choose speakers skilled at conveying concepts to a crowd.

The audience became restless as the meeting droned on, with no coherent, unified message coming from the official speakers. Even before the first whine was loosed by the hecklers, the focus group was losing control of the meeting.

The second problem was a highly vocal and unreasonable group of hecklers, who seized mastery over the meeting in part because of the focus group's lack of focus. Surrendering the microphone to the strident group did nothing but drive away some of the saner members of the audience.

Driven by rage, the hecklers weren't joining in an environmental debate. Most were loudly putting the blame for their less-than-perfect lives on society instead of where it belonged — on themselves.

Unfortunately, issues like environment tend to draw wingnuts more surely than a magnet. Like abortion, environment is one of those explosive issues which breeds fanaticism on both sides of the debate.

For a clue to what could happen at a public meeting, members of the focus group might have looked at the barely concealed dissension within their own ranks and projected that outward. Or they could have recalled the hostility which greeted the environmentally-sensitive shoreline bylaw at last August's public hearing.

That hearing showed there are still many people who do not accept the importance of environmental issues. If the environmental focus group wants to draw some of these people into the debate — and they should — they cannot afford to appear incompetent or unreasonable.

Hecklers shouting insults do nothing to enhance the legitimate efforts of the focus group. Such incidents can only blacken their reputation.

It is especially important for this group to fit into the mainstream process. Their recommendations will touch many aspects of the community plan and may have a large impact on island lifestyles.

Instead of going it alone, we suggest they come back into the fold and work with Islands Trust planner Linda Adams to make their workshop meetings part of the overall series.

Of bridges and barges

Cynics can be excused for having low expectations of the new process to plan local ferry service, a process that got under way Friday. As anyone familiar with the history knows, neither long-term planning nor community consultation have had a high priority for the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

Evidence surfaced late last year that a change was coming. Last week saw the change.

Over two days, 27 committee members discussed everything from the philosophy of ferry service to the order in which vehicles are loaded on to ferries. Delegates unfamiliar with road-building costs (and Salt Spring) went as far as to propose new terminals in the Beaver Point area.

A bridge to Saturna from Mayne and a curious sort of mother-barge made up of smaller baby barges were two more suggestions advanced. But the cynics should not let the more imaginative ideas influence their judgment of the process. There were many more proposals that merit more than a second look, the most promising being the hub concept (though it wasn't the first time that Village Bay has been touted as such a hub).

At this point the real news is that a structure is now in place to address our present and future ferry transportation needs. Let's put aside our doubts and give the committee a chance. Let's celebrate the birth of a long-awaited, much-needed process.



A correspondent writes from Sunset Village in the year 2026

Unit 250, Sunset Village,
Salt Spring Commune,
Pacific North West,
Canadus
January 6, 2026



My Dear Andy,

I can hardly believe another year has gone by. Would you believe they have actually completed the railway after 10 years of arguing and bickering over what gradient the wretched thing can or cannot achieve. In the six years that we've been connected to it, it hasn't yet managed to leave our village of Sunset and arrive in Harbour village (where Ganges used to be) on time, not even once.

Mind you, the Fernwooders are going to be in trouble now. They always put their good health down to the fact that they had to cycle to Harbour. Now they have to take no more exercise than cycling to the station.

And what a station it is! I told you about the carpenter extraordinaire who was always moaning about the tourists in the old town of Ganges? Well, he decided to build a final monument to himself — a miniature version of Paddington station in London. Poor old chap, he was just putting the finishing touches to the twiddly bits on the roof when he had a heart attack. Apparently it was a mild one, but by the time the train had managed to get him to the hospital at Harbour, even the herbal stabilizer had worn off and he had to be shunted up the siding to wait for the next trip to the funeral composer.

You'll be glad to hear that the underground economy is thriving. The old electrician rows across Sansum Narrows practically every night to bring back all those lethally packaged goods that cost so much here after they have been repackaged at the insistence of the Islands Trust Council.

I must tell you about the last of the great land transactions. You know all those people who bought lots up on Channel Ridge; well they couldn't get the hydrogen-powered Puffing Billy to go up there in the winter.

Despite everything, we still had a splendid Christmas. This year I was able to go mad bartering

presents for the family. Thanks to an excellent year in the communal vegetable patch, we managed to store masses of organic vegetables. I went over to the furniture manufacturer in Portlock and got him to make an armchair for the

Mrs. It cost 250 pounds of organic carrots.

But I got a hell of a deal on the upholstery from a seamstress friend — you remember Karen who used to live up on West Eagle before they had to move down to Southey Point Village — she did a beautiful job for only 28 gallons of sheep's milk and free use of our ram, dirty old Ulysses, next spring. The Mrs. was so sweet to me and managed to barter a new solar panel for my solar-powered wheelchair. At last I can now get all the way to the station on a sunny day.

I must tell you about the Chamber of Commerce. You remember when I was working there many years ago we didn't even have any indoor plumbing. Well, the council has given them space in their plush council offices (the only remaining office block) beside Central Station, and would you believe the chamber has now got a multi-seater all to themselves in the corner of the building's communal garden, (none of us has flushing loos, as you well know, they use too much fresh water).

It took a long time for Orwell's 1984 to get here, but it's finally arrived. And to think that it all started from a discussion paper written by a few dreamers spurred on by the return of the communist party to the new high school.

All the best for '26, old chap, and do come and see us soon. I can get you a permit to enter the island any time you want. Two weeks ago, I caught one of the Islands Trust Council directors hiding a lump of rammed mud in the middle of a sack of his environmental potatoes that he was bartering for some beautifully gift-wrapped Christmas pudding that had been illegally brought onto the island!

Toodle pip,
Jeremy

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce manager Jeremy Moray wrote the foregoing after time-travelling to the year 2026.

The herbal stabilizer had worn off and he had to be shunted up the siding to wait for the next trip to the funeral composer.

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We Asked: Do you believe in ghosts?



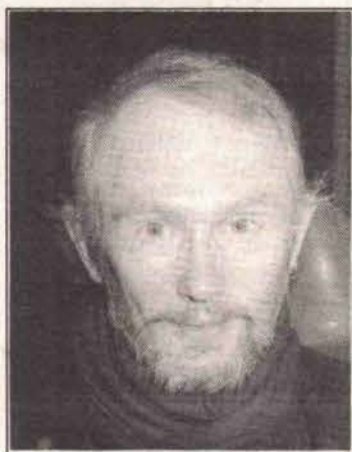
**Carsten Hunter
of Victoria**

I don't know. I've never actually seen a ghost before.



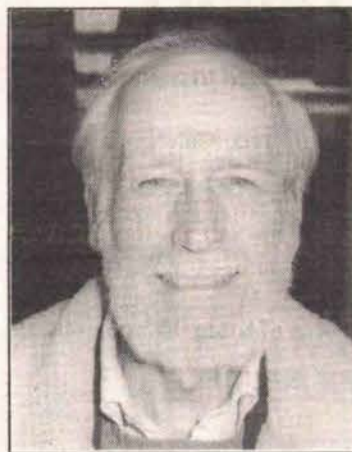
Jack Braak

No, I don't. It's difficult to believe something you haven't seen.



**Leam mac Lachlaimn
of Victoria**

Yes, because I've seen them. I believe that there's an afterlife and I don't believe everyone is ready to go when their body quits on them.



Dean Taylor

I would say yes. There seems to be a long, literary history of them whether they really exist or not. I'm prepared to give them the benefit of the doubt.



Ken French

No. Once I did see a ghost but I don't really believe in them.

Letters to the editor

Fools for ghouls

A Harbour House patron imbibing
Overheard the barman describing
In the hotel addition
Lives a strange apparition
And to keep his staff he
was bribing.
Asked, if by chance he'd seen
Walter's ghost
The guest paused while he thought
and then answered his host
I've not seen a spirit and nary a ghost
No spooks, no goblins and not
any ghouls
I think, sir, what you have is a bar
full of fools!
EDWARD ARMSTRONG,
Wildwood Crescent

using feces, on his back. The Airborne Regiment is a disgrace and an embarrassment to Canada.

Jack Frazer, the Reform Party's defence critic, is one of a handful of double-dipping MPs. He draws a handsome pension for his 35 years in the military and in addition has his generous MP's pay and tax-free perks. Perhaps his long years in the military have clouded his judgment as he is quoted, "I did not see what I consider to be racist overtones." He is an embarrassment to all decent minded people of Saanich and the Islands.

If jolly Jack thinks that the above scene and comments are not racist I for one would like to know what he thinks is racist.

As a resident of Salt Spring Island, a place we think of as an example of a decent, accepting (beyond tolerance) community, I find our MP's myopic vision completely unacceptable.

Let's hope for the sake of the voters in the Saanich Peninsula and the Gulf Islands that the next federal election comes sooner rather than later.

JACK HALLAM,
North End Road

Monitoring mail

I recently received 10 pieces of mail in one day and happened to glance at the mailing dates and couldn't believe my eyes. The best delivery was nine days from the U.S.A. Two Duncan letters took nine and 15 days, Sidney 12 days, Vancouver 12, 13 and 15 days, Toronto 13 and 14 days and Quebec 13 days. Canada Post promises one-day delivery in local areas, two days from major cities in the same province and three to four-day delivery across Canada. Twice in 1994 I sent proof to Canada Post of poor mail delivery and received no acknowledgement or explanation of this poor service.

Bottom line is I guess they don't care; each time there is a postal increase Canada Post claims it is to maintain our good service which they claim is over 95 per cent effective. My mail comes to the main post office so there shouldn't be any excuse of poor carrier service, so one can only suspect Canada Post's distribution centres really don't function as claimed. Have you monitored your mail lately? Are you receiving good service or is it just me Canada Post is picking on?

BARRY WINSOR,
Salt Spring Island

Embarrassed

According to the Globe and Mail the Reform Party's defence critic sees nothing racist in either of the home videos produced by some members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

The videotape made in Somalia talks about shooting "niggers," uses the equally degrading term "nignog" and has one brainless idiot saying that all Somalis "stink of shit." The other tape shot at the military base in Petawawa, Ontario, shows the only black soldier in a dog collar crawling on all fours with "I love the KKK" scrawled

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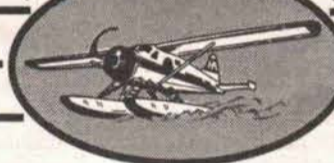
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Neanderthals reject far-sighted report

VICTORIA – In the 32 years I've spent on the fringes of politics, reporting and commenting on our society's highs and lows, I've never ceased to be amazed by the predictability with which the so-called right and the left respond to issues of the day.

The left, represented in Canada by the New Democrats and many Liberals, is invariably more open to change, while the right remains firmly entrenched in the status quo. The opposition's knee-jerk reaction to the task force report on drug-related deaths by British Columbia's chief coroner Vince

CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



Cain was as predictable as it was asinine.

One of Cain's recommendations was the decriminalization of drug use. Cain points out that society has been spectacularly unsuccessful in fighting drug use through incarceration and punishment. That solution, he says, "is founded on negatives: resentment, hostility and despair."

Instead, Cain recommends that drug users are "dealt with through a medical model, not a criminal model, even to the point where I'm suggesting the possibility of providing heroin to seriously addicted people."

Cain also recommends that a commission inquire into the merits of legalizing the possession of some of the so-called "soft drugs," such as marijuana.

If Cain shows compassion for drug addicts, he has none for dealers, to whom he refers as "the merchants of misery" and "distributors of death." The justice system, he says, should focus more on dealers, mete out mandatory life sentences with no parole for large-volume dealers. Recovered drug money, he says, should be used for prevention and treatment programs.

And how did our politicians respond to Cain's suggestion that drug use be decriminalized? Attorney-General Colin Gabelmann said the recommendation bears consideration. And since the federal government would have to take the lead on any such move, he would place it on the agenda for the next meeting of attorneys-general. In other words, he is open-minded.

No such luck with the leaders of British Columbia's two opposition parties. Reformer Jack Weisgerber said it was "appalling that the government would add currency to the idea by putting it on the agenda."

Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell also rejected the idea of decriminalization, saying most people would see it as legalizing an evil.

That's what I mean by being firmly entrenched in the status quo. Fearing public reaction to an unpopular move, these two august gentlemen wrap themselves in the mantle of righteousness and reject out of hand an alternative to society's utter failure to win the war on drugs.

Never mind that in 1993, 331 people died in British Columbia as a result of illicit drug use, up nearly 800 per cent from 1988. Never mind that 307 police officers enforce laws against drugs at a cost of more than \$30 million a year.

Never mind that in addition to those full-time drug law enforcement officers, hundreds of general duty police officers enforce drug laws in their normal course of work at a cost of tens of millions of dollars – all without the slightest success.

It should be clear to anyone that not only aren't we winning the war on drugs, we're losing it. And unless we come up with a different way of dealing with the problem, it will get worse.

And when someone dares to suggest a different way, our esteemed Neanderthal politicians heap abuse on him.

Cain's recommendation to decriminalize drug use is all the more significant, considering his background. He's had a distinguished career in the RCMP and speaks, therefore, from experience. And when did you last hear a police officer say something like this?

"We have to disabuse ourselves of the notion that jail is the answer for users. Neither short sentences, long sentences, nor uniformity of sentencing mean anything to the user. We have to establish alternatives to imprisonment.

"We can no longer pour vast amounts of money into jails and prisons, all to no effect, when an available remedy is present to restrain, correct, and treat in the original instance.

"The cyclical process must end. It is simply ineffective, costly and unjust. We must come up with more options for assistance and treatment and more accessibility. Removing threats and fear from users would allow them to 'come out of the closet' and, with some outreach mechanism, would provide a variety of programs and ultimate harm reduction."

Cain's report is one of the most progressive and far-sighted documents I have read in a long time, and rather than rejecting it out of hand, as Campbell and Weisgerber have done, we'd be well-advised to heed it.

More letters

Exploring ideas

The flurry of letters connected with the establishment of a student communist party at Gulf Islands Secondary School is interesting. Aside from the genuine pain that former citizens of communist regimes feel, the antipathy of many to the mere idea of communism seems unreasoning and unreasonable.

The essence of education immerses students in ideas, and this includes the works of writers who suggest alternative political systems. For years almost every student was exposed at some time to the form of "communism" described in Thomas More's Utopia, and few educators would question students' exposure to the pleasures and enlightenment of such reputable writers. In fact, it is only through reading and discussing ideas of all kinds that we develop our own individual, reasoned beliefs.

The intense hatred of communism expressed by many of your correspondents seems to be accompanied by an equally fervent belief that capitalism is the only system worth considering. This is hard to accept today, when the gap between rich and poor is increasing, when company managers are rewarded for cutting jobs to increase profits, and when the few jobs being created are only low-paying ones in the service sector.

The situation we are currently experiencing, where many people cannot earn enough to pay for their basic needs, is not unlike the economic situation that existed when other societies embraced communism in the past. The failure of capitalism to provide for people's needs in some of these countries today has resulted in a renewed support for communism. Its failure to provide for our needs is making people look for alternatives in our society as well.

**CHARLES KAHN,
Lawnhill Drive**

Jumping to conclusions

In response to Tilly Crawley's letter (Driftwood, January 25), may I suggest that she is jumping to conclusions. As a board member who was opposed to bylaw amendments establishing the office of past president and/or honorary life member, I can still see merit in these ideas, and I assure you they were not proposed with a single person in mind or with the intention of reversing a membership decision. The board can't do that anyway. The members would have to do the reversing.

Many organizations do have such positions and use them to ensure continuity on the board and to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions in effort or dollars. I personally do not think this is appropriate for ArtSpring, certainly not now, and I said so. Please do not interpret this as a big dissension in the ranks. Few votes are unanimous, nor should they be. Opposing viewpoints tend to air all facets of an issue, and the majority rules. I will support the board decision whether I voted yea or nay.

Tilly's suggestion that "Members should plan to attend the special meeting on February 28" is, indeed, appropriate. They should – not solely in protest, but to participate in the business of the society. We need to establish the dissolution clause, and only the membership can do that. This

is the primary purpose of the extraordinary general meeting. However, the board is also planning a give-and-take session wherein members may voice their questions and their suggestions – a dialogue, if you will, between board members and the general membership. So do come, do vote, and do speak up. That's what it's all about. We're in it together.

The meeting convenes at 7:30 p.m. on February 28 in the lower hall of the United Church. See you there.

**ELMA RUBRIGHT,
Brinkworthy Place**

No teacher

I am writing as a concerned student at Gulf Islands Secondary School. About a week ago, there were comments made amongst staff and other students about the financial consequences the school would suffer if it continues to operate as it has been the past six months. An

alleged figure of \$800,000 was mentioned, and as a result, most field trips have been cancelled. I am at this moment sitting in a classroom with no teacher, since he is absent, and there are no funds for a substitute. By no means am I trying to be foreboding or negative; I am only stating the facts.

This island has achieved a milestone in the building of this school. Everybody from the administrators, to the staff, to the maintenance crew, have worked endless hours to make it something special and unique, and they have. Apart from those students who feel compelled to vandalize the place, the majority appreciate the facility and sincerely enjoy being here.

If we all work together, I feel that there is enough positive energy here to pull together and conquer any problem with positive results.

**ERIN E. LARSEN,
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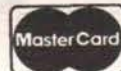
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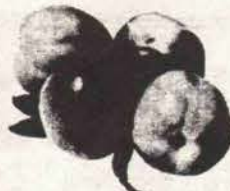
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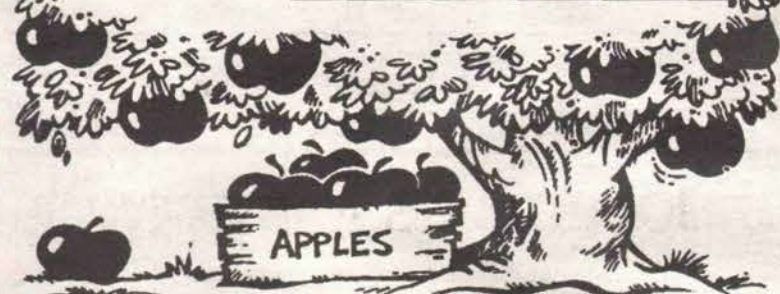


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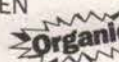
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'On right track,' man fined, given probation after assault

Assaulting three people cost Warren Borland, 21, of Salt Spring \$470 and nine months on probation from Judge Anthony Palmer in Ganges provincial court January 24.

Charges stemmed from two separate incidents. The first occurred on August 30, 1993, when Borland and two other people attacked a man in his home, reportedly because of an incident involving Borland's family.

Court heard that after entering the man's Maliview Drive home and confirming his identity, Borland knocked the man over with a punch to the head and kicked and hit him as he crawled to the bedroom. The victim suffered bruising and two black eyes.

Borland pleaded guilty to a common assault charge.

The other two individuals involved pleaded guilty to the same offence on previous court dates.

Borland received a suspended sentence and nine months' probation for his part in the August 30 assault, with a letter of apology and abstinence from alcohol consumption being two conditions of probation.

Judge Palmer levied fines against Borland for the assault of two young men on March 21, 1994.

Crown counsel Lesley Giles told the court that three island youths rounded a corner on Fulford-Ganges Road at 10:35 p.m. that evening and collided with a car containing Borland and another man. Giles said the car's driver approached Borland to apologize. When an argument ensued about who was to blame for the accident, Borland grabbed the driver, threw him onto the hood of the car and punched him with a closed fist. The victim suffered various bruises and bumps to the head and face from that and other blows.

Borland also attacked one of the other youths.

In passing sentence, Judge Palmer considered both Borland's 1992 conviction for assault causing bodily harm and the positive remarks of probation officer Susan Langlois. It was reported that Borland has abstained from drinking alcohol for some time.

Defence counsel Dale Marshall said "avoidance of alcohol has made all the difference in the world as to the kind of citizen he is." He also said Borland was aware he could go to jail for further violent offences.

Palmer said the man's record "indicates to me a pattern of conduct which is disturbing and of great concern to the court." But based on the comments of Langlois and Marshall, he said Borland now "seemed to be on the right track." He felt the \$470 in fines rather than incarceration was the appropriate way to deal with him.

Acquittal ordered on driving offence after documents left unexplained

Not getting an explanation of documents before being asked to sign on the dotted line led to an acquittal on a serious driving offence for Michael Allan Edkins.

But Judge Anthony Palmer was not about to let the 27-year-old Salt Spring man walk away without an addition to his driving record.

Palmer acquitted him of driving while under suspension but convicted him of a fourth charge of driving without a licence and fined him \$250. If found guilty as charged, Edkins would have spent seven days in jail and paid a \$300 fine.

Court heard that Edkins appeared in Ganges court on December 7, 1993, for a different matter. Edkins testified he was called up to the front of the courthouse during a morning break and asked to sign various documents. He assumed they were related to that matter, "threw down my John Henry," and left. No reasons for the signature request were given to him by court officials.

The documents acknowledged receipt of a four-

month driving suspension from the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles and were not related to the court case at hand but to his receipt of three "driving without a licence" tickets. No explanation and no copies of the documents were given to Edkins.

His lawyer, Tybring Hemphill, said Edkins "did not understand the full import of the documents he signed that day."

Hemphill said it was reasonable to assume confusion would arise for people unaccustomed to court and legal procedures.

Palmer agreed Edkins was unaware that he had been suspended from driving and of the severe penalty for breaching a suspension. Seven months later he was suspended from driving due to an impaired driving conviction. Palmer layered that with a concurrent five-month driving prohibition.

"Edkins is now aware of the intricacies of the system," noted Hemphill.

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Gervasoni appealing extradition

Gerald Gervasoni will be a guest of the crown in Wilkinson Road jail for at least six more months, if not a year.

Gervasoni's lawyer, Gary Botting, is appealing an extradition order made last Tuesday which would send his client to Florida to face a murder charge.

On October 21, 1993, Gervasoni was arrested on Salt Spring where he was living under the name

Gordon Neil MacIntyre. Police were tipped off that MacIntyre was Gervasoni following a broadcast on Unsolved Mysteries about the 1986 murder of 22-year-old Paula Pasciak in Florida.

At the extradition hearing, a fellow inmate testified that Gervasoni had admitted to Pasciak's murder. According to Kevin Stokes, Gervasoni admitted seizing Pasciak around the neck during an argument.

However, Botting said he has heard from other people that the inmate lied in order to obtain money and immunity from prosecution on other charges. Botting said he was not allowed to introduce evidence questioning the inmate's testimony. "Extradition laws are ridiculous when it comes to evidence. You're deemed to get a fair hearing down wherever you're coming from."

Thief swipes guitar at Beaver Point

An aspiring music maker made tracks away from a dance at Beaver Point Hall Sunday with a stolen guitar valued at \$350.

The guitar was stolen from the stage. Anyone with information on the theft is asked to contact the Ganges RCMP.

In other police news, a 17-year-old Salt Spring

youth received a 24-hour driving suspension at approximately 6:50 p.m. Saturday. The youth was stopped during a routine patrol. Police also seized liquor and gave tickets to four minors for being in possession of alcohol.

On January 21, a Salt Spring resident was charged with consuming liquor in a public place.

Driving with expired licence costs \$250

When police know you don't have a driver's licence, it's not easy to drive on Salt Spring without one.

John Fraser Pollard, 18, learned that last fall when he was caught driving after his licence expired August 22.

Pollard pleaded guilty to the offences in Ganges provincial court January 24.

Court heard Pollard was stopped by Const. Pat Wilkinson on September 15, 1994, and by Const. Robert Doyle on September 17, 1994, while driving a 1967 Pontiac Firebird.

Pollard told the court he "quit" driving after being caught the second time. He also explained that he could not afford to renew his licence when it expired in August, 1994.

Judge Anthony Palmer fined him \$250 for both offences and prohibited him from driving until August 31, 1995.

Donald Morrison, 48, received a conditional discharge and six months' probation after he pleaded guilty to obstructing a police officer on March 13, 1994.

Court heard that Morrison refused to accompany Const. Rod Holland to the RCMP station after being placed under arrest. Morrison explained he was not willing to go because Holland said he would not be released in time to catch a ferry to get to a work site on Vancouver Island the next day.

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WINGY about birds

Painter, writer have an avian love affair

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

It began with a lonely lovebird. Now she paints them, he writes about them and all together they make beautiful music throughout the house.

Artists Gail Sibley and Ray Dorge are right wingy about birds. She wears parrot earrings and a bird shirt, they serve coffee in avian mugs and they each sit chatting, bird on finger, and neat square of newsprint on lap.

As they consider which of their 22 birds are pets and which are for sale, it seems the green-hued parrot nibbling on Sibley's earring and apparently blowing soft kisses in her direction is quickly rising to pet status.

Around them are bird magazines, many of which carry Dorge's articles.

Especially noteworthy is the magazine Bird Talk, where both their arts recently merged in an article on avian painters.

The entire house hums with cheerful bird prattle.

The birds pre-date the art, although Sibley was working on an arts and arts history degree on that fateful day in the early 1980s when the unsuspecting couple walked into a pet store, saw an unhappy lovebird, and walked out with bird, cage and seed. They arrived home complete with a "naming your baby book" withdrawn from the library.

"Merlin" looked lonely; they purchased a companion. Merlin died shortly after, and the widowed lovebird looked lonely ... Eventually, they "grew a flock of birds."

The couple learned they had the right qualities for breeding birds: compassion, patience and a basic understanding of the bird psyche. They woke up one morning and thought: "Wouldn't it be neat to have all the species of lovebirds" in their Toronto apartment.

This led to 14 pairs of lovebirds cheerily announcing to other apartment residents which floor they had exited on, should they come near the Sibley/Dorge lovenest.

Dorge decided to begin researching apartment-compatible birds and after the lovebirds came the Java finches ("pretty but not interactive — we are really more parrot people"), canaries and cockatiels.

They settled on two types of small parrots — Maximilian's Pionus and Senegals. In their rented Salt Spring home, they now have two birds and five eggs in the nest box, 17 birds in the bird room and two in the bathroom.

The birds sell for \$550 and \$800. They don't name the birds that are for sale for fear of becoming attached to them. "The longer they stay and once they get named ..."

They woke up one morning and thought: "Wouldn't it be neat to have all the species of lovebirds"

The art may have come after the birds, but for Sibley, who only turned pastel to paper seriously in 1990, the rise in the art world has come quickly.

Surprisingly, her main art focus is not birds although she "is always drawing them" and is described in some circles as an avian painter. A common theme in her art is people and frequently, their backs. She primarily uses pastels to create vibrant colours that seem to jump off the canvas. Although she never considered pastels as a medium in art school, she describes them now as creating "more permanent colour."

Her subjects are often at the water's edge, or looking off into a plain horizon. The plainness of the background works alongside the

startling colour to really bring out her subjects.

Public exposure for Sibley came through outdoor art shows in Toronto in the summer of 1991. In 1992-93 she had a solo show in a Toronto art gallery and won the City of Toronto Purchase Award, meaning "a Sibley" now hangs in Toronto's City Hall.

Another art "coup" occurred for Sibley after she and Dorge moved west in 1993, when she was commissioned to create the cover for In Flight magazine. The pirate theme cover for a focus on the Cayman Islands was later produced as a limited edition print.

She initially began illustrating the backs of people because unconsciously she felt "people won't buy people pictures if they don't recognize them. People like to put themselves in the picture and feel they are a part of it."

Now, however, even her commissioned portraits are often done this way by request.

Bird Talk chose to use Sibley's bird drawings to illustrate the article that Dorge wrote about her. She recently received a call from a woman in Hawaii who saw the article and drawings and who wants to commission Sibley's artwork, and encourage other members in her bird club to do the same.

Dorge turned his writing hobby into "bread and butter" after the move to the west in 1993. His first article was published in the travel magazine Horizons, but his greatest success has been with bird articles. After writing of the couple's experience breeding Senegals for the first time in Bird Breeder, Dorge's bird writing career took off. He has since written for numerous North American magazines and recently broke into the



PECKING ORDER: Birds and art make up a significant part of artist Gail Sibley's life. In the background is the art — a limited edition print Sibley created for the cover of In Flight magazine — and in ears, on shirt and on fingers are the birds which she and husband Ray Dorge breed.

Photo by Susan Lundy

European bird magazine market.

Now, having completely his bird assignments, he will turn back to other subjects.

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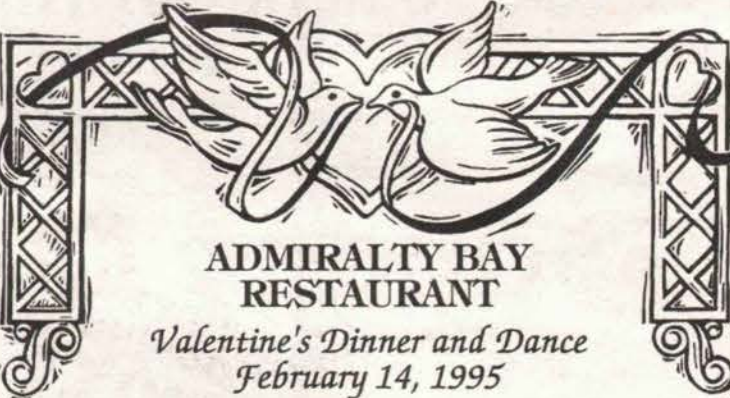
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MUSIC OF 17TH CENTURY: L'Ensemble Arion performs at Ganges Saturday as part of the winter concert series. Organizers say the event will be a treat for classical purists.

Early music on tap Saturday

Music which once graced the golden court of France's Sun King will be brought to Salt Spring Saturday by L'Ensemble Arion, one of Canada's leading early-music groups.

Entitled Les Menus Plaisirs, the program will feature 17th-century music composed for the court of Louis XIV.

The four musicians of Arion have been performing together since 1981. They have released four recordings: *Entre Paris et Versailles*, *Baroque Chamber Music*, *Paris Quartets* and *Conversations en Musique*.

The group has toured Canada from coast to coast and represented the country at the 1989 Cervantina Festival in Mexico. In 1990, they toured in Europe and in the United States.

They come to Salt Spring as part of the Salt Spring concert series.

"For the classical purists, they're going to be a real treat," society director Merle Box said. The performance will start in the Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose room at 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets will not be available at the door, but subscrip-

tions are still available.

Box noted subscribers who buy tickets before the L'Ensemble Arion concert can enjoy that concert, the Little Eagles of Siberia on February 16 and the Swinging Bovines saxophone quartet on March 4 for the bargain price of \$29.

For information, call Tilly Crawley at 537-4289 or mail the payment to the Gulf Islands Concert Society, c/o Tilly Crawley, 262 Malview Drive, Salt Spring, B.C. V8K 1B1.

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DISCLOSURE: Demi Moore and Michael Douglas heat up the screen in *Disclosure*, a steamy, reverse slant on sexual harassment. Douglas is Tom Sanders, an executive in a high-end software company. His immediate superior is Meredith Johnson, played by Moore, with whom Sanders once had a relationship. Invited to her office on the eve of a corporate take-over, Sanders is seduced by Johnson. Sanders is not interested — he now has a wife and family. But Johnson turns up the heat and Sanders is drawn in, until he abruptly rejects her and leaves. The next day, he learns she has accused him of sexual harassment, which puts his job at risk. He levels the same charge against her and the two face off in a hearing before the company's top executives. Rated: 14 years. Warning: Some suggestive language, occasional suggestive scenes and very coarse language. Friday to Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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PERFORMING AT GANGES: Singer and songwriter Ferron, who released a critically acclaimed sixth album last fall, plays at Salt Spring February 10.

Ferron concert February 10

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Ferron comes following last fall's release of her sixth album, called *Driver*. It has received exceptional reviews from publications such as the New York Times and Washington Post. *Driver* was on the Times' list of top five albums for 1994.

Known as a powerful folksinger and songwriter on the Canadian west coast since the late 1970s, she has more recently been compared to Tracy Chapman, Melissa Etheridge, Michelle Shocked and Bob Dylan.

Ferron will be joined by Jami Sieberg from Rumours of the Big Wave and Darryl Havers on keyboard.

Liz Forrest and Gloria Valencia of Salt Spring's The Bodymind Workshop are sponsoring Ferron's concert.

The event takes place at the Activity Centre February 10, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available in advance at the Rare Find in Ganges and at Everywoman's Books in Victoria. Tickets will also be available at the door if the concert is not sold out.

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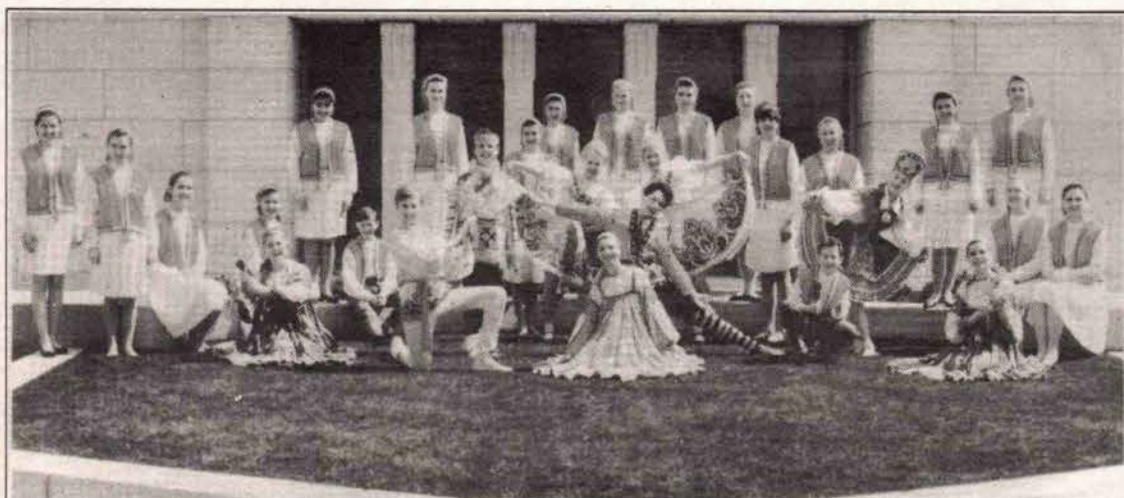
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FROM RUSSIA: Choir of Siberian teenagers Eagles of Siberia will also sing for Fernwood will perform February 16 at Ganges. The Little School students the following day.

Russian invasion: series brings Little Eagles of Siberia Feb. 16

The Russians are coming. This invasion of song is good news for Salt Spring audiences, who will be treated to a concert by the children's choir Little Eagles of Siberia on February 16 in the Ganges Activity Centre.

"Thirty-two Siberian teenagers from 12 to 18 will be descending on us," said Merle Box, a director with the Salt Spring Concert Society. Formed in 1971, the choir is sponsored by the Krasnoyarsk Ballet and Opera and its colourful ethnic costumes add to the performance. The Little Eagles have performed in the USA, in Poland, Romania, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Mongolia as well as throughout Russia.

In 1992, the choir came to Canada for a coast-to-coast tour, performing 71 concerts and garnering rave reviews. On the pro-

gram are traditional Russian and classical compositions, folk songs and several English tunes. There will also be instrumental balalaika performances.

The children come from Central Siberia, 3,000 kilometres east of Moscow. Their home city of Krasnoyarsk has a population of almost one million and was originally founded as a Cossack fort defending the junction of the Yenisey and Kacha rivers from invading Tartar hordes. Krasnoyarsk is therefore closer to Mongolia and China than to the European influence of Moscow.

"They look like a real energetic group," Box commented, predicting a lively two-hour performance. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and are available from Pegasus Gallery, Sharon's and at the door.

Box said the performance has been moved to the activity centre to allow space for both season ticket holders and for those who only want to see the choir.

In addition to their Thursday evening performance, the Little Eagles will also perform at Fernwood School the following morning, February 17. Box noted a performance had been planned for Salt Spring Elementary but was cancelled due to budget constraints.

Some residents will also enjoy the chance to meet choir members personally as billets are required for the night of February 16. Hosts must be able to spend some time with the youngsters and be able to host two choir members.

For information or to volunteer as a host, call Maureen Brady at 537-4445.

Advice to billets: serve white bread, meat to visiting singers from Siberia

Vegetarianism and brown bread have apparently not caught on in Russia.

Guidelines given to families hosting members of a Russian children's choir stress that the children prefer white bread and meat with meals.

Maureen Brady is looking for Salt Spring residents willing to host the 42 members of the Little Eagles of Siberia choir, who will be on Salt Spring the night of February 16.

Hosts must be able to meet the children at 4 p.m. February 16 and take them home for a light meal before the rehearsal and performance. They are not allowed ice, chilled drinks or ice cream.

Following the show, the host families are asked to give the children a substantial dinner.

"These are hard-working youngsters who expend

considerable energy in their evening's concert. Please don't let them go to bed hungry," the guidelines note.

The children prefer white bread or buns and enjoy meat, chicken, fruit, salads, potatoes, pasta, pickles, vegetables and hot dogs — often coated with ketchup. "Siberians are meat eaters and also have a sweet tooth," the guidelines report.

They do not like grapefruit, hot spicy foods, muffins, Canadian or American cheese, peanut butter, celery, dry breakfast cereals or sandwiches, unless the sandwiches are open-faced and piled with meat.

Favourite activities are shopping, video games and swimming. Many of the children do not speak English. They are also used to more heat than is common in Canadian homes, so hosts may want to offer extra blankets, heating pads or room heaters.

Bandemonium sounds better this year, but its annual concert is not enough

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Some musical groups might be miffed to hear they sounded "much better than last year."

But more than one person made the comment after Bandemonium's Sunday performance of the second annual Celebration of the Band at the high school. And if there is one Salt Spring group that has continued to grow and refine in its short life, it is our community concert band.

It was only two years ago that a group of musicians with one year of direction under Wendy and Derrick Milton made the call for more experienced musicians to join its ranks. The breadth of that experience was overwhelming, and the result is a band that is greater than the sum of its parts.

More notable than generally tight, expressive performances was the variety of pieces selected.

Bandemonium's repertoire dipped into the Renaissance and ran a long arpeggio through several musical ages and styles.

Both concerts opened with a classic concert band "mood" piece called Cimarron Sketches, featuring the strengths of each band section. The big band sound took over in the next piece, called That's a Plenty, and that set toes tapping and legs swinging.

As Derrick Milton said, "no band concert would be complete without at least one march," and they picked a good one — John Phillip Sousa's Washington Post March. The toes continued to tap.

One of my concert favourites was the Latin American Rainy Day Samba, which let the band's percussion section (and Derrick Milton's hips) go wild.

Bandemonium sub-groups added to the variety. The Sax Appeal quartet showed how versa-

tile their instrument is by playing a 16th-century madrigal in one breath and Ain't Misbehavin' in another.

The 15-member "Big Band" played three upbeat numbers, including the Duke Ellington, Irving Mills classic, It Don't Mean a Thing.

Diversity continued with the clarinet choir's shiver-inducing Minuet and an arrangement of woolly tunes like Mary Had a Little Lamb and Ba Ba Black Sheep.

And this year, as Wendy Milton pointed out, Bandemonium not only knew enough songs for an encore, it had to trim its concert repertoire by at least six pieces.

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situation rather than blame its school administrators for spending too much?" he asked. "This is like a parent giving their children unlimited allowance and then blaming the kids when the car payment can't be met."

Grade 8 teacher Jean Sissons said teachers could not "accept a lowering of standards or of services to students."

She noted the teachers' delegation could attend Wednesday's meeting only because GITA had provided funding for substitute teachers to lead their classes.

Sissons also asked for answers from the board. "Who had the voting power? Was it not a collaborative board? Was every decision not voted on? Isn't this the kind of situation where those responsible should resign their positions?"

Teacher Jack Barclay said everyone deserved to know how the district got into "this mess" and asked what plan the board had for instilling confidence in itself in future.

Referring to the current squeeze on hiring substitute teachers, Barclay said "to have students sitting in a study hall is outrageous and just unacceptable."

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students were also vocal about the effects of cutbacks.

Morgan Donnelly said, "The bottom line is us. Go sit in a study hall with (GISS principal) Eric McMahon, or (vice-principals) Scott

Bergstrom and Nancy McDonald." Shannon Salter said students witness waste daily at school and their knowledge could help the board save money.

"It's really too bad you didn't come to us. We have a lot of solutions to this."

Field also gave the board a list of options to explore for funding recovery. They included examining trust accounts for potential transfers between those and operating accounts or investigating the postponement of equipment purchases or curriculum implementation.

He also said GITA may be willing to support a referendum campaign to raise funds and lobby the provincial government for "realistic funding levels and to return to school districts the right to levy supplemental taxes."

Field told the Driftwood that GITA is conducting an independent investigation into board fiscal management and hopes in future to monitor the board's accounting on an ongoing basis. A full accounting of special education revenues and expenditures will also be requested, he said.

Lambert and trustee Charles Hingston reminded the meeting that CUPE, GITA, District Parents Advisory Council and GISS student council representatives have reserved places at the board table. They urged all stakeholders to participate in upcoming budget planning for the 1995-96 school year.

Trust announces agenda of Ganges council meet

Budget and property taxes, a symposium on maintaining the Islands Trust mandate and municipal incorporation in the Islands Trust area are among the agenda topics for the March meeting of the Islands Trust Council.

The meeting will be held on Salt Spring on March 9-11. Sessions will be held in the Anglican Centre and will be open to the public starting at 10:30 a.m. March 9.

The meeting starts with a day-long workshop on sustaining the Trust mandate. Topics to be discussed include municipal incorporation within the Trust area, growth management and conservation, voluntary land stewardship and local planning services. Results of this workshop will help the Trust establish an organizational priorities work program.

Increases in property taxes will be one option considered March 10, when the Trust reviews its 1995-96 budget. The morning workshop will deal with the \$322,230 worth of short-listed programs which are not included in the Trust's base budget.

Options open to the Trust Council include increased property taxes to finance the programs, eliminating the programs and changing the base budget.

The actual budget bylaw will be dealt with during the business meeting, which starts at 1:30 p.m. March 10.

On the agenda is a review of road standards, a policy on amenity zoning, municipal incorporation in the Trust area, local subdivision approval, an interagency agreement between the Trust and the Agricultural Land Commission and a bylaw establishing Trust-wide policies.

Delegations are heard starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Anyone wishing to address the council or present a petition should advise the secretary of the Islands Trust by 4:30 p.m. March 6 in order to reserve a place on the agenda.

A request can be faxed to 387-4047, giving the subject of the delegation and the name and address of the speaker. Or a letter can be sent to the Secretary, Islands Trust, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8.

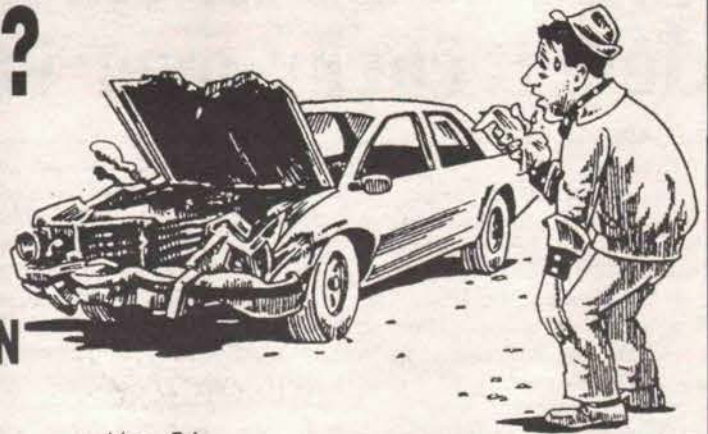
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School district cuts to affect 15, deficit carry-over is possible

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Avoiding a serious deficit will not result in as many job losses in the Gulf Islands School District as first feared.

When secretary-treasurer Ken Starling laid the bottom line on the board table last Wednesday, it was about 20 per cent smaller than proposed two weeks before.

"Achievable" reductions in operating costs for the remainder of the school year are set at \$625,796, down from the initial proposed reduction of \$797,556.

Fifteen employees belonging to the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) received notification Friday they would be working less or laid off as of March 1. School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said the employee cuts represented six full-time equivalent positions.

Twelve are currently employed in the operations and maintenance of district schools. Ten of those people will work between one and four hours less each day. One groundskeeper received a two-month layoff notice for two months and another for a four-month period.

Just over \$100,000 was saved through these operations and maintenance department changes.

Layoff notices were given to three people employed as classroom aides, reducing costs by \$27,044. The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) cafeteria and art programs and the Pathfinder program on Pender Island will be affected.

The greatest impact to students comes from a \$145,410 reduction in school flex budgets, which includes funds for hiring substitute teachers. All school principals examined those discretionary funds to see where savings could be made, submitting the numbers in meetings with Starling, director of instruction Bob McWhirter and Lambert.

CUPE employees will contribute a further \$24,400 to reductions by not working on two pro-development days.

Starling found \$105,890 in salaries earmarked for teachers that were expected to return in January, "two or three" teachers on sick leave whose pay will be taken over by the BCTF insurance plan and leaves of absence not yet approved. McWhirter said savings in teacher salaries will also result where lower enrolment has cancelled some second-semester GISS classes.

Any plans to improve buildings or equipment will also be on hold, as the annual local capital budget is frozen, saving \$150,000.

Other reductions will be achieved as follows: legal budget, \$3,364; advertising, \$4,250; staff travel, \$7,303; administration on pro-d days, \$4,500; school trustees' budget, \$8,750; district supplies, \$26,850; teachers pro-growth fund, \$10,000; transportation, \$7,835.

What about the remaining \$171,760 needed to balance this year's budget?

Lambert said the board will continue seeking ways to reduce spending this year. Asking the education ministry for permission

to carry forward that deficit is one option, she said.

She pointed out that the six per cent budget overrun has been eliminated with the approved budget reduction plan. The \$171,760 outstanding represents the \$175,000 deficit carried over from the previous year.

Rumoured job losses by those employed as paraprofessionals in classrooms with special needs students did not materialize in the updated reduction plan. A 20 per cent possible reduction figure in "classroom and student support" was put forth in the January 11 proposed plan. Starling said that figure, translating to \$174,298, "was nothing more than a mathematical calculation" used prior to investigating real possibilities for savings.

Lambert said that while the board "regrets any employee would be affected" by budget cuts, members were "pleased that the direct impact at the student level is minimal."

She said the board is continuing to investigate causes of the over-spending and hopes everyone involved in education will contribute to plans for increasing efficiency in the district.



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Hypertension reason given for Marshall's sick leave

The Gulf Islands School District is currently operating without a chief executive officer.

Superintendent Mike Marshall is on "indefinite sick leave" due to "a long-standing hypertension condition," board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said.

The announcement was made at the January 11 board meeting. Marshall's leave took effect January 9.

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