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## Trust estimates plan review cost will hit \$221,000

Salt Spring's new Official Community Plan (OCP) will cost an estimated \$221,000 by the time it is completed, according to figures from the Islands Trust.

Half the total is covered by \$88,000 in planning grants from the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs doled out between 1994 and 1996. A further \$10,000 grant is anticipated in 1997.

The Trust is expected to match those grants with either funding or equivalent value in staff time. Trust manager of planning Sandra Smith notes an additional \$25,000 was allocated to the project by Trust Council due to the significant amount of public consultation done as part of the review.

"I'm not surprised that it is adding up like that," said Grace Byrne, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee member. Given the costs are spread over five years and it has been 20 years since the last community plan was completed, she felt the \$221,000 total was reasonable.

"Planners don't come cheap," she noted.

The next version of the plan will be shorter than the 300-page first draft. Byrne said she and fellow trustee Bob Andrew are working on the plan over the summer, attempting to respond to concerns expressed at the public meetings, in 185 letters they received and in comments from government agencies.

"We've got great chunks shortened down," Byrne said, predicting the second draft will be approximately 150 pages. "We expect to see the second draft out in early September."

She said that date may be delayed, depending on circumstances.

The trustees have given up on their earlier goal of completing the task this term.

"There's no way we could do that before the election," Byrne said.

Once the second draft is out, she estimates there will be approximately six weeks of consultation with the community before considering first reading.

## Harbour speed limit 10 kph

Boaters heading into Ganges Harbour should practise throttling back — a new 10-kilometre-per-hour speed limit will go into effect as soon as the signs can be erected.

A year ago the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club applied for a speed limit in the harbour in order to protect boats from excessive wash. The request was recently granted by the Ministry

of Environment, Lands and Parks.

The speed limit covers all craft operating level with and east of the sailing club.

"It's now in effect but we have to get the signs up," Salt Spring Trust Committee member Grace Byrne said. She expects the sailing club will be erecting the signs.

The RCMP are responsible for enforcing the speed limit.

## From magic to music at Fulford Saturday

Islanders and visitors will find homegrown fun Saturday at Drummond Park, as Fulford Days kicks off its eighth annual celebration of fun, friends and food.

"It's a total family event ... a day to see all your friends at one time," said organizer Frank Desipio.

All the favourites from previous years are planned again this year. There will be children's games and races starting at 10 a.m., a celebrity dunk tank, pony rides, bingo and a magic show at noon.

The magic show will be followed by a line-up of musical talent, including the upbeat chords of Salt Lick, the Barley Bros., Kindred Spirits, the Celtic lilt of

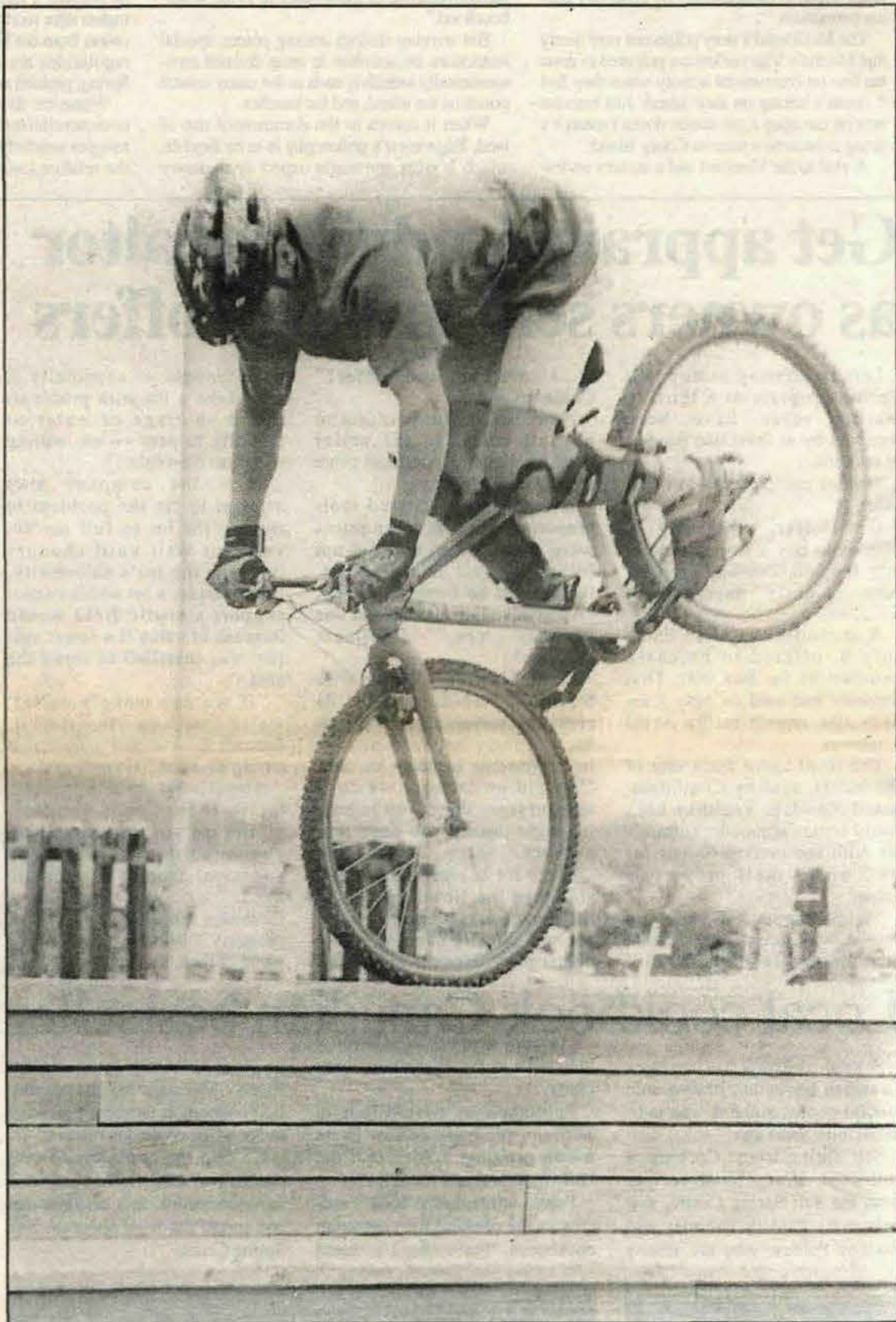
Triskele, The Pipe Band, Kelly Cavanaugh and Lisa Max and "a surprise or two."

Served up with the music will be a range of concessions, serving homemade pies, salmon, barbecued beef or lamb, corn on the cob, vegetarian chili, hamburgers and hot dogs.

T-shirts will be available and there will also be a raffle with 22 prizes, including framed Robert Bateman and Carol Evans prints, a Tom Duquette print of an Anghik sculpture and a native carving by W. Thomas.

Desipio hopes a host of islanders of all ages will attend.

"Take the day off and have a good time," he suggested.



**BALANCING ACT:** Salt Spring's Jeff Grant demonstrates his prowess by balancing his mountain bike atop the risers at the Centennial Park bandshell. He will compete in the world championships later this month.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Grant eyes world championship

By DANIEL BENNETT  
Driftwood Staff

Jeff Grant will compete against the best mountain bike trial riders in the world later this month.

On August 28, Grant will ride in the Nova U.S. Championships in Mammoth Lake, California. Two days later he will compete in a prestigious invitational meet. The combined events are generally accepted as the world championships for trials, since there is no official championships and no higher level of competition.

Grant, a resident of Salt Spring for 12 years, began doing trials seriously six years ago. Now, at the age of 19, he is currently the

No. 1 trials rider in B.C. and leads the B.C. Cup Trials Series.

What is "trial riding" anyway? Bouncing, hopping, riding on the back wheel, or only on the front ... riding over stairs, logs, picnic tables, cars or pick-up trucks.

At each competition a series of obstacle courses is set up, which each rider completes twice. Points are assessed against a rider each time he puts a foot down. Riders are given five points if they go outside the ribbons marking the boundaries of the course or if they put two feet down at once. The rider with the least points or "dabs" wins the competition.

Obstacles are usually a mix of

natural and man-made objects. Natural obstacles include boulders, mud, logs, stumps, while there are also stacked pallets, two-by-fours, ramps, teeter-totter devices, tires — virtually anything.

The riders are usually quite spectacular and of all mountain bike events, this "spectator sport" is quickly becoming the favourite. Cross-country racing is difficult to watch, as you can only see riders fly by at one point in the race. The downhill event is much the same because of the wooded mountain terrain usually used. However, the dual slalom and tri-

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# Martha's Vineyarders drew the line on McDonald's

Keep Mac off Martha. That was the message on bumper-stickers a decade or so ago when McDonald's Restaurants attempted to raise the golden arches on Martha's Vineyard.

The island's winter population of 14,000 wouldn't be enough to support a McDonald's, but the summer numbers of 100,000 certainly would. However, the burger chain lost its bid to set up shop on this 100-square-mile island southeast of Boston.

Opposition from islanders was simply too strong and in the end, the town in which the chain hoped to open refused the necessary zoning permission.

The McDonald's story points out very nicely that Martha's Vineyarders are prepared to draw the line on commercial activity when they feel it doesn't belong on their island. Just because anyone can open a gas station doesn't mean it's going to become a sister to Coney Island.

A visit to the Vineyard and a cursory review

## TONY RICHARDS



of land use controls revealed that islanders recognize the importance of a strong economy as much as they wish to see its natural amenities protected. For example, Edgartown's residential zoning will allow a homeowner to open a restaurant or even a gas station, "primarily for the convenience of those residing in the neighbourhood."

But overlay district zoning places special restrictions on activities in areas deemed environmentally sensitive, such as the many coastal ponds on the island, and the beaches.

When it comes to the commercial use of land, Edgartown's philosophy is to be flexible, which is what one might expect in a country

where free enterprise rules. But this doesn't preclude getting tough on maintaining visual conformity. Ganges' Flying Saucer Cafe probably would not fly in Edgartown, where many buildings are the former homes of whaling captains. Built in the last century, they are beautiful, stately structures decorated with white siding and black window shutters. For a tourist from the relatively young west coast, a stroll through Edgartown is marvellous for its historical significance.

The town also takes a hard line on signs. The building inspector has the authority to decide on whether a sign is appropriate, a decision he makes after receiving feedback on a sign application from the signage advisory council. Sign regulations are extensive and, like on Salt Spring, prohibit neon.

Where we do differ is in our attitude toward commercialism. Commercial development mingles tastefully with residential. And despite the relative laxity of residential zoning with

regard to business activity, the visual effect is not unpleasant. Indeed, the Vineyard is a beautiful place.

In Edgartown, simplicity is also a key feature. There are but 10 zones, or districts as they call them. Instead of myriad different zones to control land use, there is a handful of districts with basic permitted uses. Variations on those uses can be obtained by making special application to a board of appeals.

For example, in the R-60 Residential District, which has a minimum lot size of 1 1/2 acres, permitted uses include a single family dwelling, religious and educational, public parks and recreational buildings.

But apply for a special permit and you might be able to change your house to a duplex or operate a small-scale business or industry. One of the keys to the latter is keeping traffic and visual impact to a minimum.

Next week we'll look at some other common-sense ideas with regard to preservation.

# Get appraisal, advises realtor as owners sent low-ball offers

Letters offering to buy Salt Spring property at a third of market value have been received by at least two property owners.

Neither accepted the low-ball offer.

One letter, sent July 8, offered to buy a two-acre property for \$96,000. The property was recently assessed at \$325,000.

A second letter, also dated July 8, offered to purchase another lot for \$46,000. That property had sold on May 3 for \$125,500, reports realtor Arvid Chalmers.

The local agent fears one of the letters, sent by Coquitlam-based Newdale Ventures Ltd., could tempt someone unfamiliar with the market to sell for well under their property's value.

"What happens if some old couple, who doesn't know what their property is worth, thinks it

is a pretty good offer?" Chalmers asked.

Newdale Ventures offers to pay all costs, so the seller receives the full purchase price quoted in the letter.

If someone purchased their property years ago, when prices were much lower, and did not follow the real estate market, they might be tempted to sell. "All you've got to do is get one to say yes," Chalmers remarked.

Colin Howell, a buyer with Newdale Ventures, said the company makes such low bids for property because no one from Newdale inspects the lots. "We bid on lots but we do it sight unseen. When you're buying sight unseen you can't take a chance."

If the lot is much more valuable than the Newdale bid and the owner wants to sell, he or she will usually counter with a higher price, Howell added. But

some people — especially if they have a lot with problems like a shortage of water or inability to perc — are willing to sell to Newdale.

Then the company may attempt to fix the problem to restore the lot to full market value or wait until changes increase the lot's saleability. For example, a lot which cannot support a septic field would increase in value if a sewer system was installed to serve the area.

"If we can make a dollar, we're willing to do it. Sometimes it is just a matter of sitting on a lot," Howell said.

Newdale has been in business for two to three years, he added.

"Before you sell your land you should always get an appraisal from a real estate agent or an appraiser," Chalmers said. An evaluation of property value by a real estate agent is free, he added.

# Local cookbook Canadian bestseller

A local cookbook has become a Canadian bestseller, having sold 10,000 copies since it was published three years ago.

Salt Spring Island Cooking, a collection of vegetarian recipes from the Salt Spring Centre, was written by Pamela Thornley and Rodney Polden, who are among

the cooks at the Blackburn Road facility.

Published by MacMillan in Toronto, the book is now in its fourth printing, Polden told the Driftwood. It retails for \$22.95.

Polden attributes the book's success to the demand for vegetarian cookbooks. "From what I've heard

on Peter Gzowsky (host of CBC Radio's Morningside), the vegetarian cookbook is the fastest growing sector of the cookbook market."

He said the book has accomplished two things. It has helped to introduce people to a healthier diet and spread the word about the Salt Spring Centre.

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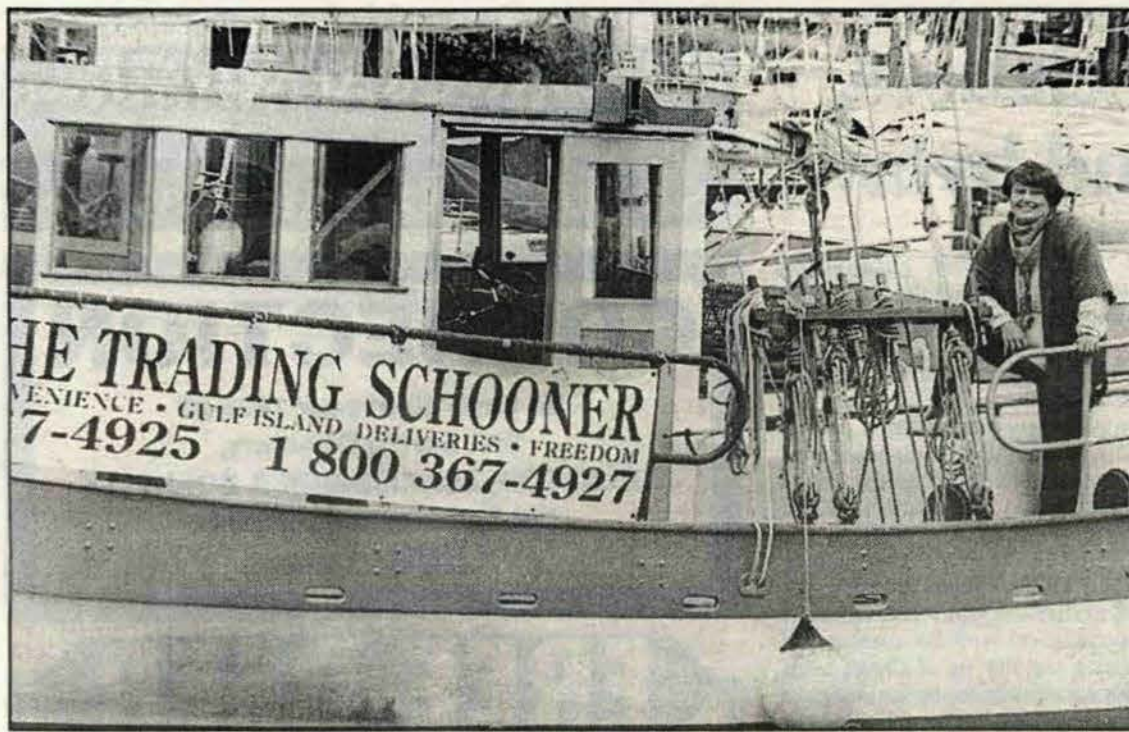
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Colleen Fitzgerald Shannon stands on the deck of her gaff-rigged pinky schooner, ready to promote trade among the islands. Shannon

is operating The Trading Schooner, a floating market for the Gulf Islands, aboard the vessel.

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## Proposal gives Internet access to schools, libraries in islands

A proposal to give Internet access to all Gulf Islands schools has been submitted to the Provincial Learning Network by Ganges-based Imagen Communications.

The proposal is to give fractional T1 connections to Gulf Islands secondary, Salt Spring Island Middle School, Salt Spring elementary, the school district office and Phoenix elementary for a cost of \$6,300 per month. The proposal also includes Internet access via a leased line able to carry 384K to Fernwood elementary, Fulford elementary and the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library.

Imagen also proposes to link the Outer Islands schools to the company's service on those islands. Pender elementary-secondary would be connected by a 384K leased line and the other schools on Galiano, Mayne and Saturna as well as the Galiano Activity Centre and Pender

Public Library would gain Internet access over the telephone lines using 33.6K modems.

In his proposal, Imagen president Dwight Jones points out his company is the only local Internet service provider for Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands. Advantages of his service would include local technical support and central administration for the entire district plus the elimination of long distance charges for Internet access.

Including the cost of all the required hardware, Jones noted it will be possible to service the entire school district and three island libraries for just under \$8,000 a month. He also pointed out the T1 service offered by Imagen will be able to handle video conferencing.

"This proposal delivers a strong DS1 (T1) signal to five sites and a robust 384K line to

two others," Jones stated. "A single monthly payment of \$6,300 bandwidth and \$1,662 lease-to-own will set up an entire school district and three libraries with a bandwidth that is distributed as fully and evenly as is technically possible."

Other services proposed by Imagen include Microsoft professional training for island residents, programming instructions for students and video conferencing via Camosun College.

"This proposal provides free (Internet) access to three regional libraries," Jones added. He argued that the free access will benefit end users unable to establish their own Internet accounts.

The Provincial Learning Network is a province-wide agency established to ensure Internet access for public schools. More details on its operation are expected before September.

## Ministry imposes ban on campfires in area parks

Gulf Islands campers will have to live without marshmallow roasts: the environment ministry has banned outdoor fires in several provincial parks.

Campfire bans are in effect on Galiano Island in Montague Harbour and Dionisio Point parks; at Prior Centennial Park on North Pender; Beaumont Park on South Pender; Ruckle Park on

Salt Spring; Saturna's Winter Cove Park; Princess Margaret Park on Portland Island; and Sidney Spit on Sidney Island.

A permanent campfire ban exists at Isle-de-Lis Park on Rum Island, and on Cabbage, Wallace and D'Arcy islands.

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## Beekeeping deemed high-risk

To bee or not to bee, that is one question facing North Pender residents during a review of land use bylaws.

A proposed amendment to the bylaw would limit beekeeping to parcels of five acres or more, explained North Pender Trust Committee member Gail Jamieson. One reason for the restriction was concern over the number of people allergic to bee stings.

However, the restriction was challenged at a public meeting July 18 and now the trustees are

seeking more information about beekeeping.

Bees do not require a large, undeveloped tract of land, Jamieson observed. "We're going to try and get more information on it."

Another part of the land use bylaw review is the keeping of farm animals, such as horses, on residential lots. At present, Jamieson said there are no restrictions so even in a densely populated area like Magic Lake Estates, every property owner could keep a horse on his or her lot.

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# Trust scratched some clauses, altered others to amend bylaw

Islands Trust members sharpened their figurative red pencils July 29 to scratch or alter 19 out of 27 clauses in Bylaw 42, which amends the Islands Trust policy statement.

At an all-day meeting in Nanaimo they adopted changes to the bylaw recommended by the Trust executive committee and policy planning committee, and added some changes of their own.

Controversial clauses, one on amenity zoning and one on Trust protocols being adopted by future island municipalities, were eliminated from the bylaw.

Also cut from the bylaw were the following clauses:

- Trust Council holds that agricultural practices should be regulated under the B.C. Waste Management Act to protect downstream water users.

- Local Trust committees and, where applicable, municipalities (LTCs/municipalities) shall in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws (OCPs/bylaws) address the management of agricultural waste.

- LTCs/municipalities shall in their OCPs/bylaws address the design of residential storm water drainage systems to protect agricultural lands from contaminants or excessive flows.

- LTCs/municipalities shall in their OCPs/bylaws address the retention of large land holdings and parcel sizes for agriculture.

- LTCs/municipalities shall in their OCPs/bylaws address the preservation of agricultural land for current and future use.

Trustees pointed out all four clauses were unnecessary: the first because it simply indicates agreement with government policy, which is a given; the second and third because the issue is regulated by the province; and the fourth and fifth because both are redundant, given earlier policy statements on preserving agriculture.

Major changes were made to five clauses before being accepted by trustees.

The original wording of Clause 4.1.2 stated "Trust Council holds that agricultural policies shall

address capacity, sustainability and the relationship of agriculture to other land uses."

Trustees reworked the clause to "LTCs/municipalities shall address the preservation, protection and encouragement of agriculture, sustainability of agriculture and the relationship of agriculture to other land uses."

Clause 4.1.3 was simplified to "Trust Council encourages the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH) to ensure that where roads must sever agricultural lands, these roads are to be built to a minimum standard" from the original "Trust Council encourages the MOTH to ensure that, where it approves roads that sever agricultural land to provide access to lands beyond, these roads are built to the minimum standard necessary to service that land."

Simplification and clarification of the original wording of 4.1.6 produced a policy stating "Trust Council encourages the provincial government and the B.C. Assessment Authority to retain a separate farm class to provide significant property tax incentives; ensure that farm income thresholds for agriculture are appropriate to agriculture within the Trust area and acknowledge that the total land area subject to the farm class may include land left uncultivated."

A policy which encouraged "agricultural management practices that sustain wildlife habitat" became more flexible with revised wording which stated "It is Trust Council's policy to encourage agricultural management practices that are compatible with sustaining wildlife habitat."

Saturna trustee John Money remarked that farming is usually not compatible with maintaining wildlife habitat, while Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew pointed out the clause "encourages" habitat preservation rather than regulating it.

Nine words were lopped off the original 4.1.10 to produce a policy stating "LTC/municipalities shall in their OCPs/bylaws address the use of adjacent properties to minimize adverse effects on agricultural

lands." Minor wording changes by trustees produced the following policies:

- Trust council encourages the B.C. Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to approve applications from property owners for inclusion of their land with potential for agriculture in the provincial Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

- LTCs/municipalities shall in their OCPs/bylaws address: the identification and preservation of agricultural land for current and future use; the use of Crown lands for agricultural leases; the design of road systems and servicing corridors to minimize any adverse effect on agricultural land; the development of a classification system of rural roadways including scenic or heritage road designations in recognition of the object of the Islands Trust; the impacts of road location, design, construction and systems.

- Trust Council encourages the MOTH and local communities to work together through a public consultation process to evaluate road construction and road system proposals to achieve integration of a community's environmental, economic and social values.

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# Eight clauses saw no changes

Eight out of 27 clauses in Bylaw 42 slid through Islands Trust Council's July 29 review with no changes.

These were:

- Trust Council encourages agents of the government of B.C. or the government of Canada, Crown corporations, municipalities, regional districts, non-government organizations, property owners and occupiers (government/owners/occupiers) to protect environmentally sensitive areas and significant natural sites, features and landforms through voluntary stewardship, conservation covenants and careful management.
- It is Trust Council's policy that marine areas be protected and coastal zone management principles be defined in consultation with agents of government/owners/occupiers.
- Trust Council recognizes that agriculture is a traditional

and valuable activity in the Trust area.

- Trust Council shall consult with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) and the B.C. Agricultural Land Commission to ensure that agriculture policies applied to the Trust area are appropriate to the nature of agriculture within the Trust area, including but not limited to the smaller island scale of agricultural activities.

- Local Trust committees and, where applicable, municipalities, shall in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws address land uses and activities that support the economic viability of farms without compromising the agriculture capability of agricultural land.

"I don't believe the Trust is in the business of dealing with economic viability," Thetis trustee John Dunfield remarked.

- Trust Council encourages

provincial, federal and local governments to provide information and databases to LTCs and communities to assist them in land use planning.

- Trust Council holds that island communities within the Trust area are themselves best able to determine the most effective local government structure to support their local autonomy and specific community needs within the object of the Islands Trust.

- Trust Council holds that island municipalities shall, in all of their actions, have regard for the Trust policy statement and the object of the Islands Trust.

Saturna trustee John Money suggested the phrase "in all of their actions" is not needed as part of that policy, to which vice-chairwoman Diane Cragg said the policy is innocuous since it does not direct an island municipality to any action.

# 10 spoke on Bylaw 42

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Concern over the original wording of Islands Trust Bylaw 42 was strongest on Salt Spring and Mayne islands, judging by public input into Islands Trust Council's July 29 meeting.

Of 11 submissions from the public received at the meeting, six came from Mayne Island and five came from Salt Spring.

Of the 10 island residents who attended the Nanaimo meeting to speak on the bylaw, seven came from Salt Spring, two from Gabriola and one from Denman Island.

Tony Hume, administrator of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, urged trustees to better define the Trust's recreation policy, criticized the limited opportunity for islanders to comment on the bylaw and objected to the bylaw clause restricting use of amenity zoning.

Speaking on behalf of farmers, John Wilcox of Salt Spring criticized the Trust for drafting agricultural policies without more input from the farming community.

Jeremy Moray of Salt Spring questioned the process and clauses which attempt to regulate agriculture and any future island municipalities.

Jack Vandort of Salt Spring pointed out more than 100 islanders had voted against the bylaw at a meeting July 15, compared to one person who voted in favour. "If you are in doubt about this bylaw — don't," he said.

Joan McConnell of Salt Spring

felt the Trust insulted islanders by drafting policies which assume islanders need to be regulated into protecting the Trust's preserve and protect mandate. Alan McConnell, an engineer, questioned whether roads built to island standards would meet safety requirements.

Regional director Dietrich Luth predicted higher taxes, more bureaucracy and possible court action by residents if the Trust passed the proposed bylaw.

"Brace yourself for some real heavy flack if this thing goes through, including court action," he said.

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## Firemen attend 3 fires

Tinder-dry brush helped spark three fires on Salt Spring in the past week and a reinforcement of the fire department's burning ban.

Approximately 200 square feet of brush was scorched in a grass fire on Mount Belcher, reported just after 3 p.m. last Wednesday when smoke was seen from Ganges. The fire department's four-wheel-drive vehicle reached the blaze but had to make more than one trip back to the tanker to replenish its water supply. A campfire is the suspected cause.

At 8 p.m. the same day firefighters were called out to extinguish a stump pile on Long Harbour Road which had re-ignited.

On Saturday morning firefighters helped divert traffic via Stewart Road to Ganges after a large tree fell across the power lines in the 1600 block of Fulford-Ganges Road at approximately 8:45 a.m. B.C. Hydro had to shut down the power to remove the tree.

A tossed cigarette is blamed for a small brush fire on Cranberry Road, reported at 6:15 p.m. Sunday and quickly extinguished by firefighters.

Firefighters also enforced the burning ban, going out last Tuesday evening to put out a rubbish fire on Long Harbour Road and remind the owner about the ban.

"You have to have a permit to light a cigarette — almost," joked Captain Erling Jorgensen.



**MAYORAL WELCOME:** Self-appointed Salt Spring mayor Jeremy Moray, left, welcomes the Seattle Yacht Club's Michael Duffy at ceremony in Ganges last Tuesday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Moray plays mayor role in yacht club welcome

Ganges gained an acting mayor for a day, complete with mini pipe band, old chain and "a very small key for a very small city" as part of a welcome last Tuesday for the Seattle Yacht Club's Commodore's Outstation Appreciation Tour (COAT).

Asked to provide a "mayor" to greet the commodore, the Chamber of Commerce tapped former manager Jeremy Moray for the job. He dug out an old chain and hung it with a small key for the role.

Local woodworker Keith Shantz created a mock trophy in wood, etched with the words Boston 1773 — Ganges 1996 and adorned with two tea bags, which was presented to the yacht club's commodore.

Moray was accompanied by three pipers and a drummer for the presentation at Ganges Marina, which wound up with a dockside party involving boaters on approximately 25 craft from

the yacht club.

The yacht club has reserved a section of the marina as an outstation for the year, so club members can sail into Ganges and dock. The annual tour of outstations by the club commodore involves the presentation of a "coat" from each outstation. Then both the coat and commodore are dunked, in a ceremony called "floating the coat."

Aside from the fun, Moray pointed out that welcoming the group was good for the community. Some of those present Tuesday were regular visitors to Ganges but some had not been to the island for 20 years.

One yacht club visitor dropped \$6,000 during a morning shopping trip, Moray noted. "It just shows the value."

He reports the yacht club is considering reserving dock space again next year so Ganges will continue to be an outstation for club members.

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## SOUL TRAVELERS OF THE FAR COUNTRY

Spiritual experiences can happen in many different situations — when daydreaming, fully awake, in the dream state, or in an out-of-body state. Out-of-body travel — from Carlos Casteneda's expansion of consciousness, to Elizabeth Kubler-Ross's investigations of near-death experiences — has been documented in dozens of books. Most describe the phenomenon as expanded awareness, seeing beyond the beyond, leaving the physical body behind, and traveling into an inner world of light.

One spiritual experience is soul travel — a term from the Religion of the Light and Sound of God known as Eckankar, and described as the projection of inner consciousness. Unlike astral travel, soul travel is unlimited.

The ECK in Eckankar stands for

**One spiritual experience is soul travel — a term from the Religion of the Light and Sound of God known as Eckankar, and described as the projection of inner consciousness.**

the life force or Divine Spirit. The teachings of ECK have ancient roots, and were introduced to the modern world in 1965 by American author Paul Twitchell. Twitchell wrote that the ECK flowed from one religion to another, from the Himalayas to the plateaus of Iran, from Sinai to Tabor, from the tombs of Egypt to the sanctuary of Eleusis. As the modern-day founder of Eckankar, Twitchell followed the golden thread linking our many and varied religions. With the assistance of ancient Adepts (inner spiritual guides), he set

about compiling the ancient teachings into a living religion. He gathered these golden teachings of Light and Sound and made them readily available to everyone. Now an international religion, Eckankar emphasizes the direct connection between the individual and God.

According to Twitchell's writings, the basic tenet of Eckankar is that you are Soul — in contrast to other traditional religions that state you are a body with a Soul. The present leader of Eckankar, Harold Klemp (known as the Living ECK Master) says Eckankar teaches you how to attain spiritual freedom in this lifetime. According to Klemp, the way to spiritual freedom is through opening your heart, and doing a daily 20-minute spiritual contemplation. "The whole purpose of any religion," he says, "should be

to show its people how to love." "The ECK allowed my negative habits to fall away naturally, leaving me more honest joy in my life," says Rae Armour.

No props are necessary in order to experience soul travel. More active than meditation, contemplation consciously activates the experience rather than waiting to receive it. There are many spiritual exercises, including the repetition of a sacred word, focusing on a pinpoint of light on your inner screen or in your third eye (a communication port), or listening to a sound

in your inner ear. The Light you see when you shut your eyes, and the Sound that rings in your ears, are examples of personal contact with the Light and Sound of God. By using these twin aspects, it is said that you can tap into past lives and gain spiri-

**... everything we do, everything that happens to us, is for our own spiritual good and of our own making.**

tual insights from your dreams and daily life.

A basic spiritual exercise is to sing the word HU, (pronounced like the word hue) — a universal name for God. Singing a word to help you focus on the inner planes is also a practice of some Eastern religions. To begin the spiritual exercise, you either sit comfortably or lie down in a quiet atmosphere. Close your eyes and sing HU silently or aloud for several minutes. Gently put your attention on your inner visual screen, where daydreams and images come to you. You may experience the Light and Sound of ECK, gain a new insight into your life, or receive a spiritual healing or protection. With practice, you can travel into the inner worlds of Light and Sound — a series of spiritual universes which Klemp called the far country.

Klemp tells of a classic soul travel experience in his book, *Soul Travelers of the Far Country*. "A single pinpoint of white light appeared in the depths of the dark universe before me. It was far off in the distance but exploded towards me at a fantastic speed. Then I flew towards it, like a tiny dot of

light racing to meet a planet of unspeakable radiance." He tells how he met a Tibetan spiritual guide after passing through a curtain of light and coming out on the other side to a world of brilliant colours.

Millions of people are having

these profound spiritual experiences which include near-deaths and feeling the presence of angels. People say they see a light that makes them feel loved. They hear the sound of an inner voice guiding them, and they receive premonitions and intuitions. By practising soul travel, many people consciously receive these spiritual insights. Anyone with self-discipline and an open heart can soul travel.

"Eckankar has taught me about my true self — the Big Picture, so to speak," says power engineer Russ Torlage. "This has changed my perspective on life in a wholesome and fundamental way. My attention now is focused on areas such as respect

and responsibility for the environment, broader awareness for alternative health and holistic practices, and in helping others realize their true spiritual potential."

Rainie Hepple, sales and marketing representative, says Eckankar has given her a way to build what she calls her 'spiritual tool kit,' which is available for use in any situation that presents itself in her daily life.

"When we come to ECK, we find that the games of illusion come to an end," says Klemp. "Finally we reach the understanding that everything we do, everything that happens to us, is for our own spiritual good and of our own making. At the end of the road, we realize that the spiritual path is about love for all, self-responsibility, and responsibility to all life."

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# Accused, tried by rumour mill, islanders consider legal action

Two Salt Spring residents are considering legal action after separate rumours were spread during the past few months charging that each was a pedophile.

One accuser contacted the Driftwood with her allegations but later declined to go on record until charges are laid.

However, neither claim has been substantiated by charges. Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan said he would do what he could to protect the community but to date there has been no reason for action.

One of those making the accusations claimed that police had confirmed the alleged criminal had a record for similar offences, a claim firmly scotched by police. "We can't give out information that's held in databanks, whether it is for the person who is requesting it or their neighbour," Bunyan explained.

This means that a person could not get a copy of their own criminal record from police — much less be able to find out if another person has a criminal record. Legislation forbids the release of such information.

"People have a right to live outside of harassment," Bunyan observed. "A person is innocent until proven guilty."

When it comes to rumour, local photographer Mike Gluss thinks the saying should be reversed. "In cases like this, you're guilty until proven innocent."

Six years ago he saw a friend on the island chewed up by the rumour mill after someone made a series of allegations which later proved to be groundless. He has now seen another friend lose a job, be evicted from an apartment because of a so-called criminal record and suffer personal threats as the "pedophile" rumour spread.

"I realized it could happen to anyone, including myself," Gluss said. "Someone just has to go and make up a story, anytime about anything, and you're automatically guilty."

Since he lives near the top of Mount Maxwell, Gluss frequently picks up hitchhikers heading up to the park. Now he wonders how he would defend himself if a hitchhiker falsely charged him with assault. Even if no charges were laid, the damage could be

done by the accusation, he observed.

"Being a small island, of course it gets around," he said. "What can you do?"

One option is waiting it out and hoping the rumour lacks enough substance to do damage.

Another option is legal action, now being pursued by both the rumour victims.

Bunyan points out a charge of mischief could be laid if the rumour interferes with the "lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property." Harassment charges are another possibility.

But Bunyan said it can be difficult to pin down the source of a rumour or control the mutations of the information as it passes from person to person.

"Gossip never stays the same," said Ruth Volquardsen, who conducts workshops on gossip. She points out that everyone is different so everyone hears a story differently and passes it on differently. "Even if there is a kernel of truth to it, people jump to conclusions and make moral judgments, often with very little basis in fact."

# Boat sails from danger after engine quits

A sailboat sailed away from danger Thursday, cancelling a rescue mission for Ganges Coast Guard.

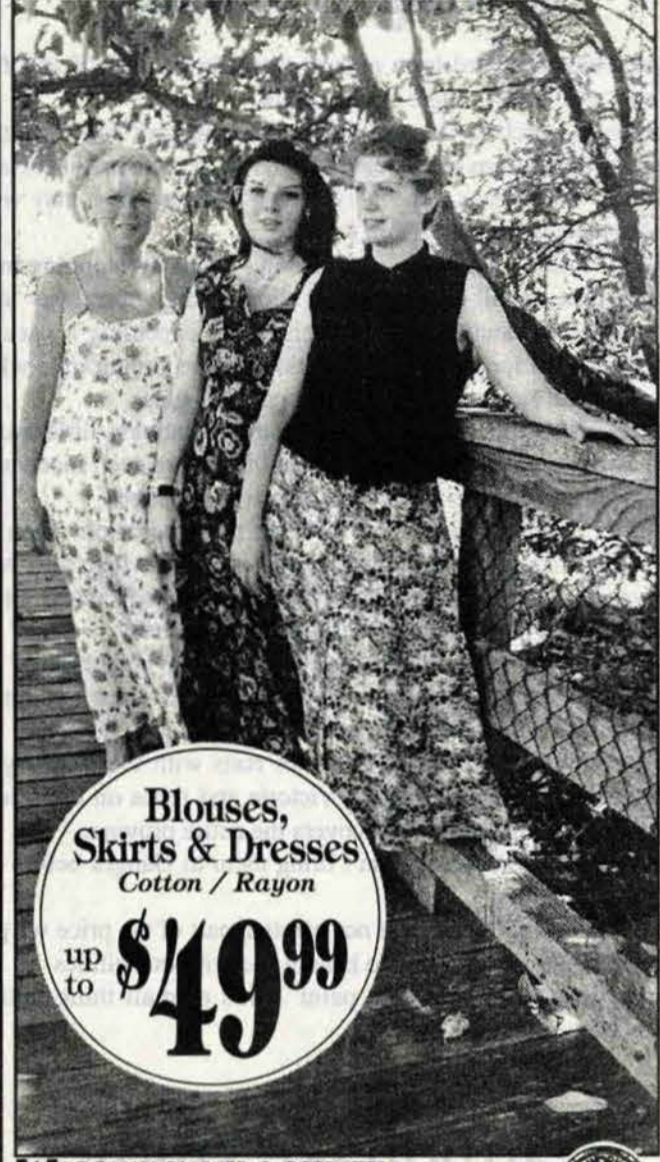
A call for help had come in from a 39-foot sailboat just before 3 p.m. after the boat's engine failed while travelling at the top end of Moresby Island. The plea for help was cancelled after the

boat operator raised the sails and discovered it was possible to sail into port.

Another call for help from a nervous sailor came in at 1:45 a.m. last Wednesday when the operator of a 45-foot rental boat asked for help sailing into Ganges Harbour in the dark. Coast Guard members obliged.

Coast Guard members also responded to the crash of a small seaplane in Patricia Bay Saturday at approximately 10:48 a.m. The plane flipped upside down but the two aboard, a man and his daughter, were able to escape with minor injuries. Both had been taken ashore and to hospital by the time the Coast Guard arrived.

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# OPINION

## Crosswalk painting is long overdue

**D**on't look too hard for a parking space in Ganges. If you find one, you'll have to get out and walk.

The snarl which is Ganges' summer traffic isn't fun for either drivers or pedestrians but at least the drivers go into battle encased in armour. Pedestrians, especially on hot summer days, may wear only the legal minimum in thin fabric.

Island drivers' October to May driving habits — stopping mid-block to chat or call out to friends, slipping the wrong way up a one-way street, double-parking at the curb, expecting a parking space within 10 feet of their destination and becoming irate when they can't find one — exacerbate the traffic tangles.

So do island pedestrians, accustomed to relatively little traffic much of the year and therefore inclined to ignore such niceties as crosswalks and corners when dashing across the street.

Visitors often abandon some of their traffic caution when on vacation and adopt the local custom of wandering where they will. But even if islanders and visitors wanted to play it safe by using the crosswalks, they might have trouble finding them.

Far too much traffic has passed over the pavement since the crosswalks were last painted, and the few faded lines remaining don't promise much pedestrian protection.

Responsibility for painting the lines rests with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways in Victoria and relies on the scheduling of a painting crew which covers the entire province.

This year their schedule didn't bring them to Ganges before the start of the season.

So the crosswalk lines were not painted, part of the price we pay for having no local authority to handle such responsibilities.

A few lines, a bit of white paint ... it's a small thing until a tragedy occurs.

## Earthquake study should include islands

**B**y pointing out that Salt Spring should be part of the upcoming Capital Regional District (CRD) study on earthquake zones, regional director Dietrich Luth has said what needed to be said.

We have criticized Luth in the past for being unnecessarily secretive, occasionally abrasive and failing to represent the majority of islanders. The first failing often ensures that a lot of what Luth does behind the scenes goes unnoticed — and unheralded. At the last CRD meeting, however, he openly displayed his ability to represent Salt Spring.

Island taxpayers are helping pay for the study, he said. Salt Spring Islanders should reap some benefit.

Eliminating Salt Spring, Sooke and the Outer Islands from the study was a cost-saving measure for the CRD. But since it is being financed in part by the general revenue to which all those districts contribute, eliminating those communities smacked of the sort of taxation without representation which has been known to spark revolutions.

Luth couldn't speak for Sooke or the Outer Islands. But he reminded fellow board members that Salt Spring is as susceptible to earthquake damage as downtown Victoria and should be part of the study. Fault lines already exist on the island. The filled land on which much of Ganges is built and the steep hill overlooking the town pose additional hazards should an earthquake occur.

Luth convinced the CRD board to take a second look at including the island in the study.

The information would undoubtedly be of great use to the volunteers who look after the community's Provincial Emergency Program. Swinging into action after a major earthquake, the volunteers would know where an earthquake would hit hardest.

The study's findings could help save lives.

We trust that Luth's colleagues on the CRD board will see the wisdom of his argument and include Salt Spring, along with Sooke and the Outer Islands, in the study.

Those who pay the piper ought to be able to enjoy the tune.

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## Hats off to all the 'yahoos' who defended interests of islanders

By PAUL MARCANO

I have to say it warmed my heart to see some of our island's most thoughtful and involved people come together to focus on the issues and rationally present the Islands Trust with crisp counter-points to a very poorly drafted Bylaw 42.

Islanders and their children in the future will never know how close we came to losing our fundamental rights as citizens to envision our own future in terms of amenity zoning, basic self-governing protocols and the sheer tax dollars that would have been wasted in further duplication of existing government regulations.

Since your reporting did not credit any of the 10 islanders (labelled "yahoos and critics" in your editorials) who modified this rampant policy-generating Trust organization, I would certainly like to take my hat off to the following people who made presentations on our behalf. In order of appearance and from Salt Spring unless otherwise noted:

- Tony Hume for ensuring we can envision our island amenities for the future;
- Jay Mussell of Gabriola for making sure that those amenities zones are not "bought" by special interests;
- John Wilcox for pointing out that we are not a municipality yet and that small family farms are being regulated out of existence;
- Jeremy Moray for his continued efforts to ensure free-enterprise and commerce among the islands;
- Jacinthe Eastick of Gabriola for her astute attention to detail and for pointing out that the Trust should not be so assuming;
- Jack Vandort for observing that there's never been an official public referendum acknowledging the Islands Trust as a local government of any kind;
- Joan and Alan McConnell for demonstrating that even true-blue Trust supporters feel uncomfortable about its continued encroachment upon our lives;
- Norma Rejall of Denman for reminding us that we nevertheless need the Trust to stop rampant



clearcutting and corporate land rape; and

• CRD director Dietrich Luth for pointing out that Trust policies need to be extremely careful of how they impact other governing bodies and their budgets, in terms

of policy enforcement and servicing costs. Luth also very clearly pointed out that Trust Council should not expect all other levels of government be subordinate to it through inter-agency protocols and agreements.

Last, but not least, I think all islanders ought to acknowledge the efforts of Drew Clarke, who brought much of these behind-the-scenes maneuverings to everybody's attention. I'd like to thank him personally for appearing and speaking so eloquently on our Salt Spring Cablevision show Isle of Views and encourage everyone to catch the meeting and presentations made on July 29 in Nanaimo in a special Episode 11.9 of Isle of Views: A News Update, Cable 12 airing throughout the summer.

On another topic, reading the July 17 article on the Flying Saucer Cafe would have been funny if some of the comments quoted had not been so pathetic.

It must be continually annoying to creative businesspeople who have to deal with these little spin-off, volunteer advisory committees of the Trust. Beauty is surely in the eye of the beholder, along with everything else, so really? I would

venture to say that business is such that the buying public can regulate decor better than anybody simply by choosing whether or not to patronize a business.

Anyone can see that the Old Manse building looks infinitely better since it has been rejuvenated into the colourful Flying Saucer Cafe! Hereford Avenue is well on its way to becoming our most colourful and popular street. Just look at what murals did for Chemainus.

But you better get your paint brushes out before the OCP is carved in stone!

*The writer is producer of Isle of Views and operates The Visual Breakfast Company.*

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# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We Asked: Do you feel informed enough about Trust Council decisions?**



**Garth Hendren**

*I am informed because I read the paper.*



**Rose Devellano**

*I've only been on the island for a couple of months so I really don't know what is going on politically at all.*



**Willie MacLean**

*No I don't really. I never started reading about them until I started paying taxes and raising a family.*



**David Johnson**

*I would have to say no, I don't. I have no knowledge of what their basic outlines are and direction.*



**Cam Ringland**

*Yes, I'd say so. I'd say the Driftwood covers that quite well.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Good taste

One of the loveliest things about this island is that expressions of individuality continue to surprise and delight.

The drive down Hereford Road one day provided me with an example — how jolly and cheerful the Flying Saucer Cafe is. It follows The Victorian Heritage — they enjoyed colours and used them when they had access to them. This seems to be in that tradition. So, you can imagine my horror upon reading your article about the adverse response from the Advisory Design Panel. Surely Salt Spring creativity is one major thing that brings people to this island. If we end up homogenizing this place, it loses its charm.

I remember that someone once told me the definition of "good taste: It's what I have and no one else does." We should keep this in mind.

**R. STOKER,**  
Mountain Park Drive

### Irritation

The report given by Valerie Lennox in the July 17 Driftwood was good, but the editorial was not.

I attended that meeting with friends and we were not part of an organized yahoo group as you dubbed those attending.

I agree that the community members who organized the meeting did a commendable job and I thank them. We also appreciated the fact that the Trust chairman Graeme Dinsdale attended and took the hot seat.

The Trust's handling of matters relating to the OCP has caused much frustration and Dinsdale was on the receiving end. I regret that there were times that the meeting was less than courteous to him.

The reason a vote was taken on the whole of Bylaw 42 was simple — we ran out of time and could not vote clause by clause. Dinsdale had a

ferry to catch. It was a case of all or nothing. I believe that some clauses would have passed.

Your editorial serves to foster the irritation people feel about the proposed OCP and other Trust matters, and that is sad.

**P. ANN TOMLINSON,**  
Humphreys Hill

### Small price

Reading your July 24 article re joining the CRD Parks function leads one to think that the local Islands Trust is lukewarm to the idea.

This is not the case. The local Trust has been and is strongly supportive of Salt Spring becoming a part of this function. Dare we mention it, the first draft of the Official Community Plan states "the CRD is encouraged to establish a regional parks function on Salt Spring and to seek acquisition of appropriate Crown land and private lands for public park and recreation purposes."

The Trust has worked for and with this community on all manners of increasing public parkland on the island over the years, recognizing the strongly-stated public desire for parkland space and, in particular, the desire to secure the remaining Crown land holdings as parks.

There are few opportunities or options available to this community to significantly increase the amount of park space now and there will likely be fewer in the future.

If we wish to have more public park space, be it federal, provincial, local or regional, it will cost the taxpayer money. In this particular case it is our view that the small price to pay to potentially protect large acreages of wilderness on Salt Spring forever is worth it.

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Unemployment in native communities is twice and three times

that of the provincial average, housing conditions on reserves are below Third World standards, poverty is rampant, life expectancy far below average, suicide rates shocking.

**M**eanwhile, unrest among young natives is growing and, unless we take steps to change the deplorable conditions natives have to put up with, frustration will mount and violence escalate.

The only solution is to continue on the path of treaty negotiations. Only a negotiated settlement of land claims with First Nations will bring stability to the province and justice to natives.

First, let me deal with a common fear, shamefully exploited by adversaries of the treaty negotiations. The First Nations will not end up with 90 per cent of British Columbia's land mass, even though, because of the overlap of certain land claims, the total area being claimed comes to about 105 per cent of the province.

All the land claims are at the outset is a rough outline of ancestral land. The natives neither expect nor even wish to end up controlling the entire land they are laying claim to. The agreement in principle reached with the Nisga'a is a good illustration of what I mean.

When negotiations began, 25,000 square kilometres were on the table. The agreement in principle, which will be almost identical to the final agreement, gives the Nisga'a control over 1,930 square kilometres.

**I**n all likelihood, when all claims are settled, the land over which the First Nations have control will closely resemble the ratio of the native to non-native population.

Settlement of land claims is not only possible, it's affordable. The cost of the Nisga'a settlement to British Columbians is \$10.10, including the federal portion. Amortized over 15 years at eight per cent interest, that comes to \$17.25, about the cost of a case of beer.

That cost is offset by the fact that the Nisga'a will no longer be exempt from taxes. And the Nisga'a agreement served notice to all other claimants that they, too, are expected to give up their tax-exempt status.

The cost of not settling, on the other hand, would be infinitely higher both in terms of common decency and economics. It is estimated that about \$1 billion of investment a year is not coming into British Columbia because of the uncertainty of the land claims issue.

One criticism levelled at the negotiations is that they have been conducted in secrecy. Reform leader Jack Weisgerber has been leading that attack. It was, in fact, Weisgerber who, as minister of native affairs in the last Social Credit government, signed a secrecy agreement with Ottawa.

**T**hat is about to change. There will soon be in place an "openness protocol," which will provide for a totally open process. By open, I mean that the public and the media will have open access to all meetings.

There can be no going back. We must, at long last, right the wrong committed against natives. We must continue negotiations of land claims, and we must bring them to their conclusion.

Failure to do so will create grave future problems, continue to condemn natives to a life of poverty, and fly in the face of the reputation Canada has in the world as a nation that values tolerance and justice.

Beyer can be reached at tel: 920-9300; fax: 385-6783; e-mail: hubert@coolcom.com

### CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



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### Democratic

However one may applaud or deplore the current form of the Official Community Plan, it is obvious that all too few people realize the tremendous amount of hard work that has gone into its conception.

Also, it seems to be little understood that this document is really a series of suggestions for discussion rather than a brick-bat of "writ-in-stone" regulations formulated for the express purpose of beating us about the ears.

For myself, I dislike the feeling of pressure — intended or not — that we must decide too many important issues by a certain date, and then I remember, "Hey! This is Salt Spring, and we still have a lot of talking to get through ..." And we'll do it too, doubtless for months, wearying the sun down into the ocean in the process, but as long as we're talkin', we ain't fightin' and that's important, whether we like it or not.

For those of a more impatient and bellicose disposition who are tired of talking — and there's a rarity for you — allow me to offer an alternative. If they believe they can make a better fist of it I would suggest, in all due respect, that instead of begging to be saved from the Islands Trust they place their rationale and their undoubted talents at the service of their community, and stand for election to the organization in which they have lost confidence. They are well able to take their case to the hustings and have the confidence to allow their fellow-islanders to decide whether or not they are up for it. That accomplished, their sense of justice having been seen to be done will enable them to abide by the decision of the majority in customary democratic fashion. It's a time-honoured process called "putting your money where your mouth is," and it still works pretty well even by

today's rather cynical standards.

At all events there is no better, more civilized or more reflective way to go about carrying the flag to the camp of a perceived enemy, and all the shouting in

the world cannot and should not be allowed to change that.

JOHNNIE WELLS,  
Wildwood Crescent

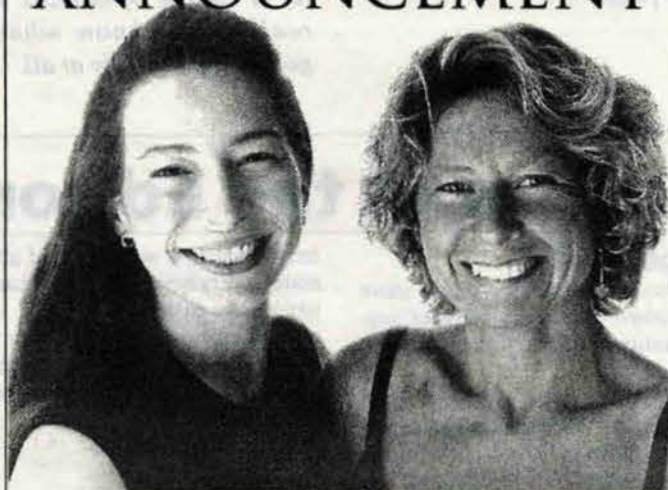
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### Your letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 300 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name.

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## Volunteer orphan

Through praise and frustration for the PRC, IT, BCFVMB and SSIFD, I write to you today.

The above organizations solicit for persons willing to give volunteer time to their agencies. Having read an advertisement in the newspaper each time, and feeling confident with my experience and background, I sent in my resume, then waited to be scooped up. Not so!

Interview number one left me weak-kneed as I emerged after an eight-person panel, some in uniform, had asked the unanswerable. So long PRC.

The dream of riding the "big red machine" was no less of an ordeal requiring a completed application, a medical, and a criminal record search. In addition, this voluntary position generally required 500 to 1,000 hours a year. At the time I had three kids, was working to get a

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new business off the skids, building a new home, not to mention hauling firewood.

The BCFVMB (an agricultural marketing board) wanted the standard resume and nomination by five people within the industry. At the AGM I was required to deliver a speech and had to wait through an election before finding out I was unwanted.

I applied to the IT (Grace Point Square upstairs) twice, with polite replies of rejection each time.

I could not believe it: five rejections for voluntary jobs. I thought I was a nice guy, capable, just as willing as the next to tow the line with others towards the same goal, but I was beginning to have my doubts.

Maybe it's just that I am not a survivor, but I have to hand it to all of those who have the posi-

tions I was suppose to be nabbed for. They must be outstanding people. I should applaud them, but deep down inside I hope they die so I can have a crack at it.

Wait a minute. What will happen when I apply for a paying job?!

**JAMES SQUIER,**  
Mansell Road

### Praise difference

Last summer I came to Salt Spring on vacation. Like many others before me I fell in love with this place.

So after spending most of my life in the fast-paced, cement jungle called Toronto, I moved here in February.

What attracted me most to this island, besides its beauty, was the diversity of the lifestyles of those who inhabit

this island. Here people work as artists, crafters, musicians, businesspeople, farmers, organic growers or, like me, have a few jobs here and there. People live in a variety of structures they call home including cabins, yurts, boats and houses worth more than I will earn in my lifetime. Diversity seems to be all around me and I love this aspect of Salt Spring Island.

This spring, however, I found that difference is not tolerated by those who feel they have the right to decide what is acceptable or not. The Flying Saucer opened and immediately created news and controversy because it was purple. That vivid colour does not in any way spoil or destroy the beauty of Ganges. It adds diversity and colour.

The intolerance by some members of the community may

appear to be a small issue when we think of the larger issues of our lives. Yet intolerance of difference has started wars, isolated individuals because of the colour of their skin, religion, sexual orientation, class and gender, and has created ghettos of people we don't want in our backyard. Imagine if we lived in a world devoid of colour or where we could only drive cars that were the same colour or our houses all had to be the same colour.

You probably think I am going to an extreme but we only have to look at the history of this planet to see the extremes of what happens when we as individuals, communities or nations cannot accept difference.

**LYNDA BARLOW,**  
Frazier Road

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# Salt Spring Island Foundation

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 1995

### OUR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is your community foundation. Our mission is "to enhance the quality of life in our island community...by providing a steady stream of income for the support of a wide range of worthy Island organizations". This is accomplished by attracting, managing and distributing only the earned income from gifts of capital from thoughtful citizens.



### "STEWARDSHIP"

This annual report for the 1995 fiscal/calendar year is referred to as a "stewardship" report for several reasons. Your trustees appreciate the confidence that has been placed in them by all past donors. In return, they accept the responsibility for "reporting back" to their "constituents", and do so publicly and annually. This is not just to account to donors for the stewardship of past financial contributions accumulated in permanent endowment funds entrusted to them to date. It is also to demonstrate to the whole community how the Salt Spring Island Foundation can enable each one of us to make a permanent contribution towards enhancing the quality of life in our island community.

### WHAT CAN THE FOUNDATION DO FOR YOU, AS A DONOR?

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is the vehicle through which you can contribute to the lasting benefit of our island community as a whole.

We say "lasting" because all financial contributions are preserved in permanent endowment funds. The interest they earn is distributed annually to various island charitable organizations. Hence a gift to the Salt Spring Island Foundation can be thought of as a "gift that keeps on giving" every year, in perpetuity. We say "our island community as a whole" because we support a variety of registered charitable organizations. These change from year to year, as community priorities change. We do not compete against other charitable organizations. We support them. The analogy is sometimes made that a community's United Way functions like a bank chequing account, whereas the community foundation's endowment funds are the savings account.

### "ONE-STOP GIVING"

We are all besieged constantly for donations from many charitable organizations, each of them worthy in their own way. It is often difficult to decide which one(s) to donate to. Those decisions become much easier by donating through the Salt Spring Island Foundation. Your contribution can then be pooled with others in an endowment fund, and the annual interest distributed proportionately to a wide range of charitable island organizations.

### GRANTS 1995

Grants totalling \$3,000 were made to the following organizations in 1995, towards the following projects:

- \* Mary Hawkins Library (Computerization)
- \* Community Services Society (Family Place, sewing machine)
- \* Home Support Services Society (Equipment upgrading)

- \* Core-Inn Youth Project (Building renovations)
- \* SSI Volunteer Firefighters ("Jaws of Life")
- \* Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society (Stream upgrading)

### PREVIOUS GRANTS

The 1995 grants bring the total distributed since our inception 12 years ago to over \$15,000. Financial support has been provided in previous years towards the following:

- \* SSI Festival of the Arts Society (Concert grand piano)
- \* Community Services Society ("Parents for Playgrounds" playground equipment) (Climbing wall) (Furnishings for the Youth and Family Centre)
- \* Scholarships (To seven high school students, 1990-1993 incl.)
- \* Gulf Islands Association for People with Disabilities
- \* SSI Historical Society (Picture framing)
- \* Island Arts Centre Society (ArtSpring construction)
- \* Fernwood School (Greenhouse project)
- \* Fulford Harbour Child Care Society ("Treefrog" Daycare construction)
- \* Parks & Recreation Commission ("Rotary Marine" Park, construction) (Shelby Pool, hydraulic lift for disabled persons)
- \* Mary Hawkins Library (Display case)
- \* SSI 4-H Beef Club (Supplies)
- \* "Special Olympics" (Sports equipment, for mentally handicapped)

While we anticipate that a few donors may not necessarily agree with every single grant, we believe they reflect the community's wishes when looked at overall. Regardless, if a donor wishes to support one or more specific organizations, or fields of interest, this can be arranged through a donor-directed fund.

### GROWTH THROUGH YOUR HELP

Both the width and depth of ongoing support to island charitable organizations will grow as more and more citizens come to realize what they can help accomplish through the Salt Spring Island Foundation. Your support can range all the way from asking "Thrifty's" to credit your purchase to "Number 10" (Salt Spring Island Foundation), through "in memoriam" donations, and periodic contributions, to making a provision in your will. (To date, we are aware of at least 5 individuals who have specified bequests in their wills).

### NAMED FUNDS

A donation of \$5,000 or more (which can be pledged over several years) entitles you to have a specific fund set up in a name of your choosing. With donations of \$10,000 or \$25,000 respectively, you may specify that the earned interest go to a particular field of interest (e.g. seniors, youth, environment), or to a specific organization (e.g. ArtSpring, library, health care). As of the 1995 year-end, "named funds" total \$39,294. These are listed by name in annual reports, every year, forever. Your name, or that of a loved one, could similarly be commemorated in this way (unless you would prefer to remain anonymous).

### INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended December 31, 1995

REVENUE	1995	1994
Donations	\$ 8,905	\$ 15,262
Interest income	3,427	2,268
	<u>12,332</u>	<u>17,530</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Grants	3,000	2,000
Printing and postage	618	1,027
Fees and general expense	160	418
	<u>3,778</u>	<u>3,445</u>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	8,554	14,085
ENDOWMENT FUNDS, beginning of Year	64,724	50,639
ENDOWMENT FUNDS, end of Year	<u>73,278</u>	<u>64,724</u>

### BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 1995

ASSETS		
Cash in bank	\$ 6,743	\$ 6,367
Term deposits	68,371	57,493
Shares, Credit Union	269	222
Accounts receivable	---	4,000
	<u>75,383</u>	<u>68,082</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Accounts payable	---	1,253
Grants payable	2,105	2,105
	<u>2,105</u>	<u>3,358</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Named funds <sup>(1)</sup>	39,294	34,244
Community fund <sup>(2)</sup>	33,984	30,480
	<u>73,278</u>	<u>64,724</u>
	<u>75,383</u>	<u>68,082</u>

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(1) The \$39,294 figure for "named funds" is made up of the following:

Nels Vodden	\$10,000
John Lees	9,000
Dr. Raymond Rush family fund	*6,294
Anonymous #1	5,000
Hector Perry	*5,000
Richard & Barbara Toynbee	*4,000
	(*Plus pledges)

(2) The \$33,984 figure for the "community fund" is made up of donations ranging from \$10 to \$4,000.

(3) In addition to the current funds administered by the Trustees, bequests in the 5 wills that we are aware of are expected to more than double current endowment fund totals.

(4) It may be noted that operating costs amount to less than 2%, in spite of the relatively-modest asset base, and virtually all of that was for mailing of the annual report and the publishing of it in the Driftwood.

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is open to all wishing to give and receive through a stable community-centred trusteeship. For any additional information on either these financial statements, or on any other aspect of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, please feel free to either phone 537-2501 (Bob Rush), or to write to us at #2-110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2S5.

ALL ENQUIRES WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, WITH NO OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART.

Tax deductible receipts will be issued for all donations of \$10 or more.

Trustees: Ron McQuiggan, Hector Perry, Les Ramsey, Bob Rush (Chairman), Edith Sacker. Committee member Patrick Lee.

# Death's announcement brief, final, incomplete

The announcement said it all. Or nearly all. He had died in hospital; he first saw light of day in 1911 in Lancashire; a municipal civil servant until the war, he had returned to Canada after the second war and was a retired income tax auditor.

The excitement, the frustrations, the profits and losses were all there, but Vickerman was not. There was no blood in the veins of death. It was a picture without life.

I had known Eric Vickerman since the 1940s, when he wore a Royal Air Force uniform and drove a 1929 Essex coupe. I, also, wore that blue-grey uniform when driving my 1927 Essex coupe. His Essex was blue, I drove a brown one. His cost plenty; I paid \$7 for mine.

Not much of a basis for an introduction. I don't recall his status in the narrow world of air force trades. Nodding acquaintances in those days, we nodded on.

After the war I returned to British Columbia, as did Vickerman. I brought my wife and he came similarly encumbered.

For some years we attended the same bridge parties among the same group of friends. We watched his fortunes rising and falling as he undertook the last desperate throw of the ex-military poultry farmer, selling eggs.

In those days I envied him the broad acres of the poultry farm and the apparent affluence of two cars, but he struggled through financial quicksands, throwing out a rope now and again to try to save his livelihood. Eventually the egg business was no longer a business and he looked further afield.

When we were both widowed we drifted together again for a time but we had little in common beyond our respective mournings.

I have dined with him, drunk with him, caroused with him and fought with him. I have seen him morose and wine-sodden and I have seen him singing like he was back in an English pub.

For 85 years he was flesh and blood; opinionated and loud, subdued and silent, drunk or sober. Few, if any, islanders had known him. But his death stirred me less than the plain notice of his death. There was no picture of a live and loving man; there was no suggestion of the man who presented my children with Christmas presents for so many years.

Death is so final and its brief announcement so incomplete! I was so moved by that thought that I have decided not to die, after all. Not this week, anyway!

### Too few or too many?

I ran my car aboard the Queen of Saanich at Swartz Bay. Straight down the indicated lane, I stopped behind the car in front. It's better that way than running into him.

Then came the conundrum. How to leave the car? A hefty pickup on my left closed off my door. The passenger's door would open about six inches.

My passenger, being younger, smaller, more agile and more pig-headed, squeezed her way through the narrow gap. Privately I figured she didn't stand a chance of making it. Subsequently I made like I knew she could. Then came my turn.

My quick stint in the physiotherapy clinic that morning made the difference. My grandchildren could have simply leaped from the steering wheel to the outside air. I couldn't leap. I gave up on that business a dozen years ago. Instead, I twisted and bent and suffered as I climbed from behind the wheel to the accompaniment of loud screams from several muscles and my sciatic torture chamber. But I lived to boast.

Coming back to the car was easier. I didn't try the acrobatics. I just waited until the traffic eased up.

I was mildly annoyed at the inconvenience until I thought about it all.

If I had been unable to get on the vessel I would have been disgruntled with little physical discomfort. But the crew quite properly took every vehicle in sight: in my sight, my vehicle. Why the heck should I kick? And I didn't.

I needed the exercise, anyway.

### That chill wind!

It was a nice warm summer, wasn't it? And now the biting winds are practising for winter. Wouldn't have thought they needed any practise.

### Thank heaven for little apples!

If I didn't enjoy constant assistance, my garden would be a mess. I mean the rest of it. The cultivated area is cultivated, thanks to volunteer helpers. The wild area is wild, thanks to myself.

Last year I did what a British Columbian must never do: I cut a few trees. Lo and behold, I picked about 10 pounds of apples and dozens of pears.

This year, 12 months later, I shall be very grateful to nature for the opportunity of eating one of each.

The wet, wet spring with the cold, cold beginnings of the year have left the trees fruitless. As was my labour.

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### Signs of Ganges

Fred Borland isn't posing as a human sandwich board at the corner of Lower Ganges Road and Hereford Avenue. He's simply exclaiming over the growing number of signs taking root on the downtown Ganges corner.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## New offer on Mill Farm


A second offer has been made on the 160-acre Mill Farm property on the southwest corner of Salt Spring Island.

Realtor Arvid Chalmers said an unnamed purchaser has made an offer subject to financing. The offer expires next Monday. The purchaser is not the same party that made an offer that expired last month, Chalmers said.

Meanwhile, fundraising by the Salt Spring Conservancy continues in a bid for a community purchase of the property. Spokeswoman Maureen Milburn said on Tuesday the fund stands at about \$105,000.

The property is on the block as a result of a court-ordered sale.

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## Pipers' win puts Salt Spring in second

By DANIEL BENNETT  
Driftwood Staff

Duncan men's softball league play came to a close last week when the Salt Spring Island team lost a tight game to Pipers from Duncan.

This broke a first-place tie between the two teams and the local men are now ranked second heading into the end-of-season playoffs.

The July 30 game in Duncan, which was scoreless heading into the fifth inning, was won in a dramatic last inning comeback by the Duncan team. The opposing team's pitcher "kept our batters off balance," reported coach Kellie Booth.

Dave McColl's base hit made Jordan Godlonton score to give Salt

Spring the lead in the fifth. McColl then used his speed to steal second and third bases. With McColl in scoring position, Corbin Scott beat out a ground ball to first base, and the first baseman tried to throw out McColl at third base. When the ball flew over his head, McColl easily scored on the throwing error by the first baseman. Salt Spring now led

the game by two runs.

Pipers got one run back in the bottom of the sixth inning. Then in the bottom of the seventh, with Salt Spring leading by one and runners on base from a Salt Spring error, Duncan produced a hit that scored two runs. Salt Spring was unable to answer back because the home team always bats last.

Salt Spring's team begins playoffs this week in a best two-of-three series against Oak and Carriage, another team from Duncan. If they win the first round games they will advance to the final and face the winner of the other semi-final in a best three-of-five tournament.

The local men also go to the B.C. championships in Richmond beginning August 16, after winning the south island division of Vancouver Island zone playoffs earlier this season.



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## GRANT: To compete in California

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als events are perfect for spectators because they can see the whole course and watch each rider.

To be a trials rider you need the same muscle tone and stamina as for other events, and an incredible sense of balance and "oneness" with your bike.

Grant is hoping for a top-five finish in California and maybe to attract some new sponsors. "Competing in B.C. can be quite costly since I am not sponsored

this year for my expenses," said Grant.

To compete at Whistler on a Saturday morning, for example, means \$100 in ferry fares, overnight accommodation on Friday, gas, entry fees, and food.

"I'm really fortunate to have Klein Bicycles as a bike sponsor, so that my bikes are supplied by them," he said.

Those bikes can cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$4,000 with all the components. Grant's current bike is worth \$4,500 retail.

"Klein only sponsors three mountain bike riders, and I'm the only trials rider," Grant noted.

His father Peter Grant said his son is seeking support for his upcoming California trip. Personal or corporate donations are welcome and will mean a great deal to this young athlete.

If anyone would like to help get Grant to Mammoth Lake, a donation can be dropped off or sent to the Bank of Montreal, Ganges branch, marked "Jeff Grant, biking/travel expenses."

## Gold-medal Games shooter Chris Leier had a little help from his teammates

Salt Spring Island athlete Chris Leier won the gold medal for shooting of the smallbore rifle at this year's B.C. Summer Games in Trail. However, unlike what was reported in last week's Driftwood, Leier had a little help from his team. The gold

medal was not awarded to Leier as an individual but as a part of his zone's team. Leier still left the games with a gold medal around his neck and now can add "member of the defending B.C. Summer Games championship team" to the list of hon-

ours he has won this year.

Leier is also the defending provincial champion. He won that title May 18 in Duncan at the B.C. Target Sports Smallbore Outdoor Championships. Leier shot the sporting rifle in prone and three position.

## GOLF TEES

• Marie Hopkins won her third Bank of Commerce Cup, the result of a five-week playdown tournament.

Hopkins defeated Kathy Darling in the final game last week.

• It was "irons only" for 44 women in last Tuesday's 18-hole division play.

After teeing off with their club of choice, the women had to complete their rounds using only irons.

Melanie Iverson topped the crowd with low gross 84. Irene Hawsworth had a net 69 plus 27 putts and Janet Butler shot a net 71.

• Salt Spring was represented at the 16th Annual Ladies Heart Tournament which took place at Uplands on July 31.

Mona Coulter was on a team that placed fifth among 30 teams at the event.

Connie Hardy, Irene Hawsworth and their teams also won good prizes.

• Thirty-two women came out for nine-hole division play on July 31, with Mona Doerksen winning low gross, Deb Rotherham earning low net, and the putt pot split between Jean Haines and Helen Welliver.

• On men's day August 1, G. Webster and D. MacDonnell tied for low net score with 65.

B. Kirwin followed with a 66, J. Matheson posted a 67 score, and B. Bauman, R. Winstone and G. Thorne all had a low net 68.

G. McLeod was low gross winner with 77.

Bryan Denton was closest to the pin on No. 2.

• The Salt Spring club is gearing up for this weekend's 26th Annual Salt Spring Island Invitational Tournament for men and women.

Thirty-six hole medal play runs Saturday and Sunday, with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. both days.

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—Tony & Alice Richards

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# Software launch planned Sunday

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Keeping the plot straight isn't enough — a writer who wants to earn a living also needs to keep the publishers straight.

New software developed on Salt Spring specifically for a local author helps do just that. Entitled BestSeller, it was originally programmed by Alex Prosser for partner Carol Meredith. This Sunday it will be officially launched with a demonstration and celebration at the Lions Club's Hart Bradley Hall, 103 Bonnet Road.

Meredith — who has sold two books to publishers and is working on a third — said she suggested Prosser design the software to help her keep track of her submissions to editors and publishing houses.

Like many writers, she sends out both story ideas and completed works to editors, who may take up to six months to respond. Last year she sent out 62 submissions. "I have a heck of a time keeping track of these darn things," she remarked.

She doesn't want to send the same proposal to the same editor by accident and she also wants to make sure she follows up on promising leads. But when she has numerous story ideas and completed works circulating to numerous different markets, it is difficult to keep each one straight.

"I recycle short stories like crazy," she observed. BestSeller lets her keep track of where she has sent each story, whether a response has been received and what that response has been.

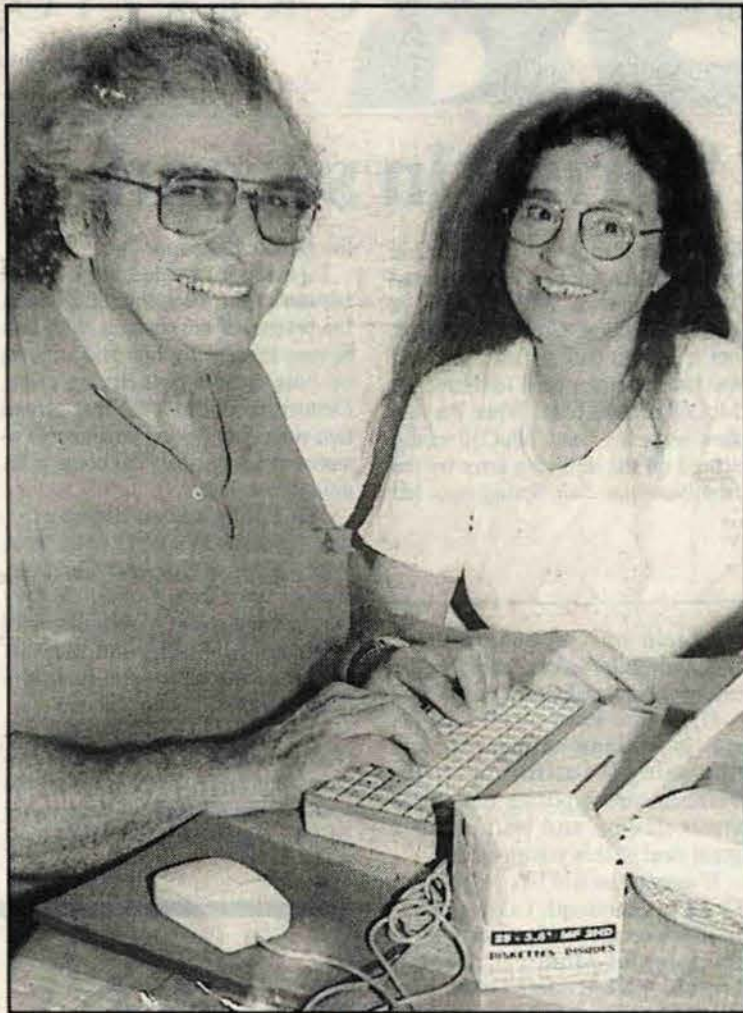
"The neatest thing is the reports you can get out of it," Meredith said. Reports can be generated based on either markets or manuscripts.

For Meredith the software has already proved its worth. Checking the software record this spring, she discovered one publishing house had not responded to one of her submissions. She contacted the publisher and learned the submission had been mislaid.

An editor then sought out Meredith's original manuscript and was impressed enough to ask her to work on a children's novel — a project she is now pursuing.

Without BestSeller, she would not have double-checked on her original submission.

As far as she and Prosser can determine, there is no other product like BestSeller on the market. So they decided to market it and drew



**SOFTWARE FOR WRITERS:** Programmer Alex Prosser wrote the code and writer Carol Meredith the inspiration for BestSeller, software to help writers track their submissions. The new product will be officially launched Sunday. Photo by Valorie Lennox

together a group of six people to work on the project under the name Salt Spring Software Company.

In addition to Prosser and Meredith, the group includes Dave Mathews, Anne Royal, Jeanne Boyle and Pat Lanziner. Each contributes different skills to the fledgling company.

"It makes it a lot simpler to keep things going," Prosser said. Their budget to launch the product has been minuscule — \$600 — but they make up in ingenuity and skills what they lack in cash.

Meredith has written the manual, which outlines in clear, concise English how to use the program. The group has also done its own desktop publishing, copying and labeling of disks and is now moving into marketing.

Along with reviews in writers' magazines, the launch — to which they have invited many of the island's published writers as well as the general public — is the first step. Eventually they plan to advertise the software in writers' magazines and sell by mail order.

They have developed a working demo version of the software, available at \$15. The full package will be \$94.50. Designed with an easy-to-use graphical interface, it operates under Windows 3.1. System requirements are a minimum two megabytes of RAM, with four megabytes recommended.

Prosser, who taught himself how

to program, developed the software using Visual Basic. He notes it took him three months to do the original program. After Meredith had tested it for eight months, he fine-tuned it this past spring.

All of the program's features will be on display at Sunday's launch from 2 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served and one guest will take home a copy of the program as a door prize.

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## OF THESE DATES

**AUG. 7:** SS Painters Guild, sketching, Everlasting Summer, McLennan Drive, 10am.

**AUG. 10 & 11:** Summer Flower Show, Meaden Hall, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 11am-3:30pm

**AUG. 14:** SS Painters Guild, sketching, R. Stanton Garden, Old Scott Rd., 10am.

**AUG. 21:** SS Painters Guild, sketching, beach end of Arbutus Rd., 10am.

**AUG. 28:** SS Painters Guild, sketching, Beaver Point, Ruckle Park, pot luck picnic, 10am.

### 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 (every 3rd 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.)

- Music & Munch, All Saints by-the Sea, 12:10pm.

- Slide show on SSI, United Church, 2-3:00pm (June 26-Aug. 31)

- Therapeutic Touch practise group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm (every 3rd Wed.)

### EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

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

- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am (3rd Thurs. of every mo.)

- SS Weavers & Spinner, meet at Farmer's Inst., 10:30am (2nd Thurs. of June, July & August)

- Music & Munch, All Saints by-the Sea, 12:10pm.

### 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.

- Slide show on SSI, United Church, 2-3:00pm (June 26-Aug. 31)

### EVERY MONDAY

- 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.

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

- French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)

- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.

- SS Weavers & Spinner, meet at Farmers' Ins. to us the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)

- SSI Buddhist meditation group, Lancer Bldg., rm #204, 7:30pm.

- Special Olympics swimming, Shelby Pool, 5pm-6pm.

### EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.

- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.

- Air rifles, Fulford Hall, 7:30pm.

- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 6:30pm.

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

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In the Fruit section, Class 7 is a collection of 5 different apples on one plate. For those with many varieties in their orchard, more than one plate is permitted in this class, but all apples (5, 10, 15, depending on the number of plates entered) must be different varieties and correctly named. Varietal names add educational value to the fair. Many visitors are interested to know "what kind of fruit or vegetable is it?" They may recognize a 'Macintosh' or a 'Red Delicious' apple, but many do not know what a 'Snow' or a 'King' apple looks like, let alone some of the more obscure varieties. Similarly, with the vegetables, visitors may see an especially fine pumpkin, cabbage or leek, say, and ask for the varietal name so they can grow the same next year. Including the name, where you know it, saves a lot of frustrating experimentation — as well as making the display more interesting to viewers.



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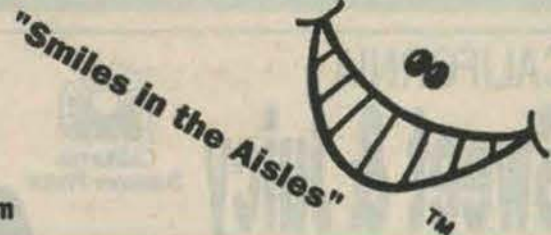
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# MERGE

## In-law helps erase doubts, and a new Randy Bachman fan is confirmed

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

A fair number of newly-released books make their way to the Driftwood office, the publishers understandably seeking some ink that might boost sales.

We don't get too many CDs, however, and certainly none from people with a history and musical stature of Randy Bachman, who now makes his home here. So when Bachman dropped off a copy of his brand new CD Merge at our office after we had talked to promote the Festival of the Arts wrap-up event, I wasn't too sure what to do with it from a newspaper point of view.

Was a Driftwood review going to propel it to platinum? I doubt it.

Actually, I don't think he was even suggesting a "review" in these esteemed pages; it's probably just what recording artists do with their CDs after talking to writers for any publication. Still, the thought of being able to write what I think about a great rock 'n' roll musician's latest efforts was a rather attractive idea.

There was one little problem, however.

Bachman-Turner Overdrive (BTO) was big when I was an adolescent in the '70s and, as reinforced by last Saturday's Festival of the Arts benefit concert, that group's music deservedly lives on. But since then I have come to appreciate other forms of popular music, or at least those which contain less electric guitar.

Even with multiple years of musical training somewhere in my deep past, how could I fairly critique something I probably would not purchase of my own accord? I needed some help, and I had a hunch it resided in a certain

brother-in-law who lived in Courtenay.

Dave is a former rock band member who I suspected might know a thing or two about electric guitar riffs and even harder stuff.

As I drove up the Island Highway to Courtenay, I gave Merge a listen. Okay, I thought, I can handle this. Sandwiched as he was between the Chieftains, Barenaked Ladies and John Prine, you can see what unqualified hands poor Randy was in.

As soon as I presented my dilemma and the CD to Dave, I knew I had scored.

"You got this directly from Randy Bachman?" he queried.

The room shook with incredulity. I could tell by his demeanor he was secretly cursing me for not saving the cellophane The Man's fingers had touched.

It turns out BTO was Dave's adolescent soul-food and lifeline to North American culture as an army brat in Lahr, Germany.

It didn't take long for him to give me his well-qualified opinion. Anyone who was ever a Bachman fan must buy a copy of Merge. It's great. Others should give it a try, too, he said.

Interestingly, Dave made an observation Bachman told me he has often heard: There is something about the way he plays the guitar that makes it easy to distinguish from others. Dave knew what was intrinsic Bachman and what may have been influenced by his son Talmage or others.

He also liked the different sounds "merged" with what he had always loved about the music.

My trip back to Salt Spring took on a different flavour. I really listened this time and by the Qualicum Beach point of the jour-



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ney, I was happily bopping and drumming the steering wheel through the thick summer tourist traffic.

I now have definite favourites, like Burnin' Up the Floor — with a driving, almost country-rock sound which I was hoping to hear at the July 27 benefit concert, since that was exactly what everyone was doing.

I'm hearing much more than electric guitar, too, and maybe that's why I like the accordion, vocals and drumming on the inspirational Nothin's Gonna Bring You Down, and brilliant keyboard work on Bad News Travels Fast, which also seems most akin to the old BTO style. But I'm even appreciating riveting electric guitar more than I thought possible. It's rough and elegant at the same time on There Ain't Nothin' Like it, and a glorious part of the powerful and moving Anthem: For the Young.

Bachman is still writing music that appeals to the young and restless, (and every motorcycle enthusiast needs to hear Born to Ride) but in Anthem he even ventures into the political realm, questioning what will be left of the planet for our grandchildren.

Made in Canada is also culturally-political, while being lots of fun. It is tailor-made for both Winnipeg-nurtured musicians Bachman and Neil Young, who does some wild guitar and vocals.

So, take it from me and Dave — if you enjoy all kinds of rock 'n' roll and feel like an adventure, take Merge for a spin.

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**FIDDLING FRENZY:** Julia Squier, 13, saws a tune backed by Ralph Miller playing the spoons. Both are among the performers in the Young Farts and Old Punks concert at the Core Inn this Saturday.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

## Farts, Punks on tap at centre

Talent, not age, determines the line-up when Young Farts and Old Punks take over the stage of the Core Inn youth centre for a free performance of poetry, music and dance Saturday evening.

Starting at 8:30 p.m., musicians and poets of all ages will display their talents. On the program are published poets Nadine Shelly and Cherie Geauvreau along with Giana D'Attilio, Amanda Arnett, Noah Pred, Dave Jaquest and

Rod Shoobraid. Musicians include Neil Kerrigan, Paul Mowbray, Julia Squier, Ralph Miller, Rowan Hartman, Matt Eide, Morgan Kennedy and Matt Reid.

People of all ages are invited to come and fill the audience. Admission is free although there will be a box accepting donations for the Core Inn.

For information, contact the inn at 537-9932.

## Alliance new voice for artists

Artists unite! A new organization, the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists, is being organized to serve the many artists on the Gulf Islands by promoting their work.

In addition to organizing and promoting exhibitions of art, the group hopes to act as an information source for the public, government and art agencies about art on the Gulf Islands. Other goals include acting as a voice for local artists in such projects as ArtSpring, publicizing local arts events and communicating with other art organizations.

For its members, the group plans to encourage personal artistic growth and excellence while complementing existing arts organizations. Future plans could include developing shared facilities and equipment, obtaining government grants, holding shows for critique by an invited guest, encouraging the commission and installation of public art, and establishing gallery and studio facilities.

Organizers plan to start with one overall committee plus a committee focusing on exhibitions and one dealing with communications.

For information, contact Ron Smith at 537-1890. Membership applications can be dropped off at the Photo Graffist, 133 McPhillips Avenue, or at Eagle Art Supply in Grace Point Square.

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5 p.m. - Mill Farm video postcard  
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# If Clifford Mills isn't piping, he's carving wooden masks

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

John Holt was about 40 years old when he first learned how to play the cello. He played for a few years, stopped for several more and began again at age 50.

The late well-known American critic of commonplace educational practices and beliefs wrote: "If you don't start early, it's too late. This is one of the great mythologies of music, a piece of musical folklore. Just as an absolute matter of fact, it is not so," he stated emphatically.

Back home on Salt Spring Island, Clifford Mills has learned in his own way that it's never too late to learn music or master any new craft. He fulfilled a lifelong curiosity when he started playing the bagpipes last year at age 67.

Even though he could not read music, something propelled him to buy a chanter while visiting Scotland in 1987.

"It was in my drawer from 1987 to 1995," he said. "Then I heard the (local Legion) pipe band."

Getting even closer to pursuing his untapped musical passion, he contacted a Saanichton bagpipe teacher and was piping up a storm after only 15 lessons.

Now he practises three or four hours per day at home, about twice



**MILLS MASKS:** Inspired by meeting Tlingit carver Eugene Alfred, Clifford Mills created, from left, The Elder, Midnight Spirit and Spirit of the North Wind, among other unique masks.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

a week with the Legion band, and even volunteered to play at the "opening ceremonies" of the Salt Spring seniors' mini-Olympics last month.

So instead of enjoying the music from the sidelines as he did all these years, he is now "one of the band."

But what makes Mills' dedication to his music so remarkable is that at the same time he was honing yet another artistic skill. Since last year he has been carving, painting and decorating native Indian-inspired wooden masks with names like Little Princess, the Elder, Midnight Spirit and Raven the Joker. Each has a distinct personality and elegant beauty.

Last year he was in Ganges when he saw Yukon-based Tlingit carver Eugene Alfred and two companions working outside in the hot sun. Mills was fascinated by their efforts and offered them respite from the heat through use of his workshop. Wanting to repay Mills for his consideration, Alfred taught him some Tlingit carving techniques.

Mills has sketched and painted as a hobby most of his life, using mainly pen and ink, tempera and graphite. A series of pen and ink drawings were once commissioned by Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Richmond for a fundraising project.

He started carving knives from old files at about age 12, and has done wood carving at various times in his life.

Referring in jest to his Scottish blood, he makes his own tools, too, using steel, wood, antler bone. Except for a four-year art course with the National Home Study Council in Minnesota, Mills is entirely self-taught.

His artistic talent is obvious. But

Mills credits a particular tenacity learned from his parents for showing him how to create fine fruit from his interests and labours.

"My folks always said, 'don't sit idle. Make sure you enjoy what you do, but do something'."

His mother in particular advised him to research a new skill he might be interested in, make a go of it, and finish a project.

He cautions that he doesn't take a fancy to every possible hobby or try to do a million things at once.

"I'm very stubborn though," he admits. "Once I start something, I won't be beat."

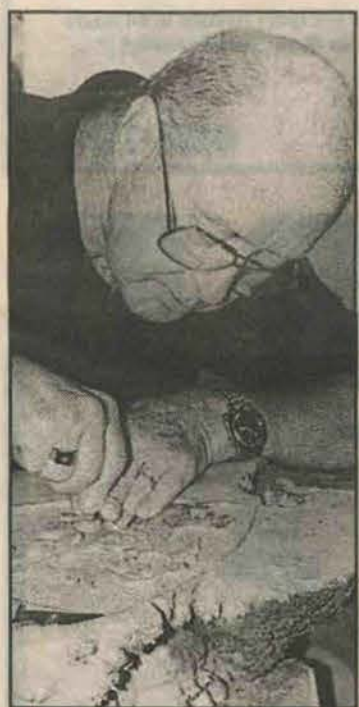
Mills moved to Salt Spring in 1989 with his wife Angelina from Richmond. They bought property on Mountain Park Drive and decided to build a "holiday place." Soon after, however, he experienced a loss which made them speed up their plans.

Mills worked as an electrician for B.C. Packers, and intended to retire at the usual age of 65. But then a friend who was in his early 50s suddenly died of cancer, and made the Mills wonder why they were waiting for what they really wanted to do.

"I said 'maybe I'd never get to enjoy that'," he recalled. "It was the best move we ever made."

A final note about the tenacity he inherited from his parents. One of Mills' prized possessions is a framed, handwritten, original letter King George sent to Mills' father in 1918. It thanks the elder Mills for his service to the British army, recognizing the fact that he escaped seven times from German prisons during the First World War.

Fortunately, Mills has been able to use his talent and determination to tackle matters of art as well as survival.



**CARVING:** Using handmade tools and straightforward desire, Clifford Mills works on a Celtic-theme wood carving. One of the tools rests on the work in progress. Mills last year added music and bagpipe playing to his artistic menu.

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# Slide show entertains, informs visitors to Salt Spring

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Visitors are being transformed into island experts thanks to a free slide show and history presented every Wednesday and Saturday by the Ganges United Church.

Starting at 2 p.m. both days in the church basement meeting room — mercifully cool on hot summer days — volunteers click through a series of enchanting slides while relating the island's history from the moment folded rock poked above the waves to the present.

The presentation starts with a sunrise and folds with a sunset. In between, viewers are treated to glimpses of Salt Spring's forests, fields, meadows and shores, interspersed with historical photographs.

Many of the chosen images reflect the colour and charm of the island: renowned artists, outdoor markets and festivals, a dappled fawn, swans in Fulford Harbour, sapphire waters and emerald shores.

Viewers learn that the island was originally known as Salt Spring after the 14 briny springs on the north end although official efforts were made before the turn of the century to impose the name Admiral Island. But the original name stuck and was confirmed officially in 1906.

The ships of Salt Spring are celebrated with images of a sailing ship similar to the H.M.S. Ganges, a historical photograph of the S.S. Iroquois at the Fulford dock in the early 1900s, the ferry Cy Peck which served Salt Spring for 30

## Artisan village at Mayne

There's a village of artisans on Mayne Island this summer.

Artists, crafters and entertainers are making the Root-seller Inn at Miners Bay a bustling place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until September 2.

Inn owner Joan Drummond is renting out kiosk space for the new venture, following her long tradition of supporting island arts and crafts.

Guidelines for the artisans village state that all goods must be handcrafted, and any food products must meet Capital Regional District health guidelines. Preference for space is given to Mayne Island residents.

Carole McAndrew is the person to call (539-3006) for more information about the market.

years and B.C. Ferries.

Tombstones, street names and historical photographs reveal the diversity of early islanders. There are the Afro-Americans, escaping slavery in the U.S., who settled on Salt Spring starting in 1859, and the Hawaiian settlers, the Kanakas, who arrived in the mid-1870s.

Characters include Harry Bullock, shown with his ancient automobile — the first on the island — who taught department and developed a 300-acre estate.

The Akermans, renowned for their cougar-hunting skills; Henry Ruckle, who originally pre-empted 27 acres of Salt Spring at \$1 an acre; Jane Mouat who arrived in 1885 with her husband Thomas, was widowed and raised 11 children on her own; cattleman John Maxwell who farmed in the Burgoyne Valley — all pass in the parade of names and dates.

Salt Spring trivia fills the show: in 1963 Ted Akerman shot and killed five cougars in one month; the first school was opened in 1885 in Beaver Point and the building is still used as a pre-school; total cost of construction for St. Mary's

Anglican Church in 1894 was \$705; the fall fair started in 1896; and the original Lady Minto Hospital, opened in 1914, had six beds.

The many activities possible on Salt Spring are also covered, with an emphasis on the arts and crafts, local festivals and water sports.

"It's a matter of sharing the island with visitors," said Nancy Powell, one of the volunteers who presents the show. Last Wednesday she and husband Fred were a team, with Nancy reading the script and Fred operating the slide projector.

The project was instigated by Mary Ashworth, another volunteer presenter. Other volunteers are Hetty Clews, Olive Mouat and Denny Thomas.

Ashworth said she saw a similar show while visiting Nantucket Island several years earlier. "It was very helpful. We learned something of the history, where to go and what to see."

That presentation was operated by a church, so Ashworth proposed the idea to the United Church. "We had fun putting it together," she said.

The volunteers collected slides

and used some from the archives to assemble the show.

Among those providing slides were Ashworth, Thomas, Valerie Rampone, Biz and Mort Stratten, Mary Davidson, Bob Ball, the Salt Spring Archives, and Joan and Alex McCauley. Davidson also provided some historical information, as did Sue and Ivan Mouat.

A bibliography of books on Salt Spring is distributed to visitors at the slide show. Some showings have drawn up to 20 spectators. Admission is free although visitors can give donations.

Margaret Coughtrie, a visitor

from Montreal who saw the show Wednesday, said she is interested in how communities developed. "I like to be reminded of the simplicity of island communities," she said.

Others who enjoyed the show were Jan Berry of Edmonds, Washington, and a friend from Washington, D.C., who included the show on their itinerary. Vern Rogers of Victoria said the show enhanced his understanding of the island.

"We've been over here several times but we didn't know a lot of the things that were talked about," he said.

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On the high end of the sublime scale will be an original watercolour by Marg Threlfall, a one-night stay at Bullock Lake Farm guest cottage, a three-hour tour with Salt Spring Kayaking, an outing for four with Salt Spring Trail Rides or original glasswork by Melanie Dick.

Services offered include photography, knitting and spinning lessons, backhoe work and hand-spinning.

"It's an entertainment evening as well as a chance to pick up some goodies," Fulker said.

Among the ridiculous items will be the llama droppings, mystery boxes and a black velvet painting

which has appeared at previous auctions but no buyer has wanted to take home.

Auctioneer will be Arvid Chalmers. Preview starts at 7:30 p.m. and the auction starts at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will go towards institute projects, including construction of a shed to house its collection of old farm equipment. That project is under way, Fulker said. Future projects include a better water supply to the site and a new poultry building.

More donations are welcome and can be made by contacting Fulker at 537-4895, Tony Threlfall at 537-4535 or Chris Schmah at 537-5762.

# Learn about wilderness, history, nettles at Ruckle, Montague park programs

Several programs are scheduled for this weekend at Ruckle Provincial Park and Montague Harbour Marine Park. At Ruckle Park on Saturday, Wilderness Smarts will be offered at 7 p.m. and Bag Full of History at 8:30. On Sunday, there will be a low tide walk at

10 a.m. and Don't Get Nettled at 7:30 p.m., a talk about the nettle plant.

Next Wednesday at 8 p.m., Gwen Ruckle will talk about the history of the Ruckle farm.

At Montague Harbour on Saturday, Dangerous Things in Provincial Parks will be offered

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haired dachshund Willy, owned by Tony and Betty Burrige of Salt Spring. Larissa Sayer of Salt Spring, right, created the whimsical sign for the dog shelter.

Photo by David Borrowman

**Betty Dunnell was subject in photo by Jesse Bond, published in Fairtime**

An old photograph published on the cover of this year's edition of Fairtime, the fall fair catalogue, has been identified by members of the Bond family.

Both Malcolm Bond of Salt Spring and his sister Moira Walker of Vancouver volunteered the information that the girl in the photo was Betty Dunnell.

Malcolm Bond told the Driftwood that the photographer was his father, the late Jesse Bond, who probably took the photo about 1914. Betty, who later became Betty Watson, was milking one of Harry Bullock's purebred Jersey cows.

The Dunnell family spent about a year at the Bullock farm, which was located at Bullock Lake, before moving to Victoria.

Jesse Bond took the photo with a 5x3 postcard-size Kodak camera, which Malcolm Bond still has today along with the glass plates of many of his father's photographs.

Jesse Bond was one of "Bullock's boys," having come to work on the Bullock farm from an orphanage in Victoria. His interest in photography prompted Bullock to send for the 5x3 camera from

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LINDSAY, LIAM Andrew has finally arrived! Born July 25, 1996 to very proud parents Drew & Renee. A very special thanks to Heather Martin, Dr Holly Slavov, and all the exceptionally wonderful nursing staff at Lady Minto.

## 8 CARDS OF THANKS

A MILLION THANKS to Dr. Lake for the care and compassion shown to me at Cowichan Hospital. The nurses (emergency) Donna (Sr.) Jill, Donna, Nancy, Heather. You are true "Professionals". Deanna & Gerry Marleau for transporting me & then coming to pick me up after surgery. You truly are "Special People" - Love you. Pat Broughton who did my meals & looked after me with kindness beyond belief. To all my "special friends" thank you for caring and always being there. Marie Gosnell, P.S. The ambulance guys were great!

## 10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy Sweet Sixteen Raina



Love Dad, Mom & Jennifer

## 11 COMING EVENTS

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Tender documents will be issued to general contractors only and may be obtained on or after 9:00am local time, Thursday, August 8, 1996, at: the Office of the Director of Finance Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital 135 Crofton Rd. Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1T1

A returnable deposit cheque in the amount of \$50.00 is required for each set of contract documents. Cheque to be made payable to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. Deposit is refundable upon the return of the documents in good order.

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FUTON BED with wooden frame \$150, desk \$60, Ikea coffee table \$25, small desk \$10, assorted children's clothing and toys. Phone 537-5348.

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HII WE are Princess & Misty (formerly Snickers & Pinky), those lovable felines that were looking for a home. Our friend Robin is very happy and grateful that we now have a loving home on Salt Spring Island and indeed it's the Cat's Meow.

BRAVE, AFFECTIONATE, little, grey, tabby seeks loving home without large enthusiastic dog. Please ring 653-4713.

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MAUSER, 30-06 rifle. Ramline Kevlar stock, 4 power scope, F.A.C. required. \$450. 537-5049.

**379 FREE/RECYCLABLES**

THIS COLUMN is designed for free recyclable items only. There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads must be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday noon).

SALT SPRING Island Recycle Depot is located at 349 Rainbow Rd. We are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. This service is operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Please call the recycle depot at 537-1200, or community services at 537-9971 for information on materials accepted for recycling.

**SAVE 'TIL THE COWS COME HOME!**

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2 BLUE FULL SIZE couches, good condition. For pick up. Drop by between 11:00am - 12:30pm or evenings. 210 Malview Dr.

ARBUTUS CARVERS. A large quantity of arbutus branches (under 6" in diameter) is available for the taking. Come and cut out what you want. Phone 537-1454.

DOUBLE BOX spring on legs, no mattress; clean spring filled by Simmons. 537-2968.

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WANTED TO SWAP - hand made custom jewellery, expert jewellery services for motorcycles, any make, condition considered. Call 537-5260 or 537-4162.

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**410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

REDUCED - 1 ACRE and old cabin, 151 Vesuvius Bay Rd., Salt Spring Island. On city water, near golf. 435-7504.

45 ACRE OCEAN view, development or investment property, north end. 1-604-743-9132.

"BRINKWORTHY PLACE" retirement homes. Easy care, single storey, relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Currently for sale 2 bedroom modulars from \$109,000. Peter Jaquest 537-4041. VMHP Holdings Ltd. DL#7904

SOUTH END. Revenue property. 3 bedroom home, 1 acre, work shop, long term tenants, 1-604-882-0812.

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TWO ACRES of sunny, arable land, complete with mature fruit trees and a charming older home of 1300 sq. ft. on 2 levels. Located in the Rainbow and Atkins area, a short walk to town. For sale by owner: asking \$179,000. Call 537-9664.

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CHARMING ONE bedroom bachelor suite near Vesuvius, \$500. Includes hydro, no pets, long term. Available September 1. 537-4840.

**2 Suites Downtown Location**

3 bedroom, 2 bath ocean view, many amenities, all appliances, decks, wood stove, generous parking, new carpets/blinds etc. \$900/month, available immediately.  
1 bedroom ocean view with amenities, all appliances, available Aug. 15/96, \$600/month.  
Close to shopping, schools etc. Both require references and 1 year lease.  
No large dogs / no smoking.  
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**510 COMMERCIAL SPACE**

SMALL 1 LEVEL commercial building on Rainbow Road, opposite entrance to Middle School, lots of private parking. 537-5483.

RETAIL SPACE for rent at Moby's. Available August 1st. 537-5883.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL space for lease. 653-9518.

**Lancer Medical Building**

Office Space Available  
**748-4837 / 537-5268**

**Casual Office Space**

Need a short term office on Salt Spring Island? We have a furnished, air conditioned office in a convenient location with lots of parking. Available for rent by the day, week or month.  
**PLEASE CALL RON AT 537-5521**

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3000 SQ. FT. EXECUTIVE home, 3 bedrooms, studio, gourmet kitchen, 5 appliances, 2 bathrooms, large laundry room, electric & wood heat. \$1200 per month plus utilities. N/S, N/P please. 653-4500 or 653-4363.

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RABBIT CAGES, a variety, large, good quality. Call Val at 537-9531.

BARN YARD sale, 431 Beedys, Saturday & Sunday, August 10 & 11, 9 am - 2. Everything must go, bring a truck.

QUALITY APPLIANCES available here! Kitchen Aid, Whirlpool, Hotpoint, G.E., Maytag, Dacor, Sub Zero and more. Below city prices! Free delivery! Call Sandpiper Supply. 537-5035.

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FOR RENT: 1 bedroom, main floor suite, furnished or unfurnished. \$550. includes all utilities. 1-604-388-6275, pager # 1050.

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**YOU HOO!** Happy Birthday Erling. (Bet you thought we forgot). Since you always read "Too late" first, we're sending our best wishes in verse!

**GARAGE SALE.** 276 Malivew, Saturday, August 10.

**AUGUST LANDSCAPERS.** "Specials" Semi screened light topsoil blend \$23.36 yd. Bark Mulch \$179. - 10 yds delivered. \$339. - 20 yds delivered. Brush mulch \$99. - 10 yds delivered. Rainbow Nursery. 537-4346.

**TUTORING.** GIVE your child a head start this fall. Expert tutoring in a supportive environment. 537-1511.

**WANTED: APARTMENT** or cottage in quiet area near water if possible for single man, also workshop for silversmithing equipment. Long term if pos. Call Mike Surman 537-4157 or messages. 537-7335

**FULLY QUALIFIED,** experienced carpenter/builder available. Guaranteed work. Quality and Integrity. Free estimates. 537-9124. References.

**ROOM FOR rent.** Available now \$70. per week till September. \$325. per month, everything included thereafter. Quiet garden setting, close to town, all amenities. 537-1547. (Please leave a message).

**KITTENS & CATS.** Siamese X, Calico, orange tabby. Come choose a loving playful companion. SPCA. 537-2123.

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**ONLY 1 LEFT.** Reconditioned Mason Risch Piano on sale. Warranty, tuning, and delivery. Ken Ackerman Piano tuning. 537-4533.

**MANY THANKS** to ambulance attendants and police at the scene of my accident on Beaver Point Road and to those who made the 911 call on July 25. Phyllis.

**NEW 1 BEDROOM** Cottage, private, sunny, quiet. N/P, N/S. \$750.00 per month. 537-9110 after 6 pm.

**WANTED: OLD** Bathtub for duck pond. Please phone 537-9546 evenings.

**24' TAURUS TRAILER** in good condition, on Mayne Island. \$3800. 1-604-531-6882.

**1984 HONDA ACCORD** (runs). Island car. \$200. firm. As is. 537-1547.

**ONE BEDROOM** cabin, \$500 per month. 537-5380.

**1 BEDROOM BASEMENT** suite, f/s, w/d, w/s utilities & cable included. 537-9157.

**GARAGE SALE:** furniture, household items, tools, sinks, plants, clothes, 150 watt amplifier. 2172 A Fulford-Ganges Road, Saturday, August 10, 8:30 - 12:30.

**FREE RENTAL,** work exchange, studio or office, cabin in Fulford. 653-9141.

**FOUND: MALE** long hair kitten, orange tabby, Drummond Park. S.P.C.A. 537-2123.

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**ABBEYFIELD SENIORS'** Housing Society. English Cream Tea. 240 Stark Road, Salt Spring Island. Saturday, August 17 - 2 pm - 4 pm. Minimum donation: \$5.00 per person.

**DISTINCTIVE HAIR.** I am home based and fully equipped. Please call for an appointment with Monica. 537-2967.

**RESPONSIBLE, PROFESSIONAL** woman seeks reasonably priced long-term rental on Salt Spring, A.S.A.P. N/S, N/P, good job! Excellent local references. 1-604-535-6224.

**POSITION VACANT.** Mature reliable and loving Nanny required to care for 1 child. Hours alternate between early morning and evenings, approx. 40 - 70 hours per month. Please call 537-9662.

**CALLING ALL** would be, could be, and wanna be puppeteers. May be volunteer at Fulford Day theatre. Fund raising for those who might be courageous enough to hide behind the curtains. 653-9468.

**GARAGE & MOVING** sale, 172 Bittancourt Road, August 10, 8 am. - 12 noon. Almost everything must go. 537-1781.

**CLEANING: PROMPT,** experienced, efficient for your home, cabin or office. Please call Lynn or Linda 537-5579.

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**WASHER, \$100.** Dryer, \$75. Professional tape deck, \$100. 21" T.V. \$100. Well pump, \$90. 537-7108.

**HELP WANTED.** Year round P/T Office assistant/receptionist Req'd at modern resort. Computer skills required - Data Base (We use Microsoft Access, Excel, Word and Simply Accounting for Win95). Evenings and weekends, some days. Must like dealing with the public. Call Donnelle 537-4111.

**FIVE BEDROOM** house, sea view, handyman special, \$139,500. 537-7108.

**FOR SALE.** 18' Wooden Sloop, full keel, \$3,200. 653-4571.

**SOUTH -END** small attractive house, 5 acres, suits single, couple, long term \$785/ month plus utilities. 653-9201.

**KITTENS: FREE** to a good home. Litter trained. Call 537-9845.

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**GARDENING, CLEAN-UP,** weeding, raking, watering. Hard working, reliable. Catherine at your service. 537-1329.

**FOR RENT.** Skylit cottage. N/S, N/P, 1 bedroom +. Available September 1. \$700. monthly. Long Term. 653-4522.

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**MOTHERPEACE TAROT** readings by Kathryn. Quality readings by appointment. 537-1329 or look for me at the markets, Saturday and Sunday.

**CLEARANCE SALE.** U-pick. Sandstone oversize and irregular stock. \$50.00 a load. 653-9668. Delivery available.

**PUPPY NEEDS** a home. 41/2 month old female. Sheppard X, good disposition, very lovable and friendly. Had shots. We're moving. 537-1117.

**WANTED.** Secondhand fridge with freezer section. 537-4172.

**13 1/2' INFLATABLE BOAT;** 2 seats, oars, electric motor, marine battery, 10 amp battery charger, electric blower, L.C.D. fish finder. For sale individually. For real bargain make offer on package. 537-9809.

**GARAGE SALE.** Saturday, August 10, 9 am - ? Big variety, good stuff. Everything gotta go. 276 & 255 Malivew.

**FREE KITTENS,** 1 orange, 2 grey. 537-5746.

**ENZYMES, NATURE'S** invisible cleaning power. Odours eliminated...not masked. Ideal for cat litter boxes or carpet urine stain plus many other uses. Information and product at The Soap Exchange (Leisure World behind Pharmasave) or call 537-5408. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

**REDUCED TO Sell - 12'x60'** mobile home, bright and clean, ready to move. 653-9294.

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**EXPERIENCED HOUSE** painter seeks work. References available. \$12 per hour. Phone Brandon 537-9631.

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# More letters

## Tanks or signs

It has been my good fortune to spend a few weeks every summer on Salt Spring Island, star of the Gulf Islands.

The magnificent scenery and ocean views are a welcome contrast to our prairie home back in Weldon, Saskatchewan.

Every year for the last eight years we have packed up our small motorhome and visited friends across three provinces on our way here. Human nature being what it is, our RV is equipped with sanitary facilities and a holding tank for waste.

Two years ago we made use of a facility located off Dukas Road to discharge our holding tank. Last year, that facility was not in operation and there has been no new facility on the island that would serve the purpose. Upon enquiry at the local chamber of commerce in Ganges we were told to go to Crofton to empty the holding tank and then come back.

It has come to our attention that the sewage treatment plant in Ganges has recently changed its method of operation, from intermittent to continuous discharge with an allowable coliform count much higher than formerly allowed under a previous regulation.

In view of the changed circumstance of the sewer treatment facility, and the fact that Salt Spring Island is a destination for thousands of visitors, whether by car, boat or recreational vehicle, it would seem reasonable to provide a service to control discharge of holding tanks and lessen the possibility of indiscriminate dumping of holding tanks in the harbour and lanes of this beautiful island — or else post signs at the ferry terminals discouraging visits by "undesirables."

R.H. SEVOLD,  
Weldon, Saskatchewan

## Future candidate

I would like to say thank you to the many people of Salt Spring who have over the years and recently suggested they would like me to run for the Islands Trust. Many have even asked why am I not the mayor?

You are all very kind, your faith is reassuring. But, in honesty, I do not feel I could best serve the interests of the island and all residents as a trustee, harnessed by Victoria and 456 other islands. Personally, I do not support the idea of the Trust framework, not to suggest I do not recognize some wisdom in the object of the Trust, but I care about people too. We need both.

I have not met many people who dispute the ideals of the Trust, but they do wonder about the style of our governance and what it could cost us in the future in terms of impact on our freedoms and impact on islanders financially and spiritually, as we all tend to suffer more spiritually as we are pressed more financially and regulated ever further into our corners.

In my opinion, the island should look into part two of its incorporation study. Perhaps when that is done we will know better what the cost of that option is. We certainly don't seem to be getting told what the Trust will cost us down the road.

So, I'll make you all a deal. If islanders, at some time in the future, vote by majority to incorporate all Salt Spring without Trust involve-

ment, I would be very honoured to offer my name as candidate for mayor. Until that time I shall remain "in opposition."

I would like to conclude by saying that I am not a member of any group or committee. I act on my own and my opinions are my own. I attempt only to be a fair witness. My apologies to those I may offend.

DREW CLARKE,  
Ganges

## Educate children

Recently, for the third time in the last year, I witnessed a disgusted swimmer removing floating human feces from the water at Cusheon Lake dock.

I have twice retrieved used disposable diapers myself from the same waters. Since I am only present at the public dock intermittently and for short periods, I wonder how many other times similar things happen.

There are household water intakes beginning right next to the swimming area. Hundreds of families depend on the lake for domestic water. And, of course, people swim there trustingly in the belief that everyone is careful and responsible about water quality and safety.

So please, educate your children, watch your children, and don't put anything in any lake you wouldn't like to drink.

SIMON WEBB,  
Lautman Drive

## Prohibitive cost

In a July 17 letter to the Driftwood, Chris Gosset questioned my evaluation of the usefulness of cisterns for water supply.

Properly constructed and maintained, smaller cisterns are indeed useful to balance the short-term demand on low-flow wells or provide storage if water must be trucked in for short periods for household use.

However, my comments were mostly aimed at the use of relatively large cisterns intended to store water for use during the dry summer and fall months (June through September). During this period, average single family consumption is about 25,000 gallons.

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financing, maintenance, possible treatment for the water to make it potable, protection from freezing or ultraviolet rays for above-ground tanks, etc., pushing the true cost of even a relatively modest-sized tank to \$30,000 or more. My experience is that this is a prohibitive cost for most people.

MIKE LARMOUR,  
Beddis Road

## Stealing bread

I am writing you to voice my concern about a federal government that, in catering to special interest groups, is creating a build-up of services we simply cannot afford.

The "drug war" is steaming along nicely despite doctors, judges and police chiefs all publicly stating that this approach has failed to do anything except criminalize a large number of people over a health matter and create a huge tax-supported client base for our tax-dependent court system.

Ottawa's criminalization scenario was played out on a local level recently when an aging hippie single mom welfare recipient and her son were charged with drug trafficking.

We are now committed to a very expensive court procedure. If we're lucky they'll get off and it may only cost us a few thousand dollars.

In the last year alone, the feds have reneged on their obligation to fund necessary docks and lighthouses, and have "stolen" \$450 million in transfer payments to B.C.

A Supreme Court decision recently found it illegal for Revenue Canada to tax support payments made to women for child support. The government evaded by taxing dad twice.

The result is the same. They are stealing bread from the mouths of children to fund "franco-phoney" and dental benefits for government employees' same-sex partners. And don't forget double-dippers like Jack Frazer. Remember him? Reform?

A solution was suggested by Gordon Wilson in the last election.

B.C. chooses and puts a value on these so-called services, decides what it wants to pay and sends only that amount to Ottawa.

This would balance our budget, keep our Forest Renewal fund safe and delete a raft of eastern parasites from our lives with change leftover to fund daycare. And if things don't work out, the politicians in Victoria are at least accessible. There is no more money and there is no more time.

FRANK EMMET,  
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# Gallimaufry proceeds to aid first response program

By ALISTAIR ROSS

Driftwood Correspondent

The weather was very hot. The owner of the garden where the Galiano Needleworkers Gallimaufry was held was kept busy watering his pots of flowers.

Under the trees — in the relative cool — about 30 quilts were hung, most completed by members over the last few months. Ena Hooley was in charge.

The grassy area below the house held the main feature of the show — Noah's Ark. Here the animals were seen progressing across the grass and up the ramp into the ark. An old dog house, just the right colour and size and sporting a mast and pennant, topped the vessel.

In the garage, emptied of autos,

## GALIANO NOTES

were placed screens and tables for the display of other projects the group had made, with Marion Williams and Bev Yeomans in charge.

Nearby, Dorothy Ross, Ellen Denholder and Trish Cowperthwaite demonstrated new quilting techniques, while Joan Carolan created her lovely silk flowers. Peggy Liddell, at 87 the group's oldest member, was nearby doing her very fine embroidery. A display of her lifetime's work, plus a collection of lace and beadwork more than 100 years old, was also to be

seen.

Tea and Swedish waffles with fresh fruit were served on the deck by the sea by kitchen "wenches" Ester Gillespie, Jackie Grist, Aini Haksi, Pat Telfer, Connie Smith and others.

Raffle ticket sellers were Barbara Gibby and Runciman Hooley. Visitors from Saturna Island, Jim and Lorraine Campbell, chose the winning tickets, with the Noah quilt going to Elspeth Helmcken, the decorator planter to Anne Duncan and the soft toy ark and animals to Barbara Cronkhitte.

Maria Hume and Johanna Pollard were at the sales desk. Funds raised in the raffle will be donated to our fire departments to assist with their first response program.

## Eva's birthday

Eva New, a teacher at the South Galiano school in the 1920s, celebrated her 90th birthday here on July 27.

Now a resident of Burnaby, she came to the party with her son Bill and his wife Beverly. The latter pair, together with Eva's daughter Wilma, organized the afternoon event, a tea with 40 guests — friends encountered over the years.

## Winnie Liver

She lived overlooking the golf course and for many years was an active participant in the tournaments held there.

Winnie Liver died late last week in Saanich, only days after leaving her home, island and loving hus-

band John for hospital care. She had not been well for some months. A stage dancer in her youth, Winnie's enthusiasm and bounce will be missed here.

## Events

• A remembrance of Marie Seto, who passed away earlier this spring, is set for this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. on Bodega Ridge (from Cottage Way).

• The following Tuesday, from 5 to 8 p.m., a gathering will be held at the North Galiano Hall to say goodbye to stalwart Edith Wishart.

The association will provide salads, buns, special cake and a variety of non-alcoholic drinks. Diners are asked to bring their own steak, chicken, hamburger meat or hot dogs to barbecue.

# Islander helps build mill

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

Ken Johnson, an island resident for three decades, left Saturna last week on an expedition to help build a sawmill in rural Russia.

Johnson has worked as a heavy duty mechanic on local logging operations since the late '50s. He has never worked overseas before but his local experience will suit him well in Chuna, a small village of close to 400 people near Balkal Lake.

Johnson will join another Saturna islander in Chuna, Michael Stuart, an engineering consultant on the forestry project. Johnson's flight took him from Victoria to Anchorage. From there he flew to Khavarsk and then on to Irkutsk. At that point he boarded a train for an estimated 400-mile trip to Chuna, which is located north of Mongolia at a latitude similar to that of Edmonton.

Communications from the isolated post are difficult and Johnson has not yet been able to send any details of his trip. His family and friends are waiting for a fax announcing his safe arrival in the near future. Johnson will return home in six weeks.

## Lighthouse Park

The official opening of Lighthouse Park was organized for August 5. The Parks and Recreation Commission arranged for bagpipes and harp music as a salute to the new park. Volunteer interpreters were recruited to point out wildflowers and whales and to describe the history of the light-

## SATURNA NOTES

house and the area's Spanish explorations.

Refreshments were prepared, including a cake decorated especially for the occasion by Yvonne Schlogle. Guests were invited to bring musical instruments, kites and smiles to enjoy a day in the park.

Work will continue on the park to provide drinking water and outhouses as volunteer help becomes available.

Call Jeanne Crearer at 539-2167 if you would like to spend some time on one of these projects.

## Coming events

• Saturna Lodge, formerly known as Boot Cove Lodge, has been secured for the Boot Cove/Lyall Harbour Water Committee annual general meeting August 10 at 10 a.m. All users are urged to attend. For more information or to discuss the agenda call John Fryer at 539-3330.

• Local artists are displaying their work-in-progress at the Shades of Saturna Gallery this summer.

Gallery managers Scott Lambert and Mel Man Lee are featuring several local artists on deck Saturdays during the summer. Guests are invited to drop in and watch the artists at work and ask questions while enjoying tea and cookies.

Interest has been high so far this summer. Featured artists Rene House and John Wiznuk captured large audiences for the event.

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# Flower boxes brightened Ganges

## Thirty-five years ago

Downtown Ganges was brightened by the installation of colourful flower boxes along the causeway, a project of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. Overseeing the project was Charles Moat, who received donations and/or help from Mout Brothers, S.S.I. Trading Company, Alex MacManus, Buckerfield's, Buzz Brown, Gulf Island Florists, Robert Reynolds, Jim Millison, Fred Donaghy, Aage and Keld Villadsen, Mrs. Moat, Fletcher Bennett, the fire department, Mr. and Mrs. Jack James, Leonard Sholes and Earle Kaye. The boxes were planted with summer flowers and bulbs would be put in for spring flowers the following year.

Fundraising for the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club's property purchase had collected \$11,900 in pledges. An estimated \$20,000 was required to establish the facility. Shares were \$50 each.

## Thirty years ago

A village committee was meeting to discuss exact boundaries for a proposed village of Ganges. The committee was formed following a public meeting at Mahon Hall on the possibility of incorporation. Members were to investigate the feasibility of forming a village and ask the municipal affairs ministry to hold a plebiscite on the question. Under the proposal, part of the village would be incorporated into a local improvement area for sewer service. Areas within the village remaining on septic tanks would not have to pay towards sewer service.

A 93-year-old matriarch of the Penelakut native band, Mary Ann Peter of North Galiano, passed away and was buried in a traditional ceremony on Kuper Island. She was the oldest living resident on the Galiano reserve and a descendant of a noble line of Cowichan natives.

## Twenty-five years ago

A coroner's inquest commended the actions of a B.C. Ferries' crew for its attempts to save the life of a man who fell off the gang plank of the Sechelt Queen. Two crew members leapt into the water to try and rescue the man, who fell off while disembarking from the ferry. The jury found the man had drowned and recommended rails be raised along the ramp to prevent other passengers from falling overboard.

## DOWN THE YEARS

North Pender Island residents were getting a new telephone exchange prefix — 629. The accompanying facility, which included a prefabricated building, a truck port, a new radio tower plus switching equipment, cost approximately \$320,000.

## Twenty years ago

A dramatic reduction in traffic was being reported on several ferry routes following the government introduction of higher ferry fares. One merchant suspected fewer visitors were coming to the island, given a drop of \$50 a day in business. Meanwhile, the Capital Regional District (CRD) had agreed to issue residents' cards on behalf of B.C. Ferries, which required the identification in order to give residents reduced ferry fares.

The CRD and the province were both backing an experimental sewer treatment plant on the island. Representatives from the provincial municipal affairs office had suggested the Ganges Sewer Committee test an experimental system. The committee agreed to the idea, provided the pilot project was done at no cost to the community. Committee members favoured putting in the experimental system adjacent to a conventional sewage treatment system.

## Fifteen years ago

Conflict over the proposed sewer system in Ganges reached the legislative assembly when New Democrat Robert Skelly of Alberni was ejected from the legislature for suggesting that Islands MLA Hugh Curtis was backing the sewer project to benefit his friends on Salt Spring.

A postal strike across Canada didn't affect local mail on Salt Spring, with postal staff continuing to deliver local letters. The strike had halted mail delivery on and off the island.

A 20-foot Double Eagle pleasure craft went up in flames in Ganges Harbour near Goat Island. The boat had stalled and passenger Terry Phipps of Lower Ganges Road was working on the engine when sparks ignited gas fumes, causing the blaze.

## Ten years ago

Salt Spring's first-ever Festival of the Arts was drawing a mixed reception from islanders. Some performances, such as the local Players' The Wizard of Oz, drew near-capacity crowds while other, lesser-known performers drew audiences of less than 20 people. However, organizers hoped word-of-mouth would put more people in seats during the remaining performances of the new venture.

The Driftwood expanded its coverage of the outer islands with the hiring of a reporter based on Pender Island and a special, multi-page section devoted to the four islands. To launch the new effort, the Driftwood offered free eight-week delivery to Outer Islands residents. Subscriptions were also available at half-price.

The majority of those at a public meeting on St. Mary Lake water quality agreed the provincial government should be asked to again restrict use of gasoline outboard motors on the lake. A B.C. Supreme Court decision overturning an earlier restriction on gasoline motors was being appealed.

## Five years ago

MacMillan Bloedel initiated court action to stop five Galiano Trust Committee forest land bylaws. The bylaws would have prohibited the building of homes on much of MacMillan Bloedel's Galiano property. The forestry company had announced in January it planned to sell its property. Introduction of the bylaws after that announcement was discriminatory and aimed at the MacBlo lands, claimed company real estate manager Gary Kadatz.

Changes to Commercial 4 zoning was being opposed by owners of Salt Spring resorts whose property fell under that zoning. An Advisory Planning Commission report to the Salt Spring Trust Committee had recommended reducing the allowable density on resort properties to 15 per cent of the site from the current 33 per cent.

The first official fundraising triathlon on Salt Spring drew 116 participants and raised more than \$3,000 in pledges, which were split between the Salt Spring Island Swimming Pool Society and Island Pathways. Overall winner was 25-year-old Mike Basanta of Victoria, who completed the swim-cycle-run course in one hour and 44 minutes.



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