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Anger and jeers replaced by new OCP atmosphere

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Dietrich Luth likened Thursday's Official Community Plan (OCP) session in Ganges to "testimonial night at an (Alcoholics Anonymous) meeting."

Referring to reports about volatile public meetings, John Myers said the evening "restored my faith in my fellow islanders."

While not a benign gathering of plan supporters, it contrasted with previous meetings where anger and jeers made the lasting impression.

With the high school multi-purpose room plastered with sheets of paper outlining public complaints about the draft plan and what the Trust committee will do about them, the usual targets had vanished.

Among promises made by trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew for the next draft plan are:

- reducing its complexity and size;
- focussing on education and

stewardship, not regulation;

- applying it to "real community concerns" — a response to "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" comments;

- improving the definitions;
- eliminating vegetation removal guidelines, except those pertaining to commercial developments and references to heritage trees.

Trustees also said they need more input about the draft plan's content on recreational facilities, transportation, amenity zoning, transfer of development potential, home-based business and tourism policies, and village containment boundaries.

Islanders concerned about environmental protection were heard from more than at previous meetings. Nina Raginsky, David Dexter and Virginia Newman, who were all on the environmental focus group providing input to the

OCP MEETING A20

Rodrigo's prepared for ferry stragglers

Miss the ferry? Mixed up about the new schedule?

"It's all right," says Rodney Filtness, owner of Rodrigo's Restaurant in Fulford Harbour. The coffee will be on for travellers who can't quite get used to the new Fulford-Swartz Bay schedule, which goes into effect Friday.

"I'm there to take care of them," Filtness said, as Salt Spring Islanders prepare for the first schedule change at the south-end terminal for more than a decade.

Rodrigo's will begin opening earlier to give those catching the new 7:40 a.m. ferry a chance to grab coffee or a bite to eat before boarding.

Under the new schedule, the Bowen Queen will sail from Fulford Harbour at 6:20, 7:40, 9 and 10:55 a.m., and at 12:30, 2:20, 3:45, 5:10, 6:35 and 8:35 p.m.

Departures from Swartz Bay will be at 7, 8:20, 9:40 and 11:45 a.m., and at 1:20, 3, 4:30, 5:55, 7:20 and 9:20 p.m.

Filtness expects the change will still leave people behind, especially with more summer travellers. But

that just means more people will have more time to sample the delights of Fulford village.

"A few times a week people are stranded now," he said. The changed schedule will just add a bit more confusion until islanders adjust.

Kathy Scarfo, who represents Salt Spring on the ferry scheduling committee, has already heard complaints about the new schedule. One problem for weekend visitors from the Mainland is the elimination of the 8:15 p.m. sailing on Sundays, which used to reach Swartz Bay in time to connect with the 9 p.m. sailing from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen.

Now visitors who want to reach home by Sunday night will have to leave Salt Spring at 6:35 p.m., cutting their visit short by 95 minutes.

The new schedule also eliminates a midday connection to the 3 p.m. Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen sailing, which used to be possible from the 2:15 p.m. sailing from Fulford Harbour.

The change comes on the eve of one of the big tourist weekends of the year.



Swinger

Young Jenna McRobb thinks swinging in Centennial Park is just about the best way to pass a Saturday afternoon. The youngster is

one of many children who enjoy park facilities on a regular basis.

Photo by Susan Lu...

Search continues for source of hantavirus

Investigation is continuing to locate the source of the hantavirus infection which killed a Salt Spring man.

Inspections were carried out on Salt Spring and Ucluelet earlier this week. The tests will determine whether the infection was picked up near the man's Salt Spring home or in Ucluelet, where he had recently cleaned out a cabin. No results were

available at press time.

Dr. Alison Bell, disease control centre epidemiologist, said the exact source of the infection may never be identified.

"Often times it is not determined with certainty where the person was exposed."

The disease kills approximately half its victims. Humans can be

exposed to it by inhaling dust-sized particles found in the urine, saliva or excrement of disease-carrying rodents. The disease has been identified in deer mice.

Bell said it is important to handle any feces carefully, whether from humans or from animals, since disease can be transmitted through the stool.

Salt Spring welcomes Bosnian family

ered at the terminal to extend warmth and friendship.

Refugee support committee member Maureen Bendick told the Driftwood that little is known about this family.

It consists of a 34-year-old man, who formerly worked in sales, a 29-year-old former secretary and their two daughters aged eight and nine.

The family was taken to its new home, located on Park Drive, behind All Saints-by-the-Sea. The home has been furnished through donations by many individuals and businesses, Bendick said.

Bendick and fellow committee member Nada Sheppard, who speaks Croatian, travelled to Vancouver Monday to meet the family which

had flown to Canada from Germany. The family was given a room in a Richmond hotel Monday night, and arrived on Salt Spring just after 1 p.m. yesterday.

Bendick said Monday she expected the family — none of whom speaks any English — would be suffering culture shock and pure exhaustion by the time it reached

Canada.

Once settled on Salt Spring, family members will be enrolled in English as a second language courses.

Refugee support committee member Bob Wild said community response to the idea of sponsoring Bosnian family here has been excellent.

If islanders continue to "give strong support to the refugee task force and surplus will be used to support other families."

Salt Spring's first Bosnian refugee family arrived on Salt Spring yesterday to a grand welcome at the Long Harbour ferry terminal.

The family of four — which has lived in a refugee camp for the past year — is the first family brought here under the sponsorship of the Island Refugee Support Committee.

The family was met by a welcome banner written in Croatian, and a number of island residents who gath-

Clark takes charge, Liberals fall in polls

VICTORIA — He wasn't surprised by the latest Angus Reid poll, said Gordon Campbell.

He knew all along that it would be a tough fight. It sure is. The poll, taken during the first week of the campaign, saw the NDP with 45 per cent of support from decided voters, while the Liberals dropped to a new low of 33 per cent, with the Reformers stalling at 17 per cent, and Gordon Wilson's Progressive Democratic Alliance trailing at four per cent.

CAPITAL COMMENT
HUBERT BEYER



And Campbell said he wasn't surprised. The man should be stunned. What happened to the 50-per-cent-plus support he had until the day Glen Clark took over as leader of the NDP? He lost it by allowing Clark to take over the agenda or rather setting the agenda, because the Liberals never really had one.

When Campbell's Liberals clocked in at up to 54 per cent support, the NDP was mired in the morass of the Commonwealth Holding Society scandal. And no matter how hard Mike Harcourt tried, he was unable to convince voters that he and his caucus had nothing to do with the scandal and should, therefore, not be blamed for it.

Harcourt was one of the most decent people ever to be in politics, but he had one fatal flaw: he lacked the decisiveness required of a leader. Harcourt believed in delegating responsibility. But in the rough-and-tumble of British Columbia politics, a leader must be able to take charge when necessary.

Clark took charge the moment he became premier. He ordered a public inquiry into the bingo affair, something Harcourt had steadfastly refused to do. And then he went after the Liberals with a fury.

Scrum are the scourge of most politicians. To have a dozen microphones shoved in your face, TV cameras rolling and a horde of reporters demanding instant answers to often hostile questions is something most politicians dread.

Clark seems to thrive on it. "Where do you want me?" he often asks reporters bearing down on him. And then he turns on that stare and fires off answers as fast as reporters can ask the questions.

By comparison, Campbell comes off wishy-washy in scrums. His handlers should tell him never to start an answer with "Well..." It sounds indecisive. And he should stop saying "the fact of the matter is" in every second sentence. It makes him sound like he's still trying to think of what he wants to say.

Campbell is a very intelligent and personable guy who has no problem communicating one on one. Put a mike in front of him, and he starts rambling.

The Liberals are also losing the advertising war in this campaign. The NDP ads are hard-hitting, making Campbell out to be the friend of the rich and powerful, the banks and big corporations. Stuff like that tends to stick.

NDP commercials also keep reminding voters of what is happening in Ontario and Alberta. And even the business community is buying into it, because they have enjoyed British Columbia's economic performance during the past four and a half years.

The Liberal "Glenochio" was effective, but it backfired. People didn't like it. Another Liberal ad I saw showed a pie with a number of slices, one of which was what people are left with after the government gets through with their income. The ad tried to convey that by making the whole pie bigger, people will be left with more money. Not very effective.

Decisive leadership makes the difference. The NDP has got it, and the Liberals haven't. That's why the Liberals lost the huge lead they had in the polls.

Barring unforeseen gaffes, it looks like the NDP will come back with a majority, perhaps an even bigger one than they had.

Unlike some of my colleagues, who don't like predicting the outcome of an election this early in the campaign, I hereby go out on the limb and make the following prediction: On May 28, the NDP will be back with 40 seats, the Liberals will have 29, the Reform Party four, and the Progressive Democratic Alliance two.

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More letters

Tomatoes, not pot

To the busy-bodied, nothing-better-to-do-with-their-time, rumour-construing individuals I would strongly recommend a visit to your nearest optometrist as apparently your vision is not so good! The plants in the upstairs window of 110 Corbett Street are not marijuana plants, they are tomato plants in which I have taken great pride in starting from seed. When I visit my doctor's office I do not stare into the windows of surrounding private residences as I am simply content to mind my own business and read magazines. Please feel free at anytime to drop in and take an "up close" look at my tomato plants before they are taken out of my window and transplanted into my garden, you "peeping tomatoes!"

L. TURNER,
Corbett Street

P.S. Just in case "inquiring minds" want to know there is a sign in my upstairs window in bold red letters that reads, "tomato plants."

ArtSpring online

ArtSpring is delighted to announce that we are now on the Internet!

Particular thanks is given to Dwight Jones and Andrew Haigh of Imagen who donated a one-year subscription to Internet on behalf of the Salt Spring Ice Park Society. Other members of SSIPS have been actively volunteering their skills in support of their belief (and ours) that a community prospers best by working together to complete these major projects which will contribute so much to the community as a whole.

Members and others who might like to access the ArtSpring home page (a tasteful and attractive design courtesy of Paul Marcano) can do so at <http://www.salt-spring.com/vbc/spring/arts/html> or e-mail us at iacsartspring@salt-spring.com

Thanks again to all steadfast ArtSpring members and supporters for their efforts in our ongoing drive to complete the centre.

BOB WEEDEN,
President

Valuable service

It was quietly and efficiently arranged by the Victoria hospital. I was discharged and allowed home after radical surgery. Early next morning, a fully briefed professional nurse knocked on our door ready to change a dressing, remove a drainage tube or cope with whatever else was needed.

The dedicated professional and caring services of the CRD home nursing care program is available on Salt Spring for all who have need.

The majority of islanders are possibly not aware that such a program exists. It has become important to me that such caring nursing

by experienced RN professionals should be widely known and acknowledged as another wonderful plus that we have on Salt Spring Island.

Thank you Maureen, Georgia and Ann. I could not have been in better hands and your ever-bubbling smile and laugh meant so much to me.

MICHAEL WHEATON,
Vesuvius Bay

Juicy breaks

During the month of April I heard one time only, on BCTV, that "50 per cent of the Liberals' money comes from business corporations and 93 per cent of the NDP money comes from ordinary people," not the big unions as we hear all the time.

Under the government's new openness policy I was able to access the lists of donors to all the provincial parties. This information is free and available to anyone.

Of great interest to me was the fact that most of the big donations to the Liberals were made in December 1995, just in time to qualify for a juicy tax break.

Win, lose or draw these corporations are picking up tax breaks while low-income smucks like me with families to support are picking up the tab.

Why would Rogers Communications give Campbell's Liberals \$15,000?

Why would Teck Corp. give the so-called Reform Party \$10,000?

Why do we allow corporate entities any say at all in how we govern ourselves, let alone subsidize their political whims?

TOM PICKETT,
Lee Road

Opportunity

I sure hope the OCP is printed on recycled paper.

Let's all do whatever we can to make Mill Farm a park. Kudos to all those striving for it.

Our fine friends on Galiano secured Bodega Ridge as a park. With similar spirit and strategies, surely we can do the same with this rare opportunity here.

JAC ANDRE,
Fernwood

Geomantic

Lest I be scorned by all the learned spiritual folk on the island, in my article I suggested that Frank and Nell Smith's homestead may have been oriented according to "geomantic" principles (as in "geomancy"), not "geomagnetic!"

NEIL MORIE,
Beaver Point

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Prejudice

Even here, in what is thought of as paradise, God's country, "a very tolerant community," it was brought home to me in a very real way and more forcefully than before, how healthy and strong the proponents of prejudice are.

I very recently received a letter, whose writer (apparently representing a group), chose to hide behind the mask of anonymity, while engaging in the grossest racial and social bigotry, and malicious sexual innuendo. This is a monumental act of cowardice.

It is one of several attacks I have sustained during my residency in this community. I am not the only person of ethnic minority to have this experience. I have personal knowledge of an East Indian family who moved off Salt Spring Island, after only a short stay, because of the racial attacks they were subjected to.

Part of an insidious but fortunately small group; nevertheless detrimental to the community, the writer maintains, "People like me" (what are those, brown people, black people, poor people, non-traditionally employed people?) are to blame for all that is going wrong with the way Canada works, (among other things). Are "we" to be blamed for epidemics, natural disasters and changes in the weather next?

Yes, it is currently very popular to adopt fundamentalist, right-wing attitudes, to treat people on social assistance like trash, poor bash, degrade single parents in every slimy way possible, slur anyone who dares to be different, blame people of other races living in this country for the multitude of problems effecting this economy.

To the person who wrote to me; you need to know the whole truth. Thanks for your concern, I confirm I live in a cow patty, an immoral wasteland and I am loving every moment of it!

You dared not sign your letter for fear of exposure as the fraud you truly are. I suggest the pain in your rear is from sitting on your brain. Get off your pedestal and muck about with us peasants, the unwashed masses as you like to call us, down here. We are in good company, Jesus was one of us. You might learn a thing or two.

MARILYN MARSHALL,
Fernwood Road

Compassionate

I have known Dr. Karen Shklanka for over a year.

Early last year, after 10 years, I decided to change physicians. I began to inquire about the other various physicians on the island and took the time to meet with some of them.

I finally decided on becoming a patient of Dr. Shklanka — and although my experience with her has been relatively short, I can nevertheless say, without equivocation, that she is the most competent and compassionate physician I have ever had.

I had knee problems which she correctly and quickly diagnosed,

More letters

(unlike the previous physician) and she went to bat for me to quickly obtain an experienced orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Shklanka was also successful in helping me get into the Chemainus hospital in a relatively quick amount of time as I was experiencing considerable pain.

Although I am male, I see considerable need for Dr. Shklanka to obtain hospital privileges not just because we need another woman (which we do, as there are only three women out of 10 physicians with hospital privileges) but because she is so obviously competent, caring and efficient.

I wish to express my conviction that she is more than worthy of receiving hospital privileges at Lady Minto and urge the members of the medical manpower committee to allow her to be the next physician to receive such privileges.

RICHARD KRIEGER,
Long Harbour Road

Voice of people

The members of OAPO Br. 32

wish to thank the Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to have another successful pie and coffee booth at the Home Show.

Another thank you, too, to all the pie and other goodie bakers, craft workers and all the helpers for their efforts in making our second mini-bazaar, held May 4 at lower Central Hall, such a success. Winner of the "Doll" raffle was Mrs. Doris Hann.

For the many people at both events that inquired as to what OAPO stands for — it is B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization.

There is a B.C. provincial board which meets in New Westminster every three months. There are numerous branches in B.C. with a total of 10,000 members. Meetings and socials are each held once a month.

The organization is the "voice of the people" — so anyone interested in the future of all pensioners is welcome to join. The age requirement on Salt Spring is 50 and older. Our next social will be June 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Central Hall with entertain-

ment by Seniors for Seniors choir.

ELVIE HISLOP,
NAIDINE SIMS,
OAPO Br. 32

Too good to lose

I was pleased to read the article about Dr. Karen Shklanka in the May 8 Driftwood. As was noted, Dr. Shklanka has applied to the medical manpower committee for hospital privileges. I would like to encourage the community to support her application for privileges by writing to the board of Lady Minto Hospital.

I know from my personal and professional experiences as a school principal that there is a crying need for female practitioners on Salt Spring Island. Currently, we have three out of 10 practices with female physicians and two of the three physicians in these practices work only part time. All three of the practices are closed to new patients. Our island population is more than 50 per cent female.

While the Charter of Rights and Freedoms prevents the board from using gender as one of its criteria, the ratio of need to supply between

female population and female physicians is out of balance. As such, gender would seem an important factor to take into consideration in serving the needs of our community.

Dr. Shklanka has provided me with advice that is current and sensible and has made referrals when and where necessary. As an asthmatic, good health is not a given for me. Under Dr. Shklanka's care, I have found a sense of wellness that I have not experienced in a very long time. We must do all we can to keep her here; she is far too good to lose!!

The Ministry of Health's initiatives for Closer to Home are based on the principles of personally-managed wellness supported by the health care system.

It will be the challenge of the local hospital board and the community health council to find ways, means and personnel to initiate, support and sustain the new health plan in our community. Dr. Shklanka is innovative, creative and most able to help us move in that direction.

BARB AUST,
Stark Road

MORE LETTERS A21



Springtime

With a spring hat and a bouquet of flowers, Megan Henry was celebrating the (final) arrival of spring weather recently. Teacher Maria McKeachie was so touched by the Salt Spring elementary student's appearance, she nominated Megan as a candidate for a Driftwood photo. Megan won.

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TO BE FRANK
FRANK RICHARDS



On the provincial scene the government is ensuring that none of us is guilty of exerting undue suasion on our fellow voters by means of advertised preference. Advertising? In an election? Please don't mention it! We're British Columbians!

What a pity we cannot correct other evils by this same palliative! What a tragedy that unemployment is resistant to legislation! Or crime. Other, of course, than evil thinking of our less than evil fellows. Or spending filthy money on undeserving candidates!

The tragedy lies in the legislation. In the Muslim world punishment fits the crime. The thief forfeits his hands and is henceforth incapable of stealing. Or much else.

In our society the government might introduce legislation to prohibit a potential thief from thinking about stealing. And, Lo! The crime is cured before it is committed.

Similarly, in our provincial life we are guided by our good and moral government and we spend no moneys on promotion of evil men to seek office properly held by members of our lawful government.

It is all so good and so moral I could cry!
I think I will.

An appreciation

What led to this adulation of good and moral government was a political badge. Worn on my lapel, it announces my preference in the coming election.

An adhesive tape is attached to advise all and sundry that I wear it subject to the authority of the candidate's agent. Goodness and morality have caught up with me. And I find them suspect. Ugh!

Quick response

I'm a quick responder, when it comes to emergencies. Like when the power fails, my watch stops. And when I tried rat poison to thin my blood, all the mice died! I didn't.

All I need now is a diet of slug bait and I'm all set for the spring. I list myself among the optimists who are convinced that the spring is, though delayed, on its way. You get kind of tired of waiting!

Trouble sleeping?

If you can't get off to sleep and sheep don't help, why not try counting deer? There are probably a hundred deer for every sheep on the island and that makes for more effective sleeping.

I've tried it and I know it works, but my trouble is that I'm asleep before the first deer leaps out of the woods into my room to be counted. It was the same with counting sheep. Before I could clearly remember the taste of mint sauce I would be snoring steadily.

My late wife, who always complained that I never stopped talking, also complained when I fell asleep in her mid-sentence. Sheep? They're no use to an instant sleeper like me!

But I figured one day that a good deer count might be revealing. So, once in bed, I gritted my teeth and lay there counting like fury. I was so quick dropping off, that I was watching a dead deer in a ditch and trying to decide whether it would be sporting to include him before I realized I was asleep and dreaming of deer.

Deer get some people that way: fast asleep. I figure there must be close to 5,000 deer on Churchill Road alone. Or accompanied.

Two decades ago I would prowl my garden with a loaded camera just in the hope of getting a photograph of a real, live deer. I saw bugs and slugs, but never a real deer. Now they see me come out with a camera and they stand there and pose for me.

I'm convinced that I am already an endangered species. The deer population on Salt Spring Island must far exceed the human figure.

Deer! Deer! Deer! What a lot of deers! So many that I now open my letters, "Deer Mr. Jones." And I would hasten to add, "Deer Mrs. Jones," when the circumstances demand it.

No rifles; no cougars; no enemies, they thrive.
My garden doesn't.

Just get on with that counting. Be an interesting statistic, the actual, factual number of deer on the island according to sleepless counters. I can't stay awake any longer! Good night!

Trails named as high priority

Trails for recreation and as transportation links should be a priority on the island, according to recommendations from the Parks and Recreation trails task force.

The task force's report, setting out five core recommendations plus general maintenance guidelines for trails on the island, was presented to Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members at their April 29 meeting by Bill Curtin, a PRC member who sat on the task force.

PRC member Barry Urquhart was also on the task force.

The first task force recommendation stresses the importance of trails and the second asks the PRC to "vigorously pursue" a trail acquisition policy.

The third recommendation is for reinstatement of land use contracts or similar legislation which would aid in acquiring a community trail network. However, Curtin said, some task force members now feel provisions in the draft Official Community Plan (OCP) will work toward trail acquisition.

The fourth recommendation is for establishment of an ongoing trail and pathway advisory council on the island, and the fifth recommends protocol agreements with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for roadside pathways.

Further protocol agreements with the Ministry of Tourism, the Islands Trust and any other

organizations which could help build an island trail network were also recommended.

Curtin said task force members attempted to represent all trail users, including walkers, hikers, horse riders and cyclists.

PRC chairwoman Kellie Booth said she expected further discussion on the task force recommendations.

"I think it's important that we get this document right and the direction right," she said.

Commission members approved Curtin's request to table further discussion of the report until the May 27 PRC meeting, so task force members could review their recommendations against the draft OCP.

Bungee jumping among programs

If meetings are too tame, Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members can try some more daring activities.

"I urge PRC members to try bungee jumping or hang-gliding," programmer Ross Huff said at a recent PRC meeting, noting that both activities are part of the community recreation summer program.

In the brochure, released last month, are bungee jumping field trips on July 11 and August 15, plus an introduction to hang gliding — with a tandem flight — on June 1 and 2 and on August 17 and 18.

PRC chairwoman Kellie Booth praised the brochure and the wide range of activities offered over the summer.

As of May 1, the PRC office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will not be closed over lunch time. Huff hopes telephone registration for courses using credit cards will be available soon.

The baseball season is in "full swing," Huff further noted. He hoped improved weather would reduce the number of cancelled games.

The new Camp Colossal program from July 15 to August 23, combines

outdoor action with creative and performing skills, he added.

Looking at the proposed camp activities, which include design drawing, print making, etching, theatre sports, mask making, sculpture, field trips and painting, PRC member Patsy Siemens asked if there could be a similar program for adults.

Commission members approved Huff's request to set aside \$1,000 of the program development budget to assist young people attending leadership development and teamwork programs. Up to \$50 per individual can be allocated to defray costs.

Drummond agreement reached

Modern technology meant no one had to meet face-to-face in order to draft an agreement between the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Fulford Community Hall Association over maintenance of Drummond Park.

Patsy Siemens, who handled the negotiations on behalf of the CRD and Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC), told a recent PRC meeting the entire agreement was done by telephone and fax machine.

She moved the PRC recommend the CRD enter into the agreement. Fellow commission members agreed.

Under the agreement, the CRD assumes responsibility for the operation and maintenance of Drummond Park as a public park for the next five years. The CRD is to pay an annual license fee of \$10 for the park and the agreement may be renewed for a further five years.

The hall association reserves the right to book the park for community functions or activities.

The waterfront park is off Isabella Point Road and Fulford Harbour. It is the traditional site for the Fulford Day celebration in August and for the second day of Sea Capers in June.

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Hospital test drives electric pickup truck

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

For the driver who likes to move out smartly from a stop sign or overtake swiftly when tailing a laid-back island motorist, the electric vehicle is a non-starter.

But if it's a quiet, unhurried, environmentally-friendly system of transport that appeals, vehicle conversions by a Vancouver Island company are just the thing.

Lady Minto Hospital staff test drove a 1987 Nissan pickup truck for two weeks at the invitation of Canadian Electric Vehicles Ltd., based in Lantzville. The verdict?

It would be perfectly adequate for Lady Minto's needs, according to the hospital's Geoff Barrett, but uneconomical for mileage reasons.

Maintenance staff currently use an older Dodge pickup, running up a gas bill of only \$20 a month. Barrett said it cost \$26 a month just to keep the electric vehicle's batteries charged. Add to that the \$800 annual cost of the batteries themselves, and you need to be doing a lot more driving than the hospital does with its Dodge.

Otherwise, however, the electric-powered truck might be a good choice for many local drivers. This reporter

was invited to take the vehicle for a turn around Ganges and found its performance more than adequate.

True, it was slow to move out from a full stop and a little sluggish on hills, but if you're retired and living on the Gulf Islands, where there is seldom any urgency to be going anywhere, battery power may be a viable option.

One reason why the Nissan was sluggish was battery weight. After factoring in the weight lost through removal of the internal combustion engine, there's a net increase in vehicle weight of 800 pounds, the equivalent of five medium-build adults.

As well, the truck has an automatic transmission and would be more responsive with a standard.

The motor itself generates 95 horsepower from the 144-volt Trojan battery pack. Top speed of the Nissan is 140 kilometres per hour, and it has a range of 70-100 kilometres.

It sells for \$22,000.



BATTERIES INCLUDED: Geoff Barrett shows the location of the battery storage compartments underneath the flat deck of the 1987 Nissan, converted to electric power.

Photo by Tony Richards

Candidates gather for island meeting

Salt Spring voters will have an opportunity to publicly question candidates in the upcoming provincial election when an all-candidates meeting takes place tonight.

All five candidates have confirmed they will attend the meeting, set for Wednesday in the high school multi-purpose room, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Each of the five will make a six-minute opening presentation. Questions will follow, and then the candidates will have three minutes to conclude. David Borrowman will moderate the meeting, which is sponsored by the Community Planning Association.

Candidates are Murray Coell, Liberal; Wally du Temple, Green Party; Ross Imrie, Reform; Lynda Laushway, NDP; and Gary Lundy, Progressive Democratic Alliance.

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Sparkle and Shine Cleaning Services is run by Lisbeth Jones, an island resident for 23 years. Jones will handle all types of commercial and residential cleaning on a one-time or regularly-scheduled basis.

The phone number is 537-4482.

Seair Services is the name of a new airline offering flights between Ganges and Vancouver International

Service will give back weekend

Airport three times daily, in addition to a charter service.

Seair was incorporated in 1983, beginning as an aircraft chartering, maintenance and servicing business. In addition to those services, Seair operates two Cessna 185 floatplanes, two De-Havilland Beaver floatplanes and two Turbo Beaver floatplanes.

The company is owned by Peter Clarke, a West Coast pilot for 17 years. It employs 10 people.

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Harbour Air Seaplanes has announced a new service of interest

to Gulf Island residents.

The "puddle jump" service between Victoria and Vancouver harbours began May 6. One-way fare is \$99.

Heritage Nursery at Everlasting Summer on McLennan Drive celebrated its grand opening May 10.

Derek Duffy, Ellie Parkes and Nick Langford are running the business specializing in perennials, herbs, unusual plants, ground covers

and old roses.

Duffy will also teach various workshops, on subjects such as design, propagation, plant identification and pruning, and will be available for consultation when customers come to visit.

Duffy is a master gardener who trained at Sutton Place, an Elizabethan estate in Surrey, England and has a Bachelor's degree in horticulture.

The nursery is a separate business from Everlasting Summer's dried flower and herb farm. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.



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How To See The Race

The map shows ideal observation points. All boats will fly colored streamers from their backstays. Full entry list will be available at the Ganges Harbourside before the start on race day. Phone SISC at 537-5112 for the latest race status or monitor VHF on Channel 9 throughout the race.

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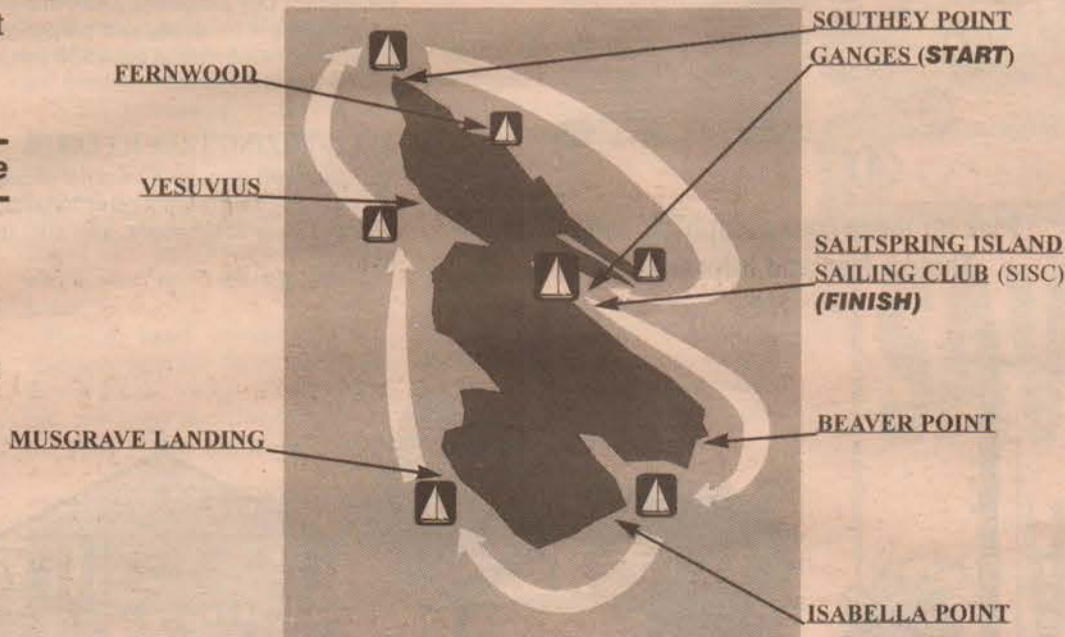


ROUND '96 SALTSPRING

The late Marshall Sharp founded this race in 1974 and specified that his trophy must be won by the leading Saltspring Island boat and displayed at the Saltspring Island Sailing Club.

The race has now grown to be a popular west coast event, attracting all types of sailors and boats from gaff-rigged classics to the winner of the great Transpac race to Hawaii. Last year sixty boats entered the race.

Previous Round Saltspring winners have included every type of sailing design from a full keel folk boat to Petrushka, a small Erikson 23, who won in 1995. The race record is held by Lee Cochran's Impatience, a Mull 34 with a 1991 time of 10 hours, 11 minutes.



Some of the Early Entries

* denotes boats also entered for the 1996 SWIFTSURE race.

Dorothy might well have sailed around Saltspring 100 years ago. She is the most celebrated and oldest sailing boat in B.C. - a magnificent Gaff rigged ketch. Thank you Joachim Boehle for entering this wonderful vessel.

Yeoman-of-Cestria* Phil Hume and his seasoned crew drive this SUN 34 hard. Will this be his year? Watch out for her big red, white and blue spinnaker.

Pipe Dream is going really fast this year. Skipper Steve Thomas knows the local conditions and makes this O'Day 27 really fly in light airs. This race often gets fluky winds so Steve's dream might well come true.

Mink is a full keel 28 foot sloop that the Meeks make go faster than most fin keelers of the same size. Gayle Meek and her able all-women crew could well show the guys the way home.

Deryn-Mor is an impeccable white and red Tanzer 7.5, masterfully sailed by Kevin Vine. He makes her go in any condition and won the club's total points trophy in 1993. A race favourite.

Min is an ultra-fast Martin 242, formerly sailed by the ever victorious Bas Cobanli, now in the hands of Duart and Jill Campbell. Min could well do it all on Saturday.

Electra* looks like she's doing 6 knots even when docked. She's Roger Kibble's narrow Danish Aphrodite 101. He won this race in 1993 with his old boat. Can he do it again?

Something Special* is a lightning quick J35 from Seattle. Welcome back Glen & Terry McLees - you could be our first international winners.

Tigger J* is a CAC 38 skippered by Art Jones from Pender Island. His magic touch (she was the only boat to finish in 1992) is only exceeded by his good humour and his huge black and yellow chute.

Hard Drive* showed great speed last year. She's a C&C 38 and her skipper, Roger Luxton, is from Maple Bay so he knows the territory.

Brigantia* is Tony Brogan's fully equipped Hunter 35. She's one serious racer who's also entered in the Swiftsure and Transpac. Hey Tony - make it the triple crown.

Gwahlr has a bright green hull, but a not so green owner. Ex commodore Dick Pattinson is the race's senior skipper. After you Dick.

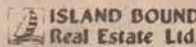
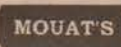
Fandango* is one fast boat. A Martin 32 owned by Phil Grange who often shows his stern to Yeoman. She goes really well in light winds. Watch for her grey hull and big red spinnaker.

Legacy is a beautiful San Juan 30. She has all the latest sails and her skipper, John Cameron, goes faster every time he sails. Who can stop John?

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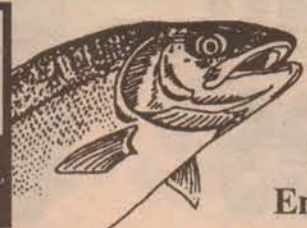
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It's all in the leadership: Clark leads NDP comeback

Voters who have traditionally looked to an alternative to the New Democratic Party are shaking their heads in amazement: how did it happen, they ask, referring, of course, to the astonishing revival of that party's flagging fortunes.

They need look no further than Glen Clark, whose astute leadership has rescued the party and brought it to the brink of re-election. A lot can happen in two weeks but recent polls would indicate that Clark will continue as premier.

The remarkable story of the NDP comeback is a story with a lesson for students of politics. It all boils down to leadership.

People around the world are faced with one overriding goal, and that is to get on with their lives. The world becomes more complex by the day as humanity continues adding to its vast storehouse of knowledge. Staying abreast of technology is a lifelong challenge, especially for those who use

TONY RICHARDS



computers in their work.

At the same time, there's got to be more to life than slogging away for wages from 9 to 5 or longer. Life's too short to let it be taken over by a never-ending race from one payday to the next, with little in between.

For many British Columbians, then, the challenge is to improve the quality of their lives through more efficient use of their time. And that doesn't mean getting deeply involved in politics or the political process. It means delegating the responsibility to someone else.

Glen Clark is a breath of fresh air if you look away from some of the more distaste-

ful NDP policies and ignore for the moment some of the failings of the record since 1991. What Clark has is leadership.

Compare him to Gordon Campbell, Jack Weisgerber or Gordon Wilson and there's no contest. Look at Jean Chretien. Remember Kim Campbell, Brian Mulroney, John Turner and Joe Clark. The country has been suffering from a dearth of leadership qualities in its political leaders for a very long time. (Note the prime ministerial list ends with the first one to follow Pierre Trudeau.)

British Columbian voters want leadership, and in Glen Clark they have found it. They're prepared to overlook the bingo and B.C. Hydro scandals, the spiralling debt and profligate spending. They simply want to leave matters in the hands of someone who can lead.

Another factor makes Clark's campaign easier. Voters today are less likely to

become firmly aligned with any one party, unlike their grandparents, who often had long-standing family ties to one of the parties. People will switch at the drop of a tax rate these days because party loyalty is a thing of the past.

What Glen Clark would do with a four-year mandate is a big question, especially in light of his own record. He's saying all the right things but he is a politician after all.

And I don't think we've quite reached the point where we're prepared to accord our politicians the trust and respect we reserve for columnists, reporters and other worthies. Journalists, don't forget, are a notch or two higher on the scale of those we trust least.

But for the duration of the election campaign, at least, expect to see Clark hang on to top spot as the province's favoured political leader.

Building permits hike dropped from original increase, for now

The CRD giveth and the CRD taketh away.

That is how it will feel to builders if a permit fee bylaw given third reading by the Capital Regional District (CRD) board last Wednesday receives final adoption.

The bylaw outlines lower permit fees than those which were expected to take effect June 1 — although the new fees are higher than the present fees — but the respite is only for six months.

The fees originally expected for June 1 will arrive instead on

January 1, 1997.

For example, the permit fee for a project worth more than \$100 and less than \$5,000 is now \$30.

On June 1, that fee was to increase to \$40. But under the latest bylaw, that fee will only increase to \$35 on June 1.

It will jump to \$40 effective January 1, 1997.

Advertising of the new bylaw, due to be adopted on May 22 by the CRD board, describes the first phase as a "decrease" and the second phase as an "increase." The bylaw affects Salt Spring, the Outer Gulf Islands, Sooke and Langford.

Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth defended the graduated increase. "They're just being adjusted in accordance with the balance which has to be maintained between user fees and taxes."

He said the original increase proposed for June 1 was too difficult for people to accept and so CRD directors agreed to a bylaw which would increase the building permit fees in two phases.

Islanders will also be paying more for liquid waste disposal under a bylaw given first, second and third reading at last Wednesday's board meeting. The

bylaw, intended to cover the discharge of domestic septage, sewage or waste water sludge, will increase the fee to \$5.50 per 100 imperial gallons from \$4.50.

The increased fee takes effect September 1 this year, 19 months sooner than originally projected by the regional district.

According to the schedule of fee increases now in effect, the disposal fee was not expected to increase to \$5.50 per 100 imperial gallons until April 1, 1998.

"This is consistent with the bylaw which the CRD has," Luth said, adding that fees are going up due to increased provincial requirements governing waste disposal.

Luth also cited the failure of the liquid waste treatment lagoons on Salt Spring as a factor in the increase. "We have all sorts of problems which we don't anticipate," he said.

At the same meeting the CRD board approved an agreement to take over maintenance and operation of Drummond Park on Salt Spring from the Fulford Hall Community Association. The five year agreement was recommended to the CRD board for approval by Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission.

Paramedics respond to 77 calls

Salt Spring ambulance crews responded to 21 emergencies and 56 routine calls during the month of April.

Included in the activity were eight car accidents, six people suffering shortness of breath, six with chest pains, three with abdominal

pain, and one with a sports injury.

Paramedics also responded to five strokes, three seizures, three falls, two overdoses, one cardiac arrest, one collapse and 2 assaults.

They made 14 transfers, 12 water taxi trips and five helicopter evacuations.

FOR THE RECORD

• Where's the un?

Those two little letters dropped from a story on weather in the May 8 Driftwood meant the low temperatures reported by weather observer Robert Aston were erroneously reported as "usually" instead of "unusually."

Aston reports the unusually chilly weather has continued, with a low of 2 degrees during the first eight days of May.

• Five of 20 graduates of a registered care aide program offered on Salt Spring earned the necessary qualifications to provide a higher level of care in the home. Incomplete information appeared in a photo caption last week.

• Dr. Ken Heaton did not "close" his practice on Salt Spring in preparation for a move to Port Alberni, as was stated in a story last week, he sold it.

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Plan considers options in spreading out island housing

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Future residents of Salt Spring may not be spread so far and wide if some ideas in the draft Official Community Plan (OCP) are adopted.

Cluster development, density transfers, creation of new villages to take the pressure off Ganges — these are a few proposals in the draft plan which address how the island could look in 20 years.

How to reduce the impacts of a burgeoning population has never been far from the Islands Trust's mind, and a look at current zoning maps shows how roads and houses could reach just about everywhere in the not-too-distant future.

When seven OCP review topics were put forth for public discussion in 1994, one of those was "growth management and settlement patterns." People interested in the subject joined a focus group and looked at the island's potential population, where it might live in future and related issues.

Both the group's report and the OCP draft suggest ways development could occur differently than if property owners exercised current development rights. A person owning a 40-acre chunk of Rural-zoned property would traditionally subdivide that land into eight five-acre lots. Nothing prevents creation of smaller lots as long as the average lot size remains at five acres and the minimum is 1.5 acres, but Trust planner Linda Adams observed that most people don't do it that way.

Another plan change allows for creation of new commercial villages or "hamlets" on Salt Spring.

Although the 1974 plan did suggest "clustering" was desirable for subdivision of Uplands and Forest area lands, it promoted "modest overall density" as an "island development principle."

The new plan states the opposite in its "land use objectives" section: "To redirect the island's future pattern of settlement from one of 'modest overall density' to one which includes clusters and corridors of development interspersed with large areas of open space and resource lands."

One reason for doing that is to increase the amount of land that remains untouched by development, preserving it as "open space."

Bob Jankura was a member of the growth management focus group. He observed that traditional "large-lot zoning has proved relatively ineffective in guaranteeing open spaces" in other areas and islands.

And if land is subdivided in 10 or 20-acre parcels, it allows future pressure for further subdivision to take place, he noted.

Both Jankura and Trust planner Linda Adams said clustering lowers a developer's servicing costs — roads, water and power services cover less ground. Adams added that lots in areas with dedicated green space or parkland nearby are generally considered more valuable.

The "transfer of development potential" (or density transfer) is another tool suggested to direct



Bob Jankura

where future residents could live on Salt Spring. Transferring density could keep residential development away from areas deemed worthy of preserving to places better able to support a larger population.

The plan lists land use designations which may be considered "development potential donor sending areas" or "development potential receiving areas."

Receiving areas are Rural, Rural Residential, Ganges, Fulford and Channel Ridge village "land use designations" set forth in the draft plan (not present land use "zones".) Some density increases in villages would be accepted for the creation of affordable housing. The plan sets out limits for units in each village.

Sending areas are Watershed and Islet Residential, Mid and South-Island and Channel Ridge Uplands, and farmland not in Agriculture or Watershed-Agriculture land use designa-

tions, if transferring density from the land will protect a viable farming operation.

Density transfers have been used very little in B.C. or even Canada, said Adams.

Gary Paget, executive director of planning and corporate relations with the municipal affairs ministry, explains it is an area that is currently approached with caution. There is no explicit legislation to deal with density transfers, and it is a complicated issue.

"It's very complex and really requires a lot of technical capability, and some jurisdictions don't always have that," he told the Driftwood last week.

Paget also noted that using density transfer provisions could create a precedent and lead to expectations it should be done again for a different proposal. Local governments might find themselves without "a way of saying no" to further applicants, he said.

The City of Vancouver charter is the only place which has a "clear and explicit authority" for transferring densities to preserve heritage sites, and that was implemented to save the old public library building from demolition.

He said the municipal affairs ministry should do more research into this topic, because it addresses an "important issue" — balancing the rights of the community and the rights of the individual property owner.

"It's really a way of having our cake and eating it too," he said.

Transferring development potential is also where the plan's designation of "environmentally

sensitive areas (ESAs)," which has been a sticky point in the OCP debate, could have an impact. If the local Trust committee identifies these areas in the community plan, when a development proposal comes before trustees they can suggest an ESA be left undeveloped, and the lost densities, if any, transferred to another property. This means the landowner should not suffer financially, but an ecologically-valuable part of the island is protected in perpetuity. Sometimes simply pointing out that an ESA exists on a property could change its owner's plans to build a house where it might impact or destroy the ESA, explained Adams at Thursday's public meeting in Ganges.

The ESA definition in the draft plan has been criticized as too broad, and trustees have indicated it will be narrowed down for the next draft. A map identifying sensitive areas is also being prepared by the provincial environment ministry.

Current zoning allows for about 18,000 people to live year-round on Salt Spring — not counting those who may reside in seasonal cottages or secondary suites now or in the future. The OCP draft does not suggest changing the 18,000 figure through zoning, although Adams has said there might be a very slight increase caused by affordable housing policies.

Jankura said having a maximum population figure in the plan is important for land use planning. "You can't do planning if the targets keep changing."

OCP MEETINGS: *Different atmosphere*

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plan, spoke in favour of somehow including environmental safeguards in the plan.

Newman said she was "heartbroken at how the plan has been gutted," with removal of Development Permit Area 5 and other provisions for protecting soil, water and vegetation.

She said people have focussed on private rights rather than the community's rights, and reminded everyone that private land ownership is not what we think it is.

"If you think you own your own land, try not paying your taxes," she said.

Dexter stressed that the draft plan was directed at managing the future, not present land uses and residents.

"To look at it as a restricting or a negative attitude towards the people who live here is not necessarily well-founded."

He also read parts of the environmental focus group's report and concluded by saying, "I hope we will look at our individual interests in a broader sense."

Besides a call for environmental awareness, whether or not a water shortage has been scientifi-

cally proven and is a valid reason for limiting growth was brought up several times.

Luth, Brandy Iverson, Roy MacMillan, John Price and Drew Clarke all commented on the skeptical side of the water issue.

"Wouldn't it be possible to find out exactly what the situation is?" asked MacMillan.

Planner Linda Adams told him the environment ministry had done a water allocation study for lake sources, and that in many cases there is not a shortage of water but a storage, treatment and delivery problem, which is expensive to resolve.

Sam Lightman told the meeting it cost him \$7,000 to restore water supply after his well went dry because of a competing use.

"I am absolutely in favour of whatever regulations it takes to ensure (water) flows to whoever is using it now," he said. "I think we need to think very carefully about the voices of freedom when we're talking about water."

Forest land owner Martin Williams said the downzoning of forest lands which affects him had not been mentioned before. He said while the new Forest

Land Reserve aims to maintain and manage the forest land base, proposed forest land policies which restrict subdivision and non-forestry-related residential use of his property in the draft plan were "totally biased and unfair."

Others called for the Trust to work with them to develop policies that help their industries — John Wilcox spoke on behalf of farmers, and Jim Loiselle appealed for real support of year-round island tourism.

Clarke said his first reaction to the draft plan was to burn every copy and "dump the Trust." He said it now appeared the Trust was willing to listen to people, and urged others to get involved in the process. He repeated a theme heard at earlier meetings — a desire for scaling down the proposed plan.

"I'd like to see a much smaller document that indicates the Trust trusts us."

In making his comment about the meeting "restoring faith" in islanders, Myers said he was impressed by how many people had obviously read the draft plan and formed opinions on it.

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Learned a lot

Well, the OCP public meeting at Fulford has come and gone. What did we learn from it?

- We learned that a mob is not a mob if it doesn't actually Lynch anyone. I personally learned afterward that several people who would otherwise have spoken in support of the plan were intimidated into silence by this not-mob.

- We learned that misleading, irresponsible, destructive advertising heightens fear and devastates meaningful public discussion of serious issues. We learned from the author of those ads that even though the existing plan has too many pages of regulations, it still needs one more — the one that outlaws the Y-Camp. (The new plan legitimizes it, eliminating the need to dispossess several families.)

- Earlier this year, 1,800 people filled out a survey indicating that, "even if it means putting limits on the use of private lands," they were in favour of protecting water quality and quantity (95 per cent), estuaries (90 per cent), shoreline (89 per cent), etc. (Driftwood, February 28, copies available at the Trust office.)

Thursday night we learned from one of our most eminent citizens that those 1,800 people didn't really mean it. We also learned that the hundreds who took part in the focus group process leading up to the writing of the OCP were activists and therefore non-representative of the overall population. We never did learn what would have been a more suitable public input process than the one the Trust followed.

- We learned from some of the calmer and more rational voices that there are several inconsistencies, ambiguities, and vagaries in this draft. We also learned that most people don't understand the meaning of the word "best" —

...already responded to earlier community input with major modifications to the plan. We learned that more public workshops are planned. Notwithstanding all that, we learned that a large number of people still think the Trust is trying to ram the thing through without changes.

- We learned a new standard for grace, courage, and composure under fire. The trustees and the planner never lost their cool, never got angry, no matter how mean-spirited and over-the-top the attacks became. (One pleasant example: "This plan could have come from the Third Reich.")

People who think Salt Spring is such a warm and wonderful place should come to a public meeting on a controversial subject sometime so they can see what the darker side of the island looks like. Friends and neighbours, indeed! With friends like that, who needs enemies?

SAM LIGHTMAN,
Fulford Harbour

OCP letters

Rewrite necessary

In meeting after meeting I've heard insiders say that regulation for regulation's sake is no substitute for competent planning. That just minor editing of the OCP draft is unacceptable has come through loud and clear.

Please, no more absurd maps and definitions. No zoning masquerading as "policy" directives. No unnecessary development permits. No overlapping jurisdictions with other agencies. No lifestyle restrictions disguised as growth management. No more manipulation of water resource, population and environmental data to justify preconceived objectives.

It's obvious that people want the OCP reduced to a much simpler, concise statement of genuine community aspirations. The regulations (i.e. two-thirds of the draft) should be eliminated and more properly dealt with as zoning amendments. But our trustees' announcement of a few decisions falls short of the mark.

I support all those who say the review process is at the halfway point and that a far more comprehensive and professional rewrite is necessary.

BOB HASSELL,
Ganges

Democracy back

Democracy is alive but sick on Salt Spring Island.

At the May 7 Fulford OCP meeting, Leah Adams, Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne were repeatedly asked if they would support a referendum on the OCP.

All three made it clear they did not support a free and democratic vote. So much for so-called democracy.

Regarding the Trust and CRD's use of anonymous complaints, none of the three would answer a straight question: "Is the Trust and CRD going to discontinue the present use of anonymous complaints?" No answer.

The same question was asked at the April 25 meeting with the same result.

To the best of my knowledge, no free and democratic country anywhere in the world uses such fascist tactics. Under no circumstances should they be allowed here!

Results from my "bring back democracy" questionnaire show 97 per cent of people signing the petition said no to the use of anonymous complaints; 94 per cent said the Trust should be dismissed from the island; 88 per cent want a referendum on major changes; 82 per cent want the OCP dismissed in its entirety; 55 per cent want the building inspector's office dismantled; 69 per cent do not want CRD building inspectors to continue to live.

The "bring back democracy" petition is receiving a good response. Keep them coming. It is the only way we can get grass roots democracy back. Unlike our voices at the meetings, your petitions can be counted the next day.

This petition will be presented to appropriate branches of the provincial government.

I. STRAARUP,
Leisure Lane

Respect due

Our non-political Islands Trust representatives are suffering a great deal of abuse at the hands (or tongues) of an unappreciative group who appear to put self-interest and political agenda ahead of the good of the community as a whole.

Surely it is agreed that we need a community plan, without which there are few positive controls over the growth and actions of the population.

We have thoughtful, caring persons as our Islands Trust representatives. The Official Community Plan has been produced with a great deal of thoughtful consideration for the good of our beautiful island and those who live therein. The author(s) deserve to be treated with respect.

We have been assured that the new laws will not affect what has gone before. That which is in place will

remain unchanged. Only future growth and actions will be controlled. How could objections rise from other than self-interest?

There may be points in the OCP in which improvements could be implemented — everyone has been asked for input, for several years. Aggressive anger is passe, while a more polite and genteel attitude prevails on Salt Spring.

MARY DAVIDSON,
Fulford Harbour

Too late

An adequate community plan might have allowed democracy to have better functioned in Richmond.

We attended 64 hours of municipal council meetings to save the Terra Nova farmlands in Northwest Richmond. These were the last Richmond farmlands along the gulf and had long been used by migrating

birds on the Pacific flyway. These farmlands had also long provided fresh produce for people in Richmond. The farmlands are now covered with streets, houses and driveways.

The reason the hearings lasted so long was that so many people wanted to speak against the rezoning proposal allowing re-development. We saw very concerned people speaking for the first time in public with their knees shaking and their voices trembling.

Ninety-five per cent of all of the speakers spoke in favour of keeping the farmlands, but by a vote of five to four along party lines, the proposal for rezoning passed.

At the next municipal election, the people of Richmond expressed their displeasure by voting out the "developer's" mayor and all but one of the "developer's" municipal councillors, but of course this came much too late.

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By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Lots of people love island tourism, or at least the dollars it puts into the pockets of many islanders.

It can be argued that merrily-spending tourists are what make it possible for many artisans, retailers, restaurateurs, accommodations operators and others to live here.

But another segment of the population is concerned about the impact tourism could have in the future if it is officially "encouraged." The draft Official Community Plan (OCP), like the community, struggles with what constitutes "encouragement" or "discouragement."

The plan recognizes the economic benefits of tourism, but discourages tourist attractions or services "not needed or used by residents."

Some clauses, such as one which aims to discourage "highly-consumptive" tourists, have received a lot of "flack" and will likely not appear in the second draft. (Trust planner Linda Adams says that term was meant to describe people who would consume a lot of the island's "natural resources," although it seemed to describe people with cars who spent large amounts of money.)

Another idea to limit bathroom facilities to one per three bed and breakfast bedrooms will also be reviewed by the Trust.

Gary Holman, who considered tourism issues along with Jim Loisel and others on the jobs, business and industry focus group for the OCP review, says one school of thought is that promotion is not necessary. If the island is managed for residents, "tourists will like that," he explained.

Salt Spring is experiencing the same natural development of tourism and services for retired people as the entire southern B.C. coast, he adds. "You don't need to necessarily do anything to promote that growth."

Jobs focus group member John Millerd spoke in favour of maintaining or enhancing Ganges as a vibrant community where people live and work — rather than it becoming a village of "t-shirt sellers and ice cream scoopers."

Millerd told the Driftwood ensuring Ganges doesn't become a place dedicated solely to selling things to tourists would preserve the health of our tourist industry.

"I believe in tourism 100 per cent

Impact of tourism debated

but you have to be aware that people are coming here because it's a vibrant community where people are doing stuff," he said.

If Ganges becomes "an empty shell of a community" and only a tourist town, he predicts visitors will feel like "there is nothing here" and stop coming.

The tourist town phenomenon is specifically discouraged in the village land use section of the plan when it states: "to avoid land uses that may displace traditional village functions and are primarily designed

to encourage or be dependent upon the expansion of visitor or off-island markets. . . or where it limits zoning amendments for expansion of commercial space in villages unless "there is clear evidence that the proposed use is required by and can be supported by on-island markets" (Section B.5.1.2.4) and other conditions are met.

Wendy Beatty pointed out at the May 2 Fulford meeting that while the OCP professes to encourage low-impact tourism, guidelines in DPA 3 for campgrounds are too

restrictive to make a campground feasible.

She also noted the plan states new locations for recreational vehicles would not be supported by the Trust committee, although one policy in another section supports sani-dump facilities for RVs.

A proposed plan policy that denies support for a convention centre has also drawn attention. At recent public meetings, Jeremy Moray said he turned down almost \$400,000 US off-season business when was Chamber of Commerce manager because the island did not have a convention centre.

As Salty Springs Resort owner, Jim Loisel told the Driftwood he has never felt supported by the Trust in his business, and that adding several pages of design guidelines in Development Permit Area (DPA) 3 for any future buildings is further discouragement.

"I feel the Trust should be supporting my resort — it fits in with the island," he said. "We promote the peace and quiet of the island."

He said visitors come here because "the people are friendly and it's quiet." Many want to stay in "a nice cabin in a rustic setting" like he offers. If present resort owners cannot afford to meet strict development guidelines or run a viable business, it paves the way for outside investors to buy those properties, he said. He hoped the Trust and resort owners could work together to come up with a better approach to tourism policies.

"Let's minimize the negative stuff and work on the positive," he said.

Salt Spring trustees Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne indicated at Thursday's public meeting that the tourism section of the draft plan will be reviewed and they are looking for more input in this area.

"Tourism is a very big concern for Salt Spring," said Byrne. "You know it, we know it and we want to hear from you."



TOURISTS: Salt Spring's draft Official Community Plan (OCP) recognizes the economic benefits of tourism but would rather see "a lower peak, sustained over a longer period." It's yet another area in the plan that will receive further examination.

Draft supports tourism which reflects island's natural, uncrowded character

What's in the draft Official Community Plan on tourism?

- Some stated objectives are:
- To avoid the construction of tourist accommodation or other facilities that would increase the height of the summer peak in visitors to the community; to support a lower peak, sustained over a longer period.
 - To prohibit permanent or off-season residential use of tourist accommodation facilities. The intent is no different from the current Commercial 4 zoning bylaw governing these properties.
 - To provide limited facilities which will mitigate tourism impacts, such as tour bus parking areas outside of the Ganges village core or sani-dump facilities for boats.
 - To guide the "form and character" of tourist accommodation facilities to reflect and respect the island's natural and

uncrowded nature.

What is new in the policy department?

- Detailed guidelines, set out in Development Permit Area (DPA) 3, for the form and character of new accommodation uses. The draft plan has nine pages of design guidelines, plus one page for campgrounds. Being in a DPA means the guidelines would come into effect with passage of the plan.
- Specific non-support for "artificial" tourist attractions such as water slides, casinos or convention centres.
- Specific non-support for time-shared ownership; the possibility of denying strata conversion of existing resorts if the level of impact would exceed that of an owner-managed resort.
- Regulations may be developed in future to restrict the total number of bed and breakfast operations. A limit of one per

cent of the island's population up to 100 B & Bs is suggested. The growth management and settlement patterns focus group suggested a three per cent or 200 maximum limit.

- New B & Bs would be limited to three bedrooms for accommodation purposes. The current limit is three bedrooms unless the lot size is two acres or larger, where four bedrooms are allowed.

- Allowing walk-in campsites on land in Agricultural and Watershed-Agricultural Land Use Designations, subject to Agricultural Land Commission approval if lands are in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

- Rezoning new lands for tourist accommodation uses is not supported.

All new policies would require rewriting and passage of new bylaws before coming into effect.



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Flawed

Unfortunately for our community, both the content and the process of the proposed Official Community Plan are seriously flawed.

To quote the Trust, "An OCP is a planning document that sets forth the community's objectives..." This first draft goes far beyond setting forth objectives; it includes a multitude of minutiae, restrictions and regulations — details that are more properly included in bylaws. The plan should be rewritten to state broad goals and objectives, leaving details of achieving those goals and objectives to bylaws.

There are many proven advantages to having regulatory detail in bylaws:

- each bylaw (or set of bylaws related to the same issue) goes to public hearing, where concerned community members can comment on specific proposals. Comments will be more focussed and more easily taken into account.

- bylaws are more easily amended to reflect views of the community at a given time.

- the expense of administering proposed bylaws (rules and regulations) can be realistically forecast; the ability and/or willingness of taxpayers to bear that burden can be assessed.

- the current OCP with its multitude of proposed detailed restrictions will seriously impede the discretion of future trustees.

The approval process delineated does not allow sufficient time for thoughtful input from a broader community than the (less than) one per cent that participated in focus groups. This important document, which removes rights of many landowners, should not be railroaded through for the sole purpose of satisfying the personal political agendas of our current (near term-end) trustees.

A (seriously revised) second draft must be subjected to information and feedback meetings before further revision and subsequent first reading. There is too much anger, frustration and fear in the community to do otherwise.

HELEN AND GORDON KEYS,
Wilkie Way

More time

If the Islands Trust and Linda Adams took about two years to compile the draft of the Official Community Plan, the least they could do is give us "peons" more time to digest it.

I'm lucky if I could read it in less than a month's time. (I'm a very slow reader), much less comprehend and digest it in that time.

M. MIDDLEBERG,
Salt Spring Island

Orwellian bylaws

Local government is to legislate bedroom windows under the so-called draft OCP (also known as the Manifesto).

"Windows facing pedestrian routes should provide visual access," Page 153, E1.5.58. "Darken or curtained glass or windows that are uninviting to pedestrian observation should not be used on the ground floor adjacent to the streetfront or other pedestrian routes." Part of page 153, E1.5.63 also states "Blank walls, reflective or dark glass or curtained windows should not be placed adjacent to pedestrian routes."

These are just a couple of the Orwellian bylaws proposed in the now 296-page draft that is growing.

Only a handful of drafts has been handed out to the public, some with the request they be handed back in three weeks. A quote from Linda Adams in one

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public meeting, when asked re the availability of the drafts and why they were not sent out to residents, was "not every household wants one." This is a true violation of our rights.

Loud calls for a referendum have so far been rejected as per a quote from trustee Grace Byrne, "That is not how community plans are done."

Does this mean the community has no say in what is decided by trustees, though they are in fact paid by our taxes?

According to the planners, we should allow them to run the plan through as is, then make changes later. Once a 296-page set of Orwellian bylaws are passed, only God himself could make the changes we need.

As a resident of Salt Spring Island and a taxpayer, I recommend everyone come to the meetings to protect our rights and keep our freedoms intact. There is already a demand in society for less government not more. Help save us all from the Islands Trust and its Orwellian bylaws.

I. STRAARUP,
Salt Spring Island

More time

I am attempting to read and understand the OCP not only as it affects my property but to understand its implications for the future of the island.

I am somewhat dismayed at the length of the document and its complexity and detail. I fear I shall not be able to complete a reading and understanding by May 31, let alone be able to come up with any reasoned feedback.

I was under the impression that a community plan was intended to be only a general statement of the broad objectives of the community. I feel this OCP goes way beyond that. Is the deadline of May 31 for feedback reasonable? While I am impressed by the amount of work and thought that has gone into the document and it certainly seems to have many laudable aspects, I would urge that further time be given for its study.

I note that the title page of the document says "Getting the Island We Want." Are we anywhere near a consensus on what we want? Should we not proceed more cautiously to make sure we know what we want and to know what we are getting?

JOSIE LAKE,
Rourke Road

In defence of OCP

It appears that Bob Hassell is backtracking on his earlier bogus claim that the draft OCP prohibits home business and offices.

Now he is making the much less dramatic claim that it only "appears to prohibit business and professional offices." But Section B.2.5.13 is obviously referring to stand-alone commercial offices within the Rural Designation Zone, not home-based offices. Section B.3.2.2.1 confirms this by stating that home-based businesses are "permitted in a variety of designations where residential use is permitted."

Yes, there are restrictions on home businesses, but only those that most people would want if they lived next door to one.

Hassell is correct that new Development Permit Areas would require more careful development in environmentally sensitive and shoreline areas, but they do not (in fact legally cannot) change permitted uses allowed by current zoning. The OCP survey results clearly demonstrate that the majority of islanders support better protection of these areas.

Roughly 90 per cent of the respon-

dents supported better environmental protection for water sources, forests and shoreline, even if it means putting limits on the use of private lands or conflicts with other goals such as increased job opportunities. If the OCP is more restrictive than other areas in Canada, it is because we live in a unique area and because most islanders clearly want to ensure that it stays that way.

This said, there are parts of the plan which could be simplified and clarified. For example, Development Permit Area 5 could be more narrowly defined so that only very high priority and clearly vulnerable resources are affected.

But of course, people like Hassell and the "Salt Spring Preservation Committee," who are making a mockery of our public meetings, are not interested in constructively critiquing a process in which hundreds of islanders have spent the past two years participating. They protest the lack of time to understand the plan, (despite seven Trust-sponsored meetings plus several sponsored by other groups), knowing that to delay the OCP is to effectively kill it. They exclaim their love for our island environment, but threaten to clear-cut their properties unless the OCP is purged of any hint of restrictions on development. They accuse our trustees of being undemocratic, but rely on threats and blatant misinformation to prevent completion of the most extensive public planning process ever undertaken on Salt Spring. There is one difference between Hassell and the "Preservation Committee." He at least is willing to publicly identify himself.

GARY HOLMAN,
Fulford Harbour

Revise process

On the initial "read" of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan "draft" document my immediate reactions were:

1. the document is beautifully crafted;
2. the objectives are well articulated and positively stated; and
3. the policies for implementation are restrictive, controlling, and beyond the mandate of the Trust — in short, draconian.

In brief my major concerns at this time are:

- the lack of consistency in direction and tone of the objectives with that of policy.
- the lack of a realistic framework and time frame for review and revision, and the lack of a mechanism for island approval or rejection of the "final" draft.

I suggest the Trust implement a practical process to make changes to the document. May I suggest the following:

1. initial review and revision with a rewrite to be completed by August 1. I should like to see:
 - evidence of "cut and throw" as well as "cut and paste";
 - a map of Salt Spring Island with clearly identified locations. This would assist in interpretation of the maps contained in the first draft;
 - a copy of survey results included so that consistency between the survey and the revised document can be ascertained;
 - a list of chairpeople, with telephone numbers, of the focus groups;
2. review and revision of the much shortened second draft, with the rewrite to be completed by the end of September;
3. a referendum be held re the acceptability of the third/final draft in November at the time of the elections.

If indeed Bob Andrew Grace

Byrne and Linda Adams are truly interested in the viability and even the survival of the Trust they will do all they can to facilitate a proper review and revision process. Indeed we all may have to make concessions — but, at least, let us reach that point by the Trust demonstrating an openness to island concerns and a willingness to make modifications — even major ones — to the document.

RITA CUMMING,
Fulford Harbour

Not enough time

As an off-island property owner, I am more than just a little concerned about the first draft of the Salt Spring OCP. I am concerned that the time frame proposed by the Islands Trust representatives does not allow the community adequate time to ingest this document and provide substantial comment on its contents. In this concern I am in agreement with the comments made by Ian Clement in the Driftwood April 24. He stated that a portion of the problems with the current OCP evolves when the intelligent recommendations of the focus groups are woven into a multi-layered plan. In a sense, standing alone, the focus groups' recommendations are conscientious and thoughtful. However, when combined they result in unrealistic restrictions and contradictory regulatory guidelines.

Clement suggests that the focus groups reconvene to assess their recommendations in light of the current draft and make further recommendations for the next draft. To accomplish this necessary evaluation I feel the proposed time frame is truly unrealistic.

Finally, I am concerned that the OCP does not reflect accurately the recommendations of the focus groups. This is evident in Clement's comment regarding his participation on the Agricultural Focus Group: "I can say with confidence that none of the members of our group had any idea that our efforts would appear in the form and context which they have." It is this statement which reflects a need for more public participation, not hasty decisiveness.

This document can provide two essential elements for a community, protection of its uniqueness, and general direction in its development. I feel that the current draft of the OCP is too overly specific to protect the uniqueness of Salt Spring, and too restrictive to provide adequate direction for development. For this reason I am publicly requesting the trustees re-evaluate their time frame and give the community a chance to comment on a document that seems to affect every aspect of life.

JACQUIE BYRON,
Victoria

Beautiful island

Once upon a time there was a beautiful island set in the sparkling waters of the Gulf of Georgia off the west coast of Canada. They were farmers and artists and potters and weavers. They all lived together taking care to protect their island from the ravages of modern society. They managed to farm without damaging the streams that ran through their farms.

They developed a town, which became the centre of commerce on the island, by preserving many of the old buildings and building new ones in a style to blend in with the old. They managed to choose the colour of their roofs and the type of windows that they wanted.

As always there were one or

two people who tried to avoid the rules and regulations that were there to guide the rulers in their deliberations, but most people loved their island and had no interest in spoiling it in any way.

As time went by, more and more people came to live on the island, and so it was that one day a new group of rulers was put in place called the Islands Trust — a funny name, for it became clear that they trusted no one.

They had a lot of power over the island, and they soon decided that what was needed was a master plan, this was to be called the Official Community Plan. The rulers summoned people from all walks of life from all corners of the island who were asked to give their ideas for this plan.

Eventually the day came for the publication of this plan. It was huge: 300 pages!

The people would need many months to digest such a plan, especially as it was to be the Magna Carta of the island for many years to come.

But they would not get a lot of time. There was an election due in the winter and the rulers were determined that this plan become law before the election.

There was uproar on the island. Meetings were packed with people asking for explanations which were bravely given by the Court Planner, for the rulers kept very quiet at those meetings that they attended.

It is true that some of the ideas from the people had been included in this plan, but there were also many rules and regulations which had not been seen before. All the people wanted was a good set of guidelines and objectives to make sure that the future rulers would leave them to run their own lives, but protect them from any outside exploitation which could ruin their island way of life.

Despite all the concerns of the people, when winter came the rulers announced that the Official Community Plan would become law.

Soon the people were told the type of windows that they could or could not put in a building; they were told the colour that the roof had to be; waterfront property owners were crammed into the top of their lots, but they couldn't build as that was where their septic fields had to be; due to the setbacks along the streams, metered water had to be carried by farmers from their own wells to their animals elsewhere on the farm; potters and weavers had to close their businesses because they were told that they were causing more pollution than their own families were causing; fewer and fewer visitors came to stay in the bed and breakfasts due to the uncomfortable morning line-ups for the only bathroom; many people sat in their 500-square-foot cottages looking out at their bare lot where they had hoped to build their dream house.

Soon the beautiful green fields of the farms were covered in six-foot-high broom, the lakes became choked with weed and the fish died. The unattended sewage plant, which had been so effective the year before the great plan as to allow the first major herring spawning in 50 years, now spilled its untreated contents into the harbour with disastrous results.

In time the only visitors to the island were people who kayaked across from another much larger island, and, having paid the anti-tourism police for a day visitors' pass, they hiked across the island to see the only modern ghost town in that area.

The motto of this story is "Trust and you shall be trusted."

JEREMY MORAY,
Sunset Drive

In it together

Until now, our level of participation in the community plan process was very limited. We completed an island-wide survey and we attended a seminar on "sustainability." We didn't participate in any of the focus groups. We thought that they would just sit around and talk. Any recommendations they made would be ignored. Our guess was that the developers and deforesters would carry the day and the plan would propose to "take paradise and put up a parking lot."

To confirm our worst fears, we picked up a copy of the plan as soon as it was printed. We were in for a very big and pleasant surprise. The basic objective of the draft plan is that we take what is left of paradise and try our very best to make it last.

We changed our tune completely! There is hope, we concluded, and we started to attend meetings about the plan. The first thing we learned was that the Trust planners had in large part based the plan on the focus group recommendations. Hundreds of dedicated islanders, from all walks of life, had come together to serve on these groups.

Unfortunately, the trustees and their staff made a mistake. Because the plan is based to a very large degree on the focus group reports, they assumed that the plan represented "island thinking." This was unwarranted. The only people who had done any sustained thinking about the issues were the focus group members.

Meanwhile, other islanders were going about their day-to-day business, getting the kids off to school, doing their daily work, and perhaps worrying about how to pay the mortgage or meet next month's rent.

People are jumping up and down, ranting and raving about their presumed lost rights. More often than not, these are rights they do not have under the current plan or wouldn't lose under the new one. Further, they seem to be giving no thought whatever to our combined responsibility to preserve and protect the island.

The issue of commercial use of well water was raised at a meeting the other night. Several people reacted negatively to future limitation of intense commercial use of well water. The possibility that such use could diminish the supply of potable water available to neighbours passed right over the heads of a particularly angry couple seated near us.

Sadly, this couple rejected most everything in the plan, including its objectives. Their marked-up copy of the plan cried out with constant complaint. They even rejected the motherhood assumption underlying Objective B.1.2.5. Under the heading of "Our Natural Environment," the plan proposes that special protection be given to the shoreline. The plan assumes this should be done because the shoreline is "a place of critical importance for any island." The couple had taken a blunt pencil and had firmly crossed these words out.

It would be easy to say to such people: if you don't believe in protecting the shoreline, why don't you go to the interior where there isn't a shoreline. But that would be very wrong.

Our island is a microcosm of the earth. Our shoreline is everyone's shoreline. Few would seriously argue that the Russians had a right to dump their nuclear waste into the Arctic Ocean, just because it was "their shoreline." We are all in this together and we should get it right — before it's too late.

HELEN HINCHLIFF,
DONALD SIMMONS,
Fulford Harbour

More OCP letters

Teeth pulled

It must be that more of that famous Salt Spring Island *laissez-faire* has rubbed off on me than I had thought.

By the time I had walked half a mile to the Fulford Community Hall from my parking spot, I was shocked to realize that I seemed to be the only one who was late for the OCP meeting and that the whole island appeared to be there. It was a state in which I remained for the next three hours and even now I feel compelled to write a letter to anyone who may care to read it. Allow me to explain why.

I too had read the results of that poll that one foolhardy soul had dared wave in front of the microphone on Thursday night that clearly indicated that above all else the good people of Salt Spring held drinkable water, green forests and clean air to be of the utmost import. It wasn't so long ago that I emigrated from Europe that I've forgotten how rare those things have become elsewhere. (Is that smog I see over Vancouver these days from Fulford-Ganges Road?)

Therefore, it came as a surprise to realize that the Trust, whose mandate is to preserve and protect the Gulf Islands, was such a despised body of wrong-doers that they merited an impromptu vote of non-confidence by the assembled concerned citizens of the south end.

I must confess to some confusion in my mind. Those concerned citizens on Thursday night who wanted the OCP to be vague rather than dealing with the particular are basically asking for the teeth of the only guard dog that the Salt Spring community will have in the years to come to be pulled.

They are only partly right in claiming that it interferes with the rights of the individual. It only interferes with the activities of those individuals whose activities are at variance with the needs of the community.

Now I guess that I have to come out of the closet and say that I support a new and more restrictive OCP. As a more recent arrival on Salt Spring I don't feel that I'm in a position to "pull up the drawbridge" as someone suggested, but as more and more people settle on the island I'd like to see the terms for living and working here alongside them more clearly defined. If that means I can't clear-cut my property to protect my neighbour's water supply then so be it. As they like to say in the gym, no pain, no gain.

That doesn't mean to say the first draft is flawless, it clearly is not. But I will not be laughing as so many were last Thursday when I write my hopefully constructive criticisms to the Trust. I will be thinking of the opportunity that the community of Salt Spring seems to be throwing away in having its say in preserving and protecting this amazing place for not just ourselves but our children also — members of the community who were obviously not uppermost on the minds of the majority of those who rushed for the microphone on May 2.

DONALD GUNN,
Salt Spring Island

OCP gift

The first draft of the Official Community Plan is jolting some of our community into bursts of passion and involvement.

The usual complacency has been transformed into anger, fear and uncertainty. A lot of people are fed up with rules, they want to be heard, to have a voice and to do as they please on their own

land, even though sometimes the results of their actions impact negatively upon the earth and upon their neighbours.

We have a burgeoning community of people who want to have a voice and we have a dwindling community of fish and birds, of trees and plants, of dragonflies and butterflies that have no voice at all.

In order to live in harmony with nature and with each other we need to be aware of our actions upon the earth and upon each other.

Until we take more responsibility for the results of our actions, rules and regulations seem to be the only way of curbing the gradual degradation of our streams and drinking water, our clam beds and estuaries, our forests and wildflowers. The essential ruralness of this island that we all love must be preserved.

A lot of people are saying, "We don't need rules, we need common sense." But is it common sense to pollute our drinking water with toxic chemicals and sewage? Is it common sense to cut down so much vegetation that our soil erodes and our birds and animals lose valuable habitat?

With a strong OCP and a community that is committed to preserving and protecting our natural environment, we will be providing our future generations with a gift no amount of money can ever procure.

NINA RAGINSKY,
Walter Bay

Momentum

The events during two draft OCP meetings sponsored by the Islands Trust drew some fairly clear battle lines. The crowds self-selected their camps:

- Those who want no Islands Trust committee telling them what they can or cannot do with their land. However, it's the law; we will have the Islands Trust and an OCP.

- Those who do not want the two present trustees in office, based on a perceived or real grievance against them in the past. However, there is an election in November; do something about it then.

- Those who are in favour of the Trust, the trustees and an OCP but are concerned about one or more issues that will affect them or their children which are either in the proposed OCP or have been omitted from it. Now is the time for this vast majority of residents to act in a rational, calm, informed manner. We do have the power to get the community we want, but we need to:

- Read the OCP;
- Attend the last scheduled meeting of the first draft OCP tonight (Wednesday);
- Ask questions so you understand it;
- Make written constructive comments to the Trust relating to specific sections of the plan by the end of May.

Personal attacks on the trustees and the planner are not justified or effective in resolving conflicting views. These attacks come from anger. Anger comes from fear. Fear of financial uncertainty in the future appears to have unleashed much anger that needs to be expressed in acceptable ways if our island community is not to be torn apart. The anger expressed at these meetings has been a positive cloud that has blown away the apathy on our island.

Let's keep up this momentum; we do have the power to get the island community we want. This is the season of new growth, new beginnings, and hopefully new understandings among people who really care for each other and

the quality of life in our island community.

MARILYN THADEN DEXTER,
President,
Island Watch Society

Election now

In keeping with our long-standing tradition of parliamentary democracy in this country, I would like the recent furor over the proposed new OCP to be seen clearly for what it actually is: a massive and unmistakable vote of non-confidence by the people of this island.

There can no longer be the slightest doubt that the two trustees and their team of highly-paid planners have blundered monumentally this time. They have overstepped their mandate by many miles, and boldly intruded where no sane politicians have ever gone before.

From wealthy landowners to penniless tenants, no one I have spoken to yet like this plan. Even when it's not their ox that's being gored, I find that most people have a pretty finely-tuned sense of what is fair and what is not, and can recognize too much government when they see it.

Accordingly, I call upon other islanders to join me in demanding an immediate election of the Islands Trust, without any further debate or revision of this appalling plan. After all, they wrote it, or are at least responsible for its contents ... now let them defend it in its entirety, right down to the limited house sizes, tree removal clauses, and the proposed ban on blue roofs! Despite some furious backpedalling at recent public meetings, that was part of the package that they hoped we would swallow, wasn't it?

By simply allowing them to remove or revise a few of the more odious (or ridiculous) sections of this incredible document, we are still liable to end up with a community plan that, by its very length and vague wording, will spawn literally scores of new bylaws, and probably hundreds of court cases as well. Let us go to the polls and let our wishes be known in a fair and democratic manner.

JIM RUSSELL,
Sun Eagle Drive

Too far

I do not like my neighbour's pink beater.

I don't like looking at it and I don't like him parking it where I can see it from my living room. I have a vision of a better life — one where that car is gone. If you ask me in a survey or in a focus group, I will tell you about that car and how much I hate it.

But if you go away and write a clause in the Salt Spring community plan which forces my neighbour to build a garage or sell his car or paint it or put a tarp over it, I will fight you tooth-and-nail. My vision of how I like things is not grounds enough to interfere to that extent with my neighbour. Even if my vision of a world without pink beaters is shared by most of the people on my street, or even by most of the people on Salt Spring, I would not support a community plan that interfered to that extent with my neighbour.

Why? Because such a plan would interfere with everyone's life, including mine, in a thousand ways.

What makes Salt Spring unique is the people. Us. The adventurous, free-thinking rebellious artists, the absurd counter-culture recluse, the hard-nosed independent west coast individualist, all of us in our idiosyncratic or conforming ways.

We are now faced with a draft Official Community Plan (OCP)

which threatens to elevate all of the concerns and visions we expressed in surveys and focus groups and meetings to the status of laws and regulations. The trouble with the OCP draft is that it goes much too far in stipulating what Salt Spring should be.

Everyone should look at this plan, not to see which of the thousands of details should be modified, but to see just how invasive and stifling this plan is. Then, if you love your freedom and if you love Salt Spring, take pen in hand and write the Islands Trust and ask them to change this plan by removing all but the most essential restrictions and regulations and leave the rest to us.

GREG DURWARD,
Cross Road

For people

At the May 2 community meeting in Fulford certain justifications and excuses were presented as an "explanation" for the new community plan.

The authors claim that they were not responsible, just incorporating already existing legislation.

In other words, the new plan is simply a rewrite of all the previous mistakes with a few new ones thrown in. This is not what a new plan should be.

Telephone your local Trust office and obtain the name, phone number, address and fax number of all departments and officials that this local office claim are tying their hands.

It's time to remind all these people that democracy is by the people, for the people, not just for the people, whether you like it or not.

JIM MAY,
Ganges

Assured

At a recent public meeting, Linda Adams addressed a large group of anxious islanders. In her opening preamble she light-heartedly joked about dispelling some misunderstandings that are going around our community and she "assured the gathering that OCP does not change existing bylaws."

However, the Trust placed a two-page summary of the plan in the May 1 Driftwood, in which the following is stated:

"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 Linda assures us that OCP doesn't change existing bylaws, the wheels are in motion, the process is moving and proceeding with intent and a fixed time line. When the new plan is adopted, we have only the above three choices: first, we can initiate a complete review of zoning or subdivision bylaws and amend them to match the new plan; second, we can work in stages and make sections of bylaws match the new plan bit by bit; third, we can be assured that rezoning applications will conform with the community's new directions.

How can the community planner say in all honesty, "Be assured that the OCP doesn't change existing bylaws" when it is clear, or frequently not so clear, that the intent of the new plan is in fact to do just the opposite.

MARIE TEITGE,
Fulford Harbour

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Life



INSPIRATION: Tuned Air conductor Bruce Ruddell found inspiration in the local Earth Day interfaith

service for Earthprayers, a composition that will premiere at Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre on July 6.

Photos by Tony Richards

By **SANDRA MCKENZIE**
Driftwood Contributor

When the World AIDS Conference opens in Vancouver, the inaugural event at the Orpheum Theatre on July 6 will be a celebration of the diversity, and universality, of life. Marking the event will be the world premiere of composer Bruce Ruddell's most ambitious work to date. Earthprayers is a composition in seven movements for two soloists, 200-voice choir and a 63-piece orchestra, that tackles nothing less than humanity's spiritual progression from Daoism to Stephen Hawkings.

"It's like an oratorio," Ruddell explains, "except that an oratorio has a Christian theme, and this isn't a Christian composition." As for the text, the composer observes, he hasn't so much written a libretto, as distilled, edited and shifted wisdom and insights culled from the ancient works of the world's major faiths.

"I'm really curious about the journey into a spiritual understanding of existence," he says. "This piece, above anything else, is a celebration of the life process." Inspiration came out of his participation, with Tuned Air, in an interfaith service on Salt Spring. "The texts that were read all seemed to interlock," he explains. "It seems as though the messages that humans have been leaving each other from the time they could first leave messages have been the same."

As profound as the underlying theme of Earthprayers is, the music promises to be anything but sombre. For one thing, each of the

seven movements opens with the blowing of a conch — not part of the standard orchestral repertoire, Ruddell points out. "Apparently," he says with a grin, "this is the first serious, new music score that calls for a conch." Filling that particular void at the Orpheum premiere will be Ruddell's Tuned Air accompanist, Chris Kodaly.

With a resume that includes over 200 pieces written for theatre, television, film, radio and concert stage, Ruddell is thoroughly attuned to his audiences. His strength as a composer lies in an ability to challenge, without intimidating, keeping the music accessible, but not simplistic.

In the case of Earthprayers, for example, the featured soloists are renowned mezzo soprano Judith Forst and Tony award-winning (for Kiss of the Spider Woman) actor Brent Carver — a high-profile fusion of opera and Broadway.

"It's important that this piece cross over those two worlds — opera and musical theatre," Ruddell explains. "It's not solely about the music; it's important that the text be heard, as well. (Judith Forst) can blast your hair off to the back of the hall, and do

it without a mike. Brent Carver can't do that, but you'll understand every word he sings."

While the AIDS conference is a fitting venue for this ambitious project, Earthprayers was not specifically composed for that event. It was, Ruddell says, a private commission, "a very unusual circumstance, and from a very unusual man — a true philanthropist."

When the piece was completed, Judith Forst was one of the first performers to read, and approve, the score. As a cultural organizer for the World AIDS Conference, she proposed the piece to the Dr. Peter

Foundation, which had offered to sponsor the opening cultural event for the conference. "They decided they wanted that piece to represent them,"

Ruddell says, "and they were willing to mount it the way it needs to be done — with full orchestral support."

The foundation was attracted to Earthprayers' message of hope, optimism and faith in the cyclical nature of life. "It came out in the discussions (with foundation organizers) that there had been a lot of requiems written for persons with AIDS, but many of the people

who are HIV-positive see their condition as a metaphor — their lives change in a profound way that only a knowledge of imminent death can bring about."

While Ruddell's spiritual underpinnings are vast, he can, at least, point to the materials that have pointed his way. Musically, the journey is not as clearly defined — among his primary influences he counts Mahler, Bach and John Adams, composer of Nixon in China.

"I spent a huge part of my life in the theatre," he says, "so I really developed my theatricality first. It's only been in the past 10 years or so that I've moved into the classical world, where I've focused on choral music, because theatre is choral. There aren't any real, direct influences; I listen to every aspect of music."

Salt Spring Island seems an insurmountable distance from the concert halls and recording studios where reputations and careers are made. But Ruddell has few regrets about his and his wife Barbara's decision, made 14 years ago, to relinquish the fast track to fame. "It's not easy to be a composer and live on Salt Spring," he concedes. "But for us it was the ideal compromise. Family is primary, and I've seen all my children grow up, and have been with them virtually every day. And without Salt Spring, I would never have written Earthprayers."

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PARTY ON: Ann Cullingham's portrayal of a lonely birthday inspired an audience chorus of "Happy Birthday" at the Virgin Fools performance in Mahon Hall Sunday. The show garnered a sustained standing ovation.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

Madcap virgins quip and clown

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Forget "make my day" Eastman and "I'll be back" Schwarzenegger.

The best quotes for islanders were tossed out by the madcap Virgin Clowns during their debut last weekend.

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"There are times I would have given anything just to feel up somebody's aura"

"It must be very important because I'm saying it and I wouldn't say it unless it was important."

"I'm going to come closer to you because I know you don't want me to."

Nothing was sacred during the

clowns' kaleidoscope of characters and caricature. New age came in for a ribbing as did ballet, belly-dancing, relationships, torch singing, sheikdom, religion and more — all rendered ridiculous with a red plastic nose.

In their various guises the 14 clowns were funny and brash and often vulnerable under a veneer of humour.

There was Anastasia Wilde's bathrobe clad child parting with teddy bears and a sad reluctance which drew sympathetic "ahhs" from the audience. Then Wilde dropped the robe, morphing into a tough babe with bared midriff, tight jeans and a damn-the-world expression — until she again transformed herself into vulnerability by stroking a tiny stuffed starfish.

There was Ann Cullingham's

solitary birthday, unwrapping a candle-topped éclair and crooning to herself ... and her gradual delight as the audience responded with "Happy Birthday To You."

There was the wistfulness of Cheryl Cashman's earth child who has yet to find herself — let alone the lover she seeks — and the paranoia of Honor Griffith's old bag lady, who cleared and set up the stage — one of the cogs which kept this complex show clicking along.

There were inner children given free rein in clown guise, erotic sketches which kept the audience in stitches and too many sparkling gems of gesture, expression and wit to convey by words alone.

They may be virgin clowns but their performance proved them pros.

ENTERTAINMENT

This week at the Cinema STARTS MAY 17 Movies run May 17 to 21

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THE BIRD CAGE: Starring Robin Williams, Nathan Lane, Gene Hackman and Diane West. This comedy remake of the slick French farce *Les Cage Aux Folles* is about a gay couple, Armand and Albert, whose world turns over when Armand's straight son, Val, wants to marry the daughter of an arch-conservative U.S. senator and his wife, who are headed to Florida to meet what they think are Val's diplomat father and stay-at-home mother. Mature with very coarse language. Fri., Mon., 9 p.m., Sat., Sun., Mon., at 7 p.m.

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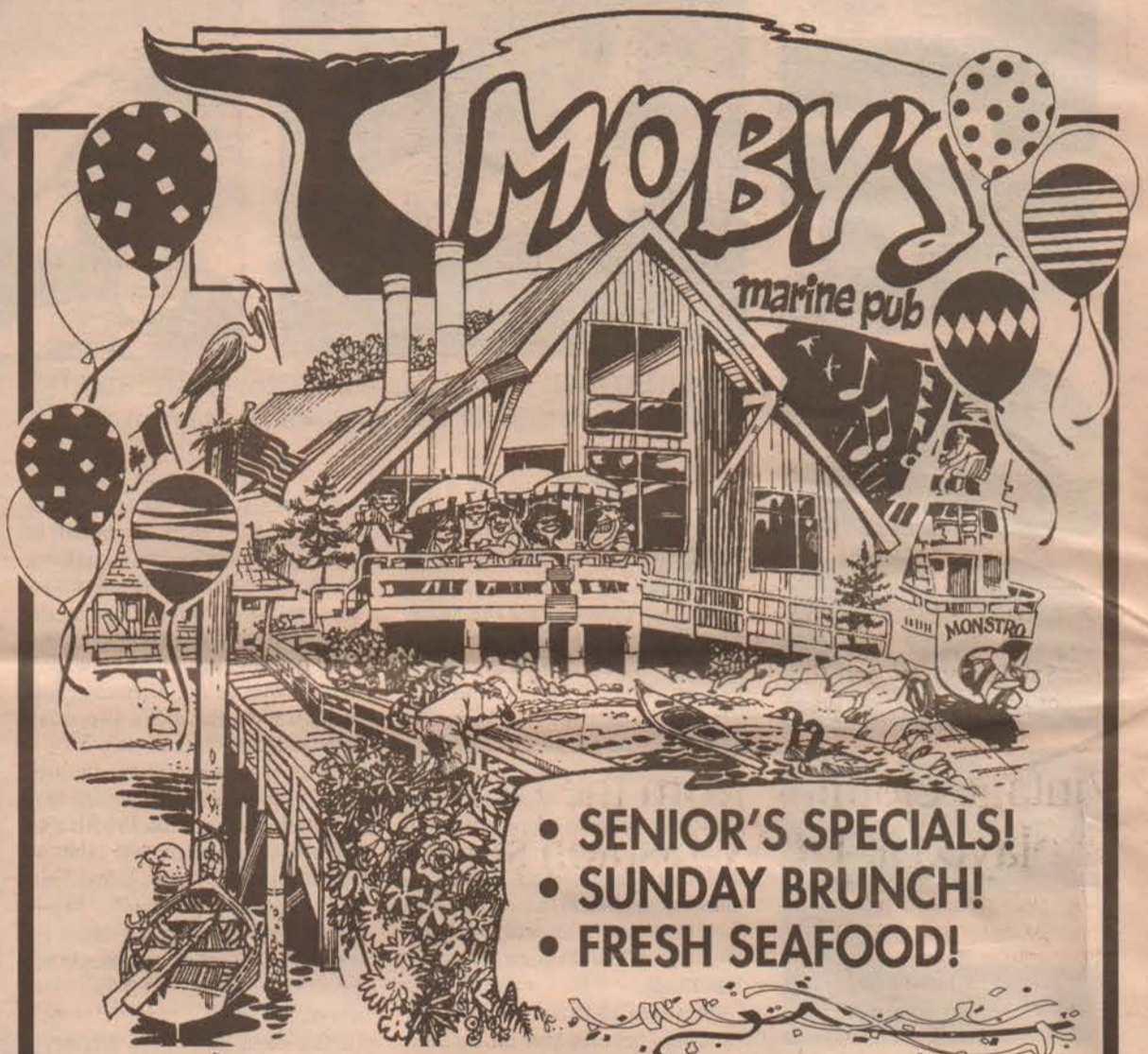
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.....Barley Bros., Mon.
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- Harbour House Hotel (pub):**Blend, Fri., Sat., Sun.
.....Holiday jam, Sunday
- Fulford Inn:**Blues Night, Monty Nordstrom, 8 p.m. Thurs.
.....The Peelers, Fri., Sat.
.....Acoustic Song Circle, Sun., 4-8 p.m.

Community TV Schedule

- Thursday, May 16**.....2:30 p.m., 1994 OCP workshop series review #1
.....4:30 p.m. OCP feedback session from May 2
- Friday, May 17**.....2 p.m. OCP feedback session from May 2
.....4 p.m. Islands Trust seasonal cottage workshop from May 6
.....7 p.m. Isle of Views #9
.....8:45 p.m. IWS's informed critique of the OCP part two (May 8)
- Sunday, May 19**.....2 p.m. OCP feedback session from GISS, May 9
.....5:30 p.m. Isle of Views #9
.....8 p.m. All candidates meeting from May 15
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Guild's annual art show set



WORK IN PROGRESS: Artists Judith Borbas and Jack Avison discuss watercolour techniques. Works by these two artists and other Salt Spring Painters Guild members will be displayed in a show at Mahon Hall this weekend.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

Some of the best art from Salt Spring's brushes will be displayed this weekend in Mahon Hall during the annual Salt Spring Painters' Guild outpouring of creative talent.

The guild's 16th annual Spring Art Show and Sale is traditionally held on the Victoria Day weekend. In the past, most of the work by guild members has been for sale at the show. This year the focus is on exhibition, which broadens the scope of the event by allowing artists to show works they do not want to sell in addition to works which are for sale.

"This is a change for the better," noted guild member Jack Avison.

The change in focus also allows artists to display experimental works which are not necessarily commercially viable.

"The focus before was to produce pieces of work to sell. The focus this time is to produce pieces to exhibit," guild member Judith Borbas explained. "It allows everything to be shown."

The change may also give some fledgling artists confidence to put their work on display even if they do not yet feel ready to market their creations.

All of the work in the show must be original and must be created during the past year. At least 30 of the guild's 50-plus members are expected to exhibit. In past years, the show has included more than 200 works.

Admission is free and guild members will be available to answer questions.

Avison said the guild is encouraging more experienced artists to help new painters by critiquing work and sharing skills. "A lot of these people, especially newcomers in these groups, are very backward about pushing themselves forward," Avison observed.

Guild members have also done outreach classes at Lady Minto Hospital's extended care facility and at Greenwoods.

A guild is based on the idea of artists helping other artists, Borbas said. "We want people to feel they can come and paint with us. No talent required — just an interest."

Avison and Borbas are among the more experienced painters in the guild. Avison has worked in everything from pencil to oils but now focuses on watercolours. Borbas works in both watercolours and acrylics.

Both will have work in the show.

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This vintage fashion show will feature clothes worn by women in 1950, in 1920 or even before 1900. Given that people have increased in size since the turn of the century, many of the earlier clothes will be modelled by young

teens.

Handmade quilts and heirloom jewelry will also be displayed.

Due to limited space in the Ganges United Church lower hall, admission will be by pre-purchased tickets only. Tickets will not be available at the door.

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Doug Rhodes on the drums and Brent Tanemura on the stand-up bass set the tone and pace for a good blend of sound at Moby's Sunday night jazz session.

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Narnia hosts country festival

Islanders can help a kid go to summer camp while enjoying a family weekend this Sunday and Monday at Camp Narnia's Country Festival.

There will be hay rides, pony rides, an animal petting farm and children's games, including parachute games. Events will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Burgoyne Bay Road campsite.

Black Velvet Band will play lively Celtic tunes and camp staff member Ray Turner will present a puppet show. Performances start at 1 p.m. each day.

Throughout the day concessions will sell home-baked pies, lemonade and barbecued lamb or pork.

Admission is \$5 for families and \$3 for singles. Money raised at the event will go into the "campership fund" which subsidizes camp fees for children from low-income families.

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, Camp Narnia is owned and operated by Anton and Carol Voorhoeve. The camp attempts to convey the values of loyalty, courage, honesty and respect as portrayed in C.S. Lewis' magical series called the Chronicles of Narnia.

Each summer over 700 children attend camp sessions. School trips arrive in the spring and fall.

Singers give auditory, visual treat in stunning weekend performance

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

There were some remarkable sounds heard in the Anglican church on the weekend, but it wasn't the word of God.

It was, instead, the sound of the Salt Spring Singers. You might describe the music in their spring concert as heaven-sent but that wouldn't be strong enough. Stunning was more like it.

Particularly outstanding was a sub-group of the Singers called The Blenders, who gave one of the finest renditions of Operator that I've ever heard. The song is a great one to begin with, but guest vocalist Simone Grasky made it the highlight of the concert. She and guest bassist Ian Van Wyck were joined by Singers Peter Lynde and Lloyd and Diana English in an upbeat and jazzy version of the song that brought the house down.

It was a memorable introduction to Salt Spring newcomer Grasky, whose presence will hopefully continue to grace the local stage.

Another award-winning performance was offered by the Salt Spring Children Singers, another big hit with the audience. The Farmer and the Cowman was great but Basil the Cat was absolutely hilarious. I haven't laughed so hard since the Hysterical Society's Comedy of Eros.

Like An Eagle was a stirring finale to the trio of songs by the youthful singers.

Conductor Lloyd English explained in his introduction to The Fourtunes that the Singers are cultivating special talents among its members. There's no question but the harvest has been a good one.

Listening to this talented group is an auditory treat; watching them sing is another pleasure.

The barbershop quartette of four female Singers gave us some fine harmonies with an excellent variation in pitch.

Not quite as successful was the Men's Chorus with Sixteen Tons, a song that didn't seem to come together. It wasn't helped by all the finger-snapping. The Singers, it seems, are better on vocals than percussion.

The four offerings by the Singers' special talents gave the evening a variety show feeling. But forming a sound and solid basis for it all were the Singers themselves.

They kicked off the evening with three renaissance-era pieces,

the last of which, Claudio Monteverdi's Lasciatemi Morire, was particularly mesmerizing.

Listening to this talented group is an auditory treat; watching them sing is another pleasure. Their enjoyment was contagious. Not only that, Lloyd English's demonstrative conducting, especially during the second of three Hungarian folk songs, was obviously entertaining to the vocalists on stage.

Perhaps it was nerves, but it wasn't until after the "special talents" that the Singers really got going.

The Blenders were a tough act to follow, but they did so in style with a lovely tune called Fare Thee Well Love and Robbie Burns' Ye Banks and Braes.

We moved to Africa to wrap things up, with a South African Suite of three, too-short tunes, accompanied by percussionist Jerome Jarvis. African music has some very powerful sounds to it, and is best when sung by a large choir, the way it was probably intended to be sung.

The well known Freedom Come concluded the program and helped earn the performers a standing ovation from an enthusiastic audience.

The Salt Spring Singers continue to grow through their collective talents. We are privileged to have them amongst us.

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For more specific details, Bylaw No. 2394 may be inspected at the Capital Regional District offices listed below, from May 15 to May 21, 1996, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays, statutory holidays excepted:

Administration Department, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, BC

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4605 Bedwell Harbour Road (Driftwood Centre),
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SPORTS AND RECREATION



READY SET... Kevin Vine, front, and Greg Watson spend a few hours at the Salt Spring Yacht Club preparing the Deryn Mor (which means sea bird) for this weekend's Round Salt Spring Race. Sixty to 70 boats are expected to compete in this annual island event.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Sailors seek winds and luck as they prepare for island race

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Seamanship and luck is what it takes to breeze through the 'Round Saltspring '96 race, which gets the wind under its collective sails starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Sponsored by the Saltspring Island Sailing Club, the race is open to all sail boats and multi-hulled sailboats measuring over 20 feet.

The number of participants has grown steadily over the past 21 years, especially in recent times. In 1994 there were 40 boats, a year later there were 60 and more are expected this weekend. Registrations have come from the lower mainland, Vancouver Island, Washington State and the Gulf Islands.

The largest boat registered to date measures 42 feet. Last year one entry, the Merlin, measured 70 feet.

"Most of the boats that go into this race aren't going in for the competitive aspect. They're going in for the love of sailing," notes coordinator Kevin Vine, who is readying his own Deryn Mor for the race.

Last year his was the first Salt Spring boat to reach the finish. He placed second overall, losing out to the 23-foot Erikson skippered

by Don Williams of Pender Island. "If you love sailing, it's fabulous," Vine said, adding that it is even more fun if the boat and crew do well in the race.

Participants must circumnavigate the island clockwise, covering 43 miles. All boats are handicapped, depending on the capability of the craft, and the winner is the boat which finishes first once the handicaps are taken into account.

"It depends a lot on luck," Vine said. Seamanship and familiarity with island waters are also important. Among the challenges are the currents in Sansum Narrows, creeping through the doldrums which descend on island waters in late evening and sailing in the dark.

"Trying to find the wind in the dark can be a bit of a challenge," Vine added.

The fastest boats may finish the course before midnight but most finish in the small hours of the morning, Vine said.

"Each year the race is different. Some times the challenge is making sure you have enough suntan lotion."

In other years, crews have contended with driving rain, gale force winds or no wind at all.

For Vine, the most difficult

hours of the race occur around the north tip of the island at 11 p.m. to midnight, when the winds drop and the becalmed boats bob on the waves. "Some people sleep. My personal choice is to stay awake during the whole thing."

For residents who want to see the race, Vine outlined a probable itinerary. Boats will be gathered in Ganges Harbour between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., when the larger craft set sail. Smaller craft start at approximately 10:20 a.m. from the harbour.

"By 10:30 or 11, they could see the fleet go by Beddis Beach," Vine suggested. Sailboats should be visible from Ruckle Park by 11 a.m. or noon and should reach Sansum Narrows in the early afternoon.

Those enjoying an afternoon beer in the Vesuvius Pub might be able to see the boats "crawl up the Vesuvius coastline" from the pub windows. At 11 p.m. to midnight, watchers on the beach at Southey Point should be able to see the lights of the boats.

All of the boats must finish the course by noon Sunday, so skippers and crew can enjoy the Salt Spring lamb barbecue at the sailing club which winds up the event.

"We try to give it a Salt Spring flavour," Vine concluded.

Bennett wins 400-metre hurdles race

Daniel Bennett took first place and Stephanie Collette claimed a third position as the two local high school athletes competed in Victoria's Trackfest champi-

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On the level?

A little fun made the tough job of moving into the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce's new offices easier for, from left, volunteers Jeremy Moray and Dee Kinney with chamber

manager Melva Geldreich. This pamphlet rack went up in the new visitor information centre, which opened Saturday.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

Demographics will push ferry use

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

The person who may have the greatest impact on the Gulf Island's ferry service is not sitting in a B.C. Ferries office nor on the Southern Gulf Islands Strategic Plan Advisory Committee.

He or she doesn't even live on any of the islands.

But some time in the next decade, that person is going to buy property on the Gulf Islands or come to the islands for a vacation. And the number of such people is going to grow, judging by projections showing increased demand for ferry service in the Gulf Islands.

"The other player, who is not involved in planning, is the person who gets into a BMW and gets on the ferry for the Southern Gulf Islands," B.C. Ferries president Frank Rhodes told advisory committee members at their April 30 meeting.

There will be more such people than ever before and they will attempt to reach the islands whether or not B.C. Ferries has the capacity to carry them, or the official community plans on the islands encourage such an influx, Rhodes added.

According to futurist David Baxter, who prepared a prediction for B.C. Ferries, the demand will be driven by demographic factors in B.C. and Washington state, which together provide 95 per cent of all B.C. Ferries' travellers to the Gulf Islands.

Baxter identifies three factors which will influence traffic growth. The first is demographics, which tracks the lifestyles of aging baby boomers. The second is changes on the islands, including technological change, and the third is the level of service offered by B.C. Ferries to reach the islands.

"The future holds the potential for unprecedented increases in the demand for access to the southern gulf islands," Baxter noted.

Overall, population in B.C. and Washington state is expected to increase by 20 per cent in the next decade. Based on that alone, demand for ferry service should increase by 20 per cent.

But Baxter predicts even more

demand. In 10 years baby boomers who are now busy raising families, establishing careers and paying mortgages will be in the market for vacation homes, retirement homes and short-term, close-to-home vacations which can be squeezed into the schedules of two wage earners.

The population aged 45 and older in B.C. is expected to grow by 39 per cent in the next 10 years. For these people, the Gulf Islands offers easily accessible opportunities for tourism, recreation, vacations, a second home or retirement.

More full-time island residents can also be anticipated as technology combined with changing work patterns makes it possible for more people to work at "city" jobs from rural settings.

Increasing urbanization of the Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver areas will force those seeking a rural lifestyle into more remote settings, such as the Gulf Islands.

Rhodes noted these demographic factors have not been stressed in B.C. Ferries planning to date. Limited ferry service could act as a brake on island development, he noted.

However, B.C. residents who want to come to the Gulf Islands but are hampered by limited ferry service could then complain en masse to government, Rhodes observed.

The trends predicted by Baxter are already visible. Between 1985 and 1995, the population on the islands increased by 46 per cent, compared to an increase of 26 per cent province-wide.

Ferry use increased by 49 per cent during the same period. Those aged 45 and older accounted for half the users of the Gulf Islands ferry system during the 1995 peak season.

Almost one quarter of the Gulf Islands' population is aged 65 or older — the highest percentage of retired residents in the province — which proves how attractive the area is for retirees.

How the islands and B.C. Ferries respond to this expected demand for homes or recreation on the islands will help determine the final level of demand. If housing does not increase to meet the demand, prices will rise and fewer people will be able to afford the islands.

Limited ferry service and high fares will also discourage people from coming to the islands.

Traffic forecasts prepared by B.C. Ferries' strategic and corporate planning department suggest that by 2005:

- vehicle traffic on the Swartz Bay - Fulford Harbour route will increase by 39 per cent and passenger traffic will increase by 34 per cent
- vehicle traffic on the Vesuvius - Crofton route will increase by 61 per cent and passenger traffic will increase by 56 per cent
- vehicle traffic on the Swartz Bay - Outer Gulf Islands route will increase by 31 per cent and passenger traffic will increase by 29 per cent
- vehicle traffic on the Gulf Islands - Tsawwassen route will increase by 15 per cent and passenger traffic will increase by 11 per cent.

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Hundreds of soccer players, fans en route to island

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

Soccer Madness in May is back as several hundred soccer-crazy players and fans plan to descend upon our little island to take part once again in the festivities known as the Salt Spring Challenge Cup.

Yes, the annual soccer bash is back and this year looks to be bigger and better than ever, some 28 teams, 400 to 450 players and many more supporters will compete in the three levels within the tourney.

Eight teams, including Salt Spring FC, will compete in the open division, battling for the Eric Springford Challenge Cup. Last year's champion, Courtenay Blackfin Rovers, will be back, expecting a strong challenge from Victoria City FC and maybe Powell River, depending on the beverage consumption by its players.

Salt Spring FC hopes to make a serious challenge this year, just as it did two years ago when the local squad won the cup.

The Old Boys will compete

with nine other teams (including one from Calgary) for the Sir Richard McBride Challenge Cup, which will be strongly defended by last year's winner Lakehill, and previous winner Cowichan.

But the Old Boys are planning some surprises this year. Their star-studded line-up will feature key rookie Arnie "Der Kaiser" Hengstler and a mystery goalie.

The women's section will feature an amazing 10 teams, including defending champion Gorge, competing for the Ed Lumley Challenge Cup. This year sees four additional teams, with Powell River and Courtenay expected to give Gorge a good run for its money.

Preliminary games begin Saturday at 10 a.m., play-offs start at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday with the finals starting at 12:20 p.m. Monday.

Games will be played on three Ganges school fields and at Portlock Park.

But the on-field activities are not all that is going on this weekend.

Saturday night will feature a dance at Fulford Hall with the Nerve for all players and fans, running from 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from the information booth at the high school field or



Kayak attack

Calm waters and a free "try-out" sponsored by Sea Otter Kayaking lured some enthusiastic would-be kayakers into the sea at Ganges Harbour. Here, Colin Nicholson is tucked into a kayak by Shannon Kendall.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

50 tee-off for cup play

• Members of the women's 18-hole division played the qualifying round for the Rose Bowl — the spring club championship cup — last Tuesday.

Fifty golfers teed off.

Winners were Jackie Vibe with low gross 93, and runner-up Connie Hardy with 94. Marie Hopkins took low net with a 73, followed by Irene Hawksworth and Mona Coulter who tied with 75.

Hawksworth had 26 putts. Jenny MacDonnell was closest to the pin on No. Two and won a \$10 gift certificate from Ganges Village Market.

• Sixteen members of the nine-hole division took to the greens on Wednesday.

Mary Hogg won the low gross, Babs Ross won low net, and the putt pot was shared by Vi Austin, Vivian

Storr, K. Mowbray and Anne Vodden.

Two women — Storr on No. Eight and Donna Flannery on No. Six — chipped in.

• Fairwinds leads in a home and away match against Salt Spring.

Salt Spring players, who competed in the event last Wednesday at Fairwinds, were off their game. However, a spokesman says, the "moose stories on the way up were fantastic."

• Members of the men's division competed in the Lucky Mashie Tournament last week.

Winners were G. Scott and F. Broadbent with 61; D. Nemeth and J. Sutherland, 62; and F. Lyhne and R. Quick with 64.

Nemeth won low gross with 76, and Broadbent won low net with 66.

League celebrates 25 years

The Circus Bowling League's annual banquet and awards night was very much like the group's regular night out — noisy and fun.

The banquet, held last month at Sea Court Gourmet Restaurant, celebrated 25 years of "bowling for fun and relaxation."

The team of Bobbie and Gordon Ruckle, Bunny and Ben Copper,

and Ken Barnes captured the A trophy, while a team comprised of Marjie and Brian Radford, Gwen and Ken Strike and Inez Farr won the B trophy.

Lindsay Dover won the women's high single and high triple cups; Ben Copper took both the high triple and the high single men's cups.

SALT SPRING CHALLENGE CUP Program of Events

Saturday, May 18 - Preliminary Games

10:00 a.m. Salt Spring F.C. vs Vantreights-High School
11:20 a.m. Salt Spring Old Boys vs Lakehill-High School
2:40 p.m. Salt Spring Old Boys vs Sooke-High School
3:50 p.m. Salt Spring F.C. vs Peninsula-High School
8:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Dance at Fulford Hall \$10/person

Sunday, May 19 - Preliminary Games

11:20 p.m. Salt Spring Old Boys vs Castaways-High School
12:30 p.m. Salt Spring F.C. vs Courtenay-High School
1:30 p.m. Shoot-out Contest at High School
2:30 p.m. Play-offs start
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Soccer Barbecue, Kings Lane Recreation Centre, \$15/adult \$5/child

Monday, May 20 - Play-offs continue

12:20 p.m. Over 30 final-High School lower
12:20 p.m. Women's final-High School Upper
1:30 p.m. Open Final-High School Lower
3:00 p.m. Presentations-High School

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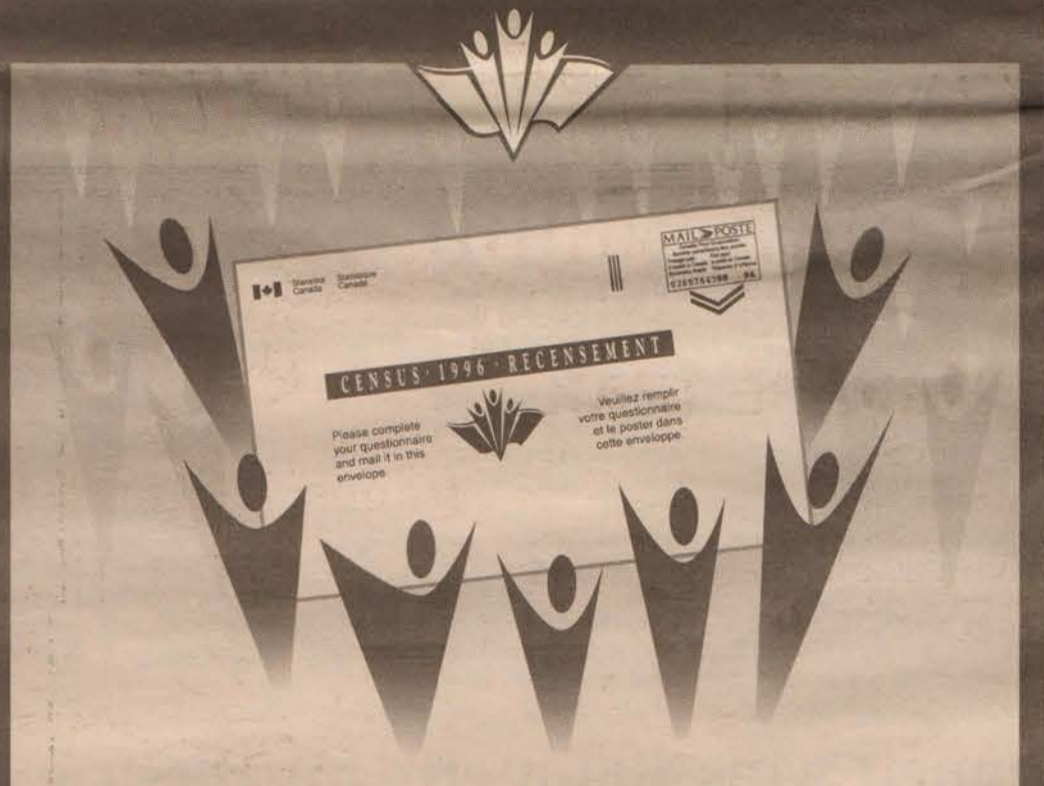
Sunday night will see the start of a new tourney tradition with a soccer family night and barbecue at Kings Lane Recreation. This will be especially geared to soccer players with families.

The entry fee (\$15 for adults and \$5 for children) includes a meal, beverage bar, bowling, pool tables and more.

Tickets will be available at the high school information booth.

Other events will include a shoot-out contest on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. (open to tourney players only) on the high school field. The tourney will also sell t-shirts, provide shower facilities, food and beverages (by the Lions) and many draws all weekend long.

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GISS boys take mid-island title for second year in a row

By RICHARD BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring's junior boys soccer team sprang back from an early loss to capture the mid-island tournament title at a two-day event held in Mill Bay last weekend.

Teams qualified for the tournament by finishing in the top six places in their leagues. The league this year was very competitive with Brentwood College taking first place over the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) team by virtue of a 1-0 victory early in the season.

On Friday, in the round robin section of the tournament, the local boys dug themselves deep into a hole when the team played its worst game of the season, going down 2-0 to the hosts from Frances Kelsey.

In the next game it was poor defensive play that saw Cowichan score on three occasions.

Fortunately, their defence was worse than ours. With Mandu Goebel scoring three, and Tom Langdon scoring two (and gaining man of the match

award), the team finished in second place and qualified for the semi-finals against the winners of the other round robin pool.

Arriving Saturday morning everyone was surprised that Shawnigan Lake School had swept its pool and would be the opponent. From the kick-off, the private school team showed speed, size and skill. But this did not deter the GISS team. Forwards Langdon, Ian Baker and Goebel moved the ball well, and Stefan Bond came on to take the ball wide on the left.

This pressure led to an early goal by Goebel and when he scored a second from the penalty spot after a deliberate handball, team confidence grew. The game seemed virtually over when Goebel pounced on a poor goal kick to score his second hat trick on consecutive days.

However, the defence had one moment of madness left and allowed Shawnigan to

close the gap with an unmarked goal from a free kick. Then, in a sweeping movement, Goebel sent Bond in to hammer the ball in and seal the victory.

Brentwood, who beat Kelsey 1-0 in the other semi-final, would be the opponents in the final. This was the game that the local lads wanted. They always felt they could win and were anxious to avenge the defeat in the league earlier in the season.

The game opened at a furious pace and the defence of Mike McNair, Jared Hazenboom, Jean Carmichael and Chris Urquart played its best game of the season. Even so, Jonathon McDonald was called on to make save after save from long range shots. After a scoreless first half, the tactic of absorbing the Brentwood pressure and checking hard in mid-field eventually took its toll on the Brentwood team. They tired enough to let GISS take control.

With 15 minutes left, Goebel opened the scoring to a great cheer from the many Salt Spring supporters. A second goal was disallowed shortly after, and Langdon stole in for the clincher with the last kick of the game.

For the second year in a row the GISS junior boys team had won the championship.

Justin Smith, Tom Langdon and Jonathan McDonald gained Most Valuable Player recognition. However, Goebel

with seven goals deserves special mention as does the whole squad of 14 players who finished for the team.

As cup winners, the squad now challenges Brentwood, as league winners, in a winner-take-all match. The Fun Pacific Challenge Trophy will decide who goes on to represent the mid-island zone at the Vancouver Island championships. This game is at Brentwood College tomorrow (Thursday) at 3 p.m. Spectators and supporters are most welcome.

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Bank of Commerce staff got up and went to work Friday morning but neglected to dress. From left, Lorna Tolman, Krista Betts and Catherine Mellstrom, clad in their nighties, raise eyebrows among customers as part of a fundraising project for B.C. Children's



Hospital. Vicki Walker, still wearing her curlers, waves a cheerful good morning. Fundraising continues this Friday with a bake sale and Friday, May 24 manager Bert Beitel will be cooking hot dogs.

Photos by Tony Richards

Presence of cougar still unconfirmed

No further sightings have confirmed the existence of cougar kittens or an adult cougar on Salt Spring, despite a report last week from five youngsters.

The youths claimed to see at least one cougar kitten hidden in rocks at Vesuvius Beach.

Environment ministry conservation officer Ken Broadland said Monday he heard rumours of the sighting and received a call from one woman who heard growling at night. However, he said no concrete evidence existed to justify an investigation on the island.

"We haven't been over," Broadland said. "Until we get an actual confirmed sighting and we can talk to the complainant, we're just on hold."

One rumour suggested the Coast Guard had seen an adult cougar walking on the beach May

5 but that was denied by Coast Guard staff.

Broadland said he had heard of another sighting, again by children, on May 3 near Fernwood Elementary. Usually the existence of a cougar on the island is backed up by a number of corroborating sightings, he said.

Neither Broadland's office nor the wildlife control officer in Nanaimo has received a series of corroborating reports.

Three of the youngsters who reported seeing the cougar kitten also reported seeing a seal in St. Mary Lake on the April 6 weekend. That sighting was confirmed by a local fisherman and two other youths.

However, lake shore resident Ed Davis suggests those reporting the seal probably spotted a large otter which he has seen in the lake.

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The threatening charges can result in a jail term of up to five years. Resisting arrest is punishable by up to two years in jail.

Ganges RCMP received a com-

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plaint Thursday that threats had been made against two Salt Spring residents.

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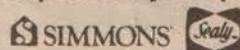
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Speakers donate to 4-H Club

Older speakers passed the torch to young speakers along with \$243.15 at a recent 4-H meeting.

Margaretha Nordine, representing the Salt Spring Speakers Club, said the club was disbanding and the group had decided to donate the club's remaining funds to 4-H, which sponsors speaking competitions for young people.

Nordine said she and other members of the Salt Spring Speakers Club had been happy to judge 4-H public speaking practices during the past few years. She also offered to help at future public speaking events.

The money was presented to 4-H treasurer Jennifer Doucette.

Members at the meeting also participated in a 4-H judging practice, which included five categories. The practice was to help members prepare for an upcoming judging rally in Saanich.

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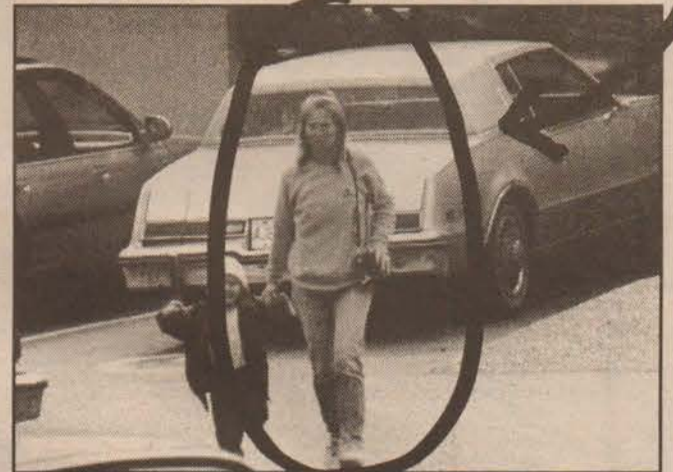
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Strategic ferry plan falls behind schedule

Progress on the southern gulf islands ferry service strategic plan is off-schedule.

Like a ferry which calls at too many ports, the committee's task was too complex to fit into the time allocated, suggested Kathy Scarfo, who represents Salt Spring on the ferry advisory committee.

The committee held its first meeting January 27, 1995, and was originally expected to present its recommendations to the community by September 1995.

The gap between meetings hasn't helped, Scarfo said. The advisory committee met November 1 and again April 30, a stretch of five months without meetings.

"I don't think we've met often enough to actually build a team and bring everyone up to speed," Scarfo remarked.

Based on the meeting November 1, Scarfo expected the committee's initial recom-

mendations would be before island residents this spring at a series of open houses. Although the committee had not come up with a complete proposal, it was considering a plan that involved a hub terminal at Village Bay with smaller ferries as spokes connecting the various islands to that hub.

Instead the work of the committee to date has been summarized in an interim report being prepared for B.C. Ferries' board of directors.

Scarfo said the committee's work has been slowed because B.C. Ferries did not have financial information and route models defined for the committee. Without knowing the financial and service impacts of the various options, it was impossible for committee members to reach a consensus.

One further problem has also hampered the committee, Scarfo added. "Nobody trusts B.C. Ferries."

Ferries head promises support

More support for the Southern Gulf Islands Strategic Plan Advisory Committee will be coming from B.C. Ferries, chief executive officer Frank Rhodes recently promised committee members.

"You can't plan in the vacuum I left you in," he admitted.

His comments opened the first meeting held by the committee in five months. Accepting blame for the group's lack of progress, Rhodes described planning for the future of the Gulf Islands' routes as the most complex of the five public advisory planning processes undertaken by B.C. Ferries.

"I badly under-estimated the complexity of the problem," he said. "We badly under-resourced the process. We didn't have enough horsepower on the corporation end to answer the questions."

To plan future service, committee members should have had more information on what is known about the current ferry service including the financial framework and projected future demand.

On the committee are representatives from B.C. Ferries, from each of the five Gulf Islands and from the school board and Islands Trust. Established in January 1995, the committee was to produce long-term recommendations for Gulf Islands ferry service.

One issue driving the planning is the gradual loss of B.C. Ferries' provincial subsidy over the next two years. Rhodes noted the Gulf Islands' service will have to become more financially viable, eliminating the current \$22 million annual deficit, without imposing dramatic changes in service or ticket prices.

"I have a fear that we will face the prospect of an imposed solution — imposed by financial reality," Rhodes said. "We have to find a more rational way than we now have."

Rhodes said working with the advisory committee has changed B.C. Ferries. He recognized the sophistication of island residents in analyzing and defining the ferry service.

He said B.C. Ferries had underestimated the impact of ferry service on island businesses.

He welcomed the work done by the committee to date, which establishes values by which ferry service can be measured.

"Our vision has been changed by your input," he said.

He suggested the executive committee of B.C. Ferries' board of directors should meet with advisory committee members, and urged committee members to stay with the project through the next phase, which is to develop recommendations for ferry service in the future.

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OPINION

Muzzled

It may not be obvious to most voters but few voices are being heard other than those of the parties and the candidates in the British Columbia election campaign. That's because anyone else who wishes to register their support or otherwise, for parties or issues, has been gagged.

The provincial government last year introduced legislation that imposes sweeping controls on the publication of information during an election campaign. Bill 28, the British Columbia Election Act, among other things, places a limit on the amount of money that can be spent on non-candidate or third-party election advertising, requires non-candidate advertisers to obtain a permit to purchase advertising and dictates that opinion poll results be published with full details on how the poll was conducted.

The legislation is a gross violation of the principles of free expression.

This week, this newspaper has published a full-page advertisement designed to draw public attention to Bill 28.

Judging by the wording of the legislation, the ad qualifies as third-party election advertising because it "promotes or opposes, directly or indirectly" the election of a party, by urging voters to question candidates on Bill 28.

As such, it would be in violation of the law if several stipulations within the bill were not adhered to:

- If it were to run eight times during the course of the current election campaign the total value of the advertising would exceed \$5,000. That would make it illegal.

- If the newspaper had neglected to obtain official registration with Elections B.C., in other words apply for "permission" to run the ad, it would have been illegal.

- If the ad did not contain the name of an official sponsor and his telephone number, it would have been illegal.

Regulations such as these are what one would expect to find in countries where democracy is a foreign concept, where freedom of speech is reserved for those who hold power. That a province of Canada, a country that enjoys one of the most effective democracies in the world, should be free to adopt such legislation is a chilling reminder of the fragility of our freedoms.

The \$5,000 limit may sound like a lot of money, but it doesn't buy much space in a province-wide advertising campaign. For example, the cost of the B.C. Teachers' Federation's recent "Myth-Reality" campaign went well into six figures.

Bill 28 doesn't stop with limitations on third-party election advertising.

It exerts stringent controls on the publishing of election poll results, stipulating that certain information about the poll must appear when the poll results are first published. A reason given for these controls is that the public needs protection from inaccurate or incomplete information. This is reminiscent of the 1937 attempt by the government of Alberta to control the news. The Accurate News and Information Act was introduced for the same reason: protection of an unwitting public by a benevolent, all-knowing government.

None of these limits is likely to withstand legal action. The Alberta legislation was struck down by the courts, as was more recent federal legislation that tried to bar non-candidate advertising during a general election.

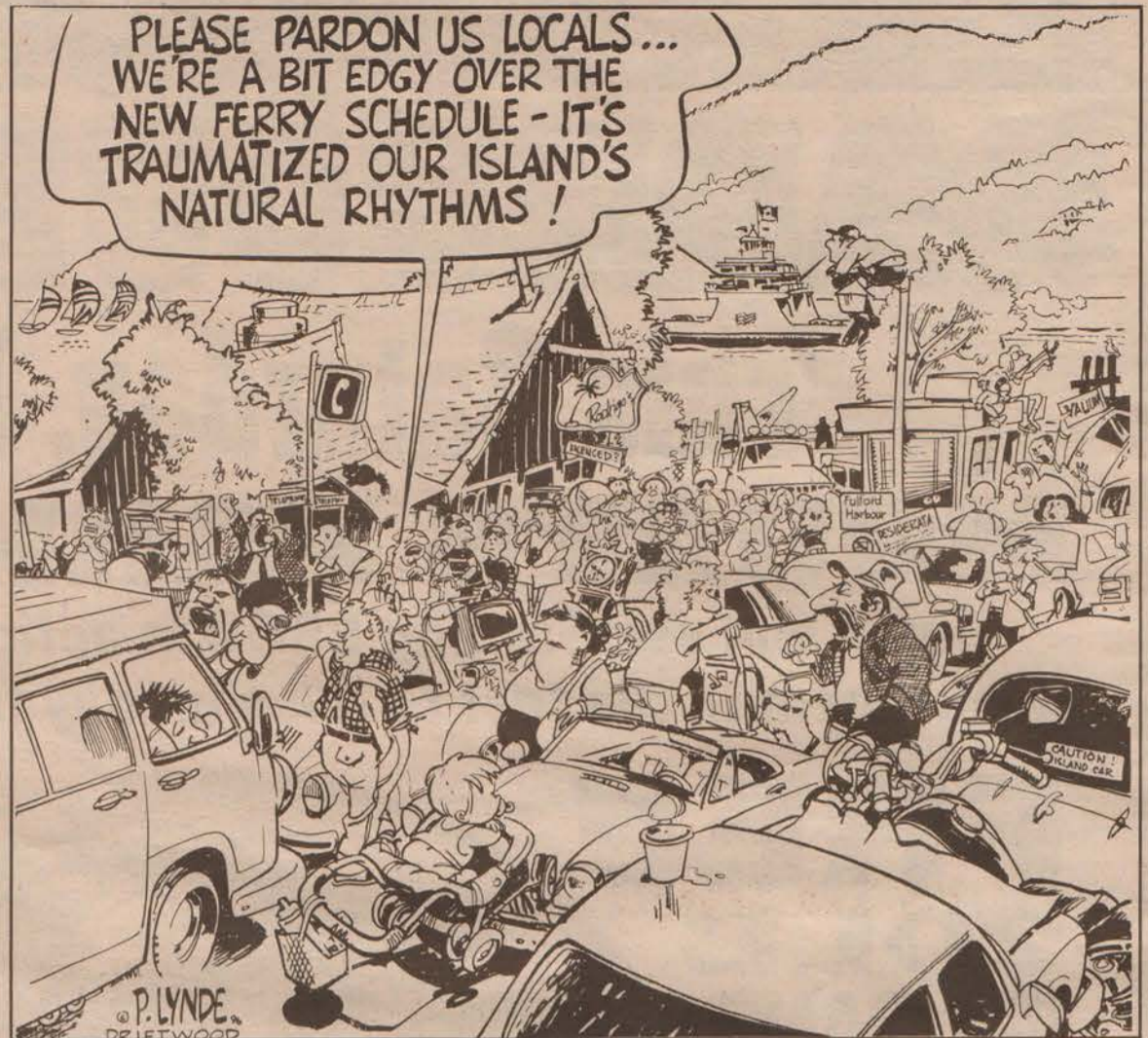
But the provincial government has very conveniently brought in this legislation late enough in its mandate that there hasn't been sufficient time to complete a court challenge before the election.

The federal government attempted to limit third-party election advertising to \$1,000 in 1993 as a means to restrict the role of money in unfairly influencing election outcomes. But the National Citizens Coalition won a judgment against the law after the courts found the limits were not sufficiently important to outweigh a constitutionally-protected right of freedom.

A private citizen launched legal action last November against the B.C. legislation and it appears unlikely that the bill can survive the challenge. In the meantime the freedom of private individuals and organizations to speak out about election issues is being muzzled.

This is an issue for which election candidates must be held to account. Tampering with the freedom to bring public issues to the fore is a serious matter, particularly during an election campaign, the key component to the democratic process.

The Election Act is in sore need of amendment.



OCP brings some order to chaos despite its faults and weaknesses

By JOHN LAMMERS

It's a bit much: the world is in a state of turmoil, the nation may become unravelled and the province is in the throes of a nasty election.

Locally, the draft of a badly-needed blueprint for the guided evolution of our island is subjected by some vilification, diatribes, spiteful and silly anonymous full-page ads and even dire threats of "scorched earth" tactics during frontier-type meetings. Much of this acrimony seems to be generated in the name of "defence of freedom" and the prerogatives of land ownership which some think convey no less than a God-given right to act on and with one's property as one pleases regardless of the interests and well-being of the community at large.

The uproar makes one wonder why these irrepressible critics obey any of the regulations designed to keep a country functioning in an orderly fashion and meekly submit to having their freedom curtailed by taking a driver's test and carrying a licence to operate their personal property (automobile) and obediently refrain from driving through a red light.

Freedom requires discipline and careful thought, spelling every detail out before taking action, always keeping in mind that one person's freedom ends where another's begins. As I see it, this current OCP draft attempts to address just that. In any responsible planning all possible contingencies must be foreseen, painstakingly analyzed and come to grips with, while the ultimate goal of the plan, (in this case the province's and the Islands Trust's object and mandate) must be kept foremost in mind. It's like designing a house or a subdivision; everything to the last nail, fitting and footpath must have a place and a purpose to make it safe, lasting and comfortable — ask the developers.

The new OCP, for the first time, creates some order in the chaos and multitude of individual



preferences, lifestyles, interests, agendas and opinions (some of which are hardly conducive to the common good) that have been regurgitated in the community in countless meetings and briefs over the past 10 years or

so.

This is not to say that there is nothing controversial in the plan or that it is free from faults and weaknesses. Indeed, the time frame for public input is (was?) askew and the handling of this input leaves things to be desired from a public relations standpoint. But orderly fine-tuning through public scrutiny and consultation will help the OCP evolve. There is a clear commitment to this consultation process in the "reader's guide" and "highlights" described in the first section of the plan, while pages five to 16 (introduction and objectives) give a lucid summary of the plan's whys and wherefores, leaving little to find fault with unless one is totally opposed to anything that has to do with the Islands Trust. The current version of the OCP is a first draft as is stated on each page. The old saying "the soup is never eaten as hot as when it is first dished up" applies. It will cool.

We have two choices, folks — one is to give the Trust (and the

province) a vote of confidence for pursuing their mandate in an orderly fashion, the process supported by us in a thoughtful, constructive and courteous manner. The other is to mercilessly and thoughtlessly obstruct serious community planning thus creating a slide into degrading urban/suburban sprawl with every person for him or herself.

Consider that there is a tomorrow with a fully-expected influx of many thousands of people to this island. Consider that obstructing this plan after absorbing at least the contents of its first section is akin to driving through a red light. Both actions invite disaster.

The writer lives on Salt Spring Island.

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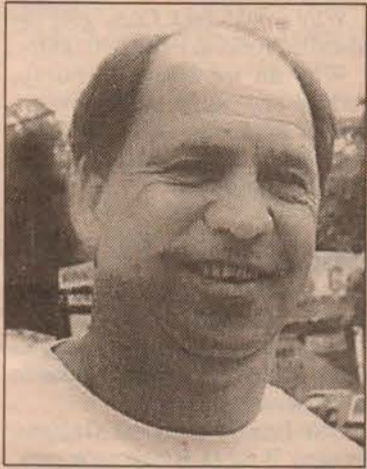
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: Do you know any sailing times for the new Fulford-Swartz Bay schedule?



John Cade

Probably most of them because I had to design a new bus schedule to meet them.



Marjorie Lomas

Yes. The 9:30 leaves at 9, the 1:10 coming back leaves at 1:20, the 11 o'clock is five minutes to—I think.



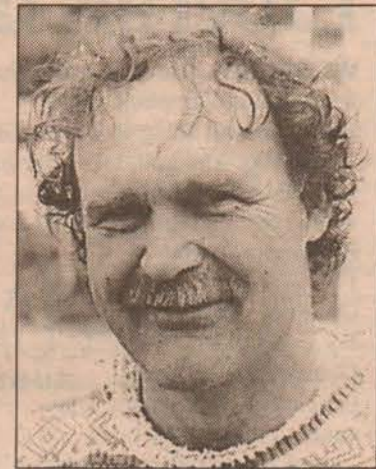
Pat Daniel

I did look at it but I don't know them all by heart. I know the current ones I have used—every hour and a half.



Renee Kreeft

I do know the morning one is at 6:20 instead of 6:30 which throws off all the others. You can't do the 2:15 p.m. to (connect with) the 3 p.m. Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen and the 8:15 p.m. to (connect with) the 9 p.m. to Tsawwassen.



Bill Rhodes

There's an earlier sailing and I think there is one more sailing added. I'm not sure.

Letters to the Editor

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Moving service

Last week, I returned to Salt Spring from an overseas trip and learned that the fifth annual Interfaith Earth Day service was to be held on Sunday.

Despite jet lag, I didn't want to miss it, and I wasn't disappointed. For me, it was the most special celebration of its kind I have witnessed. An atmosphere of reverence and unity was created, aided in no small part by the lovely setting of the secondary school multi-purpose room with its high ceilings and greenery shimmering through the surrounding windows.

The weaving of music, readings and talks from the Christian, Jewish, Wiccan, Baha'i, Buddhist and Yoga spiritual traditions was echoed by each contributor moving one of the coloured ribbons attached to a small fir in the centre of the room in a weaving fashion.

The Tuned Air choir led by Bruce Ruddell was in excellent form. The music soared and fluttered and modulated. It is always a treat to watch Bruce's increasing enthusiasm of movement as he directs them. There was prayer, singing, chanting, and the sharing of fruit and bread.

The service closed with a Sufi dance, led by Rev. Sharon Cooke, where we had the experience of moving along the circle, gazing into the eyes of one person at a time, singing "From you I receive, to you I give. Together we share. For this we live."

My only worry was that I would start to cry if I looked into the eyes of a close friend. When I got to Joyce McLean, I lost it and continued to weep my way around the rest of the circle. I tried to chalk it up to jet lag, but the truth is the whole service was very moving and this just capped

the experience of unity.
LINDA KAVELIN POPOV,
Sun Eagle Drive

Friend to all

On April 20 we said farewell to Howard Byron, a friend to us all.

The church was filled with hundreds of islanders who came to pay their last respects to a man who earned the respect of every person present. There can be no more fitting send-off than to see such a collection of diverse lifestyles and backgrounds gathered together. People of all ages and walks of life knew and cared for this man.

It was obvious to me that without prejudice, Howard had touched us all. I, like many others, found it difficult to get through Amazing Grace without tears for our loss, and reminiscences of his love of life, music and conversation.

For many of us, Howard held a strength and clarity of direction; he knew when to stand his ground, and when to walk away. He had no cause to promote, or axe to grind. He was a gentleman. He cared for, and about, people. He cared for and respected the opinions of others, while trying to make the force of his convictions known to those who would take the time.

After the ceremony, upon returning to work, I took off my jacket and tugged the forget-me-not bloom out of the lapel. Not wanting to forget him, I looked for a suitable book to press it in, that I might hold onto or preserve this memory for the rest of my life.

On my desk all I could find was a well-thumbed copy of the new community plan draft, and promptly decided that it'd have to do. Hesitating for a moment before closing the book on the blossom, I wondered if there was a place in there for Howard's philosophy of life, and if we couldn't learn from him what this place is all about.

He always felt that people would learn to get along with each other, make the best of what they had and be fair and understanding in dealing with each other—all virtues which we could learn to live by.

I only knew Howard for the past 16 years, but whether we'd known him a minute or a lifetime, he left his indelible mark on our hearts and souls.

We're all the better for having known him.
CHRIS SCHMAH,
Ensilwood Road

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