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## B.C. Ferries may slam-dunk closure of Long Harbour

By VALORIE LENNOX  
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Proposals by B.C. Ferries to eliminate or reduce the Long Harbour to Tsawwassen service (route nine) in favour of expanded service from Fulford to Swartz Bay were back before the Southern Gulf Islands Strategic Plan advisory committee yesterday.

Despite a chilly reception from committee members when the cancellation of route nine was first proposed last fall, the option was again included with the package sent to committee members before yesterday's meeting.

"Basically, it got slam-dunked, I think," said Salt Spring committee member Kathy Scarfo Thursday, recalling the reaction of the committee to any elimination of the inter-island route nine.

The B.C. Ferries' options were included in the pre-meeting pack-

age but were printed on green paper to differentiate them from the ideas proposed by the advisory committee. An overview of the ferry corporation proposals was also outlined to B.C. Ferries' employees on Salt Spring Wednesday.

B.C. Ferries' proposals are dramatically different compared to the present Gulf Islands service.

The three proposed options are:

- The Long Harbour route is closed but Salt Spring is still served by route six to Crofton and an amended route four, which includes an expansion of Fulford Harbour to two berths, is served by two ferries and links Otter Bay on Pender with Fulford and Swartz Bay. Route five connects Village Bay on Mayne, Sturdies Bay on Galiano and Lyall Harbour on Saturna, using two ferries. All

OPTIONS A6

## Photo radar coming to island say RCMP

Island drivers may want to lessen their pressure on the gas pedal after local RCMP establish photo radar on Salt Spring.

Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan said he has decided to utilize the photo radar technology here, but because the program is still in its infancy, violators will only be issued warnings — for now.

"This will give us a true picture of our traffic patterns," Bunyan said Tuesday.

The mobile camera will be brought to the island in the next few weeks.

Bunyan said there are several

areas where speed is a concern on Salt Spring. Among those locations are Fulford-Ganges, Lower Ganges, Swanson and Long Harbour roads.

The radar will photograph the licence plates of speed violators who will then receive a warning in the mail.

"There will be no fine in the mail, just a warning," Bunyan said. "Down the road there will be a fine."

For now, the program will help alert police to areas where high speeds are problematic, and indicate to drivers the need to slow down.

## Mill Farm dream turns into nightmare for owners

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff  
Second of Two Parts

Chaos, bitterness and disappointment weave through the final years of the Mill Farm saga which began as the idealistic communal-living dream of 10 partners in 1982, and unravelled into a horror story.

Both current shareholder Bruce Williams and former partner Dennis O'Hara have worked hard to put aside their anger over the events which led to a pending court sale of the pristine, 160-acre parcel, and focus now on saving the trees.

"I've been angry at the process,

angry at (fellow) owners and the Islands Trust. Now I'm sad that the dream has gone down the tubes," says O'Hara, who sold out last year. "I love the property. I wanted to live there. It's sacred."

O'Hara describes the situation as a "dream that didn't have to happen this way."

Williams recalls that in 1989, when a shareholder put her three interests on the market, Mill Farm owners, who had been slowly working toward a land use agreement, decided they needed a set of bylaws.

MILL FARM SAGA A5



Tasty snack

Almost-four-year-old Ruby Erck enjoys a handful of popcorn, tasting it, stuffing it into her mouth and picking it from her teeth — a common scenario for popcorn lovers.

Photos by Susan Lundy

## Meetings focus on draft OCP

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Two public meetings held on Salt Spring last week were so unlike each other it was hard to believe they were dealing with the same subject — the Official Community Plan (OCP) draft.

On Wednesday night, nine subject areas of the draft plan were explained by different speakers at an Island Watch Society (IWS)-sponsored evening. Questions and comments from the 50 people attending the Catholic church hall were also fielded.

Most presenters, who had knowledge of the OCP process and focus groups, told people what they found positive in the draft plan, and how some ideas related to focus group suggestions. Planner Linda Adams and trustees Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne were also there to answer questions.

The next evening, about 250 people crammed All Saints by-the-Sea for what was billed as the Trust's first "question and answer" meeting. But it was immediately clear that most people were anxious to get to the "feedback" part of the process.

Many had copies of the draft plan in hand, and were armed with heartfelt criticisms and requests for clarification. There were impassioned pleas for the Trust to give more time for people to learn about the complicated document and provide adequate feedback. They wanted assurance their comments would be heard, and some expressed doubt this would happen.

Bob Hassell demanded time be allowed for feedback on the second draft, rather than sending it directly to public hearing. He said "the goose is cooked" by the time bylaws get to the public hearing stage on Salt Spring. Byrne disagreed, citing the overturning of proposed shoreline zoning after public hearing last year. (Andrew was not at Thursday's meeting.)

Ross McIlvenna said if demanded changes were not made then the trustees should put "the next election on the line."

Definitions in the draft plan were also criticized. One man suggested the definition of an "environmentally sensitive area" could apply to the entire island; another said it was ridiculous to consider an old-growth forest "a mature forest more than 60 years old."

The Trust was also asked to indicate how it could demonstrate public support for the plan's contents. Adams noted public survey results provided by 1,800 respondents, but the man countered: "Those were broad questions. These are the details."

Jeremy Moray said the "may- and might's" and ambiguity in plan wording was "highly dangerous."

OCP MEETINGS A20

## Two OCP petitions are not official and that's too bad

When copies of two petitions arrived in our office Tuesday morning, they were greeted with surprise.

The Islands Trust had not given any indication that it might seek to measure public opinion on its draft of Salt Spring's new community plan. In fact, indications have been that the Trust is not prepared to move far in revisions to the sweeping and detailed map it has drawn of the island. Nor has it shown much interest in addressing the complaints against it.

After it was determined that the petitions, one advocating support of the draft and the other calling for major changes plus a referendum, were not issued by the Trust, surprise was followed by some disappointment.

Why not attempt to measure public opinion? Why not try to confirm that a majority of islanders favour the new plan? Why push through such an important document when such strong signals of disapproval are being sent out by such a broad cross-section of resi-

### TONY RICHARDS



dents?

Analogies have been drawn between the plan and the Ganges sewer. The battle over the latter stretched over many years, was at times nasty and was always heated.

But the opposition we're seeing to the community plan has a different dynamic. Poets have sided with loggers, artists with developers in a broad spectrum of people who do not like the plan for various reasons.

It has not created a clean, easily identified division as was the case with the sewer which, to oversimplify, saw environmentalists lined up with no-growth supporters on one side, against developers on the other.

This is a controversy with a whole new flavour. But it's one that could be no less damaging than the sewer in terms of splitting the island.

We've enjoyed 10 years of relative bliss since the sewer wars ended and those of us who disagreed on the issue have forgotten our differences. The community plan threatens to change all that and divide us once again.

Take a letter that appeared in last week's paper, in which the writer expressed support for the planning process. Taking the time and trouble to air her views earned her a stinging rebuke from a telephone caller she described as abusive.

There is no excuse for such behaviour. There is no justification for such intolerance of the views of others. The plan will have its supporters and its detractors and regardless of their views, they are fully entitled to them.

(To suggest otherwise is to support control of our thoughts and our actions similar to the

way that the plan tries to control land use.)

The Trust, however, must accept some responsibility for creating a situation that is not conducive to promoting a healthy community. They have dropped a massive compendium of rules and regulations in our midst, along with the message that we're pretty well stuck with it.

Trustees ought to consider first the cynicism of voters before assuring them that their concerns will be taken into account in the next draft as it heads off to a public hearing and ministerial signing. It is not the trustees' fault that voters have little faith or trust in their elected representatives. It is the fault of politicians generally.

It is, nonetheless, a factor the Trust must not ignore. Nor must it ignore the pleas from the community the plan is designed to serve.

If the plan is going to effectively serve the needs of Salt Spring, it must try to draw us together rather than drive us apart.

## Hauling liquid waste off-island is only temporary, says CRD

By VALORIE LENNOX  
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Plans for on-island composting of liquid waste have been washed away by a high water table in the Burgoyne valley site chosen for the treatment site.

Since early December the Capital Regional District (CRD) has been trucking septic field waste (septage) and sludge from sewage treatment plants off the island, said engineer Jim McFarland, CRD operations manager.

A high water table prevented the waste dumped into the lagoons from percolating through the soil, he said. "As a result, we've resorted to hauling off-island."

The failure of the lagoons scuttled a plan approved by residents in an April 1993 referendum. Islanders were asked if they wished to pay an additional \$10 per year per household in exchange for an environmentally responsible method of liquid waste disposal.

"What has transpired is totally different than what went to referendum," noted John Ellacott, who said he originally opposed the referendum because he believed the projected costs were not realistic.

Instead of liquid waste being mixed with wood chips and composted to create fertilizer for non-food plants, the waste is going off-island to the CRD's Cecilia septage facility.

McFarland said the temporary permission from the Ministry of Environment allowing the CRD to use the lagoons is no longer in effect. Three lagoons were dug by the CRD but one was filled in.

Nearby are the two lagoons once

used by Gulf Islands Septic Limited but the CRD has no permit to use them, McFarland said. He added that those lagoons are full and could not be used even if a permit was obtained by the CRD.

### "What has transpired is totally different than what went to referendum"

It was in part because of the Gulf Islands Septic lagoons that an engineering study determined the site would work for the CRD lagoons, McFarland said. "There were existing lagoons that had operated for seven years right beside this location."

The site passed a perc test and the water table had not posed a problem for the old lagoons, McFarland said. The CRD began using its lagoons to dispose of septage and sludge in August but resorted to hauling off-island in December when it became clear the lagoons were not working.

"They have not worked as intended," McFarland said. The waste dumped into the CRD lagoons between August and December is still there, he said.

McFarland said hauling away liquid waste is a short-term solution. The situation is being reviewed but he expected the waste would continue to be hauled off-island until the summer.

The cost of treating the waste in lagoons or hauling it off-island is the same, he noted.

Ellacott pointed out that even if costs are the same, the money is going off-island instead of remaining in the community. In 1996, the CRD has budgeted \$100,000 for liquid waste disposal.

"Even the financial design plan was flawed," Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth said, pointing out the bylaw was capped at \$100,000 annually which did not allow for the increased cost of handling additional volume through the lagoons.

"That's a minor item before the failure to do proper ground testing before promoting a site," Luth added. Money could have been found through electoral area grants-in-aid to do the testing, he added.

"First you have to know what's going on with the ground before you do anything about it," Luth said. Geotechnical testing should have been done before the site was chosen.

"I'm consulting with the engineering people to see what we can do about it," Luth said.

Julia Atkins, who supported the liquid waste composting while serving as regional director, said the CRD lagoons were never intended for long-term use.

"We always knew those were temporary," she said. She recalled the liquid waste committee agreeing to a three-year search for other sites on the island.

She hopes the committee is still seeking other sites and that the possibility of rehabilitating the existing lagoons is being reviewed, especially since this year has been unusually wet.

"I think it was a sound idea," she said. "It doesn't make sense to ship it off the island, that's for sure."

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# Forum seeks better relations

By TONY RICHARDS  
Driftwood Staff

Community Interaction Days have been ridiculed by some critics as another day off for public school teachers and their students. But teaching staff at Salt Spring Middle School (SIMS) have no intention of taking it easy May 13, the next such interaction day at the new Ganges school.

In fact, teachers Susan Underwood and Deborah Miller are determined that a five-hour forum will help forge better relationships between teachers and parents.

Described recently by one parent as "the school from hell," the old high school on the hill above Salt Spring elementary has had growing pains since it opened last fall. It serves Grades 6, 7 and 8 students, an age group in which hormonal and attitudinal changes can create challenges for parents and teachers.

Putting them all in one school conforms with a North America-wide trend, one that educators such as local superintendent Mike Marshall say is good for the students.

But as parent Patti Stubbs said last week, incidents of vandalism are way down at Salt Spring's three elementary schools since they lost the Grades 6 and 7 students to the new school in September.

However, Stubbs cautions against holding schools responsible. "Sometimes we tend to blame changes (in youths) on the schools." She said it would be an eye-opener for many parents to view their children through a one-way window into the classroom.

For some parents, conditions at the middle school have reached the breaking point. At least 10 students have been pulled from the school and are being taught in parents' homes.

From what Stubbs says, the special forum planned for the Community Interaction Day will seek to prevent situations like that from developing. "Parents don't have to wait until they explode" before acting on a situation with which they are unhappy.

Stubbs said the idea for the forum started with concerns over the "wellness" of teachers. Sick leave costs have soared in recent years, leaving educators and others asking why.

Stubbs blames funding cuts that leave teachers feeling they have no control over their workplace, and children who have less respect than they used to and few good manners.

Stubbs and fellow forum organizers Underwood and Miller plan to ensure a statement comes out of the event that spells out how teachers and parents are going to work together.

"We share so many of the same frustrations," Underwood said. "We want to turn those frustrations into something positive."



**They're tops!**

A few feet below the ceiling of ArtSpring, volunteers from the Salt Spring Ice Park Society, Patrick Mussell, left, and Brian Little perch on scaffolding to pull up a board from fellow volunteer Jim Anderson. The scaffolding provides a platform for another volunteer, Jim McGuckin, to paint the higher areas of the arts centre. More volunteers are needed to complete the project. For information call 537-2125.

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## Election set for May 28

British Columbians will go to the polls May 28.

Premier Glen Clark called the election yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon in Victoria, bringing to an end weeks of speculation over when the vote would be held.

In the Gulf Islands, there were four candidates on the ballot as of Tuesday. Salt Spring resident Lynda Laushway is running for the New Democratic Party, Murray Coell of Saanich for the Liberals, Ross Imrie of North Saanich for Reform and Wally du Temple of Saanich for the Green Party.

## R C M P REPORT

A 22-year-old island man is under police investigation for damaging a vehicle in the Harbour House parking lot early Sunday morning.

Police, called to the scene at 1 a.m. Sunday, found the assailant had jumped on the hood of a vehicle, denting the hood and cracking the windshield.

Police say the suspect could face mischief charges.

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# Most enthusiastic about park purchases

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Reactions to recent purchases of land for parks in the Gulf Islands by the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy (PMHL) are mostly positive with only a few doubts voiced.

Residents of North Pender Island are describing the purchase of the Malahat Properties there as one of the "best things to happen" — ever — in the area of conservation on the Penders.

But Salt Spring Islands Trustee Bob Andrew said preservation of island beauty spots as parks under the PMHL program could be both a benefit and a detriment.

"It is a double-edged sword," Andrew said. "You get a provincial-federal marine park." And while a park protects the chosen sites against development, such a park could also draw more visitors to the sites than if the land had remained privately owned.

"They are meant to be parks," he observed.

Barry Wilks of Mayne Island, the former owner of a piece of land recently purchased by the fund, said the area turned over to PMHL by his family "is probably the most beautiful Peninsula and beach area on the Gulf Islands."

The sale was made with some reluctance, he noted, saying he almost fears the eventual park will be "loved to death."

Acquisition of five Gulf Islands sites was announced two weeks ago. The legacy fund spent \$8.08 million of its five-year, \$60 million budget to acquire two sites on Mayne Island, two on Prevost Island and one on North Pender Island.

The scattered sites are expected to eventually become a chain of marine parks within the Gulf Islands, although no management decisions will be made until after the acquisitions are complete.

It is important that all potential park areas be acquired and public input be obtained into how the future marine park system will be managed before the areas are opened to the public, Andrew added.

He anticipates there will be many visitors once the areas become known.

Although he is not familiar with the sites on Mayne or Pender islands, he described the Prevost Island property as beautiful enough to halt conversation during a kayaking trip around that island.

"It really makes me happy to see it come into park status. It's so beautiful. I'm personally very excited about that."

Tim Kempe, coordinator of the Pender Island Conservancy Association, is equally enthusiastic



**PARK ON PREVOST:** Beaches, forest and an old orchard are visible in this photograph of part of the 95 hectares on Prevost Island

recently acquired by the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy.

Photo by Bill Wowchuk

about the transformation of the Malahat Properties into a park site.

"It's one of the few spots on Pender where you can be without seeing human habitation," he said.

The site was the largest piece of privately owned land on North or South Pender islands and could have been the subject of a long struggle over development, he noted. The waterfront plateau also contains Roe Lake, which is the only uninhabited lake on both islands.

Kempe said there had been two commercial offers for the property, both of which were more than the amount paid by PMHL.

"Everyone on the island is talking

about it. It's the best thing that has happened to the island towards conservation — ever. This is just fantastic."

Wilks said the properties sold by his family on Mayne Island have been used unofficially as a community park and swimming area for many years. Although the land could have been developed, he felt development would have ruined the site.

"It's quite unique," he said, adding that he feels many residents will welcome the transformation of the property into a park.

Louise Goulet, manager of planning services for B.C. parks, said public proposals on managing the parkland will be welcome. An advisory com-

mittee is to be established for PMHL and members will be invited to discuss the management of the park system, although they are unlikely to be involved with the sensitive negotiations to acquire property.

She expects a two-tier consultation system will be established with high profile people on the official advisory committee to draw attention to the preservation of the marine environment. Local groups will then be invited to make presentations to a working group of the PMHL and to the advisory group.

"There are more questions than answers and we're trying to find the answers," she concluded.

## Mill Farm among parcels considered

Even \$60 million isn't enough to save all the Gulf Island properties which should be preserved.

"People think, 'wow! \$60 million!'" observed Louise Goulet, manager of planning services for B.C. Parks. But the five-year budget of the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy (PMHL) is small compared to a wish list of desirable properties in the Gulf Islands which topped out at more than \$200 million.

Included in that list is the 60-hectare Mill Farm on Salt Spring — a parcel of land that Goulet said is being actively considered for purchase.

The focus of the joint federal and provincial PMHL is on the Gulf Islands because the islands are in danger of being heavily developed due to dramatic population growth in the area. The first property acquired under the program was Bodega Ridge on Galiano Island.

Owners of the properties given the highest priority for purchase have been contacted, Goulet said, but they must be willing to sell before their land can be acquired for park.

"There's a lot of people on the islands who are not pressed for money," Goulet remarked.

But many are interested in seeing their properties preserved.

Almost all of the five properties recently purchased by the fund included a partial donation. The 215 hectares of land purchased on North Pender Island cost \$3.25 million but included a donation of \$195,000 worth of land from Malahat Properties.

On Prevost Island, PMHL paid \$2 million for 95.5 hectares on the northwest tip of the island and received a \$100,000 donation of land from the Simons family. The four adjoining hectares on Selby Cove was purchased from the West Vancouver Yacht Club for \$290,000, ending the yacht club's bid for an out station on the island.

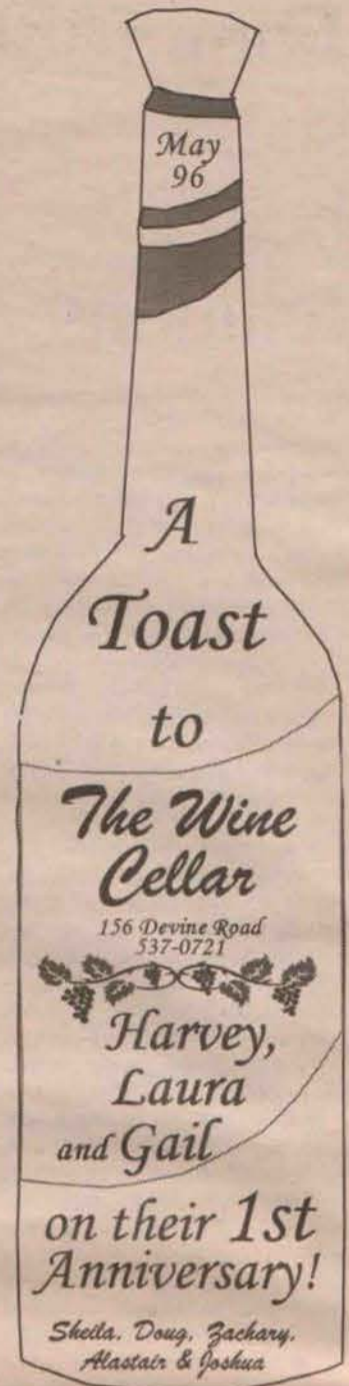
Campbell Point and Bennett Bay on Mayne Island were purchased from the Wilks family, who originally acquired the site in the early 1950s. The 10.3 hectares of property cost PMHL \$2.54 mil-

lion, with \$50,000 worth of land donated. Under the sales agreement, Tracey DeRousie (nee Wilks) and her husband Don will continue to operate their farm on the property for several months.

Goulet said properties on the other Gulf Islands, including Salt Spring, are under consideration by PMHL. Recently added to the list of possibilities is the 60-hectare Mill Farm on southwest Salt Spring, which is on the market for an estimated \$1.3 million.

"It's a proposal that's very alive," Goulet remarked, adding that the site has high conservation value. It will be up to PMHL's management committee whether the value of the site is high enough to warrant purchase. "It's queuing up."

Salt Spring Islands Trustee Bob Andrew said the local Trust committee recommended PMHL look at acquiring waterfront land in the Walker Hook area and in the Satellite Channel area. The Mill Farm was recently recommended as well, he added.



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# MILL FARM SAGA

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"Somebody approached the Trust about the situation, came back and said the Trust was willing to give us special consideration because of our uniqueness," he recalls. "We decided to send two people to meet with the Trust."

In the meantime, the three shares "sold, bang! to three different interests. One guy flipped it right away, buying it for \$25,000 and selling it for \$40,000."

While interests in the Mill Farm changed hands, proposed bylaws were circulating even faster. Eventually, two different sets of bylaws emerged... along with utter confusion.

"It was just nuts. We were the miniature Meech Lake Accord — that's the only way I can describe it."

But finally, all 10 people initialled what Williams considered a blueprint set of bylaws, known as the Mill Farm Constitution.

In 1993, Williams walked into the Trust office, asked to see the Mill Farm file and was shocked to discover a "letter of undertaking" to initiate a rezoning application had been initiated, and the Mill Farm Constitution had been submitted as a legal document.

"I started realizing that people were not just talking with the Trust, they were having meetings... I had just figured that things were moving along, that there would be a due process."

Trust Bylaw 297 would change the Mill Farm's zoning from Uplands and Forest — which permitted subdivision into eight parcels — to Uplands and Forest Communal Residential Zone. The proposed bylaw allowed for a cluster development of 10 houses, and 10 cottages.

"These would be CRD (Capital Regional District-approved) houses, with driveways, septic fields and

power poles."

It was not the alternative lifestyle many shareholders envisioned.

The bylaw also called for a public trail through the northeast corner of the property — an area that, according to Williams, contains old-growth fir, phantom orchids and rare red lizards.

"You have to understand, the Mill Farm goes from 700 to 1,800 feet in elevation. (According to the bylaw), all the flat land is land in common — all the 10 building sites are on rock. This means blasting... there was no ecological study done, no environmental study, not one per cent test, no study into water sources."

Both Williams and O'Hara claim that the first time they saw anything regarding the Trust's proposed rezoning, the application had already reached third reading.

In February 1995, Mill Farm owners appeared in court, where a six-owner majority forced the minority group to sign a document agreeing to accept Bylaw 297.

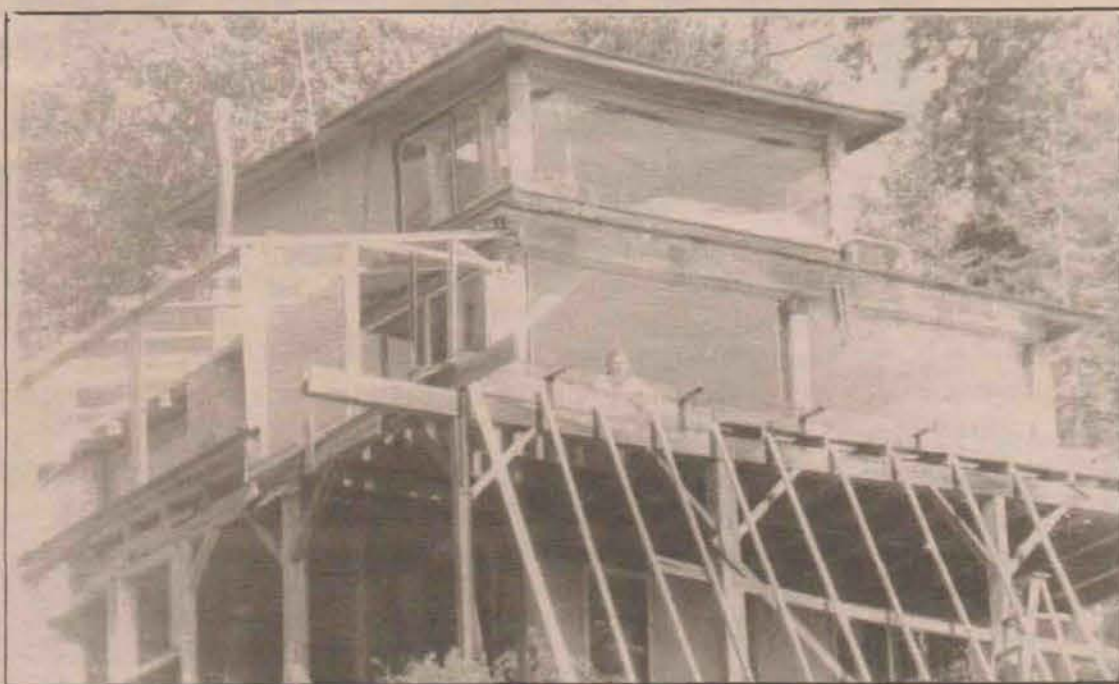
"We signed, but we were shattered," Williams says. "Our dream had just turned into a nightmare."

Meetings, lawyers, legalities followed. A September court date was extended to December.

Then came the call — owners were to meet at a lawyer's office where they learned that three shareholders were forcing sale of the land through the Partition Act.

At court in late 1995, five Mill Farm owners supported the sale and five opposed it. The court ruled in favour of the sale.

After studying the Partition Act, Williams says, there is no defence against even one petitioner deciding to sell the parcel — unless a legal document is in place. Williams believes that the Mill Farm Constitution could be considered a legal agreement — but it would take years of court battles and



**IN LIMBO:** Sitting in the sun on the deck of his hand-built home on the slopes of the Mill Farm is Bruce Williams who awaits the fate of his island home.

Photo by Susan Lundy

lawyers fees to prove it.

But O'Hara says it is too late for court battles. Now is the time to focus on saving the trees from logging interests — the reason the Mill Farm was originally purchased.

"If it goes, all of Musgrave goes," says O'Hara. "It is absolutely magical in there — absolutely holy. To see it reach this level of degradation is a sad state for the human race."

"We have let it all go now," Williams says. "But we would like people to know what happened — maybe it will touch their hearts."

And so Williams sits in the sun on the deck of his mountainside home, waiting to learn the story's final chapter. The peace of the thick-treed hillside somehow matches the peace of his demeanor because he has let go of the anger and disappointment that roared and ebbed through the past several years.

"All that matters now is the trees."

## Grant helps new chamber office

Counters recycled from Island Savings Credit Union are one of the items financed by a \$3,202 BC 21 Community Projects grant for the new Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce office and visitor information centre on Lower Ganges Road.

The grant will also help pay for some of the painting, work on new wheelchair-accessible washrooms and the purchase of cabinets, desks and wall units for the office plus a new sign with the new Ministry of Tourism logo.

"The previous centre had become too small to accommodate the needs of the volunteers and staff serving the 20,000 people that visited the centre last year," noted chamber president Bob Kirkpatrick. The new building, at 880 square feet, is twice the size of the previous structure.

In addition to the provincial grant, the chamber will be putting close to \$10,000 into the new office and information centre, Kirkpatrick said.

The building and site are owned by Mouat's Trading Co.

The provincial grant for the project was announced by Bill Barlee, Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

"The Salt Spring chamber is look-

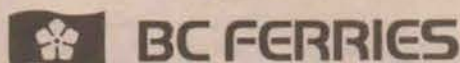
ing forward to moving into its new facility for the start of the 1996 summer tourist season. It will be a modern, accessible centre which will enhance the visitor's first impression of the community," Barlee said.

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# FIGHT THE PLAN!

## Where Did It Go Wrong?

The best intentions in the world do not necessarily make a good Official Community Plan. Few people on Salt Spring Island would disagree with the basic intent of the new draft — to protect the environment, the remaining agriculture, the individual home businesses, to preserve the unique quality of life on this beautiful island. However our trustees and the planners, in their eagerness, have spun a complicated web of bureaucratic regulations that will strangle the island. Overlay upon overlay of zones and permits and references have created a bureaucratic nightmare that will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes and fees and hang-ups, as well as personal hardship to many islanders..

## A FEW OF THE MORE FRIGHTENING ASPECTS OF THIS PLAN

### WELLS, PONDS, LAKES:

**Section B.1.7.3.** To provide direction for the conservation and stewardship of natural resources, especially our surface and groundwater supplies, in order that they can be deliberately and systematically budgeted and allocated in a manner that facilitates broad community goals rather than individual or limited preferences.

**Section C.3.2.2.10.** The Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Water Management Division is strongly urged to introduce a groundwater licensing program and to designate Salt Spring Island as a Groundwater Management Area.

**Comments:** This means that your wells could be licensed, metred, and regulated. There is no mention of compensation for costs incurred by owners in ponding or drilling. The water could be restricted. Farmers may find themselves forced to grow crops or livestock dictated by the Islands Trust, not according to the market or knowledge of the farmer.

### BED AND BREAKFASTS

**Section B.3.1.2.10.** Bed and Breakfast use may be permitted in specific designations where home-based businesses are a permitted use. Regulations are to limit the number of let rooms to three and to limit the total area of let rooms to 60 m<sup>2</sup> (645 sq.ft.). A maximum of one toilet, one sink and one shower or bath facility may be permitted to be solely dedicated for Bed and Breakfast use.

**Comments:** This appears to be some far-fetched scheme for saving water by making guests suffer.

### COTTAGES

**Section B.8.4.2.4.** One secondary dwelling to a maximum size of 60 m<sup>2</sup> (645 sq.ft.) may be permitted on a parcel greater than 1.2 ha (2.96 ac.) where there is no limited size dwelling, no care cottage and no single family dwelling greater than 110 m<sup>2</sup> (1184 sq.ft.).

**Comments:** What could have been perhaps one of the more innovative ideas for providing secondary, affordable housing at the same time as supplementing the funds of property owners has been watered down to uselessness. The Trust is quite aware that homes now being built average 2,000 square feet. This section will create terrific hardships for those who took the prudent route of building their cottage first, saving up for their dream home, as well as those who were planning on extra income later, as well as the many people who can't find affordable housing on the island.

### TOURISM

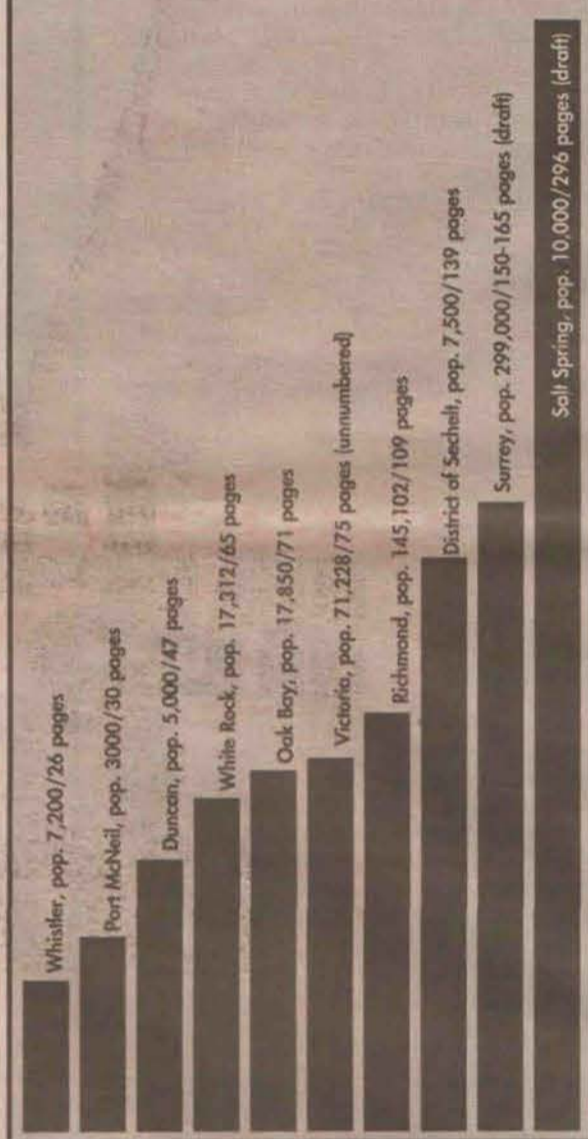
**Section B.3.1.1.8.** To manage tourism land uses in a manner that encourages a shift in the type of visitors coming to Salt Spring — away from those who, by their mode of travel or accommodation preferences exemplify a highly consumptive lifestyle, towards those who demonstrate more conservation-oriented lifestyles by the use of non-motorized travel and modest accommodation preferences more consistent with the island's rural character and finite resource base.

**Comments:** Great concept if you like to discriminate against elderly, less mobile people from other cultural backgrounds.

### A PERSPECTIVE ON COMMUNITY PLANS.

According to the Municipal act of B.C. A Community Plan is ... a general statement of the broad objectives and policies of the local government ... not a massive complex of conflicting and confusing regulations. This plan must be dumped, and a new, appropriate plan written.

### SOME COMMUNITY PLANS IN B.C.



### PARKING

**Section C.2.3.2.** Automobile parking spaces in the Ganges Village Core Land Use Designation will be considered adequate if: (a) individuals can, after ten minutes of searching, park within a five minute walk of one of their destinations on a week day during the average demand months of October to May.

**Comments:** This is adequate parking? In the rainy season? The elderly will love this one when shopping. And what does this logic mean in the tourist season? A lot of cars grid locked and fuming up Ganges. This section should send the shoppers to Victoria and Duncan.

### LOGGING

**Section E.5.4.2.** A Development Permit must be obtained prior to ... the removal of trees or vegetation.

**Exemptions:** E.5.4.2. Removal of dead limbs, removal of no more than the top quarter of trees that is done in a manner that does not remove vegetation from the land, or removal of a tree that has been judged hazardous by a certified arborist and the removal of a single tree that threatens damage to life or property in an emergency situation.

**Comments:** Sections such as these have created a wave of fear of tree police on the island, along with threats to log major areas before the community plan can be approved. If the confusing and threatening passages (there are several more as well as several more confusingly worded exemptions) are not immediately withdrawn, the Islands Trust could be responsible for one of the biggest waves of logging in the island's history.

### HOME BASED BUSINESS AND CRAFT (POTTERY, PHOTOGRAPHY, WOODWORK, ETC.)

**Section B.3.2.2.1 g.** The following activities may not be permitted as a home based business in any designation: ... businesses that produce quantities or types of waste, noise, smoke, dust, vibration, glare, fumes, odours, illumination, traffic or electrical interference that exceed or are different from what would normally be generated by a single residence on a continuous basis .... In addition to those noted above, the following activities may not be permitted as home based businesses in the Watershed-Residential Designation or on properties within the capture zone of community water supply wells indicated on Schedule 4.i) Any business that involves the handling or processing of chemicals ii) Any busi-

ness that produces waste materials in excess of those that would normally be associated with a single family dwelling....  
**Comments:** Although the OCP extols the virtues of home based business and crafts, these well-meaning restrictions (and many many more) would eliminate most crafts and many other small businesses.

### WATERFRONT PROPERTIES

**Comments:** The web of potential regulations and possibilities is so complex that only a personal visit or call to the Trust Office in reference to individual properties will determine the impact of this community plan on your home. Be aware that the Island Trust has an optimistic bent in interpreting what the impact will be. Ask the right questions.

### TAXES, PERMITS, LICENSES, PROFESSIONAL FEES

As this new Community Plan comes into play your taxes, permits, licenses, and fees for professionals to investigate your trees, home-based business, water, slope engineering, environmental questions, soil erosion, etc., will in most cases rise astronomically. Already, our building permit department alone costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to support. The infrastructure to support such a spiderweb of convoluted, bureaucratic regulations will be paid for by all taxpayers and members of the community. Expect a dramatic rise in taxes and related charges.

### THE COMMUNITY PLAN IS YOUR PLAN!

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**RIGHT TO LIGHT?** A needed balance between the rights of smokers to light up and non-smokers to have non-smoking sections in restaurants is Salt Spring resident Flo Fraser's response to a potential smoking ban in all public places by January 1, 1998.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

## Proposed ban will butt out cigarettes in all public spots

Island smokers opposed to a 100 per cent ban on smoking in public places will have to put down their cigarettes and pick up pens — unless they want to make a quick trip to Vancouver Island this week to a public consultation meeting on the issue.

If the proposed ban is adopted by the Capital Regional District (CRD) health committee, cigarette smoking will be banned in all public places as of January 1, 1998.

The ban will encompass the entire regional district, including the Gulf Islands, and make smoking off-limits in some of the last refuges open to smokers, such as restaurants, pubs and bingo halls.

Despite the CRD-wide nature of the ban, the only public consultation meetings will be held today (Wednesday) and tomorrow from 6 to 11 p.m. at the City of Victoria council chambers, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria.

Comments on the proposed ban may also be made in writing. Submissions should be no more than 600 words and should be sent to the CRD Health Department, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6. Comments can also be faxed to 604-360-3120.

Deadline for comments is 4:30 p.m. next Monday, May 6. The health committee is to consider the issue at a meeting May 15.

CRD chief medical health officer Dr. Richard Stanwick is pushing the ban, which he feels will protect the health of residents. In 1993 the CRD decided to eliminate smoking in all public places by the year 2000 but additional information on the dangers of second-hand smoke spurred Stanwick to move the ban ahead by two years.

Restaurant and pub workers should have the same right to a smoke-free workplace as other CRD residents, Stanwick said. "Why is their health less important than anyone else?" he asked. He noted the

lifetime risk of cancer for restaurant and pub workers caused by second-hand smoke is one in 7,000.

The owner of one local eating establishment, Dagwood's Diner, is not opposed to the ban provided it is applied equally. Kitty Beasley notes many of her customers are smokers but describes herself as a reformed smoker.

"I just think they should go 100 per cent non-smoking," she said, adding that if all restaurants and pubs were required to be non-smoking, then none would have a market advantage.

She questioned the effectiveness of smoking and non-smoking sections. Customer Flo Fraser, sitting in the smoking section, feels both smokers and non-smokers should be respected. "I would still like to see it for both, the non-smoking and the smoking. I think everyone has rights and we have rights too."



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## Trust not responsible for petitions

Two petitions concerning the draft of the new community plan appeared on Salt Spring Tuesday, but the Islands Trust is responsible for neither.

One invites people to sign a statement indicating their agreement with the statements and policies of the plan's draft.

The other urges a different course. It states that the plan should be re-written and provide only broad and general guidelines for controlled development. It also urges that the draft be put to a referendum in November.

Trust planner Linda Adams said on Tuesday that the two petitions are not Trust documents despite their appearance. They utilize top and bottom portions of a form being distributed to the public at plan information meetings.

Adams pointed out what she felt were two errors. The petition calling for a rewrite of the plan says applying and enforcing plan guidelines should be left to future "Islands

Trust Councils," rather than the Trust committee as is now the case.

She also said there was no legislation allowing the Trust to hold a referendum on the issue.

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## Editing the plan: what we'd take out

A few weeks ago, we annoyed Salt Spring Trust Committee member Bob Andrew with our swift condemnation of the Official Community Plan (OCP) draft's length. He asked us instead to tell the local Trust committee what should be removed from the document.

With a little help from overwhelmed islanders, we've come up with a few ideas.

For starters, the committee should release islanders from the smothering blanket of proposed Development Permit Area (DPA) 5, which could make lawbreakers of everyone who does some spring cleaning or firewood gathering on their property.

And it probably isn't fair to send waterfront property owners — most of whom don't want the bank in front of their house crumbling into the ocean — knocking on the Trust's door for a permit when they want to put in a new flower bed, so let's take out DPA 6 too and talk about the shoreline some more.

Give us guidelines, yes. Give us the latest information on environmental protection, yes. But guidelines subject to negotiation of a development permit just make your average property owner too nervous, and they shouldn't be thrown into a time-limited community plan debate.

Our sanity could also be saved by cutting from the plan everything that reads like a zoning bylaw — house and business floor areas, references to toilets and specific permitted uses, for example.

We know there will be time for public input when zoning bylaws are written in the future, but when the community plan guiding those bylaws has already set out so much detail, how much room for variance can people be assured of?

People can probably digest the broad objectives and policies of land use designations in a couple of months, but let's put the rest of the juicy details safely in a box until it's time to rewrite the zoning bylaws. Let's have a reasonable amount of time to learn about and consider each part of the island and hear directly from other government agencies which are requesting that local governments do their part to protect fish habitat.

It may cause the waging of more small battles but they will be more manageable than the big one brewing over the current draft plan.

One unfortunate result of the path chosen by the Trust committee is that there will be no time to discuss positive new ideas in the plan, like the density transfer concept, or to reaffirm the community's strengths by talking about the many things we can agree on.

Some people are so angry about the draft's complexity and how it affects them that they won't care to see much beyond their own property lines.

Giving ordinary people one or two months to figure out the implications of so many onerous guidelines and regulations, "bureaucratise" and the real meaning of "may or may not" is simply unfair.

For community plan researchers we also have a bit of advice. Take a break from slogging through our draft and read a copy of Galiano's almost-poetic OCP which was passed last year. With only 28 pages of text, it won't take long.

## Sheila Copps and the GST

Our federal system of government, though light-years better than many, is imperfect. And despite the best intentions of many Canadians, it is likely to remain so.

After all, those to whom we have awarded the positions of power have no reason to change things.

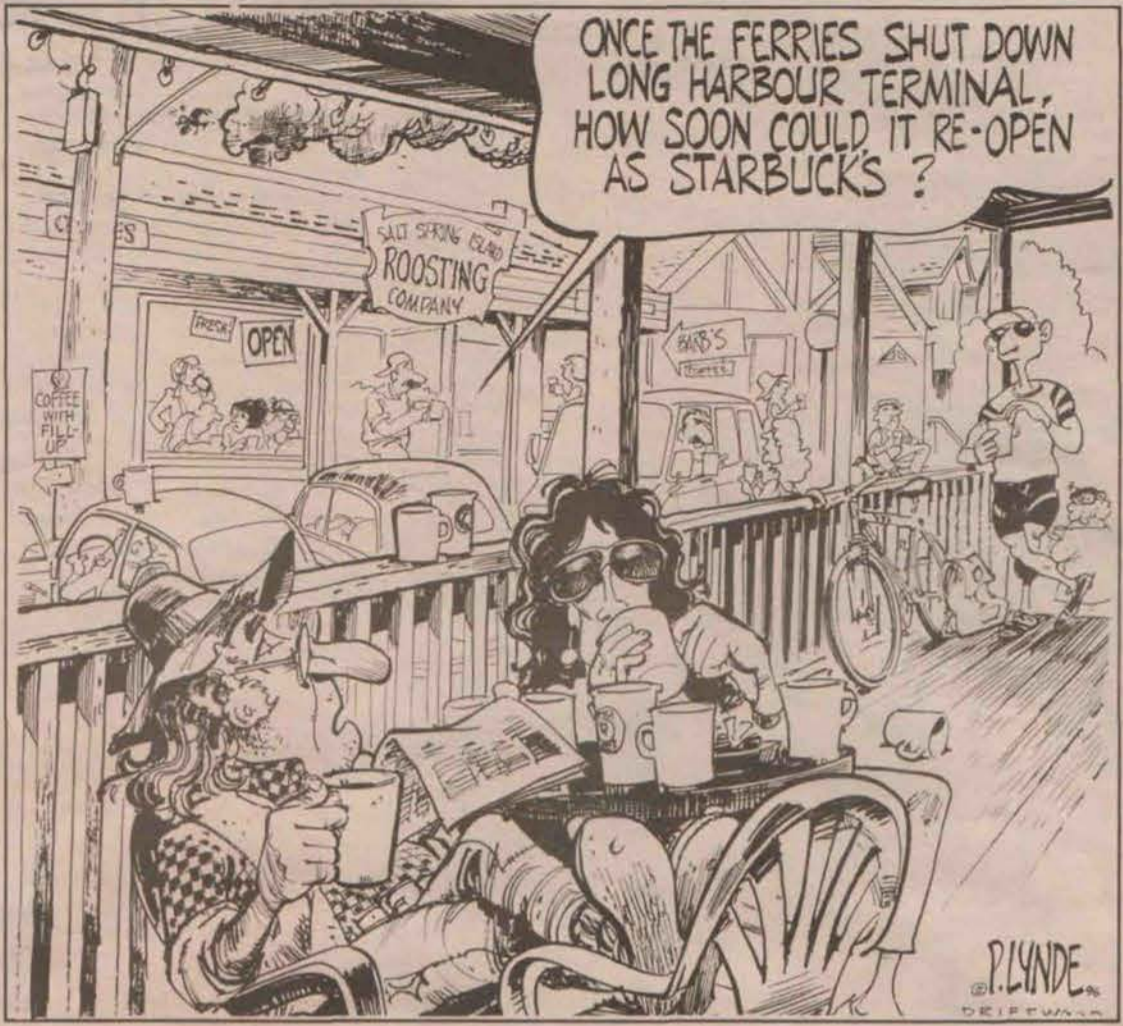
However, that should not dampen our efforts towards encouraging reform, or silence our voices of protest when politicians fail to deliver.

Heritage Minister Sheila Copps is one such politician, having campaigned in the last election against the Goods and Services Tax (GST), and having declared her intention to resign were it not abolished. Last week the government admitted it would not dismantle the GST. And the minister has declined to resign.

Some voices have been raised across Canada, in particular that of a national newspaper, calling for Copps' resignation. It is a call that every Canadian should take up.

If we neglect to hold the minister to her promise, we collectively acknowledge that politicians are free to promise the earth during an election, and just as free to disregard their promises once in power.

The minister must resign.



## Core Inn survived B&E, trashing but could use more volunteer help

By PATRICIA NOBILE

"Our young people are the resources of the future; we must look after them" — wise words spoken by author Joe Garner at the first fundraising auction for the Core Inn.

Many of us also share the sentiments expressed by Jim Anderson in last week's Viewpoint and truly care about the potential of our community's children. Sadly, however, it seems commonplace to hear about the irresponsibility of youth.

But with the "break and entry" to the Core Inn last month it's probably true, as was said in a Driftwood editorial April 10, "that perhaps some of us have been a little unfair in generalizing about island youth in the wake of vandalism." I was at the Core Inn that night, phoned by the neighbour who so fortunately heard a crash and alerted 911. Thanks to those neighbours and the rapid response of the police and fire department the building was not seriously damaged. A window was broken, the pool table got knocked over and the "trashing" was literally that — garbage dumped and food from the fridge thrown around.

It appeared that the perpetrators had been cooking hot dogs and left on the burner of the electric stove. Subsequently a plastic garbage can put on top of the stove caught fire. When the police arrived they promptly put the fire out and luckily nothing else burned. The stove was trashed and the back part of the kitchen needs to be repainted due to smoke damage.

Volunteers were there the next day to clean up, and labour and glass donated replaced the broken window. A new electric stove was kindly donated the following week.

Two youths were picked up by police that night a block away from the building. They had the very same food in the treads of their running shoes as was found all over the floor of the Core Inn kitchen. They were also carrying the same brand of beer as was found inside.

The broken window, food fight and stove-top fire appear to have been a foolish act of drunken stupidity



by a couple of "besotted" youth. Another negative attention-getting device by a pair of troubled young men? It's too bad our justice system will take over a year to bring these charges to conviction. The real consequence would have been to have those guys, with their hangovers, at the Core Inn the next day, picking up garbage and glass, and personally dealing with the irresponsibility of their actions by facing the other teens that came by, who were outraged and disgusted by the mess.

Immediate retribution and meaningful consequences, an apology and doing work at the Core Inn to pay for damages — and the episode would have been done with.

So the building survived and remains a reminder to youth that the community does care. We are about to begin the heritage restoration of this historic Garner House. We plan to build a multi-purpose area in the backyard of the Core Inn this summer with the help of \$7,500 contributed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. We hope to get a youth employment grant so that we can hire young people to plan, manage and direct activities at the Core Inn this summer.

The Core Inn needs to be open more — all the time — with lots of things happening. We did get our temporary occupancy permit last fall and have been open for drop-in activities one or two nights a week most of the winter — but it's been a lot of work for too small a group of volunteers.

We need more help. Now is a great time for more people to get involved — especially young people. We invite all interested, concerned and/or curious teens and adults to come to the Core Inn Youth Project's annual general meeting May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Core Inn, 134 McPhillips Avenue. Come and find out what's happening and help plan for the future. Together we can make it work, by working together.

Patricia Nobile is the Core Inn director and a youth worker.

### The Core Inn needs to be open more...with lots of things happening.



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# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We Asked: Do you support government purchase of Mill Farm as a park?**



**Donnamarie Bishop**

*Yes, I believe in that. I would love them to. It would be really good for the people of B.C.*



**Anna Klenman**

*Yes. It would be a great tourist attraction for Salt Spring to have it as a park so the people could come and see the natural fir forest.*



**Doug Pearson**

*Yes. All I know is that it is a gorgeous area. It's a great place to go for a walk.*



**Donna Cochran**

*Yes I do. I think it's a very important purchase given the Crown lands beside it. It belongs to a very important ecological area.*



**Michael Petis**

*Oh yeah — totally, because of the old growth stands there. I want to support the original intention to protect the old growth stand on the farm.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Live and let live

Government, more government. Rules and more rules! People, let's stop this insanity!

Salt Spring is a true distinct society, that's what makes it so special, but unfortunately it's going the way of Whistler, Richmond or God forbid, Surrey.

In 1988 when I became an islander, Salt Spring's Official Community Plan (OCP) filled 20 pages including the cover. I thought that was about 19 pages too many.

Nevertheless, the government gurus, or as my mother called them, "educated idiots," have come with a new draft, or rather "daft plan" — some 307 pages long. This is not to mention future sub-sections — you know, that's the twist-after-the-knife-in thing.

Government planning is like farmers building pens and fences for sheep. So people, what's it going to be? Sheep or shepherds. Take Keith MacHattie in the trailer, for instance. Whoa! Relax out there, all you trailer and assorted illegal cabin, bus and in-law suite dwellers.

Let's leave the man alone, he bought the land and pays the taxes. You're infringing on his rights. Live and let live or there will be a cry over the land — "Sheep to arms!"

That, of course, will depend on if there are any arms left. I think there's been mention of control there as well. But that's another story.

**RICH LOPUSHINSKY,**

Ganges

### Web rosier

The title of Valorie Lennox's April 10 Bits on Bytes column — "Advertising on the Internet may not be as rosy as the hype tries to convey" — is discouraging to those who are considering publishing a Web page. Some perspective is now necessary.

A business person cannot just put up a page on the Web and expect magical results. The web site must be publicized in the right way to give it a profile and the pages constructed so that searching services can find them and categorize them properly.

Pages with so much graphic artwork that they take too long to download or are disorganized and user-unfriendly are not likely to be revisited.

ed. If a site doesn't provide sufficient alternatives to secure a purchase then it is simply advertising and not an effective sales tool.

To be successful a web site must be skillfully managed. A happy client just called to say that she received \$1,900 worth of business from her web site three days after it was launched.

Whatever the activity, if it is not done right, it won't work.

**CHRIS HAYNES,**  
Website Management,  
Fernwood Road

### Benefits

I'd like to take issue with the school board's statement that reducing the number of trustees from nine to five would not generate savings.

All the money spent by all levels of government comes from only one source — the taxpayer. Savings generated at any level within government is savings to the taxpayer, even if it is not felt directly at the local level.

Let's not be myopic here. If every school district generated these types of administrative efficiencies and was committed to a wider provincial agenda, we would all feel the benefits.

**SUZANNE PRENDERGAST,**  
Acheson Road

### Thanks

A big thank you is due the many people who lent such strong support to Salt Spring Community Theatre's recent launch. These

include the Community Arts Council, Theatre Resources, our friends in the business community, the very appreciative audiences who came to see *Gone to Glory*. The production team who put their all into making community theatre a part of island life once again also deserves note.

Thank you for helping and thank you for the vote of confidence.

**PATRICIA LOCKIE,**  
Acting Secretary,  
Salt Spring Community  
Theatre

### Hillside wake

West Vancouver's Hillside School is closing forever at the end of this school year. A community open house is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at the school.

To say farewell to Hillside's 37-year-old history, the organizing committee invites ex-students and old friends to this 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. open house and evening dance.

The 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. dance is expected to involve a number of bands.

Early ticket purchase is advised, as tickets are limited and available only in advance. These may be purchased for \$15 at Hillside School or from committee members at 921-1100. Attendance is limited to those 19 years and older.

**TOM TAYLOR,**  
West Vancouver.

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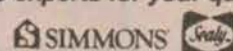
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## Election race promises to be a ferocious battle

**VICTORIA** - The new session of the legislature, called by Premier Clark last week, will be one of the shortest on record.

It will have nothing to do with legislative approval of the course the government plans to chart for the province during the coming year. The budget, which will be introduced by Finance Minister Elizabeth

Cull a week after the session opens, will not dictate government spending during the current fiscal year.

This session will be a grandstanding prelude to the election that is likely to be called within a few weeks. It will be the starting short for an election campaign that promises to be ferocious.

For the NDP, the session will be an opportunity to draw the lines between it and the opposition parties. Clark put it this way:

"I'm really looking forward to this. This gives the government a chance to show the really dramatic differences between our party and our government and the two opposition parties.

"We'll be talking about jobs first and foremost. We'll be talking about protecting health care and education and the best way to do that, and we'll also talk about crime and safety, and I think it's a good opportunity to see the dramatic differences between us and the opposition."

The opposition parties, however, have a different agenda. They will be ruthlessly attacking the government on all fronts. They will mercilessly lay into the NDP during daily question period with issues ranging from the bingo scandal to the B.C. Hydro affair, to government spending.

Under normal circumstances, the opposition can shine during question period, but circumstances are anything but normal.

The Liberals have yet to effectively embarrass the government and put it on the run with razor-sharp questions, something the NDP had developed into a fine art during its years in opposition.

And both the Liberals and the Reform Party are at a disadvantage because of the ruthless spending cuts of what are perceived to be their soul mates in Ontario and Alberta. Mike Harris and Ralph Klein will be the NDP's biggest allies in the upcoming battle for the hearts and minds of British Columbians.

Some time ago, when the NDP was just beginning to recover from its slump in the polls, I warned Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell that the light he saw at the end of the tunnel might be an oncoming NDP train. And that's exactly what it was.

The latest MarkTrend poll placed the NDP in front with 38 per cent of decided voters, followed by the Liberals with 32 per cent and the Reformers with 22 per cent.

That's quite a recovery from the 22-per-cent support the NDP had been relegated to only a few months ago, and a whopping drop for Campbell's Liberals who used to enjoy absolute majority support.

It appears that Clark has managed to largely defuse any potential bomb that might have exploded in his face during the campaign.

He ordered the long-overdue public inquiry into the Nanaimo Commonwealth Holding Society scandal, and he derailed attempts to link his government to the B.C. Hydro affair by firing the Crown corporation's chief and appointing Brian Smith, a former Socred cabinet minister as his successor.

As for the NDP's propensity to spend money, the public seems to be more swayed by the government's record, than the opposition's attempts to discredit it.

It isn't over until the weight-challenged person sings, but the NDP's remarkable rise in the public's esteem should give the opposition parties some concern.

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HUBERT BEYER



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### Preserve rights

Upon review of this draft official community plan, I wish to make known my approval in general of the overall draft proposal.

I have no doubt that a great deal of people will not have the scope to see beyond their own personal bias and opinion to grant approval in general to such an undertaking.

The value I recognize in adoption of such a plan is for us as a community to set aside our personal agendas and view the possibilities of this proposal in relation to our future — not how it affects each individual.

Even with its perceived negative impacts, I feel the alternative — to continue in our present modus operandi — would be much worse down the road.

With that said, I will now state that most important to me is that whatever bylaws are manifest from this proposal that each trustee believe and know in his/her heart that the bylaws do not contravene our rights, such as our rights to privacy, freedom of expression and social and cultural identity.

These rights are already being violated on a daily basis by a most fascist collective of petty tyrants, namely Capital Regional District (CRD) building inspections department, CRD bylaw enforcement department and RCMP Ganges detachment.

If the Islands Trust truly wishes to preserve and protect our rural lifestyle and environment, then the actions and manner of operations of the above so-called public agents must be placed under the scrutiny of a most public and local board of community elders.

The only requirement necessary to be on this board shall be proof that you actually have a heart as well as a brain. As all three agencies have shown to date, having one without the other is not only useless, but it is dangerous as well.

CHESTER LUDLOW,  
Fulford Harbour

### Moved to action

The junior music concert at the elementary school on April 23 was not advertised nor tickets sold. Just a windup celebration with some mums and dads and a couple of grandparents.

But for me it was the most delightful, faith-restoring and heart-warming event I've seen presented here.

The youngsters in this concert (about 18 or so), eight years and under, were led and directed by Ann Cronin who showed that there are ways of being exuberant — expressing rhythm appreciation and joy through music.

It really was a treat, and Ann deserves the credit for leading the way to healthy, fun ways to direct young energy. Even the "old" adults there were moved to action.

Some of the best things in life really are free. Thanks, Ann.

LOU CONLISK,  
Corbett Road

### For the kids

I'm sure the parents of the four special needs kids in my class feel as I do — the board should have been more responsible in its September '95 staffing. The money wasted on arbitration did not go to the kids. The settlement was too little, and an April settlement too late, for the kids involved.

The "retroactive remedy" — one-third of the settlement — was difficult to deal with. How do you put a band-aid on the first eight months of a child's school year? A little investigative reporting would have revealed that many teachers refused to accept the overtime pay (you call it a bonus). I wonder if B.C. Hydro, B.C. Ferries, or other employees would do the same?

Indeed, that money was given to the school for much needed classroom resources, or as special help for two months for the classes and kids involved. As you say in your editorial, "We're doing it for the kids."

JOHN CAMERON,  
Fernwood School

### Gene-spliced food

I wonder how many people are aware of the fact that we now have gene-spliced food in Canada.

An innocent looking russet potato could contain bacterium which can kill Colorado potato beetles but is believed to be harmless to humans.

According to a recent Vancouver Sun article, the potatoes have been distributed in Canada for some time now, but without any labels to indicate they have been genetically engineered. Furthermore, they are mixed in with ordinary russet potatoes. This is the first of a number of genetically-altered foods approved by Health Canada. Surely consumers have the right to know how their food is produced, but this right has been compromised by Ottawa's "no label required" policy.

There is here a concern for the environment — existing species could be threatened — and those with allergies ought also to be concerned as no long-term safety studies have been done.

If you concur, please write the ministers responsible — minister of health and the minister of agriculture, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6.

ILSE FOSTER,  
Dogwood Lane

### Medieval nod

In response to the letter to the editor (Driftwood, April 17) titled Medieval Market, I say "Aye."

ANNA HAWTHORNE,  
St. Mary Lake

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**Who pulls strings?**

Here is a classic confrontation. An idealistic planner with a vision versus the wishes of the people. The questioning of an over-300 page document which, if made into law, would seriously affect all landowners of Salt Spring. A draft with more pages than the Victoria plan! But Linda Adams did not buckle under the hostile attacks of a church stuffed to the rafters with citizens of Salt Spring. Although she had the occasional backing of an Islands Trust member, she was on her own. She stood like a rock facing arrows above and below the belt. What became obvious after two hours of belligerent rhetoric by the people was that the powerful architect of this monumental document was Linda the planner. Maybe she listened to the submissions presented over the last two years, but it sounded, from all the comments, that her ears were very selective. Will this wonderfully spirited, democratic meeting result in real changes? Or was it only an exercise in public relations? Who pulls the strings?  
**WOLFGANG H. WENZEL,**  
 Calgary and Salt Spring Island

**Looking back**

Glen Clark, lest we forget:  
 • This is the man who as finance minister immediately took away the supplementary allowance to low-income homeowners which offset sharply rising property taxes, then promptly made exorbitant increases in property taxes.  
 • This is the man who has cost the taxpayer millions of dollars due to his "sweetheart" deal with the unions with the island highway project. The claim that the project is within budget is completely meaningless. If the budget is made sky-high in the first place, the cost of the project is almost certain to fall within it.  
 • This is the man who together with Elizabeth Cull and Mike Harcourt closed down Shaughnessy Hospital after hundreds of thousands of dollars had been spent in re-equipping and restoration, and against the advice of doctors, nurses and the public.  
 • This is the man who undoubtedly influenced the Capital Regional District to use a sleazy underhanded method called counter petition instead of a straightforward referendum to authorize the borrowing of \$4.8 million in order to buy land from a Saanich hospital and erect a building to house 63 hospital administrators, an increase of 500 per cent over the original 13.  
 • This is the man who stood before the TV cameras and said "We do not need these super ferries, we will run a night schedule and save money." How much did this little experiment cost the taxpayer? And he is now going to blow \$800 million of taxpayers' money on an untried ferry design.  
 This type of vessel has proven to be extremely high in operating and maintenance costs compared to conventional ferries and needs specially

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trained crews. It is also subject to frequent breakdowns. Clark claims this project will "revitalize" B.C. shipyards and then talks about contracting out. Better to build the "jumbo" type ferry which can be built completely in B.C. and which the local shipyards made such an excellent job of, than to build a vessel which requires special fabrication equipment and techniques unavailable in B.C. The engineering study done under the Bill Bennett government should be resurrected, whereby the ferry terminal would be moved from Horseshoe Bay to Iona in Richmond and a ferry terminal built on Gabriola Island with a bridge from there to Vancouver Island. This could have been done at a cost of \$35 million at that time and would have saved the ferry corporation \$5 million a year, as well as relieving traffic congestion at Horseshoe Bay and downtown Nanaimo.  
**J. M. FORD,**  
 Galiano Island

**Draconian measures**

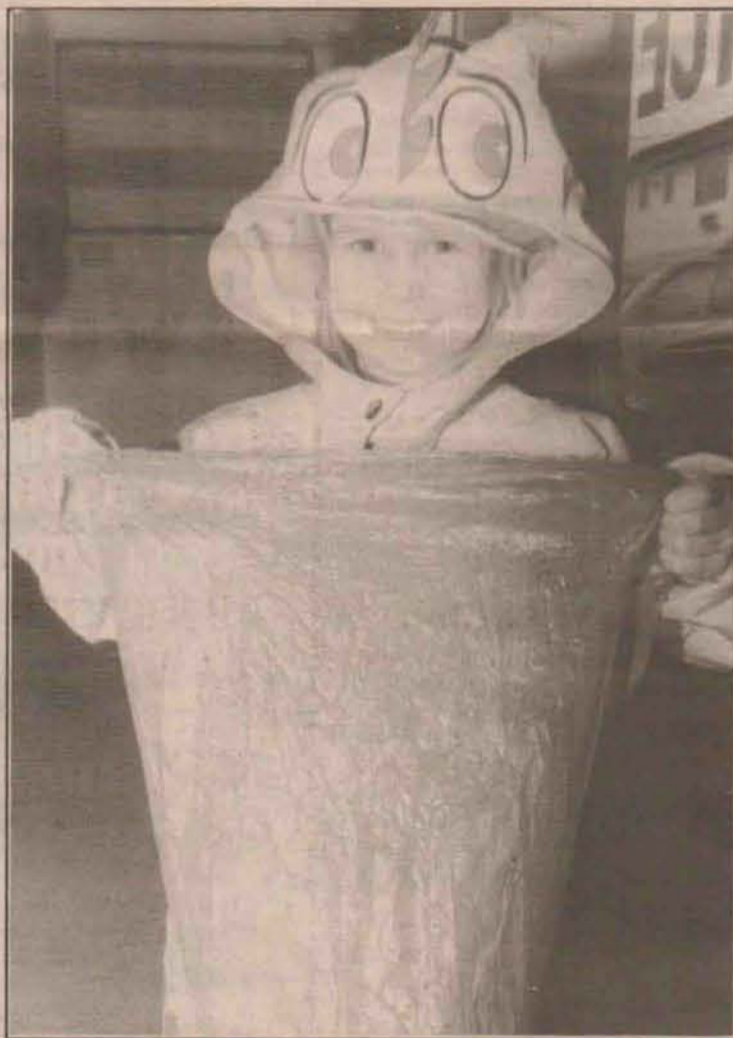
Last week's indignant letters by Linda Adams and Gary Holman disputing my earlier comments on

home business and offices fail to mention the restrictions on these uses found in the OCP draft. For example, in the Rural (R) Land Use Designation (the zone in which most of us live), Section B.2.5.2.13, page 27, appears to prohibit new "business and professional offices" when the plan is adopted. It's revealing that my critics did not respond at all to the more serious concerns expressed in my letter, i.e. "Vast tracts of private land have been designated Environmentally Sensitive (with vague and uncertain consequences). Restrictions are applied to all waterfront properties. Thousands of lot owners lose their right to build a seasonal cottage." Islanders are beginning to see that the OCP draft is not just a statement of broad community objectives. The way it is drafted it becomes a political tract in bylaw form prescribing in outrageous detail a lifestyle the Islands Trust has conceived for us under the guise of growth management. Despite the Trust's disclaimer in the introduction, the plan is, in large part, a parallel Zoning Bylaw and, I am told by experienced municipal planners, far more restrictive in all respects than any

comparable document in the country. Be aware that the plan overrides all present zoning. Clearly, the strategy is to ram it through as was done on Bowen Island. It cannot be appealed. No referendum is planned. It will make a mockery out of future public hearings that must take place to bring each zone on the island into line with the OCP and for which the outcome is pre-determined. Ironically, these Draconian measures come at a time when all across Canada the public is demanding less government inter-

ference in our lives. But for the Trust to administer and enforce the OCP restrictions will take an enormous staff and many millions of dollars per year, all paid for by local taxes. Legal costs will escalate as lawyers battle lawyers Galiano-style over interpretation and property rights. Even if Salt Spring chooses one day to incorporate as a municipality, the recent sweetheart deal between the Islands Trust and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs enshrines the OCP and specifies that administrative costs must be borne by the new municipality.  
**BOB HASSELL,**  
 Ganges

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**Garbage duty**

Three-year-old Erica Tarissan proudly displays her bagful of roadside garbage, gathered on a rainy day last week as part of Earth Day celebrations on Salt Spring. Appropriately dressed in raingear with a dragon theme, Erica had been helping her older brother, a student at Salt Spring elementary, in the clean-up effort.

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## A friend

Many people knew Howard first as an animal control officer for the Capital Regional District but, as in my case, very soon came to know him as a friend.

Howard Byron was a unique individual who was able to relate to anyone. His humanity, sense of humour, charm and genuine interest in both the people and places of Salt Spring Island endeared him to us all.

These were the qualities that helped Howard in his 17-year career as Salt Spring's animal control officer. The effectiveness of the animal control program on Salt Spring was entirely due to his persuasive skills, his commitment to public service and his love of the island.

Howard's positive attitude and great enthusiasm for life always made me look forward to our chats in his famous kitchen where the coffee pot was always on. I always left the island feeling good about life.

Now Howard has died. I will miss him as will all those who worked with him in the CRD animal control program, but we will always remember the time when we were lucky enough to say, Howard Byron... he is a friend of mine.

**MILES DREW,**  
Capital Regional District

## Need plan

Before coming to Salt Spring Island seven years ago, we lived on the dyke in the Steveston area in Richmond for 19 years.

We watched the developers trash the little fishing and farming village of Steveston. We attended meetings where developers presented relatively attractive plans that were reluctantly accepted by the community and we saw the developers, in the absence of a suitable community plan, totally ignore their plans and substitute bumper-to-bumper housing without the original amenities.

We gained 4,000 new neighbours and lost large areas of extremely fertile farmland and wonderful open spaces.

We attended a community meeting in Steveston hosted by the Harbours Commission at which they promised the community to use their prime waterfront property in Steveston for fishing-related activities for the fishing industry.

It wasn't until a little later that the people of Steveston learned that a Conservative MP had already promised to lease the land to some influential Conservative supporters for the Gastown-type complex of shops and restaurants which stands there now.

It appears on Salt Spring we have very conscientious trustees and planners who seem to have no hidden agendas other than the Trust mandate to "preserve and protect." They are endeavouring to incorporate the wishes of the community in the type of community plan that Richmond should have had years ago.

**BIANCA AND GORDON BARNES,**  
Fulford-Ganges Road

P.S. We wonder if Linda Adams' excellent presentation at the April 18 meeting had been

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booed instead of being warmly applauded, your newspaper might have reported that.

## Government business

Not that I'm generally wildly enthusiastic about governments, you understand; figuring that, be they of right-wing, left-wing or middle-of-the-road persuasion, they basically differ only in degree of corruptness and/or incompetence.

But when I heard that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs had finally got off its collective butt and proposed the building of affordable housing, I thought to myself, now here's a proposal that nobody could possibly argue with.

Alas, for my innocent naivety! There it was in black and white; Colin Nicholson's letter in last week's Driftwood, opposing affordable housing! And offering, as "convincing and valid reasons" for his opposition, that "many people believe that this is not the way to house the needy — and that government has no place in the housing business."

Mr. Nicholson is obviously well acquainted with George Orwell's 1984 and the principles of "doublespeak" and "doublethink" described therein. To call a belief a "convincing and valid reason" is doublespeak of the very finest quality.

What does Mr. Nicholson think would be an appropriate way to house the needy — unaffordable housing, possibly? Or does he propose that poor people be issued with free cardboard cartons so that they can build their own shelters under a bridge somewhere? Or, perhaps, that they all be simply hustled onto the next available Crofton ferry with a warning never again to sully these fair shores?

As for his contention that government has no place in the housing business; that, too, is not a reason but a slogan — and an inaccurate one, at that. Governments have been in the housing business ever since there have been governments, from ancient Babylon to the — admittedly not very architecturally attractive — "council housing estates" of postwar Britain. One of the primary functions of government is to provide needed services that private enterprise is either unable or unwilling to provide at an affordable price — schools, hospitals, policing, etc. And it seems that decent, cheap housing must also fall into this category, since private entrepreneurs obviously are not interested.

**MIKE PRICE,**  
Main Street

## Children's futures

Parents of children on Leisure Lane have just received a memo from School District 64 stating that due to overloaded buses the 11 children from this and nearby streets may have to walk to school.

The children from here have always gone on the bus. The older grades have huge amounts of

books to carry to and from school daily. Even if there were safe, friendly streets with sidewalks, you cannot expect children to walk that far daily in this day and age.

During last year there was possibly an attempted abduction here on Salt Spring.

If the school district cannot afford big enough buses, perhaps it should have waited a while for its fancy garage. Information gathered under the Freedom of Information Act shows the Capital Regional District (CRD) building inspection office spent \$275,740 of our money on Salt Spring for the 1994 tax year, as well as \$283,240 on the Outer Islands.

The Islands Trust had a wage bonanza of \$1,146,678 for full-time salaried employees. This includes one who received \$82,498 per year in salary to the lowest paid, a mere \$32,656 a year (May 1, 1995 figures). Our chief building inspector gets \$52,000-plus per year, or \$28.56 per hour. (How much do you earn?)

We the taxpayers are paying the price, but major amounts of money are just simply spent on non-essential gravy trains instead of our children.

My niece from Denmark and her two friends are visiting North America including Salt Spring. All three are in college in Denmark taking commerce and trade along with 57 others in the same class. All 60 went somewhere in the world as part of their studies.

In Denmark, college and univer-

sity is free except for the books. On top of that the students receive DK 3,000 per month (\$750) in government support. The \$750 is paid whether the students are inside or outside the country.

Denmark has very few resources except for their people. They see their children as their future and treat the children in accordance.

We on the other hand spend the money on civil servants who seem mostly to forget who they are working for.

Our four to six levels of government are simply burning off our school, health and old age money to such a degree that our children cannot get the education they deserve and need. Now they cannot even get on a bus perhaps?

I believe it is high time we had a grass-roots referendum and decide if the taxes and building fees should just go back to the ever-hungry civil service or if it should go to build our children's future.

Finally, if the school was serious about the "Safe Arrival Program" this is a big step backwards.

**I. STRAARUP,**  
Leisure Lane

## No back room

I want to dispel the rumour floating around that the draft Official Community Plan (OCP) was written in the back room by "me and the boys." At a recent public meeting, which I did not attend, Jeremy Moray even went so far as to suggest publicly that

the OCP reflected my supposed "San Juan Island" anti-business, anti-tourism views.

First, I did not write the OCP, and I have had no more input into it than any other citizen of this island. This idea that there's some sort of back-room conspiracy going on involving me or anyone else is an insult to the skill and professionalism of Linda Adams, and to the openness of the process so far.

Second, Mr. Moray does not know me or my personal views on any topic, let alone the OCP. He hasn't even bothered to ask. Yet, Mr. Moray, in his ignorance, chooses to publicly characterize me as some sort of anti-business, back-room operator. In fact, I am a successful entrepreneur who makes his principal living by devising creative theme displays and promotional programs for businesses — ranging from multi-nationals to the corner store.

I have a solid, pro-business track record that I'm willing to share with anyone who wants to ask. I did not conspire in the writing of the OCP. I wasn't on the grassy knoll, and I don't know Mark Fuhrman, either. I think Mr. Moray should confine his storytelling to children's fairy tales rather than spreading untrue rumours and using my name in a maligning fashion at public meetings.

And, I would advise everyone to read the OCP and come to their own conclusions about it, rather than rely on the views of misguided, ill-informed people.

**TOM O'CONNOR,**  
Fulford-Ganges Road

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# Brierlys leave for extended work period in Nicaragua

For the first time in 15 years, Bill and Linda Brierly will actually get paid for work undertaken in Nicaragua.

The Salt Spring Island couple left Sunday for what will be a two-year or more stint based in Ometepe.

Although the Brierlys have volunteered their services in Nicaragua numerous times during the past decade and a half, this time they are on the payroll of the non-profit, Seattle-based ALISTAR

Foundation.

"ALISTAR phoned us up and offered us the work," Linda Brierly said Friday. "We've agreed to go for two years at least, although they wanted a longer commitment."

The Brierlys will be "field staff" for the foundation which specializes in grass roots community development work in various Latin American countries.

Specifically, Bill Brierly will be supervising a two- to four-year con-

struction project which will house 500 orphaned and abandoned children. The structure will also be the site of a community-wide vocational school for Ometepe.

Linda Brierly said she will be "wearing various hats" during their stay. As a nurse, she will be involved in the establishing of a medical system for the orphanage.

She will also be working with the Fundacion Entre Volcanoes, a local community development group (FEV), to which ALISTAR has a three-year commitment.

Linda will be the "ground liaison person" between the two foundations.

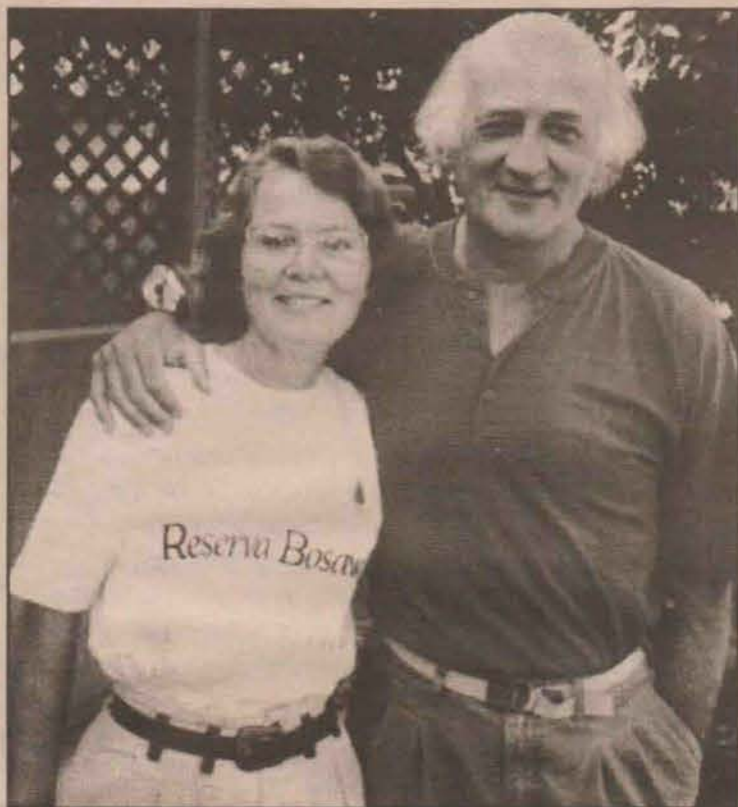
Her third "hat" will be as ALISTAR's Nicaraguan coordinator, where "the potential of making even a little bit of difference is incredible," she noted.

She said ALISTAR is involved in community development in the largest nature reserve in Central America — a 2.7 million acre parcel of land set aside for preservation by the Nicaraguan government.

ALISTAR, the Nature Conservancy and the Nicaraguan government are aiming to incorporate the indigenous people living in this reserve as partners in managing it.

"We will be involved as field workers here," Linda said. "Help is needed in everything from education, health and advocacy in order for them to become effective partners."

Linda said she will be wearing a fourth costume in Nicaragua — that of her clown. She began clowning lessons last fall and said she has purchased 1,444 balloons to make balloon animals for the children she meets.



**OFF TO OMETEPE:** Linda and Bill Brierly left Sunday for a two-year or more work stint in Nicaragua. The Salt Spring couple has been hired to oversee various projects by the ALISTAR Foundation.

## Island groups obtain CRD grants

Ten Gulf Islands organizations are getting financial support through grants from the Capital Regional District.

The regional board recently approved grants to:

- Salt Spring Community Services, \$400;

- Island Stream & Salmon Enhancement, \$2,250;
- Salt Spring judo clubs, \$3,000;
- Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse, \$6,000;
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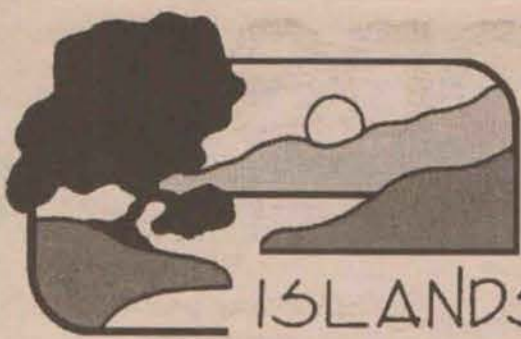
**SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE  
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The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is now receiving applications from interested citizens for membership on the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission. Four members will be appointed to the commission with a term of two years, replacing four outgoing members. Terms begin June 1, 1996. All members must be electors of the Trust Committee, and also must be residents of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee area.

The purpose of the Advisory Planning Commission is to advise the Local Trust Committee on matters referred to it by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee, respecting land use, community planning, or proposed bylaws and permits. Further information regarding the role of the advisory planning commission is available at the Ganges office of the Islands Trust.

Citizens interested in participating on this commission are invited to apply in writing before May 17, 1996. Applications must include a statement of interest and relevant experience and qualifications, and should be addressed to:

**SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE  
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 1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road  
 Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T9**



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# Salt Spring Island Official

## WHAT'S IN THE PLAN

### SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The first draft of the Official Community Plan has now been released and is circulating among the public. A spirited discussion of its merits is now underway. To give you a running head start on understanding it, here is a brief introduction to its origins and elements and an overview of what it says (and doesn't say).

#### WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN?

An Official Community Plan describes a community's goals for future development. It takes into account what has happened in the past and provides a vision for the future. Think of it as something like a blueprint for renovating your home. Even though you may not take action on your blueprint all at once, having a long term plan helps you coordinate all the smaller decisions as you come to them. In the same way, a community plan can help Salt Spring develop in a coordinated way, with a level of stability and certainty about the future.

Community Plans are written in accordance with the Municipal Act of B.C. and must be formally approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs before they can be locally adopted. We are not acting in isolation.

#### DO WE HAVE A COMMUNITY PLAN NOW?

Yes, our first Official Community Plan was adopted in 1974. Since then it has been occasionally amended, but never completely overhauled. It doesn't discuss many of the issues now facing our community or many of the topics that Official Community Plans are now meant to address.

#### HOW HAS THE NEW PLAN BEEN DEVELOPED?

The first draft of the our new Official Community Plan is the result of the most extensive community consultation ever undertaken on Salt Spring Island. For the past two years, community members have had input into the process that produced this document. Over 100 people made recommendations through their participation on Focus Groups. Hundreds more attended over 15 issue workshops held in 1994 and 1995. More than 1800 residents and off-island property owners responded to the Official Community Plan Survey last fall.

#### WHERE CAN I SEE A COPY OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE NEW PLAN?

Copies have been available in the Islands Trust office in Grace Point Square and at the Mary Hawkins Library on McPhillips Avenue since April 4th. Judging from the demand, interest in the OCP is running high. Over 660 bound copies are presently circulating throughout the community. An introductory Reader's Guide will help you find the sections of the draft Plan that you may be most interested in. If you want copies of just a few sections, please contact the Islands Trust office for photocopies. The entire draft Plan can be read on Ravenet or downloaded for off-line reading. If you want to have a look at it, see: Services - IT Issues OCP Review. If you would like to borrow a bound copy, please put your name on a list in the Islands Trust office. If you have access to a computer, you can bring in a disk and we'll quickly put the entire draft Plan on it for you. Videos of the Information Meetings are also being broadcast on Community Cablevision - see their schedule in the Driftwood.

#### WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

You are invited to make comments and suggestions as to how the first draft should be amended. In order to have your comments considered for the next draft, please have them in by May 31. Once all the suggestions have been received, another draft will be prepared in preparation for consideration of First Reading by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. If that draft has received First Reading and becomes a Proposed Bylaw, it will be the subject of a public hearing - possibly in summer or early fall. At the hearing, all members of the public will be invited to express themselves about the policies contained in the Plan. The Plan may then undergo further revisions and hearings. The target date for adoption is November.

#### WHAT HAPPENS ONCE A NEW COMMUNITY PLAN IS ADOPTED?

Just as having a blueprint for your home's renovation doesn't actually make any changes to your home, the actual adoption of an Official Community Plan does not change much. Any actual changes to permitted uses can only be brought about by amendments to the existing zoning and subdivision bylaws. Just as you might never actually implement your blueprint, the adoption of an Official Community Plan does not oblige the local government to carry out any changes to its actual bylaws. However, if changes are proposed to existing zoning or subdivision bylaws (either by individuals or by the local government), they would have to fit in with the overall Plan. Each time a bylaw change is proposed, there would be further public discussion and a public hearing. There are some sections (such as Development Permit Areas and Heritage Conservation Areas) which also provide guidelines for new development in specific situations as soon as a Plan is adopted - but those sections still don't change the permitted uses or densities allowed by the zoning or subdivision bylaws in effect.

Once a new Plan is adopted, some communities initiate a complete review of their zoning or subdivision bylaws, and amend them to match the new Plan. Others work in stages, and make sections of their bylaws match the new Plan, bit by bit. Still others choose not to initiate any changes, but ensure that rezoning applications will conform with the community's new directions. A decision has not yet been made as to which of the above approaches our community will take. Whichever approach is taken, each change involves public discussion and formal public hearings.

While an Official Community Plan is not meant to be changed frequently (you don't want to make too many changes to your blueprint as you go), it can be amended by the local government at any time. Again, amendments must be approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

## SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY GOALS

Community Goals are the foundation of a community's development. They are the goals we want to reach, rather than preventing us from reaching them. The following are the community goals (or objectives) that have been identified by our community and included in the new draft Plan:

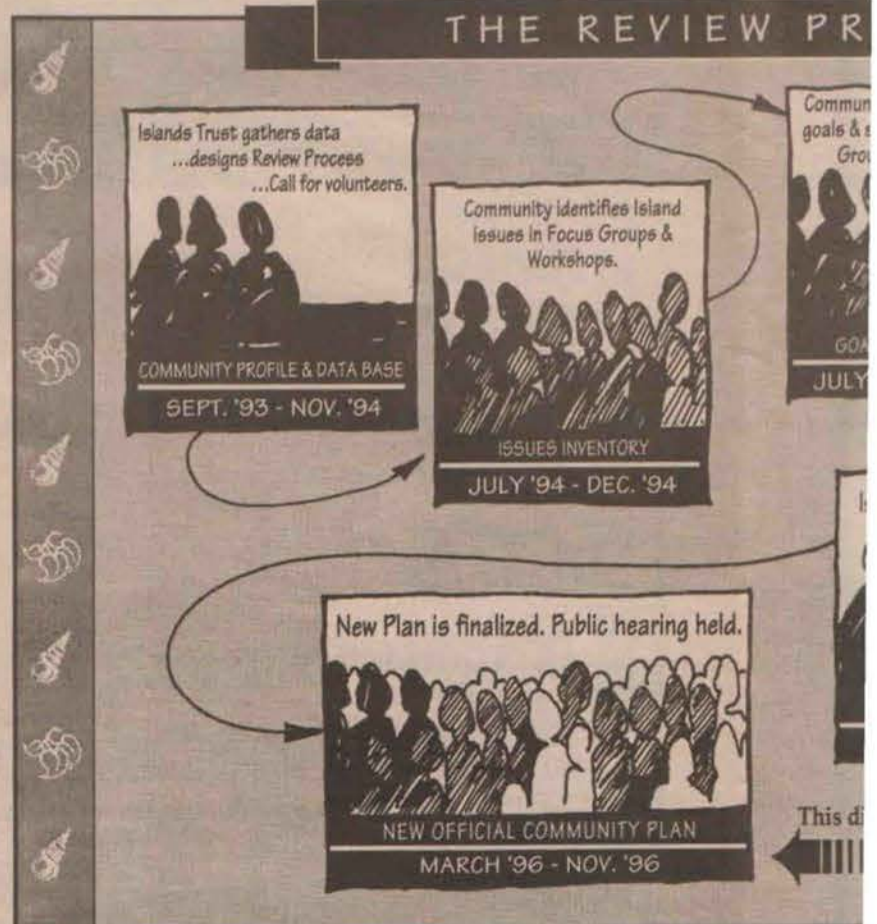
1. To protect our natural environment - our air, water quality and protecting our environmentally sensitive areas.
2. To protect our "sense of community".
3. To protect our rural character, and ensure that man-made structures do not detract from the natural environment.
4. To remain an island, unconnected to other land masses.
5. To protect large areas of open space and farm land.
6. To protect our natural resources so that they remain for future generations.
7. To keep our population relatively small - and to be sure that we have sufficient resources, particularly water.
8. To ensure that many different kinds of people will live here, and that many kinds of housing and jobs being available. To provide for the development of affordable housing and home-based businesses.
9. To ensure island seniors can remain in our community.
10. To have a vibrant and diverse economy.
11. To pay particular attention to the recreation and employment opportunities.
12. To protect farmland, encourage farming and help in rural development.
13. To have a community that is safe, secure and healthy.
14. To encourage the kind of tourism that fits in with our community.
15. To have roads, ferry service, recreation and other services that are better than a large urban one.
16. To recognize compact village areas as centres for community services, institutions and some multi-family development. To avoid commercial strips leading into villages.
17. To encourage cycling, walking and public transit as alternatives to the automobile.
18. To acquire more public parkland and access to the shoreline.
19. To preserve our island heritage buildings and scenic resources.

The draft Plan gives more detail about these objectives and how to reach them. If you have other suggested goals, please let us know.

## WE NEED YOUR COMMENTS

Please write a quick note or detailed letter with your comments and concerns to the Islands Trust, 1206 115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T9, or fax us at 537- 9116. We need your comments by May 31st, 1996 to incorporate them into the second draft.

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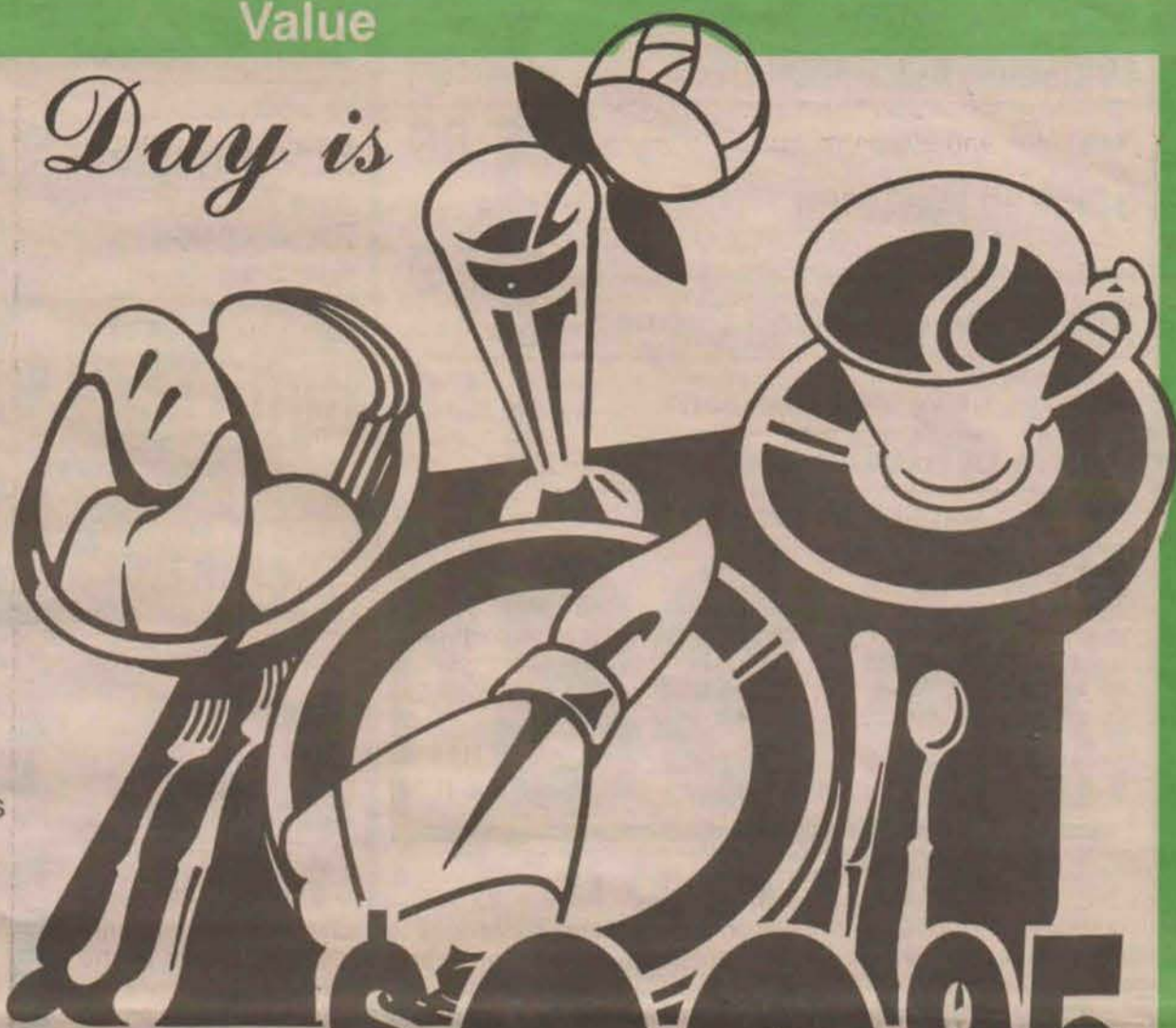
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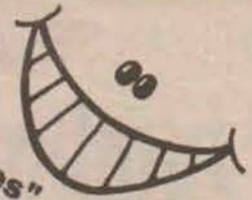
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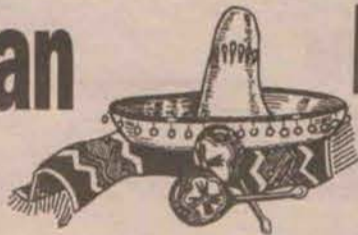
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# Official Community Plan

## THE FIRST DRAFT



### SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY GOALS

of a community plan. The Plan expresses the our land use planning policies contribute towards reaching them. Here is a general summary of the identified by our community so far and have been

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### SOME PROPOSED NEW OPPORTUNITIES

By far the majority of the draft Plan reflects the existing Plan and the zoning and subdivision regulations or provincial policies that are already in place. There are only a few instances where the Plan suggests that zoning might be considered to include additional restrictions on permitted uses and densities - and those are primarily related to very large commercial and industrial developments.

In response to community recommendations, the draft Plan suggests several new opportunities. Here is a summary of those that may be of interest to most residents. Please note that while these ideas are suggested by the Plan, they wouldn't actually be available unless zoning regulations were changed following adoption of the Plan.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

**Limited size dwelling:** The draft Plan suggests that people should have an alternative to constructing a single family dwelling on some properties. That alternative could be a dwelling with more than one unit (for example, a secondary suite, but not a duplex). However, the draft suggests that people taking advantage of this option would be limited to a maximum floor area of 1668 sq.ft. and would have to design the building to look like a single family dwelling and fit in with the neighbourhood. The Plan suggests that this option could be introduced as a pilot project to see if it is feasible, if it provides affordable housing and to determine what kind of neighbourhood impacts result.

**Care cottages:** The draft Plan suggests that people should be able to house invalid relatives in a small temporary cottage or suite on their property. This suggestion would allow non-institutionalized care and perhaps allow seniors to remain on the island with their families.

**Other options:** The draft Plan suggests that zoning changes could be made to permit several units of affordable housing for seniors and families near or in island villages, provided there is sufficient water and sewage treatment capacity.

#### HOME BASED BUSINESS

**Relaxed regulations:** The draft Plan suggests that the current zoning regulations regarding home based businesses should be more permissive in the types of businesses permitted and in the floor area that can be used for business in a home. Some new guidelines are suggested to ensure that expansion of home based business opportunities do not have negative impacts on neighbouring properties.

**Home based industry:** The draft Plan suggests that people should be able to apply for a new type of zone that permits a home based industry (something a bit bigger than a home based business,) to locate on larger properties. Again, some guidelines are suggested to ensure that if any such activities were permitted, they would remain compatible with the neighbourhood.

### SOME PROPOSED NEW SAFEGUARDS

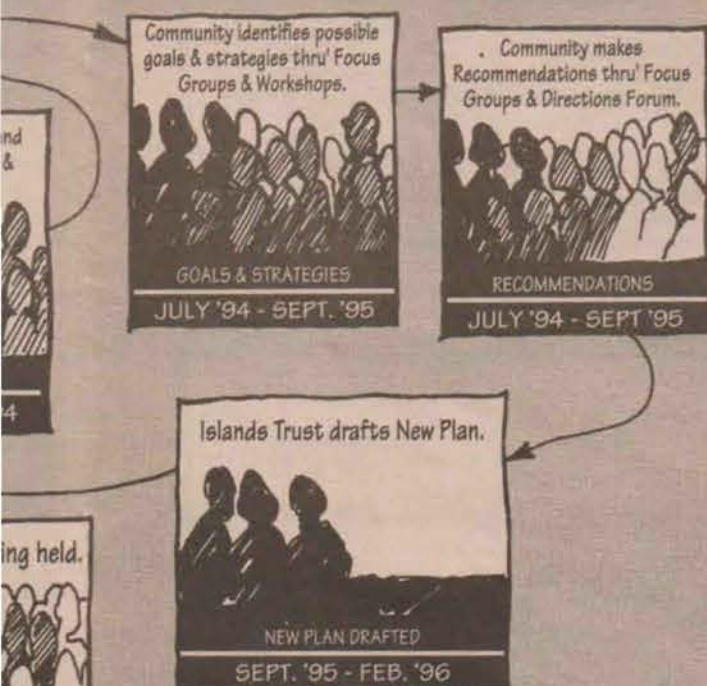
Community input to date has indicated that some new safeguards should be in place in some situations. People attending workshops or answering surveys have particularly identified water quantity and water quality as areas of particular concern. No one wants to see their well run dry or have their water quality affected by something else that is permitted in their neighbourhood.

The draft Plan also suggests some safeguards that could prevent some of the more extreme impacts that currently occur in our community. For example, clearcutting large areas on unstable slopes would require some advance precautions to be sure that there is some protection given to other people's property and wells. Other safeguards have been included to protect fish-bearing streams and our drinking water lakes.

Some precautions are suggested to avoid situations where drainage changes or alterations to the shoreline on one property would have a negative impact on a neighbouring property. None of these safeguards would change the uses or densities permitted by zoning, but they would introduce an element of care into those activities that could potentially result in the greatest impacts on other people's interests or property.

Most of the other new safeguards proposed by the draft Plan would come into effect only if a zoning change is being sought. In that case, the draft Plan suggests several items that should be checked before such a rezoning is permitted. Again, the intention is to ensure that any changes to permitted land uses do not have a negative impact on those that are already there.

### VIEW PROCESS



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### SOME MYTHS DISPELLED...

As with any document as complex as the new draft Plan, some misunderstandings can arise and cause great concern. Some of the things we have heard people express concern about, but are not in the draft Plan:

1. The Plan doesn't say what colour to paint your house (or what shape your garage should be).
2. The Plan doesn't say you'll need a permit to cut firewood (It does suggest constraints be considered before doing large-scale logging in environmentally fragile areas).
3. The Plan doesn't say that Building Permits should be withheld anywhere.
4. The Islands Trust is not planning to install water meters anywhere.

### THE HOT TOPIC CORNER (SEASONAL COTTAGES, WATER SUPPLY)

The seasonal cottage issue in our community is a complex and ongoing one. Many people feel that they should be legalized as secondary dwellings. Doing so could have a significant impact on our potential population, which many people feel shouldn't go any higher. Legalizing seasonal cottages as dwellings could also have an affect on groundwater supplies in some neighbourhoods. Within waterworks districts, supplying water to two dwellings per lot, instead of one per lot as originally planned could have effects on other community objectives within those waterworks districts.

Water supply also constrains other ambitions. Can we supply water to our farms, have a secondary dwelling on many lots, extra seniors housing downtown, an extended care unit at the hospital, a swimming pool, an ice park, and a microbrewery....? In order to have additional discussion of these complex issues a special workshop has been scheduled for May 6 at 7 pm in Meaden Hall. Come find out what the draft Plan says, what all the issues are and provide us with some other suggestions.

# Complexity of draft document adds to community's criticism

Trust planner Linda Adams says the Salt Spring Trust Committee is being "up front" by presenting so much detail in its draft Official Community Plan (OCP).

But the document's length and complexity was criticized almost as much as its content at Thursday's "question and answer" meeting.

Roy MacMillan said people tell him they can't understand the draft. "You really make it very difficult for people to give some kind of feedback."

Brian Brett told those attending that Surrey's new OCP was approximately 165 pages long and Victoria's is 71.

"We don't need this complication here," he said.

People support the principles behind the plan, he said, but they don't want to see a giant bureaucracy created on the island.

Salt Spring Community Planning Association (CPA) chairman Ken Renaud told the Driftwood his group is concerned that the detail obscures the valuable "essence" of the plan. "Quite frankly, I'm afraid we're going to lose the baby with the bathwater."

However, he added, "I give (the Trust) full marks for courage."

He observed the overriding principles and vision are the same as in the current OCP, put together by the CPA in the early 1970s, along with the revised community plan "purpose and goals" review which the group coordinated in 1989.

Adams said in an interview last week that some people think everything in the plan is new, when much of it isn't and is only now being incorporated into one document.

The groundwork for zoning bylaws that will have to be written and conform to the plan is already in the draft OCP, which contributes substantially to its bulk. That would theoretically reduce the work and issues to be addressed when the new bylaws are being formed.

"We're trying to be up front," she explained, and hoping to avoid "battles" over every future zoning bylaw.

Regarding the complexity of the development permit area sections in the plan, she said, "It's hard to make it legal and easy to understand."

Another large chunk of the plan consists of entirely new subjects, some of which the Trust committee is mandated by the Municipal Act to address. Those include affordable housing, and heritage resources which should be designated for conservation.

Commercial design guidelines, which are presently in a separate document, have also been revised and put into the draft plan.

Adams said another reason for

including so much detail in the plan is so future bylaws will not require municipal affairs ministry approval as they do at present.

She said ministry staff will see that "as a community you guys have got things under control so we can back off."

It is assumed bylaws would be approved more quickly, she said.

Other Trust islands which have completed OCPs since 1993 have produced considerably smaller documents. North Pender and Galiano OCPs are 28 pages long, while Mayne Island's is 35.

Bowen Island's draft plan, released last spring, was 76 pages long. Its opponents commissioned



Adams

Vancouver-based planner Alan Artibise to provide a brief critique. Artibise concluded the draft was "an overly long, confusing, contradictory and unworkable document," although Bowen trustee Claus Spiekermann said the report was "biased."

Salt Spring residents Joan and Allen McConnell have been combing through parts of the plan in recent weeks. Allen McConnell has found "unnecessary repetition" of "provisions and policies which are common to more than one designation and could be covered by cross-reference;" plus "excessive repetition of high-sounding 'motherhood' phrases which are confusing and not always relevant."

Joan McConnell said: "The only people who could possibly be happy (with the plan) on this island are the lawyers."

She said they reviewed Victoria's

## OCP MEETINGS

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stuff and that's why you're getting so much fear in this room."

The cost to administer new proposals was also queried. Byrne said the Trust did not know the exact cost.

Sue Spencer challenged everyone present to write down and submit their objections to the draft plan.

At the IWS meeting, the initial audience question was from Aino Jensen of Salt Spring Bottled Water. He echoed the root of many questions aired at both meetings.

"I would like to know how this is going to affect me," he said.

Adams told him, and repeated similar statements the next evening, that existing businesses and land uses could not be shut down or made illegal by future zoning bylaws containing new regulations.

Questions about agricultural policies were also raised at both meet-

ings. John Wilcox said proposed dwelling limits would prohibit developing a farm where his son and future generations could live and contribute.

Peter Stepaniuk told the IWS meeting that "no one can be a custodian of their own property" under proposed regulations that would hamper farmers and others.

Questions over why "blue roofs" were discouraged in design guidelines for commercial buildings in island villages were also raised at both meetings.

Adams has explained that bright colours are discouraged in guidelines so that buildings do not dominate the natural landscape.

Bob Weeden provided an overview of the plan before presenters took their five minutes to describe highlights of nine topics, including residential, commercial, institutional and industrial land use, agriculture, villages, Channel Ridge and park land.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that South Pender Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on the following proposed bylaws: Bylaw No. 75 cited as "Zoning Bylaw, South Pender Island, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1996"; Bylaw No. 76 cited as "Zoning Bylaw, South Pender Island, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1996"; Bylaw No. 77 cited as "Zoning Bylaw, South Pender Island, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1996"; and Bylaw No. 78 cited as "Zoning Bylaw, South Pender Island, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 1996" for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 6, 1996, at the South Pender Firehall, Gowlland Point Road, South Pender Island, B.C.

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

Bylaw No. 75 - "Zoning Bylaw, South Pender Island, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1996:

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 75 is to amend Section 2, Definitions, by:

- 1) Adding new definitions for: Accessory Building and Structure, Accessory Use, Grade Level, Height, Lot Line, Manufactured Home, and Marina;
- 2) Revising the definitions for: Basement, Bed and Breakfast, Building, Church, Dwelling Unit, Farm Use, Fill, Floor Area, Home Occupation, Hotel, Hotel Cottage, Natural Boundary, Pump House, School, Seasonal Cottage, Storey, Street, Temporary, Useable Site Area, and Watercourse; and
- 3) Deleting the definitions for: Accessory Building; Boat House; Dwelling, Single Family; Dwelling Unit, Self Contained; Height of building or structure, Intensive agricultural use; Lobby; Lot line-front; Lot line-interior side; Lot line-rear; Mobile home; Potable Water; Quarrying; Residential Use; and Zone.

Bylaw No. 76 - "Zoning Bylaw, South Pender Island, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1996:

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 76 is to:

- 1) Amend the Section 4.1, Uses Permitted in any zone, by deleting in subsection 4.1(1) the word "service" and replacing it with the word "utilities"; thereby bringing the use permitted in this subsection into conformity with the definition of "public utilities use"; and
- 2) Delete the public utilities use from Section 7, the Public Services and Utilities (PS) Zone, as it becomes redundant.

Bylaw No. 77 - "Zoning Bylaw, South Pender Island 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1996"

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 77 is to amend permitted uses in the Rural (R1), Agricultural (A), Resource Protection (RP), and Forest and Wildland (F) Zones, where parks, public parks, playgrounds, and public open space are permitted uses by deleting them and adding the permitted use "open space parks" in their place.

Bylaw No. 78 - "Zoning Bylaw, South Pender Island, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 1996"

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 78 is to amend the wording of Section 4.12, Setbacks from Watercourses and Natural Boundaries, by deleting the existing wording and replacing it with new wording that retains the existing setback distances and provides improved clarity and certainty.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any information that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, April 24, 1996 and continuing up to and including Friday, May 3, 1996.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(a)(v) of the Municipal Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Post Office on North Pender Island, B.C. commencing Wednesday, April 24, 1996.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust at the 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, prior to 4:30 pm., Friday, May 3, 1996.
2. after 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 3, 1996 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the South Pender Island Planner at 952-4182.

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# Islanders concerned DPAs infringe on property rights

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

A major part of Salt Spring's Official Community Plan (OCP) draft is the institution of a development permit area encompassing the entire island.

The Islands Trust's intent, says plan author and planner Linda Adams, is that "the vast majority of activity" undertaken by most property owners would not require a development permit.

"We don't want people to come in (to the Trust office) needing development permits for everything," she told the Driftwood last week.

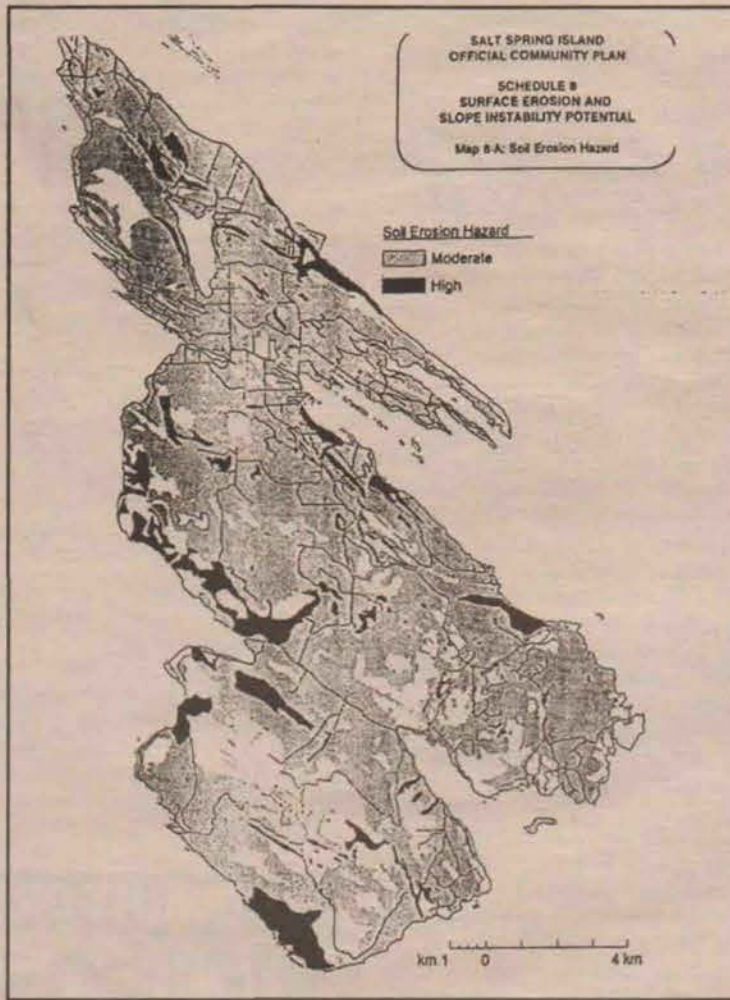
But the wording in proposed Development Permit Area (DPA) 5, and the specific lands its "guidelines" encompass have people wondering if they will be able to cut down trees on their property for firewood or fencing, install a septic system or build a driveway without applying for and meeting conditions of a development permit.

As written in draft section E.5.4., permits will not be required to remove trees or vegetation, alter drainage or construct driveways on land that:

- has a slope less than or equal to 15 per cent, and;
- is 30 metres (98.42 feet) or more from the natural boundary of a body of water, and;
- is located outside the capture zone of a community drinking water well identified in the plan; and
- is located outside an area which has medium or high potential for soil erosion or slope stability hazard, as identified in the plan; and
- is not located in a Watershed Land Use Designation, unless the area does not exceed 0.2 hectare (0.5 acre) and has a low soil erosion and slope stability hazard, and;
- is not located in the Ganges Stormwater Management Area indicated in the plan on Schedule 10. This area encompasses Ganges village and some surrounding uphill lands.

A majority of the island is designated as having moderate potential for soil erosion in the plan's Schedule 8. Capture zones for community drinking water wells are identified in Schedule 4 and include areas around wells for Mount Tuam, Mount Erskine, Mount Belcher, Cedar Lane, Maracaibo West and East, Harbour View and Scott Point area water systems.

Concerns about DPA 5 were raised several times at Thursday evening's Trust-sponsored question-and-answer meeting in



A geologist's study commissioned for the plan review found most of Salt Spring land has a moderate soil erosion hazard (shaded area), and would be subject to a development permit application for various activities as proposed in the draft plan. However, the Trust has said it will review the issue of Development Permit Area 5.

Ganges. People perceived that section of the draft plan as infringing on their property rights and creating more "red tape" for landowners.

Mike Byron described his 75 acre-parcel and asked if he would be able to log any or all of his land if the draft plan was adopted. He urged a Trust staff person to come to his land in the near future to determine this so he could decide whether he should log it now while he still had the right to do so.

Adams responded to Byron's question by saying the 30-metre buffer zone around water bodies could apply, or restrictions could apply if the land had a 60 per cent slope.

Brian Brett said the exceptions in E.5.4. could cover almost all property. "This is why people are paranoid," he said.

"I think you are going to cause the worst epidemic of logging this island has ever seen."

Trustee Grace Byrne agreed with Brett. "You have brought

up a very valid point and we will address it," she said.

Dan Fraser said lands were already protected by regulations

of provincial agencies like the forest and environment ministries and the Agricultural Land Commission, and that it was "ridiculous" to "covenant" land with a 15 per cent slope.

"I don't like losing control of my land," he said. "I have a lot at stake here."

Adams said earlier last week that DPA 5 guidelines are intended to prevent the kind of negative impact on neighbouring properties that occurred when steep lands in the Seymour Heights/Armand Way area were logged in 1994-95.

She also clarified that guidelines such as those for placing a septic or irrigation system 30 metres (98.42 feet) from the shoreline (in DPA 6) or 60 metres (196.85 feet) from a "body of water" were not hard and fast rules but "indicates the preferable thing."

Salmon enhancement biologist Kathy Reimer pointed out to the meeting that Map 4-E in Schedule 4 identifying "potential and existing fish habitat" was not accurate. She said she was pointing it out because her name was on the map as the source of information.

"A black dot (on the map) could be somebody's irrigation pond."

Reimer was on the environmental focus group providing input into the plan. "Nowhere," she said, "did we recommend that all fish-bearing streams be a development permit area."

The group did recommend that "guidelines for setbacks should be gathered from the

various senior level agencies responsible for the protection of particular areas or species." Adams said Monday it is Fisheries and the environment ministry that are requesting larger setbacks than are currently in place, and that development which might affect fish habitat be referred to them for input.

On Friday, Adams told the Driftwood "that whole DPA (5) has got to be examined," adding that administrative complications, also raised by people at Thursday's meeting, were "a big concern."

Perhaps the most important thing to know about DPAs and their guidelines is that they would come into effect with passage of the plan, which trustees Byrne and Bob Andrew hope to accomplish before their terms expire in November. Just about everything else outlined in an OCP requires the writing of a new zoning bylaw which conforms to the plan, and will require public hearing.

Both Adams and Lucky Luchin, a senior planner at the municipal affairs ministry, said proposed DPAs get thorough legal review.

Luchin said the extent to which guidelines can be worked into a development permit is "a real legal question."

DPAs have been used more in B.C. local government planning for environmental protection purposes in the past few years, said Adams and Luchin.

Luchin said, "The intent was everything would be up front so that the landowner would have no surprises."

## More development areas named

Other Development Permit Areas (DPAs) that would come into effect with the Official Community Plan (OCP) bylaw are:

No. 1 — Island Villages. A development permit would be required for subdivision of land within these areas, or construction of, addition to or alteration of buildings for new commercial, industrial or multifamily residential uses in Ganges, Fulford and Channel Ridge villages. Changes to single family dwellings and existing buildings would not require a permit.

No. 2 — Non-village Multifamily Residential. This would encompass areas designated in the plan as Rural; Rural Residential 1, 2 and 3; Mid-Islands Uplands; South Island Uplands; and Channel Ridge Uplands.

According to Section E.2.1.2, a development permit would be required for subdivision of land or construction of more than a single family dwelling unit, adding a "care cottage" to a property or altering land by removing trees or vegetation or constructing roads and driveways. Some exemptions apply, as listed in Section E.2.4.

No.3 — Non-village Commercial. A permit would be needed for the same activities as No. 2, and the section includes guidelines for site and building design, parking and related matters.

No.4 — Non-village Industrial. Same as above, on lands designated for industrial use.

No.5 — See separate story in this issue.

No.6 — Shoreline. It includes all lands 30 metres (98.42 feet) from

the natural boundary of the sea around Salt Spring to a line drawn 300 metres (984.25 feet) seaward from that boundary. Subdivision, most construction projects and altering land, including that covered by water, would require a permit.

Protection of shoreline waters, fish habitat and unstable shoreline areas is the stated justification for suggesting DPA 6.

Salt Spring's current OCP has three DPAs to regulate the "form and character" of Ganges and commercial service areas, and one to protect St. Mary Lake water quality through controlling impacts of development in part of Channel Ridge.

Design guidelines, which are currently in a separate document, are also included in these DPA sections.

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# Draft plan suggests housing restrictions

Suggested changes to housing policies in the draft Official Community Plan (OCP) have been another lightning rod for questions and comment in the past week.

Responding to problems with seasonal cottages being used for year-round accommodation on Salt Spring, and demands for affordable housing, the draft plan suggests limits on the size, number and type of dwellings many property owners could build in future.

Current residential zoning allows construction of a 56-square-metre (602-square-foot) "seasonal" guest cottage, which is not supposed to house full-time residents, in addition to a main house of any size, to a maximum 33 per cent site coverage on the property. The cottage provision applies to about 3,600 properties more than 1.2 hectares (2.96 acres) in size in most residential zones. About 300 have already been built.

The draft plan suggests allowing year-round use of a "secondary dwelling" up to 60 square metres (645 square feet), as long as the main house is not more than 95 square metres (1,022 square feet), on properties of at least 1.2 hectares (2.96 acres).

Another new option allows construction of a "limited size dwelling," where a maximum 155-square-metre (1,668-square-foot) building could be built containing one, two or three dwelling

## In response to 'seasonal' cottage problem

units and which could change over time.

Trust planner Linda Adams stressed last week these are only suggestions, and that the latter idea would probably be tried in only one zone to see if it actually would provide more affordable housing, as intended.

A third new option would allow a "care cottage" (maximum 46 square metres or 495 square feet) to be a second dwelling on the same properties with the right to have a secondary dwelling. This is intended to temporarily house an elderly or invalid person who may need care from the family living in the main house.

These regulations would not come into effect with passage of the OCP and would have to be written in zoning bylaws at a later date.

Some changes must be made for two main reasons, said Adams. First, full-time use of seasonal cottages prompts many bylaw enforcement complaints, which indicates the current bylaw is not working.

Second, if everyone with the right to build a seasonal cottage did so and rented it year-round, an estimated 6,000 more full-time residents would live on the island, she said. The main problem that creates is increased and unplanned-for demand for water.

North Salt Spring Waterworks

District (NSSWD), by far the largest on the island, says its current water licence from the provincial government will already prevent supply of water to 1,070 residences under current zoning, without adding demands from people living in seasonal cottages year-round.

More water is available, NSSWD manager Mike Larmour told the Driftwood, but with "legal, regulatory and economic constraints." A "huge cost" is required to undertake projects like creation of a large lake or desalination of ocean water, he said. Local desires are also affected by the fact that surface water is controlled by license from the provincial government, which sees St. Mary Lake as a multiple-use lake, not just a supply of residential drinking water.

Adams also said house size limits are suggested in the plan because there is a correlation assumed between size, the number of people who live in a dwelling and water consumption.

Another section of the draft plan (C.3.1.2.2.) connects water use and house size and proposes limiting the size of single family dwellings in all water district areas (Schedule 2 of the plan) to 230 square metres (2,475 square feet).

At Thursday night's public question and answer meeting, several people were critical of and

wanted clarification of the proposed regulations. Some were also skeptical about the Trust's position that there is not enough water to meet development demands.

Responding to a question from Jeremy Moray, Adams noted one scenario was not addressed in the plan—whether or not people living in a cottage now and intending to build a larger house for themselves at a later date would be subject to size restrictions.

Gary Holman, who co-chaired the jobs, business and industry focus group in the plan review process, points out that allowing year-round use of a secondary dwelling is less restrictive than limiting cottages for guest use only.

"You've got to acknowledge it's granting an additional right that isn't there now."

Adams said there are other alternatives and implications to those suggested in the draft plan, and they will be discussed at a public workshop on this specific issue set for Monday at Meaden Hall beginning at 7 p.m.



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## Housing questions surveyed in past

How to house Salt Spring residents now and in the future has been a popular topic during the past few years.

The Islands Trust sponsored a task force on the issue, which reported in November 1994.

The growth management and settlement patterns focus group of the community plan review also considered housing options and implications, and there were six questions on affordable housing in the public survey undertaken in the fall of 1995.

What to do with the status of

seasonal cottages has been a recurring topic of study.

The focus group recommended "no change be made in zoning applying to seasonal cottages or secondary suites," and that ways "be found to provide more low-cost and special needs housing within the existing ceiling on the total number of dwellings" permitted by current zoning.

The housing and accommodation task force recommended year-round use of seasonal cottages be legalized, with the view that not many people would want

to share their property with another person or family on a full-time basis.

In the plan review public survey, 62 per cent of the 1,833 respondents agreed year-round residence of seasonal cottages should be allowed. Relaxing restrictions on a "limited number" was approved by only 25 per cent.

Forty-nine per cent agreed "the total size of houses built on a property, not the number of separate residences, should be considered."

## IWS offers second 'informed critique'

The second of two draft plan information meetings sponsored by the Island Watch Society is set for next Wednesday.

An "informed critique" is offered by people involved either in a community plan review focus group or with specific knowledge of the subjects discussed.

Presenters on May 8 will include Peter Lamb, Infrastructure, Servicing, Transportation, Power and Telecommunications Objectives

and Policies; Bob Watson, Potable Water and Waste Management; Briony Penn, Uplands Land Use, Natural Environmental Resources and Hazard Areas, Ecological Reserves, Forestry and Wood Products

Processing, Development Permit Area 5, and Communal Residential Zoning Amendments; Ann Humphries, Heritage Resources and related Conservation Area 1, Ganges Village Core; Nina Raginsky, Shoreline Use Objectives and

Policies, and Development Permit Area 6; John Sprague, Watershed Protection, and Watershed and Islet Residential Land Use Designation; and David Dexter, Amenity Zoning, and Transfer of Development Potential.

After limited-time presentations, audience questions will be addressed.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with refreshments served at 7, downstairs in the Catholic Church on Drake Road.

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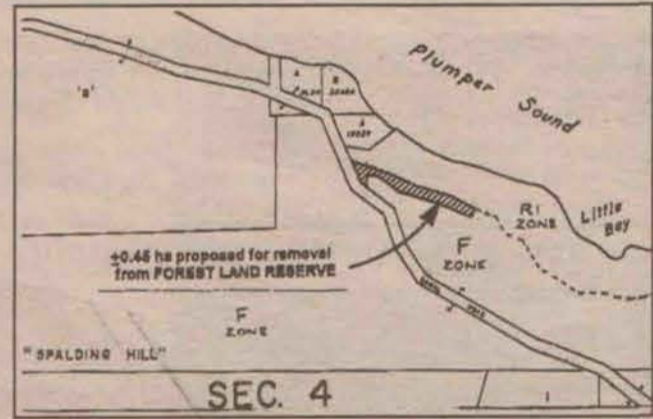
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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

**NOTICE** is hereby given that an application for the purpose of removing from the Forest Land Reserve (FLR) a portion of land on South Pender Island known as:

- The North 1/2 of the Fractional South East 1/4 of Section 4, Pender Island, Cowichan District,

has been referred by the Forest Land Commission to the Islands Trust, South Pender Island Local Trust Committee.



The land subject to removal is shown generally in the above map, forming part of this notice. The owners of the land subject to removal are David J. and John A. Spalding. The intended use of this land is for road access to a future subdivision involving the creation of two additional lots between the area sought for removal and the sea. Persons deeming their interests to be affected by this application are invited to submit comments, referencing Application #20/39 directly to:

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## Members counter with own recommendations

If B.C. Ferries can bring its options directly to the next southern gulf islands ferry service advisory committee meeting, so can the representatives from Salt Spring.

Three Salt Spring residents on the committee, Kathy Scarfo, Ken Lee and Neville Atkinson, met last Wednesday night and drafted a series of recommendations on Salt Spring's ferry service which they planned to present at yesterday's meeting.

"I think we should be clear on what are good options for Salt Spring," Scarfo said.

Given the anticipated population growth on the island and the extreme summer weekend peaks in the number of travellers, Salt Spring committee members felt it is important to maintain flexibility.

All three terminals should be retained to handle the mix of Vancouver Island traffic, mainland traffic, inter-island traffic — especially for shared services like

education and health care — and the transfer of goods to Salt Spring.

Smaller ferries and more frequent sailings are better than larger ferries and fewer sailings, the trio agreed. If there are more options, schedules can be shifted to meet demand.

"This gives you service that's flexible to the peak traffic," Scarfo said.

Nor do islanders want a "mega-terminal" on the island despite B.C. Ferries' proposal to expand Fulford Harbour. Salt Spring's draft Official Community Plan urges B.C. Ferries to maintain the existing terminals.

The Crofton terminal should be upgraded to handle more commercial traffic. More use of that route could be encouraged by a thru-fare from the mainland to Nanaimo and then to Crofton.

"There's no reason a truck from Nanaimo should have to go to Swartz Bay," Scarfo observed.

## PRC agrees to postpone buying \$9,150 software

Purchase of a \$9,000 software program to manage registrations has been postponed by Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) after questions were raised about the expenditure.

PRC members agreed Monday night to purchase \$7,500 in computer hardware required to computerize the registration process and to communicate with the Capital Regional District (CRD), but to delay purchasing the \$9,150 CLASS registration software until after the issue is reviewed at their fall retreat.

In the meantime, to handle the inquiries and registrations during the busy summer season, approximately \$3,900 was allocated for part-time staff. Administrator Tony Hume suggested the additional funding would give further hours to existing staff.

Commission member Tony Marcano had questioned the cost of the software. Noting that other CRD recreation departments were using the CLASS software, he asked why the CRD

couldn't obtain an additional licence to allow a copy to be used by the Salt Spring office.

He also wondered if the software developers were charging a premium to government organizations for the specialized software.

Chairwoman Kellie Booth recommended Marcano visit the PRC office and gain more background on the software and the need for computerized registration.

Marcano said he would "love to see what is so fabulous about this software" and would also like to see the numbers of receipts tracked over the summer to help determine the need to computerize registration.

Regional director Dietrich Luth also questioned the cost of the computerization since he felt there was no demonstrated need for it.

Administrator Tony Hume said the software purchase should be delayed since there was no consensus among PRC members. It is already too late in the season to implement the new system for this summer.

## OPTIONS: All three reduce or close Long Harbour

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traffic between the Gulf Islands and the mainland is routed through Swartz Bay.

The second option looks like this: Long Harbour is closed. The Vesuvius-Crofton link is retained and the Fulford-Swartz Bay route is modified to use two ferries, two berths at Fulford and connect Otter Bay, Fulford and Swartz Bay. Another route links Fulford Harbour, Village Bay, Lyall Harbour and Sturdies Bay and a new route sails twice daily between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen, stopping at Village Bay.

In the third option, the Long Harbour route is reduced to operating only during peak periods, possibly during the summer from May 15 to October 15, only during weekends year-round or only during the weekends from May 15 to October 15. Crofton-Vesuvius is retained and a larger ferry is placed on route four from Fulford to Swartz Bay. Fulford Harbour would require a second berth. A new route, based at Swartz Bay, links Fulford Harbour, Otter Bay and connects twice a day with Lyall Harbour. Route five is based at Swartz Bay and connects Sturdies Bay, Village Bay and Otter Bay. Also based at Swartz

Bay is a route which links Lyall Harbour, Otter Bay, Village Bay and Fulford Harbour.

In a covering letter to committee members, manager of planning services Ian Curtin suggests a short term service configuration be implemented within the next two years. Under this option, the Bowen Queen would be replaced with the Powell River Queen and an additional berth would be built at Fulford.

The Bowen Queen would be based at Swartz Bay and serve Fulford Harbour, Otter Bay and Lyall Harbour. The Queen of Cumberland would be based at Swartz Bay and serve Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Fulford Harbour.

Route nine would link Long Harbour, Otter Bay, Village Bay, Sturdies Bay and Tsawwassen via two round trips daily, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The route would use a full reservation system.

Cancellation of the Long Harbour route is not the only difference between the advisory committee's view of service in the Gulf Islands and the B.C. Ferries proposals. The advisory committee has consistently focused on Village Bay as the hub of a system which

serves the Gulf Islands, but the B.C. Ferries' proposals establish Swartz Bay as the hub, Scarfo noted.

She expressed concern that B.C. Ferries' proposals have again been put before the committee without going through the same process as the other options reviewed by the committee.

Scarfo suspects B.C. Ferries is trying to create an open consultation process but is being tripped up by inexperience and by the demand to cut costs on the Gulf Islands routes.

One problem, she said, is that B.C. Ferries is overseeing the consultation process.

"By not having an independent facilitator for the entire process, I don't think they know how to separate their vision from ours," Scarfo said.



Another gap between the advisory committee and B.C. Ferries is the committee's insistence that the ferry service to the islands should be subsidized as part of the transportation network, Scarfo said.

Meanwhile, B.C. Ferries is facing the loss of the provincial subsidy for ferries over the next two years.



"There's no doubt that B.C. Ferries is facing an incredible challenge financially," Scarfo said.

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# OCP copies become hot island items as feedback time extended 2 weeks

Islanders have been given a bit more time to digest the first draft of the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Trustee Grace Byrne told a public meeting Thursday that the deadline for providing feedback and suggested changes to the draft has been extended two weeks to May 31. Written comments are preferred and should be sent to the Trust office in Grace Point Square.

Using that information, plus comments from other govern-

ment agencies and lawyers currently reviewing the draft plan, a second draft will be produced. Barring a major change in direction, it is that document which will be given first reading by the Salt Spring Trust Committee and go to public hearing this summer or fall.

Meanwhile, the draft plan has become a local "bestseller." With the arrival of 200 new copies on Monday, a total of 660 have been produced at a cost of \$10 each. Three hundred were originally printed for dis-

tribution.

The next Trust-sponsored question and answer meeting is tomorrow (Thursday) at Fulford Hall beginning at 7 p.m. The first of two "feedback" meetings is on May 9 at All Saints by-the-Sea, also at 7 p.m.

All meetings are being videotaped by Salt Spring Cablevision. People without cablevision service or who are unable to watch the programs at scheduled times can arrange to view the tapes by calling 537-5550.

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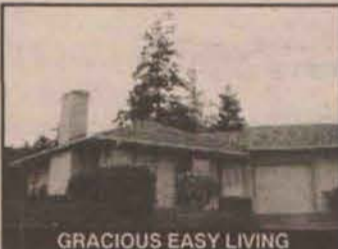
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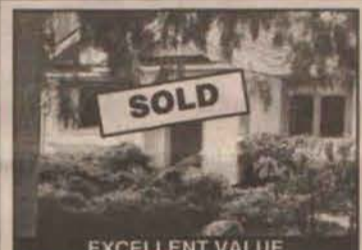


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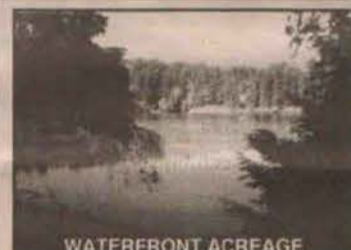


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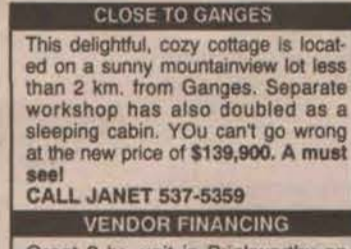


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**THE ARTIST IN HER STUDIO:** Salt Spring artist Louise Woodward talks about her work in her South Coast Studio. She is preparing for a show later this month in Victoria.

Photo by Tony Richards

# THE SECRET OF COLOURS

By SANDRA MCKENZIE  
Driftwood Correspondent

"To be a painter," says artist Louise Woodward, "you don't need a studio; you don't even need talent. All you need is a fierce desire to express yourself in images and colour."

Her own environment, South Coast Studio on Scott Point Drive, and the evidence of her abilities would seem to contradict this philosophy, except that Woodward is an inveterate teacher as she is an artist.

Her workplace, a soaring composition of glass and cedar designed by architect Hank Schubart, is filled with the preparations for her next show, opening on May 25 at the Michelle Frost Gallery in Oak Bay. (On Salt Spring, Woodward's paintings are exhibited at the Ewart Gallery of Fine Arts.) Delicate landscapes, many inspired by the views of forest and woodland gardens that surround her studio; strong portraits; and intimate still-life studies fill her walls.

Colour, light and shadow comprise the artist's vocabulary for expressing the beauty that surrounds us, Woodward maintains. "Learning to see the beauty in everyday items — a chair, a face, the scrubby growth by the side of the road — is a life-time study," she says. "It's wonderful to have a focus on what makes a thing beautiful; the way the light hits an object, the shadows that throw it into relief. Pigment can express all of that."

Woodward's conversation is studded with references to art history, and the techniques she's absorbed and taught throughout her artistic and academic careers.

"I owe my knowledge to a lot of people," she says. "I love sharing what I know; I get inspiration from watching people learn to see colour and abstract patterns, then learn to express what they see."

The Impressionists in particular have exerted a strong influence in Woodward's paintings.

"We tend to think of Impressionism as a French movement," she muses, "but actually it was a worldwide phenomenon."

**"I tell my students that they can throw away all their burnt umbers, their raw Siennas,"**

When you study art history, you have to study world history, as well. All great artists reflect their own times."

An impressionist herself, Woodward's palette emphasizes light-saturated pastels, with blurred details that suggest, rather than insist on, the lush, exuberant vegetation and undulating landscapes she delights in.

The strength and conviction of her vision finds rich texture and expression in her bold, sure brush strokes, and the subtle play of

colour piled on colour. Drawing from nature, her subjects are intimately realized views.

Her own woodlands garden is a favourite subject, as are the unexpected, accidental compositions of roadside views — the stuff most of us whizz by without ever seeing. For instance, Summer Woods, one of a series of paintings executed in the Cariboo, depicting a rambling split-rail fence, framed by a gold and white grove of aspens, captures, in a few spare lines, the domesticity of containment, within a context of rampant wilderness.

Woodward's art doesn't fall into the predictable patterns that a label such as "impressionist" would suggest.

An uncharacteristically stark depiction of a seaside bluff, for example, was chosen by the Victoria YWCA to illustrate their poster for this year's Women of Distinction awards.

"I don't know what they saw in that (painting)," she says. "I do know they chose it from among hundreds of works from other women artists. Perhaps they saw something soaring in the image."

Portraits reveal another facet of her versatile vision. Rendered in strong, definite colours and lines, these life studies hold the narrative interest of a good mystery. A few carefully planted props — a hat, for instance, or a Celtic lyre — sustain the interest, and involve the viewer in developing a storyline.

While Woodward's gift for see-

ing the beauty in the banal, and the techniques that allow her to express that aesthetic have taken a lifetime to develop, the basic tool of her art is as simple as the colour wheel.

"I tell my students that they can throw away all their burnt umbers, their raw Siennas," she says. "Everything you need — any colour that occurs in nature — is right here, in the spectrum. You just have to learn how to mix them."

A quotation from Mexican artist Rufino Tomayo holds pride of place over Woodward's desk: "The secret of colour lies not in the use of all possible hues, but rather in the employment of a few from which one extracts all possible tones."

To which Woodward adds: "My quest for the past 20 years has been to find what I like, and what I like is the paint itself."

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**Artists provide auction items**

An outstanding selection of art is being promised by organizers of this year's Ducks Unlimited banquet and auction, set for May 25 in Ganges.

Local artists have also contributed to the collection of auction items.

Tickets for the fundraising banquet are \$65 per couple and \$35 per single. They can be purchased at Country Casuals or from Tracey Watson at 653-4143. Tickets purchased before May 10 are eligible for a special, early-bird draw.

Ticket buyers will also receive a one-year subscription to the organization's magazine, The Conservator. The banquet will take place at Meaden Hall.

**Cabrera plays Vesuvius**

He considers himself a student of music, but Victoria's Julio Cabrera has a stack of self-produced cassettes plus a new CD to his credit.

The Mexican-born musician will entertain at the Vesuvius Inn this week-end with his Latin American sounds.

A singer and songwriter who plays guitar, keyboards and percussion, Cabrera studied at the School

of Music in Mexico City. Before immigrating to Canada in 1985, he organized cultural activities in Puerto Vallarta, including folkloric and classical music festivals. In the past 15 years he has performed in Mexico, Argentina, the United States and Canada.

Cabrera plays at Vesuvius on Sunday.

**Toynbee book featured**

Readings from Mary Toynbee's book Mountain People will be featured at a performance by Reader's Theatre next week.

The Salt Spring writer's book is a collection of short stories that came out of her experiences with the Appalachian people of the United States. Toynbee worked among

them as a courier for the Kentucky Frontier Nursing Service in 1947, and later as a welfare worker.

In her stories, Toynbee tells of the isolation and poverty of her characters.

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The prizes are for the men, but the women play a large part

in this fundraising event.

Each male contestant must be nominated by three women. The cut-off date is May 8.

The contest will take place — before a woman-only audience — on June 1. The audience will select the winners.

One of the organizers, Margaret Reid, said the event will raise money toward construction of a covered stage at the Islands Farmers Institute for

the annual fall fair.

And what is barnyard attire? "I see a scarecrow, or Salt Spring boots or shoes," Reid said, adding that the talent portion of the contest can demonstrate any talent, although it will be screened.

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**THE POSTMAN IL POSTINO:** Soulfulness is distinguished from pathos in this gentle film about a shy, mumbling man who develops a friendship with a famed poet. A "fresh taste" is given to this movie through the collaboration of British director Michael Radford, French actor Phillippe Noiret (the poet) and Italian actor-comedian Massimo Troisi, who died the day after filming wrapped up. In Italian with English subtitles. Mature with no warning. Fri. Sat. Sun. 9pm, Mon. & Tues. 7pm, Tuesday matinee 4pm.

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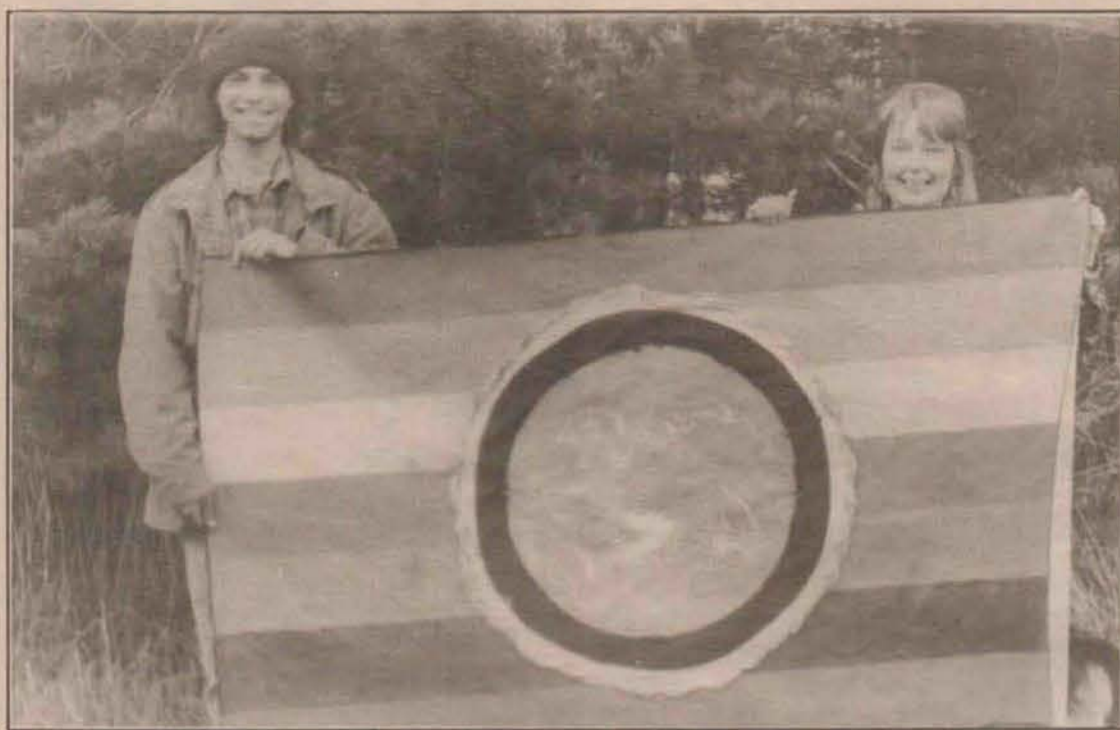
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**On Tap at the Pubs**

- Moby's Pub:**.....Sunday Night Jazz  
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.....Wednesday Night Live, May 1
- Alfresco's:**.....Barrington Perry on piano, Fri. and Sat.
- Harbour House Hotel (pub):**.....Stone House, May 3,4  
.....(lounge) Karaoke with Harvey, May 3,4
- Fulford Inn:**.....Blues Night, May 2, 8 p.m.  
.....Wingnut James Junger appears solo, May 3,4, 9 p.m.
- Vesuvius Inn:**.....Julio Cabrera, May 5, 6-10 p.m.

**Community TV Schedule**

- Thursday, May 2.....No programming scheduled
- Friday, May 3, 5 p.m.....The Islands Trust presents  
.....the new OCP (April 11 & 18)  
8 p.m.....Islands Trust new OCP input session from April 25
- Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.....The Islands Trust presents  
.....the new OCP (April 11 & 18)  
5 p.m.....Islands Trust new OCP input session from April 25  
8 p.m.....Island Watch Society's informed critique of the OCP
- Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m.....The Islands Trust new  
.....OCP input meeting of April 25  
2 p.m.....Island Watch Society's informed critique of the OCP  
5 p.m.....Isle of Views #9 (brand new episode)



**READY TO ROLL:** A unity flag which creator Diana Lindley of Mayne Island, right, hopes will travel around the world by the year 2000 was on Salt Spring Friday. Helping Lindley display the multi-hued banner was Zacai Azar from Israel who is visiting the Gulf Islands.

Photo by Valone Lennox

## Stitches invited for unity flag

Stitches collected on Salt Spring and at the Earth Day walk in Victoria April 20 will eventually travel around the world if Diana Lindley's vision is successful.

The Mayne Island resident was on Salt Spring Friday, carrying a unity flag she has created, and inviting island residents to add a stitch to the flag.

"The planet's survival depends upon our seeing beyond national or regional boundaries," she explained. "As barriers of race, gender, culture, religion, geography, politics and even species are transcended, we come to know at our deepest level that all things are interconnected."

Her design for the unity flag reflects this diversity and unity. A semi-abstract image of the earth, echoing the appearance of the planet from space, rests in the centre of the flag. Bordered by black and white concentric circles edged in gold and silver, the globe is set against a background of colourful bands, representing the seven colours of the rainbow.

Ancient carnelian beads stitched into the flag represent north, south, east and west. Other beads have since been added, along with stitches, since Lindley finished the flag two weeks ago.

"Dozens and dozens of people have put stitches on and helped in one way or another," she said. The flag hangs on a red willow branch and travels in a black and

silver ceremonial bag covered with an outer bag sewn from white hemp fabric.

Former Salt Spring resident Lindley started the project two months ago, spurred by an idea she heard on Salt Spring four years ago. She presented a model of the flag at an international environmental law conference in Victoria three weeks ago.

The first appearance of the actual flag was at the earth walk in Victoria last week. Then Lindley took it to Pender Island and to Salt Spring to begin collecting stitches. With her on Salt Spring was Zacai Azar of Israel, who is visiting the Gulf Islands.

The stitches she is collecting are placed on the bands edging the earth or on the rainbow background, reflecting a desire to keep the earth itself pristine.

"The interlocking threads represent the common threads of humanity," Lindley explained.

She hopes to have the flag at a First Nations day of global healing planned for June 21 at Grey

Horn Butte in Wyoming.

By the year 2000 she hopes the unity flag will have travelled to all the countries of the world, including Antarctica. A book for comments will accompany the flag. Lindley also hopes to establish a World Wide Web site on the Internet so interested people can track the flag's progress.

She is not sure how the flag will travel but envisions a process similar to the spreading of a chain letter, with each recipient taking responsibility for passing the flag on.

For information on the project, contact Lindley at 539-2582.

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**HYSTERICAL HAMS:** Her Royal Highness Reid Chalmers ham it up during recent meeting of Collins, left, Mary Williamson and Arvid Hysterical Society members.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Hysterical Society's eros event is 'priceless, perfect, top-notch'

By **TONY RICHARDS**  
Driftwood Staff

It says in the new community plan that every second store in Ganges must be a coffee shop. That, at least, is what one Old Geezer said to another on Saturday evening as the Salt Spring Hysterical Society gave us a Comedy of Eros.

It offered an Activity Centre audience yet another good reason to laugh during a show that was packed from beginning to end with more good reasons than you'd ever hear in a city comedy club. In a word, the show was outstanding.

Comedy, erotica and some jibes at the plan kept the usual band of comedians busy all evening. The society also introduced newcomer Laurie Clarke, whose acting skills have already brought her fame on the Salt Spring stage. On Saturday, she put those skills to work, most notably in a sketch where she eats a banana.

If you weren't there, just remember the show's theme was erotica. I'll leave the rest to your imagination.

Producer Reid Collins, better known as the Queen, assured the audience that they were about to see the very last erotica event, the culmination of a series of erotica shows and performances that took place during March.

Local audiences may have tired of the topic, but no one could tire of the humour that kept us rolling in the aisles on Saturday. Do another one like it, on whatever topic, and audiences will come.

On that note, the Nurturing Warriors once again set the pace of the production with their hilarious recollection of the black Ford Galaxy in the days of their youth. Remembering the first sexual experience with a woman quickly degenerated into the erotic joy of owning such an automobile.

The recollection is an experience in itself and each has a cigarette at the end.

It was priceless. It was perfect. It sent a signal to the audience that this is a top-notch comedy troupe.

From then on — through the Queen, Mary Williamson ("at my age the closest you get to an

erotic experience is a visit to the doctor"), Thom Quine ("why don't they combine the psychic and phone sex ads in the Driftwood so they'd know when I was horny and call me up") — we saw world-class entertainment.

There were no gaps or lulls between sketches, and only the intermission dragged. But we needed the chance to relax our cheeks — one set aching from laughing so hard, the other from those unforgiving seats. But the pain was worth it.

The memory of Mike Hayes as Inspector Andre Vichysoisse, the quintessential French official, will be with me for a long time. And we have the next instalment of Island Experts to look forward to, when guests Idi Amin and Mother Theresa discuss the community plan.

Nooky Night in Canada was another big hit, in which sports broadcaster Hayes and colour commentator Shilo Zylbergold give a play-by-play of a couple making out.

Another unforgettable piece

was Arvid Chalmers and Hayes taking orders as they operate a dial-a-condom service. The final call comes from regional director Dietrich Luth, who orders a condom as big as a chair. What's he going to do with it? Have a safe seat in the next election.

They wrapped it all up with a couple of old-time favourites. The Old Geezers are a little slower, a little older and one hell of a lot funnier. Islands Trust planner Linda Adams, seated in the front row, laughed as much as anyone, even when Geezer Sid Filkow claimed that writers of the community plan had been paid by the word.

They touched on nearly everything topical to Salt Spring, including St. Mary Lake and its famed seal. The Chamber of Commerce put it there, Filkow stated, because it would be good for tourism.

Is that so, responded fellow Geezer Chalmers.

Yup, said Filkow, who went on to reveal the source of the lake's new resident. "It's one of Dietrich's dead sea lions."

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**HIGH JUMP:** Visiting player from Mount Prevost executes a high jump to get control of the ball during Friday's game against Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Junior girls regroup after heartbreaking loss to 'A' team

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's (GISS) junior girls soccer team had its season end last Friday, losing a heartbreaking 2-1 decision to the Mount Prevost "A" team in the mid-island final.

After capturing first place in the league with a 7-1 record, the juniors defeated Brentwood College 2-0 on Thursday to set up the championship match on Salt Spring.

Despite falling behind 2-1 midway through the second half, sweeper Stephanie Collette moved up front to lead wave after wave of attack on the Prevost

goalkeeper.

Injuries to key players Launi Legg, Joelle Morrison and Sheila Stacey slowed down the smooth passing game, forcing GISS to send long balls through to striker Lisa Gardner and Tanisha Van Pelt.

When the final whistle sounded the juniors were devastated knowing they had lost their chance to move on to the Vancouver Island championships. But the tears dried and each player remembered she was part of a special team which would be back.

## Squadron bridge changes

Brian Cornwall was sworn in Friday as the new commander of the Salt Spring Power and Sail Squadron. The 23rd annual change-of-watch dinner took place at the Salt Spring Golf Club with district representative Ken Yoxall as special guest.

Among those serving with Cornwall as members of the bridge for 1996-97 are: Gordon Croft, executive officer; Sunny Van Der Kloof, training officer; Diane O'Connor, secretary; Gabrielle Page, treasurer; Robert Page, membership officer; Robert Currie, communications; Jim Andrews, editor of The Sounder; Donald Lester, public relations officer; Arlene Lester, assistant public relations.

## Under-15 boys nail opponents

Max Beattie, Zach Preston and Tony Graham scored the goals Friday to lead Salt Spring's under-15 boys' soccer team to a 3-1 victory over Williams Lake.

The game was the first of two on the Ganges high school grounds against two teams from Williams Lake. The visitors stopped on Salt Spring for the games while en route to the week-end Cowichan tournament.

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## Track athletes perform well at meet

By RICHARD BENNETT  
Driftwood Contributor

The hectic early season track schedule sees local athletes competing for both school and club teams at a variety of competitions.

The school championship leading to B.C. provincial championships are at the end of May but the wet weather has hindered most people's early season training.

Last Wednesday, school athletes travelled to Victoria and showed good form. Josiah Lofting and Dan Bennett did well in the 200 m, and Rowan Hartman and Alex Bunyan ran their first 3,000 m of the year.

Joelle Morrison won the girls race over the same distance, Stephanie Collette won the triple jump and Sarah Cameron and

Colleen Thompson threw the discus in their first competition of the year.

Sunday, April 28, saw the Salt Spring track athletes make the long haul to Courtenay for the second meet in the Vancouver Island series.

Unfortunately, the weather was miserable and the heavy rain and cold wind caused discomfort to everyone.

The boys team was reduced to two athletes due to the demands of the Cowichan soccer tournament. Lofting won the 200 m and Bunyan ran a good 300 m to finish third.

The midget girls saw Jenny Kerr return to track on the 300 m hurdles. Shayla Moulton was second in the 200 m which was won by Collette, who also finished sec-

ond in the triple jump.

For girls born in 1984 and 1985 Salt Spring has a strong team. Unfortunately, Amanda Sadler fell during the hurdles but everyone was relieved when her injuries allowed her home that day.

Kelly Kerr won the 800 m in under three minutes, then Wood ran a good 200 m and 200 m hurdles. April Goebel also did the 200 m hurdles and tried the high jump and 200 m. Kecia Laitinen scored well in four events gaining personal bests in the 200 m hurdles and the discus, and Emily Bond won the discus and recorded three second places in her other five events.

Everyone is hoping the weather will improve for the next meet in Port Alberni on Saturday and Sunday.

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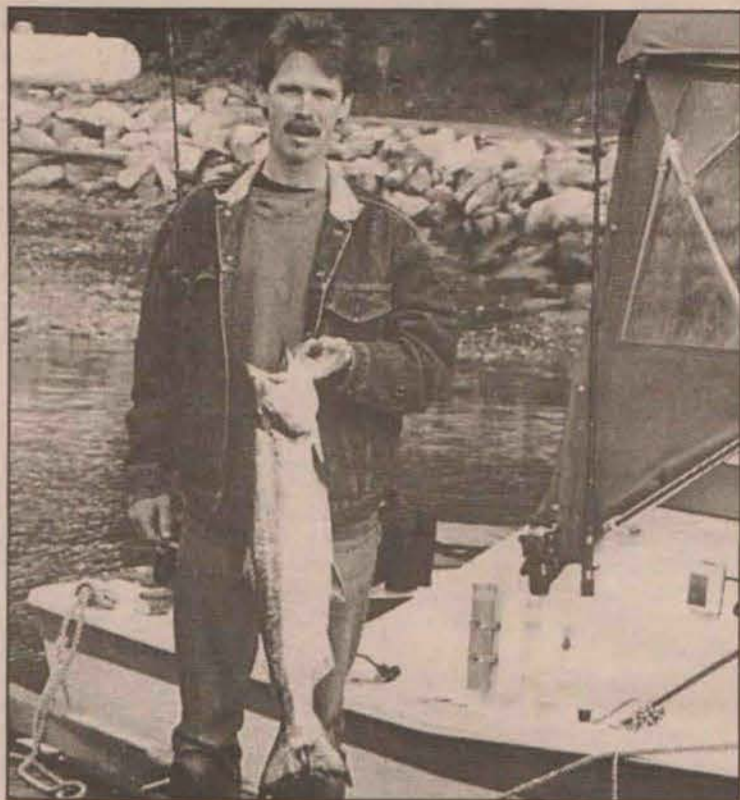
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Still fish in B.C.

Newfoundland native Max Stewart found Monday that British Columbia still has fish. Stewart, visiting here from Toronto, landed this 13-lb. spring salmon while on a fishing trip with Something Fishy Charters. Company spokeswoman Leslie Cheeseman said coho fishing has been better recently, after a two-year drought.

Photo by Something Fishy Charters

## Strong will to win works as boys show their stuff

By RICHARD BENNETT  
Driftwood Contributor

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) junior boys played Frances Kelsey High School on April 22 in atrocious weather. The rain and wind made the pitch a quagmire, and accuracy of passing became the key to the game.

Fortunately this team has a strong will to win. Superb opening goals by Justin Smith and Tom Langdon rocked the home team back on its heels, and the momentum never left the Gulf Islands team.

Further goals nearly came from this trio, but each time the offside flag mysteriously appeared to thwart the attack.

Substitutions were used to prevent players from getting hypothermia, and Mandu Goebel scored within seconds of taking the field. Mike McNair added a fourth after the Kelsey boys pulled one back.

In the dying seconds, Jonathon McDonald in goal made a great save from a penalty kick to round off a great performance.

On Friday the boys watched

Salt Spring's under-15 team beat opponents from Williams Lake 2-1 before taking the field against bigger and faster opponents, also from Williams Lake.

The first 15 minutes saw the game played at a hectic pace, but a tactical switch saw Smith control the midfield and Berry and Langdon putting the defence wide on both flanks.

The first goal came from a great shot by Smith. Berry was well placed when the ball came back from the post to open the scoring.

The score was 1-1 shortly after the break when slack marking on the right from a free kick saw the visitors get back on equal terms.

This spurred on the Gulf Islands team and Langdon put his team in the lead.

The visitors' response was to play more physically, but Smith increased the lead when he hit the ball into the far corner of the net from 40 yards out on the right. Good work from Santih Buchan and Goebel saw Berry use his speed to score a brilliant fourth goal. The victory was assured.

## Tyee Cook notches 5 goals

Salt Spring's under-13 boys' soccer team came back with a 3-0 record from the Cowichan tournament, held Saturday and Sunday.

Coach Don Morrison said Monday the boys beat Qualicum 3-2, Cowichan 4-0 and Sooke 4-0.

Big goal scorer was former goalkeeper Tyee Cook, who notched five in his new position of centre-forward. Other goals came from Lee Johnson, with three, Rob

Elliott with two and Jeremy Morrison with one.

Keeper Phillip Alpert allowed only two goals on the Salt Spring team.

Morrison said Brandon Bonfield, who was the team's most improved player during the year, anchored a strong defence. Ten-year-old Jordan Morrison assisted on three of the team's goals.

# Rain cancels out three Tuesdays

Ladies of the 18-hole division at the Salt Spring Golf Club have appealed to the Goddess of Golf.

"Remember last year?" the golfers have written to their favoured deity. "Not one Tuesday draw was cancelled due to inclement weather. This year we have already had rain three weeks in a row. It is rumoured that you have slipped across the border for a rendezvous with Jupiter at his high mountain retreat. Return, with haste, to the Gulf Islands! Bring warm, sunny weather and brisk

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breezes to dry out our drenched courses."

The players are hoping the message will be heard before the weekend, when 85 women play in the annual Salt Spring Invitational. Players will include Diane Philips, handicap 3, and Lorna Rooper, Maureen Hibberson, Carrol Giles and Joyce O'Conner, with handicaps of 10 or less.

Meanwhile, nine-hole ladies were out last Wednesday in the soggy weather. Most honest gross was Barb Davis and most honest net was D.A. McCann. Putt pot was won by Anne Volden.

Salt Spring's Gary Coulter was named joint low net winner Friday when 12 local members of the Mid-Island Seniors Golf Association travelled to Arbutus Ridge for their first tournament of the year. As usual, the players report, Ron Dickson was noted as the best dressed golfer.

## HIGH ROLLERS

Circus league: Sam Cochrane 205, Ken Barnes 202.

Tuesday a.m. seniors: Jack Godwin 211, John Richardson 204, Helmut Losch 208, Mary McGregor 201, Catherine McFadyen 239, Bill Baker 221, Edie Gear 206.

Tuesday p.m. seniors: Vanda Winstone 201, Reg Winstone

211, Walter Nicol 215, Dorothy Sloan 223, Bruce McFadyen 212, Gwen McClung 218.

Special Olympics: Mervin Austin 162, Major Bains 176, Sharon Way 197.

Wednesday afternoon ladies: Margaret Baker 274, 238, 230/742, Deanna Marleau 238, Shirley Bunyan 235, Dee Kinney 226.

Legion league: Doug Wellington 225, Ron Cunningham 211, Ron Stepaniuk 208.

Friday p.m. seniors: Nancy

White 207, Ken Robinson 234, 223, 223/670, Gene Graham 269, Madalene Jory 200, Marg Baker 241, Don Goodman 202.

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# Overtures Concert duo impresses island audience

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

Twin grand pianos filled the stage at the Saturna Community Hall April 23 for the final concert in the 1995/96 series presented by Overture Concerts.

Pianists James Anagnoson and Leslie Kinton performed in perfect symmetry, mirroring the precise arrangement of the pianos on the stage.

The duo performed works from Mozart, Strauss-Chasins, and Rachmaninov, but one of the most brilliant pieces in their repertoire was Pierre Gallant's Canonic Variations of a Theme from Mozart. Gallant wrote that piece for Anagnoson and Kinton from a virtually unknown theme written by Mozart for one of his students. The audience showed such appreciation for the performance that they were rewarded with an encore from Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.

The concert series is made possible by the Series Impresario, Overture Concerts at a great discount to the Saturna subscribers. However, for the past two seasons Saturna has fallen short of meeting even these subsidized rates. A spring fundraising campaign to save the concert series will culmi-

nate this week with the local talent night.

## Arts festival

The first annual arts festival will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 4 at the community hall sponsored by the newly formed Arts and Concerts Society.

Local musicians, artists, writers and pets are planning one of Saturna's most unique festivals. This is an event that promises great entertainment and plenty of fun. Refreshments will be available as well as a bar. There will be music and dancing after the performance.

Tickets are available at the usual locations or at the door for \$7 for adults and \$1 for students.

## Tribute

The Lions Club is planning its annual tribute to mothers with a Mother's Day breakfast May 12.

Sausages and pancakes will be served at the community hall from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Every mother served will receive a gift with her breakfast. St. Christopher's Church will hold a hymn sing later in the day as a tribute to mothers. This service begins at 2:30 p.m. and refreshments will follow.

## Menu change

For the first time in over at least one decade the menu will change for the May 18 Volunteer Fire Department Pig Barbecue.

This year the roast pig will be served with scalloped potatoes and green salad. Tickets will be available at both stores, \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The hall opens at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will

be served at 6:30 p.m. Dancing and live music will follow.

## Harvest table

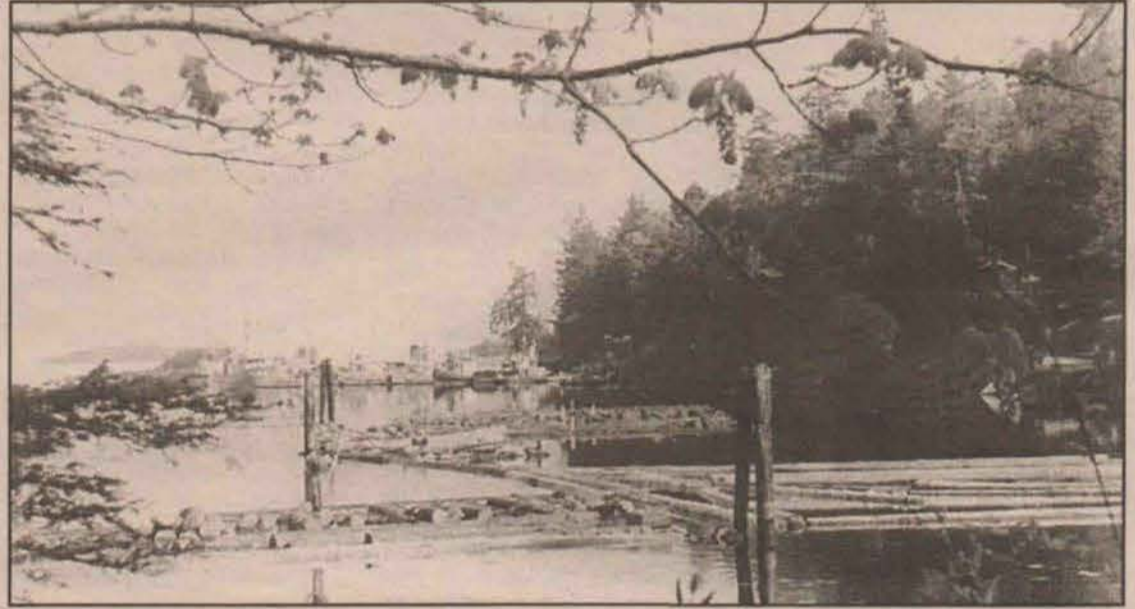
Bernard Leblanc has been working with the intermediate students at Saturna school to build a harvest table.

Leblanc runs a small, fine woodworking business and creates specialty items by commission.

He has spent time teaching the children about tools, wood and traditional methods of woodworking.

The students built the table top from alder and the legs were turned from local maple. The final coatings of linseed oil will be applied in the next week. The table will stay in the classroom as a computer workspace to be shared by all the children.

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Serene scene

A peaceful moment is experienced at the Whaler Bay government dock on Galiano Island.

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# Galiano Club obtains bits of island history

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

A limestone carving depicting Captain Galiano was presented to the Galiano Club at its recent annual general meeting by member and club historian Andrew Loveridge. The likeness was created at Cabra, Spain, the explorer's birthplace.

Other presentations by Loveridge included a wood carving — a symbol of friendship from the Penalykt band of Kuper Island — and photocopies of pages from the Galiano Club's minute books, back as far as 1926. Provision of a storage and display area for the artifacts and documents will be high on the agenda of the newly elected board.

In response to a membership drive held over the last month or so, the club now boasts 233 members. Donations received through the appeal realized \$865.

Subdivision of the property adjacent to the hall is a concern to the club board and the members. Letters have gone to the realtors and to the Ministry of Highways expressing the club's concern about a plan which shows a road directly next to the hall.

Director Lisa McConnell reported the new teen centre is used by up to a dozen young people on occasion. Supervision is required

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and more volunteers for this job are always in demand. The teen centre has been rented to community groups for meetings in periods when it is not required by the young people. Fundraising to purchase a VCR for the centre's video nights has been proposed.

Elected to the board were David Clothier, Susan Friend, Debbie Holmes, Margaret Howell, Collette Legace, John Levie, Lisa McConnell, Nancy McPhee, Gordon Palmberg, Shirlene Raines, Peter Renner and Robin Riddington. Table officers will be selected from among the 12 board members at the group's first executive meeting.

### The final overture concert

A standing ovation was awarded to duo pianists James Anagnoson and Leslie Kinton at the conclusion of their recent concert at the south hall.

Internationally known, the Toronto-based pair arrived on Galiano with two handsome Yamaha concert grands in a rented truck and a driver/piano tuner. The result was hard to believe. Here on Galiano

(population 900) were two international artists, ready to present music usually obtainable only in large cities, and at a price which would have been a bargain in the 1950s.

The informative and often amusing musicians' explanations of the composers' scores were appreciated by the audience. As a lover of Mozart's music, the writer was delighted with the pair's playing of Mozart's Sonata in D minor for two pianos. Recordings make for fine listening, but are no substitute for a live performance and personal interpretations.

Canonic Variations on a theme by Mozart, by Canadian composer Pierre Gallant, was next on the program. A two-piano arrangement of Johann Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz completed the first half of the program.

After the intermission the pianists gave a strong and satisfying reading of Rachmaninov's Suite No. 2 for piano-duo. The sombre, soul-searching qualities of this complicated score contrasted well with the lyrical Mozart heard earlier. The program ended with an encore — the concluding portion of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.

It sent concert-goers home humming, conscious they were privi-

leged to be present at a memorable concert.

### Needle workers become gardeners

Galiano's needle workers put their needles and thread away last week to spend the morning at a private home on North Galiano, preparing moss baskets under the direction of Aini Haksi of the Tiny Flower Shop.

Nearly 20 participated, and over 30 baskets were completed. The weather, dreadful both the day before and the day after, was fine on the day scheduled for the workshop.

The Needle Guild is currently planning its summer activities. Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27 have been chosen as the date for its show and sale of work. It will be held as it was last year, in a private garden. A display of work in progress will be part of the two-day event.

### Coming events

Friday, May 3, 8 p.m., south hall, the Salt Spring Hysterical Society — "Comedy of Eros."

Saturday, May 4, 7 p.m., Dandelion Gallery, recent paintings of Galiano's Tish Saunders. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

## Farewell



A business venture on Bowen Island is taking us away sooner than we'd thought, so we want to bid our many friends and acquaintances a warm farewell — and apologize for not being able to reach you all personally. Salt Spring has been a wonderful home for us, Sam's first in Canada. Being part of this community has been a memorable chapter in our lives. Salt Spring is a unique place. We've appreciated our time here. You can find us at "The Snug" on Bowen, in the cove.

Have a great summer everyone!  
Hugs, handshakes and love!  
Mike, Sam and Baby Isaac

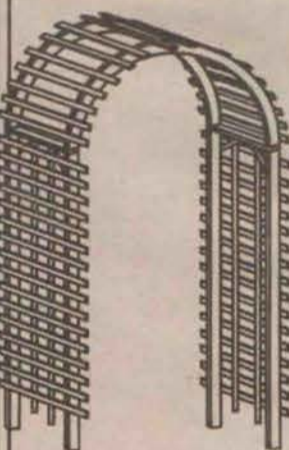
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