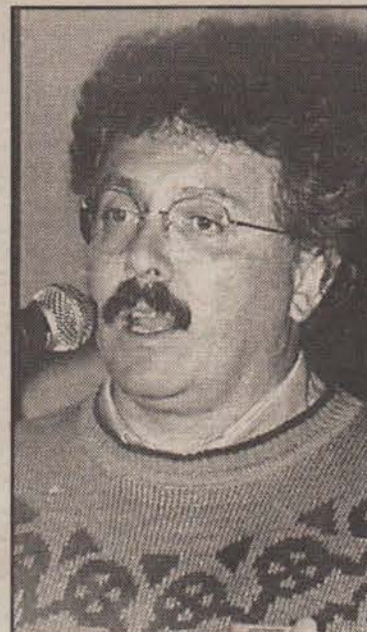




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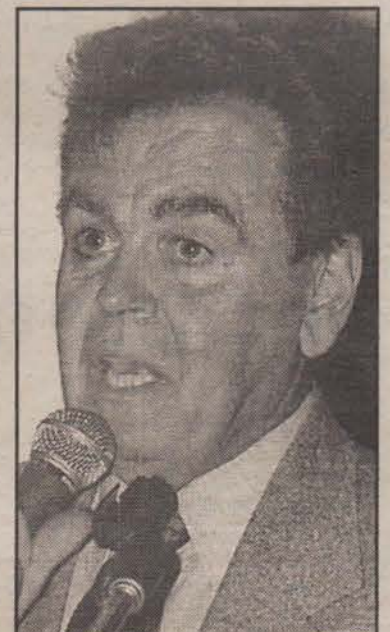
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Murray Coell



Wally du Temple



Gary Lundy

An X will mark the spot next Tuesday when British Columbia's two million-plus voters go to the polls to choose the next provincial government from among 513 nominated candidates in 75 ridings.

Seeking election in the Saanich North and the Islands riding are seven candidates: Liberal Murray Coell, Zino del Monte of the Western Canada Concept, the

Green Party's Wally du Temple, Reform BC's Ross Imrie, New Democrat Lynda Laushway, Progressive Democratic Alliance candidate Gary Lundy and Paul Tessier of the Natural Law Party.

This election sees several changes initiated by the new Elections Act, which was pro-

claimed last July. For the first time, 18-year-olds will be able to cast ballots as the bill lowered the voting age from 19 to 18. Voters must be Canadian citizens and resident in B.C. for the past six months.

The first votes will be cast today (Wednesday) when advance polls

open from noon until 9 p.m. through until Saturday at the Anglican Centre in Ganges.

General voting will be Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. On Salt Spring, polling stations are at the Masonic Hall, Fernwood elementary school, Fulford elementary and at the Anglican Centre in

Ganges.

On the Outer Islands, polls are at the North and South Galiano community halls, at the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, at the Saturna Island community hall and at Pender school.

Voters not on the voters' list can register at the polling station provided they bring two pieces of identification. Registered voters

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Children 'too little' for SIMS

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Grade 6 students are too young to be sent to a middle school, Gulf Islands school trustees were told last week.

Two delegations of parents appeared before the school board Wednesday to argue against removing their children from Fernwood and Fulford schools and sending them to Salt Spring Middle School next September.

And while school district officials were happy to oblige by examining the issue, there was some reluctance at changing the middle school configuration so soon after it opened.

Fulford parents representative Louise Doucet said there had been concern since the middle school's inception over including Grade 6 students. There are still concerns,

CHILDREN 6



Raising \$\$\$

Islander Betsy Dosco and honorary firefighter Valdy Vally are all fired up to support research into Muscular Dystrophy. Some 20 local firefighters

helped raise an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000 Saturday in the group's annual fundraising drive.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trustees, public debate draft plan

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Islanders took full advantage of their last chance to chew up and spit out the Islands Trust at an Official Community Plan (OCP) meeting last Wednesday night.

Salt Spring trustees Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne, and planner Linda Adams faced about 70 people at the final meeting held to get input on the OCP's first draft.

Themes such as calling for a referendum to approve the plan and whether or not water supply was a valid concern were repeated from previous meetings.

Trustees generally heard calls for fewer regulations and support for land stewardship.

Byrne and Andrew again defended the process used to produce and eventually approve the plan, and stressed the Municipal Act did not allow for community plans to be approved by a public vote. Byrne reiterated that she would stand by the plan at election time and people could approve it or not that way.

Regional director Dietrich Luth said the draft plan's specific policies would require enforcement and therefore cost money, which

OCP MEETING 16

GISS denied accreditation by evaluation team

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

An external evaluation team has denied accreditation to Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Team leader Clifford Smith, superintendent of schools for the Sunshine Coast school district, said on Friday the school has until

December 31 to address shortcomings in the accreditation process itself and "fix" its growth plans.

The school began the accreditation process last fall by circulating a series of surveys to determine the school's strengths and weaknesses. Following compilation of the survey results, the high school

drafted growth plans designed to build on strengths and improve areas identified as being weak.

The responsibility of the external team is to review that work. However, Smith declined to offer specifics about the team's findings until its report is made public, possibly later this week.

High schools in British Columbia are required to meet 88 different criteria, Smith said, and the accreditation process — which every high school must undergo every six years — determines whether they are being met.

The outside evaluation team,

ACCREDITATION 2

Too often the brain takes a break when our mouths open

Some people have a problem with Dick Stubbs.

The Salt Spring Island building inspector has often found himself at the receiving end of sometimes acrimonious criticism, those nasty unpleasantries that often surface when something controversial is up.

Too often we open our mouths and the brain takes a break. What comes out might be from the heart, but it has been diminished by having been a stranger to reason.

In other words, I think it's going a bit far too call Stubbs — along with other various, local officials — a fascist.

But we like to find a scapegoat when things aren't going our way, and what better target than someone paid with our own money to make us do things we don't believe in.

So we say and write outrageous things designed to get people's attention and convince them of the righteousness of our cause.

It's not just building inspection that tends to get some people going, but environmental

TONY RICHARDS



issues and, of course, the OCP.

Take the call I had last week from a local environmental activist. (No, it's not my old friend Nina Raginsky, whom I still owe a lunch.)

The caller was almost breathless with the news that logger Scotty Royal had cut down a 1,000-year-old tree down at the south end. We should pursue it right away because there was a covenant on that tree to protect it from the chainsaw.

The information was dutifully entered in the story leads file and brought up for discussion at the weekly story meeting. Many story leads are greeted with inner cynicism and doubt but we still have to check them out.

Who are we to judge whether it's a story? So a reporter was assigned to find out more.

Sure enough, the doubts were justified. The tree (it was actually 800 years old) blew over. Scotty Royal's chainsaw was not the culprit. And no, it was not a tree that had been protected by covenant either.

Cynicism is a common characteristic among journalists. Is it any wonder why?

Let's get back to Dick Stubbs, made famous by Chester Ludlow, the Hysterical Society and numerous stop-work orders.

Ludlow, you may recall, garnered a lot of attention with his hunger strike in protest against the school district's failure to test the air quality at Gulf Islands Secondary School. (He wrote a letter to the editor recently that prompted one reader to call up, anonymously, and suggest rather loudly — and sarcastically, too — that we give Ludlow his own column. Thankfully, he didn't suggest it replace this one.)

Ludlow was successful in persuading the

school district to carry out the tests, for which we should be thankful. After all, we know now what we believed before: that the building complies with legislated standards.

But it would be nice to think that a hunger strike was unnecessary.

Ludlow has published questions about building standards and inspection, and Stubbs has replied in writing. Now it might be interesting to publish that information here, but most of the issues raised are not local.

Ludlow has valid concerns about the National Building Code, but its contents have little to do with the Ganges building inspection office.

Meanwhile, Stubbs gets maligned unfairly with labels such as "fascist." If anyone has a disagreement with him, a face-to-face meeting will accomplish more than hurling epithets at public meetings or in the pages of a newspaper.

It could also do wonders for the credibility of the complainant.

ACCREDITATION: Withheld from GISS

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which consists of representatives of education and business and students and parents, looks at each of the criteria and how it was assessed and measured by the school's accreditation team. The growth plans are then examined to determine if they are appropriate and realistic, Smith explained.

If the external team is satisfied that they are and that the process was valid, the school gains its accreditation. However, if there is "significant disagreement" among team members, Smith said, there are two options.

One is to deny accreditation and require that the school begin the process all over again. The second option is to grant a partial accreditation in which the school would have until the end of the school year to amend its growth

plans.

Smith said his team chose a course of action that lies between the two options, giving the school until the end of December to address the growth plans' failings.

While he wouldn't discuss those failings, Smith emphasized that the school itself should not be viewed as having failed. He had high praise for both staff and students, and urged the community to give its support to the school.

"It behooves the community to support the school. There is a lot here that the community can be proud of."

Smith said he couldn't say "enough good things about the students," and added that the high school is "blessed with highly talented, professional people."

He said there was evidence of poor morale among staff and blamed the recent amalgamation discussions, financial cutbacks and politics.

Smith also noted that adults and

students are concerned over "inefficient teaching practices," but observed that such concerns are common throughout B.C.

"Don't damn the school because of that."

He said staff and students needed to focus on improvements they could make themselves. "Don't be demoralized by what is not within your control."

School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert echoed Smith's caution that the team's findings should not be seen as failing the high school.

"This is not like a report card on the school, where it gets an A, B, C, D or failure..."

She said it was important to "celebrate the successes."

"This is an opportunity to reflect and work together to implement improvements."

The denying of accreditation has no effect on the school's function, such as the awarding of valid graduation diplomas.

FOR THE RECORD

A slip of the eye produced a slip-up in the May 22 report on building permit fees. The current fee for a project worth \$100 to \$5000 was reported as \$30 — that fee is actually for a project worth \$100 to \$1,000. (The fee for projects costing up to \$5,000 was listed on the following line of the bylaw.)

For builders working on larger projects, the fee increase as of June 1 will be \$35 plus \$23 for each additional \$1,000 in value to a total of \$5,000 or \$35 plus \$18 for each additional \$1,000 in value to a total of \$200,000. These fees will increase again effective January 1, 1997.

The changes affect the Langford electoral district, not Langford itself.

Rhodes joins water board

Bill Rhodes joined the board of the Fulford Waterworks District at the group's annual general meeting last month.

Rhodes joins chairman Bruce

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Motorcycle accident

Island emergency personnel hurry to the aid of a 45-year-old Salt Spring man whose motorcycle collided with a deer on Fulford-

Ganges Road early last Wednesday morning. The accident occurred at 10:20 a.m. Police said the driver sustained minor injuries.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Would-be MLAs field questions

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Candidates rubbed against each other to strike the only sparks at Wednesday's all candidates meeting on Salt Spring, at which an estimated 175 islanders got a close look at the five of the seven would-be MLAs seeking their vote May 28.

Present at the meeting were Murray Coell, representing the Liberal Party; Wally du Temple of the Green Party; Ross Imrie for Reform BC; Lynda Laushway on behalf of the governing New Democratic Party (NDP); and Gary Lundy, representing the Progressive Democratic Alliance (PDA).

Strong statements, election promises and obvious politicking were notably absent for most of the meeting.

Laushway was the most adversarial, telling Coell he was running for the wrong party after he supported transforming Crown land into park and later declaring that democracy is at stake in this election, that election of a Liberal government will mean "a puppet government in the pockets of business and corporations" and reduction of B.C. to a Third-World country.

Laushway's opening statement noted that she is not an "upwardly mobile politician" — an allusion to the two mayors opposing her.

Imrie hung labels of "big business" and "big union bosses" on parties opposing the "grassroots" Reform and du Temple criticized the NDP's environmental record on Clayoquot Sound.

But there was few political pot-

shots overall as candidates fielded questions from voters.

Asked about the future of social services, all of the candidates agreed social services need to be protected. Laushway cited cuts in federal government transfer payments and said the Liberals, if elected, would remove \$426 million from social services.

Coell said the Liberals would not cut health and education but would reduce the number of government ministries to 12. Imrie said government must provide for those who cannot provide for themselves but must also reduce fraud, while du Temple called for increased welfare rates for individuals.

In 100 years, Lundy said welfare and Indian Affairs will be seen as programs which degrade the core of society. But he said social services should ensure adequate nutrition, clothing, shelter and education for everyone.

Asked how to balance job creation, investing in people and protecting the environment, Laushway cited an NDP proposal for a timber and jobs accord. Corporations which want to harvest B.C. trees will have to create jobs in the province.

Imrie disagreed with regulations which scare away capital investment and potential jobs. "Government doesn't create jobs, except for bureaucrats," he said.

Kicking out the corporations and turning forest resources over to local people was du Temple's solution.

Coell said small business generates the most jobs and should be given incentives to grow through lower taxes and less red tape.

Lundy said jobs and money will not be linked in 100 years' time. A current PDA policy suggests a rent-to-own program for housing which will make units available to those without money for a down payment.

Challenged that the NDP sees business as "evil," Laushway said small businesses are an important part of the island's economy. She advocated a balance between business and environmental protection.

Imrie stressed Reform is a grass-roots party of small business, while du Temple said business has to change and adopt stewardship.

When asked about the potential elimination of the ferry terminal and 120 jobs at Long Harbour, all five candidates defended islanders' ferry service, with Coell and Imrie both calling B.C. Ferries an extension of the highways system.

Logging and forest conservation sparked two questions, which revealed the candidates all favoured some controls on logging.

A complete ban on clear-cutting was advocated by du Temple; Laushway cited controls already in place by the NDP; Coell said past levels of forestry cannot be sustained and also supported provincial legislation controlling logging in watersheds; Imrie said old growth is not a renewable resource; and Lundy called for an inventory of forests in the province before a decision is made.

Asked which candidates are in favour of seeing Crown land on Mount Bruce preserved as park, Coell responded, "I would hope all of us." He was right.

Counterfeit money passed at local store

Police are warning islanders to look out for counterfeit money after a photo-copied bill was passed at a local store.

Police said the perpetrator waited until the store's clerk was busy before including the \$5 bill in a handful of money. Quality of the counterfeit bill was not high, police noted, and others of like quality should be apparent with careful checking.

In other police news:

• One bike has been recovered and two are still missing after three bikes were stolen from the Park Drive area last week.

The bikes went missing sometime during the night of May 13.

One bike was found abandoned. Police are continuing their investigation.

• Slippery feet were the cause of extensive damage in two separate incidents this week.

Five vehicles were damaged in Mouat's parking lot last Friday when an 80-year-old Salt Spring man's foot slid off the brake and hit the accelerator.

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His car smashed into four parked vehicles, one of which hit another parked car. No one was hurt, but the vehicles sustained some \$6,300 in damages.

The following day, a 52-year-old Ontario woman was stopped outside of the Lion's building on Drake Road. Her foot also slipped off the brake and onto the gas pedal. The car struck the building's doors, causing \$1,500 damage to the entrance-way. The driver was not hurt.

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Quick response

Island youth Bree Crawford is awarded a Kid Smart plaque by island emergency personnel, from left, RCMP Const. Kevin Wass, fire chief Les Wagg and paramedic Sheri Neilson. The youngster was noted for her quick response in dialling 911 when a car fire occurred at her home.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Acquittal for eviction of youths

The right to evict people from private property was upheld in Salt Spring provincial court May 14 with the acquittal of Gerald Charish on a charge of assault.

Charish was charged following the eviction of two juveniles from a camper on his property. One of the juveniles told the court he had been struck across the face by Charish and was also kicked as he sat on the ground putting on his shoes.

Charish testified that he and his wife had left the house for approximately 20 minutes on February 18, 1995, when he received a call on a cellular phone from his teenage daughter. The daughter and Charish's teenage son were at home. Charish said his daughter told him three people had barged into the house "stumbling down drunk" and had then gone into a camper parked in front of the house.

Charish returned home alone, entered the camper and saw two youths inside. One had a hash pipe in his mouth, the camper was full of marijuana smoke and six liquor bottles — four partially empty — were on the table of the camper.

Charish said he did not recognize the youths. "I knew they were drunk and stoned," he said. "I decided that they were leaving."

He said he slapped the hash pipe out of one youth's mouth and pushed that youth out the camper door. He denied slapping the youth's face or following the youth outside the camper and kicking him.

The other youth quickly left the camper, Charish said.

Crown counsel Evan Blake challenged Charish's testimony, suggesting that Charish knew the youths were friends of his teenage son and was angry. He also said Charish should have called police

once he heard there were strangers in his home.

Charish said he did not recognize the teens, did not know if his son knew them and decided to take charge of the situation since he suspected there were three youths involved and he was outnumbered.

The next day, Charish said he learned a rented cabin on his property had been broken into and alcohol stolen.

Defence lawyer Tybring Hemphill maintained Charish had the right to protect his property to which Blake said that if the judge accepted Charish's testimony, the man should be acquitted.

Judge Hubbard said he did accept Charish's testimony although was concerned that Charish did not verbally ask the youths to leave the camper. However, he found Charish had used reasonable force and acquitted him on the assault charge.



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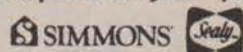
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COURT DOCKET

An 18-year-old Salt Spring man who broke into Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply will now spend 50 hours working at the store.

In Salt Spring provincial court May 14, Shane Cocker pled guilty to attempted theft under \$5,000.

Crown counsel Evan Blake said Cocker and a 17-year-old juvenile were both found inside the grounds of the store at approximately 11:40 p.m. March 25 by RCMP Const. Pat Wilkinson and a private security guard.

Cocker was found in an outside chicken shed. There were pry marks around the lock of the rear door, Blake said.

Cocker was cooperative once apprehended and has no previous record, he added. Cocker has since apologized to the owner of the store and made arrangements to do some work for Foxglove as compensation.

Defence lawyer Simon Knott cited Cocker's good work and school history, adding that the young man would have difficulty entering a trade with a criminal record.

Judge Hubbard turned down Knott's request for an absolute discharge but agreed to a conditional discharge.

He placed Cocker on probation until December 31 and ordered him to do 50 hours of community work service at Foxglove.

In other court news:

A 14-year-old youth pled guilty to the theft of a purse from a friend's grandmother.

The youth and friend had visited the grandmother's Salt Spring home at approximately 5 p.m. December 15. At approximately 5:20 p.m. the youth returned alone and asked to use the telephone. He then left abruptly.

Early the next day the 78-year-old woman realized her purse was missing and the youth had been the only other person in her home. Lost were approximately \$90, her keys and personal documents. She reported the theft to police. Police contacted the youth's mother, who reimbursed the older woman.

Blake said the incident indicated a pre-planned crime and sneakiness, so there should be some consequences.

"Listening to the circumstances, I'm shocked," Judge Hubbard said. "Ripping off a 78-year-old lady is pretty heinous."

He placed the youth on probation for six months.

Neglecting to do 100 hours of community work service cost 20-year-old Robin Richards \$250 in Salt Spring provincial court May 14.

Richards had been placed on 12 months probation and ordered to do the work service following an April 25, 1995 conviction for possession of marijuana in 1994. He did not meet with the probation officer as ordered nor do the community work service.

Asked why he did not adhere to the terms of probation, Richards said, "I didn't think it was necessary."

Hubbard fined Richards \$250, allowing him to pay the fine at \$50 a month.

Also before Judge Hubbard was a dispute over education which led to a teacher's car being "egged."

Robert McCully was charged with mischief in the incident but the charges were dropped in exchange for a six month peace bond.

Crown counsel Evan Blake said McCully disagreed with the teaching methods used by his son's teacher in 1993-94.

An insulting illustration drawn by McCully appeared in the teacher's mailbox. McCully said he had done the drawing but had not intended the teacher to see it.

Last spring the teacher disciplined the son at a school dance. On June 29 the teacher's vehicle was vandalized by a bag of eggs thrown at the car.

McCully's lawyer said McCully knew of the damage to the car but was not involved in the incident.

Son pleads guilty to stealing dad's cheques

Tough love landed 23-year-old John Charles Nelken in Salt Spring provincial court May 14 charged with the theft of cheques from his father.

Nelken pled guilty to the charge and to a charge of driving without insurance.

Crown counsel Evan Blake said Nelken had been on the island June 6, 1994, to appear in court on the charge of driving without insurance. While on Salt Spring, he stayed at his father's home over the weekend and was loaned some money by his father, Blake said.

Following an argument with his father, Nelken left the home, taking some food.

On June 18, Nelken's father was called by a Victoria Money Mart employee seeking authorization to cash a cheque payable to his son.

Checking on his account, Nelken's father discovered two cheques for \$250 each had been written. A book of 25 cheques was recovered from Nelken's home, some of which contained signs that Nelken had been practicing duplicating his father's signature, Blake reported.

Nelken was charged with driving without insurance following an accident on Rainbow Road in 1993. Nelken did not have a valid driver's licence at the time of the accident.

Defence lawyer Jim Pasuta said Nelken broke his back eight months ago and has a limited ability to obtain employment although he has found some casual, light labour for \$10 an hour.

At present Nelken is on social assistance, so paying the minimum fine for driving without insurance and reimbursing

the \$500 will be difficult even without the addition of a further fine, Pasuta said.

He noted Nelken is now interested in training as a cook and has changed since the crime was committed.

Nelken has stopped drinking, is no longer driving and he and his father have a better relationship, Pasuta said.

Judge Hubbard suspended sentence, placed Nelken on probation for a year, fined him \$300 for driving without insurance and ordered him to pay \$500 restitution for the forged cheques to the credit union.

Court hears mischief and stereo theft cases

Shattered glass figured in two cases heard in Salt Spring provincial court May 14.

One was a broken window in a police cruiser and the second was a broken window in Tone's Java Star Cafe.

Joel Berry, 20, pled guilty to mischief for breaking a police car window the night of March 15.

Crown counsel Evan Blake said Berry was picked up by police following a party on Maliview Drive. Police had earlier attempted to quiet the party but were met with profanity. Berry, who attempted to leave the party to acquire more alcohol, was advised against it by police at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Berry was then seen on Maliview Drive at 11 p.m. and was arrested for being intoxicated in a public place. Placed in a police car, he kicked out the rear, driver's side window. The cost to repair the window was \$450.

Berry told the court he does not often drink and is responsible for part-time care of his child. He is on social assistance but has found work doing carpentry and labouring jobs.

Judge Hubbard placed Berry on probation for 12 months, ordered

him to pay \$450 restitution to the RCMP and to do 50 hours of community work service.

A broken window spotted by an employee arriving for work at Tone's Java Star Cafe November 30 was the key to a charge of theft laid against 18-year-old Jarod Bouchard.

A fingerprint on a remaining fragment of glass in the window led police to Bouchard.

A cassette player valued at \$200 had been stolen from the cafe and has not been recovered, Blake said.

Defence lawyer Jim Pasuta said Bouchard is "taking the fall for some friends" since someone else took the cassette player and all Bouchard took from the cafe was a piece of banana bread.

Bouchard is completing Grade 12 and has obtained an apprenticeship as a cook at a local restaurant, Pasuta said. Two days before the offence, Bouchard had turned 18, so was tried in adult court.

Hubbard said he was willing to give Bouchard a conditional discharge due to his youth. He ordered the 18-year-old pay \$200 restitution for the stolen cassette player and to do 30 hours of community work service.

Firefighters douse blazes

Salt Spring firefighters were called out to a brush fire Thursday and a house fire Monday.

The brush fire occurred at approximately 7:30 p.m. in gorse across from All Saints-by-the-Sea Anglican Church and was quickly brought under control.

The house fire was at 2:47 a.m. and was caused by an overheated chimney in a home on Robinson Road. The lower part of the chimney overheated and caused minor damage to the floor.

The owner had the fire under control when firefighters arrived.

Preventing violence workshop planned on island this Sunday

A workshop on preventing and transforming violence will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Lancer Building on Salt Spring.

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'Support' helped develop SIMS

There was "overwhelming" support for a middle school on Salt Spring when the concept was introduced seven years ago.

School district superintendent Mike Marshall on Friday recalled meetings at all three elementary schools to determine whether parents were interested. Strong support for the idea from parents led to the decision to open such a school here.

Last fall, Salt Spring Middle School began operating in the old high school building on the hill above Salt Spring elementary. It serves Grades 6-8 and has an enrolment of about 350.

While discussions concerning the new school may have been extensive during the early planning, parents had little information about it until the fall of 1994, according to a past-chairwoman of the Fulford Parents Advisory

Council.

Gayle Meek said she was involved with the council for three years and heard nothing about the middle school until one year before it opened. "They never asked ... if we wanted a middle school."

Marshall conceded there was a gap during which the school district might have failed to keep elementary school parents informed of the middle school plans.

CHILDREN: Grade 6s too young

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judging by the results of a poll of parents.

Doucet said 102 signatures had been collected from parents who supported keeping Grade 6 at Fulford.

In a letter to the board, she wrote that Fulford enjoys a high level of volunteer service and community spirit, and that the south-end school "presents an ideal setting in which to instill a greater sense of community" in children.

"It is thought by a majority of parents that Grade 6 students are still children, that they still belong in an elementary school setting and that they are too young to leave their community school," Doucet wrote.

A letter from Fernwood parent Donna Johnstone expressed similar concerns. She, too, addressed trustees and said 60 signatures had been collected in three days from parents who favoured keeping Grade 6 in the school.

But trustee David Eyles, a Fulford resident for 16 years, urged that the new middle school — which opened last September — be supported until an evaluation occurs. He also said a lot of consultation and background work took place before the decision was made to open a middle school.

Fellow trustee Charles Hingston recalled there had been "extensive" discussion over the concept, and whether such a school should include Grades 6-8 or 7-9. He also expressed confidence in the process.

The processes used to open the new high school and the new middle school are two of the best things the district has done in the

Grants given to local groups

Almost \$3,000 in grants-in-aid were approved by the Capital Regional District (CRD) board May 8 at the recommendation of the Salt Spring regional director.

Dietrich Luth recommended a grant of \$1,000 for the Salt Spring branch of the B.C. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and \$2,700 for the Salt Spring Island Video Archive Society.

"That's a new group that's being formed," Luth said, explaining that the people involved are planning to create an ongoing video archive of events on the island.

past 15 years, he said. However, he felt there should be further investigation into what parents feel.

Superintendent Mike Marshall, who is on record as a firm supporter of the middle school concept, reminded the meeting that a middle-level school "focuses on the needs of those children."

"I think we should find out how the middle school kids are doing," he said.

Marshall also pointed out that one-third to one-half of B.C. students go through middle schools.

Although removing children in Grade 6 from their community schools was the primary concern expressed by parents, stories of behavioural and other problems at Salt Spring Middle School were also cited, as was the long bus ride from the south end.

One parent agreed that a new school might take some time to set up and fine-tune. "But it's my kid you're fine-tuning with," he complained.

He didn't like the rumours he was hearing about the middle school and was alarmed about the number of students who had been pulled out. At least 11 former students are now being home-schooled by parents unhappy with the new facility.

The parent also felt the bus ride was too long. "These are little kids," he said.

There are 36 Grade 5 students at Fernwood who are slated to attend Salt Spring Middle School next September. There are 12 who would attend from Fulford.

Marshall was asked to look into the issue and report back to the board.

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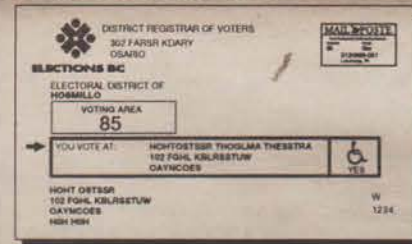
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Dead swan blamed on large otter

A large otter which "hangs out" at one end of St. Mary Lake could be the water creature mistaken for a seal by some islanders over the April 6 weekend.

Now the otter is being blamed for the death of a nesting swan May 1.

"A very big, mean otter grabbed the mama and dragged her off the nest," said lakefront resident Ed Davis.

The nest was floating in the lake and the animal which killed the swan had to be able to swim to the nest and attack, a feat which could be accomplished by an otter.

Davis took photographs of the swan's body two days after the attack. He has also seen a large otter swimming in the lake.

Bruce Fiander said he saw an otter attack a trumpeter swan earlier this spring. Looking through a telescope, he saw an otter had seized the swan near the base of the neck, where the wing joined the body.

"It finally did break loose and there was quite a patch of feathers floating on the water," he recalled. A week later he was relieved to see all seven swans flying together.

Last year five swans were hatched on St. Mary Lake and slowly disappeared from the lake, leading Fiander to suspect a hunting eagle or an otter.

This year, two swans again nested on the lake.

Four eggs had been laid in the nest before the swan was killed. The remaining two eggs in the nest were collected by Fiander and Davis and turned over to the SPCA. An unsuccessful effort was made to incubate the eggs.



Award winner

Jeremy Mouat will use his \$50,000 research award to explore the nature of colonial authority in three areas during the 19th century.

Mouat wins fellowship

Former Salt Spring Islander Jeremy Mouat has received this year's \$50,000 Jules and Gabrielle Leger Fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

The son of Sue and Ivan Mouat of Salt Spring, Jeremy Mouat teaches history at Athabasca University in Alberta. He was chosen to receive the fellowship following a national competition.

Mouat will use his award to explore the nature of colonial authority in B.C., Australia and New Zealand during the 19th century. His research will be done in New Zealand, Australia and England.

"This is an exciting project. The British sponsored the colonies of Vancouver Island, South Australia and New Zealand within a relatively

brief period, making for an ideal comparative study," Mouat said.

"I intend to contrast the role of the Hudson's Bay Company as a colonizing enterprise on the Pacific coast with the similar efforts by the South Australia Company and the New Zealand Company."

The Crown's influence on the founding of the three colonies, the common form of government established in each area and the impact of colonial authority on relations between native people and the British government will be examined by Mouat.

He has been a professor at the university since 1989 and is the author of *Roaring Days: Rossland's Mines and the History of British Columbia* and co-editor of *Making Western Canada: Essays on European colonization and settlement*.

Smoking ban bylaw approved by board

Smokers in the Capital Regional District (CRD) are one meeting away from being told to butt out in all public buildings as of January 1, 1998.

Last Wednesday the CRD health committee backed a bylaw which makes smoking illegal in any public enclosed space, including such current smokers' havens as pubs and bingo halls.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the ban.

Also approved was a motion banning smoking in school yards and school buildings as of September 1, proposed by Outer Islands regional director Jacques Campbell. Also effective September 1, 60 per cent of the seats in pubs, cabarets, casinos, bingo halls and clubs are to be designated for non-smokers.

If the bylaws and amendments are passed by the CRD board June 12, "smoking pits" on school yards will be illegal this September and as of January 1, 1998, smokers will only be able to light up in a private residence.

Regional medical health officer Dr. Richard Stanwick said he expected support from the health committee but suspects the bylaw will not be wholeheartedly supported by the entire CRD board.

Stanwick urged adoption of the smoking ban based on evidence showing the dangers of tobacco smoke to both smokers and non-smokers. The CRD had been planning to ban smoking

in public places as of January 1, 2000. The new motion moves the ban forward two years.

Stanwick reported an Angus Reid poll in May 1995 suggested 63 per cent of CRD residents favoured the smoking ban. A repeat of the poll earlier this month produced similar results.

The survey also suggested more people — between six and nine per cent — would frequent pubs and restaurants if the smoking ban was in effect, Stanwick said.

Public meetings, written comments, questionnaires and a mail-in coupon sponsored by health advocacy groups showed a majority of residents supported the ban. Stanwick said approximately half the speakers at the May 1 and 2 public meetings spoke in favour of it.

If the ban goes into effect, infractions will be punished by fines of \$100 to \$500 for the first offence; \$200 to \$1,000 for the second offence; and \$300 to \$2,000 for third and subsequent offences. No smoking signs shall be displayed in buildings and vehicles.

Enforcement will not be a problem, Stanwick predicts. "These things tend to be self-enforcing."

The majority of smokers are as law-abiding as any other citizens, he added. Checking with airlines, he found very few smokers breached non-smoking regulations on aircraft.

"If they can ban smoking 35,000 feet up, why can't we do it at sea level?"

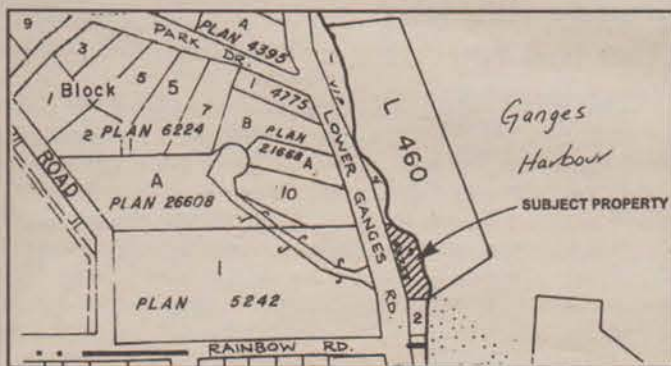


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NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider a Resolution to issue a Temporary Commercial Use Permit, pursuant to Section 975 of the Municipal Act, for Lot 3, Section 2, Range 4E, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, VIP 59755 commonly known as 161 Lower Ganges Road (Ganges Marina). The purpose of the Permit is to allow vehicle rental administration within the existing marina office building, and on-site parking for two rental cars, motor scooters and/or mopeds.



The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider a resolution to issue the proposed Permit at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 30, 1996, in Room 1205, Grace Point Square, Salt Spring Island, BC. A copy of the proposed Permit may be inspected at the Salt Spring Island office of the Islands Trust, Room 1206, Grace Point Square, Ganges, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m., to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Friday, May 17, 1996, and continuing up to and including Wednesday, May 29, 1996.

The proposed Permit may also be inspected at the Victoria office of the Islands Trust, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Friday, May 17, 1996, and continuing up to and including Wednesday, May 29, 1996.

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OPINION

Tuesday's choice

We are tempted to declare that ballots in next Tuesday's provincial election will be missing an important option. It is a choice that would appear at the bottom of the ballot: None of the above.

We say this not because we can't find anything favourable in any of those people running in Saanich North and The Islands. To the contrary, there are many good characteristics and ideas among the five with whom we have spoken. It's just that each choice carries a black mark or two against it.

We admit that we have a soft spot for Gary Lundy of the Progressive Democratic Alliance (PDA). No one had declared locally for the PDA and Lundy stepped in to fill the gap. But his lack of familiarity with party policy was evident at one all candidates meeting where he responded to nearly every question with an answer gleaned from the printed literature. However, we cheer his public-spirited decision to enter a campaign he cannot win.

Also running from Salt Spring is Lynda Laushway, who is carrying the banner for the New Democratic Party. Known locally for her participation in the Clayoquot protest and as an active member of SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse), Laushway has tried to make an issue of representing Salt Spring as a member of the government caucus.

She makes the very plausible assumption that Glen Clark will lead his party to victory, but the expectation that a backbencher on the government side can make a difference is implausible indeed.

The influence of an MLA who is not part of the cabinet circle is — to the detriment of the system — negligible, no matter that he or she happens to be a member of the governing party.

That aside, Laushway has been tainted by her vague reference on a Victoria radio station to controlling real estate prices as a means to provide affordable housing. To voters looking for less government interference in their lives, such sentiments represent bright red flags.

One of the more entertaining local candidates is the Green Party's Wally du Temple, who speaks with occasional passion about his party's environmental policies. But we find it hard to get passionate about a party whose answer to many needs is to increase taxes on corporations. Finding the right level of corporate taxation is a delicate balancing act, not a bold computer keystroke that might threaten the source of economic well-being.

Of all the candidates interviewed by this newspaper, Ross Imrie, the mayor of North Saanich, gave the most comprehensive and complete answers. While we didn't necessarily agree with all his views, we have to admire Imrie for answering the questions without attempting to simply repeat the party line. On Salt Spring's community plan, for example, Imrie demonstrated his familiarity with the issue and very brightly suggested that the plan should have been addressed in steps.

Alternatively, Imrie was unwilling to comment on school district amalgamation, but at least he admitted his ignorance.

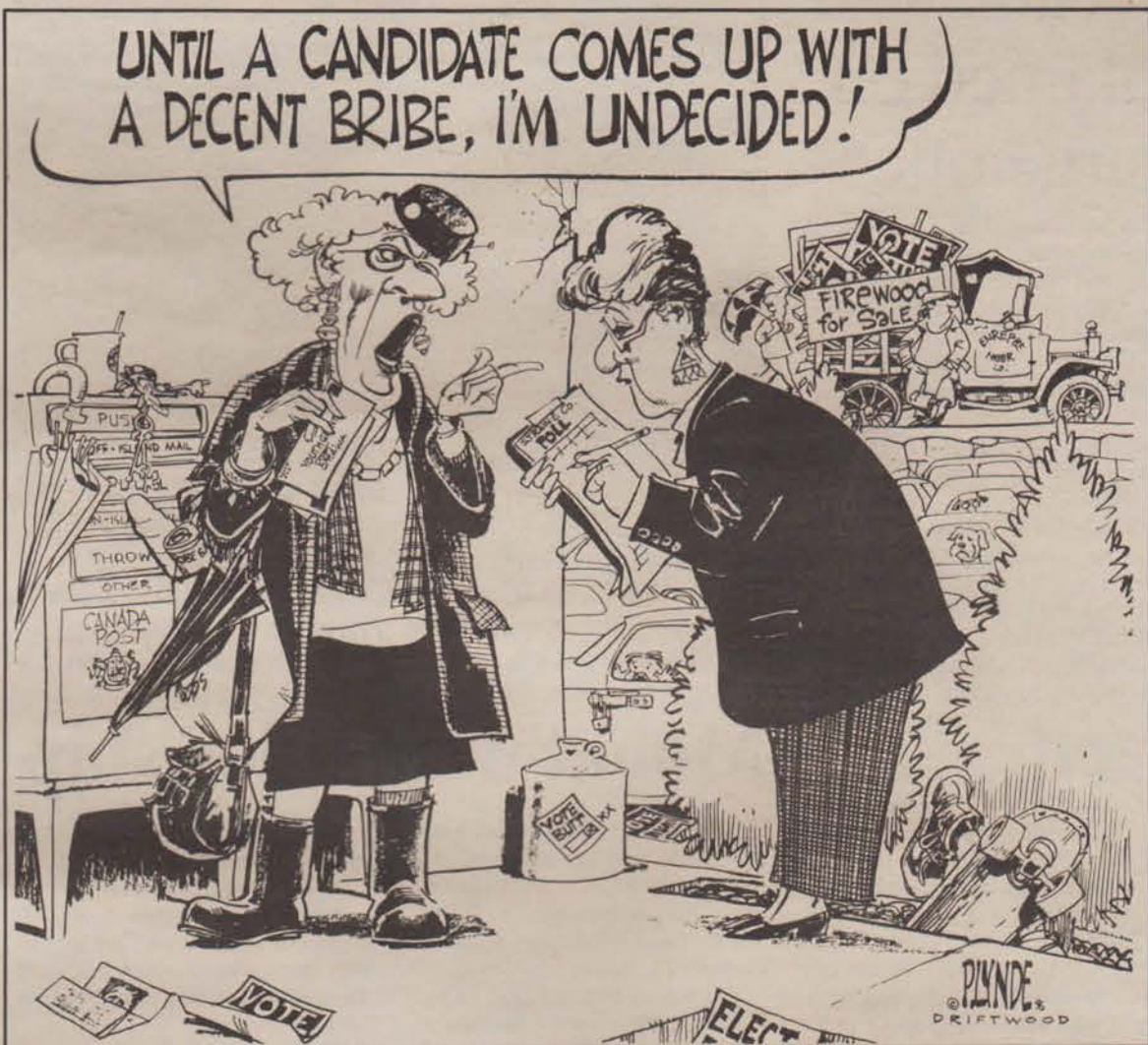
The Liberals' Murray Coell, meanwhile, gave us answers to our list of questions that were as uninspiring as the leader of his party. But Coell did better on his feet at last week's all-candidates meeting. An experienced municipal politician, he spoke well but without raising the hackles of voters grown weary of political rhetoric.

From all this one might create a composite of the perfect candidate and the best party to govern British Columbia. But in the end we have to concede that such a party would look a lot like the Liberals.

Reform BC has the advantage of being free enterprise, but little more. The party looks too much like its federal counterpart and in our view is not ready to govern, not to mention Jack Weisgerber's plodding, uninspiring leadership. We prefer the style of Glen Clark, but the government record — Clark's in particular — with respect to finance leaves us uncomfortable.

At 38, Clark is not too young for another term in opposition, where he might succeed in persuading us that he has truly abandoned his free-spending ways.

As a modern, more liberal version of the old Social Credit Party, the Liberals promise to bring in desperately-needed controls over public spending, the most serious issue facing B.C. today. We have reservations about the leadership of Gordon Campbell, but his party's stand on provincial spending and debt is reason enough alone to support it on Tuesday.



More public involvement would reveal schools not second-rate

By RICK PIECHOTTA

Complaints about the public school system often come in the form of rhetorical questions that compare what is currently happening with schools of our past, schools in other countries and private schools. On the first point, I can only wonder at the clarity of memory of those who viewed the 50s and 60s as something to hold dear. I remember a pendulum that swung wildly from the leather-jacketed tough guy era to peace and love. On the educational front, the latest research shows that the most literate segment of society today is the grouping between 18 and 24 years of age. Yes, graduates of the last 10 years are the best read and the most articulate ever.

On the second point, it is easy to make comparisons of educational systems internationally, when most people have no statistical basis for their comparisons. Well, did you know that students in B.C. spend more hours in class in a year than students in the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany or France. Also, any number of international studies in math or science show that our students score consistently in the top few of the world.

The last point has to do with the comparison between public and private schools. Having taught at a prestigious residential private school, I can tell you that all of the fond memories I have of teaching at that school and the quality of what we were attempting to accomplish cannot be considered better than the situation in my public school. Students at my school do as well as students anywhere in a given subject in a given year and we accept everyone into our classes.

Maybe the conclusion that has been drawn about traditional schools is that the classroom control that seems apparent in an orderly classroom more than compensates for the limited effectiveness of the learning style. This compromise is accepted because it is often said that no learning takes place where chaos reigns.

If the classroom situation is bad enough, then I would not disagree. However, a problem of this mag-

nitude is a very minor exception to the rule rather than the rule and must be dealt with in both private and public schools.

This brings us to one of the key concerns parents really have with schools and society in general. What are the consequences for individuals who refuse to follow acceptable rules of conduct that have been established for the orderly operation of a society/school?

More students are staying in schools today and as we accept and keep students with a wider range of emotional and academic needs, there is increasing stress put on the limited resources available. Discipline is as big a concern now as it was 40 years ago. Schools acknowledge the need for change and they are steadfast in recognizing that unacceptable behaviour must be addressed — not swept under the rug.

The emerging question is who should be ultimately responsible for administering the consequences. Schools often lament that parents have abandoned their responsibilities and expect the schools to pick up the slack when the parents have given up. Unfortunately, when this attitude is extended into our schools, a few vigilant teachers and a couple of lonely administrators take the flak for being the heavies.

Parents, teachers, students and the community must understand that we have a collective responsibility for overall behaviour in society and in our schools. In conclusion, I would suggest that people take advantage of the current movement that is occurring in education, with respect to opening the doors for more input, and offer their services to their school boards or schools. There is no value to offering open-ended and unsubstantiated criticisms that leave the mistaken impression that our public schools are second-rate.

Teacher Rick Piechotta was a recent visitor to Salt Spring and was inspired to write after seeing an earlier View Point on education. He lives in Hope.



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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: Are you ready to cast your ballot May 28?



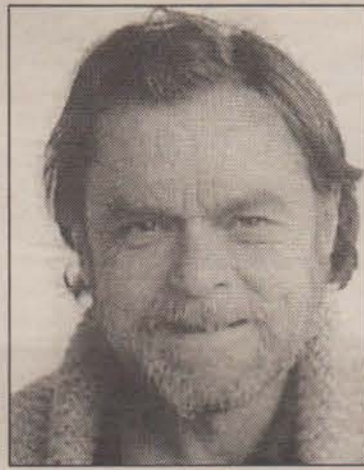
Sheila Harrington

Yes. I'm having trouble making up my mind. I'm only here part-time so I'm having trouble figuring out where to vote let alone who to vote for.



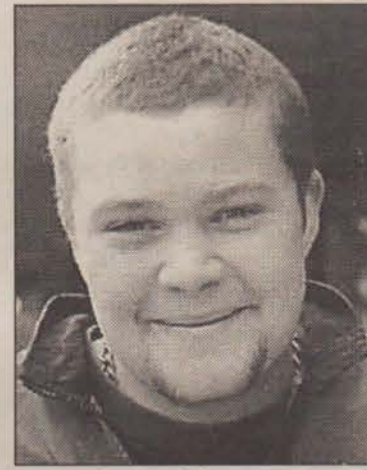
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Definitely yes. I know who I want to win but that party is an underdog so I will vote for the opposing party to the dominant party.



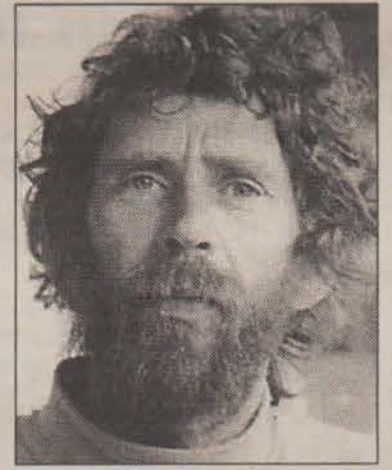
Frank Rice

I'm ready to vote. Any party that gives people on welfare an increase is all right with me. I'm voting NDP.



**Brent Howatt
Vancouver East**

I'm ready to vote but I don't know who I'm going to vote for. I'm still thinking about it.



John Dayton

Nope. The way I see it, they're all a pack of thieves. I don't want to vote for any of them. Why encourage them?

Letters to the Editor

Kudos

If you've passed ArtSpring recently you've seen a lot of activity in and around the building.

Most obvious are the cars and trucks — a near-random daily selection from a pool of a dozen or more — outside the theatre entrance. A quick peek through the front windows reveals the gleam of fresh paint.

Inside — and please do stop by, or arrange a tour by calling 537-2125 — the extent of the painting amazes you. Final coats are on many walls. The doors are finished. Stacks of sanded and varnished cedar trim are en route to their final place around windows and doors.

All of this is the work of volunteers. Some have worked on the building for years, this year concentrating on hanging and finishing doors, and on prime-coating drywall.

Reg Taylor, Elma Rubright and a handful of their helpers lead that faithful crew. In the past few weeks a vigorous batch of newcomers from the Salt Spring Ice Park Society have energized the whole project. Brian Little, Pat Mussell, Jim Anderson, Andy Walsh and Jim McGuckin are the prime movers of that group.

Behind the scenes, a foursome of well-known Salt Spring artists and decorators (Judy Borbas, Judy Norget, Judy Warren and Pat Larson) selected the highlighting colours for the theatre complex. Bold!

All of these folks deserve the warm thanks of the whole community. And I can't help but give special kudos to ArtSpring's expert and hands-on construction manager Bob Jankura.

BOB WEEDEN,
President, Island Arts
Centre Society

Parents on trial

When I first moved to Salt Spring Island, I felt reasonably safe, but as time goes by and I hear and read of more and more incidents of vandalism and theft that take place on this island, to feel safe would be foolhardy.

On a personal level, I can take the usual precautions of locking up and being more vigilant, and hopefully I will be lucky. It's much easier for a homeowner to watch over personal

space, but what about business people who are more vulnerable to the whims of aggression on the part of misbehaving youths?

I recently came across an article in a popular magazine that presented a concept that is new to me, but apparently not in some other areas. The article is titled "If Johnny Breaks the Law, Should Mommy Go to Jail?" They ask, "Are you to blame if your child stays out late, drinks beer, or skips school? Your town might soon say yes, and punish you for it."

The place is Silverton, Oregon. Council members passed a parental responsibility law, holding parents accountable for offences committed by their children under 18. So far, 11 parents have been cited under the ordinance for their children's offences including shoplifting, marijuana use, beer drinking and vandalism and face fines of up to \$1,000.

Prosecuting parents for the sins of their kids is not a new idea, but what

is new is that parenting itself can be tried and found guilty.

Personally, I'm not suggesting that these measures are necessarily a good idea, but it does make one sit up and take notice. It is a tough call to decide when a child is no longer a child, but an adult who still lives at home.

Although my daughter is now 27, I still feel the effects of practising "tough love," and though it hurts that my daughter's anger keeps us somewhat alienated, I can say to myself that I didn't let her run or ruin the lives of the rest of the family.

At some point it became necessary to no longer let my guilt allow her to get away with misbehaving. We do the best we can as parents, but sometimes we could use a bit of education on how to open our eyes, and often it takes drastic action to make us take that look.

J. CHRISTENSON,
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Liberals finally reveal details of fiscal plan

VICTORIA - After having been sheltered from public attention for years by the heavy hitters in his caucus, Liberal leader Gordon Campbell finally emerged into the limelight of a \$45,000 TV "infomercial."

A number of people who saw the show told me they were surprised by some of the private aspects of his life, like having grown up in a single-parent home. And who knew that the guy can sing and play guitar?

Maybe if he had let the public in on the private side of his life sooner, his campaign would not be in such a slump right now. As it was, people didn't know the man behind the face.

But more important, for the first time, Campbell laid out details of his fiscal plan for British Columbia, should his party form the next government. That, too, may have come a little late in the game. A poll conducted after Campbell's TV debut showed that the NDP had widened the lead over the Liberals.

Still, Campbell's half-hour speech finally gave voters an alternative to the NDP's fiscal policy. Whether it can revive the Liberals' falling fortunes remains to be seen.

To start with, Campbell significantly changed his previously sketchy plan of cutting \$3 billion from the annual budget, scaling the projected cuts down to \$1.4 billion. The cuts, he said, will be achieved through reductions in welfare rates and fraud business subsidies and bureaucracy.

The remaining \$400 million, he said, will be saved through a five-per-cent cut in spending by ministries, except for health and education. Campbell also plans to get rid of another 2,200 public servants.

Campbell answered charges by Premier Glen Clark and the NDP that he would eliminate the corporate capital tax on banks. Not so, said Campbell, although the tax would be phased out for other companies, in keeping with a promise made by former premier Mike Harcourt.

The Liberals further promise to cut property taxes for homeowners and small businesses, but not for large corporations.

The second part of Campbell's plan relies exclusively on economic growth, spurred by government tax cuts. He expects that a 15-per-cent cut in provincial income tax, phased in over three years, will generate about \$1.6 billion.

By comparison, Premier Glen Clark, borrowing from the old W.A.C. Bennett philosophy, plans to continue spending money on capital projects such as schools and highways, amortizing the expenditures over a 20 or 25-year period rather than paying for them out of current operating budgets.

Which gives voters a clear choice: Stick with the NDP and business as usual or go with the Liberals and their lean and cost-reducing policies.

Clark's biggest trump card is that the NDP's fiscal policy has the good-housekeeping seal of approval from all the major financial houses. They keep close tabs on provincial budgets and have pronounced the NDP debt-management plan sound and workable.

The only ones who keep trashing the NDP's fiscal policies are the opposition parties and the Vancouver-based right-wing Fraser Institute.

The question is: do Campbell's promises carry the clout and credibility to bring his campaign back on track, and are the voters willing to exchange the devil they know for the one they don't know?

I remember listening to Mike Harris during the Ontario election campaign. He sounded very reasonable and gave no indication of the massive surgery he would perform on the province after he was elected.

But at least voters now have two clear choices. Campbell has at long last revealed his fiscal plan.

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More letters

Courage

Prior to the last provincial election, I remember confrontations between loggers and environmentalists, whole communities outraged over the CORE report, and a forest industry threatening to shut down.

Premier Harcourt's New Democrats turned out to be the only government that had the courage and ability to tackle many of the more volatile issues in the province. Many new parks were formed without serious compromise by development or industry. Environment, Lands and Parks ministries were merged, resulting in much more efficient management of resources.

My education and work history involves mainly renewable resource management/biology, and I am impressed by what I've seen and heard since the NDP took power. Jobs in my field were pretty much nonexistent for nearly a decade; now there are many meaningful jobs out there, both in public and private sectors, designed to protect fish and wildlife habitat.

The Liberals talk about eliminating corporate capital tax to stimulate the economy, but I believe that this does not necessarily translate into jobs. Corporations can spend their money any way they want to. Forestry jobs are limited by mechanization and allowable annual cut, etc. The "deregulation of industry" mentioned by the Liberals should horrify the most conservative environmentalist. Do they mean pollution control standards and the Forest Practices Act?

I remember many more strikes under Socred leadership than I have seen with the NDP. I have heard several people (in the private sector) say the Island Highway project is stimulating the economy to an amazing degree. Many people have been taken off assistance, were trained and successfully competed for Island Highway jobs.

I have been listening to handicapped people phone radio shows praising the NDP for "getting them jobs," and for making a great difference in the quality of their lives.

To the best of my knowledge, small business hasn't suffered here any more than anywhere else in the country. "Closer to home" health care and licensed midwifery have a great deal of potential. It seems like this government is trying, and that impresses me.

I do think there is room for improvement, particularly in terms of fiscal responsibility and debt reduction. But if anyone is concerned, as I am, about the future of our salmon, I would suggest voting NDP. They are probably the only party who has the courage and ability to handle this very delicate issue.

HOLLY CLERMONT,
Lawnhill Drive

Sustained forests

How long are the people of B.C. going to stand for our elected governments pandering to the major destroyers of our forest heritage? And then adding insult to injury with a poorly disguised apology for their incompetence?

Here in B.C. the rape of our forests by clear-cutting practices of the multi-national giants that control much of the treed areas of the province has led to a great deal of confrontation.

To justify the subservient attitude of our provincial government towards these destroyers, the forests ministry has put out a video, All Things Considered, full of half truths and outright lies.

The commentators of this production are two young adults, no doubt hopefully identified as the new enlightened generation with a hippy background — the male even has an earring prominently displayed. To give them credit, they seem to have a hard time swallowing the propaganda and put on a much-less-than-convincing dialogue.

In contrast to this attempted brainwashing, I have come across a video about the life and logging practices of Merv Wilkinson, who through most of his 82 years has harvested and managed his 80-acre wood lot working mostly with a horse as a skidder.

This lot has provided Merv with a living, he has tended it with loving care so that there is more timber growing on it than when he started to cut.

Merv is an enthusiastic sustained-

yield thinker and offers help to any group wanting to start or switch to such logging practices. He is a wonderful voice for sustained-yield forests. The world needs more of his kind.

H. LAYTON BRAY,
Saturna Island

Galiano thanks

Recently I led a group of Grade 10 students on a cycling trip to Galiano Island.

On the second day, in the Retreat Cove area, one of our students had an unfortunate accident due to mechanical failure and was thrown off her bike. Her injuries were serious enough to warrant a call to the ambulance service.

I would just like to thank all of those who were involved in helping her out, including island residents who stopped their cars to offer assistance. Especially worthy of recognition are those members of the volunteer fire department who arrived so quickly, the RCMP officer, the attending paramedics and those individuals who drove myself, a student and our bikes to rejoin our group.

Thank you all for dealing so efficiently and compassionately with this accident. The community spirit is alive and well on Galiano Island. By the way, the student is fine — just a few stitches, cuts and scrapes, and a minor finger fracture.

HENNY COATES,
Teacher,
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Y-Camp

As a two-time, long-term resident of the "Y-Camp," I would like to offer a different perspective from that given in the May 8 Driftwood by Palu Rainbow Song, aka Paul Beckman.

I have experienced much of the transition this property has undergone from being Hippy Hilton, Boogie Central, to its present organic farm status.

The present owners have taken great strides to clean up trash left from the land's previous incarnations and to beautify and improve their holdings.

With perhaps one exception, the various tenants have demonstrated personal pride and effort in upgrading their surroundings, and erasing whatever negative perceptions remain in the greater community concerning this unique neighbourhood.

I think most of the tenants would agree that this virtual hamlet, in a beautiful, natural location, where potlucks, cheery greetings and children's laughter are part of everyday life, is a great place to live.

While tenant-landlord conflict may occur, the avenues for mature, congenial negotiation are open for those who demonstrate a desire to participate in such activity.

I believe that Mr. Beckman's comparison of this situation to a Nazi concentration camp would be a gross insult to anyone that had any knowledge or experience of the atrocities that occurred under Hitler's regime.

As for the wickiup, although I do support its presence in principle, my observation is that it has been unused for six to nine months, and sits surrounded by the same sort of unsightly clutter as does Mr. Beckman's cabin. I think that Mr. Beckman would realize the difference between his rental situation and a Nazi camp if he were to exercise his individual rights and freedoms by voluntarily vacating. No one would compel him to stay.

NOVA ELSON,
Beaver Point Road

More letters

Not in red book

As a resident of 20 years and current environmental refugee from Vancouver, I am disappointed the media has shown so little interest in the record of Gordon Campbell.

You can't turn on the T.V. without seeing this ex-Marathon Realty employee telling us he is going to lower taxes.

Ironically, these commercials are funded by some of his business friends who regularly defer their taxes and write off the cost of these ads against single moms and 7/11 employees who can't write off anything.

Why won't he reveal who funded his takeover of the B.C. Liberal Party?

He makes political hay out of a provincial debt which has been largely incurred building schools, hospitals and roads to service the development that he as mayor of Vancouver and head of the regional district totally failed to moderate.

The Lower Mainland under his mismanagement has become a world-class pollution problem and there will be astronomical costs to fix the water and air problems — if they are indeed repairable. Who is going to pay the \$650 million for the long overdue Iona sewage plant upgrade? It won't be the developers that caused the problems and funded Campbell's campaign, that's for sure.

How can the head of a regional district allow thousands of units of housing to be plugged into sewage systems that aren't there?

You won't see these numbers in Gordie's little red book.

You won't hear much about it from BCTV either.

TOM PICKETT,
Fulford Harbour

Money talks

Your editorial last week re: violation of our rights to free speech was written from the privileged position of an editor.

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We all want to protect our democracy.

Bill 28 for 30 days is an attempt.
DIANE MELEN,
Lee Road

Eroded rights

I was the focus of an article concerning the Y-Camp last week. The article brought the Y-Camp once again under public scrutiny. I was threatened with eviction before and after its publication on several occasions because folks here think the best way to save the Y-Camp is to forget about it.

Having lived here longer than anyone else to date, I represent the living history and memories of the place. My eyes have seen it all. That's why it hurts for me to see basic human rights eroded away and lost forever in the

name of clean-up, order and organization.

The Y-Camp is a microcosm of Salt Spring Island. Aren't the rights and freedoms of Salt Spring being eroded too? Who has our best interests in mind? If we want to save the Y-Camp and save what's precious about Salt Spring, in-fighting among ourselves must stop. We must become whole and united. But how?

To appease the present landowner of the Y-Camp, I've offered compromises: constructive attitude and constructive action. I've written letters, prayed, acted friendly and been hopeful.

I've been ignored, had no feedback to my letters, been threatened with eviction and refused my chance to save my wicki-up and lifestyle.

Furthermore, I did not find out why the landlords want my wicki-up destroyed until I read the article. Formerly, they refused to explain why, negotiate, or com-

municate about it with me.

They've threatened to not let me make crafts outside my cabin, take away my "frontage space" in front of my cabin and destroy a "healing space" I created with a massage table inside.

Though they want me to destroy my wicki-up, they've asked me to build a community wicki-up. I've offered to share my wicki-up with others in the community (but they've ignored my requests).

I feel the actions of the landlords are dictatorial, biased and only an effort on their part to "break" me. Freedom which hurts no one is the very flower which has made the Y-Camp special throughout the years.

My wicki-up is more than a twig hut for it also represents a particular lifestyle I am accustomed to and will not give up easily.


PALU RAINBOW SONG,
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'Fool' jumps to guess B.C. election outcome

Only a fool forecasts elections. But when my colleague, Hubert Beyer, last week made his own forecast, I figured it was time to offer an alternative view. Hubert is in the midst of the election game, but the onlooker proverbially enjoys an overview.

If I go out for the Liberals, it is not because I favour that party. The forecaster whose readings of the future are based on preference is the forecaster who never made a score.

I'm betting on the Liberals for the next government for various reasons. That the New Democrats have lost touch is very evident.

The Reform Party, offered as the alternative to Liberalism, is an unknown factor. Born of the near-defunct Social Credit party, it is certainly right-wing but its pulling power has yet to be ascertained.

Of the other five or six parties in the province, none can hope to challenge the leaders. The minor parties offer voters an opportunity to express an opinion, rather than to elect a government.

So why the Liberals?

The pattern of election history in this province has hinged on that ancient see-saw of right-left for the past half-century and more. Will there be a major change this time?

History has seen the swing from two right-wingers, Tory and Grit, to left and right. And that same history has seen the right-wingers come together at times of threat.

When the establishment was shaking in its shoes, the ruling Liberals merged with the opposition Conservatives and formed the Coalition. The result was so dynamic that when the Coalition collapsed over a disputed health program, neither party could look back and show what had been accomplished.

But, true to their guns, the right-wingers once again coalesced into Social Credit, a new force in Pacific Coast affairs under a new leader, W.A.C. Bennett. The original Social Credit government was little more than a reformed Coalition. And the right-wing was solidly behind this newcomer party: for two decades.

The end was inevitable. This is not Ontario. Governments die of old age and boredom on the coast. Perhaps the reality was that the Social Credit government was W.A.C. Bennett's government and as he went so did his structure.

When the New Democrats appeared before the voters as the potential new government they had nothing to hide. There were no scandals attached to the party. Nanaimo was clean and pure; BC Hydro was yet sound and solid. Similarly the Liberals — they too had nothing to hide. But they had been out of sight for a long time and the right-wing supporters were in sad disarray.

This all leads to the election next week.

Sadly, the New Democrats have waded through some mucky mire and little has been cleaned up as yet. They have a bright new leader and a record of spending more taxpayers' money than they had collected — a common-enough feature of modern administrations, but one that rankles among some voters.

And where stands the right?

The Liberals are holding the right-wing planks in company with Reform, Social Credit and Progressive Democratic Alliance. All on the same side of the political divide.

Will the so-called free enterprise faction divide into neat little camps and thereby elect a New Democrat government? After more than 50 years of burying their differences and presenting a solid front?

There is only one difference between the state of the province in the post-war years and its division today. In 1949 there were 39 Coalition members of the provincial house; seven Cooperative Commonwealth Federation MLAs; one Independent and one Labour. The voter today might well ask why 39 safely-elected members would be fearful of the sudden surge of nine opponents. The number of seats at that time was 48.

And there it is. I would expect the right-wing voters to rally to the support of the party most likely to carry their colours to victory.

We'll all know for sure if we wait another week. And I can hardly!

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Five students in 'transition room'

"Violent and defiant" male students at Salt Spring Elementary School led to last year's opening of a "transition room" at the new Salt Spring Middle School.

The youths were the subject of a November 1993 report which forms part of the transition room's history as explained to the Gulf Islands School Board last week by teacher Nicholas Mai.

"Academically, it's tough to focus these guys," Mai said of the four students — soon to be five — who have been removed from the regular classroom and placed in the transition room due to behaviour problems.

It's also an expensive proposition to do so, as school trustees learned from Mai's presentation.

Mai and a colleague share teaching duties in the transition room for a total 0.6 full-time equivalent position. As well, the class has the services of a full-time paraprofessional, or aide, and two community workers, who put in a total of 20 hours each week.

Mai described the students as having moderate to severe behaviour disorders, and while there is limited contact between them and other students, the goal is to reintegrate them in regular classrooms.

On a list of what's working in

the transition room, Mai included an increased sense of belonging on the part of students, and increased support for them. There are fewer distractions, their parents are more involved, there is less stress on other school staff and fewer problems during breaks.

On the negative side, Mai said the space allocated for the class is too small, and it requires a full-time teacher.

Trustee David Eyles wondered if the program could still function with more students. Mai felt it could not.

The transition room was initially expected to serve 10 students.

Board rejects motion to reduce size

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Gulf Islands school trustees defeated a motion last Wednesday that would have reaffirmed their support for reducing the size of the board to five trustees. But discussion of the matter is not over yet.

David Eyles presented the motion, arguing that the board had responded to the education ministry's amalgamation proposal with a plan to reduce the number of trustees to five.

"I would find it hard to defend or justify maintaining our number at nine," Eyles said.

Charles Hingston reminded the board that geography was the factor when the ministry rejected the initial plan to amalgamate the Gulf Islands School District with three others on Vancouver Island.

With time running short, chairwoman Allisen Lambert suggested the topic be discussed at the next meeting.

In other school board news:
• Linda Woodley is calling it quits. An employee of the school

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district for 27 years and currently a secretary at Gulf Islands Secondary School, Woodley announced her decision to retire at the end of June.

In other staff news, four leaves of absence were approved by trustees. Donna Wright will take a year off from her full-time position at Pender school, Joyce Weir will take a leave of absence until June 30, 2000 under the deferred salary leave plan, Mike Ablitt will take a one-year leave from his 0.6 fte position at Salt Spring Middle School and Kelly Knister will take 0.15 fte leave until June 1997.

The board also approved Pat Beitel's request for a transfer from the middle school to Fulford elementary.

• Additional advertising for the position of district superintendent of schools has brought in another seven candidates. The search for Mike Marshall's replacement,

who decided last year to step down, was put on hold when the amalgamation of school districts was proposed back in November.

The district now has 39 applications, which are being reviewed by trustees, administrators, teachers and non-teaching staff. Interviews are expected to take place at the end of May, with the new superintendent in place by August.

• Amalgamation also delayed a review of the district's special education programs. That review will now proceed, board chairwoman Allisen Lambert told the meeting. The district will receive funding of more than \$1.7 million for special education next year.

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Little support for 'agreement'

Province-wide bargaining between teachers and school boards has led to a tentative agreement, but there was not a lot of support for it around the Gulf Islands School Board table last week.

In fact, the agreement, which basically extends existing contracts in all of B.C.'s 75 school districts, brought a sombre warning from district superintendent Mike Marshall.

"We are not in a position to comply with all aspects of (the) contract given the funding we have no control over," Marshall told trustees.

He recalled that many local trustees had argued in favour of provincial contract negotiations with teachers. The expectation, Marshall said, was that the change "would enable the board to serve children better."

The result was the formation of the B.C. Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA), which was charged with negotiating on behalf of school boards with the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

However, Marshall said the agreement the two sides reached, which has yet to be ratified by either side, forces the local district to carry on "living with a contract

from another time."

Trustee Charles Hingston also expressed concern, noting in particular that the district is hampered by class size stipulations in the teacher contract.

GISS air meets standards

Carbon dioxide levels at Gulf Islands Secondary School are within limits specified in the British Columbia Building Code, school trustees were told last week.

Testing carried out at 12 different locations within the school building found that CO2 levels were in the range of 700 parts per million (ppm), which complies with the school's design criteria.

The tests were conducted in response to an appeal to the board in March by Salt Spring resident Chester Ludlow, who went on a hunger strike to emphasize his concerns.

Results ranged from a low of 568 ppm in the library, to a high of 809 ppm in classroom S208.

In a memo to the Gulf Islands School Board, plant services manager Rod Scotvold pointed out that the school's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system provides at least one air change per hour, to a maximum of 7.5.

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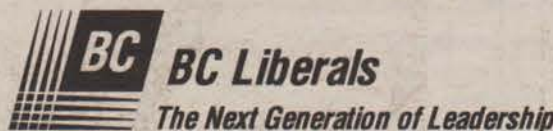


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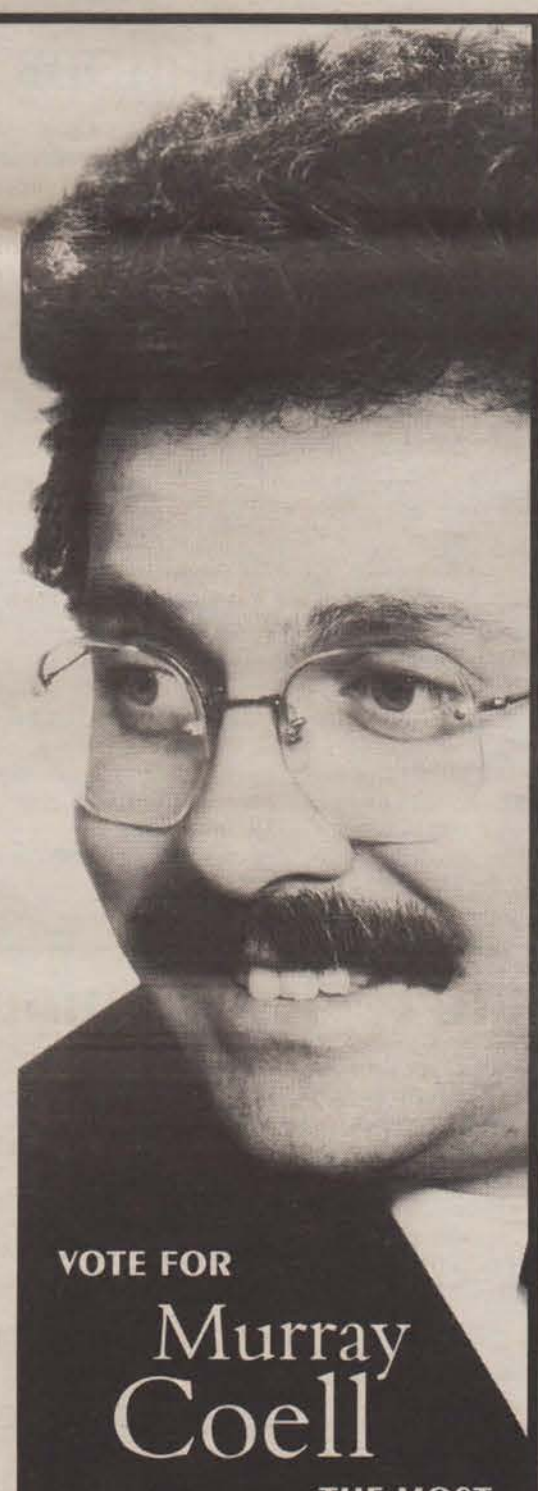
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OCP allows home occupations which don't bother neighbours

Home-based business on Salt Spring is currently governed by Section 4.6 of zoning Bylaw 123.

The intent of that bylaw and policies in the new draft Official Community Plan (OCP) are much the same — to allow people to make a living from their home as long it doesn't bother others in their neighbourhood or degrade the surrounding environment.

Section 4.6 of the bylaw states the following may be home-based businesses (called "home occupations"): tailoring, dressmaking and drapery; professional and trades offices including medical and dental clinics; small appliance and instrument repair shops; studios; beauty salons and barber shops; crafts; daycare centres for up to 10 children.

The proposed plan suggests the following activities will not be permitted as new home-based businesses:

- those involving the sale of water from wells, springs or water bodies, or that use more than 2,275 litres (500 Imperial gallons) of water per day;

- those producing quantities or types of waste, noise, smoke, dust, vibration, glare, fumes, odours, illumination, traffic or electrical interference that exceed or are different from what would normally

be generated by a single residence on a continuous basis;

- retail sales of goods that have not been manufactured or significantly altered on the property;

- restaurants;
- chemical manufacturing;
- outdoor use of mechanical equipment;

- boat building except that which can be accommodated within a building that does not exceed 93 square metres (1,001 square feet) in gross floor area;

- contractor's yards, except that two motor vehicles may be parked on the property if it is associated with the business of a resident;

- salvage yards or auto body repair;

- automobile repair, except for single bay operations screened from roads and neighbouring properties.

Auto repair operations, any business that involves the handling or processing of chemicals and any business that produces waste materials in excess of those normally associated with a single family dwelling are specifically prohibited in the Watershed-Residential land use designation or on properties within the capture zone of community water supply wells.

Some other changes are proposed to guide future bylaw writ-

ing on the subject. They include allowing the parking of business-related vehicles, which would need screening from view if they were larger than non-commercial vehicles and requiring "adherence to strict and enforceable standards regarding noise, effluents, air pollution, sewage treatment and waste disposal." Neither issue is mentioned in the present bylaw.

The draft plan does not specify regulations on employee limits and how much of a property can be used for home-based business but suggests they will be created in future. At present, one employee in addition to a resident business owner and the lesser of 30 per cent of a principal dwelling or 500 square feet are permitted.

Prohibiting exterior storage of materials and limiting home occupations to two different businesses is the same in both documents.

Any proposed changes would not come into effect with passage of the new community plan — they would require rewriting into another zoning bylaw and public hearing at a future date.

Trust planner Linda Adams explained that existing businesses would not be outlawed by any change in allowed use. Their continued operation would be acknowledged in a new bylaw.

Industrial regulations are less specific

Proposed industrial and commercial service land uses are not covered in as much detail as some other parts of the draft Official Community Plan (OCP).

More references are made to regulations which "may be developed" when zoning bylaws are written.

The current amount of land designated for industrial and commercial service uses is maintained, with a new provision to subdivide it into half-acre lots, or quarter-acre lots if a "transfer of development potential" option is used. This is reduced from the present 1.5-acre minimum.

"It should make smaller industrial parcels more affordable," observed Gary Holman, a jobs, business and industry focus group member.

Industrial or commercial service areas will be in Development Permit Area 4, which contains guidelines for parking, site development and building design. Land uses per-

mitted in this category include warehouses, contractor's yards and workshops, light industry (including manufacturing, processing, and related activities) and, on a site-specific basis, boat building and repairs, building supply or automobile sales, auto wrecking or processing of island-grown lumber and similar sorts of activities.

Other jurisdictions have lost industrial land in recent years because of pressure to make more money from residential use of those lands, he said, referring to the "condo-ization" of Vancouver and Victoria.

Except for issuance of temporary commercial and industrial permits, the only possibility for expansion into the Industrial and Commercial Service land use designation is a maximum of five acres near the junction of Rainbow and Atkins roads, with a number of conditions tied to any proposal.

Permitting some integration of

industrial and affordable residential land uses is suggested as a new objective.

Another new policy suggests lands rezoned for industrial use and not used for that purpose within three years should be reverted to their former zoning.

Encouraging a mix of commercial, residential and light industrial uses in villages is also new in the plan. "To promote efficient multiple and joint uses of village land parcels, in a manner that enlivens island villages, and reduces dependency on automotive travel" is one stated objective.

The tune is quite different in the current OCP, which suggests residential use in the business core of Ganges be permitted "if compatible with business and not prejudicial to future commercial space needs."

"Multi-use is a way a lot of communities are going these days," said Trust planner Linda Adams.

Trust to review community's plan input

It's the Trust's turn to wade through a flood of words as it prepares to formally consider input for the second draft of the Official Community Plan.

The Trust office has received everything from "detailed analyses to general comments," Trust planner Linda Adams reported Friday.

"A lot of it is 'this part should be rephrased . . .'", she said.

Thorough consideration of all input — written and verbal submissions from individuals, and written responses from various government agencies reviewing the draft plan — will be done at the end of May. Adams will then receive direction for writing the second draft from trustees Grace

Byrne and Bob Andrew.

The focus group coordinating committee also met with the trustees last week, and agreed to have focus group members provide specific feedback about the draft plan.

Adams said a few provincial and federal agencies have

returned their comments on the draft plan to the Trust, although most had not by Friday. The initial May 15 deadline for agency responses was extended by two weeks.

Written input on the plan is still requested from community members.



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Draft plan seeks to ensure diversity of islanders

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

How residents of Salt Spring would make a living was not much of an issue in the island's 1974 Official Community Plan (OCP).

The gist of its proposals was to make the island a pleasant place to live and visit while preserving the natural environment, agriculture and forest land bases. The commercial role of island villages was also acknowledged.

But since then, policies which may affect a community's socio-economic diversity have become part of land use planning. Rising property costs on Salt Spring are one factor which have made it more difficult for working people to live here, and the draft plan makes note of that.

It officially recognizes "the strength and exceptional value of the community's diverse human population . . . characterized by people of many ages and backgrounds who, through choice or circumstance, have a rich variety of lifestyles and livelihoods" and to preserve that diversity "by ensuring that the island's people are accommodated by a broad spectrum of appropriate housing, service opportunities and choices of livelihood."

Gary Holman speaks in favour of policies in the new draft plan which he feels make it easier for people to earn a living on the island. Some of those ideas came from the jobs, business and industry focus group, of which he was a member. Because so many islanders work in a home-based business, it attracted wide study.

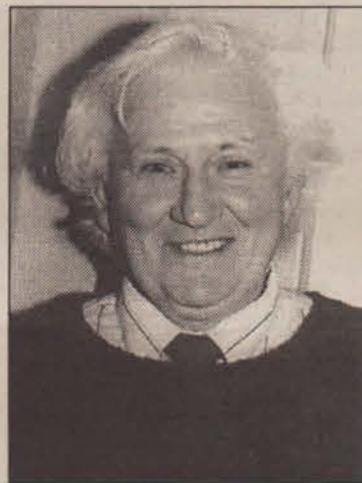
Holman said the group and plan have tried to shift the regulatory emphasis from the type of activity being done on a residential property to the "impacts" it would have on neighbours and the environment.

Current home-based business regulations in Salt Spring's zoning bylaw state what activities are permitted. The new plan suggests anything goes except eight categories of businesses. (See separate story in this issue.)

"I feel they are trying to broaden the scope rather than narrow it," said Holman.

Lawrie Neish, who was also on the jobs focus group, agrees the draft plan's home-based business policies appear better than those in the current zoning bylaw, but notes it will remain to be seen when the new bylaw is written.

He and others have suggested that prohibiting activities which "pro-



Lawrie Neish

duce quantities or types of waste, noise, smoke, dust, vibration, glare, fumes, odours, illumination, traffic or electrical interference that exceed or are different from what would normally be generated by a single residence on a continuous basis" could eliminate many things, depending on a neighbour's sensitivity level.

A similarly-worded, yet shorter, statement is in Salt Spring's current bylaw governing home-based business.

Neish wonders how violations of that clause could be enforced, when something like excessive waste

would be difficult to measure.

"I don't think you can measure that and if you can't measure it you shouldn't put it in (the regulations)."

He also wonders about the need for overlapping with other government regulations, such as the reference to "noise" which should be covered by the Capital Regional District's noise bylaw.

Neish finds it unrealistic to prohibit the exterior storage of materials involved in home-based business, which is in the current bylaw and draft plan. He said anyone can store a couple of old refrigerators or their firewood outside, but not lumber used for a woodworking business in that same spot.

"It's the mindset that can lead to someone being shut down," he said.

Neish added that his concept of "rural" is "a place where people live and work." That should be recognized in Rural-zoned lands, he said, rather than assuming it means "houses on large properties with lots of space around them."

The draft plan also adds potential for site-specific "home-based industry" on properties of at least two acres in size — for home-based businesses that have "outgrown" their residential property but do not fit with industrial uses. (Sections

B.3.2.2.2 and B.3.3.2.14.) These too must not "produce greater levels of noise, traffic or pollutants than would be generated by residential uses in the surrounding neighbourhood."

Non-adherence to home occupation and B & B regulations must be dealt with as bylaw infractions — a generally unwieldy process. Holman points out those businesses could be regulated by a licensing system if Salt Spring becomes a municipality, which should make future regulations easier to enforce.

Contractor Bob Jankura, who was on another OCP review focus group, has a bit of a problem with the notion of land use regulation being a reliable promoter of "diversity."

For one thing, he said, "diversity" on Salt Spring means "more than different income levels."

The island's diversity comes in part from the tolerance for others people have traditionally had on Salt Spring, he said, which has given individuals more freedom of lifestyle.

Bringing too many regulations to the island will hinder the natural development of diversity, said Jankura.

"You have to allow for diversity," he said. "You can't plan for diversity."

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In the heat of debate our planner has been caught in the crossfire several times. It should be noted that our trustees, Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne, have stated all work on this draft of the Official Community Plan was under their direction. They are the ones politically accountable in the planning process, and not the staff of the Islands Trust

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OCP MEETING

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made it a "referendable item."

Andrew noted that "Municipal Affairs doesn't agree with you." Luth replied that the trustees "should argue that point with Municipal Affairs."

"There's no way you can raise taxes without the assent of the people," he said.

Joan McConnell gave input on Ganges design guidelines, and suggested they didn't give architects any room to use their imaginations. She said too much definition leads to a "kitschy, Disneyland village" appearance.

Retired engineer Allen McConnell suggested wider distribution of homes was preferable to cluster development in areas where water supply is a problem.

Allen McConnell also critiqued proposed policies for the South Island Uplands (SIU) and Mid-Island Uplands (MIU) land use designations in the draft plan. He received a big cheer for observations which concluded that uplands owners, especially those in the south, were being discriminated against.

Norman Twa said a fear that further restrictions will be placed on the 160 acres he owns in the SIU area makes him consider developing the lands sooner than he had planned to.

"You encourage me to do things now and not wait until later," he said.

Chris Gosset asked if there was "a particular intent to block a certain development." He was referring to his and Ron Spencer's proposal for a 30-lot subdivision on Mount Tuam which was denied by the Trust committee in 1994 because the road requirements were considered too damaging to the environment.

Gosset said a policy of non-support for subdivisions where road cut and fill areas would exceed already-existing areas was "ridiculous," and that road building regulations are dealt with by the highways ministry.

Spencer noted most of Salt Spring's Crown land is close to SIU areas. "That area overall is a more protected area than any other."

Jack Vandort said the provincial government should use its Crown lands to solve the affordable housing problem rather than making local governments deal with it. "When are we going to get to use it for things like housing?" he asked.

A real blast came from Cyril Astill, who said he worked on community plans in other areas.

"We addressed all the things you have addressed but we didn't get into the nitty-gritty detail because we knew it was a no-no," he said. "Ninety-nine per cent of these meetings have been addressed by people who have specific problems with specific parts of your detailed plan."

He called it an "exercise in futility" and "either the product of ill-informed individuals or an ego trip."

Another man suggested the current "mess" would not have happened if the draft was written by someone with a degree in community planning. Adams told him she had a degree in physical and social geography, which was a fairly common degree for planners to hold.

Paul Smith said six to eight

weeks was not enough time to properly consider all the input given and write a second draft.

"You can't say that and be honest about it because it's not realistic," he said.

Only a few people made a point of praising the Trust's efforts, as well as the Raging Grannies who opened the meeting with a "don't bust the Trust" number sung to the tune of Frankie & Johnny.

Briony Penn thanked the trustees and Adams for their hard work on the plan, and spoke in favour of protecting ecosystems such as the Douglas fir forest in the upland areas.

She asked trustees if that forest

could still be protected without a development permit area established in the plan. Andrew said the Trust committee needed input on the subject.

Penn said people should not fear legislation which protects the environment unless they intend to ignore it.

"We've had 100 years to practice stewardship without legislation and it's not working," she said.

She also said some people had been afraid to speak at the OCP public meetings because of feeling intimidated by hostile crowds, and was derided for making that comment.



Communist plan?

Hockey fans will recognize the lettering that used to appear on the jerseys of the Soviet Union's once-famous hockey team. CCCP stood for Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Salt Spring Islanders, meanwhile, will recognize OCP. These t-shirts went on sale on Salt Spring recently.

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OCP letters

Revise process

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

- the document is beautifully crafted;
- the objectives are well-articulated and positively stated; and
- 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:

An initial review and revision with a rewrite complete 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 focus group chairpeople and their telephone numbers;

I would also like to see a review and revision of the much-shortened second draft, with the rewrite complete by the end of September and a referendum held re: the acceptability of the 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. 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

Worms

I think the Islands Trust, like the rest of us, could use a lesson in humility.

The Trust mandate is "to preserve and protect." Nature's mandate, on the other hand, seems to be to restore and renew.

Like our own bodies, nature can take small doses of abuse and slough it off. So can the population of Salt Spring, but moderation is the key.

Sure, we're all worms. Our function is to digest and transform the pile of what the Trust has dumped on us into fertile ground for healthy, luxuriant growth. But the gardener in this case is trying to fight nature and play God.

Could we inject a little humility into the new Official Community Plan? A broad statement of ideals, one that is generous and open-hearted, is the only one that will satisfy Salt Spring's need to express itself.

All those "may nots" and "should nots?" They're just indigestible garbage.

JACKIE TRUSCOTT,
Oakspring Road

Slow the pace

On April 18 you published my

letter requesting that extra copies of the draft OCP be made available and the democratic process be observed by scheduling many more meetings for public feedback.

I write now to commend the Islands Trust trustees for their positive response to both requests and their evident willingness to make changes to the plan.

I also commend my fellow citizens of Salt Spring Island for their diligence in participating in this democratic process.

If I have one quibble it is the punishing pace of the meetings. This schedule (three meetings in one week) is taking its toll on the trustees, Linda Adams and all the islanders who wish to be involved.

Tiredness makes for testy tempers and emotional rather than rational responses.

Could we not slow the pace down?

E. JOAN MCCONNELL,
Ganges

Consider employment

Obviously the OCP can have a tremendous effect upon the economic viability of Salt Spring Island.

We constantly hear of lack of employment opportunities on the island, particularly for our young people as they leave school. The OCP as proposed appears to assure that there will be few if any job opportunities developed here. There may be some possibilities in increased home-business activity, but this will not lead to many employment opportunities.

The plan wishes to discourage "commercial uses that aim at off-island markets," which will reduce the possibility of employment even further.

Another area of the plan talks about tourism. Section B1.10.4 states "... to recognize the value of tourism to our community." Another section seeks to discourage tourists who would use our hotels, motels and B & Bs in favour of those who desire a more primitive experience — tee-pees and pit toilets, I presume.

If we are to create employment opportunities and revenue for our community, tourism should be a major activity. Tourists patronize our restaurants, our galleries, our shops and at least give some hope to merchants for a viable business. And businesses are the source of employment.

Another section, B.3.1.1.6,

states "... support a shift in the timing a pattern of tourism visits that would result in a lower peak, sustained over a longer period." (The wording is poor, but that is the way it is stated in the plan.) B.3.1.1.7 then objects to "destination resorts" (undefined), "convention centres" (undefined) and links them with "water slides, theme parks, casinos and mini-golf courses." B.3.1.2.4 would not permit any more resorts, hotels or motels than current zoning allows.

As the population grows, as the plan admits it will, and the need for job opportunities grows with it, tourism activities that will provide employment will not be allowed?

No one wants high-rise, Las Vegas type facilities as part of our community, but the restrictions contained in the OCP now are ridiculous. The OCP, while limiting the permanent population of Salt Spring Island, should foster those activities that make living here a viable thing to do.

DON SLOTTEN,
Ganges

Ongoing struggle

The present dispute concerning the draft OCP has been played out innumerable times in communities across Canada, because as population and economic activity increase, the balance between the rights of the individual and the rights of the collective community have to be adjusted.

There are always those in the community who consider the existing degree of individual rights as being carved in stone, and cannot tolerate a lessening of those rights. However, there will always be an increasing number of members who sense that the health and wellbeing of the individual is greatly dependent upon that of the collective society, including the total environment, of which he is part.

Thus the ongoing struggle.

More control, zoning restrictions, bylaws etc. are inevitable — individual rights will have to give way to community rights. Those communities which make this adjustment successfully and maintain and often enhance their health are those which are willing to make the adjustments before a substantial and often very vocal portion of society recognizes or accepts the need.

The plan should be discussed, adjusted and continually reviewed, but not from the ideological position of the unassailable rights of the property owner.

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prepared by Driftwood staff are presented here. They were obtained through individual interviews with the candidates, who were unaware of the questions beforehand.

Does the provincial government have a responsibility to subsidize the operation of B.C. Ferries, and if so at what level?

The B.C. Ferry system to the Gulf Islands is part of our highways infrastructure and as such deserves to be subsidized. Tariffs must be affordable.

It does have a responsibility to do that because it's a form of light transit. It should be subsidized to a level to adequately serve people for all their commuting needs.

It's part of our highways system. The provincial government has a responsibility to subsidize ferry service. Fares must be reasonable enough to allow people to travel from island to island.

Yes, the provincial government has a responsibility to subsidize the service in order to provide adequate service.

I'm guessing that they would be very concerned about the availability of this service to the point that they would subsidize it. The level of the subsidy would have to be reviewed.

If you were elected and named to the post of minister of municipal affairs, is there any particular action you would take with regard to the functions and operations of the Islands Trust and/or to municipal incorporation of any of the islands?

I believe that communities should be self-directed and that the provincial government should not impose solutions.

The Islands Trust would no longer be necessary. It would be disbanded and replaced by two boards, both operating under an environmental bill of rights. One would be a local resource board to look after all resources and one would be a local service board to handle all services. It's bringing the government back to the local people.

I am supportive of the philosophy behind the Trust. Government should encourage a study into the incorporation of Salt Spring, which has grown enough and is complex enough to create conflicts under the present system. The other Gulf Islands and the Trust should remain as they are.

I would like to see the mandate of the Islands Trust strengthened so the Trust operates in more than an advisory capacity. I believe communities should determine their own destiny in regard to local government. Municipal Affairs should provide information and facilitate any process.

Assistance would be offered where needed to resolve this local issue but the solution would have to come from the local level.

Do you support the process being used for the review of Salt Spring's OCP?

I think the process needs to be slower and broader community input needs to be sought. A community plan must have a broad consensus if it is going to stand the test of time.

No. It should be done over a long period of time with individual parts of the plan being brought forward and talked about so it's not thrown at people as one huge fait accompli.

The OCP could have been taken to the people in steps, so they would be informed and understand what was happening chapter by chapter. The trustees should be cautious in not trying to put this thing through without the people understanding its content.

Community consultation is really important. People in the community need to have an opportunity to have all their viewpoints heard and this should be done in an open process so everyone has access.

I am really impressed with the way the process has gone so far (and) with the local Trust compromise which was a willingness to make the process work for all Salt Springers. The issues need to be peacefully resolved and the preserve and protect mandate upheld.

Has the provincial government made the right decision with regard to leaving the Gulf Islands School District as a separate, independent district?

Yes. Gulf Islands educational needs are much different than those on the Peninsula or in the Greater Victoria area. An independent school board is a necessity for quality education on the islands.

Yes. Schools should be controlled by local people. Individual islands should run their own schools. Native communities are now running their own schools very successfully.

I'm not close enough to that school district and I don't understand that school district well enough to comment.

I really supported not having this district being part of amalgamation. We have some very unique dynamics in this school district and I think amalgamation would not be effective.

Yes. It's a firm, firm yes. That ties in with the local solutions to local problems.

Is provincial education funding adequate or have cutbacks gone too far?

I would say that cutbacks have gone too far. The B.C. Liberal Party is committed to no further cutbacks in education and health.

The funding is not adequate and cutbacks have gone too far. Programs for handicapped and special needs and physical education and music education are being cut. Education is one of the most important things for our young people.

I believe the funding is adequate but I think we can run our educational system more efficiently. A voucher system or charter school system and back to the basics curriculum would give parents the ability to choose how and where they want their children educated.

Cutbacks in transfer payments from the federal government to the province are hurting us. Given the difficult financial decisions that need to be made, the NDP government is committed to giving quality education to all the young people in this province.

PDA is looking at a four-year base funding budget that would provide a more confident climate for educators and for the children who go to school. There would be annual assessments of enrolment to determine exact funding.

How would you resolve the need for more intermediate and extended care beds on Salt Spring, the shortage of which is expected to reach 91 beds by 1999?

The Liberal Party is committed to increasing extended care beds in the province and I am committed to increased extended care beds on Salt Spring Island. Your regional directors—the last three of them—have been fighting for that.

At least 10 per cent of the health care budget should flow for local community care. The province should fund extra beds and more home care should be encouraged. Additional funding would come from higher fees charged to companies for resource extraction.

Health care is a big issue. I'm committed to the closer to home philosophy. Health care needs to be more efficient, with less spent on administration and more going to serve end users.

A proposed expansion of Lady Minto Hospital is already on the books. Given the closer to home philosophy of the provincial government, I would like to see more community-based prevention and actual health care service delivery.

We'd have to review that in the context of the health care policy that we're proposing.

Should provincial funding be made available for the completion of ArtSpring?

It's about 90 per cent finished now, isn't it? I think it needs to be jointly funded by the community and the government.

Yes. It's very necessary for the cultural life of Salt Spring. After all, the Saanichton fairground received huge amounts from the provincial lottery fund to build stalls for cows and horses. Surely ArtSpring can receive some substantial provincial grant.

If there was a financial commitment on the part of Salt Spring Island to provide funds, I think the provincial government would seriously consider providing one-third funding. It's a bit ridiculous that the shell is there and it's not usable. I would prefer to have the thing completed.

The NDP government is very much in support of the arts and just established an arms-length, provincial arts council with a \$16 million budget designed to support arts and arts education in the province. If there is money available, I would like to see ArtSpring supported.

If there was a sufficient application from the Island Arts Centre Society that included their initial purpose, their own commitment for funding and, especially, some clear figures, it would be reviewed.

Can a growing provincial debt be justified by the need to meet the growing need for more schools and hospitals?

The B.C. Liberal plan allows for the building of hospitals and schools while containing the provincial debt. Capital projects should be developed within the education and health budget.

No. But we don't need to have a growing debt if we start to make the corporations pay their way in the province. There should be no more deferred taxation.

No. We can't afford continued growth in the debt. The more we have to spend on debt servicing, the less we have to spend on schools and hospitals and infrastructure.

The New Democratic government has done a good job of managing the province's debt despite a rapidly-growing population, which demands spending on education, hospitals and transportation services.

PDA polices will reduce government expenditures while preserving universal health care programs. Streamlining government and care of tax dollars should ensure enough funding for schools and hospitals.

Are we on the right track with health care reform by putting control in the hands of community health councils and boards?

Health care in B.C. needs regional input. It does not need another level of bureaucracy. Health councils are an important part of that regional input but the independence of local hospitals must not be lost to large, unwieldy health boards.

Definitely not. Health care needs to be administered at the local level. It would be part of the service board. Regional health councils are taking control away from the people to more distant control and big government.

The New Directions philosophy should have been implemented on a trial basis but it wasn't and a lot of changes have been put in place. We would slow down its implementation and also change some of its directions through consultation.

Yes, I think we are. I am really in support of communities making decisions at the local level. These decisions should be made by people who are in touch with the local community.

Most certainly if it fits in with the health care policies we have, is beneficial and cost-effective. Our health policy is three-tiered with multiple diagnostic and treatment centres, regional hospitals and high-tech provincial hospitals.

Is there any danger of Indian land claims agreements leading to interracial conflict?

We have that now and we don't have settled land claims. I think all British Columbians want to see land claims settled in a fair and equitable manner that respects all British Columbians.

Yes, there are those dangers. Priority should be given to settling land claims and we should put a moratorium on development in certain areas where native people have claims.

I certainly hope not. The Reform Party's position on the Nisga'a agreement is that the agreement should go to a referendum of all B.C. residents for approval, not just to the Nisga'a.

It's already happening. It is a really frustrating issue. I'm really in support of seeing justice for our First Nations people.

Our policy is that all Canadians are equal under the law. The PDA would assist in removing the Indian Act. We do not believe in giving one group a commercial benefit on the basis of race.

If Russian president Boris Yeltsin loses the June presidential election, what are the prospects for East-West relations?

I think that East-West relations are improving and that a change in leadership — if a return to communism — will slow the process.

We could possibly have a major breakdown in East-West relations in which a more radical, militant Soviet regime could take power.

We just wouldn't have the kind of ongoing discussions and continued economic assistance to Russia that we have seen over the past few years.

My focus right now is on winning the provincial election.

This would have to be an answer without the candidate's hat on. We're a provincial government. Personally, I feel there has been sufficient change in Russia which would not allow it to go back to its former dictatorship.

Is the recent pact between Russian and China any cause for concern in the West?

I don't believe so. I believe that both China and Russia have internal problems that will concern their leaders and people in the coming years.

Any major pact between Russia and China is a danger for the West.

No, I don't think so.

It's always a concern and global peace is a really important issue for me.

I wasn't aware of any pact and can't comment.

Do you favour further decentralization of federal powers as a means to counter Quebec's aspirations for independence?

Yes. B.C. must have the same powers and rights as every other province.

Yes. Canada has a potential for leading the world in showing how a federal state can decentralize and yet remain harmonious. All provinces could have the same status as that desired by Quebec and be joined together in a loose federation.

I am definitely in favour of powers being taken from the federal government and brought down to the provincial governments equally across Canada. I believe the province knows better how to manage resources such as fisheries.

This is a two-fold answer. There are some areas which I think provinces are better able to handle, such as fisheries. However, I do not want to see the federal government absorb itself of its responsibilities to the people of Canada.

Provincial powers are going to be given to provinces regardless of any of the provincial issues that are unique to each province. This is why provincial leadership is so vitally important as these changes come our way.

Saanich mayor seeks seat

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Liberal

A social worker by profession and one-time "red Tory," Murray Coell has a dozen years of local political experience behind him in his run for the Saanich North and the Islands seat.

He was a Saanich council member for six years and has been Saanich mayor — a full-time job — for six years. He is a past chairman of the Capital

Regional District, was a director of the B.C. Transit Commission for eight years and a deputy chairman of the Municipal Finance Authority of B.C.

He worked in alcohol and drug rehabilitation and with mentally handicapped adults and children as a social worker. He also owned a small business, manufacturing and retailing sportswear and clothing.

The first political party he joined was the federal Conservative Party. "I was always classified as a red Tory,

leaning Liberal," he remarked. The most recent book he read was *Canada First* by Ralph Nader.

He is running under the provincial Liberal banner but says throughout his political career he has been more interested in practical solutions than in ideology.

Longtime Salt Spring residents might remember him as the drummer in a band called *New Day*, which regularly played on Salt Spring in the late '60s and early '70s.

Wilson impresses PDA candidate

GARY LUNDY
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Progressive Democratic Alliance
(PDA)

Barber Gary Lundy has "really not been interested in politics" but he found the policies of Gordon Wilson's Progressive Democratic Alliance so compelling that he tossed his hat into the ring.

Instead of just talking politics

with customers at The Haircutting Place, the 15-year Salt Spring resident is standing up before the voters to explain PDA policies.

His previous political experience includes a run at the Capital Regional District (CRD) regional director's position for Salt Spring in 1990 and meeting Preston Manning, which so impressed Lundy that he joined the federal Reform Party.

Federally he is still a member

of the Reform Party although he said he has been criticized by some fellow party members for running provincially for the PDA.

The most recent book he read was *Absent Fathers, Lost Sons* by Guy Corneau, which he says focuses on male roles in family dynamics.

He describes his own home life as "absolute joy," with wife Marilyn and six adult sons. His other interests include music and playing jazz piano.

du Temple has spent years working on political fringe

WALLY du TEMPLE
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Sign: Pisces
Green Party

He's never run for office before but Green Party candidate Wally du Temple has been on the fringes of politics for years. A member of the Liberal Party federally and the NDP provincially, he recalls working on Jean Chretien's first bid for the Liberal leadership, which Chretien lost to John Turner.

Retired in June 1995, du Temple was a teacher and school principal for many years. His career took him to a number of remote communities, including the tiny Inuit community of Chesterfield Inlet, but he always found himself coming back to the Saanich Peninsula.

"I've been wandering about but always came back home," he said, noting that his family

first moved to the Saanich Peninsula in 1946 and purchased the Ardmere Golf Course, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Du Temple and his wife recently celebrated their 24th anniversary and have a son and a daughter attending university.

One of du Temple's interests is the World Business Academy, an association of environmentalists involved in the upper echelons of large companies. The group advocates environmental responsibility for business and demonstrates that environmental issues are not "we" and "they," du Temple said.

"There's some very good people in the group called "they" who are trying to reform things," he said.

The most recent book he has read was *Voltaire's Bastards* by John Ralston Saul.

Imrie took leap into politics at municipal level in 1990

ROSS IMRIE
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Reform Party

Ross Imrie started his political life five-and-a-half years ago when he was elected as a council member in North Saanich. After three years as a council member, he was elected mayor. But he notes he is not "a political junkie."

"The first political party I ever joined in my life was the federal Reform Party. The second political party I ever joined

in my life was the provincial Reform Party."

When he was first elected to council, he and his wife operated a home design business. Now he is a full-time mayor and CRD director. When not dealing with municipal or provincial politics, he enjoys spending time with his family, skiing, gardening and travelling.

The most recent book he read was *Our Home and Native Land* by Mel Smith, dealing with the native land claims issue.

Financial management important to Laushway

LYNDA LAUSHWAY
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Sign: Aries
New Democratic Party

When Lynda Laushway wasn't hitting the campaign trail for the May 28 provincial election, she was reading about politics.

Her most recent book read was *Barrett: A Passionate Political Life* by former NDP premier Dave Barrett and William Miller. It was an appropriate choice for the Salt Spring resident, who describes herself as a lifetime NDP supporter with "tons of previous political experience."

But she points out this election is her first foray as a candidate at either the local, provincial or federal level. "I'm not an upwardly mobile career politician."

What she has been is a criminologist, a visual artist and a part-time single mother. A resident of Salt Spring for 12 years, for the past four years she has worked on projects to prevent violence and abuse against women and children.

As a single mother, she has had to budget, so she is well aware of the impact of debt at the provincial level. "I think that keeping our financial house in order is very important," she said.

The province has the most thriving economy in the country, Laushway said. The operating budget is balanced and the pre-election 1996 budget had a surplus.

Laushway feels many people talk about budget deficits but do not look at social or environmental deficits, which are all part of the quality of life.





Affordable housing is an important issue for Laushway. There is an affordable housing project on Salt Spring, and there are other provincial initiatives in support of housing, Laushway said, adding that it is part of a healthy community.

But she doesn't feel she can make personal campaign promises, on the issue of housing or on any other issues.



"I am very, very reluctant to make political promises that I am not sure I can keep."

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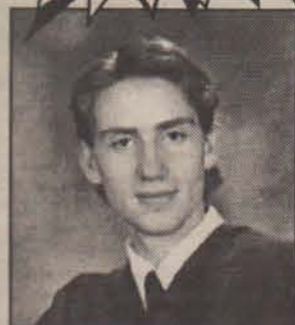
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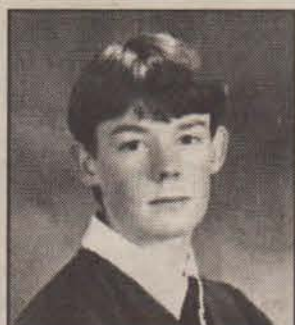
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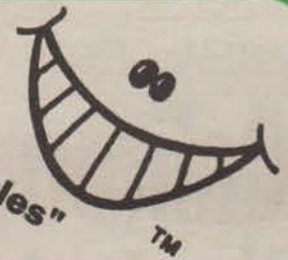
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Kathy and Deon Venter and their work can be found at Vortex Gallery in Grace Point Square.

Passion

By SANDRA MCKENZIE
Driftwood Contributor

If history has any single overwhelming lesson to teach us, it is that nationalism, spurred by fear, leads to factionalism. And once the sparring factions have become entrenched, they are very difficult to depose. South Africa's bloody history is a case in point. Bosnia is another grim reminder.

But what does the political phenomenon of racial tension have to do with art?

Deon Venter's answer is on the walls of the Vortex Gallery, where his large, passionate canvases chronicle the racial and social anguishes of his native South Africa. In his paintings, the figures clash, struggle, and bleed, their pain recorded in vignettes drawn from actual events. This social consciousness was honed in first-hand experience of the turmoil of apartheid. Venter lectured at the University of Fort Hare, Nelson Mandela's alma mater, and a seat of the then-prohibited African National Congress, for eight years before emigrating with his family to Canada in 1989.

The result is not easy art. It doesn't go with anyone's sofa. But then, as Venter emphatically points out in his soft-spoken voice, he is nobody's interior decorator.

"It's time for artists to take back their traditional role of

documenting their times," he says. "There's a very disturbing trend to the idea that the artist is there to please; to create something that matches the curtains. It robs the artist of the function of visionary, and relegates art to the secondary job of entertaining the public."

Though his subject matter is uncompromisingly political, Venter seems bemused by the notion that he is a political artist. "People keep saying that my work is political," he says, "so I guess it is, but only in that all art relates to the Body Politic."

The great social artists — like Goya or Hogarth, or Picasso, whose La Guernica Venter classifies as "one of the great documents of the century" — retain their vitality and immediacy precisely because they reflect their times and life experiences, he adds. "Taste is a very fickle thing; you can't base the value of art on a temporary taste in interior decorating."

Where one artist draws inspiration from external, social forces, another looks inward for vision and direction. Kathy Venter's terra cotta sculptures, also at the Vortex Gallery, are

contemplative enigmas, rendered in poses that suggest a moment, rather than a totality of life experiences.

A life-study of an adolescent girl, for instance, captures the uneasy metamorphosis from child to woman — trust jostles with rebellion, grace co-exists with self-consciousness, awareness overwhelms innocence. A figure of a sleeping woman is similarly ambiguous — her serenity could be evidence of inner peace, or a symptom of her complacency.

In her unfettered imagining, these cryptic messengers are androgynous, though not sexless. Their muscularity, she says, is a metaphor for spiritual strength, while the feminine form is symbolic of the compassionate aspect of spirituality.

"I don't have the same interest in external events as Deon," Kathy says. "My work is a quest, an inner exploration, rather than a rendition of events."

While she describes her art as the polar opposite of her husband's, it's an even match in its strength and passion.

Venter's inner quest finds its most eloquent expression in her angels, the work for which she is best known. These are not, however, the fluffy cherubs of greeting-card fame. These angels are the stalwart guardians of the gates of heaven; biblical in stature and stance, and fully capable of wielding the flaming swords of heavenly wrath.

"The interest (in angels) is based on a being that stands as an intercessor between heaven and earth," she explains. "What would such a being look like? There's no record of this, so one's imagination is set free."

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"In my imagination, such a being could accomplish the raising of mankind to God, or the bringing down of God to

mankind. Vaporous angels are out, if you've got a job like that to do."

Kathy Venter's medium is an unconventional choice for a sculptor who works primarily in life-scale.

"When I was a student, I kept being told that you can't work big in terra cotta. But for me the wonder is in the material. Clay relates to the human psyche in its fragility and strength. Terra cotta is my point of ease. When I lift my hand and declare a piece finished, it is, well and truly, finished. It's an eloquent vehicle for a revelation."

The Venters' work is displayed in the new Vortex Gallery, at Grace Point Square.

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Fiddler in the park

Talented 12-year-old Julia Squier shares her crisp violin skills with Saturday market goers, playing classical pieces and bringing smiles to the faces of passersby.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Entries due for juried art show

Island artists have until this weekend to submit work to Vancouver Island's largest juried art show.

All artists living within the Capital Regional District can participate in the Sooke Region Museum's 11th annual fine arts show — Fine Arts '96.

The show will take place in a gallery erected beside the Sooke arena from August 3 to 11.

Deadline for entries is this Sunday. Entry forms are available in Ganges at Eagle Art Supply.

With up to 1,300 entries submitted, the jury selects approximately 300 works for exhibition.

The annual fine arts show has provided a high profile venue for local artists and talents since 1986. All proceeds from art sales go directly to the artists. Last year, over 10,000 people saw the show, and numerous entries were sold.

Adjudication for the show takes place in the Sooke arena from May 27 to June 1.

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SIMS band performs at Qualicum

Musicians from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) launched a tour last week by bringing their sweet sounds to Qualicum Beach.

Band director Bruce Creswick led the 50-plus Grade 6, 7 and 8 students who looked forward to the trip all year. The band's repertoire included 10 selections, including O Canada,

Phantom of the Opera, Stand by Me, Louie Louie and music from the film Apollo 13. At a shared concert in Qualicum, SIMS members heard the band and choir from Qualicum Middle School.

Touring continues on Salt Spring next month when the SIMS band does a June 5 visit to all elementary

schools. Creswick hopes Grade 5 students will take note and sign-up for the band program when they come to SIMS in September. A June 12 concert is also planned for Mayne Island.

Anyone with questions about the SIMS band program is invited to call Creswick at 537-1159 (extension 230).

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MRS. WINTERBOURNE: Starring Ricki Lake, Shirley Maclaine, Brendan Fraser and Miguel Sandoval, Mrs. Winterbourne picks up three stars from the Vancouver Sun movie critic. This "great-looking piece of light entertainment" gives a lot of light laughs, mixing a little mystery and romance into a "nicely decorated comedy." Mature with occasional very coarse language. Fri. to Sun. 9 p.m., Mon. and Tues., 7 p.m. Tuesday matinee at 4 p.m.

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| 1. Jumanji.....(-) | 7. How to Make An American Quilt.....(1) |
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| 4. Braveheart.....(1) | 10. Carrington.....(6) |
| 5. Dead Presidents.....(7) | |
| 6. It Takes Two.....(3) | |

On Tap at the Pubs

- Vesuvius Inn:**.....The Raspados, May 25, 8 to 12 p.m.
.....Open stage with the Barley Bros., May 23
.....Comedy night, May 29, 7 p.m.
- Moby's Pub:**.....Sunday dinner jazz with
.....Simone Grasky Quartet
- Alfresco's:**.....Barrington Perry on piano, Fri. and Sat.
- Harbour House Hotel (pub):**.....Live DJ, May 24, 25

Community TV Schedule

- Thursday, May 23, 2:30 p.m.**.....1994 OCP workshop series review #3
4:30 p.m......All-candidates meeting from May 15
- Friday, May 24, 2 p.m.**.....OCP feedback from Fulford Hall, May 15
4 p.m......Islands Trust seasonal cottage workshop
- Sunday, May 26, 2 p.m.**.....OCP feedback from Fulford Hall, May 15
5:30 p.m......All-candidates meeting from May 15
8 p.m......All-candidates meeting from May 24
- Monday, May 27, 11 a.m.**.....All-candidates meeting from May 15
1 p.m......All-candidates meeting from May 24 —
..... followed by additional election coverage TBA



Young dancers

Mahon Hall in Ganges was filled to standing-room-only capacity as young dancers from the classes of Robbyn Scott and Sue Bowler took to the stage. The two-hour event featured several numbers including a performance by

the kindergarten-age youngsters shown above. These colourful young dancers are "floating down a river," but others performed as mermaids, train conductors and beach babes.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Theatre group at Core Inn

A drama workshop on social issues will be presented at the Core Inn next Wednesday by Eight for One Cause, a Vancouver-based youth theatre group.

Earlier in the day the group will appear at assemblies in the high school and the middle school. The free drop-in workshop at the Core Inn is open to young people aged 13 to 20.

"This dedicated group excited a lot of enthusiasm and interest among students at last year's Gulf Islands secondary violence education program," said Core Inn volunteer April Curtis.

The workshop is to encourage the formation of a similar group for Salt Spring, which will present drama focusing on social issues.

Starting Tuesday, June 4, a weekly teen theatre workshop will be held focusing on improvisation, theatre games and development of original material.

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HOMEGROWN BAND: Inter-island band The Raspados include, from left, Reid Collins, Doug Rollo, Jerome Jarvis and Randy Miller.

Raspados take Vesuvius stage

A high-energy musical style, a virtuoso whistler and hints of Mexican flavour are some of what makes The Raspados unique. It's also an "inter-island" band, with members from Mayne and Salt Spring islands. The Raspados play the Vesuvius Inn Saturday night and Beaver Point Hall on June 1. Randy Miller, from Mayne Island, plays guitar, bass and mandolin, and does some incredible

whistling, too. Doug Rollo, with 36 years of experience on stringed instruments, dazzles audiences with his guitar and mandolin work. Both Miller and Rollo play and sing original works, with Reid Collins on keyboards and Jerome Jarvis on drums. Islanders will know Collins from his appearances on stage in the Salt Spring Hysterical Society, Comedy Club and many musical

productions. Jarvis has played on more than 50 albums and is a versatile and energetic drummer. The Raspados' unique sound is complemented by unusual backdrops. One is a desert scene complete with cacti and bleached bones, which enhances some of their Mexican rhythms and words. Showtime at the Vesuvius is 8 p.m., and 9 p.m. at the Beaver Point Hall boogie.



Tuned Air on Broadway

John Millerd and Minzie Anderson sing out during a rehearsal of 100 Years of Broadway, the Tuned Air production that opens in the Ganges Activity Centre next Thursday. The show runs May 30 and 31, June 1 and again June 7 and 8. Tickets, at \$10 for adults, \$7 for students, are on sale at Cap 'n Cork, Sooz, Sharon's and Ganges Stationery.

Photo by Tony Richards

Eros artists gather to form group

A new Salt Spring arts group has spawned from the success of Eros '96 in March. According to Margie Korrison, the group will have several purposes. It will facilitate exhibitions of new work; liaise with other groups such as the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council; promote its members' interests as artists within the community; eventually become a non-profit society; and work to establish a permanent artist-owned-and-administered gallery in downtown Ganges. Artists who participated in the Eros '96 exhibition are currently eligible to join the group. An information list of island artists, including painters, sculptors, photographers, potters, glassworkers, weavers, papermakers, fabric artists and others is also being compiled. People wanting to be on the list should leave their name, address, phone and fax numbers and field of art at either Eagle Art Supply in Grace Point Square, the Waterfront Gallery or the Photo Graffist on McPhillips Avenue.



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By DAN BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor

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That is what Jason Avedon-Savage, Chelsea Byron, Tim Gordon and Esther Kempling did in Shawnigan Lake for the week of April 20 to 27. It was the third year that students representing Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) attended the annual Lions Easter Seals police camp in Shawnigan Lake. Accompanying students was Bob Campsall.

When they returned they had a debriefing session with local RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette to discuss their week. Choquette was the RCMP member who originally interviewed the students when they applied for the camp.

During debriefing, they sat around a table in the GISS cafeteria comparing injuries and war stories. These stories included night simulations each student took part in. Police officers and teachers acted as criminals, setting up different scenarios every night.

Gordon showed a scar on his

check and told the story of the drug dealer that jumped him and threw him into a bed. He then explained how he used his new-found knowledge from many hours of briefing to turn the tables on his assailant and arrest him.

Byron remembered how she screamed so loud when her attacker jumped out, that it threw him off guard and she was able to arrest him easily.

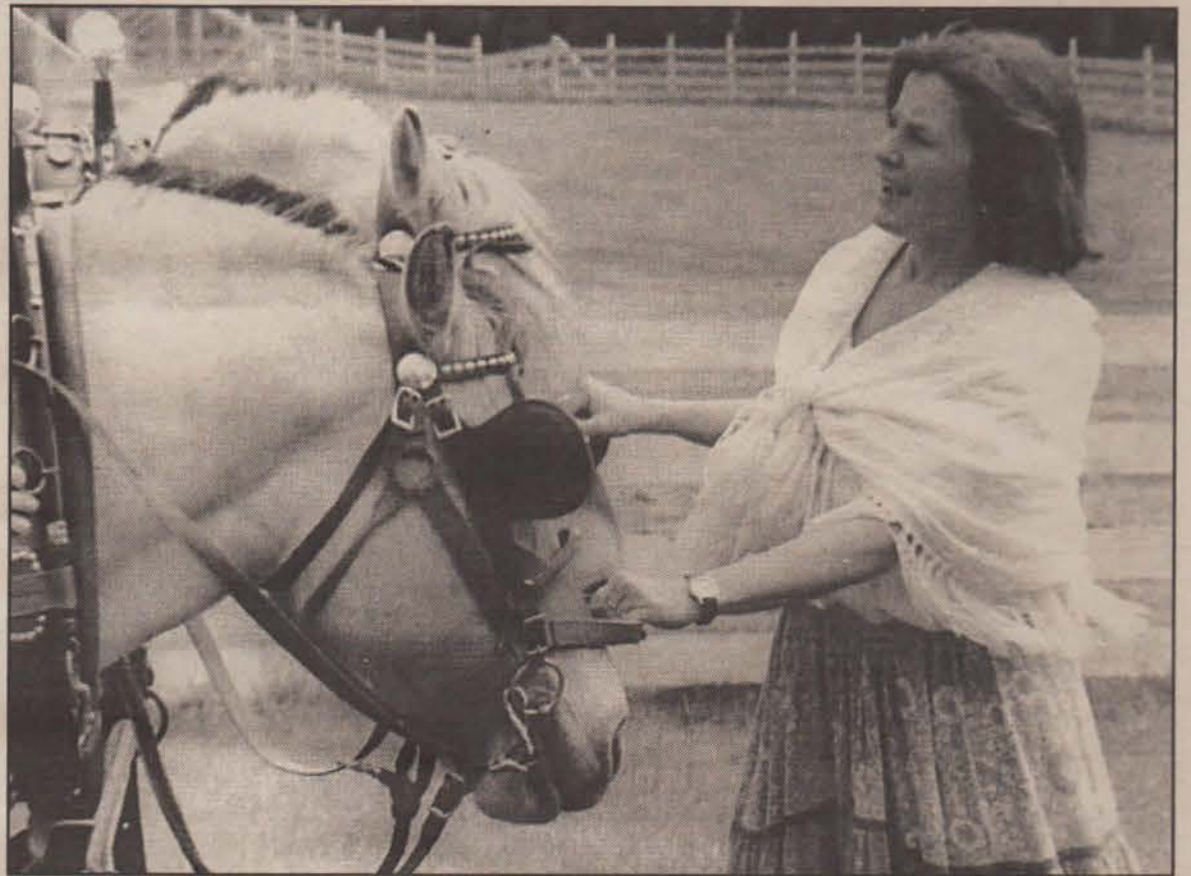
Avedon-Savage and Kempling seemed likewise old veterans as they compared notes and complained about the amount of paper work with Choquette.

Campsall laughed as he told the tale of how he wouldn't let anyone sleep in his courtroom when he was a judge in a mock trial.

All students agreed the best thing about the camp was meeting other people and coming away with lots of new friends. They would all like to thank the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ganges RCMP, the Lions and the Legion for financial support that helped them make it to the camp. The cost was \$400 per student.

Choquette said the one thing he looked for during interviews was honesty.

Anyone interested in next year's camp can contact Maggie Allison or Scott Bergstrom at GISS for details.



Country fun

Threatening rain may have limited the number of people who attended last weekend's country festival at Camp Narnia in the Burgoyne Valley, but those who attended had a foot-stomping good time. At top, Narnia head Carol Voorhoeve holds together the hay ride horse team; above left, Denise McCann sings with the Black Velvet Band; and puppeteer Ray Turner entertains a crowd of children and adults.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Reading, strawberry tea set for Laushway office

A "gardening guru" has announced his support of Saanich North and the Islands NDP candidate Lynda Laushway in the upcoming provincial election.

Laushway, a Salt Spring resident, said she is "thrilled" to have the support of writer, gardener and CBC radio personality Des Kennedy, who will participate in a fundraising event in support of her campaign.

Kennedy is the author of several books, including his most recent —

The Garden Club.

Kennedy will offer readings from his new book this Saturday between 3 and 5 p.m. at Laushway's Salt Spring office at 120B Hereford Avenue. A strawberry tea will also be served.

Proceeds from the event will be directed to Laushway's campaign.

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De-deviled doors

Doors at the newly-built Baptist church received curtsies and nods of approval from Jennifer Sherwood, left, Michelle Sinclair and

Stephanie Sinclair. Former doors at the church drew national attention when a devil-like figure was seen in the grain.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Fat, sugar, salt create pecan delight

By TERRA TEPPER
Driftwood Contributor

Louisiana has the lowest longevity average of any state in the U.S. and I believe this week's recipe is a good indicator of how this statistic has been achieved.

During another whirlwind trip down home only four weeks after the last, I again visited my beloved Piccadilly Cafeteria and this time tasted a dessert ordered by my companion.

This pie was new to me and contained a mysterious ingredient in the meringue base which, when revealed, underscored the fact that fat, sugar and salt — not cotton — are king in the south.

Nevertheless, when an occasional indulgence is contemplated, this pie will amaze you in the ease of

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preparation, and your family and friends will delight in the unique, light taste.

Pecan delight pie
3 egg whites, stiffly beaten
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
24 Ritz crackers, finely crumbled
1 cup pecans, finely chopped
1/2 pint whipped cream
An additional 1 Tbs. sugar

Fold the first five ingredients together gently but thoroughly. Spoon into a pie pan, bringing the mixture up to the rim of the pan

and creating a well in the bottom. In other words, line the pie pan with the mixture to approximate how a raw pie shell looks in the pan.

Bake for 30 minutes at 350°. Turn off the oven and let the pie shell sit in the oven overnight.

The next day beat the whipping cream and one tablespoon sugar together until stiff, place in the centre of the pie shell and garnish with a few pecan halves, if desired. Be sure to keep the pie refrigerated after the whipped cream has been set in place.

I notice that Ritz crackers come in several configurations: cheese, 25 per cent less fat, 50 per cent less salt, etc., but I used the original Ritz crackers when testing this recipe.

Sleep problems addressed

A Capital Regional District committee is tackling sleep difficulties as a means of improving health and well-being among older adults in the Greater Victoria area.

Salt Spring's Community Wellness Program will offer the Better Sleep Program to provide seniors with information on non-drug options to treat sleep problems.

Sleep quality diminishes with age, unfortunately, even in the most healthy individuals. Close to half of older adults in the general population complain of sleep difficulties, including trouble falling asleep, waking during the night and early morning waking. These difficulties leave the individual feeling not fully rested in the morning and lacking in energy.

When sleep problems persist, many individuals will seek help

from their family doctor, who may prescribe sedative or hypnotic drugs for short-term relief.

For those who experience sleep problems but are reluctant to use medications, many behavioural and lifestyle strategies have been found to improve sleep. These strategies are the focus of the Better Sleep Program being offered at Seniors for Seniors on Wednesday, May 29 at 2 p.m. Psychologist Dr. Kimberley McEwan will lead a discussion in the interrelationship between sleep and health and on non-drug strategies to improve sleep.

All are welcome to attend this session. Refreshments served.

For more information call Rhema Cossever, Community Wellness Program coordinator, at 537-4607.

MS campaign raises \$2,500 for research

Local realtors, volunteers from the Anglican and United churches, some Fulford residents and the Salt Spring Island Raging Grannies all joined forces May 10 and 11 for the annual Multiple Sclerosis carnation campaign.

This year's carnation sale raised just over \$2,500 to finance research into multiple sclerosis.

"We got everything from small change up to \$20 bills — and cheques. I got three cheques for \$100 and one for \$25," coordinator Phyllis Bolton said.

Volunteers with trays or tables of white and pink carnations collected donations and offered a flower to all donors, regardless of the amount of the donation.

"It's always been held on the Mother's Day weekend," Bolton noted. She found it interesting that some people would seek a red or white carnation because of a tradition that a red carnation

is worn if the mother is alive and a white one if the mother is dead.

An estimated 35 volunteers joined in the campaign. Four of the volunteers have a relative with Multiple Sclerosis.

Bolton said islanders strongly supported the event. "I think \$2,500 in two days is doing really well."

Volunteers Laura Green and Ann McPhee from the Bank of Montreal counted all the donations and rolled the coins.

Multiple Sclerosis is the most common disease of the central nervous system among young adults, striking between the ages of 20 and 45. No cause or cure is known and the symptoms of the disease mysteriously appear and disappear.

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MAY 21: La Leche League meeting, Family Place, 7:00pm.
MAY 24: Family Caregivers Support Group, Greenwoods, 7pm.
MAY 25: Ducks Unlimited Banquet & Auction, Legion, Meaden Hall, 6pm.
MAY 27: Lady Minto Hospital Aux. Society, general meeting, United Church Hall, 2:00pm.
MAY 29: "Better Sleep" presentation, Seniors for Seniors, 2:00pm.
JUNE 1: Parish Garage Sale, All Saints by-the-Sea, 10am - 2pm.
JUNE 19: Therapeutic Touch Practice Group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg, 11am
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (second Wed.)
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
- SS Painters Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downstairs, 10:30-1:30.

EVERY THURSDAY
- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Seniors for Seniors regular Thurs. lunch at noon, reserv. are essential.
- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am (3rd Thurs. of every mo.)

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY MONDAY

- "Bandemonium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
- Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.
- Story time, library, 9:30am.
- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.
- French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- Ganges Residents Assoc., Mahon Hall, 7pm, (1st Monday of the mo.)
- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.
- Group for moms and babies up to 24 months, Family Place, 12:30-3pm.
- SS Weavers & Spinner, meet at Farmers' Ins. to us the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)

EVERY TUESDAY
- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
- Air rifles, Fulford Hall, 7:30pm.
- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 6:30pm.
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.

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- * **CLUB NIGHT:** Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

This Friday evening, starting at 7 p.m., approximately 45 scholarships will be presented by people from our community to graduating students from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The presentations will wind up about 9 p.m., and tea and cake will be served in the cafeteria to all of the community members taking time out to come and present these awards. Grads, of course, and guests are welcome to attend.

The dance starts at 9:30 and ends at 12:30 p.m. This dance is held in the multi-purpose room in the school and is open only to grads and their escorts or invited guests.

Graduating students honoured with scholarships, celebrations

On Saturday, commencement exercises begin at 7 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

At 9:45 p.m. the grads will leave the school by bus to go to the Oak Bay Recreation Centre for a night of alcohol-free fun.

To ensure that this event is free of alcohol, all students will have their kit bags checked locally with the assistance of the RCMP and again by the Oak Bay staff when they arrive. Anyone who appears to have been drinking (or is under the

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influence of any other drug) will not be allowed to board the bus.

At the recreation centre, grads will have a night of entertainment that includes ice skating, roller skating, swimming and hot tubbing, sumo wrestling, and participation in an all-night casino and karaoke. Lots of food will be available during

the night and after a 5 a.m. breakfast they all leave to board the 7 a.m. ferry from Swartz Bay.

• One of our students will win a \$500 bursary from the Credit Union — Forest Renewal BC Bursary Program if he/she applies and is chosen from among the other students who also apply from GISS.

The competition for this bursary requires students to complete an application form and to submit a typed, 500-word essay

explaining their ideas about how to support sustainable forest development and forest renewal.

Application forms and details about this award are available in the counselling centre. Applications must be submitted via Internet or hard copy by June 15.

• The GISS Parents Advisory Council wants you to be aware that it now has its own community chest number at Thrifty's — #65.

• Students in the community and in GISS need to be aware that the last date for registering for writing (or rewriting) final exams is June 3. Call me (537-9944) before that date if you wish to register.



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Perkins creates doghouse

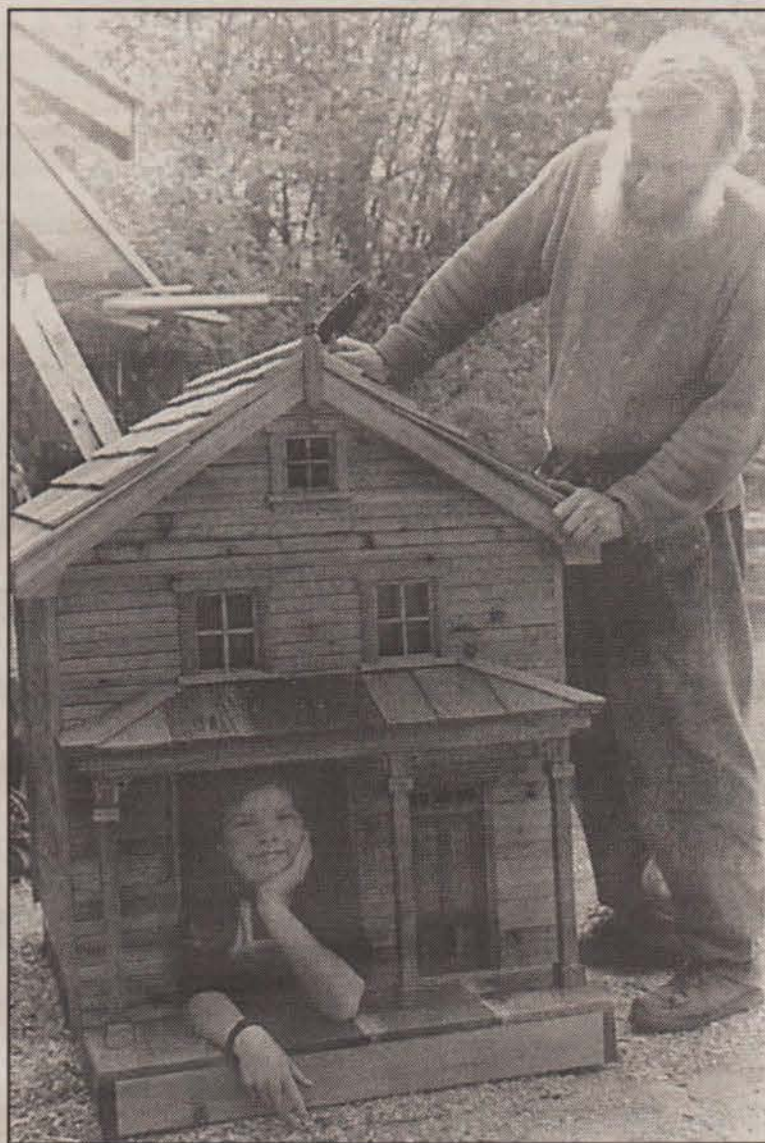
Some lucky pooch in the Capital Regional District (CRD) will be settling into the good life after June 12 with a meticulously crafted doghouse by Salt Spring woodworker Illyd Perkins.

For the past three years the Salt Spring artisan has set aside his usual furniture making to create unique doghouses for the annual CRD draw. This year's creation is a replica of the main building of the Helmcken House, which is the oldest home in Victoria.

Perkins recreated the shape and details of the 1850s home, including a front porch, decorative pillars, wood-framed windows and a shingled roof. It took him an estimated 30 hours of work to create the one-of-a-kind doghouse.

Miles Drew, who oversees animal control for the unincorporated areas, estimates 3,800 dog owners in the CRD are eligible for the June 12 draw. The draw is open to any owner who purchased a dog licence for 1996 by March 31 this year.

"It does add fun to the whole thing," Drew said. He also wonders if incentives like the draw contribute to a high rate of licensed dogs in the unincorporated areas. He notes 60 per cent of the dogs are licensed, which is an unusually high rate for rural communities.



IN THE DOGHOUSE: Alexander Perkins, 9, doesn't seem to mind a bit as he tries out the prize doghouse created by his father, Salt Spring artisan Illyd Perkins, above. The doghouse will be won by a regional district resident who purchased a dog licence by March 30.

Humphries host historical society potluck

A potluck picnic wound up the year for the Salt Spring Historical Society May 14.

Hosted by Anne and John Humphries at their Haamea Bay home on Beaver Point, the picnic

was followed by the election of officers.

Re-elected were Fred Powell as president, Ken Mackenzie as vice-president, Anne Humphries as secretary and Ken Robinson as

treasurer.

The society will be consulting with its members and then present a stand on the heritage aspects of Salt Spring's draft Official Community Plan.

Island parish priest dies in Vancouver

Parish priest of the Ganges Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace, Rev. Brendan Victor Megannety, OMI, recently died in Vancouver. He was 74 years of age.

Suffering from cancer of the throat, Fr. Megannety served his parish to the end. He lost his voice and was assisted at mass by various parishioners during the last weeks of his life. In those weeks he gave up neither his ministerial duties nor his constant humour. He laughed on to the last.

The late parish priest came to the island from Chemainus and took over from Fr. Leo Boyd.

For the past weeks Megannety had been hospitalized in Vancouver, returning to the island when he was able to travel.

Funeral service followed a

requiem mass in St. Augustine's Church in Vancouver last Wednesday, with Bishop Thomas Lobsinger, OMI, of Whitehorse as celebrant.

Some 50 fellow priests took part. They were mostly members of the Order of Mary Immaculate who were attending a conference in the city.

Megannety spent most of his life as a teacher and university chaplain.

Mourners were told: "In the classroom, in parishes, in university chaplaincies, he served with ready humour and a witty pen."

The island parish is temporarily served by Rev. Fr. Jules Goulet, OMI, who will remain on the island until the end of August, when the new parish priest, Fr. John Doetzel, will take over.



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High school releases honour roll names

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Grade 10

Jesse Anderson, Elisabeth Baker, Erin Baker, Travis Beals, Amanda Byron, Regan Byron, Patrick Callas, Paul Campsall, Joel Carter, Bree Cheveldave, Adam Deas, Adrian

Elliott, Melissa Estable, Jonagh Fairbrother, Julia Filtness, Rebecca Forbes, Lisa Gardner, Alura Gilbert, Sebastien Godbold, Margot Guedes, Melissa Hingston, George Howard, Dana Kallip, Jeremy Keating, Loren Kirkby, Tom Langdon, Rebecca Lavalee, Thor Magnusson, Kelly Maynard, Jessica McCartie, Jessie McLaughlin, Anna Mussell, Randi Outerbridge, Molly Phillips, Jamie Robinson, Megan Ruddell, Megan Ruggles, Franziska Satzinger, Larissa Sayer, Jill Speed, Christopher Urquhart, Liam Walsh.

Grade 11

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Witek Jarosinski, Kirsten Jensen, Esther Kempling, Aaron Little, Tim Lyone-Howard, Eamon MacQueen, Karen Marcotte, Aaron McCartie, Robert McMahon, Matthew Oldroyd, Noah Pred, Nathan Sevoid, Jennifer Storey, Mia Thorne, Jeff Walsh, Katherine Watt, Sarah Wilkin, Coryn Wolfe-Milner, Emma Yardley.

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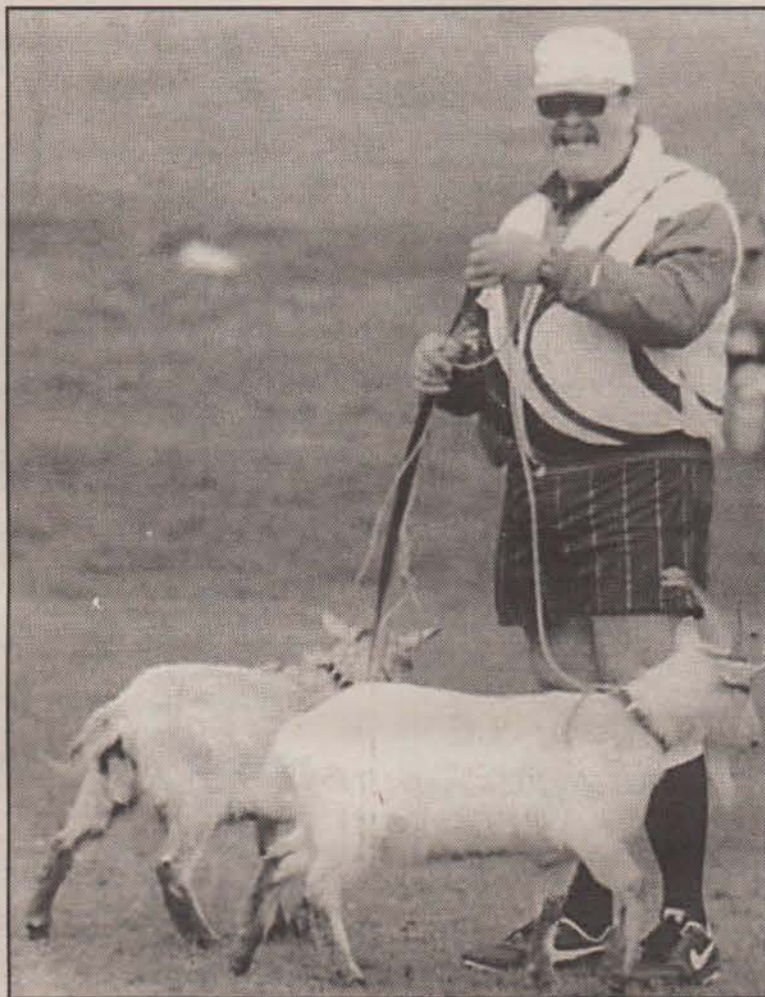
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FC defeated in final, losing by one goal

A penalty-shot goal gave Courtenay the win over Salt Spring FC Monday in the open division final of the weekend's Challenge Cup tournament.

Wind, rain and cool temperatures didn't deter soccer players and fans from turning out in force on Salt Spring for the annual event. Twenty-six teams — one from Calgary — travelled to the island for three days of soccer, hosted by Salt Spring Old Boys and FC.

The Old Boys, hopeful that a star-studded lineup would send them into the finals, only made

it to the consolation round, which they won by defeating Calgary.

FC made it to the final after tying Courtenay on Sunday, and then beating Gorge later the same day after a 0-0 game went to a shoot-out. Consolation winner in the open division was Peninsula.

Vic West won the over-30s division with a 4-1 victory over Powell River.

In the 10-team women's division, Gorge won the final 5-3 over Powell River A. Sooke won the consolation round.

SOCCER WEEKEND: Salt Spring soccer teams played hard on the weekend in Challenge Cup play. Above, left, Salt Spring FC's Harrison Jason gets some air during Sunday's game against Gorge. Behind him is teammate Corbin Scott. Centre, Victoria referee Bob Hope is left holding the goats which were raffled off as a youth soccer fundraiser. At right, Salt Spring FC's Ryan Wellington, left, races a Gorge player for the ball.

Photos by Tony Richards

Huth wins discus throw at island championship

The Gulf Islands Secondary School team of seven athletes did exceptionally well at the recent Vancouver Island Senior High School Track and Field championships held in Victoria.

All athletes made the provincial finals in the track events and placed well in field events.

Highlight of the first day was Chantelle Huth's victory in the discus throw, achieving better than 33 metres and well ahead of the second-place finisher.

Attending his first competition since major knee surgery was Adrian Hingston, who finished 13th in the shot

event and ran third leg in the relay.

Others in the relay, Dan Bennett, Rowan Hartman and Josiah Lofting, combined for a seventh place finish.

All three took individual awards on the track. Hartman took seventh place in the 1,500-metre race; Bennett placed second in the 400-metre hurdles and Lofting won second in the 100-metre sprint.

In the field events, Matt Emmings jumped to a sixth place finish, and Erik Jorgensen took second place.

Huth, Bennett, Jorgensen and Lofting became eligible to attend the provincial finals in Coquitlam this weekend.

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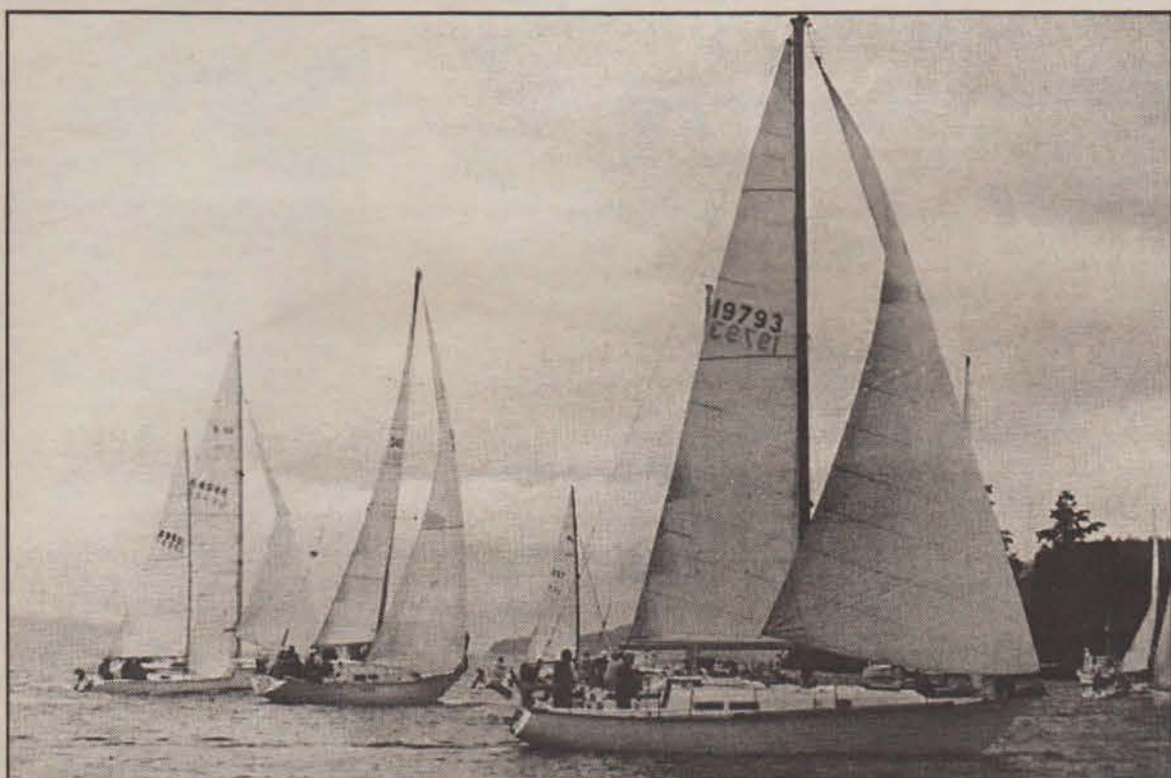
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AND THEY'RE OFF: Some 52 sailboats filled Ganges Harbour early Saturday morning as they set off for the 22nd annual 'Round Salt Spring Race.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Meet results announced

Salt Spring Track and Field Club members took part in a meet at Courtenay last weekend. Results are as follows:

• Daniel Bennett: 200 metres, second, 24.5 seconds; high jump, first, 1.65 metres; 400 metres, second, 58.1 seconds.

• Erik Jorgensen: 400 metres, fourth, 69.7 seconds; high jump, second, 1.45 metres; discus, fourth, 27.78 metres; javelin, second, 44.70 metres.

• Josiah Lofting: 100 metres, first, 11.7 seconds; javelin, fourth, 39.16 metres.

• Stephanie Collette: 100 metres, fifth, 14.1 seconds; 200 metres, fifth, 29.1 seconds; long jump, second, 4.50 metres; triple jump, second, 9.85 metres; discus, third, 20.52 metres; javelin, second, 20.24 metres.

• Joelle Morrison: 400 metres, second, 66.4 seconds; 1,500 metres, second, 5.23.9 seconds; high jump, first, 1.49 metres; discus, ninth, 18.32 metres; javelin, second, 20.04 metres.

• Jenny Kerr: 80-metre hurdles, seventh, 15.5 seconds; 300-metre hurdles, first, 54.2 seconds.

• Amanda Sadler: 100 metres, 15.8 seconds; 200 metres, 32.9 seconds; long jump, 3.11 metres; shot, 4.63 metres; discus, 12 metres.

• Emily Bond: 100 metres, 14.5 seconds; 200 metres, 30.6 seconds; 400 metres, 70.8 seconds; 800 metres, 2.52.5 seconds; 80-metre hurdles, 15.3 seconds; 200-metre hurdles, 35.4 seconds; high jump, 1.20 metres; long jump, 3.67 metres; triple jump, 7.92 metres; shot, 7.37 metres; discus 17.76 metres.

• Kelly Kerr: 100 metres, 15.1 seconds; 200 metres, 30.4 seconds; 80-metre hurdles, 16.3 seconds; 200-metre hurdles, 33.9 seconds; long jump, 3.39 metres; triple jump, 7.50 metres; shot, 5.59 metres; discus, 15.42 metres.

The next club meet is at Powell River, beginning June 1.



Fast pace

Garrett Macdonnell and Seth Byron rolled into action at the first of several roller blading sessions at Fulford hall Friday night. The free-admission event will take place again this Saturday night, plus June 1 and 9, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Tigger J pulls ahead to win annual race

Mixed conditions turned the 22nd annual 'Round Salt Spring Race '96 into an adventure for the 52 sailboats and crews who set out from Ganges Harbour at 10 a.m. Saturday.

"We had everything from pelting rain to sunshine to a good stiff breeze to no wind," said coordinator Kevin Vine.

When the spray had cleared and the times were calculated, the winner was the 38-foot Tigger J owned by Art Jones of the Pender Island Yacht Club.

Most boats completed the course by midnight, Vine said. The first Salt Spring Island Sailing Club boat to finish was the 38-foot Yeoman of Cestria, skippered by Phil Hume.

Most participants enjoyed the race and the lamb barbecue on Sunday, which featured a raft of prizes donated by race sponsors.

Vine said the event will return next long May weekend. "We've done it 22 times so far so we're going to keep going."

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Bennett's team heads for championships

By DAN BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor

For the second year in a row the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) junior boys soccer team led by coach Richard Bennett will compete in the the Vancouver Island Championships.

The team won the mid-island tournament at Frances Kelsey High School on May 10 and 11. The championships are being held at Victoria High School, and Central Junior Secondary School, starting this Friday. The local squad will play Cedar Hill Junior Secondary School in the first round.

At the mid-island tournament the local boys won three of four games, surprising everyone in the final by beating favourites Brentwood College 2-1.

It was a physically hard game, where the determined defense and a superior fitness level led to total domination by the end of the

game, said coach Bennett. Their victory gave them the right to play the league winners for the chance to go to the island championships. Unfortunately for soccer fans, Brentwood College forfeited the game which resulted in GISS taking the berth to the championships.

Bennett has coached the only two junior boys soccer teams from GISS in recent years, and has taken them both to the island championships.

It was just like last year, Bennett said, the underrated local boys came in and shocked everyone. The intelligence and ability of the mid-field, led by Justin Smith and

prolific goal scorers, such as Mandu Goebel and Tom Langdon, backed up by the consistently solid goal tending of Jonathon McDonald, makes this year's team one of the best on the island to watch, Bennett said.

"We always play hard, and to win, but it is still a game and should be fun," he added. Langdon, Smith, and MacDonald were awarded Most Valuable Player honours after the mid-island tournament.

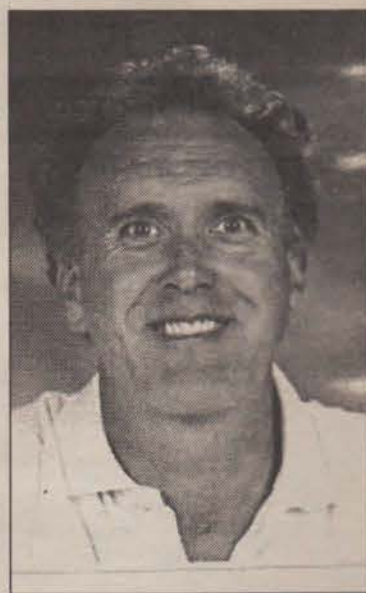
Coming to Salt Spring in 1989 from Scotland, Bennett has been teaching Physical Education at the high school since 1993, bringing 16 years of experience with

him.

He has been constantly involved with the community since his arrival. Always a lover of all sports, coaching the track and field, cross-country and soccer teams has brought him great gratification, he said.

Bennett believes it is his greatest pleasure to watch young athletes improve through a result of their own hard work. He also firmly concludes that good healthy competition is of great benefit to all.

Bennett will take the team to Victoria with assistant coach Malcolm Bond on Friday. The first game kicks off at 2:30 p.m.



Richard Bennett

Top senior bowlers awarded

A lively gathering of 50 senior bowlers and guests met May 6 to honour achievements of the Salt Spring Senior Bowlers Association 1995-96 season.

League coordinators Audrey Illingworth, June Webb and Anne Isbister presented prizes to league members who earned high averages, high single and triple game scores, and to individuals who bowled 100-plus pins over average.

Association president Webb distributed trophies to winning teams and individuals. Overall first place team was the Holy Rollers, with team members Don McCardia, Jean Nicol, Walter Nicol, Vanda Winstone and Reg Winstone.

Second place was the Cliff Hangers, with Margaret Baker, Jack Godwin, Don Goodman, Nell Herbert and Jim Southern.

Third place was the Do-Gooders, consisting of Illingworth, Mike Elrington, Madalene Jory, Cliff Jory and Bruce McFadyen.

Individual trophies for high averages went to Baker and Reg Winstone; to Gwen McClung and Dan Davies for high single games; and to Edie Gear and Ken Robinson for high triple games.

Beth Robinson was chosen the association's "bowler of the year."

GOLF TEES

• In 1955, a Mrs. G. Hurst won the first Brooks Cup.

Last Tuesday, Julie Godwin won this one-day event with a low net score of 74. Tied for second place with a net 75 were Grace Murchie and Pat Lavender. Maddy Cooper, whose game was described by fellow golfers as "amazing," had 24 putts for 18 holes. Irene Hawksworth won the Ganges Village market voucher for closest to the pin on Number Two.

• In the women's nine-hole division, 19 golfers took to the greens last Wednesday.

Mary Hogg took low gross. Anne Vodden and Jean Haines tied for the low net title. Putt pot went to Hogg and Kay Mowbray.

• Twelve golfers from the island's men's division came from behind to win a return match with Fairwinds last Thursday.

• Results from men's day at the Salt Spring golf course last Thursday were as follows: (low gross) G. McLeod with 78, followed by D. Nemeth with 80; (low net) B. Scotten with 65, G. Woodley with 68, and J. Mitchell with 70.

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FOREVER IN OUR Hearts. I'my, delicate, precious Kalu Curtis Kay died on Monday May 13, 1996. Truly a very deep loss for Beverly Kay! Dan, Nigel, and Nahanni Rose will not experience the joy of life with their brother Kalu. He was born at 9:16 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, 1996 at Victoria General Hospital. Heartfelt gratitude to Judy and Ken, Dan, Dr. Karen Berg, Dr. Woodburn, Val, Linda, Michael and Dana and all the kind and compassionate nurses and staff at V.G.H. Sincerely Bev.

REV. FATHER Brendan Victor Megannety, O.M.I., Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, and St. Paul's Catholic community of Salt Spring Island, May 13, 1996, aged 73, in Vancouver, after a brief illness. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Augustine's Catholic church, Vancouver on Wednesday, May 15 and interment took place in Ottawa, Friday May 17. He was a dearly loved Pastor and will be sadly missed by all. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

G.I.S.S. Police Camp student participants would like to extend their sincere thanks to the following community groups for their generous support: SS Lions Club, SS Legion, SSI Parks and Recreation and the local RCMP Detachment. Without your support, we could not have attended Police Camp: Esther Kempling, Chelsea Byron, Tim Gordon and Jason Avedon-Savage.

10 CELEBRATIONS

JIM MAYO. The family of Jim Mayo is celebrating his 90th birthday on June 1, 1996 in Red Deer, Alberta. Anyone in the area at that time and wishing to join us, please contact Sandra Handley at (403) 343-7586 or 36 Hill Crescent, Red Deer, T4N 6G4. Birthday wishes may be sent to Jim at 140 Ely Close, Red Deer, T4N 6R1 or 343-2050. No gifts please.

11 COMING EVENTS

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE channelled by Leslie. Transformational readings based on your questions. 653-9799.

GULF ISLAND Picture Framing is now introducing a new line of combination liner/frame mouldings. Special introductory offer of 20% off during May. 116 Langley Rd. in Vesuvius Bay. 9:30 - 4:30, Mon.-Fri. If business hours are inconvenient, appointments are welcome. 537-2369.

SIDEWALK SALE in Sidney! Reserve tables now for S.A.M. Sidewalk Sale during Sidney Days, Sunday, June 30th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$75/table. Sell your wares/services to over 8,000 potential customers. Phone Annette at 656-0911.

CENTRAL AMERICAN Support Committee presents A Farm Fiesta - Music, Games, Food, Fun. Saturday, May 25, 1-5 p.m. Place: 190 Reynolds Road. Admission by donation.

HERB BLOW-OUT Sale. Quail Farm Herbs 481 Beaver Point Road, Saturday, Sunday. May 25 & 26. 10a.m. - 7p.m.

ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE Toys. Buy & Sell The Victoria Toy show, May 26; 10a.m. to 1p.m. Sanscha Hall, 2243 Beacon Ave., Sidney, BC, 80 Tables. Info. 595-4292.

SOCCER REGISTRATION for the 1996-1997 season is now underway. Fee for off-island boys and girls is \$90, fees for on-island boys and girls are \$40 and \$50, depending on age. For last years players, forms will be mailed out. Deadline is July 15, 1996 after which a late fee of \$5 will be charged. There will be a registration at Portlock Park on May 25, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FREE WITH Admission "Creating Miracles" Friday, June 7, 7 pm. Fulford Hall. Presented by Leah Faye. Call 537-1810.

11 COMING EVENTS

REIKI IN the market begins May 25. Introductory Session \$10.00. Leslie Wallace, Reiki Master. 653-9799.

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Will be held on

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at 2:00 pm

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The United Church Women Present

A Vintage Fashion Show

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Friday May 31

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26 LEGALS



STAKING NOTICE (FORM 1) LAND ACT NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND

Take notice that Susan Danyluk of Delta BC., occupation claims Adjudicator, intends to make application to the B.C. Lands regional office in Victoria B.C. for a licence of occupation of foreshore of land generally situated at Montague Harbour Galiano Isl. and more specifically described below:
Commencing at a post planted 5.5 metres west of the north east corner of Lot 8, District lot 9, Parker Island, Cowichan District, Plan 45606. Thence 33.5 metres north; thence 12.2 west; thence 35.05 south; thence 14.2 east, and containing 0.043 ha more or less. The purpose for which the land is required is private moorage. Comments concerning this application may be made to the Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4. 387-5011, fax 356-1871. Consideration will be given to comments received within 30 days from the Publication. Responses to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. File No. 1408648.
Dated: April 19, 1996.



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Take notice that Olaf and Ursula Tolpinrud of 988 Sunset Drive, Salt Spring Island, occupation retired, intends to make application to the B.C. Lands regional office in Victoria B.C. for a licence of occupation of land generally situated at North Salt Spring Island and more specifically described below:
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29 LOST AND FOUND

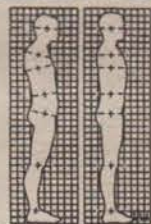
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34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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HERITAGE RESTORATION for the Core Inn. We need a hands-on general contractor, WCB coverage and experience building to code essential. Send resume and references to Box 120, Fulford Harbour, B.C., V8K 2P2.

841 KOZ AT Core Inn. Wednesday May 29, 3:30 - 5:00pm. Free Drama Workshop. Teen theater group starting Tuesdays on June 4, 3:30 - 5:00. Interactive improv, headlines theater, replay and theater games. Position available for youth drama coordinator, age 17 - 24. June to August. Submit letter and resume showing interest and experience to Trish Nobile, under the door at Core Inn A.S.A.P., or call 653-4232 for info.

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"88 FORD TEMPO, Chest of drawers, colour T.V., table lamp, Braun Multipractic, kettle, toaster, fan, swivel rocker recliner. 537-2314.

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FAMILY PLACE Workshop Series. Topic: Red Cross Babysitting Course. Speaker, Danielle Desrosiers. Family Place, June 4, 5, 6. 4:00-6:00p.m. \$1500. Located behind Salt Spring Island Community Services 268 Fulford Ganges Road. For further information call Ragnhild Hildred, Child & Family Counsellor, 537-9176.

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"OUTREACH", TEAM of 6 young adults from John Paul II Bible School at Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall, Drake Rd. on Saturday May 25 at 7 p.m. Format: Prayer, talk, drama, music, testimonies, sharing. Everyone Welcome.

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Before election day, we urge readers to ask candidates where they stand on Bill 28. It's your freedom they're playing with.

This ad authorized by Tony Richards, Managing Director, Driftwood Publishing Limited,
604-537-9933.

Hundreds of entries flooded flower show

Thirty-five years ago

• A spring ritual, the annual Spring Flower Show, filled Mahon Hall with blooms, transforming it into a "veritable Garden of Eden." There were hundreds of entries in more than 20 classes and a long list of winners who collected prizes for their skills in growing and arranging greenery.

• The offspring of two early pioneer families celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. Dave Maxwell, 88, was born and brought up in the Burgoyne Valley. He was seven when he watched pioneers building St. Paul's Catholic Church in 1880. Clara Maxwell was also in her 80s. Her father came to Beaver Point in the 1860s. Dave Maxwell and Clara Trage were married on the island on April 13, 1901.

• Robert Reynolds was picked up by police while walking in Victoria. After being questioned he was released with a card stating he had been questioned. He evidently resembled someone who was being sought by the police.

Thirty years ago

• Construction started on Pioneer Village — a housing project for seniors — being constructed by the Salt Spring Lions Club. Contractor for the project was Peterson Construction of Duncan. The 18 single and four double units were expected to be completed in approximately six months.

• For the first time in 75 years, the 160 acre, waterfront Pappenberger estate at Beaver Point changed hands, going to Mr. J.E. Boughton and Mr. J. Brown of Vancouver. The Pappenberger family had owned the property for almost 80 years. An 1891 land title transferred the property from the late Thomas Pappenberger to his brother John for \$1,800.

Twenty-five years ago

• A 16-month old baby went from toddling to hiking, wandering a mile-and-a-half from his home on North Galiano. Erik Duncan, son of Mel and Pat Duncan, disappeared from his parents' Coon Bay cabin Thursday night while his mother was tending his ill sister.

The parents searched through the night, joined by neighbours, but found no sign of their son. Finally the baby was found at approximately 8:30 a.m. the following morning on a beach a mile-and-a-half from the home. Erik had lost his diaper and shoes but still had on a light jacket. His legs and feet were scratched and swollen but he suffered no other injury from a night out alone.

• Salt Spring Island's planning association was to debate two restrictions on the use of island lakes. First was a proposal to restrict hunting on and around the lakes. Second was a proposal to ban power boats using motors larger than five horsepower. Although the association did not have the power to legislate changes, the proposals were being debated to gauge public opinion.

Twenty years ago

• Efforts of the Mayne Island volunteer fire department were credited with saving the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rodine after fire broke out in their workshop. The alarm was turned in at approximately 4 p.m. Tuesday. By the time firemen arrived at the workshop — which is attached to

DOWN THE YEARS

the home — the building was extensively burned. However, firemen were able to prevent the blaze from spreading into the main house.

• A blood donor clinic planned for Ganges could be the last one on the island as the Red Cross planned to reduce the number of clinics outside the lower mainland and Victoria. Travel costs were given as the reason for reducing the number of rural clinics throughout the province.

Fifteen years ago

• Opposition from resort owners met a Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee proposal to introduce new zoning for lake shore resorts. More than half of the 11 resort owners who would be affected by the rezoning brought their objections to a public hearing. The bylaw would have limited resorts on potable lakes to three units per acre and imposed other restrictions on development. Resort owners argued the bylaw was discriminatory against resort owners especially as there was no evidence that the resort industry was responsible for pollution in the lake.

• Salt Spring regional director Yvette Valcourt told the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission to stay out of the Ganges sewer debate or risk being closed.

Valcourt objected to the commission's decision to support the sewer project with a letter to Minister of Finance Hugh Curtis. Valcourt told the commission that a referendum could be held at the end of the year to disband the commission if the group continued to be involved in the sewer issue. Valcourt was opposing the sewer system in Ganges.

Ten years ago

• B.C. Ferries abruptly rescinded student passes on B.C. Ferries, ending the free travel for field trips and sports events. The student travel program had been in effect for three years when it was cancelled by B.C. Ferries.

Superintendent Mike Marshall estimated the elimination of the program would result in parents having to pick up the fares, especially for trips already slated for May and June. The ferry corporation said it cancelled the program because other districts had requested free passes, making it difficult to justify free passes for Gulf Islands students.

• A new provincial law allowing drinking on Sunday drew an enthusiastic response from islanders, some of whom lined up to drink the first pint at their local watering hole. Pub owners reported many customers and food sales in addition to alcohol sales.

Five years ago

• A fundraising drive on Galiano to purchase Mount Galiano from MacMillan Bloedel reached its goal with an agreement from the forestry company to sell the 200-acre parcel to the Galiano Club for \$243,000.

MacMillan Bloedel had originally been asking \$330,000 for the property. The price was reduced in recognition of the fundraising efforts and businesslike manner of the club, said Gary Kadatz, MacMillan Bloedel manager of land sales and development. The group had raised the \$243,000 in four weeks.



Monkeying around

Five-year-old Kira Wolfe took to the trees in view of activity in and around the playground recently, getting a bird's eye ground.

Photo by Susan Lundy

'Constable' Filkow escapes arrest after filming spoof on draft OCP

Const. Sid Filkow of the Official Community Police (OCP) almost got himself arrested last week.

Filkow had completed filming a scene with Paul Marcano for their Community TV show *Isle of Views* when someone complained to Ganges RCMP that Filkow was

impersonating an RCMP officer.

Filkow was wearing an auxiliary constable's uniform as a prop for the TV program, and believes a retired police officer turned him in. However, Filkow said the matter was put to rest when he explained to the real police why he was

wearing the uniform.

The scene was filmed at Calypso Carpet, where Filkow "arrests" owner Alan Redpath for possession of illegal exterior paint colours for the purpose of trafficking. The episode was a spoof on the new community plan.

Cougar sightings continue on Salt Spring

Scattered reports of a cougar on Salt Spring are continuing to filter through the community and to the Duncan environment office.

Conservation officer Ken Broadland reported receiving a call last Wednesday shortly before 8 p.m. from Salt Spring resident Ross Walker reporting a sighting.

Another sighting was reported Tuesday morning by Myranda O'Byrne in the Walker Hook area. O'Byrne told Broadland she was walking her dog when she saw a large tan shape leap into a tree approximately 150 feet away.

There was also a sighting reported on the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club near the fifth hole.

"We're still looking for a good

substantiated report," Broadland said. Anyone sighting a cougar should call 1-800-663-9453 and

then remain by the phone so they can be contacted for further details.

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Brochure, tourism, info booth on chamber agenda

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Contributor

The Galiano Chamber of Commerce held its annual general meeting at the activity centre recently, chaired by president Dave Hutton.

The Galiano brochure, always an important project for the chamber, is already published and out in public places for visitors to view. New venues for the brochures this year are the Washington State Ferries and the Royal Victorian.

The chamber will continue to seek equitable ferry service for

Galiano, with its representatives attending ferry transportation meetings. Members are pleased the "red-eye special" on Friday evenings seems to be a thing of the past.

Andrew Loveridge and Edrie Holloway will manage the Tourist Information Centre this summer. Fundraising will be a priority in the months to come, since the chamber's only source of revenue at this time is money obtained through memberships. A single membership is presently \$12 per year, \$25 for a commercial enterprise.

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The election of officers produced little change from last year. Dave Hutton will continue as president with Norbert Deurichen as vice-president, Gerry Harrison as secretary and Mike Fenwick as treasurer. New directors are David Birchall, Lee Chalmers and Julia Pearson. Continuing to serve as directors are Brigitte Finnie, Pat Goodwin, Ann Hennessy, Andrew

Loveridge and Anne Nichols.

First responders

Eleven volunteer firefighters from Galiano's two fire departments took the first responder course (level two) recently.

Presenting the two-day study was Alima Patsch, first captain and training officer of the Sasamat Fire Department in Coquitlam. Studies consisted of 16 classroom hours over two days, and a written test one week later. All participants were successful in the practical portion of the exam, and it is believed all passed the written exam as well.

Three days after their weekend of instruction, North Galiano first responder volunteers were required to put their new knowledge to use when called to an accident near Retreat Cove. A cyclist's brakes jammed and the rider went over the handlebars to land on her head on the roadway.

Each department will now have at their respective halls a first responder bag containing an oxygen tank — something long desired in this community. Those taking the course were Rob Foster, Bill Jones, Larry McInerney, Robyn Potter, Michael Sharp and Ron Taylor from the south hall and Chris Bayliss, Hans and Thor Bongertman, Cecs den Holder and

Walter Roots from the north.

Pancake breakfast successful

The men of the North Galiano Community Association put on their aprons and cook's hats on the morning of May 12 to prepare their annual Mothers' Day Pancake Breakfast.

Each had an assigned job to do as either batter mixer, cook, server or dishwasher. Business was brisk during the event, with patrons enjoying the food and experiments of the all-male staff who are not entirely at home in front of a stove or a sink.

Workers included a former judge, a policeman, two teachers, a fisherman, a university professor, a salesman and an accountant. Not visible there was the event's lady shopper nor the other women who had prepared the fresh fruit salad the previous day. It was good fun and a unifying community event for all those present.

All-candidates meeting

Sponsored jointly by the Chamber of Commerce and the Ratepayers Association, a Saanich North and the Islands all-candidates meeting is planned for the activity centre on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Ferry schedules make it possible for residents of other islands to attend.



STITCHES: Driftwood's Galiano correspondent Alistair Ross takes a turn at quilting on the life quilt for breast cancer inspired by Judy

Reimer. The former Galiano woman was on the island last week with three panels from her quilt.

Scalloped potatoes dish up dissension

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Saturna firefighters lit the fires of change Saturday night when they officially altered a 40-year tradition and served scalloped potatoes rather than Spanish rice at the spring pig barbecue.

Change does not come easily after decades of tradition. Volunteers who worked for years cheerfully preparing Spanish rice dug in their heels at the prospect of becoming "scalped" potato people. The crew quit, promising to return and make Spanish rice for the fall barbecue. The firefighters had to recruit new workers to do the job. Fortunately, plenty of willing hands appeared.

Among the first to be recruited was Neal MacDonald, a scalloped potato advocate for many years. The new crew was assembled and under the watchful eye of Jon Guy the workers put together a real feast of potatoes and tossed green salad.

Compliments were lavish toward the cooks and crew as dinner was served up to a full house. If the rumour is true and some people boycotted the event in protest over losing the Spanish rice, the attendance did not bear up that fact.

Following dinner the band played late into the night and dancers mingled inside and on the patio, a new outdoor area licensed as a smoking section. This was another change but one that came without protest.

This evening was one of the most enjoyable barbecues I can remember in many years. Congratulations to the firefighters and all those who helped make this a memorable occasion.

Pip Woodcock has begun assembling a record of local history at the Eddie Reid Memorial Library. She has placed a binder

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marked "Local History" there and islanders are invited to add information to it. However, she advises everyone to keep a copy of their own submissions. The book will be available at the library for anyone to read during library hours.

Jack Rush has provided copies of the eulogies commemorating islanders Ernie Atkinson, Eddie Reid and Dave Jack. The book also has the known details of the life of Jose Maria Narvaez, who discovered Georgia Strait in 1792 and the manifest of his ship, the Santa Saturnina.

The history of the Old Stone Cottage at Narvaez Bay and information about the Lighthouse Cross in St. Christopher's Church will soon be added.

Zoe Robertson and Chris Steeves were married at St. Christopher's Church on Sunday. Both have close connections with the island. Steeves grew up on Saturna at his family home on Boot Cove. The Robertson family has vacationed and weekendened at their cottage on East Point Road for many years. Friends gathered from across the country to celebrate with the young couple.

Friday, June 7 has been set as

the day of the mint sauce workbee for the Saturna Lamb Barbecue. This is a fun evening and everyone is invited to come out and bring a refreshment to share. The mint sauce and spiced vinegar will be made from the Saturna secret recipe.

If you have mint growing, please bring some along. Look for the workbee schedule coming out in early June. These workbees are a good way to make new friends and socialize with your neighbours.

Work is continuing on the Official Community Plan. The review steering committee has meetings scheduled for May 25 at 2 p.m. and June 2 at 1 p.m. both at the community hall. Everyone is welcome to come to these public meetings.

May 25 is the final Timmy's Telethon crib night for the year. This night of cards is enjoyable family entertainment. Admission is \$2 per person and light refreshments are available. Drop in and see who will win the championship for the best cumulative score of the year.

Em and Laura Coombes are welcoming family and friends to a celebration of their 50th anniversary on Sunday, May 26. A drop-in tea will be held at the community hall from 1 to 4 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

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