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Easter accessories

Three-year-old Nicole Pal checks out a special chick-bearing Easter basket at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies. Late last week Foxglove had 100 chicks brought in for sale. Easter must be just around the corner. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Islander's different lifestyle raises ire

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A different lifestyle in the middle of a residential lot is irritating neighbours and prompting legal action by the Capital Regional District (CRD) against Keith MacHattie of Salt Spring.

For at least two years MacHattie, who lives on Grantville Street, has been asked to get a building permit to construct a home on his lot. Meanwhile, he is living in an eight by 24-foot travel trailer on the lot with an outhouse, an outdoor bathtub and a collection of sheds, two of which are accented by bright pink stop work orders from the regional district.

"Quite liveable, if I say so myself," MacHattie observed. His trailer has a bed, a tiny kitchenette with fridge and stove plus a furnace. There is also a small wash-room but he prefers to use that space for storage.

"Outhouses are legal, by the way," he noted. The bathtub rests on rocks, with a firepit underneath. When MacHattie wants to take a bath, he lights a fire, heats up the water in the tub and then climbs inside. "It's the hot tub experience for the unrich," he said, adding that the only drawback is the smoke from the fire.

Enough neighbours have complained that building inspector Dick Stubbs felt compelled to take action. "We don't have time or an inclination for a witch hunt," Stubbs said.

Part of the problem is the location of MacHattie's lot. At least five neighbours have a clear view of MacHattie's unconventional residence.

"It's nothing like the rest of the places on the street," one neighbour observed.

MacHattie is not disliked personally but some other residents don't appreciate the outdoor bathtub, scattered sheds, trailer and

LIFESTYLE 3

Clocks spring ahead for daylight saving

The time change giveth and the time change taketh away.

This weekend B.C. residents will lose that extra hour's sleep they gained last October. The province switches back to daylight savings time Sunday at 2 a.m.

Those wanting to keep in sync with the rest of the province are advised to move their clock forward one hour before going to sleep Saturday night.

Soccer players score cups

Island soccer players posted grand results as the season came to a conclusion this week.

The under-16A Salt Spring Stars boys team ended its season with a district cup win over Prospect Lake Deli. Salt Spring's under-19 boys soccer team also won the district cup in a hard-fought battle against Juan de Fuca.

Rounding off the top scores was the Slashers under-16 girls team which won its division title as well. For more details, turn to Sports and Recreation, beginning on Page 28.

DFO plan called 'devastating'

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Plans announced Friday to halve the size of the commercial salmon fishing fleet in British Columbia were described Monday as "devastating" by one local vessel owner.

Kathy Scarfo, who with husband James owns the 40-foot combination troller-gillnetter Ruby N II, said the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has not addressed the number-one problem: there are too many stakeholders chasing the fish.

Fisheries Minister Fred Mifflin announced an \$80-million buy-back plan Friday, along with other measures designed to reduce the 4,400-vessel fleet by half.

Declining salmon stocks have prompted the move by Fisheries, but as far as Scarfo is concerned, there is a misconception that the commercial

fishing industry is overfishing. She said no new commercial licences have been issued for 25 years, yet the number of sport fishing licences has increased and there have been reallocations to native peoples.

Scarfo said Fisheries has not yet decided on catch allocations to the different groups. "That should have been the first step."

She said there is no reason for the speed with which DFO has moved or for the "drastic measures" it has adopted, and forecast that management will not improve as a result of a reduction in the fleet size.

In addition to the buy-back plan, DFO will require that vessels be licensed for one of three different regions for trollers and gillnetters or two regions for seiners, and that combination boats such as the Scarfos' will only be allowed to fish using one

method.

The measures will mean tough decisions for the Salt Spring couple, whose boat represents an investment worth more than \$180,000. They must decide which of the three regions they are going to fish for the next four years — and those regions have yet to be defined — and whether to use trolling gear or gillnets.

Scarfo likened regional licensing to a property owner having one-third of his property taken away.

In the meantime, the market for either fishing vessels or gear is not a good one. Few fishermen will be interested in the Ruby N's 14 gillnets if its owners decide to go trolling.

Said Scarfo: "The market value of your vessel is just about nil. The market value of your gear is just about nil."

DFO, she charged, is "squeezing out the small guy."

Islanders impressed with workers' quiet caring

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Third in a series

Ruby Livingston had always assumed she would look after her parents' needs in their old age.

And that is what she and sister Pearl Graham did, particularly for their mother Susan Wilson after she

lost her husband John when she was 85 years old.

When Wilson's health rapidly declined as she approached her 90th birthday, they were spending every available minute with her in her Greenwood's Intermediate Care Facility home.

"It got so we pretty well needed

to be there all the time," recalls Livingston.

Their husbands and other family members helped out too, but Greenwood's staff could see Wilson's daughters needed the services of Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice (BDFH) palliative care volunteers. It was suggested the

group be contacted.

Livingston says their first reaction was reluctance to leave their mother with "strangers," but at the same time she worried about her mother waking up in the middle of the night alone and needing something. There

QUIET CARING 6

Duped again! Publisher falls victim to April 1 joke

Surely it's a human characteristic that we like to think of ourselves as worldly-wise, clued-in, well-informed, quick-witted and a host of other admirable yet rare traits. That's why it's so galling, so frustrating, so damn maddening to be taken in by a dumb April Fool's joke.

I use the word dumb freely because of all the tricks of which I have been a victim, not one was actually dumb. In fact, they've been pretty good: subtle, refined and carefully executed. Dumb can only be properly used to describe the victim.

The most recent April Fool's joke began to take effect Sunday, when a glance at the week's story list stopped me in my tracks. It was empty, bare, bereft of the filenames that make up the editorial lifeblood of a newspaper. I knew we had advertisements, but what if there were nothing to go around them?

Not to worry, I thought to myself, it's early in the day. A reporter or two is bound to

TONY RICHARDS



show up before the weekend's out. I went back home to pound a few fence posts and I forgot about the gloomy prospect of a half-empty newspaper.

But Monday morning brought no sign of change to the usually brimming story list. And worse yet, reporter Valerie Lennox had called in sick from Victoria, where she was believed to have contracted food poisoning.

This was no joke. At 11 o'clock Susan Lundy was pushing for 40 pages, claiming an abundance of material — stories and photos — to fill the paper. Think again, I said. The story list hasn't a thing on it. Go with 36 pages and hope like hell you can fill it.

A faint smile began to show on Lundy's face as she continued to insist that 40 was the best choice. Finally, she gave in and began to reveal the details of a trick by Lennox, who was actually writing at home for the morning while I worried about a newsless newspaper.

It was a simple joke, well executed, and effective.

It reminded me of another some years ago shortly after salesman Jeff Outerbridge joined the staff. I received a letter from lawyer Ian Clement advising that Jeff wished to take legal action against the paper for having published a demeaning photograph of him for a happy-birthday ad. I sweated that one out for a day or more before I met with Clement to discuss it. We did so for a while before he took pity on me by crossing out the date and scrawling in "April 1."

Yet another (God, am I gullible!) took the form of a fax from B.C. Ferries, announcing its plans to publish a newspaper in the Gulf

Islands. It would provide the corporation with a means of publishing schedule information and island news as well, I was informed.

I responded somewhat angrily. I soon had calls in to several Victoria offices, including that of the minister responsible for the ferry corporation. I had a sympathetic response from most of the people I was able to reach but my frustration was growing as I was unable to get a definitive answer on the matter.

However, before the day was out I learned my sister Valerie had been a busy bureaucrat in Victoria. As an employee of the provincial government, she had access to such things as B.C. Ferries letterheads, along with the pull necessary to convince the people I was expected to call and register my dismay to go along with the ruse.

Very effective joke. Very dumb victim. At least I've got a whole year to go before I'm suckered again.

Gulf Island CRD taxes up 6.37%

A 6.37 per cent increase in Gulf Islands taxes is anticipated from the 1996 Capital Regional District budget requisition which was approved by the CRD board last Wednesday.

The total CRD budget is \$87,581,810 up 2.98 per cent from the 1995 budget of \$82,455,760. Throughout much of the region, the projected tax increase per home is expected to go down slightly, since the budget increase is offset by increased population in the region.

"It's down one-fifth of one per

cent, so it's just about the same," director of finance and corporate support services Diana Lokken said.

"We don't provide a uniform service for everyone," she added. As a result, some areas will pay more or less taxes depending on which CRD services are provided to that area.

The total requisition for Salt Spring is \$1,382,543, up 6.37 per cent from the 1995 requisition of \$1.3 million.

Assuming an average home with an assessed value of \$210,736, the tax bill is expected

to be \$239.60 for the CRD, an increase of \$12.58 or 3.27 per cent. Those figures do not include parcel taxes for sewer or water service, which are applied by individual sewer or water districts on the island.

The requisition for the outer gulf islands is \$833,226, up 2.64 per cent from the 1995 requisition of \$811,780. This is expected to produce a tiny tax increase of one-quarter of a percent on an average residential property assessed at \$173,121. Such a property is expected to be charged \$132.26 for CRD taxes.

Patterson, B.C. Ferries discuss sale

Pave Patterson's and put up a parking lot?

Not according to Bruce Patterson of Fulford Harbour, who admitted Tuesday that he has discussed selling the property on which his house sits to B.C. Ferries. But Patterson's Store, sit-

uated across the road, would not be part of the deal.

The house is on a waterfront lot adjacent to the ferry terminal. Patterson said he had two reasons for considering selling. The first was that if B.C. Ferries puts in a larger terminal he does not want

to live next to it. The second was that the house needs work and he couldn't see putting money into it and then have the ferry corporation seek to expropriate it.

Fire district holds AGM

A new tanker truck to replace one of the old tankers in the Fulford firehall should be acquired later this year, chairman Ben Martens announced at the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Fire District March 26.

Also at the meeting, Hans Hazenboom was returned to the

board for a further three-year term and Steve Thomas was elected to the board.

Still completing their terms on the board are Martens, Dennis Andrews, Don Irwin, Ben Taylor and Dave Hogarth.

Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

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outhouse.
"This winter, when it froze, that outhouse reeked," one commented. "It just doesn't fit in with the rest of the neighbourhood." The rest of the neighbourhood does include some mobile homes but those do not fall under the same restrictions as recreational vehicles.

MacHattie said he was not aware of the distinction when he purchased the lot three years ago and bought the trailer so he could live on the lot while building his future home.

"I save about five to six grand a year by not renting someplace else."

At the time, he thought a trailer was the same as a mobile home and knew it was permissible to put a mobile home on a lot.

Stubbs points out the two are different. While the CRD generally turns a blind eye to people living temporarily in a recreational trailer while building a home, it is harder to ignore sustained, full-time occupancy of such a trailer.

The appliances, furnaces and plumbing in recreational vehicles are not built to withstand continuous use, Stubbs pointed out. There is a history of fires in recreational vehicles caused by over-use of furnaces.

"We've been asking Mr. MacHattie — and Mr. MacHattie has promised — to get a building permit," Stubbs said, adding that he cannot say more because of possible litigation.

He knows MacHattie is not the only person living in a recreational vehicle on the island and has some sympathy for people who adopt alternate accommodation to cope with high housing costs. "It's a continual problem and a very touchy problem."

MacHattie feels he is demonstrating a different option to what he describes as "the mega-debt lifestyle."

He has been working slowly towards assembling the materials to build his home. His lot is punctuated with stacks of building materials, windows, wood and insulation. "It's a haphazard-looking place but it is really quite organized."

"I'm in debt as far as I want to be," he said. Just landing the lot was costly, he noted. "It was the biggest, cheapest, nicest lot I could find and it was near the ocean," he said of his decision to buy the property three years ago.

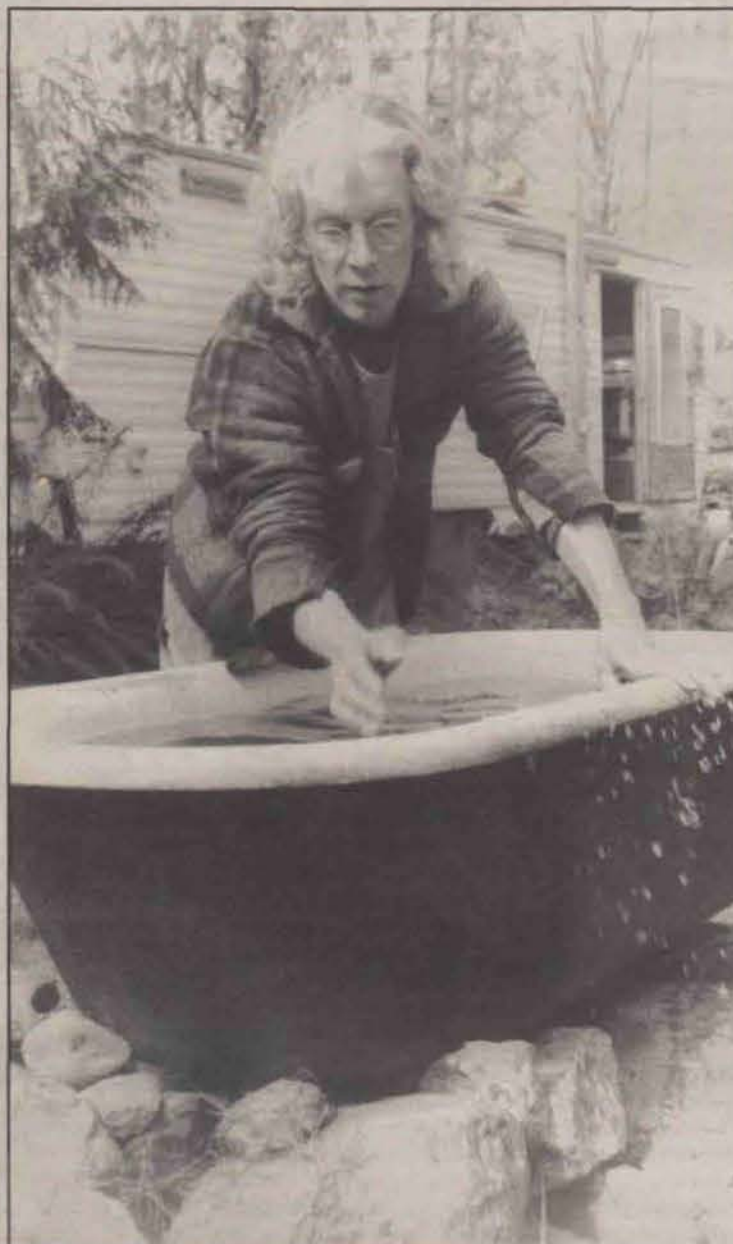
When he moved his trailer in and then was visited by Stubbs, who advised him the recreational trailer was illegal as a full-time residence, MacHattie admitted he was upset. "That got my back up and ever since my back has been up. It's just too pushy."

A mobile home is much more space than he requires and would require removal of too much vegetation. "I enjoy the natural state of things," he said.

Now neighbours see trees and a small trailer, he pointed out. If he moved in a conventional mobile home, they would see fewer trees and a larger trailer. "I don't think a mobile home is pretty."

His outhouse is enclosed and he has built a screen on one side of his bathtub to shield it from a neighbouring property.

"If I'm bringing land values



SPLISH SPLASH: Keith MacHattie checks the water in his outdoor tub, one of the unusual characteristics which has drawn the attention of the Capital Regional District to his recreational trailer home on Grantville Street.

Photo by Valerie Lemnos

down, perhaps I should be thanked," he added.

A professional builder for 20 years, he is now dividing his time between working on his workshop and developing a craft business of creating tables from Salt Spring wood. "Money comes slowly," he said. "If I can do it myself, it's fun."

He has applied for a building permit for a workshop, which he planned to construct as a basis for working on his home. Now he

plans to amend that application so the workshop will also serve as a small house.

He hopes that will meet the CRD requirements and allow him to continue developing his property at his own pace. He expects to have the roof on his combination shop and house by the end of next summer. "Life is long. There's no rush," he observed.

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Laushway joins race

Two more candidates — one from Salt Spring Island — are on the provincial ballot in Saanich North-the Islands following nomination meetings on the weekend.

Lynda Laushway, a Salt Spring artist, criminologist and activist, will run for the New Democratic Party in the next provincial election. She beat University of Victoria teacher Ian Cameron of Saanich on Saturday to get the NDP nod.

Also on Saturday, Saanich Mayor Murray Coell defeated Kip Wilson, a Central Saanich councillor, in a race to carry the Liberal banner. The riding is currently held by the Liberals' Clive

Tanner, who will not seek re-election.

Laushway's campaign manager Rosemary Joy described her candidate's win as "overwhelming." Laushway polled 162 votes to Cameron's 69. It marked the first time that mail-in ballots were used by the NDP to nominate a candidate here.

The latest nominations bring to four the number of candidates running in the local riding. Already nominated are the B.C. Reform Party's Ross Imrie, mayor of North Saanich, and Wally du Temple of the Green Party.

While an election has not been called, some observers — the NDP's Joy among them — say it will be soon.

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PRC debates sani-dump spot

Whether or not a sani-dump facility should be placed in Mouat Park sparked a heated debate at the March 25 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting.

Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth said he had arranged for the Capital Regional District to pick up effluent from a sani-dump station if one was placed in Mouat Park.

He recommended the PRC put a tank in the park and operate it on a user-pay basis with supervision from current park supervisors. He stressed the need for such a facility on the island.

But not all PRC members are convinced the park is the best location for a sani-dump.

Commission member Malcolm McLean suggested the Ganges sewage plant as an alternate site. "Of all the places on Salt Spring Island, do we have to put it in a

park?" he asked.

Vehicles using the sani-dump would have to drive through the park in order to exit — a prospect which did not impress several PRC members.

The PRC has been discouraging use of Mouat Park by recreational vehicles, PRC member Bill Curtin remarked. He wondered if a sani-dump could be placed on the recycling depot property off Rainbow Road.

Luth said there was not enough room on the sewage plant site or at the recycling depot. He also stressed that the sani-dump had to be easily accessible to island visitors.

Both McLean and commission member Lawrie Neish asked about a facility which could be used by owners of recreational vehicles and by boaters.

Luth said he was surprised to hear the objections, given the

need for a sani-dump in the community. Many other parks offer sani-dump facilities, he added. "This is the only viable way of doing it."

Commission member Paul Marciano agreed the service should be provided in Mouat Park.

PRC chairwoman Kellie Booth suggested commission members need more details before making a decision, especially since the PRC mandate is to provide services for Salt Spring residents, not for off-island visitors.

PRC member Malcolm Legg asked for a feasibility study into the proposed sani-dump to be done by the April meeting. The majority of commission members agreed, despite Luth's objections.

"I've got a lot of other things to do," Luth said. "I'm not interested in creating myself a little paper chase here."

Arborist will check Mouat Park trees

A licensed arborist will be reviewing the condition of trees in Mouat Park's camping and public play areas to ensure the safety of park visitors.

There are probably 15 to 20 dead trees and between 50 and 100 potentially hazardous trees in the park, Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) administrator Tony Hume said. Trees with a hazard rating of five or more out of 12 will be tagged.

The survey will indicate which trees require removal, which should be trimmed and which should be left alone, Hume predicted. Estimated cost for the service is \$1,450.

Commission members approved the survey at their March 25 meeting.

Also at the PRC meeting:

- Bob Rush, Don and Fiona

PRC BRIEFS

Flook and the Murakami family have offered to donate money for trees in Centennial Park.

Some of the older trees in the park need to be replaced and some new trees will be planted on the park's southwest side this spring.

• Two new banner poles in front of the Ganges fire hall will be erected soon, thanks to the efforts of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, PRC, fire department and B.C. Hydro.

The cost of installing the poles is estimated at \$1,000, of which up to \$500 is being supplied by the PRC. Groups expected to use the poles are being asked to contribute \$30

each.

• PRC members approved up to \$1,000 in funds towards a new backstop for minor league baseball on the Gulf Islands Secondary School field.

The funding is subject to school district approval for the backstop to be placed on the field. The Salt Spring Lions Club has offered \$1,000 towards the \$3,135 backstop.

Hume predicted the backstop would be used by minor baseball, girls' softball, students and other community groups.

• The PRC recommended the Islands Trust accept a cash-in-lieu value of \$5,312.50 from a five-lot subdivision at Montieth Drive and Sunset Drive.

• The next meeting of the PRC will be April 29 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Grace Point Square meeting room.

Judge accepts guilty pleas to lesser charges

Charles Oczkowski and Thomas Clark, two Salt Spring men originally charged with impaired driving, pleaded guilty to lesser charges in Ganges provincial court March 26.

Crown counsel Nils Jensen and Judge Robert Higinbotham accepted guilty pleas to driving without due care and attention charges in the two separate cases where the men had pleaded not guilty to charges of impaired driving and driving with a blood alcohol content over the legal limit.

Higinbotham fined Oczkowski,

aged 38, \$300 and Clark, 57, received a \$400 fine.

Oczkowski's charges stemmed from a December 9, 1994 motor vehicle accident at the curve where Fulford-Ganges and Lower Ganges roads meet in Ganges. Jensen said witnesses saw a speeding southbound vehicle hit a curb, go off the road and strike a utility pole. A blood test revealed alcohol had been consumed.

Defense counsel James Pasuta told court his client was a diabetic which, along with other circumstances of the incident, made con-

viction by trial less likely.

The Crown office made the lesser-charge offer to Clark because as Jensen explained, Crown witnesses were either unavailable for the planned trial or presumed reluctant to testify.

Clark accidentally drove his vehicle into a ditch on the evening of December 30, 1994, as he was on his way to a friend's home.

Higinbotham noted that while he was not ordering a driver's licence suspension in either case, that the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles had the discretion to do so.

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QUIET CARING: BDFH offers warmth

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was no way she and Graham could be with their mother all night and as Greenwoods administrator Penny Polden points out, there is only one nurse and care aide on duty at night to take care of the needs of 50 residents.

"When we were both physically and emotionally drained, we finally acquiesced to Greenwoods calling in the Bessie Dane people," says Livingston.

It was a decision that saved her own strength and introduced her to a unique group of people in her community.

She remembers being surprised to find volunteers would leave their homes and give up sleep to sit for a few hours with people they did not know.

"I thought, my goodness, these are people who live a normal life like I do and they're sitting up all night with my mother!"

She recalls how one day at noon when she went to visit her mother, her sister was already there. A BDFH volunteer named Ruth had spent a shift with Wilson. As it turned out, she had some features similar to Livingston, and when Livingston came in, her mother first mistook her for Ruth. It was clear by the way she introduced "Ruth" to her daughter Graham that she had really appreciated the volunteer's company, which was re-assuring to Livingston.

"Mom had felt so comfortable with that lady," she observes.

Livingston says the different kinds of people involved in the group also surprised her. A young woman and at least one man were among the people who stayed with her mother through the night as she neared death.

"They not only took care of my mother but they opened my eyes as well."

She adds that it was an enormous relief to be able to come home from Greenwoods at night knowing her mother was not alone. Wilson died last September with a BDFH volunteer by her side.

Livingston had "heard about" the Bessie Dane palliative care group but had no idea what they did and didn't imagine she would ever need to know.

She was so impressed by their quiet caring and warmth that she donated Wilson's wheelchair to the group's equipment stock and would like to enroll in their next available

training program.

Polden confirms that Greenwoods residents, family members and staff are grateful for the BDFH service.

"I just can't stress enough how much we appreciate the hospice program," she says.

BDFH volunteers are called in with the consent of a resident's family members.

"It's a real support for them to know the hospice people are coming in," says Polden.

BDFH volunteers have come to Greenwoods for all-night vigil sittings and to relieve family members since the group's inception in 1984. But their work has become even more important for Greenwoods in recent times.

About 15 BDFH members have been visiting some residents on a regular basis during the past year, devel-

...volunteers would leave their homes and give up sleep to sit for a few hours with people they did not know.

oping a "good, social relationship with them."

Polden explains that it was felt the volunteers' involvement with a person just before the end of their life would be even more valuable if they were acquainted with them beforehand.

"The hospice people get quite attached to the residents they visit and I think it becomes a big part of their service to get to know the residents and become a friend to them," says Polden.

Having access to BDFH volunteers and other palliative care services — Greenwoods staff are also trained in palliative care — means Greenwoods residents can die in what has become their home.

"Very rarely do we find they have to go to Lady Minto," says Polden.

The ability to stay at home was important to another island family coping with a terminal illness last year.

Unlike Livingston, Gerry Layard was very familiar with Bessie Dane

services and knew several volunteers involved.

For Layard, it was the equipment offered free of charge by the BDFH group which made the biggest difference to her and husband Paul's life before he died from cancer last July.

An electric bed, in particular, plus a variety of medical equipment, meant he could avoid the discomfort of an extended hospital stay.

"Without the equipment, Paul couldn't have stayed at home," she says.

There are several advantages to staying at home, Layard notes. For her husband they included access to a complete choice of foods, the warm company of his wife and two devoted cats, and the comfort of his long-time home.

Layard is extremely supportive of the hospice movement and feels a hospice house would be a great addition to community health services, helping those people unable to stay at home for some reason.

Even without a hospice house, however, Salt Spring is lucky to have such quality palliative care available through BDFH, the Salt Spring Home Support Services Society and the medical community, she says.

"I doubt you would get the kind of service I got (if you lived) in the city."

BDFH co-founder Pat Desbottes says that sometimes families are able to cope by themselves simply because they know the back-up and resources are available to them if needed.

Those resources will be enhanced by an April 13 workshop on grief sponsored by the Bessie Dane group and open to the public. Grief consultant Jan Christie will conduct an all-day workshop on aspects of loss, how to facilitate grief and help people cope with it.

Anyone wanting more information about that workshop or the Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice should call Desbottes or Eta Hall at 537-2770.

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A furnace fire produced billowing black smoke but no damage to the Harbour House Hotel Monday morning.

The fire was caused when the furnace was flooded and then ignited. Salt Spring firefighters shut off the fuel supply to the furnace, allowed the fire to burn out and cleared the smoke out of the building.

In other fire-related news:

A 30 foot fibreglass troller, the Sea Horse, burned and sank in Satellite Channel just off Musgrave rock at approximately 4 p.m. Monday.

The owner of the vessel, Lorne Flemming of Duncan, suffered some burns and was taken to hospital in Duncan.

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BCTEL Mobility Centre

A flowing sculpture of a mermaid by award-winning artist Thomas McPhee has been offered to grace the new park taking shape next to the Thrifty Foods parking lot in downtown Ganges.

McPhee presented a model of his design to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) March 25. The figure will be a mermaid holding a ring, which illustrates the life cycle of a salmon, McPhee explained.

Artist donates sculpture to park

The 10-foot-high sculpture will face the sea and be cast from a material with a consistency similar to granite. This material will be impervious to paint, is difficult to chip and easy to repair if damaged.

"It will blend in nicely with the environment around there and add beauty to the place," McPhee said.

He added that moss or ivy could grow around the sculpture, further enhancing the design.

PRC members were enthusiastic about McPhee's design but concerned about vandalism.

Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth wondered if putting the sculpture in the middle of a

pool or fountain would discourage vandals.

He also wondered if the column supporting the sculpture could be made 10 to 15 feet high and glazed to limit access.

"I don't think we should give in to the blackmail of vandalism," PRC member Lawrie Neish remarked.

PRC member Paul Marciano thought putting the sculpture in the park would challenge the better instincts of young people. "It's a great gesture. Thank-you," he told McPhee.

McPhee said work on the sculpture would be donated. He has been a Salt Spring resident for the past nine months and joined the Salt Spring Rotary Club three months ago.

First OCP draft comes off the press tomorrow



LONG LABOUR: More than a year of Salt Spring senior planner Linda Adams' life has gone into preparation of the first draft of the island's official community plan. Printed copies arrive tomorrow.

Photo by Valorie Lennex

It's done. The first draft of Salt Spring's blueprint for the future, the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan, rolls off the presses this week and into the Salt Spring office of the Islands Trust tomorrow.

The draft plan is almost 300 pages long. Of the 300 copies being printed, some will be distributed to local organizations and clubs. Others will go to members of the focus groups who examined such issues as development, infrastructure, jobs, the environment and housing. Copies will also be available at the Trust office and at Mary Hawkins Memorial Library. A limited number may be distributed to the general public.

Two information meetings will be held in mid-April to provide an overview of the plan. Two additional meetings will be held, one in late April and one in early May, at which residents will be invited to comment on the plan. Those comments should be made by May 15.

Once the plan has been reviewed and revised, the Salt Spring Trust Committee will consider giving first reading to the plan. If the plan receives first reading, it will then go to a public hearing.

For information on copies of the draft plan, contact the Salt Spring Islands Trust office at 537-9144.

Broken bones postpone production of Grease

Grease has slipped gears.

The April 19 opening of the 1950s musical production by Gulf Islands Secondary has been postponed to May 14.

Director Doug Bamborough said the actors playing two major

characters, Sunny and Kinicki, broke their arms while snowboarding.

"They couldn't dance. They couldn't do anything," he said.

The musical will now be presented from May 14 to 19.



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O P I N I O N

When is a farm not a farm?

Will the real farmers please stand up. That's the \$2,500 question this week as we bid farewell to the last vestiges of winter, and the annual parade of property tax appeals that has become a sign of the season.

The issue is turning into a charade. No, it's not a farm, says the B.C. Assessment Authority. Yes, it is, responds the local Court of Revision. And the rest of us are left to wonder why it should be so difficult to determine whether land is being used for growing things.

It's a \$2,500 question because that's the income threshold that makes someone a true farmer. If you raise sheep on your land and generate \$2,500 from the sale of meat and wool, you are among the ranks of the agricultural community.

We're not talking agri-business here, but small island farms which occupy roughly half the landowner's time. The other half is taken up with employment that puts bread on the table (assuming that wheat is not among the landowner's crops).

We're also talking about the farms which are responsible for the pastoral appearance of the islands. Without the diligence of the island farmer, this is land that would quickly be taken over by alder trees, blackberry bushes and other assorted weeds. Pastoral views would soon become vistas of tangled brush.

Judging by the inability of anyone involved to agree on what exactly constitutes a farm, perhaps it's an issue that the Islands Trust could adopt on our behalf. Trust Council is already in the process of preparing an agricultural policy. Establishment of a protocol of some kind with the B.C. Assessment Authority might be a logical step in that process, and save us the annual disagreement over farm status.

Everyone might then get to know the definition of a farm.

Building standards: Let's look to Galiano

Is an outdoor biffy the answer to low-income housing on Salt Spring?

Keith MacHattie is providing a test case. His unique form of accommodation includes a travel trailer, an outhouse and an outside bathtub on a lot cluttered with components for a home he plans to build in the future.

Is his lifestyle reducing the market value of surrounding lots?

If so, he says he should be thanked, not blamed. A shortage of affordable housing is a persistent problem for many present and would-be Salt Spring residents.

But is it fair to erode the market value of other residents' homes? Should MacHattie be able to plunk the Salt Spring version of a shantytown in the middle of a residential neighbourhood?

Both sides of this dispute have validity. MacHattie plans to build what he can afford when he can afford it. He sees no reason to go further into debt to meet building code or neighbourhood standards. As he said, if he borrowed money to build he would have less time to play music in the park.

Do his neighbours have time to play music in the park? Or are they working to repay the loans required so they could have homes which meet general community standards.

The conflict is not one of right or wrong but of balance. How much should an individual's chosen lifestyle be able to impact on the chosen lifestyle of others? Were MacHattie's outhouse, trailer and bathtub hidden in the middle of a 10-acre lot, it is likely a conflict would not even exist.

Finding a solution to this conflict will require compromise. We need a path between allowing individual choice and maintaining safety requirements and community standards.

An answer may be right across the channel. On Galiano a pilot project is under way which allows more flexible interpretation of the building code for owners constructing their own homes.

The same option should exist on Salt Spring.



Information key to avoid conflict

By NORMAN BEST

Over the years I have found that when intelligent people with initially strong opposite views are given the facts — all the facts — and are willing to weigh these facts objectively, without angst or rancor, they will agree, and the problem disappears.

If we had in place a method of gathering all the pertinent facts — both positive and negative — and a system to communicate these data to all who live here, objective sound judgments would be the result. No more conflict or vitriolic argument.

There is a way. Driftwood holds the key.

Salt Spring Islanders need and deserve full, valid data on any and all major innovations that will affect their lifestyle.

Driftwood has always been meticulous about printing accurately what it is given. I see Driftwood at the door of opportunity as the only vehicle on Salt Spring that can now initiate a policy to seek out and report objectively all data on major island activities and proposals.

First, an investigative, determined reporter must be assigned with her (his) main task to research, dig, interview, find out and report. No bias — no editorializing — just complete facts truthfully presented.

An ice arena and curling rink for Salt Spring is now being promoted. For sheer pleasure, ice skating for me is a close second to skiing. I learned to skate (1921) on a pond across the road from Gasoline Alley (now wall to wall with buildings and a parking lot).

Driftwood (February 7) carried a report by Dwight Jones of the Salt Spring Ice Park Society. He quoted building cost statistics and stated that the \$2,650,000 facility could be "built, operated and have its mortgage paid off in 10 years without any further tax dollars", (assuming a BC 21 grant of \$833,000).

I called him and asked where the \$1,817,000 building money would come from. He said he had talked to the credit union about a loan of \$1,700,000 on which the cost of principal and interest would be \$240,000 annually for 10 years. We did not discuss operating costs.

I was jolted later when I talked to the managers of



VIEW POINT

the Panorama recreation centre (near Sidney), Pearkes arena near Victoria and Mr. Erickson, manager of the East Langley/Aldergrove hockey rink. In 1995 all three had operating costs in excess of \$500,000 and net operating losses of \$330,240, \$189,000 and \$221,844 respectively. This for ice arenas only.

Because the East Langley/Aldergrove ice rink is a bare-bones, free-standing 200 x 85 skating rink, Doug Brimacombe felt it was a good comparison to the Salt Spring Island plan. He sent me the official four-year report on profit and loss.

Net loss each year: 1993, \$213,100; 1994, \$218,800; 1995, \$221,900; 1996 (E), \$233,400.

And this with a huge population upon which to draw.

Here on Salt Spring with a population base of less than 10,000 and unable to lay off any taxes to Saanich, Duncan, Cowichan, etc., a bare-bones hockey arena (no curling) would have an estimated operating cost of \$500,000, an operating income of \$275,000, leaving: annual payments on bank loan, \$240,000; annual net loss on operations, \$225,000 (minimum), annual total minimum net loss, \$465,000.

We have no large industries to foot the bill for luxuries.

We should, however, spend money to benefit our younger people. The most critical need — bicycle paths. Young students are either not permitted to ride their bikes along our roads or are justifiably

scared to do so.

Hard-top areas for roller-blade hockey, ball hockey, skate boarding, etc., are needed. And let's make better use of the school facilities and playing fields we now have.

To prevent setting our sights on activities totally unrealistic from a cost standpoint we need some thorough investigative reporting from Driftwood. We need regular objective reports on ArtSpring, the new sewer, incorporation and any and all matters of concern to all Salt Spring Islanders.

Please Driftwood — fill the void.

The writer is a longtime Salt Spring resident.

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: How will you celebrate Easter?



Al Black

We'll probably have a real good, big roast chicken and probably have a neighbour over for dinner.



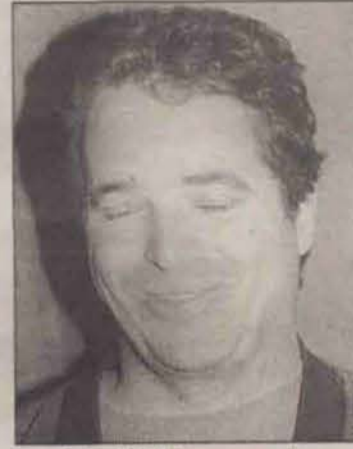
Andrew Black, age 6

I'm going to hunt for eggs in my back yard.



Shelagh Tulloch

A family gathering with 20 people. We're also celebrating my mother's 90th birthday.



Todd Dragomir

The kids will probably have an Easter egg hunt.



Jesse Hunter, age 4

Paint eggs blue. Find eggs. The Easter Bunny comes.

Letters to the Editor

Frog killing

I walk past Swanson's Pond (as we knew it as children) on this bright, starlit night and the air is alive with the music of chirping frogs. I sigh thankfully, glad that the humble frog, who is becoming an endangered species around the world, has a protected spot to live in.

But, alas! It is not so! This pond and surrounding three acres of greenspace is being sold, and the approved zoning is for multi-family use. What great investment potential! A chance to make a real killing — a killing of frogs, that is!

The pond I am speaking of is bordered by Kanaka Road, Park Drive and Lakeview Crescent. Is anyone else familiar with it? Does anyone else care? Please write to the Driftwood to share your concern.

JENNIFER MCCLEAN,
Ganges

Recycling

I think all Salt Spring residents and merchants should give themselves a collective pat on the back for the way they have embraced the recycling program over the years.

The depot has each year handled about 800 metric tonnes of recyclables for several years now plus tonnes of compost in the composting area at the depot.

Our recycling depot is funded from the CRD solid waste budget from monies collected at the Hartland Road Landfill in tipping fees. Our service fee does not include one penny of tax dollars.

We differ from the main CRD areas in that we market our own materials and keep whatever is paid for materials. This way we can keep improving things on Salt Spring and keep employing Salt Spring residents.

The important thing to remember is that while some materials are worth money, others have little or no value and some actually cost money to unload. Glass is a prime example. It costs us \$35 per tonne to have it accepted plus \$35 per tonne in trucking costs to get it to Victoria.

On the other hand, when certain items (as was the case with cardboard and newsprint last summer) become valuable for a while, com-

petition for those items becomes fierce and the depot ends up losing instead of gaining because our service fee is based on tonnage. If someone offers to take away a merchant's cardboard for no charge it is usually because they are selling it themselves rather than bringing it to the depot. In this scenario the "free" service stops when the price of the commodity drops.

As municipal recycling co-ordinator and depot manager, I would like to thank all Salt Springers for their co-operation and remind them that the recycling depot is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The compost area, magazine and book exchange are also open at these times.

PETER GRANT,
Salt Spring

Raise spatula

This is an April 1-composed letter to the "auditor" of Gulp (I missed the dock) Islands Driftwood:

Many thanks to the Salt Spring Hysterical Society for its outstanding jaw-ache-inducing show A Comedy of Eros last weekend.

The heartfelt (gad!) piece by Mary Williamson was a bloody touching counterpoint to the other-

wise far too serious antics of the troupe.

I raise my spatula and salute you fine kooks and your flippin' great show.

Sid Filkow (away) (hopefully he won't), Arvid (your way) Charmers, Reid (my lips) Collins (world's toughest comedian!), Silo Cybergod, Mike (keep on truckin') Haze, Hab you got (Thom Quine) in your oye?, the formidable Mary Williamson, and special guest Corey (try some of my banana bread) Lark.

Good luck to all you jolly bran eaters on yer next perduction.

JAC ANDRE,
Furnweed

Eye of beholder

I assume Jim McClean (Irked by eros, March 27 Driftwood) did not go to the Erotic Art Show.

I did, and I would like to thank all the artists for sharing their works of art. There were some exquisite pieces to lust for.

Like beauty, "Eroticism is in the eye of the beholder."

NELL BUSHBY,
Fulford Harbour

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Martin comparison is odious, mean-spirited

VICTORIA — Criticism is the lifeblood of a democracy, but when criticism stops being constructive and instead caters to fear and bigotry, it becomes an odious instrument.

Keith Martin, one of British Columbia's Reform MPs, provided a vivid illustration last week of misplaced, uninformed, unjustified, mean-spirited and destructive criticism when he compared the Nisga'a treaty to the homeland policy of apartheid South Africa.

"Apartheid never worked in South Africa and it's not going to work in Canada," Martin, the member for Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, told the House of Commons.

CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



Let me say at the outset that the Nisga'a treaty, signed last week, isn't a sacred cow. Criticism of some of its components, such as the Native fishery rights, may be rightfully criticized, but to compare the treaty to the affront to human dignity that was apartheid is shameful.

The homelands policy to which Martin likened the Nisga'a treaty was South Africa's instrument of keeping the 80 per cent black population in its place of poverty and exclusion.

By creating the so-called homelands, such as Venda, Bophuthatswana and Transkei, the white oppressors cramped the black population into about 13 per cent of the country's most arid and undesirable land, told them they were citizens of those homelands, and made them foreigners in the rest of South Africa.

These homelands were very much reminiscent of the ghettos the Nazis established for the Jewish population in occupied Europe. Their sole purpose was to confine and oppress those living within.

The creation of the homelands was not the result of negotiations but of brutal government decree.

The Nisga'a treaty, on the other hand, was freely negotiated. And although there are concerns over some aspects, it was the result of fair negotiations between equal partners.

Moreover, the Nisga'a treaty is the first comprehensive attempt at addressing 200 years of injustice against British Columbia's Native population at the hands of the white majority. It should be celebrated, not besmirched.

While apartheid and its homeland policy constituted one of history's low points, the Nisga'a treaty corrects an historic wrong.

Apartheid, as the name implies, set the black population apart, while the Nisga'a remain citizens of Canada and are subject to Canadian law. What the treaty does is give recognition to Nisga'a culture and history.

The Nisga'a themselves celebrated the signing of the treaty as a milestone in their struggle for justice, something the blacks of South Africa certainly never did with regard to the homelands.

Comparing the Nisga'a treaty to South Africa's infamous apartheid policies, as Martin has done, is deplorable.

The Reform Party has a reputation for cashing in on people's fears. Repeatedly its members have appealed to the public's prejudices. That reputation was reinforced by Martin's remarks.

Reform leader Preston Manning likes to think of himself as being in firm control of his caucus. If that is so, he should admonish Martin and set the record straight.

And to think that Martin is the man who defeated David Barrett. An unknown, parachuted into the riding from Prince George, where he still practices medicine, Martin turned out to stand head and shoulders below the rest of his colleagues in Ottawa.

I consider it a privilege not to live in his riding.

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More letters

Families needed

Nestled on a small mountain in the city of Sapporo in northern Japan is a small Catholic girls junior college that is soon to be closed.

The last class of this school — a group of nine students — will graduate next spring. To make this a special year for them they are coming to Salt Spring for six days on May 27.

They'll be here to soak up some of the island culture, try their hands at a few crafts and outdoor activities and get to know some of the people. Their first night will be at the Cusheon Lake Youth Hostel but from May 28 - June 2 they each need a home to stay in.

That home would provide breakfast, supper and transportation to the meeting point and the family would be paid a stipend to cover the expenses. The student would be treated as one of the family — not as a guest.

We are hoping to find families interested in taking in a student and in opening up to a unique experience. Please call us at 653-9253 if you're interested or need more information.

**DOROTHY DRUBEK,
NEIL BUCHAN,
Fulford Harbour**

Credit due

It was going to be a big day for me. After recuperating for eight weeks from a knee replacement, I was travelling with a tour group to Vancouver to see Showboat at the new Ford Centre.

On the appointed day, I was up bright and early, drove to Fulford, parked the car and waited at the ferry terminal for the tour bus to arrive. At 6:25 a.m. no tour bus was in sight so I spoke to a ferry crew member named Tom, expressing my concern that, with only five minutes to sailing time, something must be amiss. A second crew member, Michael, asked where the bus was headed and on hearing "Showboat" informed me that the tour usually left from Long Harbour.

I could scarcely believe my ears! How could this have happened? Disappointment descended like a black cloud. I should have double-checked. Mentally, I said goodbye to my outing, ready to return to the car. But I was invited to stay on the Mayne Queen, headed for Swartz Bay, and told that some phone calls could be made.

Tom asked the name of a contact person with my group and I gave him the name of our tour guide. In a very few minutes he returned to say that he had phoned the Long Harbour ferry en route to Vancouver and arrangements had been made for the tour bus to meet me at the passenger pick-up area at Tsawwassen terminal. I was speechless. What efficiency! What thoughtfulness!

When we reached Swartz Bay, fine rain had created slick surfaces

underfoot. Michael walked with me to disembark and point the way to the Spirit of Vancouver, bound for Tsawwassen. But Tom had made more than one phone call. At the ramp, a van drove up with an empty seat in front for me and a smiling driver at the wheel. I felt like a queen!

Personnel on the Spirit of Vancouver phoned our tour guide once more to reconfirm that I was on board. When I finally boarded the bus, a cheer went up. The lost

was found, the one empty seat now occupied.

One could not have imagined a more courteous and caring crew than those on C watch on March 27, especially Tom Buckle and Michael Simpson. These two gentlemen really know how to make a girl feel good. Now that's customer service!

**JOYCE MCLEAN,
Mount Baker Crescent**

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Exciting venture

As a long-time devotee of amateur theatre, it was easy for me to get excited about the revival of community theatre on Salt Spring.

I attended the final audition of Suzanne Finlay's play *Gone to Glory* and was encouraged to see how many hopeful actors of all ages and levels of experience had rallied to the call, each anxious to be part of the first production of this exciting new venture.

After director Hetty Clews had chosen her cast (and a talented one it is, too), in the true spirit of community enterprise, she encouraged us all to help in whichever way we were inclined — from props to ticket-selling to publicity. Again, I was heartened to note that people took on these critical behind-the-scenes roles with energy and commitment.

While it's not for me to give away the plot of *Gone to Glory*, let me just say that Finlay's fresh and always entertaining approach to women who are both aging and impoverished makes this play well worth seeing. I recommend that you make a point of marking April 17-20 on your calendar and

watch for ticket sales.

See you there!
FLORENCE COOK REID,
Valhalla Road

Smutty

It surprises me to think we can teach our children sound morals and appropriate language when your newspaper, read by many young people, sets such a poor example.

By printing articles such as *Baring the Soul - Celebration of Erotic Art* (March 20 issue), the Driftwood appears to condone some of the word usage found therein. You call it word play. A lot of us would call it a smutty play on words.

For myself, I found the theme and the article disgusting and certainly not serving the best interests of our community.

SHELLI ROBERTSON,
Fulford Harbour

Tail facts

Your story about Hyakutake suggests that comets leave a tail in their wake.

Comets' tails are actually created by solar winds, which are charged particles ejected by the sun. These push part of the comet

away from the sun in a long stream. That is why a comet's tail is always pointing away from the sun.

DANIEL AND JOSHUA WOOD,
Reynolds Road

Immortal

Re: Spirit Gold/bio-location as mentioned in Tony Richards March 27 column:

It must feel real great to bake half-truths and serve them up to the public as if you had honestly done any research before you churn out your drivel.

For those of you who may in fact value the validation of truth by whatever method you select, may I recommend personal experience coupled with the scientific method and yea Albert, you may in fact find the truth.

For those such as Tony Richards may I suggest a review of David Hudson's U.S. patent which is available for review on Microsoft Internet Explorer. This patent, now nine years old, proves scientifically what I in fact told Tony I was experimenting with.

Once you digest that one, move to Microsoft Internet Explorer address Dan Winters @ 201.com 1995. This man is an astro-physicist whose words are highly respected in both scientific and metaphysical society. Both of these individuals are geniuses with an I.Q. of 160+. These people commune at levels of thought that would leave most journalists in a state of shock.

In 1943 the U.S. government conducted an experiment in bio-location. It did work! Unfortunately, only two of 600 American marines survived. It's not a secret anymore. You should get the video called Philadelphia Experiment. This battleship appeared in six known locations during the experiment. Unfortunately for the marines on board, some of those locations already had buildings on them.

So, now if you would care to discuss the merits and benefits accessible to all of us, through the proper use of orbitally rearranged monoatomic elemental forms of specifically gold — as the Spirit Gold, Mana or Food of the Gods — well by all means call me at 653-4186.

But if, as it appears you wish to attempt to make me appear a fool, I would like to say the true expression of a fool is found at most in ignorance. You and those such as you have my sympathy.

What hope does any seeker of truth have surrounded by such ignorance? When, and I do mean when, I activate my light body, you shall be one of the first to know. Oh yeah, Tony, by the way, I'm immortal too.

Thanks also for the last page, and the last word.

Via con queso.
CHESTER LUDLOW,
Fulford Harbour



Easter blooms

Selling their candy filled flowers in the market Saturday were, from left, Jani Janzen, 10, and Hali Larsen, 9. The market in Centennial Park opened for the season last weekend.



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Trip to Lady Minto leads to kidney jinx

It is odd how many people you meet wandering through the halls of Lady Minto Hospital, cured or, like some brands of bacon, uncured. Which is the way I ran into an old friend who is one kidney lighter than the last time we spoke. I can still refer to him as a friend despite the fact that he's jinxed me.

I admit that the suggestion I made was rather tasteless. I simply recalled my enthusiasm for steak and kidney pie; I have five such pies in the freezer right now. Before I could extend the topic he had denied possession of the missing organ. Gone! Forever!

I can't reveal his name because he blushes easy, but I can enlarge on his medical problems without letting his side down. He tells me that he has always carried a spare kidney and that this is the first time he has been called on to use it.

And that was the end of the encounter, but I didn't realize the extent of his complaint. It's like catching a broken leg from a guy who has just been knocked down by a car. Within hours I was with my doctor when he explained he wanted me to undertake further x-rays to enable him to check on a kidney.

It's the last time I go near that guy when he's sick!

More about Lawrence

Upon my return home after Christmas I was faced with a mountain of mail. It is now down to a hillock. Included in the mountain was a comment from Colin Nicholson remonstrating with me for my observation that T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) was serving with 98 Squadron at the time of his death.

I stand corrected.

Lawrence wrote two books on his brief military career. His life as a desert soldier was also the subject of the magnificent film named after him. His first book, *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, was a legend in itself. The tale consisted of 400,000 words and was compiled from the notes he made while working with the Arab forces. The manuscript and the notes were stolen before publication.

Lawrence sat down and re-wrote the book without his notes. That story was later reduced to about three-quarters of its original size and published. It was a limited edition of less than a dozen copies.

To meet the costs of publication the soldier-by-chance then wrote a shorter version of his war in the desert for general publication.

Betrayed by his own government, Lawrence resigned his commission and joined the Royal Air Force in the ranks. He later changed his name to Shaw and enjoyed no more fame until his death astride his Brough-Superior motorcycle shortly before the Second War.

Lawrence wrote a third book whose name eludes me. It was the strange and bitter record of his air force service. Lawrence described his experiences in the filth of a military kitchen and the bullying of a commanding officer who required of his men that they run behind his Morris car whenever he went around the station.

This reminiscence of Aircraftman Shaw was published half a century after his death, in accordance with his instructions.

I read it but I no longer have it in my possession.

I hate book thieves!

Soap opera?

From the Vancouver Sun's TV Times: a review of the "Great and not so Great Moments of the Academy Awards."

"1979: Meryl Streep forgets her Oscar for best supporting actress in the bathroom."

The soaps are everywhere!

What's on?

And what's up? If I want to watch television I can no longer find any useful information in any of the daily newspaper listings. Once upon a time there were 13 stations to choose from and you tuned in to a number for the program you wanted.

You want CBC? It comes in on Channel two. You want Channel nine and it comes in on Channel nine.

But the biter gets bit at this point. You want to listen to the warbling cacophony of deafening music? The listings tell you loud and clear that it is to be found on Station Hiccup at 9 p.m.

My television doesn't identify Station Hiccup as being Channel 49. By the time I have related the name with the number and discovered that I'm way out of my musical groove, I give up.

I'm not that much a television fan that all this matters very much. I just switch off. But are we now heading into an era when we probably have to fall back on the Information Byway to learn what is what on television?

Thank heavens for videotapes!

Tourist maps

I'm so old I can remember when the gas companies gave away tourist maps for free!

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First Bosnians set to arrive soon

A Bosnian refugee family may reach their new home on Salt Spring Island within the next month, according to a group of volunteers sponsoring the family's move to Canada.

A couple with two daughters aged eight and nine is due to arrive on the island. The family has been living in refugee camps and the children have not been able to go to school.

The Salt Spring Island Refugee Support Group, formed in the fall of 1995, has collected enough pledges to support the family. Housing has been found for the family but furniture and clothing is still required, especially for the children.

Also needed are a variety of goods and services plus English language volunteer tutors.

"As they arrive with only a few clothes and little else, there will

be an ongoing need for additional financial support from the community," noted Maureen Bendick, one of the volunteers working on the project.

The family is coming to Salt Spring under a joint Canadian-United Nations program which encourages community sponsorship. Refugee applicants are screened by Canadian immigration officials in Croatia. Some are of mixed cultural or religious background so cannot return to their partitioned homeland. Many have lost their homes, land, possessions and families.

The sponsorship program requires community sponsors to cover the family's living expenses in Canada for nine months in addition to arranging housing, furnishings, education, language lessons, social contacts, and med-

ical and dental care.

The Canadian government covers the family's expenses for three months and the cost of coming to Canada.

"These families arrive literally with a suitcase each and no resources other than what they bring as individuals and as workers," Bendick said. But they often adapt amazingly quickly to their new homes.

"Experience with other families now in Duncan and Ladysmith has shown them to be hard-working, appreciative and determined to adapt and to contribute to their adoptive country," she added.

For information or to offer contributions, contact Noreen Davies at 537-2654; Carol Tabbers at 537-4063; Rita Thomas at 537-1053 or Barbara Cotterall at 537-2022.

Course will empower arthritis sufferers

An arthritis self-management course planned for Salt Spring will help arthritis-sufferers reduce the pain, fatigue and depression associated with all forms of the disease.

The six-class course will run between April 16 and May 21 at the Croftonbrook meeting room.

The Arthritis Self-Management Program empowers participants by helping them discover they have control over their symptoms. They learn helpful exercises and goal-setting techniques, and meet people with similar experiences.

Designed to augment professional services provided by the health care system, the program is delivered by trained volunteers from the Arthritis Society. As a group education course, it provides the opportunity for peer

support.

The program is taught over six consecutive weeks in two-hour sessions. Active participation and group discussion are emphasized. Class size is usually limited to

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Those who wish to register or obtain further information should contact Rhema Cossever, community wellness program coordinator, at 537-4607.

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Big Brothers *find* FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

The kid hit the floor — hard — rolled and spun to his feet, an ear-to-ear grin on his face, too delighted to worry about bruises.

Another player scooped the ball and shot it to the far end of the gym. Players raced after it — young kids and full-grown kids, some with traces of gray hair, all equally engrossed in this no-rules, no-score game with a crazily ricocheting ball and imaginary goal posts.

"It gives me an excuse to do all the things I enjoy doing," said Peter Lamb during a break in the game, explaining why he volunteered to become a big brother to nine-year-old Tristan Poltorak.

On a recent Wednesday night the Salt Spring Big Brothers/Big Sisters group held an informal, play-around-in-the-gym night. Present were current and future big and little brothers, a potential big sister, parents, board members and a few other youngsters invited to leap into the fun.

It's hard to say who was having more fun careening around the Fernwood School gym — the kids or the adults.

"It's fun. Keeps me young, trying to keep up to a 13 year old," said Brian Finnemore, whose little brother is Cris Poltorak.

Finnemore suggested the on-island gym night in imitation of monthly events held by the Victoria Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Salt Spring participants in the program are welcome to attend the Victoria events but the cost and limitation of ferry sailings makes it difficult.

So they have organized their own fun evenings at the gym, where there is still lots of room for more participants.

"It would be nice if there were more big brothers and big sisters," Lamb said, an opinion echoed by Finnemore.

Caseworker Amanda Richardson also hopes for more participants. On a waiting list are



THE GANG'S ALL HERE: Big brothers, little brothers, board members, volunteers and other youngsters joined in a recent activity night at Fernwood elementary.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

five would-be little brothers and one potential big sister.

Hoping for a little sister is Julie Elizabeth. She stepped forward as a potential big sister two years ago, inspired by a friend in Vancouver. "I went out with her and her two little sisters and enjoyed it as well," she said. "I want young energy in my life."

Elizabeth's own energy includes interests in art, music, photography, literature, languages, a love of animals and a recently-obtained pilot's licence. As a big sister, she anticipates becoming an adult friend for a girl who may benefit from extra attention and activities.

Her taste runs more to concerts than careening around a gym. "Basketball's not my speed," she admits, eyeing the flying balls.

Tending goal in the midst of the

mayhem is a mother whose son has been on a waiting list for two years. Asking not to be identified to protect her son, she notes he has less need for the program now than he did two years ago.

"Little boys need to spend time with a male who cares about them consistently," she observed, suggesting between eight and 10 years old is the optimum age to become a little brother.

She applauds the program's requirement that the adult commit to participating for a year. She knows of one match which ended when the adult left the program after six months, devastating the child.

Little brothers usually come from homes headed by single mothers. They may have already felt abandoned by their fathers, so it is especially important for the

big brother to be consistent, she observed.

Although her own son is within a year or two of no longer being eligible for the program — little brothers tend to fall between eight and 13 years of age — she hopes for more big brothers to help other youngsters.

"It would take somebody special, a special kind of guy, to volunteer for this program," she said.

Cris and Tristan Poltorak see their big brothers as "somebody special."

"He's a good role model," Cris says of Finnemore. "He's there if I need to talk to him about something."

Cris enjoys their shared interest in sports and Finnemore's sense of humour as well as help with projects like fixing a broken bicycle. Inspired by Finnemore's organiza-

tion of the gym night, Cris is now thinking of organizing an activity for his classmates.

Finnemore said he volunteered "because there is a need. My kids are all out. My nest is empty." He added that he enjoys Cris's high energy level and communication skills.

"We get to do a lot of neat things, like go bike riding and stuff," Tristan reported, describing his relationship with Lamb.

"He's very easy to get on with, very responsive," Lamb said in describing Tristan. Lamb finds one of the delights of working with youngsters is sharing their ability to live completely in the moment, setting aside any future worries.

"It keeps your sense of priorities in balance," Lamb concluded, bounding off the bench to join in yet another uproarious game.



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS: Big Brother Peter Lamb helps little brother Tristan Poltorak sink a basket.

WANTED: A few good men

A good man is hard to find.

Just ask Amanda Richardson. The caseworker for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria is seeking a few good men willing to become volunteer big brothers to boys on Salt Spring.

Some children now on the island waiting list have been there for more than two years, a long time in the life of a child.

"It's very difficult to recruit big brothers," she said. She has sent information letters to local churches, put up posters, talked to service clubs, sat in the Saturday Market and arranged three newspaper articles along with an information night.

In talking to potential volunteers, she has identified several barriers.

One is a widespread belief that all children in the program are from dysfunctional homes and will be difficult to handle. That is not true. The little brothers and sisters often come from excellent homes with a caring parent.

Boys qualify for the program if there is not an adult male in the home and girls qualify if they need additional female support — perhaps because they are living with a working single mother who has limited free time.

Children with severe behavioural problems are not accepted into the program, Richardson added.

Another fear holding back some volunteers is apprehension that a big brother or sister could be falsely charged with sexual abuse — the same fear that makes many adults hesitate to touch any child.

But Richardson notes no charges have been laid since Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Victoria was established, suggesting that the screening process and orientation provide adequate

protection to both adults and children.

On Salt Spring she finds most volunteer big brothers are aged 40 to 50, with younger men likely too busy with careers, hobbies and their own families to become involved in the program.

Potential big brothers must be 19 or older and willing to invest three to five hours a week for a minimum of one year. There is a screening process for all participants, ongoing monitoring of matches, and parents and volunteers complete an orientation program.

After two years of effort, Salt Spring's group was established in 1994 as a satellite of the Victoria branch. The Salt Spring Rotary Club donated \$5,000 to the project, followed by a fundraising campaign organized by Tony McEwen, Diane Jonas and Peter Calderhead, which collected \$12,000.

When fundraising, McEwen said volunteers cited the high number of single parents on Salt Spring and increasing vandalism in the community by older, aimless youths. Both situations suggested a need for the program.

However, there have been relatively few matches on Salt Spring, mainly because there are few big brothers available. On the distaff side, there are volunteers willing to be big sisters but no little sisters available.

"We are in desperate need of little sisters and more big brothers," Richardson said. "To maintain the program, we need participants."

She is willing to present an information session on Salt Spring for interested people. For information, call Richardson collect at 604-475-1117.

Compost 'black gold' provides good nutrient value for gardens

There is something uniquely pleasing about the sweet smell, fluffy texture and rich, dark hue of well-made compost.

And, of course, no gardener needs to be reminded of the horticultural merits of this natural, "black gold". Whether dug in as a soil amendment or applied as a surface mulch, compost provides exceptional nutrient value and there is no better source of organic material. In addition, recent research has demonstrated that ornamental shrubs heavily mulched with compost suffer from significantly fewer disease problems.

There is no single formula for making perfect compost but, like many things in life, generally the results improve with practice. Trial and error is to be expected but as long as a few basic rules are followed, there is no reason why respectable compost can't be had in about six months.

Building a compost pile that generates both heat and bacterial action is the name of the game in composting. The five key factors are size and design of the bin; composition of materials; moisture; aeration; and temperature.

Bin size and design: To generate enough heat, there is a minimum "critical mass" that needs to be reached. Bins should be no smaller than about three feet square. Four or five-cubic foot piles are better, but should be no higher than six feet tall or oxygen is squeezed out.

Bins can be constructed from a wide variety of materials including concrete blocks, wood slats and wire caging. Sheet composting, which is simply a pile covered with a black plastic tarp, is equally effective but increases the chances of problems with rodents. The plastic backyard composters that many municipalities provide can produce reason-

able compost over a longer time period but are not ideal. Clean, 45-gallon metal oil drums work just as well.

Composition of materials: It is very important to have the correct combinations of nitrogen and carbon-rich materials to generate heat and thus accelerate decomposition. Carbon to nitrogen ratios need to be between 25 to 1 and 30 to 1. Most people who have problems with composting have piles that are either too wet (smell nasty), or too dry. This is almost always the result of the wrong combination of materials.

Almost any organic household or yard waste will compost, but avoid adding fatty or oily materials as these will not readily decompose. Fish and meat wastes are some of the best sources of nitrogen and are highly desirable as compost materials when using an in-vessel or rodent-proof bin.

For best results, layer materials three or four inches thick. Here are some common composting materials with their respective C:N ratios. Cornstalks 60:1, table (food) wastes 15:1, fruit wastes 35:1, grass clippings 19:1, dry leaves 60:1, paper 170:1, sawdust 500:1, straw 80:1, and aged manure 25:1. For piles that are slow to compost, alternate layers of regular materials with fresh chicken or horse manure to generate heat.

Moisture, aeration and temperature: Keep your pile moist by either hosing it down periodically, or exposing it to rainfall. If it feels like a slightly damp sponge then it is at or near the ideal moisture level of 65 per cent.

Turning your pile with a garden fork every so often is not necessary but will certainly add oxygen, encourage bacterial

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action and thus accelerate decomposition.

In order to destroy plant pathogens and weed seeds, the centre of a compost pile needs to reach between 140 and 150 degrees F. A large bin layered with plenty of nitrogen-rich materials will ensure a hot enough pile.

Pruning hygiene

Since I know many gardeners are active with spring pruning this is perhaps an opportune time to consider some basic pruning hygiene practices.

To avoid spreading fungal-based diseases like blights from one branch to another, or one plant to another, it's important to get into the habit of regularly sterilizing pruning tools. Two commonly recommended disinfecting materials include 70 per cent isopropyl (rubbing alcohol), which evaporates quickly, or a 10 per cent bleach and water solution, which is corrosive. My disinfectant of choice is one recommended by the provincial Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries — a 10 per cent solution of phenol-based Lysol and distilled water. Concentrated Lysol is available from Pharmasave in a 350 millilitre bottle.

Got a gardening question? Write to Dave Banks c/o Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

Debt management is topic of workshop, consultation

Managing debt is a common issue facing young families on Salt Spring, according to Family Place coordinator Ragnhild Hildred.

And this issue will be addressed free of charge April 13 in a two-hour workshop given by Harry Atkinson of the Debtor Assistance Program of B.C.

Atkinson's discussion will address the following topics: credit reporting rules (credit bureau); debt collection rules (collectors'

bailiffs); debtor assistance program; orderly payment of debt program; insolvency and bankruptcy.

The workshop will run from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Services Society building.

Atkinson will also assist in preparing a cash flow and net worth statement, and review options of dealing with credit/debt problems. He will be available for no-cost private consultations between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

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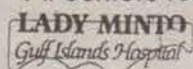
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OF THESE DATES

APR. 4: SS Weavers & Spinner, business meeting, library, 10:30am.
APR. 11: Island Mens Network drop in group meeting, Family Place, 7:30pm.

APR. 11: SS Weavers & Spinners, Farms Inst. upstairs, 7pm.

APR. 12: Fibromyalgia Support Group, Hosp. Bd. Rm., 2-4pm.

APR. 13: SSI Garden Club, flower show & tea, United Church Hall, 1-4pm.

APR. 17: SSI Garden Club meeting, Anglican Centre, 7:30pm.

APR. 17: SS I Golf & Country Club, AGM, SSI Golf & Country Club clubhouse, 8pm.

APR. 18: IODE Luncheon and Fashion Show at Harbour House Hotel.

APR. 18: SSI Garden Club plant sale, Farmer's Inst., 12:30 hand-capped/1pm general public

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am

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

- Story time, library, 9:30am.

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

- 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, 6:30pm.

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

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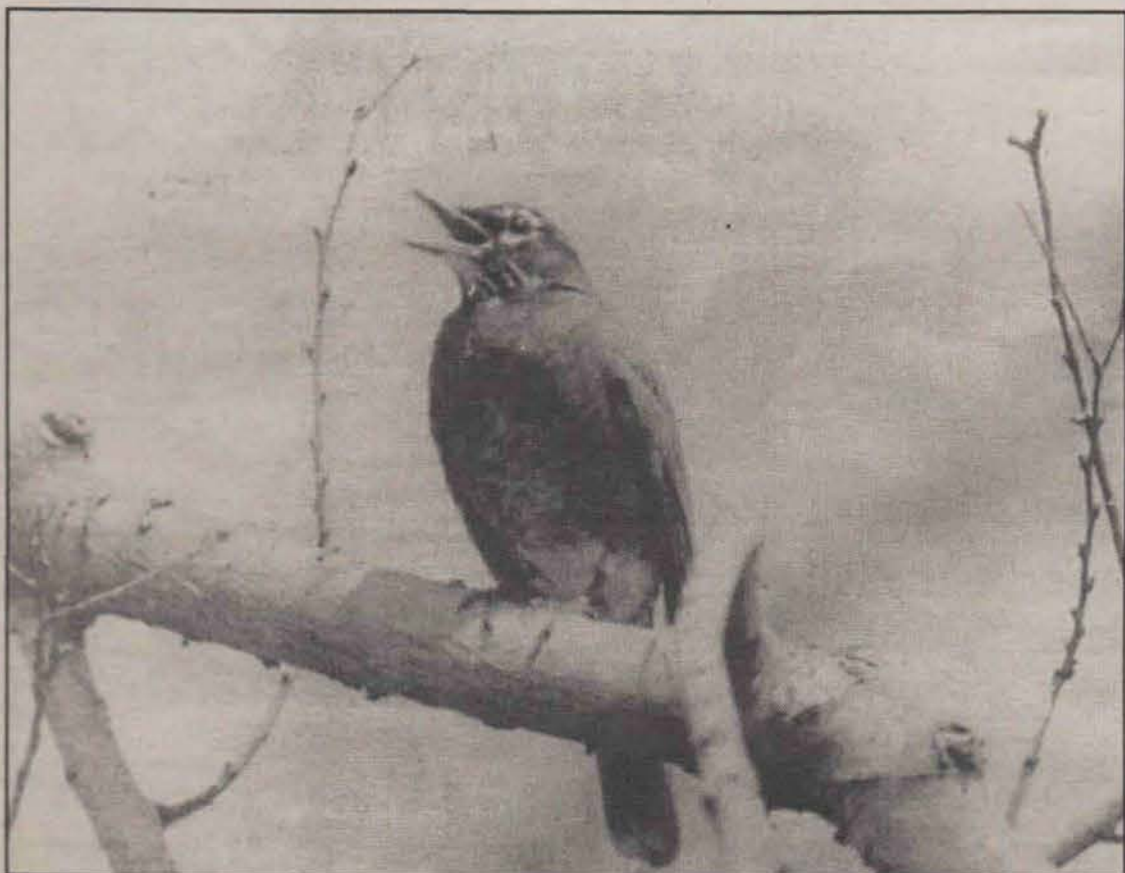


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FAMILIAR SIGHT: The American robin is probably the most widely known bird in North America, recognizable by its brick red chest and morning song. Photo by Jonathan Grant

Sound of the American robin is bob bobbing in the morning

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

What's the most widely known bird in North America? Let me give you a musical clue. Something like: "When the red red (fill in the blank) comes bob bob bobbing along." Of course, it's the American robin. Pretty well everyone can recognize a robin when they see one.

In fact, who hasn't seen a robin with its brick-red chest running over a lawn or meadow in search of earthworms? Suddenly the bird stops, cocks its head to one side, and stands absolutely still. Then wham! The robin strikes and pulls out a nice fat, wiggly worm.

It was widely believed for years that the cocking their head movement meant the robins were actually listening for the sound of worms in their burrows. Were you taught that? I was. But it's wrong. Robins catch worms by sight, and they also eat insects and fruit.

OUR BETTER NATURE

Robins have two, or sometimes three, broods each year. Again, we're all familiar with the colour of the eggs — robin's-egg blue.

When robins first build their nests in spring, they choose hidden, low evergreen sites where the mother and brood will be warm and protected from the cold. Later broods are incubated in nests high in deciduous trees, where they'll all be cool and protected from the heat.

Even the amount of mud used in the nest's insulating wall varies depending on the season. As many of us were raised in cold, drafty houses, it's sort of embarrassing to point out robins thought of insulating their homes before we did.

Visitors to this area say it must

be spring now because the robins are back. In parts of southern British Columbia and certainly in the Gulf Islands, however, many robins are residents and stay year-round. No round trip to the Baja or Mexican coast for them.

In the early light of the morning for the next six months or so, the first loud song you hear will be the robin's. Or perhaps the human version "bob bob bobbing" on your radio alarm. Either way, it's excellent advice. Cheer up, cheer up! Live, love, laugh and be happy.

Shamanism, ecology studied at workshop

A visiting psychotherapist is offering a process-oriented workshop on deep ecology and shamanism.

Steve Fenwick, who runs a private therapy practice in Portland, Oregon, will facilitate Working with the Dreaming Earth, April 19 to 21 at Beaver Point Hall.

Drawing on tools and theories from process-oriented psychology and deep ecology, the workshop will cover numerous topics, including identifying with the non-human and human worlds, Gaia theory and the global dreambody, vision-questing, earth spirits and shamanism, high and low dreams for the future of the planet.

A press release on the workshop

says the three-day event will "explore ways in which the earth can be a channel for psychological and spiritual growth and how we humans can be channels for the healing of the earth."

Fenwick has worked as a psychotherapist for 15 years in a variety of settings, including several First Nations communities. He is currently completing his doctorate and writing a book on eco-psychology, deep ecology, shamanism and process work.

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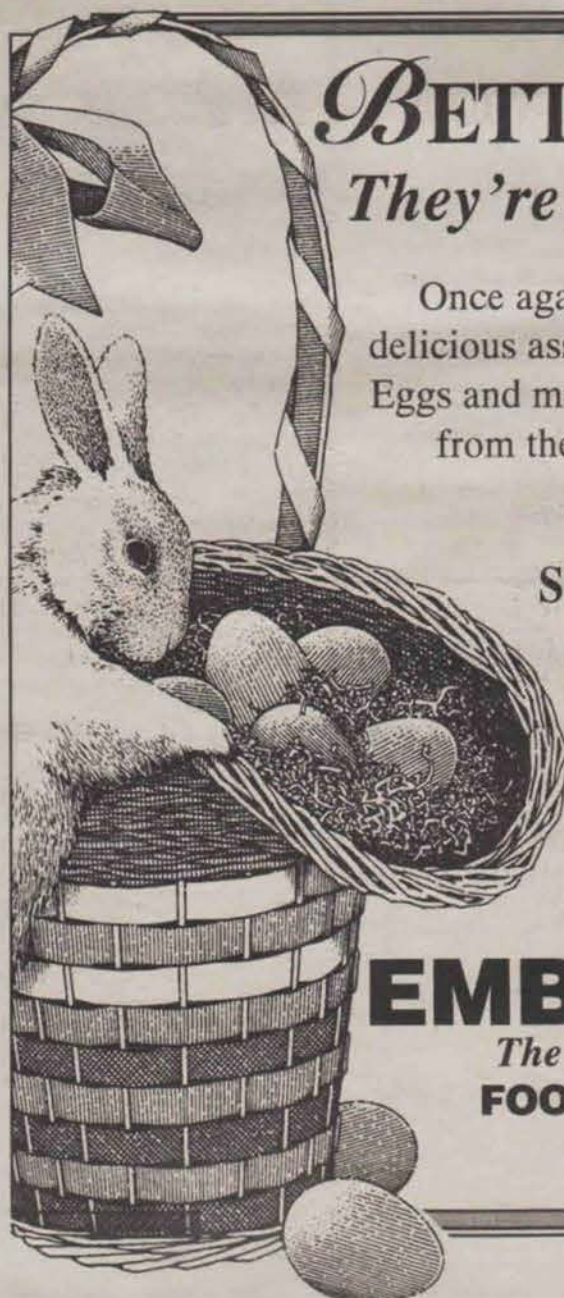
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Enjoying spring

Gulf Islands Secondary School students taking time out on a Centennial Park bench are, from left, Stacey Burke, Leticia Canales and Carmon Profitt.

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SIMS shows spirit, commitment

By ALISON VIDA
Driftwood Contributor

Many activities and events have been keeping students and staff busy up on the hill at SIMS these days.

In the gym, Bob McWhirter, Lindsay MacQueen, Monika Mayr, Kim Moffat, Elly Parker and Dick Stubbs coached four basketball teams to a successful completion of the season.

Grade 7 boys were awarded most sportsman-like team in their final tournament, while Grade 7 girls ran undefeated in their league. Grade 8 girls finished second at their tournament. Grade 8 boys played 26 players in their team rotation, showing the spirit and commitment we are beginning to associate with SIMS. With a tsunami as the school symbol, we anticipate this rising force to continue for some time.

• Two school bands, under the direction of Bruce Creswick, travelled off-island last month.

These players, all 60 of them, charmed the adjudicators at the Cowichan Music Festival, who commented appreciatively on their performance. This group of keen musicians is now planning to tour Salt Spring and Outer Islands schools. They have also been booked for two concerts in Parksville later this spring.

• For students whose primary

INSIDE SIMS

instrument is their voice, Shirley Bunyan is now offering choir training every Wednesday at noon. Many students have already signed up, and there is still room for more.

• The "wave" hit the ski slopes in February, when Jack Barclay organized three separate trips to Mount Washington. The tanned and tired kids reported great conditions and good fun. Their adult chaperones were complimentary about the positive tone and behaviour of the skiers and snowboarders.

• Second term report cards went home before spring break. There is still time for parents to contact teachers with any questions or concerns.

• Transition to Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) begins Wednesday, April 10, when Grade 8 students and interested parents are invited to the secondary school for an introductory talk and course selection information. For parents who cannot attend during the day, a later meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Notices will be coming home from school with more details.

An exciting feature of this process will be an opportunity for Grade 8s to buddy with senior students to discuss courses and proce-

dures at the high school. Later in the year, opportunity for more touring and day-shadowing at GISS will be offered to our students who are moving on.

• Upcoming on April 11 is a performance for all grades by Ache Brazil, a gymnastic and rhythm troupe with a world beat.

• Presentations to classes by members of the Lung Foundation and of the Victoria Family Violence Project are being planned. We will also be inviting the Canadian Red Cross.

• SIMS now boasts an up-to-date recycling system complete with a classroom collection system for dealing with six categories of recyclables. Waste reduction is a major part of the plan.

This has been made possible through the efforts of Martin Thorn, with financial and physical support from Peter Grant of the Salt Spring Recycling Depot and the Capital Regional District.

Thorn is heading a committee of teachers who are planning a "recycling Olympics" event to take place on Earth Day, April 22. This will be an afternoon of activities and exhibits to heighten awareness about taking care of our garbage and our earth.

Any community member who might have something to offer is welcome to call Thorn at the school — 537-1159.

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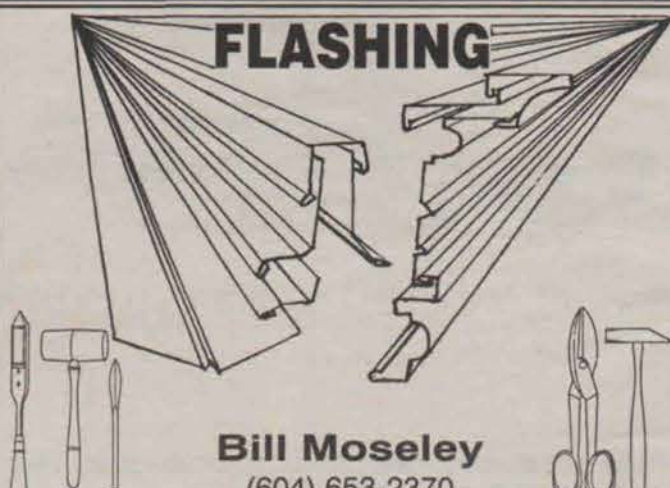
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Demonstration
Mike Shpeley pumps up the bellow to increase coal temperature so he can work a piece of iron into a creative lock latch. Shpeley was part of a blacksmith demonstration held in conjunction with a draft horse ploughing event at Ruckle Park Sunday.

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Orientation process started for Grade 8s

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

Next Wednesday the Grade 8 students from Salt Spring Island Middle School will be spending the morning at GISS.

From 9 to 11 a.m. these students will have a chance to learn about the courses available to them and to complete their course selections. If you are a parent of one of these students, ask to see your child's course selection sheet. Your signature is required on this sheet before we will schedule your child at GISS.

Parents are welcome to join the students during these times on Wednesday; but if you are unable to come at that time, we will have an information meeting during the evening in the Global Awareness area at 7 p.m.

John Bergsma and Bob Brownsword have planned this day to be the start of the orientation process for Grade 8 students. The students can expect to be involved in other events over the next few weeks to help them make a smooth transition from the middle school to the high school.

• On April 11 several GISS students are involved in the Skills Canada skills competition at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre.

Melissa Estable and Mike Campsall are representing us in the architectural computer-assisted design competition. Dave Larmour and Jeremy Miller are entered in the computer animation competition. Chef instructor Al Irving has Steve McColl, Dave Greig, Adrien Ho, Shawn Tanner, James Campbell and Steve Dyke representing GISS in the cooking competitions.

• The following day there is an open house at BCIT for all students and parents who wish to have a close look at the programs available there.

In order to participate in both of these events, the trip leaves from Long Harbour at 4 p.m. on April 10.

INSIDE GISS

Dave Betts is the person to talk to if you would like to go along (537-9944).

• Dwight Jones of Imagen Communications donated several boxes of used computer parts to the technology department at GISS. Senior students are now busily using these parts to build a specialized computer. They are learning a lot by building this special-use computer; and when they are finished it will free a regular computer for student use.

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Couple takes on island hotel

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

They loved it so much they bought the company.

"It's a pretty expensive way to get out of renting a room," observed new Hastings House owner Jerry Parks of Seattle.

In buying the waterfront hotel, Parks and his wife Bonny O'Connor were doing more than ensuring they had a place to stay on Salt Spring. They wanted to make sure the special ambience of the Relais & Chateaux Country House Hotel would continue to be enjoyed by many other guests.

"It's a very unique property that has been our home away from home for 10 years," Parks said. "We loved Hastings House. When it came up for sale, we decided to buy it."

The couple feared the property might be purchased as a private estate and be closed to guests, O'Connor explained. The award-winning hotel resembles an idealized English country estate, with lawns, gardens and Tudoresque architecture.

Every time she has come to Hastings House, O'Connor said she has felt pampered and able to relax. She sees the same in visitors who come from all over the world to unwind at the hotel.

Originally from Seattle, the couple enjoy boating and have been frequent visitors to Salt Spring. "That's how we ended up coming here — boating," Parks explained. He added that he has been coming to Salt Spring since 1957 when he was 13 years old.

Two years ago they purchased another property on Salt Spring which they hope to develop in the future. But now they're focussing their energy on Hastings House, which will see some changes for the coming season.

Twenty-two seats have been added to the restaurant, giving Salt Spring residents and visitors who are not staying at Hastings House a better chance of making a dinner reservation. Until the expansion, the number of available seats equalled exactly the number of guests who could be accommodated in the hotel's suites.

When the suites were full and all guests chose to eat in the Hastings House dining room, no outside reservations could be taken, Parks noted.

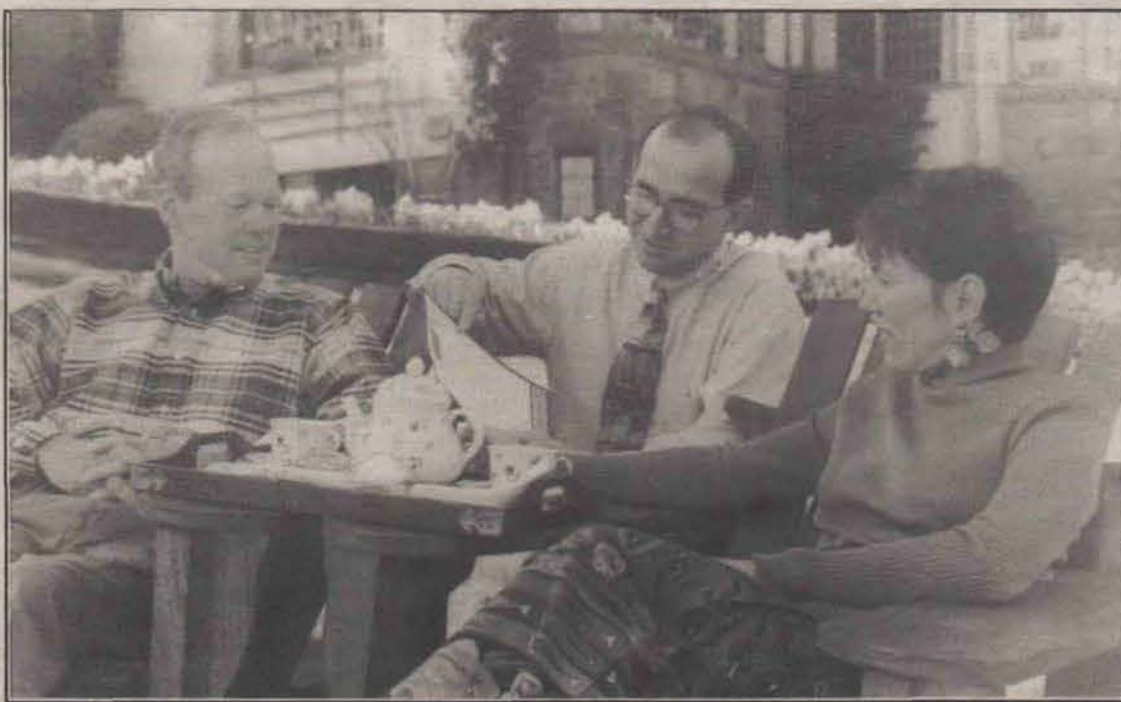
The expansion has added new options. In addition to the 28 seats in the dining area, four people can eat at a special nook in the kitchen where they can digest cooking tips from executive chef Marcel Kauer, as well as a meal.

"You can dine with the chef," Parks said. "This has become very popular already."

A short romantic tour down the stairs and through the wine cellar leads to the Snug, which can seat up to a dozen people in a more casual atmosphere than the formal dining room. Parks expects the Snug will also become popular for private parties, especially over the holiday season when Hastings House will remain open.

Both the Snug and the dining room are non-smoking but the lounge will have space for eight to 10 guests and smoking will be allowed.

O'Connor and Parks show off their staff with the same pride they display in the antique-laden rooms of the hotel. Manager Mark



COUNTRY TEA: Checking out the day's menu for Hastings House are, from left, owner Jerry Parks, manager Mark Gottaas and owner Bonny O'Connor. The menu changes daily to take advantage of local products.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

Gottaas, originally from Australia, and assistant manager Judith Hart oversee the complexity of details which give guests the pampered feeling reported by O'Connor.

Executive chef Kauer has been on Salt Spring for four years. He began his apprenticeship at the age of 14 in his native Switzerland. Twelve years ago he came to Vancouver.

"We make the menus here fresh every day," he said, explaining that the meals draw on what is available in the garden or from the ocean. Next fall he plans to create some continental dinners. Salt Spring lamb will continue to be one of the hotel's specialties and the one most often ordered by guests.

Some of the future lamb dinners are now frolicking in a field which is part of the hotel grounds, a situation which required a little diplomacy by Parks and O'Connor when their seven-year-old daughter Adrienne began naming them. "We explained they may not be there next year," O'Connor said.

Much of the produce and herbs used by the hotel are also raised on site.

Equally fresh are the unique breads created daily by pastry chef Christine MacDonald, who also conjures up desserts and tempting treats served with afternoon tea.

For the new owners, one treat was meeting the 95-year-old Warren Hastings, who originally had the house and outbuildings constructed. In creating the estate, Hastings demonstrated a passion for detail. He had stonemasons rebuild the manor house fireplace twice to ensure it was perfect and, following a Sussex custom, had an earthenware pot buried under the hearth to keep witches at bay.

"He was a delight, a great storyteller," O'Connor reported.

Parks himself is also a storyteller, drawing on three generations of experience in the Holiday-Parks Inc. sheet metal business started by his great-grandfather. "We used to send up sheet metal heaters to the gold rush in the 1890s," Parks said.

During the depression in the 1930s, his grandmother kept the sheet metal business afloat by operating a restaurant on the side. Parks also remembers his father telling him that his two best friends were bootleggers and revenue agents. The bootlegger would buy a still, the revenue agent would shoot holes in it and the bootlegger would have to buy another still.

Hastings House is the couple's first venture into the hospitality field. Aside from changes designed to make the hotel and restaurant more accessible, they plan to operate Hastings House the way it was when they fell in love with it.

"We've kept everything else in the same Hastings House style it has always been," Parks said.

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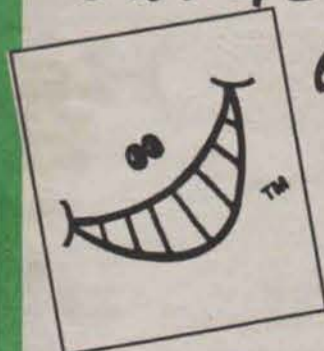
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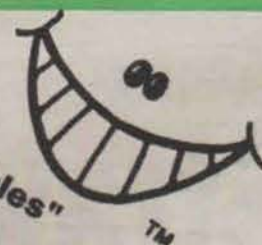
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500 g **1⁴⁸**

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450 g **3²⁹**

FLETCHER'S, FROZEN

Herb Poultry Stuffing

400 g **1⁶⁸**

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500 g **4⁴⁹**

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Prime Rib Roast

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4.37 kg **1⁹⁸**

BONELESS, FULLY COOKED

Whole Toupie Ham

3.95 kg **1⁷⁹**

CROMANCING THE CAMERA

ON THE OTHER SIDE: Island photographer Michael McPherson is usually behind the camera producing amazing portraits, scenics, art and stock photographs. Behind McPherson, to the right, is an example of his "art" photography — a photo shot through textured glass and mounted on canvas — which has the appearance of an abstract painting.

Photo by Susan Lundy

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

Photographer Michael McPherson's love affair with the camera is part of a romance with life.

Taking photographs, he says, "is a way to live more fully, more richly . . . it's an avenue to really see the bursting reality that is out there."

And that reality, bursting with colour, texture and pure majesty, is depicted by McPherson's work found in every available nook of his Beaver Point area home.

Hanging on the living room walls are examples of McPherson's art photography: quiet scenics shot through textured glass and mounted on canvas for an abstract painting-like appearance. Leaning at the base of one wall is a collection of framed portraits, staged scenes and a large silhouetted nude of a woman poised on a hilltop, hair alive in the wind — a photograph favoured by many at a recent erotic art show in Ganges.

A computer screen in McPherson's study offers a multimedia presentation of his stock photography, displaying, with a click of the mouse, photos under general titles such as lifestyles, scenics, portraits and industry. Many of these photos feature familiar island faces like actresses Susheela Meyers and Yvonne Adalian, who frequently model for McPherson, Derrick Lundy, John Herbert, and Howard Byron.

Turning to the closet, we find photo albums containing portraits of company CEOs, artists and children, plus some famous Canadian faces — including former prime minister Brian Mulroney — snapped at the weddings of the label-famous Labatts and McCains families, and the family of Yves Frontier, Canada's former ambassador to the United Nations.

McPherson says he is honoured to make a living from photography. But even a couple of million dollars in his pocket wouldn't change much in his life — he never plans to retire his camera.

McPherson's youthful flirtation with photography did not break into full-fledged romance right away. He became an avid amateur at age 17, aiming his camera at anything interesting, and both his grandfather and step-father were professional photographers.

But McPherson, camera in hand, toyed with other interests first, owning a restaurant at age



16, working in the food industry in Europe and then Vancouver, and studying literature and philosophy (after a stint in business administration and economics) at the University of Toronto.

Finally, the "always serious amateur" took some photography courses at Emily Carr College of Art and Design. He went to work in a "really uptight studio in Chicago" which specialized in highly traditional, black and white studio photography.

From Chicago, McPherson went to Toronto. Then, two years ago, he, his wife Helen and their two daughters moved to Salt

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Spring, where they have "more old friends than anywhere else."

Without his strong Toronto-based connections, he had to look around for another way to make a living. The highly-competitive world of stock photography, which catalogues photographs for purchase by companies, advertisers and textbook writers, fit his needs. McPherson is slowly orchestrating models and scenes, gathering a portfolio of images that reflect the "universal themes" solidly conveyed by stock photos.

"Stock photos are usually positive, they have blue sky, the kids are always well-groomed — life's a picnic," McPherson says, "But there is room in stock to change people's perceptions."

Finding "extraordinary talent"

and special settings on the island have been a bonus, he adds. Although he is the creator and director of an image — planning and researching it beforehand — he says that with the pieces in place, spontaneity and sometimes magic occur. In these moments, McPherson says, his life is enriched as he embraces the important element of interaction between photographer and subject.

"In a successful portrait the photographer sees another unique, incredible being and portrays that other person. Interaction has to be happening . . . the camera doesn't lie when it comes to spirit. The opportunity is there to do something new, and really be alive."

McPherson says his closet-full of camera equipment contains "everything from A to Z," but he uses as little as possible in an effort to mesh with his subject — "equipment can get in the way."

He typically uses a regular 35-millimetre camera, and always carries two back-ups. While piecing together his stock portfolio, keeping up with technology through the multimedia computer presentation of his work and doing the Salt Spring thing of dabbling in carpentry and yard-enhancing work, McPherson is still called off-island to shoot various events.

And no matter what he is photographing, he always hopes to create something new, something different.

"The whole thing is to get out of myself and away from the habit of doing the same old thing. Ideally, at its best, photography makes me a fuller person . . . otherwise I'm not growing, I'm just re-living. And living is to really be there at that moment," he says.

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MICHAEL
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Include a portrait of his daughters, a portrait of a man who rents masks, and a stock photograph of an iguana on a woman's back.





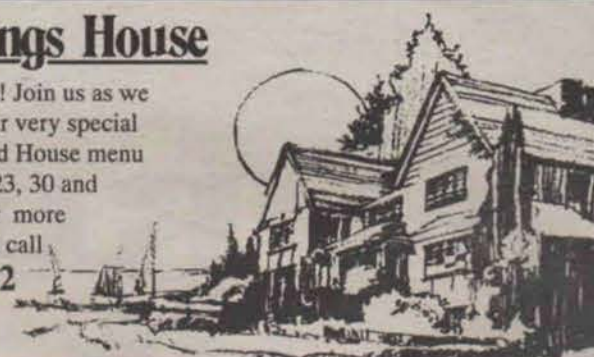
Painters feted

Longtime supporters of the Salt Spring Painters Guild were honoured at a special lunch last Wednesday. Olive Clayton, second from right, and Chris Pattinson, right, were presented with paintings by Helen Wiebe,

left, and guild president Bev Lillyman. The paintings were done by Wiebe. Clayton is the only remaining founding member of the guild, which was formed in 1972. Photo by Tony Richards

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ENTERTAINMENT

This week at the Cinema STARTS APRIL 5

Movies run April 5-9 (no movies Easter Sunday)

MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND: This muppet madness movie rates four stars from Vancouver movie critic Peter Birnie. "From start to finish," he writes, "the latest fun from the felt mob is a riot of colour, song and shtick. Muppet Treasure Island is only vaguely faithful to the Robert Louis Stevenson novel, but it may be described as a lot more fun. The late Jim Henson would be proud of the way his son — director Brian Henson — has loaded the screen with enough business to have young and old laughing together or at completely different things. Rated general with a warning of occasional violence. Fri., 7 p.m. Sat., Mon., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and Tues. 4 p.m. All seats for Muppet Treasure Island \$4.

BEAUTIFUL GIRLS: Described as "the best film about relationships since The Big Chill" and the "best date movie of the '90s," Beautiful Girls also gets four stars from Birnie. Says Birnie: "Date movies don't come with much more insight than Beautiful Girls, a charmer filled with sharp and funny truths about men, women, snowplows and supermodels." The script is witty and the cast wonderful. The title is an ironic reference to a reluctance on the part of men to offer commitment in a relationship, assuming that no matter how wonderful the woman in your life, there are sure to be more beautiful girls around the corner. Mature with some very coarse and suggestive language, occasional violence and nudity. Fri., 9 p.m., Sat., Mon., and Tues., 7 p.m.

Island Video Hits

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| 1. Braveheart(2) | 6. Country Life(-) |
| 2. Babe(1) | 7. Last of the Dog Men(-) |
| 3. Seven(-) | 8. King's Whore(-) |
| 4. Ace Ventura:When Nature | 9. Operation Dumbo Drop(3) |
| Calls(4) | 10. Assassins(7) |
| 5. Muriel's Wedding(5) | |

On Tap at the Pubs

- Moby's Pub:** ..Sunday Jazz with the Ray Newman Quartet, 7 p.m.Wednesday Night Live, 9 p.m.
Vesuvius Inn: .Triskele Band, 6 to 9 p.m. Easter SundayOpen Stage, April 11
Alfresco's:Barrington Perry on piano, Fri. and Sat.
Fulford Inn:Blues Night Thursday, Apr. 4Saturday night in the pub: Pincomb Fight, 9 p.m.

Community TV Schedule

- Thursday, April 4**
 5 p.m.,March 25 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting
 7 p.m.Isle of Views #8 — a new episode
- Sunday, April 7**Easter — no programming scheduled
- Tuesday, April 9, 11 a.m.**March 25 PRC meeting1 p.m. Isle of Views #8

Harmony, disharmony explored in upcoming ASTAR production

ASTAR is at it again. ASTAR is looking for theatrical talent between the ages of eight and 13 to participate in another theatrical production this spring.

After the success of two shows (Truth or Fantasy in December, 1995) and, just this past weekend, Mysterious Backgrounds, which was written and acted by seven young female actresses, artistic director Denise Bertrand is ready for another project.

"I would love to finish the 1995/96 theatre school year with another big production," she says.

The proposed play is called Mirror World, written by Bertrand and produced in Toronto in 1988. It will be re-mounted and parts of the script will be re-written using Salt Spring Island talent.

Mirror World is a place inside the earth into which three young explorers accidentally enter. While in this world the kids discover a community of unusual characters, which mirrors the disharmony of the children's community on earth. The three young explorers soon find out the only way

they can get back home is to help Mirror World become harmonious again. Themes explored throughout the play are harmony and disharmony, generosity and selfishness, good and evil.

"Kids should not feel threatened by auditions," says Bertrand. At the ASTAR theatre school for youth, auditions are a way to introduce interested students to the world of theatre. If children find there isn't a written part already suitable for them, they can create their own character within the framework of the play. This is why it is good for them to come out and at least hear what the play is about. It doesn't cost anything to audition and it is always a lot of fun.

In addition, instead of being an actor on stage they might want to explore being the stage manager, or lighting or sound technician. These are also parts of a theatre company that are needed to make a production run smoothly.

A video of Mirror World which was performed by students in Toronto, where Bertrand directed a theatre company for eight years, will

be shown to give the children an overview of the play. There will also be plenty of theatre warm-ups and games so the young actors can feel at home quickly in the theatre space.

After this, Bertrand and Yvonne Adalian (who will be co-directing) are confident the children will have a sense of the character in the script they would like to try out for. They will then have their audition.

Auditions take place on April 9 and 11 after school between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. at ASTAR, 3203 Grace Point Square. If parents are interested in having their children participate in this spring production they are encouraged to come to an open discussion about schedules, cost and commitment on Saturday at 11 a.m. This meeting will be less than one hour long.

"ASTAR is not only fun," says Bertrand, "it is a great way for kids to make new friends, gain self-confidence, enhance concentration skills and develop commitment with others through an intense but rewarding creative process."

For more details call Bertrand at 537-1067 or 653-9454.

Comedy event will raise funds for seniors

As a fundraiser for Seniors for Seniors, Salt Spring Readers' Theatre is presenting an Afternoon of Comedy on April 11 at 2 p.m.

The program, produced and directed by Olive Clayton, will

include Dancing With Helen of Troy, an original one-act play by Florence Cook Reid, and three short comedies.

Those taking part are Bob Burbidge, Harold Brochmann, Nancy Holcroft, Meriel Lee,

Patricia Lockie, Betty Maryon, Clair Nutting, June O'Brien, Florence Cook Reid and Murray Shoobraid.

Tea will be served following the entertainment. Visitors are welcome. Admission is \$3.



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Islanders exhibit gift crafts at show

Uniquely Salt Spring crafts received a warm reception at the Uniquely B.C. Creative Arts Show March 10 to 12 in Vancouver.

Among the first-time exhibitors in the trade show were Ping and Peter Drage of Best Impressions, Simon Rompre of Full Moon Jewelry, Steve Paterson of Steve Paterson Metalworking, Terry and Sharon Owen of Olde Tyme Kitchens, John Quinn and Kathleen Measures of Studio Interface and Renee Kreft, Lloyd Klassen and Helga Greuner of Turtle Crafts and Wolf Wichmann of Wolf Wichmann Designs.

The seven were among 210 applicants for 112 spaces in the show. All applicants were judged on the basis of design, workmanship and salability of their product and each was given information on how to improve their products and their marketing or promotion.

For those who made it into the show, it was three days of meeting potential retail buyers. Paula Mowat, assistant project coordinator for Impact Communications Ltd., said the show is sponsored by the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture as part of the larger Vancouver Gift Show.

An estimated 5,000 to 7,000 retail buyers attended the event and enough of those placed orders to delight the Salt Spring artisans.

"It was well worth going," said metalworker Paterson, adding that he made contacts from stores all over the province. "Everybody did quite well."

"We got quite a few orders," said Ping Drage. She and Peter make a variety of hand-crafted items, including inspirational display books.

"It got me going for this year," reported jeweler Rompre. He felt the show was well organized and offered a lot of information for craftspeople on handling wholesale orders. "It puts you into the marketplace. For a lot of local people doing crafts, it's a good thing."

Kreft felt unusual products gained the most attention from buyers at the show. Turtle Crafts' ceramic breakfast sets of matching bowls and mugs drew a lot of interest, she added.



METAL MAKER: Salt Spring artisan Steve Paterson shows off some of his crafted metal pieces, including a table, a vase and a candle holder, at the Saturday market. He was also one of seven local craft producers who participated in a recent gift show in Vancouver.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

The hoops and feathers of Wolf Wichmann's jewelry drew buyers' attention as well. "I got orders right to Manitoba," he said. He met buyers from B.C. to Manitoba plus some from the United States.

In three eight-hour days, Terry Owen estimated making contact with 50 or more prospective buyers from throughout B.C. and beyond.

For Quinn and Measures of Studio Interface, one of the highlights was the positive reaction to Quinn's unique pieces of sculptured slate.

Mowat said those participating in the show are encouraged to follow up on the contacts and exposure they receive. Another show will be held in September, she said.

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This Fulford Harbour swan adopts graceful pose as the photographer moves in close to capture its elegant lines. The swan is one of many which grace the area around Drummond Park. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Four island artists combine energy for Beaver Point show

Sculpture, painting, multimedia and assemblages by four artists will be seen at an Easter weekend exhibition at Beaver Point Hall.

Gordon Caruso, Jack Hamer, Paul Hart and Ian Thomas have collaborated to mount a show called Art which opens Friday night from 8 to 10 p.m. and continues through Monday.

Hart has been involved in Salt Spring's arts community, sculpting and raising his family here since 1976. He started sculpting in wood with an axe and hatchet at age 14.

He states, "I have a tremendous urge to take found organic materials and sculpt them into a balanced pleasing form. When I'm in the act of sculpting, all chaos ceases, even though the chaos may be reflected in the work. Here I achieve a temporary state of freedom from the bonds of earth."

Hamer moved to Salt Spring in 1994, continuing a lifelong career in art. He taught landscape painting at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario, and has had paintings in juried shows of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art, and the Ontario Society of Artists, along with members of the Group of Seven.

Hamer also has paintings in private collections in England, Canada and the United States.

He writes: "I need to see strength and energy in a work, and a mood that is evocative and at the same time has a sense of mystery

and ambiguity. A work of art does not have to be beautiful but for me painting must be a valid and meaningful experience, even perhaps a passionate one."

Thomas has been a teacher and practising artist throughout his life. His most recent exhibition was called The Barbarians, at the Richmond Art Gallery in 1994. It included prints, paintings, multimedia pieces and installations, with the images derived from museums, art galleries, zoos, malls, subways and other places seen on recent travels to Europe.

"I have a tremendous urge to take found organic materials and sculpt them into a balanced pleasing form."

"I love the act of making and shaping whether it be paint, on a surface or forms in space, or sound and gesture in performance. I believe I only have myself and my personal history, and that this must be the basis for my art," writes Thomas.

The Beaver Point show will exhibit a set of 12 drawings and a series of six multimedia pieces called Family Album which

Thomas has just completed.

Caruso has exhibited solo and in groups in major North American galleries, his work is in numerous private and corporate collections and he has taught at the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver School of Art and Vancouver Community College.

His recent work has explored assemblages.

Caruso states: "It is perfectly possible in my work to see, say, bridges, industrial sites, or to see sheep, if you want, or figures; but that's not the 'real' subject matter... The game is not what things 'look like.' The game is organizing as accurately and with as deep a discrimination as one can, states of feelings; and states of feeling, when generalizing, become questions of light, colour, weight, solidity, airiness, lyricism, sombreness, heaviness, strength, whatever..."

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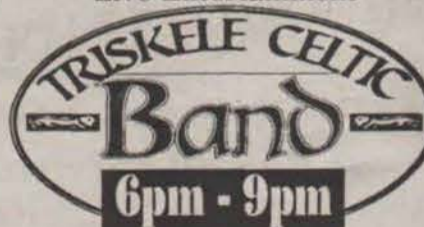
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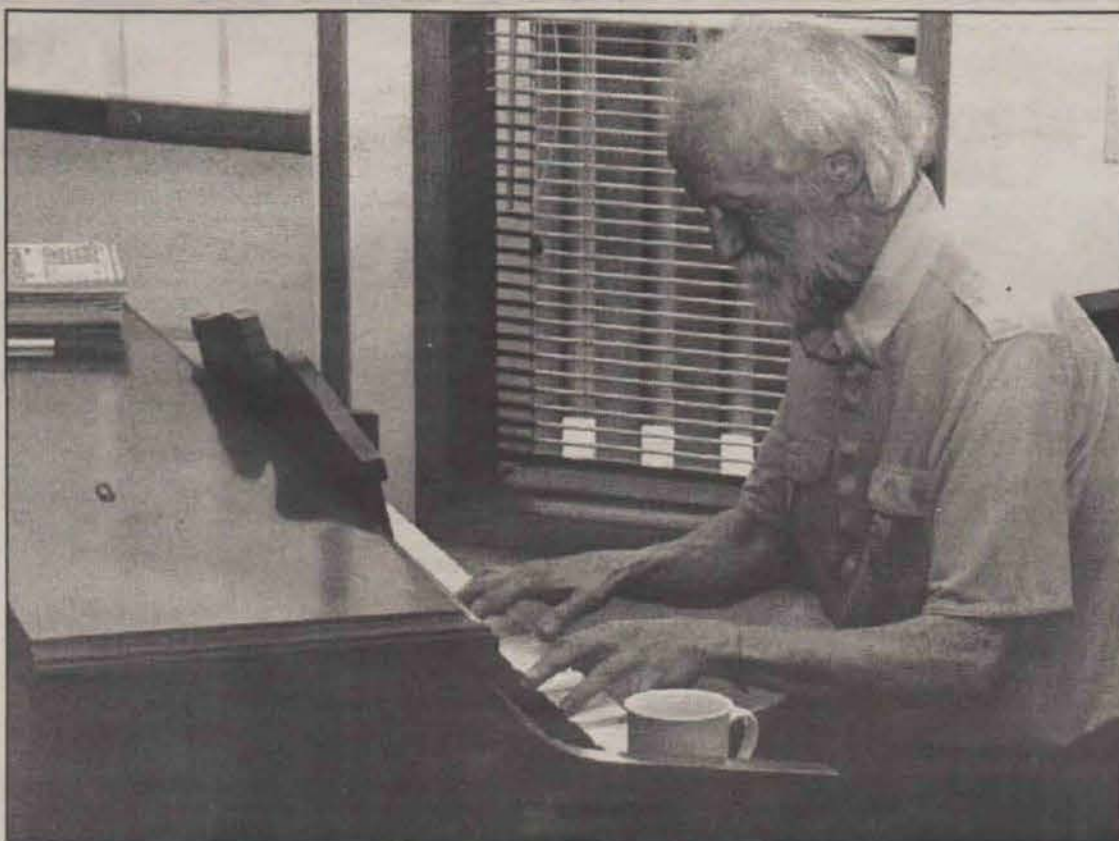
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Winning bonnet

Lillian Kelly's Easter bonnet won her the carry-all bag last Wednesday at the Salt Spring Seniors For Seniors celebration of spring. The event featured an Easter bonnet contest and music by Murray Shoolbraid, above, on piano.

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National team plays at Salt Spring

Prospective members of Canada's national under-20 youth soccer team play exhibition match last Wednesday against a backdrop of flags at Portlock

Park. More than 200 spectators lined the field as coach Bruce Twamley, of Salt Spring and Vancouver, put players to the test to determine

which players will represent Canada at an upcoming international tournament in the United States.

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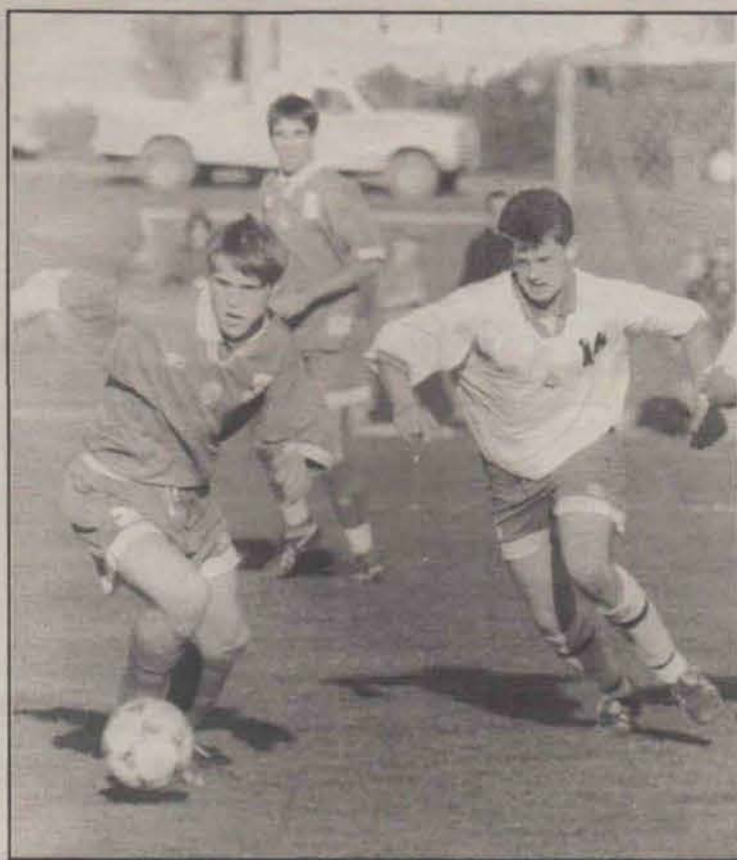
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Exhibition game

Salt Spring's Carl Ensminger, right, races for the ball during exhibition match last Wednesday at Portlock Park by the Canadian national under-20 soccer team. Ensminger was playing with the team as part of the work experience program at Gulf Islands Secondary School. The team split into two for the match, played in preparation for an upcoming international tournament.

Photo by Tony Richards

Hard-fought victory brings district cup

By RICHARD BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor
Salt Spring 1, Juan de Fuca 0.
The Salt Spring Under-19 boys soccer team won the B-level District Cup at Sooke on March 31 against Juan de Fuca.

Under the leadership of Terry Springer and Art Chesters, this team has steadily improved all season and a good all-round team performance resulted in a hard-fought 1-0 victory.

The Salt Spring team started full of confidence having had an excellent tournament at Gordon Head the previous weekend. Twice in the first few minutes they swept balls from the right side across the opponents' goal and nearly opened the scoring.

However, the Juan de Fuca defence played hard and the game settled down to a midfield struggle. With Chris Jason winning everything in the air, Salt Spring remained in control until one defensive slip and a hand ball by Erik Jorgensen gave a penalty away against the run of play. Fortunately for the local lads, Dan Bennett saved easily to keep the score even.

Dan Byrne on defence showed again that he is one of

the stars of the team, and his experience and determination kept Salt Spring in control. Ryan Smith moved forward intelligently from midfield and scrambled the ball over the line and the boys were deservedly 1-0 in the lead.

Juan de Fuca came out hard in the second half and it was a matter of the home defence absorbing the pressure and trying the fast counter-attack. Man-of-the-match Bennett pushed a well-taken free kick over the bar. Byrne made two decisive last-minute tackles and Bennett again saved the team with two remarkable saves in the last few minutes.

When the final whistle blew, the Salt Spring team was relieved to survive the hectic assault by Juan de Fuca but on the balance of play and strength of team effort fully deserved the victory.

Coach Stringer and his team members were delighted to be presented with the U19B District Cup.

Following the presentation, Ryan Smith was awarded player of the season, a due reward for his hard work and ability to make it fun for everyone.

GISS slashes visitors

By RICHARD BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor

Gulf Islands Secondary School junior boys soccer team had two good games last week.

The March 27 match was on the same day as the Under 20 Canadian team exhibition game, so drew a large crowd to the high school field.

Spurred on by the spectators, the home team tore apart a big but unskilled Duncan Christian squad. Tom Langdon turned the defence inside-out from the right wing, and the midfield trio of Amaury Greig, Liam Walsh and Santih Buchan controlled every aspect of the game.

The speed of Chris Urquhart on defence was crucial in snubbing out any threat from the opposition, and Jonathon McDonald was strong in goal. Mandu Goebel got his first hat-trick for the school team and, with Greig, Buchan, Mike McNair and Tom Berry making the score 7-0, everyone from the home team left to watch the Canadian stars in a good mood.

Unfortunately, the easy victory led to complacency the following day when the boys met Mount Prevost at Portlock Park. The game started slowly but warmed up when Steffan Bond took a corner to the far post and Goebel powered a header into the net for one of the best goals you could see at any level of play. This high was followed by the low of an own goal from a thoughtless back-pass by McNair, and a miskick by McDonald, which levelled the score at 1-1.

After half-time, Justin Smith showed the necessary control in midfield, and with Bond, Buchan and Greig in great form, the home side shortly took over. Smith hit a great first-time shot. Goebel scored a second and Walsh put the game away with a fourth goal near the end.

Top 3 teams one point apart in men's golf

First place was a toss-up at men's day at the Salt Spring Island golf course last week.

In a game of four ball best ball, the top three teams were a single point apart.

The team of Bob Marshall, Jack Godwin, Jim Wood and Bill Davies emerged the winner with a net 57. They were followed by Tom Cross, Gary Coulter, Reg Winstone and Nester Wilkie at net 58, and Ralph Quick, Dennis McMaster, Ray Underwood and Bob Jones with a net 59.

Jim Burford was KP winner.



Salt Spring Ice Park Society

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HISTORY

The Society was incorporated on February 8, 1995. The purpose of the society is to obtain land, and to fund and build an ice facility (including curling). The current executive consist of:

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| President | Ken Mackie |
| Vice-President | Brian Little |
| Secretary | Kim Anderson |
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Membership in the Society numbers in the hundreds to this date. The Society distributed an island-wide survey of a randomly selected representative cross-section of the community that demonstrated a 60% support of our project.

Salt Spring Ice Park Society was formed with the youth of our island in mind. It is for them that we are planning to build an indoor recreation facility. Many of our residents raised their children in other communities with full recreation facilities, and then retired to Salt Spring. It is natural that those people's need and desire for a facility is minimal. But for those of us with young families, the need for an indoor recreational facility for our kids is paramount. They need some activities to keep them occupied in positive activities, and it is incumbent upon us to provide a location for them.

ARTSPRING

Members of SIPS have recently decided to actively support the completion of ArtSpring. Donations of labour and machines from tradespeople in our group will speed the finishing of this on-going project. We invite all residents of Salt Spring to join us in this endeavour so that we as a community can then focus on the construction of an indoor recreation facility.

TASK FORCE

Members of SIPS participated in the task force struck by the Parks and Rec Commission in response to our organized effort to obtain land and funding for an ice facility on the island. The commission adopted a recommendation from their community recreation task force to acquire 5 acres in or near downtown Ganges for a future indoor recreation centre. The commission also accepted the recommendation to acquire an additional 5 acres to hold in reserve for future indoor recreation needs.

BC21 GRANT

The Society has applied for a grant from the BC Government. If successful, upwards of \$850,000 could be realized towards the construction of an ice facility. Letters of support are welcome from local organizations to validate this much-needed community initiative. Our business plan projects that we can build and operate the facility without the need for taxpayer subsidy.

ENCOURAGE LAND ACQUISITION

Members of the executive have met with representatives of Parks & Rec to promote the immediate acquisition of land called for in the motion passed unanimously at the February 5th meeting. We have encouraged them to seek early resolution of zoning and other matters in their proposed meeting with Islands Trust in early April.

SUPPORT FROM MEMBERSHIP

We are asking for the following support from our members, and from the community at large. We believe we represent a large number of citizens who are often quiet when it comes to speaking out on issues such as ours. We believe that there are a majority of islanders who want an indoor recreation facility now. Now is the time to speak up. The next month is critical.

Decisions are soon to be made involving the acquisition of land for recreation purposes. This is a one-time decision affecting Salt Spring for the next 25 years. Our elected and appointed officials now have before them a concrete proposal for a piece of privately-owned property centrally located near the high school to be acquired and dedicated for future indoor recreation.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, its administrator Tony Hume, CRD Director Dietrich Luth, Island Trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrews, and planner Linda Adams have a chance to give this community vision, leadership and responsible government. Please write and/or phone any or all of the above to voice your support for the acquisition of this land to be dedicated for future indoor recreation.

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Salt Spring Stars win district cup with victorious 5-2 season finale

By MALCOLM BOND
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Stars 5, Prospect Lake 2.

The Under-16A Salt Spring Stars boys soccer team ended the season with a convincing 5-2 win over Prospect Lake Deli at Sooke in the District Cup final.

This was a fitting end for a season that opened the eyes of many of the powerhouse teams of lower Vancouver Island who perceived our adventure into the top level as an over reach. Not so.

They not only won the district trophy but the boys came within two minutes of being in the provincials and two goalposts and a crossbar in another game from being league champions. They eventually finished second in the league, just one point out of first place. In addition, the team had the best goal differential average on the lower island.

In the final, the only two shots on Salt Spring's goal were from the penalty spot; a third penalty shot missed. The three calls resulted from a mix of frustration due to a rough field, a lot of hands-on play from the opponents and some spotty refereeing. Only

one of the penalty calls was legitimate and came when the game was already 4-1; one was marginal at best; and the third was an outright failure to interpret the rule that shoulder to shoulder contact is permitted when the ball is played and playable by the participants.

Salt Spring launched many attacks and only a rough field creating difficult shooting conditions kept the score down. Tom Berry with three goals, Steffan Bond and Santih Buchan rounded out the scoring.

Members of the team are Jonathon McDonald in goal; Shaun Carmichael, Colin Beamish, Jeremy Keating, Brian Kerr and Jamie Wilkinson primarily as defenders; Buchan, John Edwards, Dar Kinnear, Amaury Greig, Liam Walsh and Thomas Mckeachie generally as midfielders; and Berry, Bond and Mandu Goebel as forwards. Jim Spencer and Forrest Huth are available as team members when motorcross and canoe adventures respectively are not on.

The district trophy was presented after the game and then the team presented the Salt Spring

Youth Soccer most valuable player trophy. Six nominees were considered by the coaches. They were Greig, the powerful centre midfielder; Carmichael, who played as well as anyone in the league at fullback; McDonald, the consistent goalkeeper who started every game with full confidence of teammates; Bond, who led the team in goals and assists; Wilkinson, the league's best sweeper; and Goebel, who brought a high skill-rate, work-rate and lots of goals to the team. Goebel and Wilkinson were selected to co-share the trophy.

Much of the success of this team must be credited to the support of parents who as much as possible made it a policy to bring their boys to practice and games, rather than send them. The coaches, Malcolm Bond, Henri Goebel and, earlier in the season, Rae-Anne Huth, could never complain about parent commitment.

The team will close the season with a fun tournament at Cowichan. In the meantime, a number of the boys continue to play for the high school junior soccer and track teams and/or enter baseball play.

Slashers slam Nanaimo in 4-0 match and win under league division title

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Slashers 4, Nanaimo 0.

The Salt Spring Slashers finished off a very successful season of Under-16B girls soccer with an impressive 4-0 victory over an Under-17 Nanaimo side.

It was a season full of ups and downs but the Slashers for the most part rose to every challenge and by season's end looked capable of beating any team.

The Slashers' season opened with two losses. Being a new team this was to be expected, but they quickly turned things around and by the end of league play had won the under 16B division.

In cup play they faced two tremendous challenges. The first was in the B.C. Cup as they drew the top A squad and dropped a well-fought 3-1 decision, and in District Cup played the second-best A squad and lost 3-0 with a squad depleted through injury and sickness.

The weekend before last saw the local girls display their excellent skills in the Gordon Head Jamboree with two wins, one loss and a tie, something they hoped to improve on in last weekend's game against Nanaimo.

It did not take long as Stephanie Collette corralled a loose ball from a Joelle Morrison throw-in, slid around Nanaimo's defence and slipped the ball in. The game was only five minutes old.

Five minutes later, Molly Lynesford, our guest ex-Salt Spring player, intercepted a Nanaimo pass for goal number two.

Another five minutes went by and yes, the Slashers struck again, as Launi Legg pounced on a Collette corner kick and drove home goal number three.

The game was all but over as the Slashers defence contained the Nanaimo attack. Maia Vaillancourt, Hannah Smith, Amber Rockcliff, Robin Morris and Alanna Scott were not brilliant but always had good coverage when Nanaimo looked like getting a chance.

Even when they did get through,

goalies Aslan Sinclair, Kate McNair and Andi Nelson looked unbeatable and in the end earned their shut-out.

Collette did score once more as she finished off a fine passing play from Sinclair and Scott to put the tally at a final 4-0.

The final touch for the season was the awarding of the most valuable player award to Collette at the soccer awards presentation later that day. It is an award that not only recognized her valuable skills to the team but more so her leader-

ship, sportsmanship and the respect she shows to her opponents, coaches and the game of soccer.

This does not mean that her teammates did not contribute in their special way to create a super team that not only plays well but shows a great love for the game.

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Island youth acts as ball boy at prestigious tennis tourney

By **SANTIH BUCHAN**
Driftwood Contributor

I have just returned from the great experience of being a ball boy in Palm Springs at the third most prestigious professional tennis tournament in the United States.

Being so close to athletes I admire, watching them handle the intense pressure of world competition and being immersed in tennis excitement made this 10 days to remember.

Palm Springs is an oasis in the desert. Everything around Palm Springs is desert and suddenly it's all palm trees, golf courses and very fancy resorts.

The facility for this tournament was awesome. The stadium had 14,000 seats and was often filled with enthusiastic spectators. Ball

boys were given court-side seats when they were not working.

In total I acted as a ball boy for 20 matches.

Ball boying is a lot stricter than most people think. You have to hold up the balls in a certain way and you aren't supposed to talk to the players. You have to run across the court whenever the ball is hit into the net. It was at times so hot (41° C) that we were pulled off after one set to rest.

The amazing third set of the Andre Agassi-Michael Chang quarter-final on March 15 was the most exciting tennis I have ever seen live. Chang won in three sets, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1. It was during this match that Agassi handed me his sweaty towel and said, "Keep this towel at the back of the court for the whole match." It wasn't much but it is my

claim to fame!

Most of the players were pretty nice. They said "please" and "thank you" and were polite. Some of them were really snobbish and rude when the pressure was on. Chang was particularly nice and I gained a lot of respect for him.

During his semi-final against Marcelo Rios, Chang was down three games to four and Rios was serving at 40-30. A shot tipped Chang's racket and went out and the umpire did not see what happened. He gave the point to Chang, who refused to take it. With a cool \$320,000 US at stake I was impressed by Chang's sportsmanship.

I am very grateful to have had this opportunity, and have been invited to return next year.

Golf opens with sport, entertainment

By **MONA COULTER**
Driftwood Contributor

Opening day for the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club's ladies group combined sport and drama.

In the morning of March 26, the team of Jackie Vibe, Kathy Darling, Merle Schure and Jill Wheaton tied with the team of Connie Hardy, Jerry Alexander, Diana Kramer and Nancy McCullough for first place with net 32.5.

Entertainment followed a good lunch. The annual skit was written,

produced and directed by Alexander and Mildred Mitchell. Lead singers were Ruth Hopping, Ruth Grunau and Ruth Grant with pianist Shirley Bunyan. Narrator was Alice Fraser.

Those who created their own costumes, danced and recited were Hardy, Maxine Whorley, Marie Hopkins, Sandra English, Jean Cunningham, Maddy Cooper, Louise Fuoco, Ann Leigh-Spencer, Kathy Darling, Connie Hardy and Donna Martin.

The theme was "across country

tour of Canada," a small tribute to national unity. These funny and clever women will perform again on May 2 at our invitational tournament dinner. More than 100 ladies, mainly from Vancouver Island, are expected to attend.

Island archers compete in six-week league play

The Salt Spring Target Sports Club has just completed its first six-week round of archery league play.

Club members were divided into groups of seniors or adults, teens and sub-juniors.

In the sub-junior group, the high aggregate archer was Garrett Macdonnell with a score of 747 points. The most improved archer was Kip Squier. The sub-junior league winner was Devin Milner with Hali Larsen finishing second and Seth Byron in third place.


In the teen league, the high aggregate archer was Luke

Bradley-Richmond with 633 points. The most improved archer was Nathan Fraser. Fraser also took first place honours in the teen league, Denton Beaver earned second place and Adam Milner was third.

In the adult league, high aggregate archer was Barry Holmer with a score of 1,388 points. The most improved archer was Margaret Byron. League winner was Martin Milner, second place went to Jan Hilton and Stan Peters was third.

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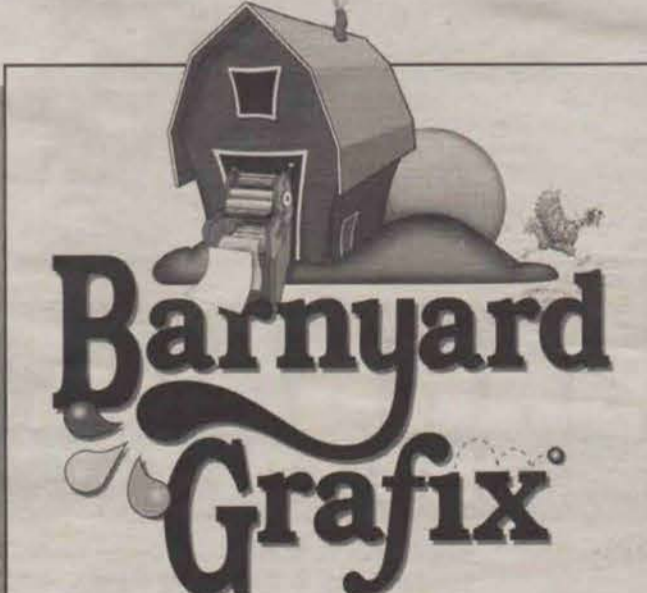
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Islanders gathered to celebrate local Legion's 30th anniversary

Thirty-five years ago

The Salt Spring post of the Canadian Legion celebrated its 30th anniversary with a dinner at Mahon Hall attended by 150 guests and Lieutenant-Governor George Pearkes as the guest of honour. During a review of Legion history, president John Sturdy noted 151 men volunteered for the armed forces from the 260 families on the island. The group was first founded on Salt Spring in 1931 and seven of the charter members were present for the anniversary dinner. The birthday cake was cut with a first world war bayonet.

Government cougar hunter Jimmy Dewar was on the island attempting to track down a cougar after Bob Akerman and his son Ted spotted cougar tracks in the Mount Bruce area. Two sets of tracks were discovered and at least 10 dead sheep and deer which could be attributed to a cougar had been found.

Thirty years ago

Flowers purchased in Victoria were confiscated by B.C. Ferries officials and destroyed because of a quarantine on the Central Saanich area. The quarantine was ordered by the federal Department of Agriculture due to discovery in the area of a plant disease known as Golden Nematode. Two island women purchased some camellias and roses in Victoria and attempted to bring them back to Salt Spring.

Salt Spring Lions won the District Inspirational Trophy Award over 78 other clubs in the district. The award recognized the club's general progress, good work performed and goodwill generated during the previous year. At the district meeting, Salt Spring Lions Club charter president Hart Bradley was elected zone chairman.

Twenty-five years ago

Trustees of North Salt Spring Waterworks District announced plans to augment the water supply from Maxwell Lake by drawing on St. Mary Lake, a move expected to save \$150,000 over the cost of new lines from Maxwell Lake. The supply of water from Maxwell Lake was falling behind demand, especially during the growing season. The waterworks district planned to build a new modern filtration plant to treat water from the lake. It was also applying for zoning of property around the lake to restrict development.

The grand president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Major-General George Pearkes, was the guest of honour at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Salt Spring Island Legion branch.

Twenty years ago

A new concept was introduced to B.C. by Salt Spring's subdivision bylaw, which allowed averaging of lot size. Under averaging, a property could be subdivided into lots of any size provided the total number of lots does not exceed that allowed under the zoning. For example, the owner of a 100-acre lot in a five-acre zone could subdivide their property into 20 five-acre lots or into one 81-acre lot and 19 one-acre lots. The 181 acres could not be subdivided again because the full

DOWN THE YEARS

allowance of 20 lots on the property would have been used. Both planners and legislators had originally suggested the averaging of lot sizes was not possible.

The committee for planning the community of Ganges was inviting public input into the future of the community through an open house at the Ganges fire hall from April 5 to 18. The open house was to include information displays and a questionnaire.

Fifteen years ago

Two Salt Spring men went directly to jail after pleading guilty to charges of breaking and entry into two Ganges businesses. Charges against the two were laid after a break-in the previous December at Ganges Western Drug Mart and in January at Windsor Plywood. The 19-year-old man received two concurrent one-year jail terms and two years' probation.

The second man, aged 21, was sentenced to two concurrent 18-month jail terms and two years of probation. Both men also faced further charges in Port Hardy, Parksville, Nanaimo, Salt Spring and possibly in Victoria.

Another Salt Spring man, aged 19, was fined \$500 and placed on probation for one year after pleading guilty to the Windsor Plywood break-in.

Residents of St. Mary Highlands and Malaview voted strongly in favour of having the Capital Region take over their

water distribution system. Of the 106 ballots cast, 103 were in favour of the CRD take-over. The system was originally constructed by the developers of the St. Mary subdivision and was later extended to Malaview.

Ten years ago

MacMillan-Bloedel's 5,000 acres on Salt Spring Island were back on the market after developer Murray Cyprus gave up his option to purchase. Cyprus said he hoped to negotiate a better deal on the property, on which he had proposed developing 180 to 200 lots. MacMillan-Bloedel land manager Gary Kadatz said anyone purchasing the property would possibly have to comply with a land-use option proposed by the Islands Trust. That option would transfer all of the densities possible for the 5,000 acres into one of the seven parcels and preserve the remaining land. Zoning on the property allowed development of 93 lots.

Five years ago

A proposal by Norman Twa for an on-island landfill was criticized by Salt Spring Capital Regional District (CRD) director Julia Atkins. Atkins said she was disappointed by the "complete lack of substance" in Twa's proposal. Twa said he would submit his proposal if he was assured of a fair hearing.

Local police had a new weapon to use against impaired drivers: the transistor radio-sized alcoholmeter which operated as a roadside screening device to identify impaired drivers. Based on the alcoholmeter reading, police could decide whether to administer a breathalyzer test.

HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high scores in bowling league action at Kings Lane Recreation last week.

RCMP league: Ken Sampson 212, Glenn Chow 206, Peter Andress 206.

Circus league: Sam Cochrane 264, Bobbi Ruckle 240, Brian Redford 263/614, Ken Barnes 204, Ron Cunningham 246.

Tuesday a.m. seniors: Isabelle Richardson 250, Catherine McFadyen 240, Helmut Losch 240, Bruce McFadyen 240.

Tuesday p.m. seniors: Gwen McClung 203, Bruce McFadyen 223, Conrad Flebbe 225, 203, Bill

Baker 294/636, Ken Robinson 289/600.

Special Olympics: Jimmy Beck 146, Gloria Dale 146, Majhor Bains 178, Brad Magnus 184.

Wednesday afternoon ladies: Sylvia Ryles 218, 200, Margaret Baker 217, 259, Deanna Marleau 208, Dee Kinney 239, Shirley Bunyan 221.

Legion league: Doug Wellington 204, Sharon Bywater 246, Sharon Sykes 231, 249/666, Ron Cunningham 205, Ron Stepaniuk 228, Shannon Boehmer 209.

Friday p.m. seniors: Bill Baker 226, Madalene Jory 216, Gene Graham 217, Deke Noonan 210, Catherine McFadyen 247, Dave McRoberts 203, Margaret Baker 207/218, Nell Herbert 215, Ken Robinson 205.

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6 DEATHS

SHANK, MARY Roberts passed away on March 29, 1996, a few hours before her 85th birthday. She was admitted to the Lady Minto Hospital on August 18, 1984, with a fractured leg and Alzheimers, where she remained as a patient until her death. She is survived by her husband, I.C. Shank, and relatives living in Canada and England. Cremation - no services. Flowers gratefully declined. "Please do not weep for me; I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glint on the snow, I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush, Of quiet birds in circled light, I am the soft stars that shine at night, I am not there, I did not die." Anon.

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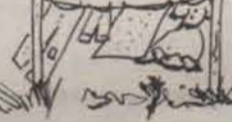
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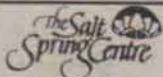
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The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club will be held in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at 8:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is posted on the notice board in the clubhouse.

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Mahon Hall needs significant work—report

Huff and a puff could blow the hall down, says study

Mahon Hall could last another 50 years — or it could be gone overnight in a fire or tumbled off its foundation by a small quake or a strong wind.

Those were some of the scenarios envisioned by Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members March 25 during debate on the future of the hall, which is owned by the school district and administered by the PRC.

Administrator Tony Hume reported receiving a preliminary report on the condition of the 92-year-old hall. The report indicates the hall requires a significant amount of work to bring it up to current standards.

The structure is good, the report noted, although the hall is not bolted to its foundation. "Theoretically, a strong wind could blow it away," Hume said. Much of the hall is sitting directly on dirt, he noted.

The plumbing is adequate but could be improved with more washrooms and the addition of a handicapped washroom.

The two most serious problems are the electrical wiring and the amount of goods stored under the hall and in every available corner.

Commission member Lawrie Neish, who has put many hours into the hall on behalf of the Community Arts Council (CAC), said one of his recurring fears is to learn one morning that the hall had burned down overnight.

Hume said the preliminary report recommended installing drywall in the storage areas and closing in the space under the hall or installing a sprinkler system to protect the building.

The kitchen needs upgrading as well, he added.

Neish noted that food preparation in the hall has not been permitted for years. When food is served at events, it is prepared elsewhere and brought to the hall.

"People seem to have adapted pretty well to that situation," regional director Dietrich Luth observed. He argued against asking taxpayers to put money into fixing up the hall.

Neish pointed out the hall has been maintained without support from taxpayers. He and a friend had recently fixed the floor in the men's washroom.

Given that the hall can hold up to 120 people if alcohol is being served and 180 if no alcohol is served, Neish noted it should be equipped

with more washrooms. The recommended number would be five for women and two plus two urinals for men. The current two washrooms are not enough and the situation has led in the past to impromptu use of bushes outside the hall, Neish reported.

Luth argued against asking taxpayers to put money into an upgrade of the hall. "This business of adding new washrooms is not required," he said.

No PRC members suggested tax dollars be used to upgrade the hall, but until hall ownership is settled, it will be difficult to determine who should take responsibility for repairs.

Hume said he had asked the school board to meet with the PRC

to discuss the hall but was told no decision could be made until the future of the school district and the amalgamation issue is resolved. Meanwhile, commission member Paul Marcano asked if the hall could be used for youth dances, given that there are few places such dances can be held. "There's lots of new bands on the island and they need venues."

The PRC had banned dances in the hall because of hall capacity and problems with the plumbing and electrical systems.

Neish said he was concerned about the strain a band could put on the hall's electrical system, to which Marcano said new technology limited the amount of electricity used by electronic instruments and speakers.

Marcano, Neish and Luth agreed to form a committee to look into the issue of hall use.

Luth questions validity of sale of hall to school district in 1943

Validity of the 1943 sale of Mahon Hall to the school district for \$1 was one of the questions raised in a March 25 discussion on the hall's future.

Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth talked about the sale at the last Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) public meeting.

Luth argued the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute decision giving Mahon Hall to the Gulf Islands School District may have been invalid for two reasons. The first is that the Mahon and Scott families deeded the hall and land for agricultural purposes, not for education.

The second is that the transfer took place when many institute members were away fighting in World War II so the decision may

not have had the support of all members.

"It was an owner of record and may still be an owner of record," Luth said.

But farmers' institute president Chris Schmah said the institute is not challenging the transfer of the hall to the school district. "We have never, ever said anything about past history, aside from the fact it once was a farmers' institute possession."

Schmah said the institute has sent a letter to the school district asking to be included in any discussion about the future of the hall. The institute is one of the groups concerned that the hall

not be lost to the community if the Gulf Islands School District is amalgamated with other districts later this year.

Schmah said the institute wants to ensure the hall remains in community use and described the group's letter to the school board as "very benign."

"Our organization put that facility there and it's for the community's benefit," he added.

The Ganges Residents' Association has also commented on the future of the hall. Association member Herb Burnett sent a letter to the PRC asking the commission to support transfer of

the hall to the farmers' institute.

Burnett also asked the PRC to join with other groups and individuals to form a hall committee which could operate and maintain the hall for community use.

Commission member Lawrie Neish said there had been a committee established to look after the hall. It included three members of the PRC and three members of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council but died out due to lack of interest. Its paperwork still exists, however, and could be the basis for another hall committee, he said.

PRC chairwoman Kellie Booth,

who is also a school trustee, said she didn't believe the hall issue could be resolved until the possible amalgamation of the Gulf Islands School District with Vancouver Island school districts is determined.

PRC member Bill Curtin moved the commission support in principle the transfer of ownership of Mahon Hall to a non-profit community organization.

Luth and PRC member Peter Calderhead suggested the motion should support transfer of the hall to the farmers' institute.

"I think it's immaterial who has the title as long as it is back in the community," Neish said.

The motion was passed despite opposing votes from Luth, Calderhead and PRC member Paul Marcano.

Hospital groups need volunteer help

Lady Minto Hospital is seeking volunteers for two of its supporting groups.

The March 26 hospital board meeting heard that both the Hospital Foundation and the community relations committee need volunteers for various tasks relating to fundraising and community activities. Anyone wishing to donate their time, on a one-time or ongoing basis, is invited to contact the hospital's administration office.

A list of specific activities and needs will be available through the office. Coming events include the Sea Capers pancake breakfast in

June and the Tash Hewitson Annual Golf Tournament in July.

The following items were also reported at the board meeting:

- The patient activity report noted a 70 per cent occupancy rate in the acute care unit (including respite patients) during February. This compares with 65.2 per cent for the same period in 1995.

The average length of stay in

February was six days compared with 4.5 days last year. Patient days were recorded as 369 compared with 248 last year.

Day care surgical cases for February were 18 compared with 20 last year; in-patient cases were 12 compared to 10 for last year.

- The Hospital Day annual open house will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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Creative lighthouse keeper will stay for summer

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

Richard Nicholson, lighthouse keeper at Porlier Pass, is still on duty there despite preparations for automation which have been ongoing during the last two months.

Nicholson has now been told he and his family will likely be on duty at Porlier Pass until the end of the summer season. Work on the station's automation continues, with the Coast Guard workers recently completing installation of the equipment shed and the fog horn at Race Point.

Nicholson has an artistic bent. From materials found along the beaches he creates driftwood "villages," fascinating combinations of wood, shells, dried seaweed and other found objects. All are fitted, stacked and glued to represent triple story "apartments", each with walkways, ramps, arches, porches and roofs. Windows and doors, of which there are many, are hand painted to size on veneer, then cut out and glued in appropriate places.

Over the last year Nicholson has completed a dozen of his villages — all different. He submitted them to a wholesale trade show held in early March at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, one of about 225 to do so. His work was one of the 150 accepted for the show. The exposure paid off, he made several sales, got some orders and was given a plaque for "the most imaginative entry to this year's show."

Another result of his show visit was a request from a Japanese wholesaler for him to create a smaller version of his villages, one more suitable for the Japanese market where display space in a typical home is so much less.

So it's back to work for our creative light keeper who has something to do during those quiet hours when the weather is good and traffic light in the pass. Incidentally, the eldest of the Nicholson children, Carlin, inspired by her father's creations, has completed a small village as well.

Trust meeting

Galiano Islands Trust members met in the North Hall last week for a regularly scheduled committee meeting.

Chairman was David Essig of Thetis Island. Gary Richardson, assistant Trust planner, was there as well. Progress reports on a number of ongoing studies were given at the meeting.

Park land on Little Parker Island, created at the time of subdivision some years ago but not yet accepted for development by B.C. Parks, was a concern of member Diane Cragg. A letter will be sent to the parks branch querying its delay in accepting the land.

A report on the meeting held early in March on the summer parking problem on Porlier Pass Drive near the Spanish Hills Store was made by member Elizabeth Boshier.

"It's a problem which is only going to get worse as Reid and Valdes Islands develop," commented chairman Essig.

The two islands are part of the Thetis Trust area, so he is aware of development there. The Trust members voted to have the Galiano transportation and advisory roads committee further discuss the problem.

Anonymous complaints about bylaw infractions sent to Trust members were discussed. Household members present at the meeting expressed dismay that unsigned letters were noted and given credence. One Galiano trustee seemed to agree with the householders, the other was more amenable to noting the allegations in the letters and researching them. The Trust Council generally, it seems, favours the latter policy.

Galiano Lodge reopens
The Galiano Lodge, closed since

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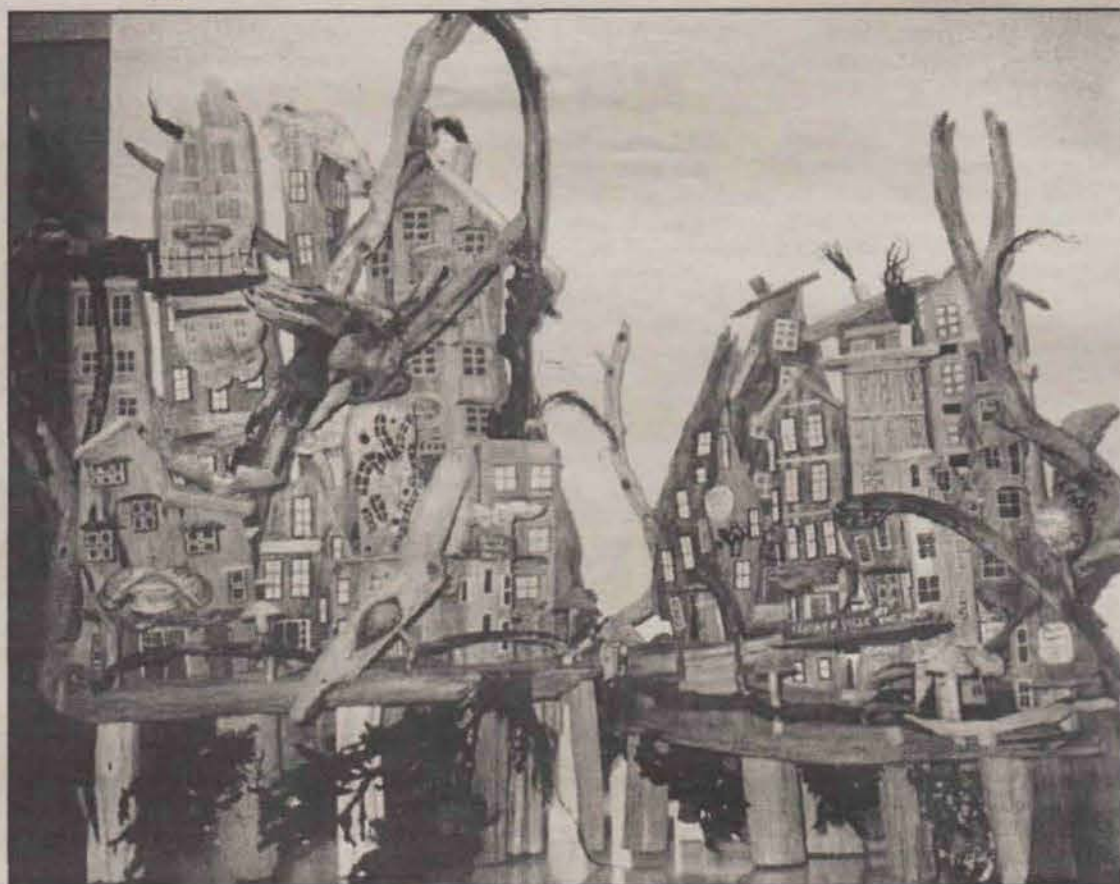
last fall, will re-open on Easter weekend. Berg Schultz, former manager of the Hummingbird Inn, has taken over management of the Sturdies Bay hostelry and engaged local people to assist him. Schultz hopes to offer services suited to local needs and pocketbooks and in this way keep the lodge open year-round.

Sale of modern antiques

At the North Galiano Community Hall on Saturday, the volunteer fire department will hold its annual fundraiser, the Sale of Modern Antiques.

The event starts at 11 a.m. with an auction of household treasures, followed an hour or so later by an indoor sale of smaller items. Chicken and tofu dogs will be barbecued on the grounds; coffee and cookies will be available later in the hall.

The Sale of Modern Antiques is always a fun event, a time for neighbour to meet neighbour and for weekenders here to start a new season by acquainting themselves with all that's happened on the island since last fall.



ARTISTIC OUTLET: Galiano lighthouse keeper Richard Nicholson creates fascinating "villages" from materials such as wood, shells and dried seaweed found on the beach.

Monday-Friday Mornings

Vesuvius Ferry Terminal	8:30 AM
Central Hall	8:34 AM
Lang Rd.	8:38 AM
Fernwood Store	8:42 AM
Maliview Drive	8:44 AM
Central Hall	8:50 AM
Brinkworthy Gate	8:53 AM
Ganges @ Petrocan	8:56 AM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	9:00 AM
Arrives Fulford Ferry	9:20 AM
Leaves Fulford Ferry	9:25 AM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	9:45 AM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	9:50 AM
Central Hall	9:54 AM
Arrives Vesuvius Ferry	9:58 AM
Leaves Vesuvius Ferry	10:00 AM
Central Hall	10:04 AM
Lang Road	10:08 AM
Fernwood Store	10:12 AM
Maliview Drive	10:14 AM
Central Hall	10:20 AM
Brinkworthy Gate	10:23 AM
Ganges @ Petrocan	10:26 AM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	10:30 AM
Arrives Fulford Ferry	10:50 AM
Leaves Fulford Ferry	10:55 AM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	11:15 AM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	11:20 AM
Central Hall	11:24 AM
Arrives Vesuvius Ferry	11:28 AM
Leaves Vesuvius Ferry	11:30 AM
Central Hall	11:34 AM
Lang Rd.	11:38 AM
Fernwood Store	11:42 AM
Maliview Drive	11:44 AM
Central Hall	11:50 AM
Brinkworthy Gate	11:53 AM
Ganges @ Petrocan	11:56 AM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	12:00 PM
Arrives Fulford Ferry	12:20 PM
Leaves Fulford Ferry	12:25 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	12:45 PM

Sat., Sun. & Holiday Mon. Mornings

Leaves Vesuvius Ferry	10:00 AM
Central Hall	10:04 AM
Lang Rd.	10:08 AM
Fernwood Store	10:12 AM
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Leaves Fulford Ferry	12:25 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	12:45 PM



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April 1 - mid-June

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Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	3:50 PM
Central Hall	3:54 PM
Arrives Vesuvius Ferry	3:58 PM
Leaves Vesuvius Ferry	4:00 PM
Central Hall	4:04 PM
Lang Rd.	4:08 PM
Fernwood Store	4:12 PM
Maliview Drive	4:14 PM
Central Hall	4:20 PM
Brinkworthy Gate	4:23 PM
Ganges @ Petrocan	4:26 PM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	4:45 PM
Arrives Fulford Ferry	5:05 PM
Leaves Fulford Ferry	5:10 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	5:30 PM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	5:32 PM
Central Hall	5:36 PM
Lang Rd.	5:40 PM
Fernwood Store	5:44 PM
Maliview Drive	5:46 PM
Central Hall	5:52 PM
Arrives Vesuvius Ferry	5:56 PM

Monday-Thursday Mid-Day

Leaves Long Harbour	1:10 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	1:30 PM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	2:15 PM
Cusheon Lake Rd.	2:19 PM
Cusheon Lake & Stewart Rd.	2:25 PM
Stewart Rd. & Beaver Pt. Rd.	2:29 PM
Arrives Ruckle Park	2:41 PM
Leaves Ruckle Park	2:50 PM
Arrives Fulford Village	3:05 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	3:30 PM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	3:30 PM
Arrives Long Harbour	3:45 PM

Friday Mid-Day

Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	1:15 PM
Cusheon Lake Rd.	1:19 PM
Cusheon Lake & Stewart Rd.	1:25 PM
Stewart Rd. & Beaver Pt. Rd.	1:29 PM
Arrives Ruckle Park	1:41 PM
Leaves Ruckle Park	1:50 PM
Arrives Fulford Ferry	2:05 PM
Leaves Fulford Ferry	2:10 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	2:30 PM
Leaves Long Harbour	2:50 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	3:10 PM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	3:30 PM
Arrives Long Harbour	3:45 PM

Saturday Mid-Day

Leaves Long Harbour	1:40 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	2:00 PM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	2:15 PM
Cusheon Lake Rd.	2:19 PM
Cusheon Lake & Stewart Rd.	2:25 PM
Stewart Rd. & Beaver Pt. Rd.	2:29 PM
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Leaves Ruckle Park	2:50 PM
Arrives Fulford Village	3:05 PM
Arrives Ganges @ Petrocan	3:30 PM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	3:30 PM
Arrives Long Harbour	3:45 PM

Sunday Mid-Day

Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	2:00 PM
Cusheon Lake Rd.	2:04 PM
Cusheon Lake & Stewart Rd.	2:10 PM
Stewart Rd. & Beaver Pt. Rd.	2:14 PM
Arrives Ruckle Park	2:26 PM
Leaves Ruckle Park	2:35 PM
Arrives Fulford Village	2:50 PM
Leaves Ganges @ Petrocan	3:15 PM
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Saturna festival will support island arts

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The first annual Saturna Arts Festival has been scheduled for May 4.

This event has been organized by the newly formed Saturna Arts and Concerts Society, set up to help fund the Overture Concert Series, other performing artists and the arts in general on Saturna.

The Arts Festival, subtitled When Saturnaites Sing, Speak, Play, Scribble and Bark, is an exhibition of local talent assembled to offer encouragement to local artists. Some of the musical performers will be Gord Hutchings, Marisa Ortho-Pallavicini, Harvey Janszen, Flo House, Nancy Angermeyer, Oz and Tabitha Foulkes and John Wiznuk. Stephen Hume, Susan Mayse, Hank Schackty and other local writers will read some of their own work.

The Arts Festival will also have a visual arts component. Jane Dixon-Warren is planning the art show and gathering samples of work from local artists for a display. Kate Maguire is organizing animal performers featuring Buster the Wonder Dog, Flossie and Kyla (with wings).

Limited space is available for other performers and artists. This show is designed to include as

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much island talent as possible. Local artists are invited to contact Angermeyer, Dixon-Warren or Maguire in order to participate in the festival.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. at the Community Hall. Tickets are \$7 for adults. Student tickets are \$1 and children under 12 are free. Come on out and support Saturna arts.

The Piano duo of James Anagnoson and Leslie Kinton are coming to Saturna April 23 at 8 p.m. with their two grand pianos. This first-class performance is one example of the cultural wealth brought to the island by the Overture Concert Series.

The duo's performances have been described as seamless, moving and mysterious. Their teamwork is impeccable, two playing as if one. This is the last performance of the season for series tickets holders. Those without tickets are invited to attend. Single admission tickets will be available at the door or contact Nancy Angermeyer to reserve space in advance.

Although many islanders have invested in tickets, the cost of the series has been heavily subsidized

by Overture Concerts. The island needs to become more self-sufficient in order to continue being part of this series. Supporters are encouraged to renew their subscription for the coming year and to support local fundraising efforts such as the Saturna Arts Festival in order to see this opportunity continue.

The fires were burning brightly at St. Christopher's Church Saturday as the adult congregation and the Sunday School children joined forces for a spring clean-up in preparation for the Easter Vigil this week.

The grounds were raked and preened to a park-like finish. Windfall was burned in a huge pile and following the work the whole crew joined in roasting hot dogs and marshmallows.

Everyone is invited to attend the special family-oriented service Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. following the bake sale. Bring bells and help celebrate the resurrection.

Saturday will be a busy day on the island. Although customer appreciation day at the Narvaez Bay Trading Company has been cancelled, many other activities are planned.

The bake sale at the Community Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. is an island institution. Plan on arriving early in order to bring home some dessert for

Easter dinner. Stay and enjoy the cake walk and tea in the fireplace room.

Then the Easter Vigil begins at 4 p.m. at St. Christopher's Church. Everyone is welcome.

The Lions Crab Fest begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. and dancing begins at 9 o'clock. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at both stores. Space is limited so get your tickets early in order to avoid disappointment.

The Community Club will hold its annual general meeting Monday, April 15, beginning at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fire department and ambulance crews will be offered a First Responder's (first aid) course during April. This training will equip volunteers to respond to 911 medical emergencies on the island.

Dr. Janice Mason will be working with Canada's national rowing team as both a doctor and massage therapist. To do this she will be away from the island for periods of April, May and July. As a result, the clinic schedule has been changed during these times.

For scheduling details call Dr. Mason at 539-3421. For medical help while Dr. Mason is off-island call Laura Paul, R.N. (539-9945) or the doctor on call at Lady Minto Hospital (539-2026) or 911 for the ambulance.



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