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## Vandals trash Core Inn before setting it on fire

Arson may be among charges faced by two young island men suspected of breaking into the Core Inn, trashing it and setting it on fire.

Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan said a major catastrophe at the island youth centre was prevented by the quick response of police and firefighters to the scene.

"We knocked the fire down in minutes," said fire chief Les Wagg, adding that the blaze was contained to the kitchen area.

A Ganges resident called police just after 1 a.m. Saturday to report the sound of breaking glass in the area.

Police arrived at the Core Inn to find a fire blazing around the stove in the kitchen. They doused it with an extinguisher and called the fire department which responded with trucks from all three halls plus 17 firefighters.

"We didn't know how bad it was when we got the call," Wagg said. "It could have been bad."

The blaze was contained within

minutes, but firefighters remained at the scene for another hour or two cleaning it up, he added.

Wagg said smoke filled all three levels of the building but most of the smoke damage occurred at the lower level.

Greater damage was incurred by vandalism, police said. Culprits entered the building by breaking a large window. They overturned pool tables and threw food around.

Police found two suspects in the vicinity of the Core Inn. One, a 20-year-old island man, was arrested for breach of probation and kept in cells overnight. The second suspect is a 16-year-old youth.

The RCMP's identification section travelled to Salt Spring Saturday morning and dusted areas of the Core Inn searching for fingerprints.

Police are waiting for forensic evidence and witness statements before laying charges. If charged, the suspects could appear in court on counts of break and enter, willful damage and arson.

## Farm status returned to most local farmers

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

A difference of opinion in how farms should be classified led the court of revision to return farm status to almost all of the Salt Spring farms owners who appealed their 1996 assessments by the B.C. Assessment Authority.

"Overall I would say that the assessment authority appears to be much more vigilant about what is actually being farmed," said Julia Atkins, who joined chairman John Richardson and Charles Cotterall on the local Court of Revision this year.

She felt the legislation setting standards for farm assessment was intended to stop "token farmers" and developers from having land classified as a farm without actually using it for farming.

But on Salt Spring where many owners of smaller operations do not use all of their land for farming, strict application of the guidelines led to split assessments on farms.

For example, under the regulations as interpreted by the assessment authority, a 10-acre farm with two acres in direct cultivation would have those two acres classified as farm and the remainder as residential, she explained.

"Even though you can't build a house on it," she added. Current zoning or inclusion in the Agricultural Land Reserve prohibited further development on most of the properties, she said.

She was also concerned that assessment authority decisions appeared to override Agricultural Land Commission and Salt Spring Trust Committee designations of land as agricultural.

One of the properties returned to farm status was that of Mary Inglin, whose assessment had leapt to \$1.5 million in 1996 from \$78,300 a year earlier. Now 83, Inglin lives on 67 acres which was first settled by her

FARM STATUS 4



### Fighting fire

Deputy fire chief Dan Akerman houses down gaping hole in the roof of a house struck by a chimney fire Monday night. Firefighters responded to the fire on Webster Road at

about 8:30 p.m. The blaze was out in minutes, but firefighters spent considerable time axing and hosing down shingles on the roof to prevent spread of any smouldering sparks.

Photo by DENICK LANDY

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff  
Second in a series

Kathleen Horsdal was sitting on a bed in a room at Lady Minto Hospital with a woman she had just met.

The woman was terminally ill, and Horsdal was making her first visit as a Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice (BDFH) volunteer. There was no easy way to begin a

## Spiritual quality to palliative care

conversation.

Then they heard horrible, agonizing screams of pain coming from another part of the hospital. Horsdal recalls making a joke about someone not liking their birthday cake. The screams continued to invade the room until they were superseded by the pier-

cing wail of a newborn baby.

"We suddenly shared this incredible experience," she says. That birth initiated a friendship that grew until the woman's death several months later.

Being involved in a person's life near the end of it is an unusual but rewarding situation,

say volunteers.

Some of Horsdal's most moving and creative experiences have come from her volunteer palliative care work. She acknowledges a kind of unconditional love that emerges when there is nothing to hide and no reason to be anybody but who you genuinely are.

BDFH volunteer Maureen O'Brien notes relationships that are unlike any other can develop. "People don't keep up pretenses and so you get to know them more quickly." Many people, especially women of an older generation, are not used to talking about themselves, observes Horsdal. Being able to talk with a non-judgement-

SPIRITUAL 4

## Is questioning authority enough? Some rage against it

Question authority, the saying goes, but all too often people take it a step or two further by challenging or even disregarding it. The Claycoquet protest and other incidents come to mind, in which the citizenry collectively decides the authorities have not acted in the best interests of the community.

The citizenry, therefore, deeming itself the ultimate and expert authority in such matters, attempts by whatever form of protest proves effective to wrest some power from those elected to wield it. The result is a situation one step removed from anarchy.

But questioning authority does not always seem like it's enough. Sometimes you just want to rage against it.

Take mad cow disease. It has not been proved that there is a link between some recent deaths among humans and the disease among cattle that was first diagnosed a decade ago. Officially, the word is that the possibility exists that there is a link.

TONY RICHARDS



Yet until now the British authorities have insisted that no link is possible, that eating the meat of mad cows presents no risk to humans. It only makes you wonder more about things like bovine growth hormones, used to spur on the fatted calf's progress to market, and the genetic alterations to potatoes, to reduce the incidence of disease.

It really makes you wonder about the whole agri-food industry (the terminology alone is enough to sour an appetite). Will the long-term effects of scientific meddling with the food chain come to haunt us in 25 years' time?

Will the consumption of hastened-to-mar-

ket beef hasten consumers to their graves? Can we trust anyone with an answer?

No less disconcerting is Canada's tainted blood scandal, through which public faith in the Canadian Red Cross has plummeted. It is held in such low esteem that the parents of an ailing child have gone to court — and won — to have the option of directing that their donated blood be given to their child.

Red Cross policy states that blood donors cannot direct who the recipient should be. The organization recognizes its poor standing in the polls and has chosen not to appeal the court's decision.

As the authority responsible for the blood supply, it deserves at the very least to be questioned, though the release of the Krewer Inquiry report has been targeted by tactics instituted by possible targets of legal action.

(Those targets have chosen a logical course considering the potentially costly law suits that might come out of this affair. One

would have thought that Mr. Justice Krewer might have considered that possibility.)

And then there's the matter of our high school's polluted air. Salt Spring's Chester Ludlow repeated charges levelled a year ago that air quality at Gulf Islands secondary poses a health threat, and went on a hunger strike to emphasize his point.

Chester sat in my office recently and claimed he could do anything he chose, including disappear from the room, as a result of having taken something called Spirit Gold. It did nothing for his credibility.

However, his passion for fighting what he feels is wrong has been strong enough for him to question authority, which is both his right and his duty.

And if governments fail to improve the timeliness and the efficacy of their response to such things, more people will go beyond just asking questions.

But that still won't make it right.

## Commission agrees to implement new computer, software system

A \$19,000 computer and software system to handle registrations was examined in detail and grudgingly approved by Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Monday night.

Administrator Tony Hume said the computerization of the PRC office was required to deal with the 500 receipts being handled every week. "The volume of receipts we're doing is almost unmanageable," he said.

Computerization was originally planned for 1997, he noted, but should be moved up to this year. Otherwise, he predicted the PRC would have to hire another staff person to deal with the receipts. The cost of the system is the same as hiring a person for 10 months.

PRC member Paul Marciano pointed out that while buying a computer would save hiring an additional staff member, it also meant one less job on the island.

"Sometimes it's worth giving someone a job," he observed.

Other PRC members questioned the overall cost. Malcolm Legg hoped the \$19,000 expenditure was the maximum allowed and that

efforts would be made to reduce the cost.

"We're going to bargain and look at keeping the costs down," Bill Curtin said while fellow PRC member Lawrie Neish offered the commission use of a monitor to save the cost of purchasing a new monitor.

The largest single cost of the system is \$9,900 for the Class software which tracks program registrations. Hume noted the software is used by Juan de Fuca and Peninsula Recreation groups and is strongly recommended by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Included in the cost are licenses for two users, a one-year maintenance fee and on-site installation plus three days of training.

Hume stressed the importance of computerizing to maintain service to residents. "We're having terrific problems coping with the (current) archaic system."

The new computer and software will allow Parks and Recreation to accept registrations over the phone using credit and/or debit cards, issue receipts and track the numbers and types of registrants.

Marciano questioned the price of

the software although he acknowledged it was a specially-designed package for recreation departments.

"The diagnosis here is expensive," he remarked. He wondered if the prices quoted had been inflated because the buyer was a government branch and not an individual.

Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth wanted the decision delayed so he could talk to people knowledgeable about computers in the CRD office.

PRC chairwoman Kellie Booth said CRD staff had already been consulted.

Marciano wondered if money could be saved by the PRC staff figuring out how to use the system without the training. "Let's read the manual and see if we need the three days."

Hume said the training cost of \$2,250 also included on-site installation of the software. He noted the installation would be done just before the office's busiest season, so staff would not have much time to master the software on their own.

The purchase will be financed from the 1996 contingency account, Hume said.

## PRC hopes to secure another E-team

Another E-Team could be established on Salt Spring in September if a Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) bid for a provincial grant is successful.

At Monday's PRC meeting, administrator Tony Hume recommended applying for an Environmental Youth Team provincial grant.

"We have been contacted by the program sponsors with an indication that Salt Spring Island PRC may be favourably considered as an applicant," he noted. The PRC operated a successful E-Team program in 1994-95 but an application for a second grant in 1995 was turned down, Hume said.

But more funding is available for

the 1996-97 program, Hume noted. If approved, the grant would allow the PRC to hire five to 10 local young people for 15 to 25 weeks.

"The last one was a tremendous success for us and the community," PRC member Malcolm MacLean said.

Commission members agreed to apply for a grant.

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**Watch for pedestrians**

Salt Spring Middle School teacher Nicolas Mai, far right, has a message for motorists: take care at pedestrian crossings. Mai takes a class on an excursion into Ganges every Tuesday,

and reports some drivers tend to ignore crosswalks. Crossing the street are, from left, Naomi Van Pelt, Maraysha Jones, Mark Drebert, Beth Cherry and Chelsea Hill.

*Photo by Tony Richards*

**Island youth held in custody**

A 15-year-old Salt Spring youth spent the weekend in a youth detention centre in Victoria after resisting arrest by local RCMP.

Ganges police say the youth was allegedly breaching probation by consuming alcohol last Friday around 10 p.m. When police attempted to arrest him, he resisted their efforts.

The youth was ultimately incarcerated and charged with two counts of breaching probation and one count of resisting arrest.

The youth was remanded in custody Saturday morning by the justice of the peace, and transported to a youth detention centre in Victoria.

The youth appeared in Victoria court Monday, where he was remanded to appear in Ganges court Tuesday afternoon. In other police news:

A break-in on Dukes Road resulted in the theft of 180 compact disks valued at over \$3,000.

The theft occurred sometime between the afternoons of March

**RCMP REPORT**

19 and 20.

Culprits entered the home — located in the 400 block of Dukes Road — through an unlocked door.

An island youth had an expensive night out when he was charged with being a minor in a licensed premises and fined \$100.

Police discovered the 17-year-old drinking in a local pub last weekend.

Local police were pleased with the response they received from a homeowner on Victoria Street.

Police attended the residence at 11:30 p.m. Saturday in response to a loud party complaint.

The homeowners were "very cooperative and appreciated the concerns of people in the area," Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan said. "They closed the

party down."

Police are seeking information regarding the vandalism of 20 Times Colonist boxes on Salt Spring. The vandalism occurred between 5 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday.

Police received a complaint Saturday morning from Crossroads on McPhillips Avenue that a rock had been thrown through the store's window. Police believe the event may be connected to the vandalism and fire which occurred at the Core Inn (across the street from Crossroads) on Friday night.

Ganges police and local Coast Guard members were shaking their heads over the launching of a distress flare last Friday.

The Coast Guard advised police at about 9:30 p.m. that a distress flare had been spotted.

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**New 'landfill' raises ire**

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Ken Byron said on Tuesday that a load of garbage was dumped about 6 p.m. Monday in a turnaround at the end of the road. Paint thinner, dry-

wall, plastic and other materials were left there by the driver of a pickup truck, according to witnesses who were fishing on nearby St. Mary Lake. Byron said someone has also been dumping bags of garbage in the vicinity of the turnaround.

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tal person with no past connection to their life can be extremely freeing for terminally-ill people.

She has sung favourite hymns for some people, put their poetry into song form and read one woman's memoirs to her.

"As she heard (the story of her life) she was also letting go of it," she says. "This was just a real gift."

Sharing time with a dying person has a spiritual quality hard to put into words.

O'Brien describes the quiet of a Greenwood's room at a nursing home. Sometimes there is only the sound of a person breathing as they sleep, surrounded by glimpses of a full life: pictures of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a crocheted doily, embroidered linen or a piece of furniture.

Her involvement may be as simple as patting a hand and letting a person in bed know that she is there,

## SPIRITUAL: Special relationships formed

being "a physical and hopefully comforting presence."

Regardless of what is shared, O'Brien says it has an impact on volunteers.

"I always feel a loss of the person, no matter how brief or the nature of my relationship with them," she says. Horsdal says she is always affected by the strength of the human will and spirit which emerges despite the body's weakness.

BDFH is not a religious organization, but people are welcome to talk about their spiritual beliefs, about anything or nothing at all.

"It's all about creating an atmosphere of absolute acceptance for the person," says Horsdal. "You accept them for where they're at and let them set the pace."

BDFH volunteers receive training in how to be non-intrusive, non-

judgmental and gauge the needs of the individual and their family. The 70 BDFH volunteers are men and women of all ages and backgrounds.

Horsdal and O'Brien say there is always a sense of nervousness when they first meet a new person and family. O'Brien often wonders "What's going to happen?" and used to think "Who am I to barge in like this?" but she has had no negative responses in her time as a volunteer.

Horsdal says the first visit is a bit like bungy jumping. "You jump off and you don't know what's going to happen." Horsdal has been a Bessie Dane volunteer on Salt Spring for 10 years but her interest in the subject goes back much further. Two grandmothers spent their last days in her family home in Ontario when it was still more common for people to die in a hospital.

Then at university in the 1970s she did a thesis paper on the literature on counselling of the dying — when there wasn't much written on the subject.

O'Brien also became familiar with death and its effects by being close to it. At age 31 she became a widow when her partner was killed in the Ocean Ranger disaster off Newfoundland.

More recently, a man who was "like a younger brother" to her contracted AIDS. She ended up spending a lot of time with him in a Toronto hospital and spelled-out his mother and friends.

Her many hours in the AIDS wing of that hospital led her to join the Bessie Dane group after returning to Salt Spring.

"What really struck me at 3 and 4 a.m. walking up and down the halls was that (the patients) were all alone. The disease's stigma deprived many of the support they needed, says O'Brien. It made her feel that no one must die alone like those men did.

While few people associate death with mirth, Horsdal and O'Brien both know the value of humour in palliative care. Impromptu wit marks both women's words.

Combining humour and death was natural when O'Brien was with her lifelong friend in a Toronto hospital. "He always said he would rather die laughing."

"Laughter is as much of a relief as crying," says Horsdal. And contrary to death's dark and sombre image, she sees much of the interaction around dying people as light, simple and pure.

"This is not grim business."



Maureen O'Brien



Kathleen Horsdal

## Supreme Court may hear appeal

How much help counts as "farm help"?

That question is at the core of an ongoing battle between Salt Spring farmer John Wilcox and the B.C. Assessment Authority over the assessment on John and Lynda Wilcox's 15-acre Duck Creek Farm.

For the past two years the assessment authority gave the property a split assessment. The farm buildings and Wilcox home are assessed as farm property but a mobile home and surrounding half-acre occupied by Wilcox's son is classified as residential.

Both years Wilcox appealed the split assessment to the court, which has ruled in his favour.

Wilcox maintains all buildings on his farm are part of the farm operation and should be assessed within the farm classification. "Legally, these are farm buildings. They are all part of the farm."

Dave Hitchcock, area assessor for the Capital Regional District, maintains the mobile home site should be assessed as residential because Wilcox's son has a full-time job in addition to the estimated 25 hours per week he spends helping with the farm.

Last year, after Wilcox successfully appealed his assessment before the court of revision, the assessment authority appealed that decision to the assessment appeal board. The appeal board ruled in favour of the assessment authority.

Wilcox and his lawyer, Manuel Azevedo, are appealing the appeal board decision to the B.C. Supreme Court.

Azevedo said the appeal board ignored part of the regulation governing classification of land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). All of Wilcox's land is within the reserve. Azevedo expects the case to go before the B.C. Supreme Court in May.

"He got quite a victory the other day," Azevedo said, referring to the 1996 court of revision decision that all of Wilcox's land should be assessed as farm property.

Wilcox expects the split assessment would cost him an additional \$400 to \$500 in taxes. But he feels the critical issue is one of land use. If the assessment authority classifies the mobile home as a residential use, that will ensure his son will never be able to replace the mobile with a permanent home?

Under ALR regulations, second homes are only permitted as housing for farm workers. Wilcox sees the assessment authority position as a challenge to his son's role as part of the family farm.

Hitchcock said the court of revision's current ruling returning farm status to all of Wilcox's property will be appealed to the appeal board. "That's one I will be appealing, if only to keep the appeal alive."

## FARM STATUS: Returned to most

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father in 1884.

Inglin's appeal was backed by the Salt Spring Farmer's Institute, president Chris Schmah said. He was pleased by the court of revision's decisions. "Very few (appeals) were denied. The court of revision was very sympathetic."

He felt the islanders sitting on the court understood local conditions.

The regulations must be interpreted the same way for everyone in the province, said Dave Hitchcock, area assessor for the Capital Regional District (CRD). "The way I interpret the regulations is the way I think they were written. The more you relax the regulations, the more you're not enforcing them."

Although he admitted having some sympathy for property owners hit with high assessments, he said his job is to administer the regulations and re-classify those properties

which do not meet the regulations. He felt the court of revision was sympathetic to property owners and attempting to encourage farming on the island.

"We're happy to see it," Schmah said. He regretted that a number of farmers who lost all or part of their farm status decided not to appeal the assessment. Those people will now have to re-apply for the status, he said.

Atkins said the property owners have a responsibility to ensure they meet the requirements for their farm status. In some cases the court of revision returned the farm status in order to give the farm owners more time to comply with the requirements.

A number of local farmers were not aware of changes in how the regulations were being enforced, Atkins observed. "I guess you could call it a crackdown."

Given more time, she expects

these farmers will be able to meet the regulations.

But property owners who put their land on the market with a residential price tag limited their chances of a successful appeal, she said. The one appeal for a return to farm status rejected by the court of revision was over a property which is currently for sale as residential and is not being farmed.

"If they put their land on the market for big prices, it's difficult to argue it's worth less," Atkins observed.

Hitchcock said he will review the court of revision's rulings and decide whether to appeal any to the assessment appeal board. He suspects he may disagree strongly enough with three or four decisions to warrant an appeal.

Of the approximately 200 farms on Salt Spring, he noted only a dozen appealed their assessments.

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Any person affected by or interested in this program has 30 days to make written representation regarding potential health, safety or environmental impacts of the proposed mine to the Chief Inspector of Mines, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, 4th Floor, 1810 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4. The Chief Inspector does not have a mandate to consider the merits of mining at this site from a land use perspective. Comments on land use concerns should be directed to Islands Trust Office #1206 - 115 Fulford Ganges Road.

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## District parent committee sees problems with 'capital district'

By TONY RICHARDS  
Driftwood Staff

Take your time and do a good job. That's what Saturna Island's Pam Janszen tells her children when they're doing their homework. But it was also the advice Janszen offered last week to the committee struck to review responses to the Ministry of Education's school district restructuring proposal.

Janszen, president of the District Parents Advisory Committee (DPAC), presented an eight-page brief to the restructuring consultation committee March 17, in which the parent group rejected amalgamation with three other school districts in the Capital Region.

To make her point, Janszen summarized the differences among the islands that make up the Gulf Islands School District, noting population size and the amenities offered.

Herself a resident of Saturna, Janszen argued that transportation challenges would be even more severe in one "capital district." Students, staff and Outer Islands parents are hampered by limited ferry service between islands.

"...the logistics of water travel are time-consuming and complicated," Janszen wrote.

She cited DPAC meetings which

used to be held on a ferry until Saturna joined the group. The schedule would not allow its participation so other options were explored, including one meeting at the Swartz Bay terminal.

For a while, the school water taxi was used to move parents to a central island for meetings, but budget cuts soon put an end to the practice. Now the DPAC meets only on Salt Spring.

### Students, staff and Outer Islands parents are hampered by limited ferry service...

"The water that isolates us from each other also creates the common bond we share with no others in the proposed capital district," Janszen wrote.

In a district of 41,000 students, the islands district's "unique situations" might not be well understood without regular DPAC representation, but ferry schedules would require an overnight stay in Victoria to attend evening meetings.

"How much extra time and money

can we realistically be expected to spend to try and make our small collective voice heard?"

The parents' brief also commented on the matter of trustee representation, in response to the school board's presentation to the same restructuring committee. The board has proposed reducing the number of trustees from nine to five.

However, the DPAC has recommended seven trustees instead, four from the Outer Islands — unchanged from the current number — and three from Salt Spring — two less than is now the case.

Janszen gave two reasons for going with seven trustees: difficulties would arise over which areas five trustees would represent, and the workload would be too great for only five people.

The brief was also critical of the ministry for the short timelines given for responding to the restructuring proposal, first made last November. Janszen wrote that the cuts — at least \$30 million annually — are too deep and that the minister's expectations are "too simplistic and unrealistic."

The ministry is expected to reach a decision on restructuring — which initially envisaged cutting the number of school districts from 75 to 37 — later next month.

## CRD will still provide health services

Shifts in health administration in the Capital Regional District (CRD) won't affect services offered by the CRD — at least, not for six months.

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CRD staff argue that cutting short administrative services to

current CRD health employees would create problems for the CRD's finance, personnel and building services.

The tentative date for transfer of health services from CRD to CHB jurisdiction is the end of August. The transfer is part of a province-wide reorganization of services funded by the Ministry of Health.

## Islanders watching comet

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# Island man anticipates use of left hand with prosthesis

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

He'd give his left arm for a hand. That is — literally — the trade 30-year-old Robert Duncan O'Neill makes on Monday.

The 30-year-old Salt Spring man will have part of his left arm amputated below the elbow so it can be

replaced by a prosthesis.

He can't wait. He's looking forward to "being able to use a hand. Being able to use my left arm again for something more than holding up a coat."

There will be pain. Over the years the prosthesis will have to be adjusted at regular intervals.

But he's willing to take the chance in exchange for more use from the prosthesis than he now has from his arm.

"If I can get more use from it, I think it's a worthwhile thing to try," he said. "I've had a lot of time to think about it. I've spent 14 years with two arms and 16 with one."

He was 14 when he lost the use of his left arm. It was his birthday, September 4, and also the first day of secondary school.

O'Neill remembers walking home at noon, chatting with a friend, after the half day at school. His next memory is seven weeks later, when he awoke to find his older brother standing by his bed in Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital.

Piecing together events later, he learned he had been riding his bike around a corner and up a hill at approximately 3 p.m. A car was coming down the hill at the same time.

He must have seen and tried to avoid the car — the handlebars on his bicycle were twisted to the right — but the bicycle's front wheel didn't turn. So he applied the brakes and flew over the handlebars of the bike, smashing into the oncoming car.

His body hit the side of the car, his head hit the sloping back roof and his left arm was slammed into the roof.

"I left quite a dent in the guy's car," he joked, displaying the sense of humour which has helped him cope for the past 16 years.

He split his spleen, broke his collarbone and had two bones of his arm broken and pushing through the skin. But the most serious long-term damage was to his left arm. Four of the five nerves linking the arm to his vertebrae were pulled out, leaving him with virtually no ability to move the arm.

"When I pulled the nerves out of my vertebrae, the arm was toast," he recalled. Amputation was suggested but O'Neill objected. So for the next 16 months he had his arm in a sling while efforts were made to restore some movement to his arm.

The nerves could not be recon-

nected since such an operation would have to be done too close to the brain. Finally, 10 months after the accident, one nerve was taken from each of O'Neill's legs and transplanted into his chest in a seven-hour operation. The surgery created a link between his chest muscles and his left arm.

"I was the second guinea pig on which they tried a nerve transplant."

His arm was in a sling for six more months but the operation did give him some limited movement in his arm. Over the years, he noticed gradual improvement. He was able to rotate his shoulder and bend his elbow by tightening his chest muscles.

"There's pretty good feeling in my thumb and almost feeling in my fingers," he observed. But he cannot move the hand. He cannot con-

**"It will give me some use and some use is better than what I have, which is nothing."**

rol the fingers, make a fist or grasp a cup. It is a dangling appendage, inanimate but for a whisper of feeling.

But O'Neill doesn't let his disability overrule his life, joking that the only things he cannot do are drive an 18-wheeler and operate a heavy duty chainsaw.

He plays pool, darts, pinball and goes skiing. "There's nothing I have tried that I can't do." As a teenager he found summer jobs between school terms — a success he feels later backfired on him when he was told he would not be eligible for a disability pension since he had been able to find work.

As the job market tightened, he found it harder to stay employed. "There's nothing that I can't do but a lot of things I have difficulty doing."

He took a two-year college course in graphic design but failed one of the courses since he couldn't do freehand sketching. He has worked as a park attendant, in an architect's office and pumping gas.

"I've done telephone sales, herbal sales, Amway sales ... I'm not a salesman," he observed. Many jobs in the service industry, from dishwashing on up, are closed to him. Given a glut of applicants, he's found employers tend to choose employees able to use both their hands.

In recent years he's spent more time than he likes collecting unemployment insurance or social assistance. "I'd much rather have a job."

He would like to have a printer capable of doing graphics and drafting. He is on the waiting list for a college course in civil engineering and wants to become an architect.

Three years ago he first asked about having his arm removed and replaced with a prosthesis. He then asked if he could retain his left arm. "I wanted to keep it as a souvenir, as a reminder that I had this thing and it didn't work."

He was told he wasn't ready for the surgery. He first had to recognize the arm would not be a souvenir.

Now, although he still jokes about the process, he feels ready. More than ready. "Excited, relieved. Looking forward to it in anticipation."

In addition to removing his lower arm, the operation will include a tendon transfer which is expected to give O'Neill a greater range of elbow movement.

Once his lower left arm is replaced by a bio-electric prosthesis, he expects to be able to use the nerve control he has to open and close the artificial hand. "It will give me some use and some use is better than what I have, which is nothing."

The operation will also give him another outlet for his humour. "I will be able to offer someone a hand," he quipped, miming the removal and passing over of an imaginary prosthesis.



**REPLACEMENT:** Robert O'Neill is looking forward to replacing his lower left arm with a prosthesis following an operation Monday to amputate part of the arm. He has had no movement in the lower arm and hand since an accident 16 years ago.

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# Trust considers agriculture, sustainability policies

The first shoots of a revised policy on agriculture and another on sustainability were nurtured during an Islands Trust Council workshop on Hornby Island recently.

Proposed policy issues on agriculture arose from a meeting between the Trust's policy planning committee, Salt Spring Farmers' Institute president Chris Schmah, Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) planning officer Roger Cheetham and Ministry of Agriculture district agriculturist Wayne Haddock.

Suggested policies on sustainability were from the People on Islands forum hosted by the Islands Trust in December. The forum involved representatives from the islands, government and the San Juan Islands in the United States.

Among the suggested agricultural policies were:

- development of roads or servicing corridors through agricultural land should be

redirected around contiguous agricultural parcels;

- the Trust will work with the ALC on amendments to policies or exemptions from policies which reflect the needs of large-scale farming but not the needs of small-scale island agriculture;

- tax breaks should recognize fallow land on island farms which are required to protect watershed;

- farm income thresholds used by the assessment authority should be appropriate to the island scale of farming;

- local Trust committees should have a system to resolve conflict between competing interests on agricultural land.

- Some proposed policies were not supported by all trustees. Saturna trustee John Money



Cragg

questioned a policy on preserving wetlands. "We've got some beavers on Saturna that are blatantly disregarding this," he quipped.

Thetis trustee John Dunfield wondered why the Trust was engaging in the entire exercise since most trustees are not farmers.

He added that ALC policies reflect large holdings in the Fraser Valley, not the smaller holdings on the Gulf Islands.

In the context of our islands, half an acre of really good land can be viable," Hornby trustee George Buvyer said.

He noted the ALC preserves tracts of land, not farmers. He said he is tired of seeing acres of land in the hands of "some New York millionaire who visits in the summer" when young people coming to Hornby who are interested in gardening have no place to go.

Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew welcomed the agricultural policy discussion, saying

farmers on Salt Spring have asked for a more defined Trust policy on farming.

Many of the proposed policies on sustainability did not fare as well as the agricultural policies.

Hornby trustee Ron Emerson did not believe a program could determine how many people an island could sustain.

"I think it's very difficult to determine the carrying capacity of the islands if you look at — say — Hong Kong island,"



Money

he remarked.

Galiano trustee Diane Cragg identified clauses on home-based businesses and economic development as issues for community planning, not policy statements.

"These are not bad ideas and they're not being lost. It's just that they don't belong in a policy statement," Cragg said.

Other suggestions from the People on Islands forum were rejected by trustees since they are already covered by existing Trust policies.

Policies on sustainability and agriculture will be given further consideration at the Trust's June meeting.

## No ongoing liaison between islands has resulted from December forum

Nothing further has come from last December's People on Islands forum involving representatives from B.C. and Washington state, Trust chairman Graeme Dinsdale said at the March Islands Trust Council meeting.

"At this point in time, we do not have an ongoing cross-border liaison," he said, adding that he hopes there will be further contact between the Gulf and San Juan islands in the future.

Trustees received a report summarizing the recommendations from the forum and agreed to send copies to all participants and relevant agencies.

Gabriola trustee Julian Guntenberger questioned the focus of the report's recommendations. "They appear to me like pious wishes rather than anything concrete," he remarked.

- Salt Spring and Gabriola

## TRUST BRIEFS

Islands received the largest chunks of Ministry of Municipal Affairs planning grants towards completing official community plans. Of the \$119,500 grant from the provincial government, Salt Spring received \$30,000 and Gabriola received \$22,500. Saturna received \$18,000, Bowen \$25,000, Thetis \$15,000 and Gambier \$9,000.

- Developers will fork over a bit more for projects on the Gulf Islands if a proposal from Salt Spring trustee Grace Byrne is eventually adopted by the province. Byrne wants the Municipal Act amended so the cash-in-lieu given by a developer instead of a five per cent park land dedication equals the value

of the land. At present, the cash-in-lieu assessment falls below the value of the land, she noted.

- Developers will have to fund exceptional services required to process their projects under new guidelines adopted by Trust Council. The extraordinary services guidelines allow the Trust to negotiate with the developer to cover the costs of additional work.

"It still is not cost recovery — it approaches cost recovery," Byrne said, adding that such exceptional services are only required occasionally.

- The next meeting of the Trust Council will be June 6 to 8 on Gabriola Island. Local subdivision approvals, policies on road standards, sustainability, local governance and amenity zoning are some of the proposed agenda topics.

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# OPINION

## Closing the gap

Last week's headline announcing a donation by senior citizens to laid youthful skateboarders conjured up an amusing vision of seniors on skateboards.

Something of a precedent has already been set by Seniors For Seniors, who used to play regular billiards games with local youths, albeit that form of recreation is doubtless somewhat safer.

But in a more serious vein, the gift of \$150 by the local Old Age Pensioners branch represents an admirable effort at bridging the old generation gap. It's a gap that has grown wider as a result of the antics of a handful of young yahoos who almost succeeded in giving all local teenagers a bad name.

All manner of activities — some legal and others not — have been taking place in Ganges, particularly at lunch time, to the dismay of merchants and their customers. But we have moved beyond condemning all teenagers for the situation to conducting mediation sessions to allow all views to be heard.

Postures such as the seniors' pool nights and the OAPO's donation have done and will do wonders for improving communication and understanding. Equally constructive is the approach by landlord Tom Toynebe of Mouat's Trading Company, who wishes to preserve the ambience of the area in which youths tend to congregate, without losing all his tenants. Closing down the cafe, which is what draws youths in the first place, would solve the problems but Toynebe wants to find an alternative so as to preserve the area's flavour.

We wonder if a higher profile on the part of police might help repel the undesirables, especially if they're engaged in the criminal acts of which they are suspected.

In the meantime, the gap is closing as different generations discover common ground for understanding and respect.

## Strong endorsement

No support shows quite as loud as cash, hence the saying "put your money where your mouth is."

By that measure, the recent anonymous donation of \$100,000 to the Islands Trust Fund Board is a hearty endorsement of the support the Islands Trust concept has among islanders.

From the northern tip of Denman Island south to Saturna, there is general agreement among island residents that their special paradise must be preserved. Therefore, despite occasional grouching about individual decisions by individual Trust committees, the Trust's overall preserve-and-protect mandate is sacrosanct for most residents.

Compare the green slopes and open fields of the islands, even on "developed" Salt Spring, to the rampant building on the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island to see how well the Trust is carrying out that mandate.

Island residents gladly trade the greater economic opportunities of the city for the chance to live in paradise. The \$100,000 donation, previous donations of property to the Trust Fund Board and fundraising on islands to purchase and preserve significant properties illustrate that many islanders are willing to help ensure paradise is preserved.

## Name the park

We have nothing against the Rotary Club. On Salt Spring Island, its members enjoy the fellowship of belonging to an international service organization and the rewards of contributing to the betterment of the community.

An example of Rotary in action is taking shape in Ganges, where a new waterfront park is beginning to look less like a parking lot. Some might say the community would be better served by the addition of some new parking slots. When it comes to vacant Ganges waterfront, we believe otherwise.

In fact, the new park, in a prime location next to Thrifty Foods, demonstrates further recognition by the community that its seaside location is not something to be taken for granted.

Rotarians have committed themselves to contributing more than \$20,000 in cash plus their volunteer labour. Islanders owe them a debt of gratitude for their contribution, but we wonder if naming the park after the club itself is how that debt should be repaid.

Rotary Park, for lack of anything else, is how the Parks and Recreation Commission and others associated with the project have begun referring to it. Perhaps islanders will be happy with a moniker that is somewhat lacking in imagination and originality (Rotary Parks in Sidney and Williams Lake come to mind).

On the other hand, they might prefer a name that reflects a historical or cultural aspect of Salt Spring or Ganges Harbour itself. It could also be one that incorporates the name of Rotary to ensure continued recognition for the club.

Whatever the preference, the choice should best be made soon before the park ends up being named by default.



## Beyer's solution to economic woes means robbing poor to feed rich

By MIKE PRICE

Hubert Beyer's column in the March 13 Driftwood was right on — right up to the final paragraph.

True, none of the existing political parties has the slightest idea of how to cope with the present social and economic mess the country is in, preferring, in Beyer's words, "Cro-Magnon electioneering slogans" to viable policies.

True, with current and projected future unemployment levels there is absolutely no point in training thousands of people for jobs that simply don't exist any more.

True, "today's technological and information revolution has made obsolete not only the old solutions to the old problems, but the very model those solutions once addressed."

Altogether, I would say, a masterful analysis of the situation; so what solution does Mr. Beyer propose? Are we ready for this? Every employed person to take a 15 per cent pay cut and welfare recipients compelled to do volunteer work. Hub?

Perhaps I missed something somewhere, but it seems to me that this proposal is not only an old solution to an old problem, it is positively, well, if not Cro-Magnon at least Neolithic. It's something that old man Roosevelt might have thought of back in those grey Depression years when Guy Lombardo was top of the hit parade, except he would probably have had more sense.

Surely Mr. Beyer has been around long enough to have developed a healthy degree of cynicism when it comes to the antics of corporations; surely he is aware that that 15 per cent would instantly disappear into the black hole of corporate profits and no one would ever see it again.

Nope: sorry. Robbing the poor to feed the rich isn't a viable answer to today's economic problems. At some point our economists and legislators will have to get their collective minds around an

entirely new idea (well, sort of new, maybe at least Bronze Age); that the whole concept of "working for a living" is out of date.

In the near future, when computerized factories will be turning out products under the control of one person sitting at a console, will be able to purchase anything he or she wants by merely pushing a few buttons, without the intercession of shop clerks, bank tellers and delivery boys on bicycles, there will be so few real, actual honest-to-gosh jobs around that today's unemployment figures will be laughable by comparison.

At the very least, some kind of guaranteed annual income (a comfortable one, not a pittance) will become the norm. Ultimately, perhaps, we'll be able to abandon our current obsession with the mighty dollar and introduce something like a guaranteed annual entitlement to goods and services for everyone.

And if anyone asks, "Where is the money going to come from?" let him think carefully for a minute about where "money" really does actually come from and what it really represents.

Orthodox economists, right-wing (and perhaps also left-wing) politicians, CEOs of large corporations and others deficient in long-range vision will "scream blue murder" perhaps but, in Mr. Beyer's delightfully apt words, when you're up to your butt in alligators, you don't have too many options.

And, with all those alligators around when you're trying hard to remember that your original plan was to drain the swamp, perhaps you'll also come to the conclusion that the swamp is perfectly okay just the way it is.

Well, at least the alligators like it.

Salt Spring resident Mike Price is, on his good days, a Renaissance man and, on his bad days, just a jack of all trades.



VIEW POINT

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# SALT SPRING SAYS

## We Asked: Which political party offends you the least?



**John Dayton**

*I think the Social Credit party offends me the least because they've gone down in flames.*



**Wayne Bairstow**

*The Liberals because you don't hear anything about them.*



**Eric Byron**

*I haven't been keeping up with politics. I've just turned 18 so I can vote. Now I'm going to start paying attention.*



**Danielle Millar  
of Toronto**

*In Ontario I'd say PC offends me the most. Mike Harris — down with him!*



**Steve Phillips**

*I'm not offended by the NDP at all. I'm unspcakably offend- ed by all of the others.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Respect rights

As a lawyer, Mr. Dexter should be well aware that one should never assume what the Supreme Court decision will be with respect to the MacMillan-Blodel case. (Driftwood letters, March 13.)

He should also be aware that there is nothing spurious in individuals initiating court actions if they feel they have been treated unjustly according to current laws and regulations.

The Salt Spring Trust Committee may not be required to justify its actions to the public in enacting bylaws but this is the type of arrogance which results in court actions and the public seeking new elected officials or alternate government. It also resulted in massive clearcuts instead of well-managed forest stands on Galliano and Salt Spring Islands.

Downzoning and subsequent devaluing of an individual's current rights under law may not be expropriation of land but it is most certainly expropriation of current existing laws and property values.

The Islands Trust has the mandate to preserve and protect Salt Spring Island. This can be done under current legislation. The Islands Trust must be careful to manage the islands for the democratic majority and not become autocratic in catering to minority interests.

I agree we should respect all values such as land, water and air, but we must also be worthy and respect individual rights which may involve monetary issues and perhaps lifetime savings.

**H.G. DOERKEN,  
Beaver Point Road**

### Expropriation

In the March 13 issue of the Driftwood, a letter to the editor from David Dexter claimed "Trust Committees may downzone and make other changes that result in devaluing property and this is not expropriation of property for public purposes if the property retains economic use."

My only hope is our trustees are not being guided in their decision-making by the misinfor-

mation contained in the letter or seek his counsel in their schemes.

Websters Dictionary defines expropriation as: "The act of expropriating or the state of being expropriated; specifically: the action of the state in taking or modifying the property rights of an individual in the exercise of its sovereignty."

From the British Columbia Municipal Act, division (4) — compensation for property taken or damaged, Section 544(1): "The council shall make to owners, occupiers or other persons interested in real property entered on, taken, expropriated or used by the municipality in the exercise of any of its powers, due compensation for any damages necessarily resulting from the exercise of those powers beyond any advantage which the claimant may derive from the contemplated work."

The above paragraph specifically protects all property owners from having the value in their property arbitrarily removed by a small group of people.

**JOHN ELLACOTT,  
Fulford Harbour**

### Complaints

Regarding your latest editorial rant in the March 13 issue about the local government framework worked out by the municipal affairs ministry and the Islands Trust: Your complaint (and Valerie Lennox's statement in her article on page 3) that the proposed framework imposes a

double-direct method of electing our representatives to Trust Council is plain wrong.

The framework simply proposes that direct election of trustees can be considered as an alternative selection method to appointment by a municipal council. The pros and cons of the two approaches will be examined by our restructure study committee and in the series of public meetings that will be held during our Phase II study.

You also complain that the framework would require a municipality to contract with the Trust for planning services for at least three years after incorporation. At least your reporting is correct in this case, but how big a deal is it to phase-in changes in the delivery of planning services? If Salt Spring decides to incorporate, the long-term financial implications of taking on responsibility for road maintenance and policing will be far more significant than how planning is delivered for the first three years.

If you are so concerned about planning, why aren't you complaining about the fact that the fees now charged by the Trust for development applications only cover a fraction of the actual planning and administrative costs associated with these applications?

**GARY HOLMAN,  
Fulford Harbour**

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## NDP rises in polls, Campbell image falls

**VICTORIA** — Who would have thought a couple of months ago that the New Democratic Party would have a chance at being re-elected?

Haunted by the Nanaimo Commonwealth Holding Society scandal, the NDP found itself trailing the Liberals so badly that even party insiders were at the verge of throwing in the towel.

And when Mike Harcourt resigned as premier, few people expected his gesture would make the slightest bit of difference. The NDP's goose, they predicted, was cooked. Gordon Campbell, they said, was a sure bet for premier.

That was before pitbull Glen Clark became premier. Starting with a promise to launch a public inquiry into the bingo scandal, a promise he has yet to make good on, and ending with the latest announcement that every high school student qualified to attend a university, college or technical school is guaranteed admission, Premier Clark dragged the NDP out of its polling slump into a dead-heat with the Liberals.

In between he fired some public servants, although not as many as he claims, talked about a balanced budget, although the method by which he counts is debatable, froze university tuition fees, and generally behaved like a politician sure of re-election.

What a difference a leader makes. Harcourt knew he couldn't pull off a victory at the polls, even though he personally wasn't involved in the bingo scandal. His resignation, however, did more than just make room for another leader.

The leadership race, culminating in the convention, gave the party much-needed publicity. The spotlight was on the NDP, while the Liberals and the Reformers languished in limbo.

The B.C. Hydro affair was to turn all that around. The release material was originally to be released during the election campaign, but the Liberals got spooked by the NDP's steady climb in the polls and jumped the gun.

Alas, the beast that was to devour the NDP didn't have any legs. Clark moved as quickly as I have ever seen a politician move to minimize the damage.

Appointing former cabinet minister Brian Smith as Hydro chief and instructing him to get to the bottom of the affair was a masterful move, and before the Liberals knew what was going on, the story was off the front page. And election promises seem to do the rest.

The major promise, one I predicted in a previous column, was Clark's announcement that if he's re-elected, he will order forest companies to create 21,000 new jobs in the next five years or lose timber cutting rights.

There are about 105,000 direct jobs in the forest industry today, and the premier said it wasn't unreasonable to expect more.

"Simply maintaining jobs in the industry isn't good enough for me. We want more jobs. I believe we can get a timber-and-jobs accord, but if we can't, the government can start attaching strings to the access to the trees we own," Clark said. In other words, if the carrot doesn't work, he'll bring out the stick.

Clark's most powerful ally in the upcoming election, however, is Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell, whose political image is in the dumps. Asked whom they preferred as premier, respondents in the latest poll chose Clark over Campbell.

The Campbell factor has Liberal party organizers so worried that some riding associations are planning to write the leader out of the campaign. The same happened to NDP leader Bob Skelly in the 1986 election.

A lot of people would like to vote Liberal but don't like Campbell. Unfortunately for the Liberals, this late in the game, there isn't enough time to reshape Campbell's image. That should have been done two years ago.

As things stand, the election will be a political junkie's dream. It will be hard-fought and close. And perhaps for the first time in decades, British Columbians will elect a minority government.

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### CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



## More letters

### Peace

On March 13 at a Red Sea Resort in Egypt, representatives of 30 countries met at the Peace Makers Summit. Wouldn't peace be wonderful!

I wish all the time, money and energy of every single human was directed towards constructing behaviour. Unfortunately, day after day, the media shows us people who have dedicated themselves to destroying each other person or group of people. The very day of the Peace Makers Summit a man shot and killed himself, a teacher and 16 children in a school gymnasium in Scotland.

Day after day after day after day, somewhere on this planet, we witness gruesome death and mayhem. Truly heartbreaking — and therein, God tells us, lies the problem — our hearts. No number of summits, conferences, commissions, education programs, cultural exchanges, laws or even \$100 million can cure the human heart.

So what will eventually happen? Soon there will be peace — a man-made peace that will not last. God has warned us that "...when they shall say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them..." (I Thessalonians 5:3). Just as Germany was deceived by Hitler, so the world will be deceived by the Antichrist.

Jesus is the prince of peace. Through the cross He created peace with God for all sinners who repent and receive His gift of salvation. And after the great tribulation, during which God will deal severely with unrepentant sinners, Jesus will return to reign on this earth for 1,000 years. Think of that — 1,000 years of true peace. What a beautiful planet this will be.

URSULA BOND,  
Clearwater, B.C.

### Irked by Eros

I'm glad I'm not a parent of young children anymore because every time we came through Ganges I would have to answer questions like "Daddy, what is the Erotic Art Show?"

And I am surprised that the Driftwood, our community and family newspaper, has devoted an entire page of free publicity to this show in last week's issue.

JIM McCLEAN,  
Salt Spring Island

### Skies above

The public is welcome to attend a panel workshop this Friday at 7:30 p.m. and all day Saturday from 9 a.m. at the University of Victoria Law School. The workshop will focus on bio-diversity as a follow-up to the Rio conference.

Hosted by the Skies Above Foundation, four cabinet ministers, including federal environment minister Sergio Marchi and a judge from Germany will be participating.

Copies of proceedings from the International Conference on Ozone Depletion and Ultraviolet Radiation: Preparing for the Impacts, including a guide for sun-safe schools are now available (courtesy of Beth Hill) at

Mary Hawkins and secondary school libraries.

You may also be aware that ozone depletion is serious now over Greenland and Siberia (around 45 percent). Public awareness has been acknowledged by the World Watch Institute State of the World Report for helping prevent hundreds of thousands of cases of skin cancer.

So please continue to pass the word on... the situation will improve, hopefully by the year 2000. Closing the hole and protecting the health and bio-diversity of all creatures great and small is the priority now.

SUE HISCOOKS,  
Fulford Harbour

### Bus response

In response to Mr. Harding's letter to the editor last week, the Salt Spring Island Public Transportation Society would like to clarify a few issues.

As a non-profit, charitable organization registered both provincially and with Revenue Canada, the society is distinct from Azure Transport, which is a privately-owned company. Our mandate includes all issues related to public transportation. We have chosen to focus our attention on a bus service, which is where our interests and Azure's coincide. But the society is not, in any way, attempting to feather anybody's nest.

If the public endorses a referendum seeking sustainable funding for a transit service, the society can then pursue several options. We could ask BC Transit to initiate a service, either by providing their own buses and drivers, or by tendering the service to an independent contractor. Or, the community could choose to design,

implement and control its own service. In either of these last two cases, there would be a regulated, competitive bidding process. Azure Transport may or may not choose to compete for the contract, but could not expect any preferential treatment or benefits.

Mr. Harding suggests that the society look into using school buses during off-hours and seasons. For logistic, financial and bureaucratic reasons, this is not a feasible solution. To identify just one of many obstacles, the motor vehicle department defines and licenses a public transit vehicle as something quite different from a school bus. In addition, meeting full daily schedules for both schools and transit would, in effect, require two sets of buses.

Finally, Mr. Harding suggests that the society operate a free bus service for a couple of years, with costs underwritten by donation and the sale of advertisements. Such a service that does not generate any fare revenues will cost in the order of \$110,000 or more each year. If Mr. Harding would like to write the cheque, we'll happily organize the service, and broadcast our benefactor's name.

As taxpayers and directors of the society, we would love to find a way of funding a transit service that does not depend on public moneys. Also, public transportation systems do not generate profits or pay dividends. Our research has turned up no transit system anywhere in the world that does not rely on some form of direct or indirect subsidy.

SANDRA MCKENZIE,  
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## Paint recycling program coming to Salt Spring depot next month

Salt Spring's recycling depot has seen some big changes in the past year, and a few more are on the way.

Depot manager Peter Grant said Tuesday a combination of a dry weather forecast and having all necessary materials on hand will determine when paving the road with concrete from the gate to the depot site will take place. It will result in a closure of the depot for about three days.

Funding for the improvement was obtained when the last contract was negotiated with the Capital Regional District (CRD) and Salt Spring Community Services Society, which operates the depot.

The new three-year agreement pays the operation a service fee based on tonnage. The present rate is \$158 per metric tonne. "In the past we were paid a per-household fee plus per-tonne diversion credits for certain items," Grant explained.

He said rubber tires and waste paint are being added to the "recycling menu" this year. Rubber tires are already being accepted for a cost of \$2.50 per tire, and he anticipates the paint recycling program to begin sometime in April.

As a B.C. Paintcare Association paint collection depot, it will accept most household paint products. More information will be available when the service begins.

Other changes at the depot in the past year included replacing the green plywood receptacles with large steel "roll-off" bins. "This has cut down handling and storage problems as these bins are rolled on and off the trucks that transport the various materials to market," said Grant.

Concrete was also poured last spring in the area containing those bins.

Grant said the depot handles about 800 metric tonnes of recyclable materials annually.

The depot, composting area, and book and magazine exchange is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## PRC assistance program approved

A program giving reduced fees to low-income families and individuals on Salt Spring was approved Monday night by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Programmer Ross Huff proposed the leisure economic access policy (LEAP) to the PRC in a detailed report last month. Huff hopes LEAP will ensure all islanders have access to PRC programs regardless of their ability to pay the fees.

Participants in the program would have an identification

card entitling them to take PRC programs for half price. Adults could attend swim and fitness classes at the children's rate and children would be admitted free to public swim sessions.

Monday night Huff suggested one change to the proposed program. LEAP participants should not be required to fill out a volunteer application form, he said, and will not have to volunteer time with the PRC or any other community organization.

PRC member Bill Curtin asked if it was necessary to

impose a means test on LEAP applicants and issue identification cards. "It's not something people are going to defraud us on," he said.

PRC member Paul Marcano hoped the criteria for receiving a LEAP card would not be limited to social assistance recipients. "A lot of people are skirting the edge of welfare but they're certainly low income," he said.

Huff said the program would not "make people jump through a lot of hoops."



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## Plan will cut down on blood oozing from T.V.

**S**o the national government is bringing in a coding system to indicate violence and brutality in every show on television. If you are less than committed to blood and guts and baseball bats, the opportunity will be there to filter out the entire movie or whatever.

If violence on the box leads to violence on the street, then the plan promises some relief. If there is no relationship between box and street, then they can still deal me in to cut down on the blood oozing out of the television set in my living room and slowly spreading I'm not on the carpet. I'm not all that fond of corpses.

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### Shortcut to wealth

Each year I get wealthier. Ask the province! That's what they tell me. Year-by-year my house goes up in value. As I remember it, the place cost me a fraction of what the assessors tell me it's worth today. I just sit back and the price goes up. And am I boasting? Not overly. If I sell it at those prices I have to buy a replacement that will cost me those prices. I may be worth that much more, but it's a price I can't afford to reach. The sad part of all this is remembering that every dollar added to the valuation is a boost in the taxes when they fall due.

### I gotta kettle!

About two or three years ago I was presented with a new kettle for Christmas. In fact, that's how I got most of my appliances. I just wait for Santa Claus and the kitchen is gleaming.

This particular kettle was the ultimate of kettles at the time. Everything that a kettle needs was right there. Chrome, automatic, it locked the very part. And it was, for two or three years. The tea was progressively poorer and the water was progressively colder. The automatic control was out for lunch. So I had to be. The repair shop explained that it would take about 12 months to get the parts from England. That was an interesting chat we had on the phone. I was in my native land and I called the manufacturer to ascertain some quicker mode of repair.

The telephone operator was not impressed. She explained that they had a repair agency in the United States. I'm not sure whether she said Connecticut or Cincinnati. I wasn't on the bit on that minor point. The young lady was less alert. She didn't appear to know where Vancouver was and selling appliances without any service system didn't seem unreasonable to her.

I have two alternatives. I can throw away the kettle. Or I can ship it back to England and incur a debt in postage far beyond the increase I shall find in my taxes as a result of the upprice of my assessment. Right now I'm waiting for inspiration.

### Scots boasting

I remember stumbling over that Scots word so many years ago. "Scots what we wi Wallace Bled." The ordinary, common or garden Sassenach is out of the picture. And now I have to work it out again.

Art Beadie sent me the modern equivalent, "Scots what' hae wi' Beadie fled." Not so sure I could pronounce it, though.

Art set out his challenge to the un-Scottish world in a tongue-in-cheek brag about his ancestral home. It was prepared for the ECRA Grapevine, news sheet of the Elderly Citizens' Recreation Association.

"What's like us?" rings out his challenge. He answers his own question: "Few and they're all dead!"

And this is how he figures it: The average Englishman in the home he calls his castle, slips into his national costume — a shabby raincoat — patented by chemist Charles Macintosh from Glasgow, Scotland.

En route to his office he strides along the English lane, surfaced by John Macadam of Ayr, Scotland.

He drives an English car fitted with tires invented by John Boyd Dunlop, veterinary surgeon of Dregdon, Scotland. At the office he receives the mail bearing adhesive stamps invented by John Chalmers, bookseller and printer of Dundee, Scotland.

During the day he uses the telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell, born in Edinburgh, Scotland. At home in the evening his daughter pedals her bicycle invented by Kirkpatrick Macmillan, blacksmith of Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He watches the news on TV, an invention of John Logie Baird of Halesborough, Scotland, and hears an item about the U.S. Navy founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkcubbin, Scotland.

Nowhere can an Englishman turn to escape the ingenuity of the Scots. He has by now been reminded too much of Scotland and in desperation he picks up the Bible, only to find that the first man mentioned in the good book is a Scot — King James VI — who authorized its translation.

He could take a drink but the Scots make the best in the world. He could take a rifle and end it all but the breech-loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson of Pitlochy, Scotland.

If he escaped death, he could find himself on an operating table injected with penicillin, discovered by Sir Alexander Fleming of Darvel, Scotland and given chloroform, an anaesthetic discovered by Sir James Young Simpson, obstetrician and gynecologist of Bathgate, Scotland.

Out of the anaesthetic he would find no comfort in learning that he was as safe as the Bank of England founded by William Paterson of Dumfries, Scotland.

Perhaps his only remaining hope would be to get a transfusion of good Scottish blood which would entitle him to ask, "Wha's like us?"

## Frazer and other Reform MPs attempt to postpone Nisga'a AIP

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Jack Frazer asked the federal government to postpone signing the Nisga'a Agreement in Principle which went ahead Friday despite protests from a collective Reform effort.

Frazer and fellow British Columbia Reform MP Daphne Jennings claimed negotiations leading up to the Nisga'a deal were "orchestrated, secretive and manipulative."

"Descriptions of the agreement

provided by the Minister of Indian Affairs have been misleading," Frazer said in a prepared statement. "Despite what he and his spin doctors have told the public, (the signing incorporates) the entitlement of special rights, exemptions and the constitutional protection for one group of Canadians over another."

The deal, on which final agreement is still a year or two away, would give the Nisga'a about 2,000 square kilometres of land

(about eight per cent of their initial claim) and \$200 million.

It also contains major self-government powers, commercial fishing rights in the Nass River and ends the Indian Act's authority as the Nisga'a assume a major role in using the area's resources.

Jennings said the consequences of the signing "paint a bleak picture" for what British Columbians can expect in settling other outstanding land claims in this province.

## Arts will be part of new day camp

A dramatically different Camp Colossal program will be offered to island youngsters this summer from July 15 to August 23.

The camp has been moved to Fernwood School and the hours will be extended, so the camp will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Approximately half of the program will be visual and performing arts, programmer Ross Huff reported to Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission members Monday.

"The format for the summer promises to be exciting, diverse, educational, fun and to stimulate creativity in the participants," he noted.

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# COUNSELLING THROUGH PLAY



By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

Seven-year-old "Jason" needed help.

Moody, unpredictable and aggressive toward his little sister, Jason had developed self-destructive habits — biting his nails, chewing his lips until they bled and picking at himself to create sores.

Salt Spring psychotherapist Esther Muirhead believed a non-directive form of counselling could help Jason, and she accepted him into a series of play therapy sessions she was offering in Victoria.

During the first few sessions, Jason teased and bullied other children. He grabbed toys, screamed and yelled, and acted tough.

As the group's therapist, Muirhead became a non-judgemental backdrop for Jason's negative behaviour, providing a "strictly neutral mirroring back of Jason."

"I'd say things like 'you like to break things and don't want us to stop you,' or 'you didn't like what Sam said,'" Muirhead recalls. "It didn't make sense to him. There was no punishment, no anger, no threats. There was no emotional reaction on the part of the adult."

Eventually, Jason felt safe enough to do regressive work, Muirhead says. "He'd take a baby bottle and suck on it, and play games that younger children would play."

He began acting out "forbidden" feelings, behaving aggressively toward a doll he pretended was his sister, and stabbing at a clay mother and father. Muirhead felt his behaviour depicted anger at his parents for having another child.

With the opportunity to ex-



**THERAPY TOY:** Dollhouse is one of the toys used in play therapy.



**PREPARING FOR PLAY:** Psychotherapists Esther Muirhead, left, and Beatrix Satzinger are offering play therapy for island

children, plus group therapy for parents beginning early next month.

Photos by Dennis Lundy

pose his feelings to an objective adult, and by later learning appropriate, non-destructive ways in which to express his anger, Jason's unwanted behaviours disappeared.

Muirhead describes play therapy, which will be offered on Salt Spring beginning next month, as a fun, safe and non-coercive approach to assessing children and freeing them from unwanted behaviour.

"Play therapy allows the child to act out forbidden or hidden feelings. . . . The therapist's job is to name, reflect and acknowledge the child's feelings, which helps restore the child's confidence and self-esteem."

Muirhead and movement psychotherapist Beatrix Satzinger will be offering a 10-week series of play therapy sessions for children between the ages of four and seven, and eight and 12. Eight is the maximum number of children each group can facilitate. The play sessions will be held in their private Lancer Building offices.

The psychotherapists are also offering a separate therapy group for the children's parents.

Muirhead says the parents' group will attempt to "go with what the parents' needs are," and also consider what normal developmental stages look like. "It can be empowering to know that Johnny is just going through the process of growing up," she notes.

Satzinger says parents often face unresolved issues from their own childhood that affect the raising of their children.

"Sometimes we need to look

at our growth in order to help our children grow. Parents might secretly believe it might be them and not the child who needs help."

At the therapy sessions parents will have the opportunity to meet like-minded adults, increase parental self-esteem, find practical ways to set limits and create self-care strategies, the women say.

The sessions will be two hours in length, and will run separately from the one-hour play therapy sessions.

Muirhead and Satzinger plan to meet with parents and children prior to the sessions to determine if play therapy will be useful. Otherwise, they will refer the child elsewhere.

"It is also a good chance for the child to have a good look at the therapists," Muirhead says. "And the child will be asked to define as much as the parent."

Play therapy can be beneficial to a broad range of children, they note, from those experiencing learning difficulties, to those with aggressive behaviours. It can also be useful for children who have undergone social change such as a separation or divorce, hospitalization, or moving; children who are withdrawn; or children who need help unveiling the feelings causing them to act out.

Once the child enters the play session, he or she can play with any of the toys or art supplies offered.

"They play with whatever they are attracted to. . . . our task is to reflect back their behaviour in a non-judgmental way so they can begin to express themselves," Satzinger says.

As the therapists note, it is difficult for parents to remain neutral and non-judgmental when their children exhibit unwanted behaviour.

"Objectivity feels complicated," Satzinger says, but emotional responses often end in "power struggles, hurt feelings and frustration."

When efforts do not bring about permanent change, parents react in different ways, sometimes blaming the child, themselves or the child's other parent.

"Another choice is to stop reacting. . . the responsibility of the parent is to ask: 'Is my child acting out some of the unspoken conflicts that I am hiding within myself or within my marriage?' or 'What new thing can I learn about myself in this situation?'" Satzinger says.

Play therapy, they note, is based on the belief that any long-lasting change must come from within, and that the child knows instinctively how to find solutions to overwhelming situ-

ations and feelings. This integrative force in the child unfolds quickly as it is mirrored back to the child by the therapist, they say.

Muirhead, who has been in private practice on Salt Spring for 18 months, has trained with the Canadian Play Therapy Association. She has eight years experience working in the areas of child sexual abuse, family systems, play therapy and group therapy. Over the past 16 years she has researched the stages of childhood development "thanks to the patience and teachings of two teenage children."

Satzinger worked as a counsellor and movement psychotherapist for six years in Germany. Upon moving to Salt Spring over eight years ago, she obtained her Masters degree in Psychology from the University of Victoria and established a private practice here last year.

She says she particularly likes working with children whose "creative, inner healing processes are still fresh and easily accessible through symbolic play." Satzinger has four children in their teens and early 20s.

Muirhead and Satzinger expect to offer the series again in September.

"We're quite excited," Satzinger says. "Investing energy into one's own healing process. . . returns in the form of increased ease, joy and trust in the parent-child relationship."

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## Next year's courses reviewed

By NEILL ARMITAGE  
Driftwood Contributor

Next week we will be meeting with all GISS students to review the course offerings for this fall.

Our tentative plan is to meet with students (and any parents who can attend) at the following times:

Present Grade 9 students: Wednesday, April 3 from 10:20 to 11:20 a.m.

Present Grade 10 students: Thursday, April 4 from 9:15 to 10:20 a.m.

Present Grade 11 students: Thursday, April 4 from 10:20 to 11:20 a.m.

Students will receive course selection sheets at these times. The sheets need to be signed by a parent and returned to the counselling centre by Friday, April 12.

It is our intention to take attendance during these sessions, and students who are absent for any avoidable circumstances will find their course selection requests dropped to the bottom of our placement lists. We are anticipating an enrolment of about 600 this fall so we don't have a lot of time for individual explanations; and repeating explanations to students who choose to skip orientation ses-

## INSIDE GISS

sions is an inappropriate use of our time.

For parents and students who wish further details or are unable to attend the day sessions, we will be holding an evening meeting on Wednesday, April 3, starting at 7 p.m.

After April 12 we will count students' requests for specific courses and the process of putting the timetable together will begin.

Parents and students need to be aware that a request for a course does not necessarily mean that course will be offered. All courses, other than the foundation courses, can only be offered if there is a sufficient number of student requests, available staff and suitable facilities.

As part of the process of helping students make better decisions about selecting courses that are in keeping with their long-term learning plans, Kelly Knister has two people making special presentations to the Grade 11 group. One is Ray Hummel from Camosun College.

He will give students an overview of the Trades Orientation Program (TOP) in which some of our students are already involved.

The second is Bob Wishow from the provincial ministry responsible for apprenticeship programs. He will present students with a general picture of apprenticeship programs in B.C.

Both men will be available during the afternoon, and Kelly is organizing a time for Grade 10 and 11 students who want in-depth information about these programs. Parents are welcome to participate in this session.

John Bergsma is working out details with SIMS for the orientation of Grade 8 students during the week of April 8 to 12. I will include details about this process next week.

## Golden celebration

Walter and Betty Bridgen celebrated 50 years of marriage with an open house at their Burgoyne Valley area home last Sunday. Friends and relations celebrated the event with the two, who have spent the duration of their married life on Salt Spring.

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## Reform candidate named

Ross Imrie, mayor of North Saanich, will be provincial Reform Party candidate for the riding of Saanich North and the Islands.

Imrie spoke to a group of supporters at Sanscha Hall in Sidney on Saturday, where he received the nomination by acclamation.

Imrie outlined his platform which includes plans for deficit reduction, grassroots democracy and the elimination of the duplica-

tion of services.

"I believe my personal experience within the financial community as well as my years in municipal politics have prepared me to work in an informed and diligent manner on your behalf," Imrie said in a prepared statement.

He expressed confidence that voters would embrace Reform policies and send him to the legislature as "a strong voice for the community."

# TAKE NOTE

## OF THESE DATES

MAR. 27: South SS Residents Assoc., AGM, Fulford Hall, 8pm.  
MAR. 27: Seniors for Seniors, celebration for spring, 2pm.  
MAR. 29: New Adult Guardianship Legislation Forum, All Saints by-the-Sea (upper hall) 8:30-11:30; 1:00-4:30  
MAR. 29: First Family Caregivers evening meeting, 7:30pm, Greenwood.  
MAR. 30: Message the Media Miss-Film Festival, All Saints by-the-Sea, 9:30-4:30.  
APR. 4: SS Weavers & Spinner, business meeting, library, 10:30am.  
APR. 11: Island Mens Network drop in group meeting, Family Place, 7:30pm.  
APR. 17: SS I Golf & Country Club, AGM, SSI Golf & Country Club clubhouse, 8pm.  
APR. 18: OODE Luncheon and Fashion Show at Harbour House Hotel.  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
-Seniors & Alzheimer's support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg, 11am  
-Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.  
-Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors for Seniors, 10am.  
-Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 2nd Wed)  
-Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd, 7-8pm.  
-Core-Inv Committee Meetings, Core-Inv on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.  
-Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.  
-O.A.P.O. Loomie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed)  
-SS Painters Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downstairs, 10:30-1:30.

### EVERY THURSDAY

-Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.  
-Parkinson Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (except Thurs. of the mo)  
-Seniors for Seniors regular Thurs. Lunch at noon, reserve. are essential.  
-Sally Wheels Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.  
-Scottish Dancing, Anglican Church Hall, 7:45pm.  
-Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am (3rd Thurs. of every mo.)

### EVERY FRIDAY

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

### EVERY SATURDAY

-Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.  
-Core Inv, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

### EVERY MONDAY

-"Bardemiumium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.  
-Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)  
-Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.  
-Taotai Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.  
-OAPD #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.  
-Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am  
-Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.  
-Story time, library, 9:30am.  
-Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.  
-French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)  
-Ganges Residents Assoc., Mahon Hall, 7pm, (1st Monday of the mo.)  
-Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.

### EVERY TUESDAY

-Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.  
-Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.  
-Air rifles, Fulford Hall, 7:30pm.  
-Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 8:30pm.

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- GULF ISLANDS WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR: Call Rhema Cossever at 537-4607 for Senior's Health Promotion.
- CLIMBING WALL HOURS: Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm / Sat. 3-6pm.  
Full equipment chg. \$2.50. After school wall program begins Apr. 9 & 11 for 6 weeks.
- CLUB NIGHT: Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.



### Eye on the ball

Geoffrey McShannon and Waterfall entertain a batch of brightly-coloured balls and honing passers-by in Centennial Park, juggling a their hand and eye coordination. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*

## Hall AGM recognizes contributors

Ideas to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Fulford Hall this May are invited by the executive of the Fulford Community Hall Association.

The anniversary of the hall, which was opened May 16, 1921, was one of the topics at the association's annual general meeting Wednesday. Anyone with suggestions is asked to contact a member of the executive.

Invited to the executive for the anniversary year are president Peter Robinson, vice-president Ron Spencer, treasurer Marie Teitge and secretary Brian Finemore.

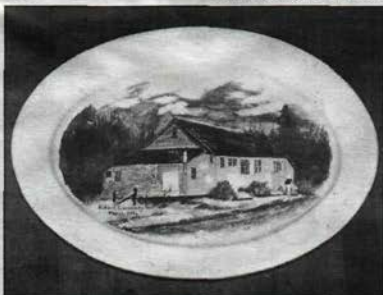
Old Age Pensioners' Organization representative is Val Gyves. Directors are Harry Warner, Chris Paul Tatonetti, Lloyd Klassen and Hank Doerksen.

At the meeting, ceramic plat-

ters decorated with a hand-painted picture of the hall were presented to four couples who have made significant contributions to the facility. Fulford artist Kay Catlin painted the platters.

Merv and Carol Walde, John and Pam Ellacott, Ken and Sherrill Adshead, and Bev and Mike Byron were recognized for helping with the hall's operation and renovation projects.

Ken Adshead received a plaque from Stan Teitge designating him honorary member of the Order of the Cross Toilet Plunger with Bent Bar and Tie Society.



**HALL MARK:** Fulford artist Kay Catlin painted images of Fulford Hall on four platters for presentation to eight volunteers at the hall's annual general meeting Wednesday. The hall was opened 75 years ago this May. *Photo by Chris Paul Tatonetti*



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THE LIONS CLUB OF SALT SPRING ISLAND is proud to continue its tradition of awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to worthy students. In addition, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in memory of Lion Hank Knudson.

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Applications must include resume, scholastic standing, three written references from persons other than relatives and a synopsis of future educational objectives. Scholarship money will be awarded to the selected applicants when proof of acceptance to an accredited institution of higher learning is received.

APPLICATIONS BY APRIL 4, 1996 to the LIONS CLUB OF SALT SPRING ISLAND, care of Neill Armitage, Chairperson, Scholarship Committee, Gulf Islands Secondary School, 537-9944.

## Loans program helps student employment

Students seeking summer employment now have the opportunity to create their own jobs.

The Student Business Loans Program, a federal government initiative, will give hundreds of Canadian students the opportunity to run their own businesses this summer.

Students in high school, college or university can take advantage of the program which provides loans of up to \$3,000 to student

entrepreneurs. Students must be returning to school in the fall and be at least 15 years old to qualify.

The loans are available on a first come, first serve basis, beginning April 1 until June 21. They are interest-free until October 4, 1996, and students who repay the loan by September 6 will receive a \$100 rebate.

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There will be two sessions. The morning session will be designed for practitioners in Health Care, Legal, Financial and Social Services. The afternoon session will be of most interest to the General Public.

#### Highlights of the Morning Session:

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#### PRESENTERS:

Linda Derkach, Director of Implementation, Guardianship Legislation, Office of the Public Trustee;

Dr. Robert Gordon, Associate Professor, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University;

Alison Leaney, M.S.W., Guardianship Implementation Project, Office of the Public Trustee

**DATE:** Friday, March 29, 1996

**TIME:** 8:30 am - 11:30 am

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**PLACE:** All Saints by-the-Sea (upper hall)

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### Happy anniversary

Anne Mouat shared the honour of cutting the cake with Legion Branch 92 president Randy Sloan at the branch's 65th anniversary celebration March 16. Witnessing the event are

Pacific Command president Val Bridarolli, left, ladies' auxiliary president Ernestine Crawford and zone commander Gary Stagg. The dinner and dance was attended by 150 people.

## Lions president elected

Gord Croft has been named the new Lions Club president.

Lions members recently elected a new slate of officers who will be inducted at the club's annual general meeting set for early June.

Other members of the new executive are: Barry Winsor, first vice-president; Don Harrison, second vice-presi-

dent; Sam Cochrane, secretary; Bruce Marshall, treasurer.

Directors with two-year terms are Dave Abley and Cal Mackay; directors serving one-year terms are Santy Fuoco and Ron Smith.

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An evening of Kabbalistic meditation, discussion and celebration of the Passover Seder is set for April 4 on Salt Spring.

The term "seder" means "ritual order" and for thousands of years Jewish people have gathered at the full moon of Aries (Nisan in Hebrew) to ritually re-experience the liberation from slavery in Egypt and to use the historical event as a springboard and model for each human being's journey towards liberation. Mitzotz HaRaya: The Centre For Vision is inviting anyone interested to join together in this age-old yet eternally-relevant celebration.

Rabbi Itzhak Marmorstein and friends will facilitate a mystically-oriented Passover seder next Thursday. The personal process of liberation which is at the heart of the Passover story will be explored. A meal including matza or unleavened bread is part of the ritual.

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# 'Legacy hardware' may be just fine for now

The first bit: Living with the past.

In the computer trade they're called, politely, legacy hardware ... all those units which are humming away on desks and tables throughout the world but which are months or years off the cutting edge of computerization.

(Of course, given the pace set by the cutting edge, any computer more than 24 hours off the assembly bench could be considered legacy.)

You know your computer has dropped below the line when you snag something like Starblasters of Doom off the store shelf and discover the recommended minimum requirements for the game are beyond your current computer.

Does that mean it is time for your computer to make its final splash as an anchor for cousin Harvey's boat?

It depends. Does your computer still do everything you require? Is saving the universe by way of the Starblasters of Doom worth the cost of a new computer? If the answers are yes to the first question and no to the second, keep your savings in the bank.

Don't give in to computer

envy. The cutting edge of technology moves so fast that even blowing the budget on the latest and greatest only gives a month or so of bragging rights before something better pops out of Silicon Valley.

There are some advantages to living with legacy equipment for those with a computer purchasing budget something below that enjoyed by Bill Gates.

Simplicity is one. There is only so much trouble a user can get into with an older computer. It's a bit like an old car — the fewer features it has, the fewer there are to break and the chances are better that a backyard mechanic can put it right.

Savings are another. Older computers are cheap like borscht — or cheaper, given the cost of beats in the winter. Check out classified ads, flea markets, garage sales and computer swap meets — like the one being held April 14 on Salt Spring — for cheap computing solutions.

On the commercial side, Boomer's Computer Exchange in Victoria is a bargain bin of legacy

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hardware and software.

Specific upgrades can breathe new life into an old system. Prices for random access memory chips have dropped dramatically in recent weeks, from an average of \$50 a megabyte to as low as \$25.

Hard drives can be replaced with larger units or their capacity "stretched" with compression software, giving the computer more storage capacity. The speed of graphics displays can be enhanced with a video accelerator card.

Ballard Synergy's d-Time software promises to improve the access speed of CD drives.

Even the computer's "brain," the processor, can be upgraded. Among the third-party companies offering processor upgrades are Improve It Technologies of Utah, Evergreen Technologies of Oregon and Cyrix Corporation of Texas.

Evergreen puts out upgrades to

transform a 286 into a 486; a 386 to a 486 and a 486 to a 586 computers, both DX and SX models. Prices range from \$89 to \$249 US, depending on the original and new processor.

Improve It offers 286 to 486; 386 to 486 and 486 to 586 processor upgrade chips in addition to a memory expansion boards for 286 and 386 machines.

Cyrix's processor upgrades are available for 386 computers and above.

Most are easy to install and come with a small tool to pop out the original processor, after which the new processor is plugged into the same spot. Results are not quite as fast as buying a new computer, since the faster processing speed can be slowed slightly by the computer's other components. But the cost is significantly lower for significantly better performance.

The only danger in such patchwork fixes is that too many of them — memory, hard drive, video accelerator card, processor — can eventually add up to more than buying a new computer. So these band-aids are best used only where necessary to extend the useful life of the computer.

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Murray Reiss, professional counsellor and member of the Federation of B.C. Writers, provides a full range of writing and editing services through his new company A Way With Words.

"Working in close consultation and collaboration with my clients," Reiss says, "I will produce brochures and newsletters, resumes and catalogues, grant applications, publicity campaigns and all manner of business and personal correspondence."

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Reiss operates the business from his home, but usually meets with clients in their homes or offices.

His phone number is 653-4741.

\*Dr. Ross Richardson is taking over the practice of chiropractor Dr. Danny Dares. The chiropractic business is located at 198 Salt Spring Way, and can be reached at 537-9399.

Richardson recently moved to Salt Spring with his wife Nancy and children Scott, 12 and Laura, 10, from Portland, Oregon. He was raised in Victoria, and he and his family formerly lived in Prince Rupert for several years.

\*A new company run by Gary Mosher is offering peace of mind for home owners and business operators.

Gulf Island Alarms can be contacted at 537-4700. The business offers alarm systems for homes and businesses.

"With the increase of break-ins on the island recently," Mosher says, "we offer peace of mind and deterrence to would-be thieves with the (system's) logo prominently displayed."



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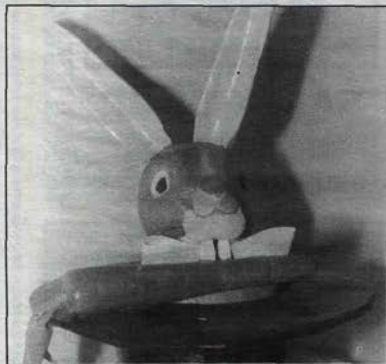
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# BOLD and WHIMSICAL

**Shoolbraid is master of versatility**



**MAGIC BUNNIES:** This is just one of the creatures emerging from the many hats of Kristin Shoolbraid at Red Poppy Studio.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

No eye can escape the lure of a red poppy. One visit to Red Poppy Studio may also be enough to bring people back to see its next round of bold blooms.

West Coast scenes in different media and styles, painted clay flower pots, shiny paper mache bows and whimsical animal figures sprung from English literature — it seems as if a host of talented artists have brought their works to this warm, open space.

But everything, from a silver paper mache rooster and his golden hen beau, to bright and rich oil paintings of wildflowers (including poppies) has been created by Kristin Shoolbraid.

Like a dancer who performs a ballet suite, then a two-step and then a little vaudeville routine, she is incredibly versatile.

Shoolbraid has always painted. She exhibited on Salt Spring after she and husband Murray and their children moved here in 1980, but

took a break from painting between 1985 and 1990. This year she has opened Red Poppy Studio to the public, heeding an internal pull to devote more time to her art.

Shoolbraid explains the uniqueness of each piece comes naturally from what needs to be expressed.

"I try to come up with what wanted to be said," she says, and that can be an entirely different thing from one day and scene to the next.

The ocean is prominent in some of her paintings, for example, but it can look and feel worlds apart: represented by horizontal layers of thick azure and sea green in one piece, and awash in whitecapped yet delicate waves in another. Some paintings are intricate with detail, others are poppy-bold in their simplicity.

Visitors to Pegasus Gallery's recent Feast of February Fun show might remember Shoolbraid's scrumptious tray of paper mache fruit. Identified as Paper Capers, it included a prickly pineapple which opens to reveal a



**POPPY BLOOMS:** Shimmering fowl and the stormy coast are just a couple of contrasting works Kristin Shoolbraid has created at Red Poppy Studio

on Pallot Way. Shoolbraid has recently opened her studio to the public after re-immersing herself in a lifelong passion for art.

Photos by Gail Sjuberg

bottle of wine, while wine glasses store snugly inside hefty pears. Beautiful in themselves, Shoolbraid could not resist making the objects functional, too.

She likes giving art "some function," she admits. "And lots of cheek."

One functional, cheeky piece currently in the works is called Chicken Big. And it is big. Equally useful as a storage cupboard and conversation piece, it may become part of a "sky is falling" window display in a Campbell River store.

Then there is the dragon she has dreamed up — the dragon in the bathtub, filling her nails and reading a book. The technical challenge will be how to simulate the effect of steam rising from the tub.

Shoolbraid's artwork exudes the enjoyment she has reaped from re-immersing herself into art. She confesses "fun" is one of her goals.

"That's what I'm after now — fun," she says.

She's done "nine to five" and

"dawn to dusk" stints in the regular work world, including careers as an occupational therapist, in administration at the University of British Columbia and as a self-employed painter/decorator.

And while she hopes she can make a living from selling her works, she won't be swayed by someone else's notions of "what sells." People are so conditioned to advertising that it is easy for artists to get caught up in trends, she observes, but that is something she intends to avoid.

At the same time, her work will naturally appeal to a wide range of tastes.

Anyone visiting Red Poppy this week would see a large oil painting of Fulford Harbour viewed from the water; some "free wheelers" — concentric designs with a festivity akin to Ukrainian Easter eggs;

A pastel-shaded picture of the old Laundry house in the Fulford Valley; and a carrot-munching rabbit emerging from a black magician's hat, among many other pieces.

Shoolbraid also does readings of Native Indian animal cards and then metaphysical-type paintings which reflect those readings, as well as commissioned works.

She will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by telephone appointment at 537-5432. She may also mount a couple of official shows and sales.

The Shoolbraids moved to 160 Pallot Way three years ago after several years on Beddis Road, and like the typical Salt Spring property not acquired by the wealthy, it is gradually taking shape. They have planted fruit trees, carved out flower beds and put up fences.

Attempts to establish flaming red Oriental poppies haven't been successful yet, although other kinds are flourishing. One reason Shoolbraid likes the red flowers because "they give their all while they're there."

She gets the feeling that Shoolbraid, too, is "giving her all" to her passion for art, fun and "lots of cheek."

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Visiting artists

Ynka Nan warmed early market goes at Centennial Park Saturday with the "sounds of the mountains." The group, which comes from the Peruvian highlands, dropped by Salt Spring last week as it toured neighbouring areas promoting its new CD.

Photo by Dennis Lunde

## Artists contribute to silent auction

Islanders will be able to both get a book and leave a bid at the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library starting tomorrow, with the launch of the first in a series of silent auctions.

Work by local artists has been donated to the event, which will raise funds to refurbish the library. Each work will be open to bids for three

weeks, said Lois Slotten, chairwoman of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association.

"Local artists have been very enthusiastic about contributing," she said. The first work up for bids will be an image of two female nudes by artist Olive Clayton. Slotten noted that work ties in well with the

current Eros festival on Salt Spring.

Other works will be displayed and bids will be invited over the coming months, Slotten said. "We've got a lot of lovely scenic watercolours." She also welcomes more donations from local artists.

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5:30 p.m. .... March 25 PRC meeting

**Tues., April 2, 11 p.m.** .....Cyrano  
1:30 p.m. .... March 25 PRC meeting

# Visiting young people immersed in creativity-building workshops

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

A swarm of creativity swamped two boats of the Lifeboat Flotilla Wednesday night as 220 young people from throughout B.C. and beyond joined in workshops offered by Salt Spring residents.

The dozen boats in the flotilla arrived Wednesday and left Thursday, part of a five-day, spring break program aimed at increasing environmental awareness. The project was funded by a mix of federal and provincial grants along with private donations and fees paid by participating students.

The boats left Vancouver on Monday and sailed throughout the Gulf Islands until Friday, when a wrap-up environmental street festival was held in the provincial capital.

On Wednesday night, two of the boats tied off the government wharf in Ganges teemed with activity. On an upper deck, teens cut and taped, drew and painted, creating costumes for the festival.

Other youngsters, under the guidance of some Salt Spring Raging Grannies, composed songs to sing about environmental awareness.

Denise Bertrand of ASTAR youth theatre conducted a theatre workshop while Steven Macramalla led a movement workshop. Ilana Singer introduced the young people to mask-making while Craig Sibley, who organized the Salt Spring segment of the event, gave a sculpture workshop.

Nina and Sofie Raginsky invited a group of the young people into their home for a discussion on living a sustainable, creative and simplified lifestyle.

Alan Best introduced groups of young people to the flora and fauna of Goat Island.

For 18-year-old Kate Whitfield of Kingston, Ontario, a highlight of the trip was seeing a purple starfish. "I freaked out," she said.

The trip has been her first chance to see the West Coast.

She and another Kingston student, 18-year-old Adam Bonycastle, were sponsored by Canada Trust to participate in the

event. Whitfield is planning to bring some of the information she has collected home and perhaps organize an environmental parade in Kingston. Bonycastle, who hopes to work in environmental engineering, said he has enjoyed meeting other young people interested in the environment.

"I think youth need a voice and the environment is a really big issue for youth," said 18-year-old Karry Davie of Richmond. She described the experience as "spectacular" and welcomed the opportunity to see marine life and participate in a nature hike.

Another Lower Mainland resident, Yi-Pin Chen of Vancouver, said the islands are undeveloped compared to Vancouver. The most outstanding part of the trip has been "to really see the life of nature."

New Westminster's Marie Scott, 15, and 14-year-old Georgia Lush of 100 Mile House both said they were having a lot of fun. "Since we came on the ship we've turned into expert mocha makers," Lush added.

"Somehow it all seemed to come together," Sibley said of the flotilla's stopover on Salt Spring. Originally the workshops were to be held at Gulf Islands secondary but were moved to the flotilla's larger boats since the school was not available.

"Logistically, it was easier to keep the kids on the boats," he observed. Following the workshop, Salt Spring band The Carrot Revolution played for an on-board dance attended by approximately 175 young people.



**ALL AT SEA:** Alison Zahynacz, 16, of Port Coquitlam impersonates an Orca in a movement class taught by Salt Spring resident Steven Macramalla.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

## Draft horses back at Ruckle Park Sunday

Islanders will once again have the opportunity to enjoy some old time farming exhibitions at Ruckle Park.

In what has become an annual event, the Vancouver Island Draft Horse Club will give a ploughing demonstration at Ruckle Park.

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# Creative flow...



Young people participating in the Lifeboat Flotilla enjoyed workshops conducted by Salt Spring residents. Above, Jessica Gnyp, 16, of Mill Bay ponders how to perform as a sea slug in a movement workshop. Clockwise from left, Ilana Singer of Salt Spring demonstrates mask making on Elisha Manson, 11, of Vancouver; Adam Bonnycastle, left, and Kate Whitfield, both 18 and from Kingston, Ontario, create a speedboat costume and Salt Spring Raging Granny Barb Hicks, centre, helps a group of teens write a song.

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# Clear and compelling life visions found in personal mastery course

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

What's this Uncommon Sense and Personal Mastery business?

We've all read the testimonials from islanders on posters and in Driftwood advertisements and asked a similar question.

Dawn Hage, who runs Sweet Dreams Bed and Breakfast, says Bruce Elkin's course "gave me the skills to see that what I want to do is actually more important than all those things I feel I should do."

Woodworker Alex Denney tells us Personal Mastery "helped me clarify my priorities, make decisions with confidence and set myself a new perspective and direction in life."

But what is it, really?

One way to understand the five-week Personal Mastery Program is to eliminate some of the things it might be mistaken for. It is not a self-help discussion group, New Age therapy or a wonder cure for life's annoying problems.

While it is about creating results that matter to people, it is not "creative visualization."

## It is not a self-help discussion group, New Age therapy or wonder cure...

It does not require people to change their personality, adopt or conform to a new set of beliefs. Elkin read all sorts of human development theories on his way to acquiring degrees in human growth, learning and development and for personal and business interests. But he found "all of it seemed to want you to be someone different from who you were."

Then he picked up Robert Fritz's 1984 book *The Path of Least Resistance*. Elkin found Fritz's ideas in that book and in his *Techniques for Creating Programs* so compelling and effective he used them as the basis for his Uncommon Sense consulting company and the Personal Mastery Program.

"I thought it was very respectful of the person," he says.

"One of the reasons it's different is that it didn't come out of psychology," says Elkin. Fritz is a musician who formerly taught people music composition.

As in the process of composing music, tension is created and resolved in daily life. There is always a discrepancy between what a person has and what they want—a situation which naturally creates tension.



Bruce Elkin

Fritz knew that people always choose "the path of least resistance" to trying to resolve that tension, explains Elkin. But what usually happens is that we waste time and energy oscillating between where they are and want to be. A person not certain if they want to remain in a marriage will at one point want to be in it, and then feel a pull to extract themselves from it. Moving from one state of mind to another consumes a lot of time.

People can spend their entire lives reacting and responding to circumstances as they arise and never make conscious choices leading to what they really want.

Elkin describes Personal Mastery as a "skill-based program" which teaches people the skills they need to define and achieve any number of results—from adding a sundeck to their house to improving a relationship, changing a career or writing a business plan.

And what an individual truly wants can be achieved in spite of material barriers like a lack of time, money and resources.

The first part of the Personal Mastery Program helps people discover and create a "clear and compelling" vision of the life they want.

Then participants define where they are at or what they have now. Present circumstances are not judged, Elkin says—it's important to be honest and "not be upset by what you have."

"You don't have to tell yourself lies," says Elkin. "You learn to live with that gap (between where you are and want to be)—and love it."

Participants design a hierarchy of choices leading to what they want most. The creation of a structure that works for each individual is the next step, followed by regular practice of the skills involved.

"It really helps people organize their day-to-day actions to support what they really want."

While Personal Mastery is about "creating," it does not rely on a well-worn perception of the creative person as unusual, mysterious or

gifted. Elkin defines creating simply as bringing into being something that does not yet exist.

"In creating, the driving force is a vision of completed results. This force does not waver or wane in the face of circumstances, rather it provides an attractor, like a magnet, that draws you consistently toward desired results, even in the face of difficulties and obstacles. You will still encounter problems when you create, but the action you take will always support desired ends."

"Who does it work best for? Those who understand that they are learning to master a set of skills that can be applied to all aspects of their life."

"The people who do the program like it's structured and who are willing to get small results will eventually get the big results," says Elkin.

"It usually works spectacularly well for couples," he adds, with partners helping each other practice, acting in some sense as "coaches," and generating more energy together.

People with ideas for starting a small business have also seen some incredible results from taking the course.

Elkin is offering three free 90-minute introductory sessions on the Personal Mastery Program this week—tonight (Wednesday), Thursday and on Tuesday. People must call him at 537-1177 to register. His fax number is 537-1462.

Elkin has done consulting work, designed training programs or spoken to companies and organizations such as Motorola, provincial environment and forest ministries, B.C. Health Administrators Association, Control Data Institute, B.C. Tel and the Open Learning Agency of B.C.

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## SIMS fares well at running event

Cross country runners from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) fared well at last week's Vancouver Island Championships.

The team, comprised mainly of Grade 6 students, was up against Grade 8 runners in the midget division.

Kecia Laitenen led the SIMS girls with a 23rd place finish in a group of 90 runners. Emily Bond crossed the line in 27th place, Erin Haddow 33rd, Alexandra Lea 69th and Mary Houston 79th.

In the boys division, Jeremy Morrison led team members with a 27th place finish in a field of 105, Jim Goldie was 63rd, Stuart Sinclair 87th and Casey Steele 89th.

Combined results gave the girls seventh place out of 15 teams and the boys placed 15th against 20 other teams.

Team coach is Robin Rudolph. She said the SIMS students knew their older opposition would be stronger and faster but decided to go for the experience at the Vancouver Island event.

"They're a young team just starting out but, if they keep up their present attitude towards self-improvement through practise and competition, they'll be a force to contend with next year, even though they'll still be younger than all the rest."

## HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high scores in last week's league play at Kings Lane Recreation.

RCMP: Ruth Hume 206, Laurence Spencer 227.

Circus league: Bobbi Ruckle 207, Ben Cooper 218, Ron Cunningham 256/636, Gordon Ruckle 225.

Tuesday a.m. seniors: Bruce McFadyen 241, Isabelle Richardson 287, 200/616, Cliff Jory 225, Mike Ellington 239, Bill Baker 220, Edie Gee 251.

Tuesday p.m. seniors: June Webb 205, Reg Winstone 205, Gwen McClung 201, Vanda Winstone 259, Conrad Flebbe 276/619.

Special Olympics: Stuart Elliot 190, Sharon Way 160, Mabley Bains 222.

Wednesday afternoon ladies: Shirley Bunyan 249, Kay Magee 247, Nora Dalby 222, Dee Kinney 215, Mary Fraser 267, Margaret Baker 200, 225, Deanna Marleau 203, 226, Chris Hutton 200.

Wednesday p.m.: Mike Kitchen 239, Lois Kaye 225, Dennis Kaye 269/650, Steve Marleau 319/672, Bill Baker 206, 238, Roy Minville 230, 221/605, Danny Bedford 207, 290/658, Julie Bedford 236, 231/627, Jim Pasuta 205, Dennis Anderson 208, Christine Anderson 235, Lorraine Toller 202, 208, 200/610, Karen Hartley 207, Brian Hartley 221, 221/608.

Foul Bowlers are the winning team this year.

The following are the winners in each category.

High triple, Steve Marleau 882, Lois Kaye 803; high single, Steve Marleau 347, Julie Bedford 332; high average, Steve Marleau 218.4, Julie Bedford 210.

Legion League: Sharon Sykes 275/627, Doug Sykes 238, 200, 200/638, Kathy Livingston 241, Ron Stepanuk 205.

Friday p.m. seniors: Gene Graham 214, Catherine McFadyen 259, Margaret Baker 207, 211, 212/630, Neil Herbert 211, Bill Baker 259, 212/617, Madeline Jory 209, 235, Beth Robinson 270, Gordon Parsons 206.



### Up, up and away

Lower Mainland visitors Gordon Lee and son David took advantage of some brisk winds in Centennial Park Saturday, enjoying the opportunity to launch a kite. The park was alive with people relishing in the chance to take in some outdoor recreation.

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## Recreational fishing fees increase April 1

New fees for Pacific recreational fishing licences will take effect April 1.

Under the new fee schedule for Canadian residents, annual licence fees will increase from the current \$10 to \$21. Seniors' fees will rise from \$5 to \$11, and licences for youths under 16 will remain free.

The cost of an annual licence for non-Canadians will be \$101. Licences for one, three and five-day periods are also available.

A news release from the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans says there has not been a licence fee increase on the West Coast since 1987, and current rates are still among the lowest in North America.

All sport fishers are also required

to purchase a \$6 salmon conservation stamp if they are fishing for any species of salmon.

One third of the cost of the salmon conservation stamp is attributable to charges for the Salmonid Enhancement Program, the news release states. Stamp fee increases will help offset the annual cost of this program, which aims to increase the salmon population in West Coast waters, and to restore and protect the resource and its habitat.

Preliminary licence fees for the commercial salmon fishery were announced last December. Final decision on these fees will be made as part of the government's response to the Pacific Roundtable. This is expected to be announced soon.

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## Slashers use scoring punch for great tournament results

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor  
Salt Spring Slashers 3, Gordon Head 1  
Salt Spring Slashers 0, Coquitlam 1  
Salt Spring Slashers 2, Gorge Under 17, 0  
Salt Spring Slashers 1, Sooke 1

With league and cup play finished, it was time for the Salt Spring Slashers to turn their attention to the Gordon Head Jamboree held last weekend in Victoria.

Tournaments are one of the best parts of any soccer season with lots of action played against several teams and last weekend featured many exciting moments and a lot of fun.

One bright spot was the play of Stephanie Collette, who was reunited with Joelle Morrison in attack to create a potent scoring punch for the Slashers. Morrison with three goals and Collette with one seemed to prove the point although Collette could have easily had more.

Another bright spot was the play of Kate "Tasmanian Devil" McNair (known as "Taz" for short — no, not because she is short) who had a brilliant four games. She ran, tackled, ran more, headed and even found time to score a goal — she was simply great.

Lacking players, the Slashers co-opted Heidi Stirrup and Alex Howard, and they had great week-ends. Stirrup was simply awesome, and I mean awesome, at sweeper, and Howard was a real surprise at both fullback and half.

The Slashers' midfield had a strong weekend as Corry Schwagly, Lanni Legg and Andi Nelson all showed good hustle and created some great chances for the forwards and themselves. Why, Schwagly and Nelson even scored goals and Legg would have too except her boot must not have been crooked because the ball kept slipping to the right.

The defence also had a great weekend as Stirrup, Alanna Scott, Amber Rockliff, Sheila Stacey, Maia Vainkournt and Robin

Morris held the opposition to three goals in four games and, considering one team was an Under 15A (Coquitlam) and Gorge was Under 17, it was a great feat.

And then there was our goalie Lisa "Hands" Baker who gets better each game out. She covered her area well, her punts were awesome and she was using her hands all the time. Against Gorge she made two great saves to preserve our victory.

Yes, the Slashers scored goals, had solid defence and played well. The two wins, one tie and only one loss attests to that. But they actually achieved much more.

Tournaments are about having fun and playing lots of soccer, and the Slashers achieved that with style last weekend.

**Final league standings were**  
Salt Spring 18 points, Lakehill 11, Cowichan 10, Gordon Head 7, Sooke 7.

This week they play an exhibition game at the high school field.

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## Local soccer squad defeats Gorge, will shoot it out for District B Cup

By MIKE BYRON

Driftwood Contributor  
Salt Spring's under 15 boys team defeated Gorge Canadians 4-0 Saturday en route to the District B Cup final.

The Strikers played a solid game and led 1-0 after 40 minutes with a goal by Max Beattie.

In the second half the Strikers scored three times with two goals from team leader Chris Langdon. Mikey (Steamer) Cornwall picked

up the fourth goal.

The Strikers' awesome defensive line of Kyle Beaumont, Pat McCully, Asa Allen and Willie Egeland in the sweeper position denied Gorge any quality shots against goalie Graham Outerbridge, who has only two goals against him in three games.

Midfielders Jess McEachern, Mark Sloan, Zach Preston, Sean McMahon and Cornwall were steady at moving the ball out to the wings where Langdon, Beattie and

Max Abley had several fine crosses in front of an aggressive Gorge goalie.

Matt Byron, playing center forward, had a strong game but on three occasions found a crossbar and two goal posts. Anthony Graham acted as assistant coach while sidelined with a cold.

The Strikers will shoot it out against the Gordon Head Knights Saturday at 2 p.m. in Sooke for the District B Cup.

## Trail and nature club schedule includes variety of walks, hikes and rambles

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

April 2: Hike Wave Hill Farm with Tony Pederson. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m. Walkers and rambles go to Burgoyne Bay — walkers with Patti Mac Lawson, rambles with Edna Watson. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or Burgoyne Triangle at 10:15 a.m.

April 9: Hike Mount Erskine with Charles Kahn. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Walkers explore Fulford area beach with Fiona Flook. Meet at Drummond Park (after carpooling) at 10:15 a.m.

Rambles led by Nancy Keith-Murray go to Peter Arnell Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

April 16: Hike Shepherd Hills with Loes Holland. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Walk Welbury Point with Joan Myers. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Ramble to Honeymoon Bay and Skutz Falls. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:30 a.m. for 10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. Leader is Jean Holmes.

April 23: Hike in the Gouland Range with Fred Howell. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool for 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. This will be a long day's outing.

Walk Shepherd Hills with Jim Spencer. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Ramble in the South End with

Anne Humphries. Meet after carpooling at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

April 30: Hike, walk and ramble on Wallace Island. There is limited parking and none available at Fernwood Store. Please carpool at Centennial or Portlock Park to

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# Tin Man jumps out of slump with two Slug goals

By JIM BLACK  
Driftwood Contributor

Everyone has heard the story about turning water into wine, but the Slugs got to watch tin turn into gold during their 7-7 tie with the Lake Cowichan Whalers this week.

The "tin" was, as in Tin Man, also known as Pete Huser. He was given this handle by his caring comrades following his worst scoring slump in many years.

How bad was it? Deadstop was hard on his heels in the scoring race since Christmas. That's bad. It wasn't from lack of effort on Huser's part, though. He was digging in the corners, skating hard and getting lots of shots. It's just that most of the shots were either hitting the netminder or singing off the posts — lots of posts — hence the name.

The Slugs, mustering all of their psychological abilities, tried to come up with some way to help Huser out of the slump.

"We could get him a dog," suggested Lumpy Deschamps, "and call it Toto."

"Or how about getting his wife to change her name to Dorothy," added John Wong

## Huser back in the action by doing the opposite of Deadstop

John. After that exchange the suggestions went straight down hill and were not fit for human consumption, let alone a community newspaper.

In the end it was Huser himself who solved the dilemma. "I just watched Deadstop," he said, "and whatever he did, I did the opposite."

It obviously paid off in spades

## SLUG TRAIL

as he opened the scoring for the Slugs and ended up with two goals and two assists on the night.

The game started off quickly for the Whalers who were all over the Slugs like a wet blanket for the first 10 minutes. In between the pipes for the Slugs was young Cory Monteith, a teenager who gets prematurely grayer every time he comes out with the Slugs. This night was no exception.

The Whalers were unloading rockets at him right from the

opening faceoff, but he hung in there and made a number of great saves. But even this kid is only human and by the halfway point of the period the Slugs trailed 2-0.

Enter the Tin Man. Huser had been in the thick of it all game and being in the right place at the right time is half the battle. This time he was parked right in front to pick up a rebound for his first of the night. But before we could even wipe the smiles off our faces, the Whalers restored their two-goal lead when Deadstop decided he could actually carry the puck and skate at the same time, which resulted in a two-man breakout for the Whalers. But the Slugs kept on pressing and before the period ended Paddy Akerman one-timed a perfect behind-the-net pass from Kevin Porteous to keep us in the game.

Into the second period the Slugs started to gather steam and, combined with Monteith's shutout goaltending, managed to tie the game when Johnny Procter wired one home halfway through the frame. Assisting

Procter on the play were Todd McIntyre and Tin Man. Despite some great scoring chances by both teams, the score remained deadlocked until the last period. Entering the final period, but not the word "defence" but the very idea of it was lost on both clubs and each team went on a scoring spree adding four each. The lead went back and forth like a seesaw, but it was the Slugs who took the early lead when Porteous very coolly skated out of the traffic in front of the Whalers' net and slid a backhand into the corner.

Then the Tin Man added his second of the night, smoking a McIntyre pass into the net. But the Whalers stormed back, adding a pair of their own to keep the game interesting.

Following some very spirited play by both sides, Akerman notched his second of the night, one-timing a beautiful pass from Andy Naurmann in the corner. This gave us back the lead and while we were busy congratulating ourselves on this fact, the Whalers marched right in on Monteith and scored not once

but twice to take back the lead with just three minutes to go.

Enter Deadstop. It is never wise to put this guy on the ice, let alone when you are already trailing by one goal with minutes to go, but somehow he managed to undo his shackles and sneak out on the ice before anyone noticed.

Right off the bat the puck came back to him, deep in the Slugs corner. While he was standing there deep in thought about what to do with the offending object, he accidentally stepped on the puck and it went one way and he went the other. Fortunately, the puck skittered across the ice onto Akerman's stick, while Deadstop looked like he was practising his triplex-axe toe loop in the corner. While the Whalers were busy watching the Deadstop dance, Akerman passed the puck over to Rodney Chalhoun who wheeled and danced into the Whalers' zone before beating the netminder for the tying goal.

The Slugs were glad to come out of this one with a tie and grudgingly had to admit that Deadstop did actually assist on the last goal, even if it was an accident.

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