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Voters go to polls Saturday

Ready to mark your X?

General voting for Islands Trust, Capital Regional District and Gulf Islands School Board elections will be held on Saturday.

On Salt Spring, eight candidates are vying for two Trust seats, three are seeking the one regional director's seat and five are running for three school board seats.

Running for Trust are Lorne Andras, David Borrowman, Bev Byron, Drew Clarke, John Ellacott, Gary Holman, Paul Marcano and Doug Rajala.

Voters do not have to cast both their votes for a 'team' but can choose individual candidates.

Seeking election to the school board are Judith Boel, Charles Hingston, Dwight Jones, Ken Lee and Jane Parlee.

Vying for the regional director's chair are Kellie Booth, Lynda Laushway and Dietrich Luth.

Polling stations will be at Fulford Elementary School, Salt Spring elementary and Central Hall.

On Galiano Island, Joy Brown, Bonnie MacGillivray and Bonnie Robson are vying for a single school board seat. Seeking election to one of the two Trust seats are Elisabeth Boshier, Irene Frith, Margaret Griffiths, Debbie Holmes and David Hutton. The polling station is at Galiano Elementary School.

Voters on North and South Pender islands will cast their ballots at Pender School. Seeking the single school board seat are Jean Maberley and Russell Searle.

Running for the two North Pender Trust seats are Barry Lynd, George Ravenscroft and Tom Ward while Ted Anchor, John Jones, John Rumble and Steve Wright are competing for the two South Pender seats.

On Saturna Island Pamela Janszen and Susanne Middleditch are seeking election as the island's school trustee. Jim Campbell, John Money and William Sheffield are running for the two Trust seats. Voting will be in the Saturna Island Community Hall.

Mayne Island residents will cast their ballots at the agricultural hall to choose two Trust members. Running are Larry Holbrook, Bob Knapman, Lynn Perrin and Rich Tamboline.

Residents who are not on the voters' list can make a declaration at the polling station, preferably with two pieces of identification in hand, at least one of which includes an address.

An advance poll is being held today (Wednesday) from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the school board office on Rainbow Road. On Saturday, polls will be open during the same hours.



Remembering the dead

Salt Spring Cubs Colby Sawchuk, taking the salute, and Jordan Knister were among those laying wreaths at the Ganges cenotaph for Remembrance Day Monday. A wreath was also laid in memory of Wing-Commander Peter Turner, who left Salt

Spring in the 1930s to join the Royal Air Force. He was commanding officer of a squadron when he was shot down in 1943, leaving a wife and son. The son, Peter Turner Jr., travelled to Salt Spring Monday for the ceremony.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

District retreat produces range of options in bid to grapple with financial crisis

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Should Saturna school be closed? Should off-shore students be recruited at \$15,000 per student per year to study in the Gulf Islands?

Should the secondary school become a summer convention centre, the district be turned over to a government trustee, class sizes increased or the district office closed?

Struggling with an intractable deficit, school trustees, administrators and union representatives spent a day-long retreat November 5 trying to find ways to balance the district's budget.

"We explored everything, no matter how outrageous or unpalatable," superintendent Andrew Duncan reported Friday.

The district is projecting a minimum \$355,000 deficit for the current school year. Outstanding issues, including staff grievances, could push that to \$500,000. Next year, further government cuts in funding are expected, making it even more difficult to balance the budget.

"We don't have enough money

coming in from the provincial government to meet the legally binding provisions of our collective agreements and to maintain physical plants and operate the schools," Duncan said.

The current contracts date from 1991, when district finances were different.

Duncan admits local schools still look good, thanks to good stewardship in the district. A casual visitor sees clean, bright buildings, small classes and a variety of educational programs. But on closer examination, the first fraying of the fabric is visible.

Weeds are sprouting on the grounds, there are delays in maintenance and computer repairs, a list of contract grievances, children referred for special services put on waiting lists and, overall, the steadily increasing deficit to maintain the system.

"The rot hasn't set in because of the level of stewardship," Duncan said. But the problem cannot be ignored.

If the district eliminates the deficit, Duncan believes the impact would be catastrophic. There would be numer-

ous violations of collective agreements, leading to grievances and legal action, re-organization and disruption of classes and a drop in school maintenance.

If the district does not eliminate the deficit, the province could bring in an official trustee who would incur all of the above while eradicating the deficit.

So the school board plans to go to the province first. Duncan said he has already outlined the situation to the deputy minister of education "and let him know the district is insolvent and it's not a temporary thing."

He has requested a meeting with Education Minister Moe Sihota and hopes one will be scheduled by early December.

Between now and that meeting he is taking a tough look at the district to ensure the operation is as lean as possible.

Last Tuesday's retreat was the first step in a thorough examination of district options. Between 50 and 60 different ideas were proposed — including amalgamating with Saanich and eliminating the school superinten-

dent's position. Present were all school board members, most of the district's administrative officers and three representatives each from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

"We really had good, frank and open communication between the partner groups," Duncan reported.

He plans to meet with parent groups to share the ideas from the retreat and get input from parents.

The result, he hopes, will be credible data to take to the minister in a joint delegation from the board and the partner groups.

He notes the issues are not easy to resolve. For example, the province finances special needs services based on an assumption that four per cent of students have special needs. Actual need is between 10 and 15 per cent of students.

Duncan estimates at least \$150,000 is taken from other programs to boost the special needs budget. Without that boost, the district would violate its contract with GITA and put other students at an educational disadvantage.

Let's look for leadership, as scarce as it may be

Elections can bring out the best and the worst in us. On one hand, candidates and voters give us their vision of an ideal society and how their helmsmanship would steer us to it. On the other, rational thinking gives way to emotional ranting, and candidates and voters find solace in casting slurs upon one another.

A tendency toward the latter is not a mark of leadership, and if voters are looking for any significant feature in the array of election hopefuls angling for their vote, it ought to be that one characteristic, as scarce as it is.

On the Islands Trust, leadership has never really been an issue. The Trust has long been regarded in two ways: as a motherhood sort of thing, or as a body with which one must put up. Election by acclamation was the order of the day.

Today, that has changed. On Salt Spring (and other islands), the community plan has been the catalyst that has made islanders look rather differently at the Trust. And

TONY RICHARDS



about time, too.

A couple of weeks back reference was made in this space to the dearth of public debate on significant issues, a situation that stems directly from the poorly designed structure of the Local Trust Committee. Trust planner Linda Adams was quick to respond but missed the point. (We'll ignore for now the fact that the elected members of the committee left it to the staff to respond.)

Adams cited four Trust committee meetings at which a development proposed for Swanson's Pond in Ganges was discussed, contrary to what was written here. Maybe so, but at three of those meetings the discussion was not significant enough for a reporter to

do a story on the issue or to make it into the minutes.

The point was and is that a committee of three people who share few disagreements on matters before it will not spend a great deal of time in debate.

My research turned up another interesting little tidbit, plus the reminder that until November 6 the Salt Spring Trust Committee had met but three times since January. From January until May the committee passed 60 resolutions without meeting, a practice that saves the Trust committee from gathering for meetings, but allows it to conduct public business behind closed doors. In 1995, at least two of those resolutions dealt with the Swanson's Pond development.

For another source of opinion on this subject, let's turn to Saturna Island's Jim Campbell, the senior civic politician of the Gulf Islands. In a prepared statement accompanying his announcement to run (at age 78,

no less) for Islands Trust, Campbell noted that the trustee's job has become frustrating, contentious and exhausting, hence the departure of 20 current trustees from the election lineup.

The reasons, according to Campbell, lie in the structure and process rather than people. He goes on to say that the committee's small size "has eliminated the essential public discussion between decision makers." Each committee's chairman was chosen from the Trust executive, and his or her duty was to broaden the committee's experience base.

"This duty was sacrificed on the altar of local autonomy and then buried by resolutions without meeting."

As he says, these practices must change, as must the structure.

Who's to change them?

That's for each of us to decide on Saturday. You won't find any endorsements here, but I did like Salt Spring candidate Paul Marcano's warning: Watch for clones.

Septage disposal charges to rise to cover deficit, new equipment

Disposal fees for septage — the waste pumped out of septic fields — are expected to more than double by November 27 in order to cover the cost of a current deficit and new dewatering equipment.

Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee members have scheduled a budget meeting for next Monday to approve the increase, which will raise the cost of septage disposal to 15 cents a gallon from the current six cents.

For a homeowner with a 500-gallon septic tank, the disposal fee, which is in addition to the pump-out fee, will rise from \$30 to \$75.

The cost of sludge disposal from sewage treatment plants will also increase, going to 15 cents a gallon from the current four cents. Outer Islands residents, meanwhile, will have to

pay 24 cents a gallon to dispose of septage. Fees will be higher for Outer Islands residents because Salt Spring residents already partially support the liquid waste disposal through an annual parcel tax. That tax is expected to be \$21.25 in 1997, up from \$20.84 in 1996.

The increases were announced at the liquid waste committee's annual meeting Friday.

Capital Regional District (CRD) engineer Jim McFarland said the liquid waste committee will have incurred a deficit of \$40,000 to \$45,000 by the end of 1996. The deficit was caused by the increased cost of hauling liquid waste off-island after disposal lagoons dug in the Burgoyne Valley failed to work and were closed.

A pilot project using a small model of a Quebec-built

Fournier rotary press proved the technology could be used on Salt Spring to de-water the sludge. The CRD will now be seeking bids to install a full-size sludge de-watering operation on the site.

McFarland predicted a 24-inch version of the press would cost approximately \$150,000. At present the water from the sludge is being stored in a tank and then trucked to the Ganges sewer plant for disposal.

However, McFarland hopes to begin experimenting next week with using a membrane process — like that being used for the Ganges sewer plant upgrade — to purify the sludge liquid on-site to drinking water standard.

This will save the cost of hauling the waste water to Ganges and may produce water good enough to be used for irrigation.

The remaining piece of the puzzle is how to complete composting the dry sludge. The material is now being stored in a bin on the site and is slowly composting on its own but a better process is required.

Committee chairman Terry Bolton expected that problem to be resolved in 1997. Eventually he predicts the island will be a leader among small communities in Canada for its liquid waste treatment.

The use of the press for dewatering, a membrane to purify the water and an enclosed method of composting the solids means the process can be located almost anywhere on the island, Bolton observed.

"The huge improvement in the process over digging the hole in the ground, like the lagoons, is enormous," Bolton said. "We have total control

over everything all the time."

McFarland noted lagoons are a cheap solution for short-term use but pose long-term problems. One of the costs facing the liquid waste committee is cleaning up the old lagoons on the Burgoyne Bay site.

The new process is both environmentally-friendly and neighbourhood-friendly, since no resident need fear that an open liquid waste disposal facility will be built in his or her neighbourhood.

"At the end of the day it's a win-win situation for every neighbourhood on the island and for every resident on the island," Bolton said.

He was re-elected to the committee by acclamation. Also elected to the committee by acclamation was George Ehring who lives on Furness Road, near the Burgoyne Bay site.

Frazer's peacekeeper bill will go to Commons vote

There may be official recognition for Canadian troops involved in peacekeeping missions as a result of a Private Member's Bill put forward in the House of Commons by local MP Jack Frazer.

A Commons committee has given approval to Frazer's Bill C-300 to be put through for a vote.

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans' Affairs recommended in 1993

that a volunteer service medal for peacekeeping should be established. However, Parliament was dissolved before the recommendation could be acted upon.

"Bill C-300 gives members of this House a chance to overcome that missed opportunity," Frazer said on Thursday.

He called the decision on allowing the bill to proceed to a vote "a real victory" for Canadian peacekeepers.

FOR THE RECORD

The video lending service at the Mary Hawkins Library is new, contrary to information that was presented in a story last week. The library now has more than 70 non-fiction videos available for borrowing.

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Young weavers

Lisa Adams works at her loom during a junior weaving class last Wednesday at The Sophisticated Cow. Twenty young Salt Spring Islanders aged eight to 16 have participated in the classes since October last year, and 13 have gone on to become members of the weavers' guild.

Photo by Tony Richards

Legal opinions at odds on resort

Islanders opposed to the Salt Spring Island Village Resort project on Bullock Lake may try to obtain a legal injunction against it.

Area resident John Fulker said Tuesday that residents have a legal opinion from Vancouver lawyer George MacIntosh, who argues that the resort's building permit was incorrectly issued due to the application being incomplete.

The opinion is based on an August 21 letter from Brian Hauff to Dick Stubbs reporting that Hauff is now able to prove potable water.

No permit for the water system has been issued by Louise Egan, senior public health engineer for the Ministry of Health. Egan said the application from the resort is still incomplete.

Potability of the water has yet to be proven and the hydro-geologist's report completed. Egan has samples from three of the four wells on the site.

Fulker said a written opinion from MacIntosh will be submitted to the Trust. If the Trust will not seek an injunction, the citizens' group will, Fulker said.

"We've spent \$3,500 on this so far and it's going to go considerably higher," Fulker said. However, the Trust received the opposite legal opinion on the completeness of the building permit application from its lawyers last Wednesday. Trust planner Linda Adams said lawyers are still reviewing other aspects of the entire process.

Trustees Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne had asked to address the Capital Regional District board today (Wednesday) but were denied the opportunity by board chairman Bob Clark. On Thursday at noon an information protest against the project will be held outside the Ganges post office.

Residents opposed to the resort have formed a non-profit organization called the Salt Spring Island Neighbours' Association and are seeking donations through an account at Island Savings Credit Union.

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Scheduled for next Tuesday in Sidney, the forum will be part of a two-day meeting of the council. Topics looked at in round-table discussions will include the concerns of seniors in the region, including those on Salt Spring and Pender islands, universal medicare, housing and transportation, the availability of health services in rural areas, and safety and security.

"Public forums are a great opportunity for council members to hear first-hand from the community on important seniors' issues," said chairwoman Margaret Fulton. "The council's recommendations to government should reflect the views and concerns of as wide a

range of B.C. seniors as possible."

Fulton is one of the regional representatives on the council, and lives on Salt Spring Island. Tuesday's forum will also include an information session on the expansion of Pharmacare's reference-based pricing policy. It will be held at Sidney Silver Threads, 10030 Resthaven Drive, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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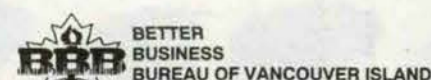
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While rezoning was under way not all owners were aware of it

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff
Second in a series

In early 1991, a figurative missile was fired into the squabbling-but-still-allied Mill Farm owners when the spouse of a shareholder

applied to rezone the jointly-held Mill Farm property.

Although the application was launched in good faith and with the approval of at least some Mill Farm owners, it exploded over the next five years, blowing apart the loosely-knit vision of an isolated cluster of homes on the pristine south Salt Spring property.

During the next half-decade, Islands Trust Bylaw 297 became the focus of numerous debates and investigations — even its legality was questioned.

Trustee Bob Andrew and Trust planner Linda Adams recently said many of the problems surrounding Bylaw 297 could not occur now due to changes in Trust procedure.

However, in the early 1990s, a combination of procedural loopholes, severed communication among Mill Farm owners and between owners and the Islands Trust, plus a clashing of personalities and ideals reduced the attempted rezoning to a nasty collection of angry letters, threats and ultimately a court-ordered sale of the land.

Bylaw 297 would have rezoned the 160-parcel from Uplands and Forest (permitting one dwelling, one seasonal cottage and 5,000 square feet of accessory buildings) to Uplands and Forest Communal Residential (allowing 10 dwellings and 10 seasonal cottages).

In exchange for increased density, owners were to grant a public trail dedication through the property's old-growth forest — known as the Sacred Grove — and agree to conservation covenants.

That Bylaw 297 is at the root of Mill Farm controversy is shown by a January 1995 letter from lawyers representing two of the petitioners in the recently concluded court action.

It states: "In summary, our clients have brought this petition because of the deadlock amongst the owners with regards to the rezoning application on the property."

Although many aspects of the bylaw proved contentious over the next few years, the dispute began with the original signing of the rezoning application.

According to the petitioners' court document, "In or about early 1991, Susanne Hunter was authorized by the members to apply for rezoning of the Mill Farm to the new type of zoning... and to negotiate the terms of the rezoning with the Trust committee."

THE MILL FARM SAGA

Most of the owners' affidavits agree with the above statement.

But affidavits filed by then-owners Dennis and Gloria O'Hara and Bruce Williams aggressively deny this, claiming Hunter had no authority from them to proceed with this application.

The O'Haras' affidavit, however, incorrectly indicates the zoning application was signed in June 1991 — the same month, according to the Victoria Land Title Office, that the O'Haras took possession of their share. The application was actually made on March 12, a month before the O'Haras bid on the land.

But the difference in time does not alter the claim that "... we (the O'Haras) were never asked nor were (we) made aware by the applicant or any other Mill Farm owner that a formal application had indeed been given to the Islands Trust."

At this point, the O'Haras say, they understood informal discussions were taking place with the Trust, especially regarding a strata title option for the land.

It was not until 15 months later — September 1992 — that the O'Haras read a Driftwood article indicating Bylaw 297, which changed the Mill Farm zoning, had received second and third reading.

"This is the first time we became aware of a formal application and the terms therein," their affidavit states.

According to Bruce Williams' court document, he "never gave Susanne Hunter ... permission to sign a rezoning application on my behalf as stated in ... the petition."

For Williams, a "Mill Farm Newsletter" written in June 1990 by Hunter and Patricia St. Jean supports his position, as do minutes from an April 1990 Mill Farm meeting which "resolved that Barry (Hunter) and Peter (Binkley) would be responsible for meeting with (Salt Spring trustee) Nick Gilbert ..."

In the newsletter, Hunter and St. Jean note that a preliminary meeting with the Trust, set for June 4, 1990 would seek advice on how to proceed with a strata title.

Crucial to Williams' understanding was the letter's statement: "We will not be presenting (the) Islands Trust with a proposal nor will we be negotiating on behalf of Mill Farm members."

Williams took this at its word and then found himself overcome with business obligations that kept him too busy to attend to Mill Farm affairs.

In keeping with the majority of affi-

davits filed by Mill Farm applicants, it seems certain that sometime between June 1990 and March 1991 a group of Mill Farm owners gave Hunter the collective nod to continue meeting with the Trust, this time to explore the possibility of rezoning the property.

Indeed, Hunter invested a substantial amount of personal time and energy in the rezoning project, with activity occurring monthly. Minutes of the Trust's Advisory Planning Commission (APC) indicate that "Suzanne (sic) Hunter et al" made six presentations on the application between April and September 1991.

According to Williams' affidavit, however, no Mill Farm meeting minutes were kept during this period so it is difficult to determine when this authority was given. (Several attempts by the Driftwood to obtain any such minutes have also proven futile.)

It is also seems clear that not all members were aware of the formalized rezoning activity.

The Islands Trust gave first reading to Bylaw 297 on August 25, 1992. A public hearing on it and five other bylaws was held on September 23, 1992, after which second and third readings were given to the Mill Farm bylaw. Before fourth reading could occur, the restrictive and conservation covenants would have to be in place.

Public hearing minutes indicate there were no written or verbal comments from the public concerning Bylaw 297.

The O'Haras and Williams say they knew nothing of the bylaw application, let alone the public hearing.

Trustee Andrew and planner Adams told the Driftwood the Trust is legally obligated to inform everyone who may have an interest in a rezoning application — owners and neighbours — of a pending public hearing.

Notices would have been sent out to all owners of the property whose names appeared on the B.C. Assessment Authority list in the summer of 1992.

But Andrew and Adams cannot prove that a notice reached the hands of Williams and the O'Haras. Some people, they note, treat all material received from the Trust as junk mail.

And it follows that if the two parties were unaware of any proceedings occurring between Mill Farm owners and the Trust, they would be unaware of the importance of such notification.

In October 1992 the O'Haras wrote the Trust indicating their concern with one of the proposed covenants.

"If this cannot be guaranteed," the letter concludes, "we ask that you withdraw this application ..."

It wasn't exactly another missile — but it amounted to "distant early warning." War was on the horizon.

Next week: More on Bylaw 297

Chronology

- 1981 — Vivian Murrill purchases Mill Farm from Smith family heirs, arranging for several friends to buy into it as tenants in common.

- 1990 — April. Mill Farm members consider strata title ownership of the land.

- 1991 — March. Susanne Hunter signs a rezoning application for the Mill Farm property.

- 1991 — June. Dennis and Gloria O'Hara purchase a Mill Farm share.

- 1992 — September. Bylaw 297 is given second and third reading.

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Skaters dispute school's jurisdiction over roadway

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A win-win solution for skateboarders who set up on the closed section of Kanaka Road is being derailed by complaints from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) staff.

"Everyone was getting along," said Micah Booy, a Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS). He and other skateboarding enthusiasts pooled their pocket money and did some fundraising for materials. Using shop time, they constructed a dozen pieces of apparatus — ramps and rails — which transformed the stretch of closed road into a skateboarding arena.

The site is between GISS and SIMS and was being used by skateboarders from both schools.

But in mid-October, the Grade 12 students were told they could not use the area during the SIMS lunch hour, from 12:15 to 1 p.m., because of their influence on the younger students. Micah Booy feels the SIMS duty teachers "invented a problem out of fiction, not fact."

SIMS vice-principal Bob McWhirter said there were some problems occurring with some of the skateboarders. As with any group of youngsters, he notes some were behaving and some were not.

Another concern was overcrowding at the site, which is drawing more and more skateboarders. This increases the chance of an accident, for which the school district could be liable, he said.

"We felt our kids should have some time to themselves on it," McWhirter said.

At first the GISS students complied with the request but after two or three weeks, some showed up at the site during the SIMS lunch hour and refused to leave.

"We just told them we're not leaving, we're skateboarding," Booy recalled. He pointed out, and his father agreed, that neither the road nor the equipment are school district property.

On November 1, the SIMS administration had all the skateboarding equipment moved to the Core Inn. McWhirter said the

ramps were moved until the question of access was resolved. One of the skateboarders had suggested the equipment be moved to the Core Inn.

At last Wednesday's SIMS Parent Advisory Council meeting, parents from GISS showed up to ask about the skateboarding issue.

SIMS parent Sandy Dawes feels it is unfair to tell the senior students they could not use the site. "It's a great thing. It got them (skateboarders) out of downtown. The SIMS kids wouldn't have this if it

weren't for the high school kids."

John Booy observed his son and the other skateboarders had resolved the problem of no skateboarding park on their own, with no help from either the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission or the Core Inn. Skateboarders are now rarely seen on downtown streets, sidewalks and parking lots.

Young people who gather to watch the skateboarders or those who congregate on the bleachers in an adjoining field were identified as part of the problem at last

Wednesday's meeting. McWhirter said Monday there are other problems in the area which are not related to the skateboarding.

Last Wednesday, those present agreed the equipment should be moved back to the Kanaka Road site until another meeting is held to discuss and hopefully resolve the issue.

That meeting between skateboarders, parents and school administrators will be held starting at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) in the Core Inn.

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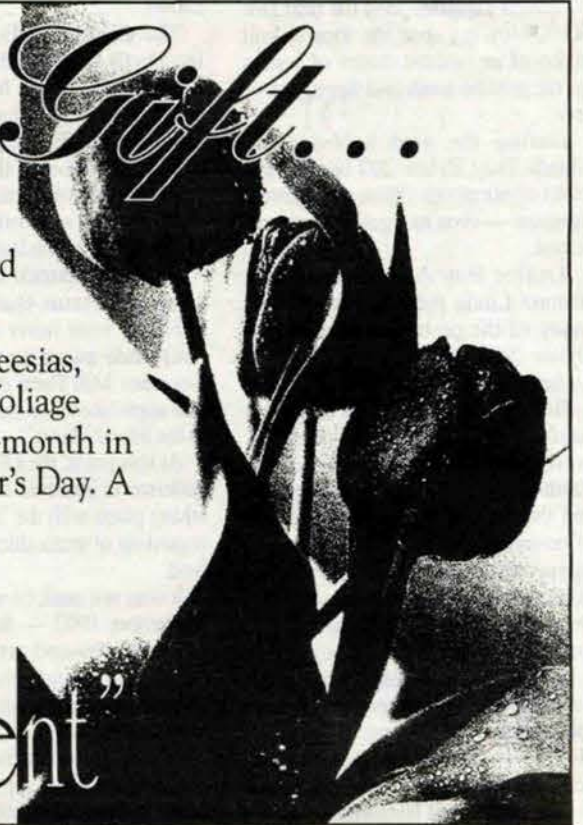
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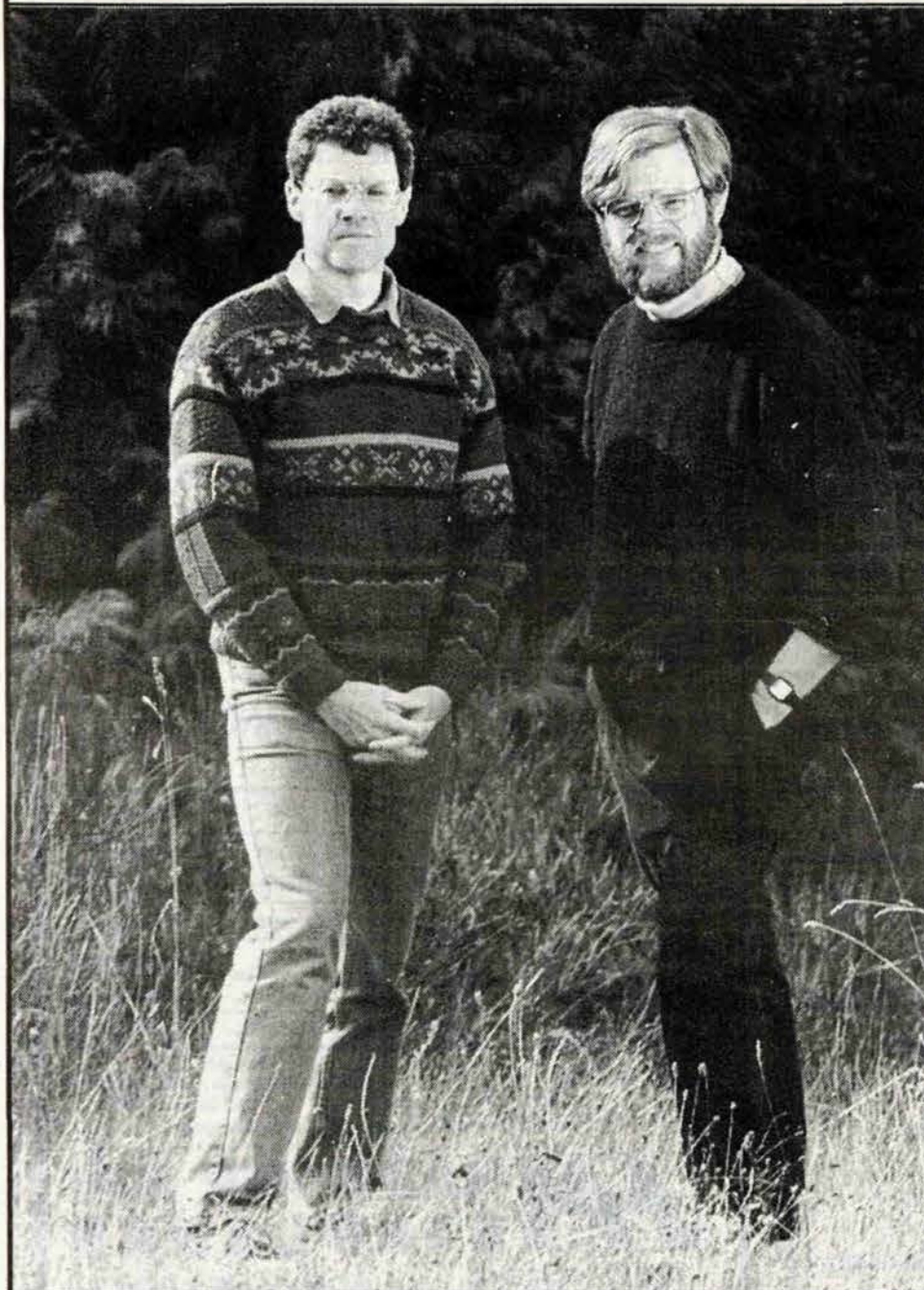
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You are electing one candidate of the three on the ballot. The director joins the 19 member Regional Board and Hospital Board.

Trust gives final reading to Bullock Lake downzoning

Passage of a bylaw rezoning the controversial Bullock Lake property last Wednesday was one of the final acts of trustees Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne.

Giving final reading to Bylaw 343, which downzones property owned by Salt Spring Village Resort from Commercial 4 to Rural, drew applause from about 10 members of the public attending the last Trust committee meeting of the trustees' terms.

The bylaw, initiated by the

committee, was overwhelmingly supported at public hearing October 3. It received municipal affairs ministry approval November 5.

In other Trust news:

- Almost 200 copies of the second draft of the Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) have been picked up since becoming available October 28.

Trust planner Linda Adams said copies have also been referred to government agencies, and letters sent to commu-

nity groups and focus group members advising them the draft is ready for pick-up.

She noted there is almost \$20,000 left to cover future printing, public and legal reviews, with \$13,700 of that uncommitted.

- A new development permit application has been submitted for a townhouse project near Swanson's Pond in Ganges.

Trust assistant planner David Marlor told the meeting that a number of issues in the first

application submitted last year were never resolved with the developer.

The new plan will have less impact on the pond and creek, said Marlor, and reduces the number of units from 24 to 21.

- Replacement of some trees and vegetation removed to construct a road for the 12-lot first phase of a subdivision off Rainbow Road has been agreed to by the developer.

Marlor said the developer proposed 1,300 tree plugs and

2,000 salal plugs be planted to help restore vegetation by the roadside.

The subdivision calls for a total of 33 lots upon completion.

- Bylaw 342 also received final approval at the meeting.

A bylaw which went to public hearing October 3, it amends the Salt Spring zoning bylaw to make duplexes existing before July 31, 1990 a legal conforming use in the Residential 1 zone.

Contractors dispute statements on hiring

A Parksville company working on the Bullock Lake resort project would like to hire local people for the job but says those with experience already have work.

Chris Sharp of Parksville Excavating said his firm has hired two Salt Spring residents so far and is still looking for specialized tradespeople. Sharp was disputing a statement made last week in a report on a protest against the resort development.

"We do want to hire local people but they have to be qualified people," said Sharp, whose company is installing water lines and building roads on the site. He said they advertised in the Driftwood for equipment operators and pipelayers.

Sharp's comments were echoed by Peter Byrom of PR Projects Ltd., the resort's general contractor, who also said that information about the resort units being prefabricated was incorrect as well.

Byrom said the units will be built on-site, and islanders will have the opportunity to bid on the work.

"There will be lots of work for all local tradesmen if they're qualified and capable and if their prices are competitive."

Sharp said it made more sense to hire local workers because otherwise his company must pay for accommodation here.

Park bylaw passed Oct. 9

Salt Spring became part of the Capital Regional District (CRD) regional parks function at the October 9 CRD board meeting.

Bylaws 2419 and 2420, which allowed Salt Spring to become part of the function and also authorized \$500,000 in borrowing to be applied to park acquisition on the island, were both approved at that meeting.

The CRD board adoption followed approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and a decision by that ministry not to hold a referendum on the issue.

Regional director Dietrich Luth said Friday he had not yet seen the official order bringing Salt Spring into the parks function so

had not announced the change.

"It'll happen in good time," he said.

He also suspected the provincial government might be making the official announcement.

Salt Spring was brought into the parks function in time for the CRD to join in acquisition of the Mill Farm property on October 17.

Starting next year, islanders will begin paying additional taxes for regional parks. In 1996, islanders would have been charged an average of \$26 per residence but that figure is expected to increase as more parks are acquired and/or developed.

October was wettest in 20 years

Are your toes rusting? Islanders just finished swimming through the wettest October in 20 years, reports Ganges weather observer Robert Aston. Rainfall during the month totaled 6.27 inches.

The two previous high rainfalls recorded by Aston were 5.81 for October 1985 and 5.36 for October 1981.

"In 20 years, it's by far the highest," Aston said after reviewing his own records.

He has also researched rainfall records dating back 30 years and has not been able to find a wetter record for October.



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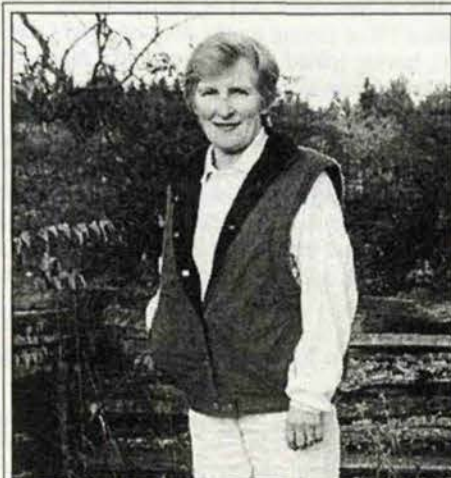
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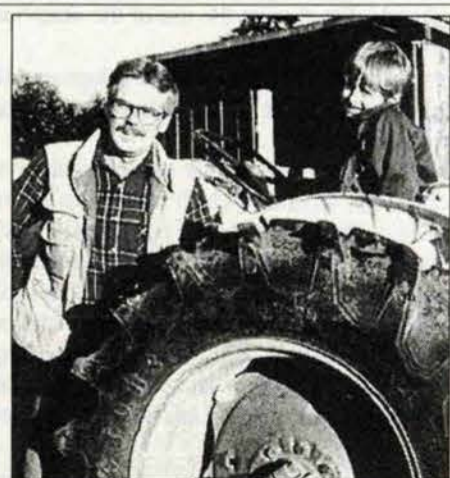
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OPINION

Main election issue is system is flawed

Proof that Salt Spring Island's system of local government — if you can call it that — is not working will be seen in the neighbourhood of the Ganges post office at noon Thursday. You'll see islanders protesting the Salt Spring Village Resort project, a development whose approval has become the focus of some intense legal examination.

Despite concerns of the Salt Spring Trust Committee, of which there was sufficient evidence in its decision to proceed with downzoning, the Capital Regional District issued a building permit.

Whether the latter body approved or disapproved of the process chosen by the Trust, it ought to have at least kept communication lines open in the interests of the community it is supposed to serve.

But a turf war got in the way.

So what can we do on Saturday to make the best of a bad situation?

First, look for candidates pledged to work cooperatively with other elected officials, on the Trust and on the regional district board. Politics, as ever, is the art of the possible and compromise is the grease that makes the possible happen.

Second, vote for those who back completion of the long-overdue government options study for Salt Spring.

Even at the best of times and with the best of intent, the efforts of a local Trust committee and single regional director are insufficient to manage the affairs of a 10,000-resident community. When times and intent are not at their best, the results can be disastrous, as Bullock Lake area residents will testify.

The Trust is clearly being stretched beyond its mandate in an effort to manage the most urbanized of the Trust islands. Recent drafts of Salt Spring's community plan are evidence of the complexity which has come to the island over the past two decades. In the plan are regulations covering issues which would not even arise on Keats or Gambier or Satuma.

Meanwhile, the CRD is dragged beyond its mandated role by the yawning vacuum of authority on the island.

In this election we find it difficult to endorse individual candidates, not because there are not good people running, but because they are running for positions in a system which is no longer effectively serving the island.

The study into an alternative form of government should have started three years ago, shortly after the last local election. It did not, so Salt Spring residents are again going to the polls to elect two trustees and a regional director who will — we fervently hope — serve their interests and work well together.

We need something different: something that will maintain the preserve and protect mandate but give Salt Spring residents more direct control over the island's future.

The place to start is at the polls on Saturday. It's your last chance to have a say for another three years.

It won't be easy

When school board ballots are counted Saturday, the lucky candidates will escape election.

For the next three years we need super-trustees who will balance the budget yet maintain schools.

We need trustees who:

- will stand up to the provincial government and demand adequate educational funding;
- will stand up to the teachers' association and demand realistic contracts;
- will speak their minds at public board meetings, so all can understand the choices which must be made.

A place for skateboards

If it ain't broke, don't break it. That's the message we have for school administrators, parents and young people as they meet tonight (Wednesday) to discuss the use of the skateboarding area on the closed section of Kanaka Road.

Yes, there might be problems developing as the site draws more skateboarders and as some of the young people hanging out in the area clash with supervisors.

But those problems are not created by the young people whose efforts produced the apparatus which makes this informal skateboarding site so successful. They should not be penalized by having their access restricted.

They have done the community a service by providing an alternative location to practise their sport. They have successfully drawn the sport out of downtown, to the relief of drivers and pedestrians who no longer have to fear hitting or being hit by skateboarding youngsters.

Flexibility, cooperation and effort produced a "fix" for the problem of skateboarders downtown. Let's not break the solution.



There's been too little discussion on island joining regional parks

By JULIA ATKINS

Have I missed something?

I have been waiting to read the story of Salt Spring joining the CRD Regional Parks function for weeks. Have I missed it?

I've been following this issue with interest, especially since the purchase of the Mill Farm came to be associated with joining the regional parks function. For those who aren't sure of the connection, it goes this way. A number of people were interested in protecting the Mill Farm property from logging. They came to the conclusion that purchasing the property was the best way to do this. They needed lots of money. The CRD Regional Parks function is interested in parks and can borrow money to acquire them. But because Salt Spring was not a member of the regional parks function, it couldn't access this money. You reported the possibility, under discussion, that if Salt Spring joined the regional parks function the CRD as a whole would borrow money for Salt Spring, presumably to purchase the Mill Farm.

Newspaper coverage then shifted to the Mill Farm purchase, and no more was said about the regional parks function. I expected some public discussion about the merits of joining and how that would help us acquire the Mill Farm, and at least some griping about the extra \$25 a year it's going to cost the average homeowner on Salt Spring.

The silence was deafening. And no one seemed to know what was going on. When I became aware that the court date for the purchase of the farm was fast approaching, and that Salt Spring was still, to my knowledge, not a part of the regional parks function, I really wondered what was happening. By this time I had heard that the CRD board had given the necessary bylaws the first three readings and sent them over to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for approval.

In one of your earlier articles discussing the possibility of Salt Spring joining the parks function, you had mentioned that in this kind of bylaw (where a new tax is being created) the minister has the ability to



VIEW POINT

require a referendum. It was pretty clear that there was not enough time for a referendum before the court-ordered sale date. So what was the hold-up?

I called the two Islands Trust trustees and an employee at Municipal Affairs to ask whether the ministry had approved the bylaws. The trustees had not been involved in any specific discussions about joining the regional parks function, and didn't know what the CRD was doing. The ministry was equally vague. Finally I found out that the bylaws had been approved, 10 days earlier, and that the CRD would give them final reading at the next board meeting, just before the court sale. And then I found out that October 8, Salt Spring became part of the CRD Regional Parks function. But this doesn't seem to have been reported in either the Driftwood or the Times-Colonist. Or have I missed something?

The benefits of Salt Spring joining the regional park function are many. But they do not come without a cost and, in a time of clearly shrinking resources, it means that the money spent on that will not be available for something else.

I don't know if, given a choice of a number of things that Salt Spring could spend money on, I would necessarily have chosen to join the regional parks function. I do know I

would like to have been part of the discussion, especially since I'll be paying for the decision. And I don't know if, having joined the regional parks function I would have chosen to purchase the Mill Farm over a number of other very attractive properties. Again, I would have liked to have been a part of the discussion.

It might be interesting to ask the candidates currently running for office what they might have done in this situation, what they consider our spending priorities to be, and how they would involve taxpayers in a discussion about spending their money. I'd like to know.

Julia Atkins is a former regional director for Salt Spring Island.

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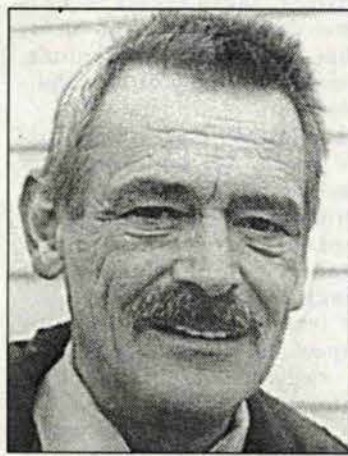
SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: Which of the three elections — CRD, Trust or school board — has the greatest significance for the future of Salt Spring?



Diane O'Connor

The Trust because right now I think it's at a pivotal point for change.



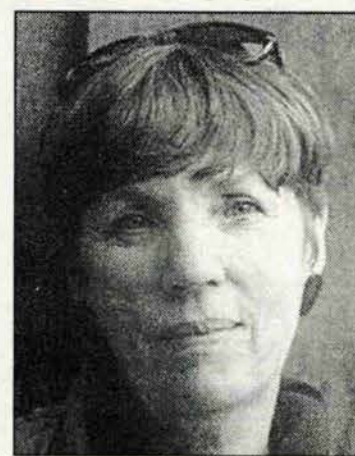
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I think the school board because if we get our school system running properly over here we might end up eventually with some decent candidates.



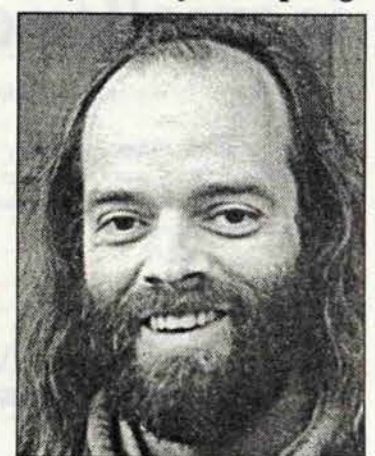
Eileen Hunter

I don't know how to answer that. My firm belief is we should incorporate and have some structure and organization for our future.



Lyda Smith

I feel the elections are a watershed... The election of the school board determines the kind of education system we establish which demonstrates the principles we have as a community.



John Dellow

I think the Trust because of my passion for nature and the trees, which is why I moved here from Toronto.

Straight-shooters

It's interesting to be holding a Trust election at the same time as the community is being asked to review the second, much-improved draft of the proposed OCP.

On October 30 I attended the all-candidates meeting at Fulford Hall. Although all the candidates obviously care deeply about this island we share, they seem to differ greatly in their approaches to governance and in the approach, knowledge and skills they would bring to the job of trustee.

Rajala and the Marcano/Clarke team seem to have a hands-off, what-will-be-will-be attitude.

The Ellacott/Byron team sounded somewhat more reasonable, but questioning revealed a few interesting things. Bev Byron's answers were direct but often lacked understanding of the complexity of many island issues and knowledge of the legalities. For example, Byron feels that building regulations should be simplified, yet didn't seem to understand that those regulations have nothing to do with the Trust. They're the CRD's problem. Ellacott, on the other hand, never gave a direct answer.

And all these candidates stated that they have never looked at the land use map, which is key to the OCP. If they weren't prepared to do their homework to get elected, what can we expect if any of them become our new trustees?

In contrast, Gary Holman and David Borrowman seemed by far the most knowledgeable about

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Islands Trust responsibilities, and both the current and draft OCP. Both have been involved in a number of community groups studying the future of the island and appear to have ideas and a real understanding of the needs and wants of islanders. I think that both would be straight-shooters who would listen to islanders and bring intelligence and reason to the role of trustee. I just hope other voters agree!

JUDY NORGET,
Lawnhill Drive

Enough lobbyists

I see in the last few editions of your paper Judith Boel, a woman who is running for the school board, is busy asking herself questions to which she seems to have all the answers.

If memory serves correct, this is the same woman who got a government grant to give islanders a loaded survey relating to abuse.

Undaunted by lack of response and writing off negative feedback as politically incorrect or mean-spirited or homophobic, she plunged on to extrapolate the wildest of figures virtually from thin air.

The upshot was the S.W.O.V.A. shelter-house for women who consider themselves abused. When funding was mercifully cut this same crowd launched a very slick drive at the local grocery stores where they had packages with a dozen or so

pre-written letters addressed to all manner of officials and intimidated another round of funding out of a government that doesn't have enough money to keep children above the poverty level.

Ironically, these would be the same children whose interests Ms. Boel now vows to protect.

I feel it should be incumbent on all candidates to all offices to be open and honest about their connections to special interest groups.

Our school board needs a lot of help, it doesn't need another lobbyist to pressure government to employ more friends.

FRANK WOODS,
Maliview Drive

Costs

At the October 30 Islands Trust all-candidates forum we had a chance to listen to and observe the candidates.

Two of these candidates have admitted membership in the Island Watch Society.

It is important to realize that the IWS is a well-organized pressure group with tunnel vision which supports environmental protection regardless of social or economic cost. As voters, I ask you to observe which candidates are likely to address the island's social, economic and environmental needs as a balanced whole, rather than focus on the narrow concerns of a single pressure group.

David Borrowman, while distancing himself from the first draft of the OCP, clearly advo-

cates and supports the concept that the Islands Trust Council should co-exist with, and dominate, any future council that might come into being as a result of a referendum vote on incorporation. He seems to be uninterested in the costs, either the rapid escalation that has taken place in the Trust budget, or of the future potential cost of a two-tiered system such as he advocates.

Gary Holman, on the other hand, tells us that the costs shouldn't matter, after all, look what the school system costs.

Holman was a vocal supporter

of that highly-intrusive first draft of the OCP, the one that was resoundingly rejected by everyone except the IWS. The new OCP, while reasonably innocuous as it stands, could be reincarnated into the worst aspects of the first draft in the hands of an IWS member.

We have had too many past trustees who were dominated by, and under the control of, the Islands Trust Council, and look where they have got us. Salt Spring Island now more than ever needs strong representatives in the Trust.

B. IVERSON,
Ganges

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Remembrance Day is smaller every year

VICTORIA — We take far too many things for granted, but above all, freedom.

Like so many other holidays, Remembrance Day is just one more day off from work, a day to go golfing, fishing or whatever we do in the pursuit of happiness. At least most of us still wear poppies on our lapels.

In two wars, Canadians fought and bled and died for the beliefs that all of us should hold dear. And the little red poppy, sold by war veterans and

other volunteers, prior to Remembrance Day, is an important symbol for the sacrifices made by previous generations in the fields of Flanders, the beaches of Normandy and wherever else war raged.

When I came to Canada in 1957, memories of the last horrible war were still fresh and most retail stores acknowledged Remembrance Day with full-page "Lest We Forget" newspaper ads. You will find them no more. These days, the bottom line is more important.

From the first year on, I made it a point to wear a poppy, even though I came from the very country that had unleashed the two terrible wars whose victims were being remembered. Asked why, I would only say that I have my personal reasons.

Back in Germany, as a child, I used to observe Remembrance Day on November 9. The date had been picked by the Nazis to commemorate a protest march — more like a brawl — in Munich by Adolf Hitler and his goons in 1929, during which some of the brownshirts were killed.

For a kid, the ceremonies were pretty tedious affairs. I remember standing for what seemed like hours at the cenotaph, listening to patriotic speeches and singing the Horst Wessel song, which had all but replaced the old Deutschland Ueber Alles as the national anthem.

Horst Wessel was, if memories of my early Nazi indoctrination serve me correctly, one of the thugs who got themselves killed during that Munich march.

One year, during a rousing rendition of the aforementioned song, my right arm, which had to be properly outstretched in the Nazi salute, started hurting and I put up my left arm instead, which earned me an immediate and very painful slap in the face from my teacher.

The only consolation I can find today is that following the Nuremberg war crimes trial, some of the masters of war who had 60 million people sent to the grave, got what they deserved.

During my early years in Canada, I attended Remembrance Day ceremonies with my children, and what struck me was the difference between what had passed for "remembering" under the Nazis and the sad and sombre ceremonies here.

One reason why I never fail to observe Remembrance Day is the kindness with which Canadians accepted me into their society and allowed me to become truly one of theirs. I often asked myself in those early years how on earth people who lost loved ones in the wars against the country I came from could be so forgiving. But they were.

Today, Remembrance Day in Germany is observed as a general day of sorrow caused by man's inhumanity to man, and the ceremonies honour not only the deaths of German soldiers, but those of all other nations.

Here in Canada, it seems to me that the crowds attending Remembrance Day ceremonies get smaller and smaller every year, and those attending get older and older. How sad. Lest We Forget. Three words that make all the difference.

We can choose, like the department stores, to consider the events that led to the observation of Remembrance Day as no longer relevant. Or we can honour those who lost their lives so long ago by truly remembering their sacrifice.

I believe we should choose the latter. I believe we should all attend the Remembrance Day ceremonies in our cities and towns. Without the sacrifices of those we honour, life today might be vastly different, and not for the better.

The heart of many an old veteran, who truly remembers the horrors of war, would sing at seeing the younger generations acknowledge the sacrifice of those who didn't come back.

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CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



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Aghast

On attending the trustee candidates forum at Fulford Hall I was aghast when the righteous Gary Holman admitted to having an illegal guest cottage on his property.

This is the same person who stood up and endorsed and praised the first draft of the official community plan at the public meetings.

Remember that first draft, it was intrusive, restrictive and full of unnecessary regulations.

Holman obviously feels he is above regulations, building permits are for others and population control is a problem that occurs outside his property lines.

The last thing we need is a hypocrite in the Trust office.

NORMAN TWA,
Blackburn Road

Know job

Amidst all the excitement

leading up to the election of trustees, there seems to be a great deal of confusion about what the Islands Trust does, even among many of the candidates.

The Islands Trust is responsible solely for deciding how land is to be used on Salt Spring and for determining the appropriate zoning for the island. Among many other things, the Trust does not:

- issue building permits or inspect buildings (this is done by the building inspection office of the CRD);

- have authority over water and sewer services. (This too is controlled by the CRD.)

Of the candidates at the all-candidates meeting last week at Fulford Hall, it seemed that only Gary Holman and David Borrowman know what the Trust can and cannot do.

The Driftwood has frequently suggested that the Islands Trust is protecting the land and waters of Salt Spring but seems

unconcerned about the people living here. I don't agree. The Trust is entrusted with protecting the unique place in which we live by deciding how the land will be used.

The current zoning allows for about 25,000 people on Salt Spring, and none of the trustee candidates has proposed reducing this ultimate growth, which will undoubtedly change our island beyond recognition. If we want our island to retain even a fragment of its unique ambience, shouldn't we insist that the candidates we vote for at least agree not to increase the current zoning and pledge to uphold the "preserve and protect" mandate of the Trust?

And shouldn't we also vote only for candidates who know what the job involves?

CHARLES KAHN,
Channel Ridge Drive

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- School District #64 Trustee
- Community/school coach for boys/girls sports
- Former inspector for the Salt Spring SPCA
- 28 year resident of SSI & a graduate of Gulf Island Senior Secondary
- Former secretary and life time member of the Island Farmer's Institute
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PUBLIC WELCOME

CRD refresher

As I read your election write-ups on Lynda Laushway and Dietrich Luth, it became apparent that despite much public uproar over the CRD building department, the issue of the imposition of this overpriced, questionable service on reluctant islanders is being ignored.

Could it be that these two are so anxious to get on the government tit they've decided to ignore issues Salt Springers routinely raise in relation to CRD bungling and greed?

Perhaps a refresher is in order. Islanders don't believe that we should have to build to the Canadian building code because it is wasteful and expensive and hard on the environment. We are now forced to build for Edmonton's sub-Arctic winters when our own temperature rarely gets below freezing. Why?

The cost of permits is up two or three hundred per cent in three or four years. Why?

CRD is now in charge of water lines, with new permits and fees. What public process ever granted them such power?

Why should people who are having expensive inspections forced upon them have to sign waivers of indemnity?

Any local teenager would know better than to issue a permit for Bullock Lake. The CRD did not. No one was fired. Why?

A simple solution to some of this crap could be this question on the ballot, "Are you in favour of compulsory building inspection and permit fees for non-commercial buildings? Yes or no?"

All projects would be cheaper and safer using a real engineer who would actually stand behind his work as opposed to armies of inspectors who hide behind waivers of indemnity and create mountains of paperwork.

If these two candidates are not aware or don't wish to deal with these longstanding issues, we don't need either of them.

LEONARD KILM,
Fulford

Ozone friendly

The need for regular town hall style meetings here is paramount to instill a sense of real communications and trust re: the everyday ongoing operations of the island — the ferries, police,

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health and housing needs — and the elected, public service and the local residents.

Otherwise we have the usual redtape and a sort of vacuum which allows a fiasco such as Bullock Lake to occur.

On the environmental side of things, I went to Ottawa to represent the Skies Above Foundation recently in a government consultation on further control-measures on ozone-depleting substances and their alternatives. There are still no ozone-friendly greenfreeze refrigerators in the country — although they are widely used in Europe.

The argument that they are too "flammable" because they use approximately a cigarette lighter amount of propane/butane gas is ludicrous when you consider the use of natural gas in the kitchen. There is no commercial profit in it for industry as the Greenfreeze mixture is non-patentable. Approximately 80 reps of the chemical industry and government were present and heard this and later the head of ozone protection advised: you need three things in Canada to develop these fridges — a proponent, CSA approval and tax exemptions.

The environment minister's office also heard this, so letters to Sergio Marchi, environment minister, Ottawa, K1A 0A6 would help.

As one islander commented: "Surely if they can invent the CANDU reactor, they can come up with an ozone-friendly fridge!"

This election let's speak the truth, honour the past contributions individuals have made to the community and their attitude to democracy.

SUE HISCOCKS,
Fulford

Costly

In the October 23 Driftwood it is pointed out that Bev Byron stated "she sees no use for the Trust should Salt Spring opt for municipal incorporation."

This position by Bev Byron seems quite incompatible with her announced plan to move all the Trust offices to Salt Spring if she is elected. That would be a very expensive move paid for by

the taxpayer, and it would be especially costly if the Trust were to be then eliminated by incorporation, which she supports.

MAUREEN BENDICK,
Welbury Drive

Laryngitis

I'm sorry Michael Curtis, I don't see Luth as a selfless man at all.

After 13 years of listening to his overbearing and rude harangues, all I see is a bitter man with a monstrous ego and an inability to work with anyone who doesn't totally agree with him.

My idea of a wonderful pre-Christmas present would be to

see Lynda Laushway win the CRD directorship but a close second present would be Dietrich with a permanent case of laryngitis.

RICK LAING,
Wilkie Way

Clear choice

CRD-aspirant Lynda Laushway is campaigning under the slogan "A Clear Choice."

During the last election, Ms. Laushway ran as the NDP candidate for this riding and, in April, appeared on the Joe Easingwood show on C-FAX Radio. At this time she declared her support for artificial, government-enforced, resale ceilings on residential properties.

This statement was too far out even for Glen Clark who quickly countered it with a strong public rebuttal, but not in time to stop the voters obtaining some insight into the mindset of this individual.

"A Clear Choice?" As a property owner I'd say "Too right!"

In a similar vein, the Driftwood last week quoted school board candidate Dwight Jones as deliberately advocating the board run a budget deficit. When one considers the monumental shambles the incumbents, (who mainly ran on platforms of fiscal responsibility), have made of school finances, it is to shudder when imagining what a policy of premeditated overspending would evoke.

ERIC BUNDOCK,
Mount Baker Crescent
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NEW FERRY SCHEDULE

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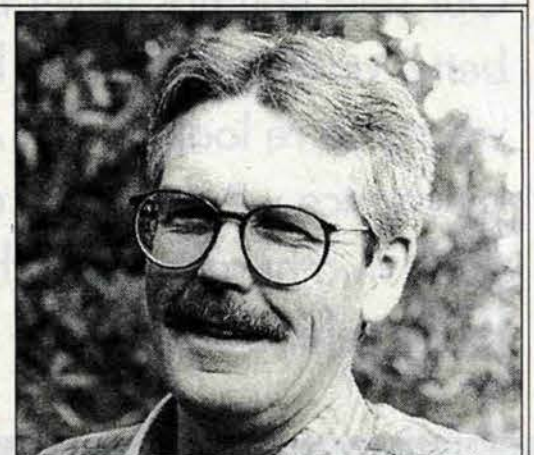
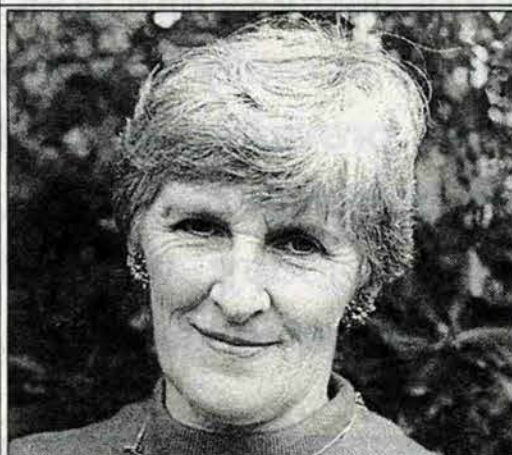
The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee and BC Ferries thank everyone who took the time to comment on the proposed schedule which was circulated in early October.



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Qualified?

I wonder how many islanders are offended by Gary Holman's campaign advertising?

His repeated emphasis on being "the best qualified candidate" infers that only he and, presumably, other insiders (such as his cohorts in the Island Watch Society) have the superior ability to understand planning issues on Salt Spring.

Where that leaves the rest of us is painfully apparent when you consider that Holman is the candidate endorsed by our outgoing trustees. After all, he was a fervent advocate of their first draft of the community plan and at public meetings still speaks about "strengthening the OCP" and "reintroducing more stringent development permit controls" despite the earlier public outrage.

So I ask, what's Gary Holman best qualified for? Adding to the bureaucracy? Imposition of more absurd regulations? Putting bylaws before common sense? Preoccupation with expanding Trust power (instead of dealing effectively with local problems like Bullock Lake)? It sounds like the same old tune to me.

Surely this is a key election issue: will our new trustees listen to and respect the views of all islanders for a change? Or does Salt Spring return to the dogmatic, we-know-better-than-you administration of the past three years?

BOB HASSELL,
Ganges

Right & true

I wish to thank Dietrich Luth for spending the time and effort to keep this island what we want it to be, and fighting the battles for what is right and true. Guess who I'm voting for on November 16?

Dietrich has been the only one to help us with a personal situation involving Slegg Lumber and Islands Trust. We live directly above Slegg Lumber and Dietrich has helped us sort out some compromises with them.

It was not them that wanted to be part of a residential community. They had no choice. Are we going to allow this kind of occur-

rence to happen again? Marcano and Clarke can help!

I am asking the Islands Trust to be more co-operative with the CRD and people of this beautiful and special place we live in. It can be!

My apologies for the blast and dynamite explosion from last week on Hallowe'en (a real noisy one) to Slegg Lumber, Dave's Blasting and Islands Trust. My fireworks were explosive!

But I know we can all work together for peace. The battle will not answer the problems.

SALLY HYSOP,
Ganges

P.S. I don't know much about school now, since my daughter is grown up, but I know who has done her homework and taught me how to do mine. Best of luck to Judith Boel on November 16.

Stewardship

Anyone considering voting for the Bev Byron/John Ellacott team for Islands Trust should be aware that John is an employee of Salt Spring Garbage Service. His wife, Pam, is part-owner of this firm. This company operates a garbage transfer station on the Twa property on Blackburn Road in contravention of Islands Trust zoning bylaws regarding Watershed-zoned property. One wonders how long it would be before another application for rezoning is applied for by the Twas? Previous applications for rezoning of the property and a temporary use permit to allow transfer station use were rejected by the Trust a few years ago.

Also, the Ministry of Environment regularly sends inspectors from its Nanaimo office to monitor the site for possible contraventions of its regulations.

Is this the kind of stewardship of the land by property owners that Ellacott is advocating?

It seems to me this election is about moving forward sensibly or burying our heads and going backwards; preserving and protecting for the future or the past.

MICHAEL MURRAY,
Cranberry Road

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Mystery car

Behind all those girls is a car and they're not saying any more about it. In fact, they don't even want people to see it before it's raffled off in a draw next Wednesday. Tickets for the car — Bruce Murakami has put a 24-hour

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Give a break

As a retired couple on a fixed income we are very concerned about rising taxes eating into our static revenue.

Throughout the western world efforts are being made by governments to control expenditures and hold the line on taxes, but our own jurisdiction is a glaring exception.

In our own case, the portion of our property taxes claimed by the Islands Trust has skyrocketed 59 per cent from our 1990 tax notice to our 1996 tax notice — an average of 10 per cent a year. We are certain many families like ourselves face this kind of increase with fear of our future ability to remain on this island.

When we hear David Borrowman and Gary Holman propose that another layer of government (municipal status) should be introduced under the overview of the Islands Trust, and that it should assume costly procedures such as subdivision approvals and building permit issuance (which are presently provided by other levels of government supported by larger provincial or regional tax bases), we get very concerned. How much more will this add to our taxes and for what benefit?

Surely the Bullock Lake situation, caused as much by the inability of our elected representatives to the Trust and CRD to cooperate as by other factors, is not enough excuse to impose even more taxes on the householder. Enough! Give the taxpayers, and particularly those with fixed and/or minimal incomes, a break.

Vote for common sense and financial prudence.
GORDON KEYS,
Wilkie Way

Watch vision

At the November 6 all-candidates meeting, Gary Holman said he does not consider the Island Watch Society to be a threatening power.

Perhaps not. But what if Watch candidates Holman and Borrowman are elected? Will the local Trust continue to be "run through the back door" by the Island Watch?

The Island Watch has become a narrow-focussed, self-serving organization with no broad community support base. As such, I do

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not want to see its ever-reaching tentacles pull new trustees in one direction or another as has been done with our past trustees, thereby steering Trust decisions towards the Watch vision of a perfect Salt Spring.

BRUCE SMITH,
Beaver Point Road

Balancing act

Over the past three weeks Salt Spring Island Trust candidates have presented their platforms to the public.

One theme that has emerged — primarily during speeches at all-candidates meetings — is the idea of balance. What candidates are really saying is "vote for me because I am capable of balancing protecting the environment with the economic and social demands which are now a fact of life on Salt Spring."

A lot of work needs to be done over the next three years. The official community plan review and the local government options study need to be completed, zoning time bombs addressed, new jobs created and park land acquired. I think all but two of the Trust candidates lacked the vision required to cope with all the challenges faced by our growing community.

So who is up to the task? Gary Holman and David Borrowman have many similarities in their approach to the issues. They both want the community plan completed, to establish the local government options committee and sensible regulations to control inappropriate development. They both have a good understanding of how government works.

Anyone attending the all-candidates meetings could see they are both very bright, have a sense of humour, are rational and really care about the future of the island. Gary is a deep thinker and David has exceptional diplomacy skills.

On November 16 we should elect candidates that are capable of: controlling the impact of large developments without placing excessive restrictions on small business and homeowners; looking at ways to acquire more control over our own affairs while remaining part of the Trust; balancing individual interests with the com-

mon good of the community; creating job opportunities and promoting a healthy island economy without compromising environmental protection.

And that is a real balancing act!
CLAIRE HEFFERNAN,
Jones Road

Inconsistent

Against disapproval in public meetings and critical letters, Gary Holman has defended resolutely the extremely-detailed first-draft OCP.

He said it would provide flexibility and economic opportunities to home-based businesses. However, that document suggested prohibiting home-based businesses from selling goods not manufactured or significantly altered on the property.

In his current campaign pamphlet, Mr. Holman tells of his policy to promote stewardship for landowners and farms. However,

at the candidate forum last week he stated that stewardship is not enough, and that the Islands Trust must have strong "regulatory tools" to use on private properties.

Mr. Holman's inconsistency is apparent. Is this because he is speaking not for himself, but for the Island Watch, of which he is a member?

GAVIN PETERSON,
Armand Way

Believe in it

Having sat through the entire all-candidates meeting with the usual inferences from the right that you are anti-human, unbalanced and humourless if you want to protect the environment (Yes, Tony, we have heard it all before), I was finally compelled to ask one question of the candidates.

What would each candidate do to make these public meetings more accessible and welcoming to

young people and those who cherish the environment (amongst other things)? I asked this question because the first group is never present at meetings (I am 35 and usually the youngest by a long shot) and the second group, if members do come, find themselves harassed or humiliated. The button as far as I was concerned was the claim by these same candidates that they were the voice welcoming in the people.

These are the responses: Clarke and Marcano did not perceive it as a problem. Byron and Ellacott saw it as a logistical problem and could be alleviated by changing the times of the meetings. Holman and Borrowman recognized it as a leadership problem and suggested better representation through councils and encouraging other voices through strong leadership.

In my anti-human way, I still believe in a democracy.

BRIONY PENN,
Meadow Drive

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- The Regional Parks Function in conjunction with the Mill Farm leading to further land acquisitions to restore wilderness parks to Saltspring Island;
- The establishment of Galiano-style owner/builder regulations to ease the burden now imposed on people who want to build their own homes;
- Promoting continued cooperation through all health providers and the Community Health Council among the Gulf Islands on matters that will ensure our health concerns are heard by all levels of government.
- The elimination of Protozoan parasitic infestations from our lakes and the institution of a watershed management program which has been started through application at the CRD for the authority to monitor run-off into our lakes;
- Continued efforts to establish bike paths.
- A ground stability survey to determine soil dynamics in the event of an earthquake and to isolate areas at risk to landslides, liquefaction and other earth movements.
- A good working relationship with the new Trustees, whoever they may be, for the common good of the island.

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MacBlo facts

Regarding their November 6 Driftwood ad, in their rush to discredit the organization to which they hope to be elected, Marciano and Clarke have not bothered to check their facts.

Neither myself nor my fellow trustee at the time of the MacMillan-Bloedel property sale have been consulted by these gentlemen on what actually took place.

When the extensive MacBlo lands were heading for the marketplace, the Trust trustees and staff initiated a consultative process designed to recognize the public's interest in parks and trails, the development constraints of the lands in question, and the company's need to make a reasonable profit.

However, while the Trust and public worked hard to put a win-win proposal together, MacBlo pursued an outright sale of the property and after months of effort announced they were closing a sale the following day unless the trustees committed themselves to the company's demands. The essence of their proposal was to put all their permitted densities in one area, and quadruple those densities. In return, the public would receive unspecified parkland.

This deal was essentially a gun to the heads of the trustees who had worked in good faith to produce a good development proposal. Take it or leave it. Twelve hours notice. Millions of dollars in windfall profits for the company.

There was no opportunity for public consultation, let alone the due process of public hearings and impact studies of a 1,000-unit development in the heart of the island.

As we go to the polls, we should view with suspicion any candidate who supports the MacBlo proposal and is willing to quadruple the densities of developers. To do so means to throw out the current community plan and zoning bylaws, and to allow the island to move rapidly toward suburban growth.

NICK GILBERT,
Upper Ganges Road

Watch hijackers

By now it is evident the Island Watch has become a political party openly attempting to hijack the upcoming election.

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This clique consists of, I believe, approximately 100 like-minded individuals who assume they own the word "ecology," which they appear to narrowly define as massive regulation, bureaucracy and political correctness.

Whether through distributing rigged, simplistic-answer questionnaires to other candidates, or attempting to clog public meetings with rehearsed "Watch" questions, they are manipulating the public into believing their approach is the only way to save this island.

Anointed by outgoing trustee Grace Byrne (who gave us planning disasters like Bullock Lake and the infamous first draft of the community plan) candidate Gary Holman, the Watch's most outspoken voice, has vowed to continue her "good work."

Ecology has its roots in the Greek word "eikos," which means house. The term can best be defined as "studying your house." Economics also derives from the same root. Over the years ecological practice has come to mean healthy, balanced living within this house our planet and, more locally, our island.

Salt Spring includes not only forests, but scrubland where the songbirds thrive, farms and lakes too, children and schools, retired yuppies and planners, dump truck drivers and building inspectors, hundreds of varieties of moss as well as the endangered Garryana oak, potters and painters, sheep and raccoons and gravel roads and arbutus knolls, and some very rare salamanders. It includes Ganges, Vesuvius, The Mill Farm. Yes, even the Island Watch and loggers.

One is not any more important than the other. We all have to work together, not as fanatical cliques and pressure groups with self-serving exclusionary agendas (on either side of the great questions), but as a community — a healthy balanced community.

That has become the real issue in this election.

BRIAN BRETT,
Meyer Road

Makes sense

I would like to honour Paul Marciano and Drew Clarke for speaking from their hearts. At first it seems like they're ranting

out in left field but if you think about what they're saying it mostly makes enormous sense.

It takes an incredible amount of tax dollars to create and maintain all these mountains of regulations proposed by the Trust. Then if mistakes have been made such as in the Bullock Lake fiasco, it takes too much time and money to change bad laws in time to see development that is appropriate for our community. Rather than make huge blanket restriction policies and permit requirement whatever to bind everybody down in very expensive red tape, we should make a simple guideline for communication. If someone wants to develop their property they must first present the plans to their neighbours for approval.

It takes a lot of guts to speak your truth against overwhelming odds. Communication, openness and honesty is what we need to create a lifestyle community that will sustainably support the growth in population we will see on Salt Spring in the next 10 years. No matter how we try to cap it, stop it, ignore it, control it, it's coming soon. Let's open our minds to our hearts, go for a walk on the Mill Farm park and remember a human solution.

Dietrich Luth managed to get a lot done in the last three years. Now he's figured out the game. Imagine what kind of results he

can now manage with this hard-earned experience.

Perhaps Paul and Drew can help Dietrich with public communication so we can find out more about the great things they are doing over the next three years.

Let's look to Jane Parlee and Judith Boel for that. Hey yeah, life can be fun.

RHONAN HEITZMANN,
Salt Spring Island

Aware & wary

A couple of months ago, I observed that we on Salt Spring have to walk the razor's edge in terms of balancing individual rights and societal needs; balancing economic needs and environmental concerns.

The moment of truth has arrived — we will be selecting both Trust and CRD representatives. It is essential we not only examine their stances on the OCP and other issues, but also, capabilities and underlying values. Who indeed will be most responsible and willing to do the necessary legwork to arrive at just and fair solutions to a variety of concerns over the next three years?

This necessitates that we be cognizant of "hidden agendas" and, further, of "who and what drives them." It is a time to be aware and to be wary. This could well be a watershed election.

There is also a critical need to recognize we live on an island. A few years ago a tourist said, "When you are at the precipice of development, don't underestimate water supply. We did on Mercer Island and we continue to pay a price for our shortsightedness."

By recognizing and accepting our limitations as an island community, and by being willing to adapt to them, we can have economic viability as well as a sound environment.

We must each think carefully about the implications connected to each candidate, and vote with our heart and mind in sync.

RITA CUMMING,
Fulford Harbour

Opposed

At least three of the candidates running for the Trust have publicly stated that they oppose the very existence of the Islands Trust.

John Ellacott has often made the assertion in meetings that "the Trust must go." Bev Byron has declared that she "sees no use for the Trust" if we incorporate. Drew Clarke has made a very public display of his desire to see the Trust eliminated.

How could these individuals positively represent us as trustees when they want to eliminate the Trust itself?

NANCY B. ACHILLES,
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Naramata saga

Property owners in the Gulf Islands should be aware of the possible personal financial liability that can be imposed on them by the courts when overzealous trustees interfere with the property rights of others.

A case in point is taking place in Naramata, a community located on the east side of Okanagan Lake, where astonished property owners are now facing a potential liability of \$10 million (\$12,000 per ratepayer).

The dispute involves the trustees of the Naramata Irrigation District, the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) and a property owner, and has disturbing similarities to the situation simmering at Bullock Lake on Salt Spring Island.

In general terms, certain rights were granted to the property owner in Naramata to develop his property; however, because of public sentiment opposing the Naramata project, the trustees began to slow down the process in an effort to stop the development. The landowner claimed breach of contract and requested settlement by arbitration, which found the taxpayers would bear the cost of damages.

The latest information available is that the property owner will now sue for \$4 million in costs incurred to date, plus lost opportunities, for a total of \$10 million.

Because of the above, I become very concerned when I read that some of the individuals running for the Trust and CRD positions on Salt Spring are desirous of curtailing or stopping the Bullock Lake development and apparently also have no concerns regarding downzoning in general and depriving other property owners of some of their current rights.

I therefore suggest that regardless of the outcome of our elections, the property owners of the Gulf Islands should demand a change in the present process of downsizing properties so they have the opportunity to vote on all downzoning proposals.

NEAL BEAUMONT,
Collins Road

Not listening

It is said that God gave man two ears and only one mouth so man could listen twice as much as he speaks.

Messrs. Borrowman and Holman have missed the message — in this case, that taxes and Islands Trust costs are out of control.

When asked at public gatherings what they would do about Bullock Lake, they responded, "Litigation!" "Change the zoning!" Both these responses raise the question, "At what cost?"

Can't we try inexpensive approaches like negotiation, mediation, arbitration? If they had been listening to the taxpayers instead of the trustees they hope to replace, they would know that we all are fed up with politicians who throw dollars at everything that needs fixing. All this approach ever fixed was an increased tax rate.

Holman and Borrowman support the OCP, and in some respects I agree with them. But again, they are not listening to the long-time landowners. The new OCP is only good if it's implemented with long-time residents in mind.

We first saw Salt Spring 15 years ago, liked what we saw, and bought because of what we saw: a beautiful island, cared for and lived on for decades by long-time residents. These residents have every right to demand to be heard.

The OCP was not written to protect the island from the Byrons, the Newmans, the Bennetts and the others. It was written to protect the

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island from us, the new "immigrants." As a taxpayer, I cannot support this kind of irresponsible, spend-happy mentality.

ARNOLD BUDD,
Caprice Heights

Unfair attack

At the November 6 all-candidates meeting, the Island Watch orchestrated a misleading and unfair attack on Bev Byron and John Ellacott.

An attempt was made to shift the focus of blame for the Bullock Lake debacle from the previous trustees and the Watch-endorsed candidates, Borrowman and Holman, to Bev and John. A shoddy attempt is being made to make it appear that Byron and Ellacott

are supporters of the scheme in order to divert attention from the shortcomings of our present Trust representatives and the candidates they endorse.

Grace Byrne, Bob Andrew and the Watch were aware of the smoldering "powder keg," as Grace called it, four years ago when she was a member of the APC. Still, they did nothing to diffuse the situation and the Bullock Lake property was sold to a developer.

No one wants that development, and I think most of us would like to see it stopped, if that's possible. But let's not be misled by the tactics of those responsible for this mess to begin with. They know that if Byron and Ellacott are elected, control of the Trust will shift

away from special interests, and nothing like Bullock Lake will be allowed to happen again.

SHARON PERRY,
Garner Road

Criteria

Two criteria used to judge Trust candidates during the public meeting last Wednesday were:

- 1) Did the speaker know what he or she was talking about, and;
- 2) Had they done their homework?

All of the candidates should be given full marks for standing up in public and expressing their views. Only two of them, though, seemed to convince the majority of the audience. These were Gary Holman and David Borrowman, both strong supporters of the Trust

and knowledgeable about the community plan. Both were constructive about keeping both the Trust and the community plan in place and having a cap on population until zoning was in place.

Voters may be making a mistake to pair one or the other with one of the remaining candidates who in most cases were not so positive about the Trust or the community plan. If there was a disagreement between the two Salt Spring trustees, the third member from the Trust Council would have the deciding vote. This danger was pointed out at the meeting.

Therefore, a vote for Holman and Borrowman would probably result in a stronger, more effective Trust with fewer differing opinions.

DAVID MASSY,
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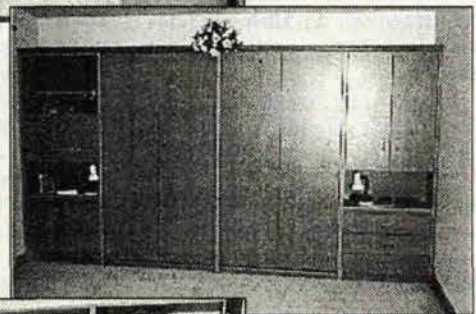
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Voters hear district candidates recite their ABCs

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

The new ABCs of education — amalgamation, budget, cutbacks — were raised at the October 29 all-candidates' meeting as voters tested the four candidates vying for three Salt Spring school board seats.

Seeking votes were incumbent trustee Charles Hingston, Judith Boel, Dwight Jones and Jane Parlee. Incumbent Ken Lee, who is also seeking re-election, was not at the meeting.

On amalgamation:

Boel noted the proposed amalgamation of the Gulf Islands School District with Sooke, Saanich and Greater Victoria has been shelved for now. Ways are being sought to share services and cut costs.

Parlee said sharing services should not involve taking away positions already in the Gulf Islands school system.

When amalgamation was proposed, Hingston said, the provincial government anticipated the

Liberals were going to win the upcoming provincial election and impose 15 districts province-wide. He said there is also a move afoot to remove school boards, which can be a "thorn in the side of provincial government" as members fight for local education.

Jones found sharing resources more appropriate than amalgamation. He felt the previous board had introduced cost-savings where possible.

On managing the budget:

Hingston said he would do everything he could to reduce the deficit. Over the past eight years, he noted the school district had four deficits and four surpluses. The only way to deal with a deficit is to balance it as soon as possible.

"I'm not for leaving the children out in the cold any longer," Jones said. He said the first priority of the school board should be ensuring children receive a high-quality education, including innovative ideas like a program which allows children to go to school through the Internet.

Parlee said the district should

have a finance committee which meets regularly, watches for a deficit and consults with those affected if a deficit looms. Deficits cannot be increased without leading to future cutbacks.

Boel said more cutbacks are coming due to Ministry of Education decisions. There is also a morale problem in the district. Given a choice between cutting both morale and the deficit or reducing the deficit more slowly and building moral, Boel said she would build morale.

On dealing with future cutbacks:

Parlee advocated starting with zero-based budgeting, working with all those involved in the school system and focusing cuts on programs which do not affect classrooms.

Boel said how decisions on allocations are made needs to be reviewed. There must also be a way to use community volunteers to increase classroom services yet not infringe on staff contracts.

The first priority for Jones would be to increase funding to

the district from the province. He notes the province has taken almost \$1 million in tax dollars away from the district. In order to make the problem clear to the government, Jones advocated running a substantial deficit.

If the government then wants to parachute in a single trustee to manage the budget, then the government can take that action. "I don't think responsible stewardship will let us do anything but run a substantial deficit," Jones said.

Hingston believes the resolution lies in provincial bargaining for staff contracts and in local boards having the ability to raise local taxes for non-salary items. He said there are other ways to equalize have and have-not districts other than the current system used by the province but first the province has to stop teacher-bashing or administration-bashing.

Hingston's priority would be to manage the district as well as possible while urging the province to change the system.

Parlee and Hingston agreed that better use could be made of facili-

ties like Gulf Islands Secondary School while Jones said he would like to see teachers required to live on the island and join in extra-curricular activities, instead of rushing for a ferry after school.

Jones also advocated more teacher security, such as tenure at the high school. He is not happy with 50-year-old teachers waiting year after year to find out if they have a job.

Parlee said relationships with employee groups are crucial to avoiding grievances which lead to expensive arbitration.

Hingston said the district has a grievance procedure which includes options for negotiation between two teachers and two trustees but the likelihood of reaching a resolution depends on the climate in the district.

Boel would like to see a board policy on parent complaints and one on harassment of teachers. She also advocated a joint working and learning conditions committee, as first suggested in 1994, plus an invitation for more staff to meet informally with trustees.

Alders wouldn't be heritage trees

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Eight-inch alders won't become heritage trees, nor will the services of a certified arborist be required before islanders can cut firewood, an all-candidates meeting was assured last Wednesday.

Brian Brett asked about the designation of old-growth trees and requirements for cutting firewood after candidate Gary Holman professed that he continued to support some restrictions contained in the first draft of the community plan.

But both Holman and fellow candidate David Borrowman said they would not support the restrictions Brett cited.

Holman had earlier reminded the audience of about 200 people that he had supported the inclusion of Development Permit Area 5 in the plan's first draft. He was responding to a question on how conflicts between private property

rights and environmental preservation could be resolved.

Holman said the Trust "must have that tool" to exercise its authority. Candidate John Ellacott also cited development permit areas but pointed out that other government agencies already enforce environmental preservation regulations.

Other questions ranged from trying to establish if the Trust would become an extension of the Island Watch Society if Borrowman and Holman were elected — their answer was no — to determining candidates' views on population growth.

Nearly all supported the cap tied to existing zoning, though Doug Rajala felt that children shouldn't be "pushed off" the island when they reach the age of 18. "If that means high-density (population), then I'm for it."

Drew Clarke, meanwhile, expressed concern about discrimination in restricting population

density.

In response to a question on the Trust having authority over building permits and subdivision approval, Clarke — who provided some of the more colourful statements of the evening — called for cooperation with the Capital Regional District, which is responsible for the former. In an oblique reference to a controversy over the issuing of a permit for the Bullock Lake resort project, Clarke said the Trust would no longer be left in the dark because of its "butt-headed attitude."

Groundwater was the subject of a question from outgoing trustee Bob Andrew, who wanted to know if candidates would support groundwater management legislation and a licensing program. All but Borrowman, Holman and Paul Marcano expressed some doubts.

All but one candidate — Lorne Andras of Piers Island — attended the meeting.

Piers invisible—Andras

The invisibility of Salt Spring Trust candidate Lorne Andras during the election campaign reflects how he feels his home island is viewed.

"Piers Island seems to be invisible to everyone," he said in a telephone interview Friday.

Andras has not attended any all-candidates meetings. "I am not your classic candidate," he admits.

So why is he running? He wants to improve the visibility of the 90 full-time residents — and 350 summer residents — who live on Piers Island under the jurisdiction of the Salt Spring Trust Committee. They get zero benefit from the Trust for their \$20,000-plus in annual taxes, he says.

At 131 lots, development on Piers Island is complete, so planning and zoning is not required.

He feels the Trust exceeds its mandate in trying to function as a local government while not fulfilling the requirement to preserve and protect the islands. The mandate is mis-used, he stated.

"There's too many small vested interest groups trying to make their

lifestyle the common one for the island and you can't do that," Andras observed.

Every possible system of government for the islands should be studied, he said. He expects the most suitable form of government will be different for different islands and adds that the Trust should stay out of the issue.


Nor should the Trust become involved in issuing building permits or in subdivision approvals. "They're not mandated to be a governing body."

He sees the Trust as a small group of people who want to protect their islands for their own use. He agrees with protection but not as it is currently practised.

He knows nothing about Salt Spring Island Village Resort but says he would learn about the issue if elected.

He wants Piers Island and the other small islands in the Trust which do not have direct representation put into their own Trust group. Many are privately owned, he points out, so zoning regulations make little sense.

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FOR ISLANDS TRUST – NORTH PENDER

Growth key issue for three at North Pender

Future growth on North Pender is a key issue for all three candidates seeking to fill the two Islands Trust seats in Saturday's election.

Current issues on the island include the rezoning of the Harbour Hills development from Rural to Rural Residential, therefore allowing greater density on the property, and a proposed increase in the minimum lot size to three acres from the current one acre.

Running are Barry Lynd, George Ravenscroft and Tom Ward.

Each candidate was asked the following questions:

- How can you balance the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust with the economic and service needs of islanders?
- What is the most significant issue facing the island for the next three years?
- What would you set as the maximum projected population on the island?
- Would you approve the Harbour Hills development?
- What should be the minimum lot size on the island?

Barry Lynd

Cutbacks to Islands Trust funding by a cash-strapped provincial government will be one of the most significant issues facing North Pender Island during the next three years, notes Trust committee candidate Barry Lynd.

He also anticipates further government cutbacks, this time to B.C. Ferries, will have an impact if ferry service is eventually reduced to the point that North Pender residents' only viable option is passenger-only travel.

"They (cutbacks) haven't come yet but those would significantly affect every resident on the island," Lynd said.

He has been connected with Pender Island since 1941, when his parents purchased Pender Lodge, which was then known as Beautyrest Lodge. In 1944, he started Grade 1 at the island's rural school house.

After graduating with a University of B.C. degree in economics and industrial relations, he spent his entire 30-year career with MacMillan Bloedel in the field of labour relations. In 1992 he requested early retirement and he and wife Jean came to the family's property at the end of MacKinnon Road.

They operate a bed and breakfast, Beauty Rest by the Sea, which echoes the name of the old lodge. They have three adult children and five grandchildren. Since last spring, Lynd has been chairman of the North Pender Island Advisory Planning Commission (APC).

Balance between the Trust mandate and islanders' needs can be maintained through the public process, he notes. "It's not what I can do, it's what the islanders want and what we're legislated to do under the act."

As a trustee, he would expect to abide by the official commu-

nity plan, the land use bylaws, Trust Act legislation and residents' desires.

How much the island should grow is often a matter of personal opinion, he notes. He feels he does not have enough information to make an assessment. "There's a million opinions — it's opinions more than it is fact."

As a member of the APC, Lynd backed the Harbour Hills development. As a trustee, he would review all the material again and, based on that information, re-consider whether Harbour Hills should be approved.

Growth and change is coming to North Pender and not much planning has been done to prepare for that growth. Any decision about the minimum lot size on the island should be based on the population level which can be accommodated on the island, he concluded.

George Ravenscroft

Management of rapid growth will be the most pressing issue on North Pender for the next three years, predicts George Ravenscroft, who is seeking election to Trust Council.

Since the 1991 census was taken, Ravenscroft estimates the population has grown by five to 10 per cent annually. Lots which are already approved have the potential for another 50 per cent growth, doubling the present population of 2,000 to 2,600 people.

Pro-active planning will be required to handle this growth, Ravenscroft said.

An islander for more than three years, Ravenscroft has a Bachelor's degree in geography and a Master's degree in education. A secondary school teacher for 20 years in West Vancouver, he has also taught at Capilano College, the University of Victoria, is on the curriculum committee of the Alberta education department and is an honorary mem-

ber of the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

He is also a graduate of the Royal Agricultural College in England and has worked on farms in addition to doing soil and botanical research.

Planning will be required to balance the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust with maintaining employment on the island, he says.



Ravenscroft

Industrial land uses must be confined to areas where waste disposal can be controlled; roads should be maintained as green corridors complete with cycle paths; incentives should encourage use of land for farms, and rural features — such as hedges instead of fences — should dominate the scene.

Given current management of ground water on North Pender, he says the maximum population the island could sustain is 4,500 yet current zoning allows for at least 5,600 people.

Tom Ward

For North Pender Trust candidate Tom Ward, the most important task during the next three years would be bringing the island's land use bylaws into conformity with the official community plan (OCP) and the Islands Trust mandate.

The bylaws must reflect the OCP, which is a guide for the community, Ward notes.

The 55-year-old Ward has lived on North Pender since 1988. He has a Masters' degree in business administration and has worked as a consultant for non-profit organizations for 25 years.

His clients have included UNICEF, Rotary International, the Anglican Church, the Victoria

Conservatory of Music and the Greater Vancouver Regional District Parks Department. On Pender, he has shared his fund-raising expertise with the Medicine Beach campaign, the community hall campaign and for St. Peter's Church.

If elected, he plans to open up the entire Trust process to involve more people. This includes using everyday language for Trust business and seeking residents' opinions.

He is aware of economic concerns on the island and says he will try to strike a balance between the mandate,

"That's a problem."

The information he has about ground water on the Penders leads him to oppose the Harbour Hills project, which he notes increases density in a significant water recharge area. Pump tests have not been done and there is little legislation to regulate use of ground water, Ravenscroft observes, so the first to tap the water can use it regardless of the impact on others.

"We don't have any legal muscle to enforce the preserve and protect in this situation. We need more strength," he said.

The minimum lot size in the island's Rural Residential-zoned areas averages out at 1.5 acres, he notes. Although there is a proposal to set a minimum three-acre lot size in new subdivisions, he says that change applies to four very small areas.

He opposes increasing density by changing Rural lots to Rural Residential and also opposes downzoning existing Rural Residential lots to reduce density — unless compensation is paid at market value.

the OCP and residents' needs which reflect majority input from islanders.

He suspects 5,000 residents would be the maximum population the island could support and notes that current zoning allows that many residents without any further subdivision. There are already problems with pollution control and ground water shortages in some areas, he said.

He'd like to "do some more homework" before taking a stand on the Harbour Hills development.

He notes there is talk of a minimum three-acre lot size for any future subdivisions. Given the island's population density — or projected density — he feels that lot size would be reasonable.



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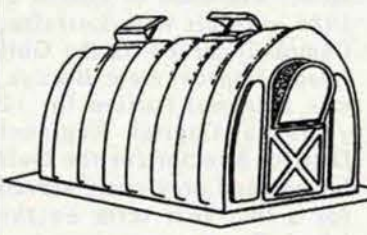
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FOR ISLANDS TRUST – SATURNA

Saturna Trust race is down to 3 candidates

The race started with four candidates but voters on Saturna will only have to choose from three when marking their ballots Saturday for the island's two Islands Trust seats.

Priscilla Ewbank had been nominated but withdrew from the race because she felt there were already good candidates running.

Voters will now choose among incumbent John Money and challengers Jim Campbell and William Sheffield.

Each was asked the following seven questions:

- How can you balance the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust with the economic

and service needs of islanders?

- What is the most significant issue facing the island for the next three years?

- What would you set as the maximum projected population on the island?

- What is the major issue the official community plan (OCP) should address for the future of the island?

- Should Saturna Beach development be extended for another 100 lots along the south shore, as currently permitted in the OCP?

- How should forest lands on Saturna be handled: As clustered villages, as large rural lots or downzoned to prevent any development?

Jim Campbell

"I think it's clear that the object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the unique amenities of the island with the cooperation of the other governments," observes Jim Campbell, who is seeking election as a Saturna trustee.

But he feels that must be balanced with the economic needs of those who live on the islands. The economic needs of off-islanders are less important, he adds.

But while Campbell supports the Trust object, he questions the structure which can leave two inexperienced, individual trustees making decisions with little public or professional staff input. Examples of the problems which arise include the \$220,000 spent on a community plan for Salt Spring and the time spent by Saturna residents caught up in issues outside Trust jurisdiction while reviewing their community plan.

The current community plan, developed 20 years ago, calls for between 800 and 850 residential dwelling sites, Campbell noted. Whether the target for residential development on the island is worthwhile is the most important issue to be settled by the official community plan.

Campbell believes the limits now in the plan should not be changed and it should be left to a future generation to decide if a new limit should be set. Once the island is closer to its population capacity, it will be easier to determine what that limit should be, Campbell pointed out.

He has unusually-direct input

into any further development of Saturna Beach, which he says will only occur "over my dead body." The property in question is under the control of his family, he notes, and all family members are resolved not to extend development along the shore.

Under the community plan, the majority of Saturna's forest land should be working forest under strict sustainable forestry regulations. That was why 20-acre minimum parcel sizes were placed on forest lands 20 years ago, Campbell said.

Large forest parcels must be retained. He suggests a 100-acre parcel with the potential for division into five 20-acre lots should instead be divided into four lots of under three acres each and one larger parcel. Or the 100 acres could be subdivided into five small lots provided the remaining property was set aside as permanent forest protected by a powerful covenant.

Campbell has crammed an extensive amount of community service into his 78 years. A farmer who came to Saturna in 1945 with his wife Lorraine, Campbell served on the Gulf Island Improvement Bureau, was a school trustee for 12 years, a Capital Regional District director for the Gulf Islands and previously served for a two-year term on the Islands Trust.



Campbell

Jim Money

Community is how people choose which of the Gulf Islands to live on, according to Saturna Trust incumbent John Money.

Each of the islands is equally beautiful but is differentiated by its community, he observed. So the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect must be balanced equally with ensuring the economic health of the community. "Community needs a healthy, balanced economy," he says.

Priorities for the next three years are finishing off the official community plan (OCP) review and dealing with the F. Williams Holdings property, an estimated 1,800 to 2,000 acres of Saturna land which is owned by a German syndicate.

The syndicate has announced its intention to make some use of its property, which Money hopes will be determined in cooperation with the community.

Maximum development on the island is set by the community plan at 864 lots for a projected population of 1,600 people.

Money supports that figure. "We've calculated the build-out of it very carefully and it is 864 lots. I believe the Gulf Islands average is 1.9 people per lot."

The OCP should maintain the current density on the island and attempt to preserve farmland and forest land in blocks which are as large as possible. "I think our maximum density is quite realistic," Money observed. "It works out to one human being on Saturna for every 10.3 acres."

If the Saturna Beach development was extended, Money doubts the shoreline would accommodate 100 extra lots. But

he would prefer to see lots developed along the waterfront, which cannot be used for agricultural, over development on agricultural land.

"I don't believe in putting houses on good farm land or good forest land," he added.

He'd like to see future development in forest lands done as clustered villages. The same number of lots would be allowed but each lot would be smaller. For example, instead of five 20-acre lots on a 100-acre parcel, there might be five two-acre lots and one 90-acre parcel which is protected by covenant from future development.

Money has lived on Saturna for most of his life and was involved in creating the original Saturna community plan. He also initiated the present plan review.

An independent businessman, he makes his living on the Gulf Islands and is raising a family on Saturna.



Money

William Sheffield

Before the Trust was a gleam in a preservationist's eye, there was a balance between preservation and economic development on the islands.

So says William Sheffield, a candidate for the Saturna Trust Committee. Economic prosperity was originally based on the area's natural resources, he said, although for the past 10 to 15 years the major economic engine has been recreation.

But there is a limit to how much development can occur on the islands so residents cannot rely on growth for income. "I think the amount of (possible) development we have needs to be rationed out in an orderly manner in order to obtain the greatest economic benefit for the island," Sheffield said.

Most of the important issues for the future are part of the official community plan (OCP), he added. A provision for density transfer within the plan will accelerate the ease and speed of development on the island since it will allow owners of difficult-to-develop sites to sell their densities to owners of more easily-developed locations.

Sheffield notes the projected population from current zoning is approximately 2,000 people. "We have a population now of around 300 so that's a mind-boggling increase compared to where we are now," he said.

The OCP deals with many issues, he added. "I see them (OCPs) as a social contract between the various interest groups and individuals within a community and their local government."

He hopes there will be no shoreline extension of the Saturna Beach development. "I have some difficulty with ribbon development along the shoreline. If you go out in a boat and look at the island, it shouldn't be like driving down a city street."

Use of forest lands also needs to be handled carefully. Those lands were designated for forestry and not for residential development, although there is zoning provision



Sheffield

for one residence per 20-acre lot. Allowance needs to be made for that development potential while still maintaining large blocks of forest land as forest, Sheffield says.

The 53-year-old Sheffield has been a Saturna resident for 28 years. He first arrived on the island in 1968 to teach at the Saturna Free School, then became an electrical contractor and then an investment/portfolio manager.

He helped draft the first OCP, has served on the island's Advisory Planning Commission and worked on the OCP review.

He has a Bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University.

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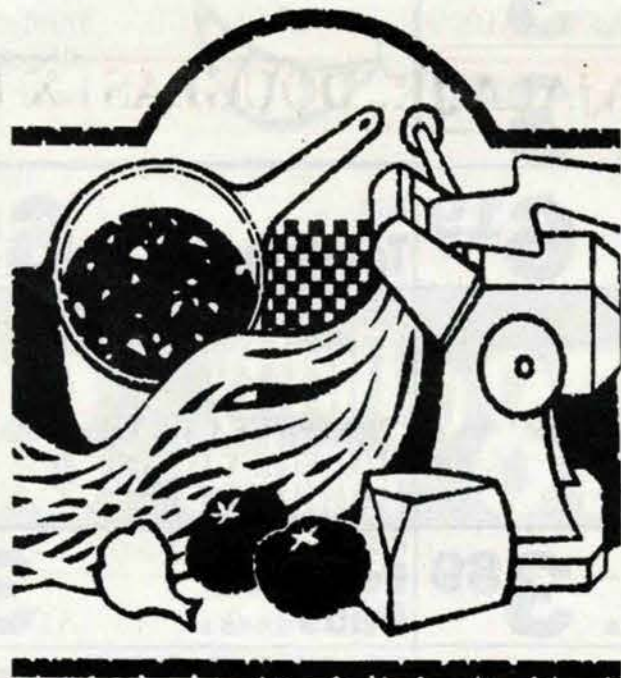
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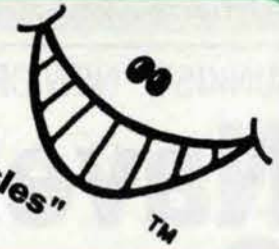
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Ferry fares were discussed at a special meeting of the Islands Farmers Institute directors. The directors suggested B.C. Ferries review the commercial rates for vehicles falling in the pick-up/station wagon class. A reduction of 60 cents per trip was recommended.

Thirty years ago

The monthly charge for individual phone service on Salt

DOWN THE YEARS

Spring was going up to \$4.10 from \$3.85. Two-party residential rates were going to \$3.20 from \$3 a month while business rates were climbing to \$7.60 from \$6.75 a month. The increases reflected the growth in number of telephones on the island. Salt Spring had between 1,001 and 2,000 telephones.

An old barn burned to the ground in an early morning fire, consuming 75 to 100 tons of baled hay and alfalfa stored inside. The barn was on the Luton farm on Blackburn Road and was believed to have been built between 1904 and 1910. One heifer calf perished in the blaze but two other calves were rescued. Firefighters were also able to save another nearby barn and a dairy building.

Approximately 500 children

and 800 adults visited the Centennial Caravan which came to the island as part of the province's Centennial celebration. The caravan showed scenes from the province's history.

Twenty-five years ago

James Wilkinson was the first in the race for the local elections, tossing his hat into the ring for the regional director's position. The 55-year-old engineer was concerned about orderly development of the island. Marc Holmes then announced plans to seek re-election as Salt Spring's regional director.

Elsie Thacker was named Salt Spring's citizen of the year by the Chamber of Commerce. She was both the secretary of the Salt Spring Island Old Age Pensioners' Organization and a provincially-appointed counsellor for the aging.

Twenty years ago

Rows of empty seats greeted the five candidates running for

two Salt Spring school board seats when the Chamber of Commerce sponsored an all-candidates meeting. Only 30 people showed up to hear from candidates Ann Foerster, Sheila Fraser, Lesleigh Armstrong, Ivan Mouat and Tom Marcus.

Two shop teachers at Gulf Islands Secondary filed a formal grievance against the school board over excessive noise in the school's shop. The problem had been identified for almost two years and may have affected one teacher's hearing.

Fifteen years ago

A proposed 32 per cent increase in the Gulf Islands School District budget was blamed on inflation. The proposed budget was \$4.7 million and, according to trustees, the bare minimum required to maintain services in the district.

Ten years ago

Three candidates were vying

for Salt Spring's two Trust Council seats. Incumbents Pat Byrne and Nick Gilbert were being challenged by Rick Rockliffe. Each of the three candidates had a different view on the pace of island development and believed that was the central issue of the campaign.

Five years ago

Norman Twa applied to the Islands Trust for a temporary use permit to operate a waste transfer station on his family's Blackburn Road property. Rezoning of the property would also be required.

Police were receiving complaints about hunters on private property. Police Sgt. Don Smith said many of the hunters were from off-island and paid no attention to posted 'no trespassing' or 'no hunting' signs. Where no signs were posted on private property in accordance with the Trespass Act, it was difficult to lay charges, he said.

Friendly Visitors program designed to offer friendship for lonely seniors

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

It doesn't take much to make a big difference in a person's life.

Sometimes all it takes is a visit from a friend.

A new Seniors For Seniors (SFS) program called Friendly Visitors will hopefully brighten the lives of a number of Salt Spring seniors.

Friendly Visitors evolved from the experiences of SFS peer counsellors, who help island seniors experiencing stress or a problem of some kind.



Webb

As explained by Community Wellness Programs coordinator Sharon Glover, SFS peer counsellors were finding that some of the people they served did not actually need counselling, or at least not for extended periods of time. Pleasant conversation over a cup of tea formed the core of their meetings.

Having trained peer counsellors in situations where only caring social interaction was needed seemed a less-than-effective use of human resources, says Glover.

Creating a group of people who want to visit and be friends with a senior is the solution SFS has drafted. What is really needed now to make the program work is caring individuals who want to be "friendly visitors."

With both trained "visitors" and peer counsellors (and some individuals will fill both roles), there will be more flexibility of service. When a peer counsellor helping with a specific problem is no longer needed, an easy transition to a friendly visitor could be made. It will also work the opposite way.

Mike Webb is coordinating the Friendly Visitors Program, under the Seniors in Touch outreach arm of SFS. He and Glover explain that the program needs people who are comfortable with seniors, have a bit of spare time and a willingness to share. They need not be seniors

themselves. Each visitor will be matched with only one person, unless they are truly able and willing to visit two people.

Webb notes that the rewards of participation are great.

"Many seniors have had fascinating lives and they'd love to have someone to share it with. They have something to give, too," he stresses. "It's not just one-way. It can't be."

In some cases, an individual whose parents live far away or have died can benefit greatly by having a relationship with an older person nearby.

While Seniors For Seniors has 500 members, a large number of seniors do not have ready access to a social network. Sometimes physical circumstances mean they can no longer drive, but they are still mentally active and needing interaction.

Many seniors moved to the island as part of a couple after retiring from paid work and left their lifelong support network in another community. When one partner dies, regular friendship becomes crucial for the survivor. But as Webb points out, once people are out of the workforce or not part of a group which meets regularly, it is not so easy to make new friends.

A program like Friendly Visitor also fits well with the provincial health ministry's Closer to Home philosophy by bolstering individuals' emotional wellbeing.

"The more people can be socially involved ... the more people have something to live for and hopefully don't end up needing hospitalization," says Glover. "Having a friendly visitor gives them something to look forward to."

Friendly visitors will attend three short training sessions, one introductory and two dealing with specific skills, such as active listening, needed for the role.

Aiming to provide even more services for seniors who cannot get

out to socialize regularly, the Telephone Reassurance Program is also in the works through SFS. Participating seniors will receive telephone calls on a regular basis — daily or as arranged — with the same objective as a friendly visit. (Calls will not be made only to check on a person's medical condition.)

At this point, the Telephone Reassurance Program needs people to receive the phone calls in order to get it up and running, although more potential volunteers to make calls will also be welcomed.

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FOR ISLANDS TRUST - SOUTH PENDER

4 seek 2 Trust positions on South Pender Island

There are four candidates running for Islands Trust on South Pender but only two, John Rumble and Steve Wright, shared their ideas on local issues with the Driftwood.

John Jones and Ted Anchor, who are running as a team for the two seats on the island, declined to be interviewed.

The candidates were asked:

- How can you balance the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust with the economic and service needs of islanders?
- What is the most signifi-

cant issue facing the island for the next three years?

- What would you set as the maximum projected population on the island?
- Should the park sites as outlined in Bylaw 74 be incorporated within the official community plan or left to the discretion of the developer?
- Should the acreage required for rural residential lots be increased? What should be the minimum parcel size for guest cottages?
- Should private dock construction be regulated?

John David Rumble

When John David Rumble sets the balance for the Trust mandate and economic or social needs on the islands, it will be weighted on the side of preserve and protect.

"The preserve and protect, to me, is ultimate and always will be," he said.

He would try to meet islanders' needs as long as that could be done within the mandate.

Rezoning of the island's only commercial area, Bedwell Harbour, to allow further development is the most important issue facing the island, Rumble said. The application will expand considerably the size of that commercial core.

He hopes both the community and the developer will come to an understanding which meets the needs of both.

Also coming up is an official community plan review, he said.

Time and how the island develops will ultimately determine the number of residents, Rumble said. As a trustee, he doubts he could set a figure.

He supported Bylaw 74 at a recent meeting on the island, although he feels it could be improved by some amendments. However, he said it is important to ensure the future park land designations are part of the community plan.

A recent application to increase minimum lot sizes to two and five acres from the cur-

rent one and two acres was unsuccessful, he noted.

He feels the water supply and need for functioning septic fields will determine lot sizes. As more development takes place on South Pender, the viability of septic systems is becoming more important. He suspects larger lots may be required to provide adequate septic fields for the homes being constructed.

He is happy with the current provisions, which allow a guest cottage on minimum two-acre lots.

A study has just been done on wharves or docks for South Pender and Rumble wants to see the completed report before commenting on the issue. He doubted a wharf could be built on the south end of the island. "It would be blown away."

The 45-year-old Rumble bought a home on Pender in 1987 and started visiting occasional weekends — which quickly grew to every weekend, every public holiday and every spare day and has now evolved into full-time residency.

A consultant, he helps people deal with financial crises and outstanding debts — a problem he notes has become much more common throughout Canada.

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The needs of the environment must be balanced with the needs of the community, notes South Pender Trust candidate Steve Wright.

"Development has to be based on the ability of the environment to withstand that development and any economy within the community should be sustainable," he said.

Over the next three years, he feels the most important issue on South Pender will be renewing the sense of community. Many issues over the past two years have created divisions among residents.

He expects the official community plan (OCP) review will offer an opportunity to re-establish a sense of community, take a second look at community values and re-define what the Trust mandate means to South Pender residents.

At present, the number of residents on South Pender does not pose a threat to the environment although Wright feels there has been a change in the lifestyles and expectations of island residents.

He expects the capacity of the island will determine the eventual population. "I don't know what the sustainability of the environment is."

He supports the principle of Bylaw 74, although he notes the bylaw includes some properties which cannot be subdivided and so could never provide the five per cent park dedication indicated on the bylaw map. The bylaw should be amended during the OCP review to remove those properties, he added.

Any attempt to increase minimum lot sizes would have to be justified by environmental condi-

tions, Wright noted. He said there are areas on South Pender where it is becoming more difficult to find sufficient quality or quantity of water on one-acre lots. Increasing lot size in those areas could be a solution.

Wright said guest cottages were originally intended for occasional, seasonal use but are now often being rented as full-time residences. Such cottages double the density of the lots and, if this is becoming a problem, needs to be

reviewed.

Regulations can provide guidelines on dock construction which would address any concerns that residents may have about the character of South Pender's coast, he said.

A contractor and builder, Wright and his wife Donna have lived on South Pender for 16 years. He served as a South Pender trustee from 1981 to 1988.

He turns 48 the day after the election.

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Salt Spring Trust candidates share views on OCP draft

The Driftwood asked the seven candidates for Salt Spring Trust who reside on the island to provide written comments on the recently-released second draft of the Official Community Plan.

David Borrowman said the second draft is "a highly workable and far more accessible document. It retains all the important principles, the most central of which is the idea that 'no upzoning plus no downzoning equals fairness.'"

"It also contains imaginative new tools for helping the local economy while improving environmental protection."

He noted that draft I, released in the spring, "overachieved rather magnificently by providing far more guidance (and consequent fear of overregulation) than the community was willing to digest."

Borrowman made the point that Salt Spring is required by law to have a community plan, and that the current revision is badly needed since the original plan was done in 1974.

Bev Byron said: "The second draft OCP is a more readable and understandable document for the general public than was the first draft OCP. A thorough public review and consul-

tation is the next step in the community planning process and I encourage everyone to read this document."

Drew Clarke said the Trust is only mandated to manage land use planning and zoning, but "the new plan plunges deep into social engineering."

"Whether you are lean and green or rich and retired, your sense of Canadian fair play should be enraged," he said.

He suggests people read a number of sections, including B.1.6.1. and 2, dealing with "socioeconomic diversity," a subject he said is "not within the Trust mandate."

Clarke also questioned clause B.1.11.1, which encourages different settlement patterns which would make walking, cycling and bus use "natural alternatives" to automobiles.

He finds problems with several policies dealing with transportation. Some "limit private auto use and your freedom," he said, and also criticized the use of minimum road standards, ferry service that "follows" rather than "precedes" demand, and the passenger-only ferries idea.

Clarke did not like policy B.9.6.2.3., which encourages the joint use of private docks. He

thought commercial fishermen should note a shoreline policy which suggests the Trust committee could consider a zoning change to accommodate the storage of "clean" fishing equipment.

Part H on amenity zoning is "too limited," he said.

John Ellacott believes the second draft is "a vast improvement" over the first, both in readability and structure.

"I found a few areas in the second draft that the public might want to reword or remove. The community plan is just that, the community's plan for land use on our island. I encourage all islanders to read this important document."

Ellacott said he would "hold public meetings to receive feedback and suggestions on ways of improving the document" and would give completion of the plan top priority.

Gary Holman said based on his reading to date of the second draft he supported most of the policies in it.

Specific concerns he would like to see reflected in the version that goes to public hearing are: inclusion of a development permit area establishing rules for larger developments in environmentally sensitive areas

(e.g. groundwater recharge and high soil erosion risk areas), but exempting farmland; ensuring that affordable housing policies do not contradict growth management goals; stronger provisions to address water supply and quality problems; and provisions to address the commercial resort (C4 zoning) problem to avoid future Bullock Lakes.

He said it did not matter if the plan was 50 or 100 pages long. "The document should be as concise and readable as possible without sacrificing clear direction for updating land use bylaws."

Paul Marcano said he could not endorse any legal document that begins with: "This plan can be amended by the Trust committee at its own initiative ..."

He said it is "probably the most Orwellian socialist manifesto to rear its ugly head since 1984. I am ashamed of the nightmare this narrow bandwidth of the 'me' generation would dream up for us. The OCP is disturbing, from its first Freudian slip: a cover page featuring a black hole sun to its highly presumptuous slogan 'Getting the Island 'We' want ... election or no election, 'we' might not agree?"

"I cringe at its expensive, bureaucratic appetite to reinvent itself every five years (Section A.9.2.), intertwining like a serpent dollar's ever-tightening grip on our lives."

Doug Rajala said the OCP second draft "still contains glaring faults. It will clearly change the look and feel of our rural nature. A lot of planning in this document suits urban situations and has no business being dealt with in a country setting."

He notes the plan suggests establishing "an agricultural advisory committee to provide advice about bylaw changes — but how are they to function when the plan has already severely tied their hands? It has already laid down rules which hamper the farming community's right to farm and live on our properties. It is saying to farmers 'Don't do anything to your property because we might need it for purposes other than farming.'"

Rajala said rather than having rigid rules for development it would be better to judge each project on its own merits.

"It is better to have the whole community involved in the planning to ensure a majority of the people approve of any large projects."

New parks function, Bullock Lake among topics for CRD candidates

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A communication gap between incumbent regional director Dietrich Luth and islanders along with the Salt Spring Island Village Resort development on Bullock Lake spurred questions at an all-candidates' meeting November 5.

Facing voters were Luth and challengers Kellie Booth and Lynda Laushway.

Former regional director Julia Atkins noted Salt Spring had become part of the Capital Regional District's regional parks function with no public consultation or notification although the change will increase tax bills by at least \$26 a year.

Luth said the cost will not be high and joining the parks function restores a situation which existed on the island in the past. He also said the issue was handled in a "very discreet fashion" in the hope that the province would return the Crown lands to local jurisdiction. He feared a debate over increased taxes would jeopardize acquisition of the Crown lands.

Booth said she supported park preservation throughout her time on the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) but not by incurring increased taxes by joining regional parks.

She felt joining the regional parks function was not the only way — or the most economic way — to acquire the money to preserve the Mill Farm. She added she has seen no guarantee that Crown lands will be turned over to Salt Spring.

Laushway is happy the Mill Farm was saved but felt there should have been community consultation on joining regional parks.

In response to another of Atkins' questions, Luth said he was not a property owner. Booth and Laushway both said they owned property and paid property taxes.

Salt Spring Trust Committee member Bob Andrew zeroed in on communication. He pointed out Luth had originally campaigned on a promise of better communications but had not carried through on that promise. How can islanders expect better communication, he asked.

Luth said he did not have much to report for the first two years of his

three-year term. "If I haven't got anything to talk about, I'd rather say nothing." He is willing to talk to people one-on-one, has an Internet web site and done segments on the Isle of Views cable television show. He dislikes group meetings stacked through a phone tree.

Laushway said communication is a two-way function. A regional director should not call a meeting to talk at residents but to listen to their concerns.

Asked if they supported ground water legislation, Luth said he did not; Booth said she needed more information and Laushway said such legislation is long overdue.

Both Booth and Laushway said they would try to slow the Salt Spring Island Village Resort project while Luth said he would support due process on the issue.

Asked if an environmental assessment would stop the project, Luth said such an assessment would be applied by the province and has nothing to do with current building on the site; Booth said she would need to look into the possibility and Laushway noted it is difficult to do anything to stop the project.

Trust candidate Paul Marcano asked Luth what would have happened with the resort application if the CRD had been the planning authority instead of the Trust. He noted Luth has offered CRD planning services to the Trust.

Luth said there would be no tax increases due to a streamlined function.

Laushway noted a senior planner at the regional district had issued the building permit for the resort. She does not believe Luth has the power to offer CRD planning services to the Trust.

Luth broke with Booth and Laushway over the appointment of PRC members. Both the challengers support a community-based nomination process like that instituted by the PRC last year. Luth said the regional director needed to have some control over the process in order to maintain his "fiduciary responsibility."

Luth said he had been "badly misrepresented" as being opposed to incorporation when he was only opposed to the "bad work" in the first

phase of the local government options study.

Booth backed continuing the local government study.

All three candidates disagreed with stringent enforcement of building code requirements on the islands.

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NOV. 14: IODE, bridge luncheon, 12 noon, All Saints By-the-Sea.

NOV. 16: Anglican Parish Annual Bazaar & Lunch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 10am-2pm.

NOV. 20: SSI Painters' Guild, work on miniature paintings, "Show & Tell" - Xmas cards, Lions Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm.

NOV. 20: SSI Garden Club, AGM, Seacourt Restaurant, 4:30-8pm.

NOV. 21: SS Weavers & Spinners, xmas sale preparation, Farmers' Institute, 10:30am.

NOV. 23: A Christmas Patisserie & Mini Bazaar, Our Lady of Grace Church, Drake Rd, 11:30am.

NOV. 23: Canadian Fed. of University Women, luncheon meeting, Seacourt Piest, 12 noon.

NOV. 25: Lady Minto Hosp. Aux. Society, United Church Hall, 2pm.

NOV. 25: Blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors, 10-12 noon, free!

NOV. 27: Dina Hidenour, Hospital dietician: seniors & nutrition, Seniors for Seniors, 2pm - free!

NOV. 27: SSI Painters' Guild, Sheena Lott-slide presentation & prep for wrkshp in the new year, Lions Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm.

DEC. 4: Music & Munch, All Saints by the Sea, 12:10pm.

DEC. 4: Chemainus Theatre party, Seniors for Seniors.

DEC. 10: Victoria Christmas shopping trip, Seniors for Seniors.

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- 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 & Spanish conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.
- SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
- Special Olympics swimming, Shelby Pool, 5pm-6pm.
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Judge cites Sidney teen's death in sentencing youth in brawl

Who hit whom?

Provincial court judge Keith Bracken sifted through blow-by-blow descriptions of a brawl between Pender and Salt Spring students last June 21 to find an 18-year-old Salt Spring youth guilty of assault causing bodily harm.

Although the young man is now 18, he was 17 when the offence occurred so the case was heard in youth court at Ganges on November 5.

"Salt Spring people seem not to like Pender people," said the Pender youth who was the victim of the assault. He suffered a broken nose.

Bracken heard that a group of Pender youths set out to confront a group of Salt Spring youths after one of their friends was attacked by two others earlier that day. At first the Pender youths were thinking of retaliation but en route to meeting the other group in Centennial Park, they decided instead to talk about the incident.

"In the beginning we wanted to go even it up but we decided that would be stupid," the victim told the court.

Talking led to name calling, shoving and to the victim being sprayed

with water by the defendant. Differing views of what happened next depended on where the witnesses were standing in the crowd, but there was general agreement that the defendant had punched the victim in the nose.

A short brawl followed, which was broken up by other young people pulling the combatants apart. An estimated 50 young people were in the park at the time but only seven or eight from each side were involved in the confrontation, court heard.

Due to his participation in the fight, the defendant has not been allowed back in school this term. He lives at home and said he was looking for work.

Bracken said he accepted the victim's evidence over that of the defendant, especially since the victim readily admitted details — such as the original intent to "even it up" — which did not reflect favourably on the Pender group.

By contrast, Bracken found the defendant's evidence self-serving and evasive.

Crown counsel Kip Wilson reported the defendant had two pre-

vious convictions: one in September 1992 for a break-in, for which he was placed on one year's probation, and one in September 1993 for possession of stolen property, for which he was fined \$100.

Wilson recommended the youth be placed on probation and ordered to do community work service and accept counselling.

Referring to a recent tragedy in Sidney where a fight among teens left one dead, Bracken said both the court and the public were aware that a single punch can have more serious consequences than a broken nose.

The use of public parks for a battleground will not be tolerated by the community, Bracken said. "The public has had enough, the police have had enough, the courts have had enough."

He said he had considered a short jail sentence. Instead, he sentenced the youth to one year on probation, to take counselling as directed and to complete 75 hours of community work service within the first six months.

"We're entitled to have peace in the communities," Bracken said.

Phone plebiscite was rejected in '89

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Her eyes said 537, but her boots said 653.

That line, from a popular Salt Spring Hysterical Society song, celebrated a difference between residents who live in each of the island's two telephone exchanges.

But if south-end residents say yes to a proposal from BC Tel, there will soon be another difference: toll-free calling to Victoria.

A plebiscite of 653 telephone subscribers is currently under way. If a majority agrees, calls to Victoria — but not Saanich or Sooke — will become toll-free some time next year.

The last time Salt Spring residents were asked if they wanted toll-free telephone calling to Victoria, they said no. A plebiscite in October 1989 was conducted among all Salt Spring telephone subscribers. It, too, asked if residents wanted toll-free calling to Victoria and if they were prepared to pay more for the privilege.

Both telephone exchanges said no. Sixty-five per cent of 653 subscribers rejected the proposal and 73 per cent of 537 subscribers did the same.

BC Tel spokesman Doug Strachan told the Driftwood last week that federal regulations require the telephone company to offer a local-calling option when call volumes reach a cer-

tain level.

In the case of 653 call volumes to Victoria, at least 60 per cent of subscribers within the exchange had called Victoria at least once a month during three months out of four. When that threshold is reached, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission regulations require that a local-calling option be offered.

While the threshold was reached on the south end, triggering the plebiscite, it has not been reached on north Salt Spring, which would indicate that north-enders are making fewer calls to Victoria than they were in 1989.

Outlying areas of Victoria are not included in the option currently proposed because the volume of calls to those areas, such as Saanich, doesn't meet the threshold.

Asked whether individual subscribers within an exchange could be given local calling to Victoria depending on their preference, Strachan said the company's technology would not permit such an arrangement.

If 653 subscribers approve the option, their telephone bills will go up by \$6.50 and \$26.25 a month for residential and business lines, respectively. The ballots which have been sent to subscribers for voting must be returned by November 29.

Health council AGM Nov. 21

Public participation is urged for the first annual general meeting of the Southern Gulf Islands Community Health Council.

Set for next Thursday, November 21 at 10:45 a.m. in the Capital Regional District (CRD) Health Unit Building in

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Victoria's cuts hit chamber with loss of \$8,500 grant

Curbs on provincial government spending will have their effect next year on the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber has learned that an annual grant of \$8,500 to fund its Business Information Centre (BIC) will be cancelled effective December 31. And there are indications that a wage support program to hire students for the Tourist Information Centre during the summer will also be cut.

"It's typical of government," chamber president Barry Green said in an interview Friday. "They always seem to cut in the wrong places."

The cuts were part of a \$12 million package of savings found by the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture as the provincial government struggles to pare spending by \$750 million over the next 18 months.

In addition to dropping BIC subsidies, Victoria is closing two government agent's offices, eliminating grants to economic development commissions and reducing business information and training programs.

Green said the BIC grant goes into the chamber's general revenues and helps run the Ganges office. The chamber budget this year is about \$130,000 and includes a projected shortfall of \$6,500.

"Losses like this can have a big effect on us," Green said of the subsidy.

He was critical of the government for pulling back support for programs designed to stimulate economic performance.

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NECESSARY WHEELS: Joyce Bonfield helps Dominic George get out of the Community Services van which transports Community Initiatives clients to Smiles Cafe on Fridays, and to other social and recreational outings.

Photo by Gail Sjöberg

United Way funding supports wide variety of local services

The Greater Victoria United Way campaign needs Salt Spring's support and Community Services needs United Way support.

As of Friday, the United Way had achieved only 61.2 per cent of its fundraising goal with time running out. The campaign is set to end November 30.

(The Victoria office could not tabulate Salt Spring figures by presstime this week.)

Salt Spring's donation level is important for Salt Spring Community Services, which uses its annual United Way grant to help run a variety of programs. Among the many beneficiaries of those funds are the developmentally-challenged clients in the Community Initiatives program. One way the money reaches them is through insurance, maintenance and gasoline funds for a 15-passenger van. Without that vehicle, Community Initiatives clients would not be out in the community to the extent they are now, says program supervisor Joan Villadsen.

It takes them to weekly bowling at Kings Lane Recreation, to the Smiles Cafe in the United Church where they work on Fridays — where the public can have a soup, salad, muffin

and beverage lunch for \$4 — to Tuesday band concerts, and off-island for special events.

"If we didn't have the van," said Villadsen, "we would be stuck at this program."

Many clients have physical disabilities which make it impossible for them to walk to Ganges from their Community Services base, she notes.

The Community Services Challenge Outdoor program for youths also uses the van, as does Family Place for weekly outings.

United Way funding also helped The Wall hire an experienced staffperson — someone who had previously operated a climbing wall facility in Alberta — over the summer. Without a "top-up" of funds, they would not have been able to hire someone with so much expertise to share, explains Community Services youth counsellor Jack Rosen.

Some funds are also provided to pay for a regular advertisement in the Driftwood.

The Wall has been a well-used recreational facility since it opened last year, says Rosen. A number of families have purchased memberships, there are after-school programs run by volunteers Linda Dares and

Gary Quiring, and counsellors work with youths needing their services through use of The Wall.

Climbing helps the youths develop self-esteem, communication skills and trust of each other — in part because those navigating a course high above the ground must depend on those below to help them with the task.

Except for the summer student, The Wall is entirely volunteer run, and Rosen credits its success to the dedication of those people. More volunteers are always welcomed for training and involvement with The Wall.

Other Community Services programs are the emergency food bank and Christmas hamper project; a wide range of counselling services for children, teenagers and adults; Family Place; and the recycle depot. Call Community Services at 537-9971 for more information about any program.

United Way donations can be sent to United Way of Greater Victoria, 1144 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8V 3K8. Call (250) 385-6708 for more information on the campaign or the 44 social service groups it funds in the Victoria area.

Youth health meeting topic

People interested in volunteering for Salt Spring's youth health clinic may be interested in attending a Vancouver conference next week.

Partners in Counselling — Education Conference for Contraception and Sexuality Counsellors takes place at the Hotel Vancouver November 18 and 19.

Workshop topics will include peer education, birth control myths and safer sex, and an interactive session on how to make a "teen friendly" health clinic.

Public health nurse Chris Smart said while a volunteer program is not yet in place for the Salt Spring facility, the conference would benefit people who want to be involved.

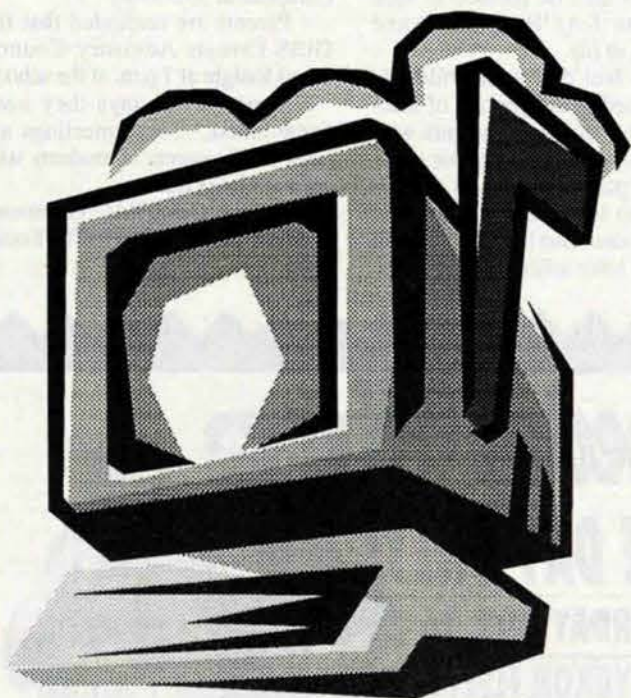
The clinic will offer information on a range of health issues including prevention of pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases.

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Lillian Horsdal was a restless soul, and never idle

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A woman of spirit and boundless energy, Lillian Horsdal passed away November 2 at the age of 88 after 30 years of making her energetic mark on Salt Spring.

Born in 1908 at Stratford-on-Avon, England, she arrived on Salt Spring in the mid-1960s to a property on the shores of Weston Lake which husband Paul Valdemar Horsdal had purchased for their retirement 20 years earlier.

But she'd had plenty of adventure in her life before reaching the island, starting with saving the lives of her entire family even before she was old enough to go to school.

The family was preparing to emigrate to Canada and had booked passage on a beautiful new ship, then regarded as state-of-the-art. "Everyone was very excited," said Elsa Fraser, recalling her mother's description of the event.

But just as the ship was to sail, young Lillian came down with the measles and the entire family was quarantined for three weeks. The Titanic left the dock without them.

When the family reached Canada, they settled in southern Ontario. After finishing school, Horsdal trained as a registered nurse and then became involved in social work and the planned parenthood movement.

Horsdal was not only a career

woman — unusual for the time — but a born activist interested in social causes. She was 30 before she married Ottawa-based Danish photographer Paul Horsdal.

Horsdal raised three children: Elsa, Marlyn and Valdemar, who is better known as folksinger Valdy.

In 1943 Paul Horsdal hitched a ride with a friend in a military aircraft to the air base at Pat Bay on the Sanich Peninsula. As the plane approached Vancouver Island he saw, far below, the little Cy Peck ferry chugging into Fulford Harbour. He immediately decided to hop on that ferry and pay a visit to Salt Spring.

"He came to Salt Spring and he walked up Beaver Point Road and he bought property on Weston Lake," Fraser reported, adding: "Kind of an impulse shopper."

Of course, land at that time wasn't as expensive and real estate transactions were simpler. Paul Horsdal simply approached a local farmer, asked if there was any land for sale and the farmer offered to sell his 10-acre, lakefront woodlot. Figuring the island would be a good place to retire, the Ottawa photographer snapped it up.

Fraser recalls the family coming

out the first time for a vacation in 1960. "We all loved it here."

They rented another little cottage across Weston Lake from their 10-acre parcel and then the Horsdals bought that property as well.

Gradually, during the 1960s, the entire family moved to the island they loved. Although Paul Horsdal wasn't yet ready to retire and leave Ontario, Lillian Horsdal moved to the island on her own. "For an adventure, I guess," Fraser said.

Horsdal loved adventure. She did a lot of travelling, much of it on freighters. When the freighter option vanished she switched to plane travel. She went to Africa, Denmark, Hawaii, Mexico, Japan, Germany, Portugal and South America.

"She was a very restless soul always," said Fraser. She recalled her mother saying, "Whenever a plane flies over my head I always wish I was on it."

When not travelling, she was volunteering. Meals on Wheels, Hospice, Seniors for Seniors, Greenwoods and the Salt Spring Community Services Society were among the organizations which benefited from her energy.

She also wrote — for the Driftwood and other publications — painted in acrylics and was renowned as the "tipsy maid" in the Christmas productions of Virginia and Ray Newman's A Christmas Carol. She

played the role as recently as last Christmas.

In 1978 she was widowed. Two years later she married George Dalziel, who had a winter home in Fulford Harbour. He died suddenly on Boxing Day, 1982.

Horsdal remained busy. She continued to travel, do volunteer work and at times combined her interest in both as a nursing companion. She once spent a year in San Francisco as a companion to a woman needing special care.

Her passion for social interests was still strong, which she demonstrated by becoming a Raging Granny.

"She had something to do every day of the week," Fraser said. "She described it as a reason to wake up in the morning. She really liked to be busy."

But starting last February, when Horsdal fell ill with pneumonia, the

family noticed the dynamo was slowing. "She was just slowing down and wearing out," Fraser said. "She wasn't having fun any more. She just slowed right down and finally stopped."

Horsdal will be missed by many, including her immediate family: daughter Elsa and son-in-law Ray Fraser of Salt Spring, daughter Marlyn and son-in-law Michael Schubart of Victoria, son Valdy and daughter-in-law Kathleen of Salt Spring and by grandson Jason Fraser and granddaughter Chelah Horsdal.

Family and friends will honour her memory at a memorial service this Sunday at St. Mary's Church in Fulford. Flowers are not wanted — Fraser knows how her mother felt about spending money on cut flowers which fade with time.

"She didn't want flowers. She wanted a donation to a charity of the donor's choice," Fraser said.



Horsdal

Report cards are coming

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

Yesterday marked the start of the second term of this semester.

Report cards for the first term will be issued on Tuesday of next week. As usual, should a report card you are expecting not arrive at home, please call us and we can fax a copy to you; or you can drop in to the office and pick one up.

• With the end of the term comes another scrutiny of students' attendance and classroom performance by Eric McMahon, Scott Bergstrom and Nancy MacDonald.

Students who are not doing as well as they should be will be put on notice by one of the administrators. They will then be advised to seek help from John Bergsma, Anne Marshall, or me.

If you feel that your child has been missed in this process of identifying and assisting students who are at risk of failing one or more subjects, please contact us at 537-9944. You will know if your child has been identified because you will receive a letter asking you to come

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to a meeting with either McMahon, Bergstrom or MacDonald so that you can be briefed on the extent of the problems.

• Students in the technology program are about to start building go-carts.

They need items such as small engines, pulleys, and axles. Old lawn mowers and similar small engine-powered equipment can often provide these basic parts for go-carts; so if you can help out with a donation, please call Bob Campsall at 537-9944.

• Parents are reminded that the GISS Parents Advisory Council meets tonight at 7 p.m. at the school.

Wayne Hewitt says they need "new blood." These meetings are open to all parents of students who are attending GISS.

Also, the GISS PAC community chest number at Thrifty Foods is 65.

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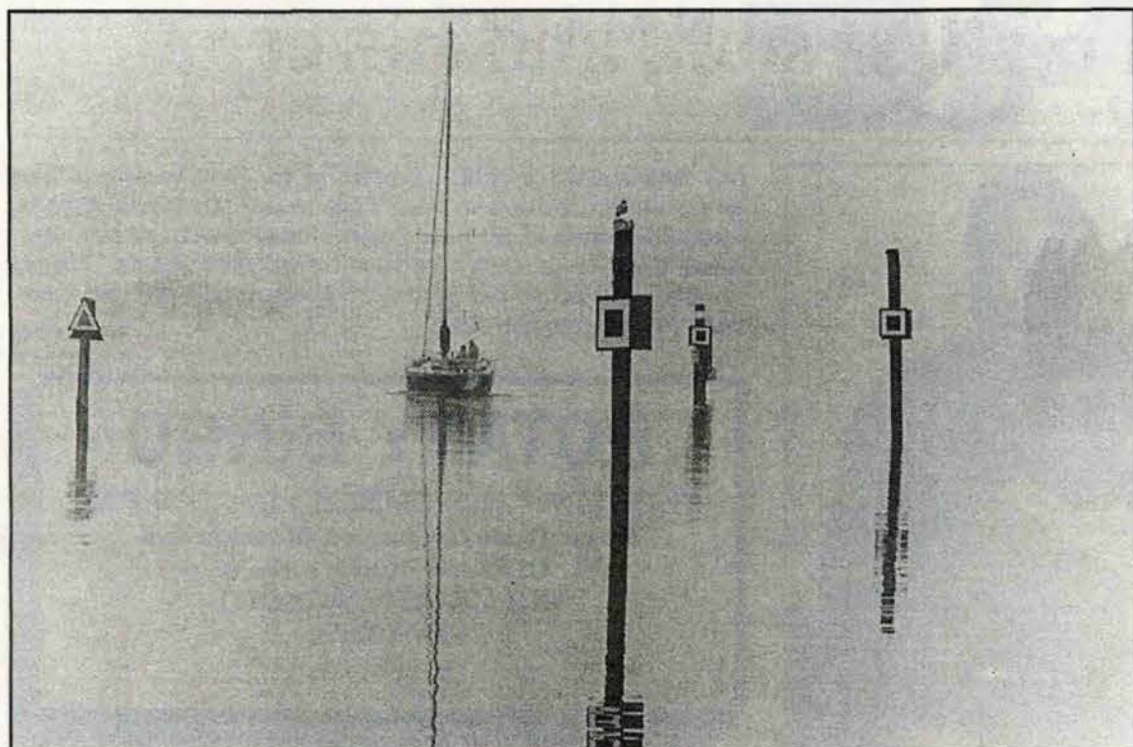
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Morning fog blankets Ganges Harbour

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Golfers hold annual awards banquet

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

Members of the Galiano Golf and Country Club held their annual awards banquet recently.

Chicken and spare ribs were on the menu, prepared by club managers Patrick and Anne Mack, who were on duty for the last time after two years at the club. They are leaving Galiano for the Sunshine Coast, where they will be nearer to Anne's parents, Des and Connie Hoffer (former Galiano residents as well).

Club members Emily Switzer, Brian Cowperthwaite and Ron Way have taken on the job of choosing the new managers, studying the more than 50 applications sent in by those seeking the job.

Club awards this year went to: Blackwood ladies club champion, Mary Munsie; Price handicap match play, Louise de Cario; Nixon rose bowl, Doreen Stanton; Liver trophy, Mary Munsie; grandmother's trophy, Shirley Gain; Doris Tohill trophy, Elsie MacKinnon; Mary Ferguson trophy, Frances Dryvynsyde; club tournament (Cottrell trophy), Stuart Georgeson; Barner trophy, George Morissette; Irene Lee trophy (mixed), Beryl Ford and Brian Cowperthwaite. In the president versus vice-president's team competition, president Phyllis Stafford's team won.

Men's competitions had the fol-

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lowing winners: club championship, Stuart Georgeson; the Mike Beach trophy, Jim Helmeken; the Norm Senior (a new trophy this year, recognizing the most improved golfer), Jim Silver.

The junior winners were Jordan Dusting (junior champion); Laurie Baines (intermediate champion); and Luke Bentley (open champion).

North Hall

The committee of directors of the North Galiano Community Association have recently done several things to make the heating of their building a little more economical.

Winter frosts required the heat be left on in the kitchen and wash-room areas, so double-glazed windows were installed in the kitchen last month. In addition, a ceiling fan was put in the hall itself. The fan uses the heat provided by four electric wall heaters, raising the temperature at floor level to a comfort zone in a matter of about 15 minutes, director Walter Roots reports.

Signs disappear

It seems vandals have been at it again.

Election signs promoting two candidates for Islands Trust have

been removed from the roadside of people's property along Porlier Pass Drive. Apparently the vandals feel everybody in North Galiano should support what the present Trust members have done in the past three years, and no dissatisfaction should be shown. Nice as this idea might be, it is, of course, not the way things are. The removal of the signs is very far from the democratic ideal of everybody having a say in the development of policies taken.

This week

The Parks and Recreation Commission is meeting Thursday, November 14 at the North Hall to discuss the findings of last summer's all-island questionnaire regarding park needs on Galiano.

• Saturday, November 16 is voting day for Islands Trust and School Board representatives at the Activity Centre from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

• Also that day, the South Hall is the spot for the Christmas Market and Tea, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the South Galiano Fire Hall, the monthly book sale is on from 2 to 4 p.m.

Pig barbecue full of gastronomical treats

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Saturna Islanders celebrated the long weekend with the traditional firefighter's Pig Barbecue.

Although ticket sales were down from other years the evening was full of gastronomical delights and friendly people enjoying one another's company. An enthusiastic crew of volunteers worked all day to roast the pig, prepare the rice and salad, set up the hall for dinner and to make the whole night a success.

Robert Montgomery provided canned music for the dance. Everyone who pitched in is offered a vote of thanks for making this a memorable evening.

Remembrance Day

The Saturna Lions Club hosted a Remembrance Day service at St. Christopher's Church.

Local children volunteered to be flag bearers during the laying of the wreaths ceremony and to sing Where Have All the Flowers Gone and The Strangest Dream.

Rev. Bruce Bryant-Scott officiated and Lois Buttery played the organ. Following the service everyone was invited to the Community Hall for a reception.

Other news

Margaret Fry raised \$580 in her annual door-to-door campaign for the Red Cross.

She offers her thanks to all those who chose to support this worthy endeavour.

• (Olga) Loreta Tomlin, a 26-year resident of Saturna, passed away October 15.

Tomlin was born in Brandon, Manitoba and lived on Saturna on and off since 1970. A one-time member of the Women's Service Club and the bridge club Tomlin enjoyed many friendships on the island. She

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liked fishing and cooking and once impressed her neighbours with a Chinese dinner for over 12 people. Tomlin is survived by her three sisters and her long time friend and companion Jim Murray.

• Parents of Saturna School students have agreed to share the cost with the school board to bring a portable classroom to the island and to help maintain it.

This new classroom will allow the children a place to work while present classrooms are being upgraded. It will also provide much-needed space for the school library and rainy day activities.

Coming events

November 16 is voting day. Islanders will be able to cast their ballots at the Community Hall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturna is fortunate to have a varied slate of candidates offering their services to the community.

• Saturna School's Parent Advisory Council invites everyone to a fundraising dinner at Boot Cove Lodge on Thursday, November 21. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance from Colleen Edwardson at 539-5359.

• Bridge players will square off Saturday, November 16 for the semi-annual competitive bridge tournament at the Community Hall. The winners will be announced next week.

• The local Lions Club has agreed to help sponsor the Santa Ship for the 46th year. This is a joint effort with the Bellingham Jaycees.

The ship will arrive on Saturna, December 14, probably around 10:30 a.m.

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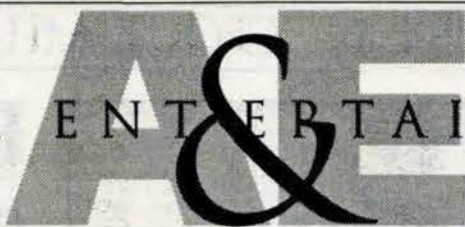
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SIX FABULOUS VOICES: Practising for next week's Gilbert and Sullivan show are, back row from left, David Ashton, Jeremy Moray and Michael Collins. Front row from left: Mary Anne Barcellona, Betty Rothwell and Debbi Toole. The six singers, with accompanist Shirley Bunyan, will perform selections from three operettas.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Strong voice at fitness session spurred Gilbert & Sullivan show

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Wendy Milton was raised on Gilbert & Sullivan (G&S) music.

Her mother Betty Rothwell sang a number of parts in every G&S operetta, even while the birth of her daughter was imminent.

"I was in on it from the beginning," notes Milton.

And their love for the boisterous, beautiful, dramatic and humorous Victoria-era music has never wavered.

Rothwell and Milton, a music teacher and Bandemonium co-director, are collaborating with the Salt Spring Music Guild for three performances of Gilbert & Sullivan November 21, 22 and 23.

Milton, who is directing the show, has wanted to see G&S performed on Salt Spring for quite some time, but it needed a spurring event to get the ball rolling.

One day Milton was at North End Fitness when she heard Michael Collins belting out My Object All Sublime from The Mikado.

"I immediately thought 'aha, here's someone interested in Gilbert and Sullivan who has a really strong voice.'"

Collins agreed to lend his powerful bass voice to a G&S show. Rothwell would fill the mezzo-soprano and contralto parts. Finding even more strongly-trained operatic voices amongst island talent proved easy: Mary Anne Barcellona, Debbi Toole and Jeremy Moray were eager to participate. For the tenor roles they reached into the ranks of "part-time" residents: Victoria lawyer David Ashton used to live on Salt Spring and still maintains a trailer at Toole's Lakeside Gardens Resort.

Shirley Bunyan is the piano accompanist. Milton noted that getting all six vocalists together at one time has not been easy, and Bunyan's willingness to rehearse with individuals, pairs and any other combination has been crucial.

With selected works from The Mikado, The Gondoliers and Pirates of Penzance, the audience will hear songs like Three Little Maids, the beautiful tenor aria Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes and Hail Poetry — a resonating a capella work.

If a Sunday rehearsal at Bunyan's music studio is any indication, the combination of these six voices is going to make an incredible impression. The ceiling must have been shaking

from the power and intensity.

Besides the great music, the political humour and commentary on English life of the time is legendary in G&S operettas, and some lyrics are being customized or "localized" by Moray to reflect Salt Spring's political scene. He's just waiting for the November 16 election outcome to finish the text of the last verse.

The production seemed a natural first for sponsorship by the newly-formed Salt Spring Music Guild. One of its aims is to provide opportunities for performance by local musicians.

A bit of help with props would be appreciated. Absolutely crucial are authentic Japanese folding fans for The Mikado pieces. Anyone who can help in this regard should call Milton at 537-4654. A free ticket will be provided for use of the fans.

Next Friday and Saturday's shows begin at 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee is set for 2 p.m.

A two-night run was originally planned, but response was so enthusiastic that an afternoon show was added. Tickets are already moving well, said Milton. They are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children and available at Sharon's and Love My Kitchen.

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WHAT'S ON

Your Guide To Arts & Entertainment This Week

Music

- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Wednesday Night Live! Hosted by Charles Wilton, on November 13 at 9 p.m. 124 Upper Ganges Road.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Thursday, November 14 is Blues Night with Dave Roland and Friends, featuring special guest Gene Grooms. 121 Upper Ganges Road.
- **The Flying Saucer Cafe** — Susan Cogan and The Ones will be playing on Friday, November 15. 112 Hereford Avenue.
- **Fulford Inn** — Monte Nordstrom is playing on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, at 8 p.m. 2661 Fulford-Ganges Road.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Party with Stonehouse on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16.
- **Alfresco's Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Friday and Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. 3106 Grace Point Square.
- **Vesuvius Inn** — Susan Cogan and The Ones will be playing on Saturday, November 16. 805 Vesuvius Bay Road.
- **The Purple Parrot Restaurant** — Simone Grasky sings jazz standards, rhythm and blues and contemporary ballads Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m. 170 Fulford-Ganges Road.
- **Simon Rook Harpsichord Recital** — A solo event. Enjoy Bach, Scarlatti and Couperin. Sunday, November 17, 2:30 p.m., at Ganges United Church on Hereford Avenue. Tickets are \$8 at the door.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Barry Livingston Quartet, November 17.
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Cinema

- **Larger Than Life** — Bill Murray starts out aiming for some kind of low-key comedy about life's losers. As a motivational speaker barely able to shift audiences out of their post-lunch slump, his character seems set to endure both a nagging mother and

engagement to a younger, prettier version of same. Then word arrives that this low-rent Anthony Robbins has inherited some of his father's baggage, including a case full of clown costumes and a trunk seeking peanuts. Just when Larger Than Life appears to be settling into a sentimental study of beggars at the banquet of life, filled with sideshow carnies and railway yards, its hint of Chaplin is swept away by the broadest of goofball humour. Then the whole thing veers without warning into a Mexican morality play, as the elephant is enlisted to help downtrodden villagers facing a flood. Playing on November 15 and 17 at 7 p.m., and on November 18 and 19 at 9 p.m. A matinee will play on November 17 at 4 p.m. This movie is rated General. B.C. warning: occasional suggestive language. Salt Spring Cinema, Central Hall.

• **To Gillian on her 37th Birthday** — Michelle Pfeiffer plays a swell wife and mom, two years dead, who continues to visit her still-grieving husband (Peter Gallagher), thus making him of no real help to their teenage daughter (Claire Danes) who could use more than a moping dad who talks to ghosts. Playing on November 15 and 17 at 9 p.m., and on November 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. A matinee will play on November 19 at 4 p.m. This movie is rated Mature. Salt Spring Cinema, Central Hall.

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Stage

- **Chamber Music** — Presented by the Salt Spring Community Theatre. Directed by Frederick Howell and produced by Patsy Siemens. This play runs from November 14 to 16 at Mahon Hall. Tickets are \$10 and include refreshments. They are available at et cetera, Sharon's or Parkside News.

Galleries

- **Vortex Gallery** — Ian Thomas "The Barbarians" photo silkscreen and mixed media prints, showing for the month of November. 3202 Grace Point Square (upstairs).

Community TV

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- Thursday, November 14 6 p.m., Salt Spring All Candidate Meetings
- Friday, November 15 12 noon, Marathon repeating coverage of All Candidate Meetings
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Ian Thomas show on at Vortex

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

The weight of an image can be immense, and even multiplies and shifts when given a chance to rest for a while.

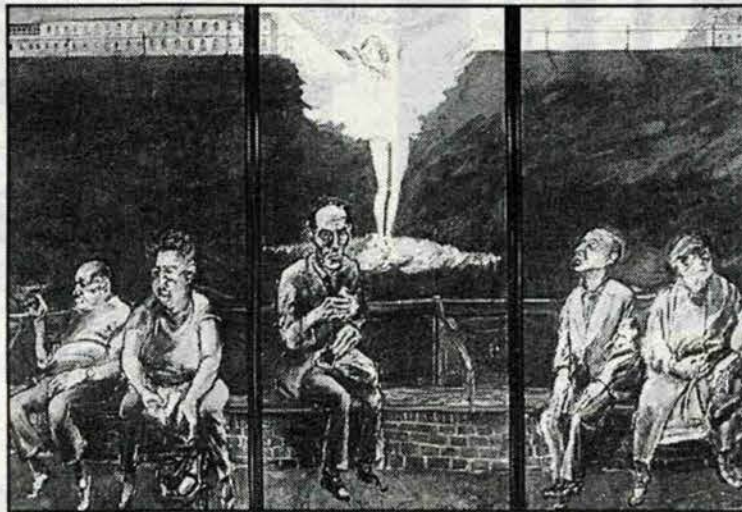
Downcast men in a home for war veterans; a Trojan horse; the unexplained mirth on a woman's face; a rhinoceros with spirit frozen behind zoo bars. Then there is the weight of words captured by a camera and transposed into a piece of Ian Thomas artwork — from hastily-applied graffiti on the Berlin Wall to the ad agency-born "Fill Me up With People" on an empty People magazine rack.

Salt Spring resident and artist Ian Thomas has juxtaposed sometimes-familiar imagery from western history and popular culture in powerful multi-media works under the overall title of *The Barbarians*. The series, which Thomas calls "a visual commentary on contemporary society," was completed in the early '90s.

Sixteen of *The Barbarians*' 28 pieces are currently on display at Vortex Gallery in Grace Point Square.

Images are juxtaposed in each piece so that with one view they are "logical" partners, although in another instant they surprise and shock.

Many ideas and images came from travels in Europe — from museums, art galleries, zoos and



malls. One piece contains a picture of the pavilion from the Nazis' first Olympic Games on the left, contrasted with one of the graffiti-scarred Berlin Wall. In another, classical Greek sculpture meets the outside of a city sex shop.

In addition to thought-provoking subject matter, Vortex Gallery co-director Deon Venter explains that techniques Thomas employs to make the pieces are also quite unique. He has basically used a photo silkscreen process, which is usually associated with mass production of artwork, but *The Barbarians* are original works. Thomas has prepared the paper before printing it with images and manipulated it in a variety of ways

afterwards as well. Acrylic, sand, charcoal, ash and pigment are some of the materials used.

Thomas has been a teacher — at UBC and Camosun College, among other places — and a practising artist all his life. His exhibition called *Swallow's Meadow* — a massive multi-media show which reconstructed his parents' lives — was rated the top art show of the year in the Lower Mainland, notes Venter.

The ability to show works of artists like Thomas, who usually exhibit off-island, is one reason for the existence of Vortex Gallery, he adds.

The exhibition runs until the end of November.

KGE, Bottomley play Fulford Inn

Some of Canada's best traditional musicians and lyricists are on stage at the Fulford Inn next weekend.

Knutson Greenhouse Effect (KGE), which includes J. Knutson and Jeremy Greenhouse, Peter Lepine and Neil Homulos, blends folk, pop, rock and jazz in rich acoustic settings.

"It's a romp through folk and Celtic styles infused with the spirit and energy of rock & roll," states their press material.

Guitarist and vocalist Knutson was a founding member of Spirit of the West.

Greenhouse is a dynamic fiddler/violinist, guitarist and vocalist. He brings storytelling lyrics, a bari-

tone voice and an energetic stage presence to the band.

Lepine plays both standup and electric bass, and his vocal harmonies and driving harmonica parts are integral to KGE's sound.

Drummer Homulos is said to approach his drum kit with musicality and creativity.

KGE plays Saturday, November 23. They will be joined by John Bottomley for a November 22 performance.

Bottomley is a lyrical and musical craftsman, described as "fluent in a tongue of jongleur, tumbler, troubadour."

Bottomley's three recordings are

Library of the Sun, *Songs with the Ornamental Hermits* and *Blackberry*. Cuts from *Blackberry* — *You Lose and You Gain* and *Long Way To Go* — received lots of air play in 1995. He won the male vocalist Juno Award in 1993.

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Into the guise

Caroline Andress (right) gets put together by costume mistress Julia Hengstler at a Chamber Music rehearsal Sunday. The coffee-house style evening of drama, music, refreshments

and intrigue, which includes Arthur Kopit's black comedy Chamber Music, runs November 14, 15 and 16 at Mahon Hall. It is presented by Salt Spring Community Theatre. Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Geezers score lots of laughs with pre-election comedy show

By **TONY RICHARDS**
Driftwood Staff

Could the Geezers keep a packed house at Beaver Point Hall happily entertained for two hours? Probably not. But with the help of four "friends" they can and did on Saturday with an evening of comedy as good as any show by the entire Salt Spring Hysterical Society.

The Geezers — Arvid Chalmers and Sid Filkow — have long been an integral element of the society's comedy nights. On Saturday they delivered evidence of how integral they are, and that they can carry an evening on their own.

In addition to playing the two old farts that have earned lots of popularity with local audiences, Chalmers and Filkow brought along their "friends:" Chalmers' Maggie, the dear old Scottish lady, and his belly-dancer Fatima; and Filkow's Mahatma and Stumpy. The six characters kept us laughing all

evening.

Of course, they had an abundance of material.

A pre-election comedy show can't help but be a winner. Dietrich Luth and his sea lions (they stopped appearing on local beaches after he was elected the first time) and the Islands Trust are always good sources of comic relief. And let's not forget the local newspaper either.

The Driftwood covered the Bullock Lake resort project when protesters gathered at the newspaper office. It would have covered the Clayoquot Sound logging protest if those demonstrators had done the same, the Geezers concluded, so all protests are now held at the Driftwood.

And the best thing about the Driftwood? It burns.

Some of the best laughs came at the expense of B.C. Ferries, for which Filkow's Mahatma was expecting to get a job mak-

ing terminal announcements. (After a couple of reasonably polite entreaties for the driver in Lane 26 to move into the correct lane, Mahatma would get serious and direct the "stupid geek" what to do in no uncertain terms.)

The Geezers made the best of recurring themes throughout the show, but none was as good as the bag of tea presented by some long-haired youths to Geezer Chalmers for his birthday.

When the Geezers finally get around to drinking it they get the munchies, have the urge to laugh and forget from one minute to the next what they're doing. (Sort of like all those people outside the hall during intermission smoking those funny cigarettes.)

Islanders need a good laugh at election time — those who take such things seriously, at least — and on Saturday they got one.

The Ones at 2 gigs on weekend

Currently putting the finishing touches on her newest CD recording, Susan Cogan is taking a break from her Nomad Studio schedule to make two live appearances this weekend.

Cogan and The Ones will play Friday night at The Flying Saucer Cafe and Saturday at the Vesuvius Inn.

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SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Anthony Rico of Salt Spring Spurs, right, shoulders his way to the ball against a Sooke player Sunday at Portlock Park. Spurs won the match 6-4. On Monday the team travelled to Saanich to beat Peninsula A 4-2.

Photo by Tony Richards

Spurs down Sooke 6-4 Sunday

By RICHARD BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor
Salt Spring Spurs 6, Sooke 4

Salt Spring Island Savings Spurs U-19 soccer team played an entertaining match against Sooke on Sunday at Portlock Park.

The visitors could only field 10 players and the home team pressed from the start. Ben Bichel played the ball in from the far left and Jason Moulton opened the scoring with a perfectly placed shot. Despite being one man short, Sooke moved the ball quickly and their twin strikers were always a threat against the slower Salt Spring defence. Within minutes they outpaced the back line to equalize easily. Fortunately for the local lads the visiting defenders were equally shaky and poor marking let in Aaron Little who made no mistake and restored the lead.

Salt Spring's defenders, however, were determined to keep the game even and stood back in admiration as the Sooke Strikers raced clear through the middle to equalize again with ease.

This spurred the home team on and they were unlucky not to score twice. First, Moulton saw his shot pushed against the bar

and, shortly after, Anthony Rico cracked one against the post with only the goalie to beat. Moulton then moved in from the wing, took a pass from Greg Stringer and scored his second to restore the lead.

Unbelievably, the score was tied within seconds. Goalkeeper Dan Bennett was too far up the field with his defenders and the quick-thinking visitors played two passes and a 50-yard shot that sailed into the empty net to bring the teams into half-time at 3-3.

The twin inspirations of coach Terry Stringer and the new uniforms started to work in the second half and crisp midfield passing with Moulton and Little's speed on the wings saw chance after chance being created.

Dan Byrne moved into the centre of defence and his experience settled the team down. Ben Bichel was having his best game of the season in midfield and the Spurs created more chances without being able to put the ball in the net.

Within the space of a minute, Little shot past the post with both Rico and Moulton placed inside him, Greg Stringer failed to walk the ball into the net, and a back-

heel kick by centre forward Rico all stayed out of the goal.

The visitors couldn't contain the rampant forward line and, after being pulled down 30 yards out, Rico moved to the far post, received the free kick and casually flicked it over the line from close range. Tempers frayed a little but referee Strick Aust gave a yellow card to Andrew McEachern for a hard tackle and an in-your-face stare from his victim.

The home team was now completely dominating. Erik Jorgensen won balls in midfield and played them to the eager forwards.

The fifth goal was a beauty by Rico who calmly hit the net from 12 yards and the clincher came when Jorgensen's shot came off the bar for Amos Mitchell to chest it over the line.

Sooke scored a consolation goal when the home defence was too slow to group after conceding a free-kick and a well-placed shot went directly into the top right hand corner to end the scoring at 6-4.

Overall the Spurs played well, in particular the strike force of Little, Rico and Moulton.

High scores in Kings Lane Recreation bowling league play last week were:

Circus League: Deke Noonan 200, 201, 207/608; Brian Radford 204; Rick Bissett 210; Ron Cunningham 219; Josh Marshall 235; Ben Cooper 204, 244; Fred Eves 213; Jonah Marshall 251; Bunny Cooper 218.

Tuesday morning seniors: Goodie 226; John Richardson 219; Edie Gear 223.

Tuesday afternoon seniors: Gwen McClung 236; June Webb 230; Dan Davies 221, 230.

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Library, GISS, Rainbow Road, Ganges.**

Reports and Financial Statements will be available for members of the meeting. Election of Directors will be held. Four Directors will continue with one year left in their terms. Nominations may be left at ArtSpring office, McPhillips Ave., or offered from the floor.

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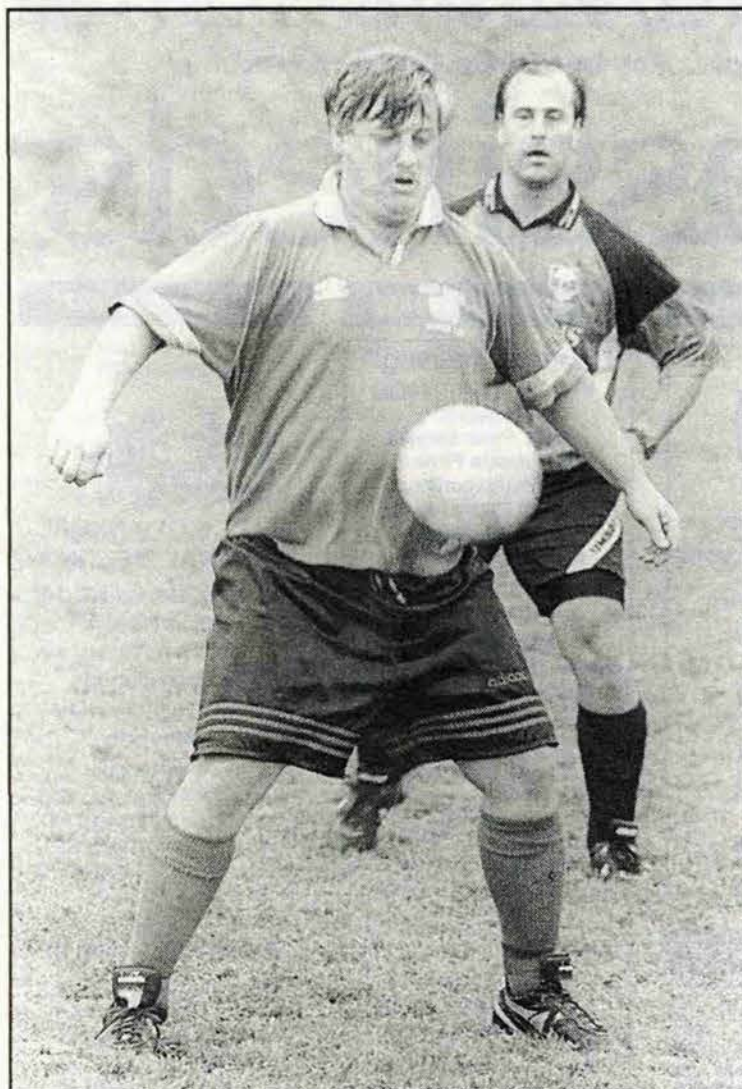
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BELLY BUMPS: A Castaways player keeps his eye on the ball Sunday as Sea Otter Old Boys' Jack Braak — who appears to be belly-bumping with the ball — gets set to control it. The teams played to a 1-1 tie at Portlock Park.

Photo by Tony Richards

Old Boys offensive sharks have become floundering jellyfish

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Sea Otter Old Boys 1, Castaways 1

For 85 minutes on Sunday, the Old Boys offence could not hit the broad side of the Queen Mary (the boat, not the Queen herself).

Then finally, in the 86th minute, the lads came through with the goal that gained a tie and preserved their home unbeaten streak.

It was one of those games where no matter how many chances the Old Boys created against Castaways, they just could not finish them off.

The Old Geezers' prolific offence, that usually preys like sharks on opposition defences, has in recent weeks looked more like a group of jellyfish floundering in the defensive surf.

What has gone wrong with this powerful group that scored 22 goals in the lads' first six games, almost four goals per game, but has only notched four goals in our last three games?

Why does Ziggy "Der Bomber" Karl look all bombed out; why is Chris "Crazy Legs" Cottrell playing like a weak-kneed striker; and what has happened to Peter "Fabio" Bantel — has scoring a few goals gone to his head so he does not have to score anymore?

Maybe the lads are going through GWS (Geritol Withdrawal Syndrome) due to taking Ginseng in recent weeks as a substitute for Geritol.

Possibly the lads have been affected by some of the campaign promises that have circulated the island in recent weeks by different candidates, promises that hit home at the heart of these lads.

One rumour has a school board hopeful turning our home pitch at the high school into a marijuana test field with crop sales used to reduce the school deficit.

Another Trust candidate wants Mout Park turned into a campus site for the training of our soccer elite. This would be great for our strikers except you have to be 18 to enter (the Old Boys are discriminated against again).

And one regional director candidate wants ArtSpring turned into a home for retired regional directors (hasn't this use already been tried?) when the lads would love to use it as a clubhouse.

But maybe these are all excuses and actually the Old Boys forwards are just in a slump.

Fortunately, the defence is not in a slump. Yes, the cheeseheads, that much-maligned group that is the heart and soul (and at this

moment ego) of the Sea Otter Old Boys, had played brilliantly in recent weeks, giving up only two goals in three games.

Last weekend was another example of the improved play of this group as it held Castaways for 85 minutes to only one goal, patiently waiting for the strikers to get themselves on track.

Finally, the lads found the mark as a Jack Braak ball found Cottrell breaking in on the left side. Cottrell's cross deflected off Fabio's pinkie (according to Bantel) and on to Drew Lindsay, who struck a perfect shot into the corner for the tie.

In reality the team had deserved a win as the Old Boys striking corps had created many chances but failed to seize their opportunities.

Maybe this weekend Fabio, Der Bomber and Crazy Legs will act more shark-like as the Old Boys travel to Victoria to take on Gorge, a team we scored eight on last time.

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Win, loss for Slashers

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Salt Spring Slashers 0, Cordova Bay 3

Salt Spring Slashers 3, Lakehill 1
The Slashers weekend featured two games which were the result of capitalizing on opportunities.

On Saturday, the under-16 girls team had its biggest challenge of the season with a match-up against first-place Cordova Bay, and the game was definitely decided on opportunism.

Early in the opening half, Cordova Bay finished off a loose ball chance for the opening goal, but it would be their only good chance of the half as the defence anchored by Heidi Straarup looked solid.

The Slashers had chances to equalize as both Stephanie "The Streak" Collette and Launi Legg had 20 blasts drift wide.

The second half saw the Slashers step up their tempo and create more chances again with Collette, Sheila "The Other Streak" Stacey, and Kate McNair leading the way.

But it was not to be as the girls could not finish them off and Cordova Bay struck for two late goals to seal the victory.

In the second match the Slashers travelled to Victoria to play a make-up game against Lakehill.

Lakehill caught Salt Spring

asleep as they scored after only three minutes and the Slashers looked in trouble.

Slowly the girls found their form as the midfield of Legg, Andi Nelson and Sarah Cameron took control and fed their forwards.

With the control came chances, and McNair, Collette and Joelle Morrison all found themselves free — all to no avail, as they missed one chance after another.

Late in the half "The Streak" Collette broke free and this time banged in the Slashers' first goal. This broke the jinx and the girls poured on the pressure in the second half and although only scoring twice, with both goals by McNair, the girls could have had even more. Even Jenny "Superpest" Kerr had a chance to get a goal on a break-away.

Hopefully the girls will capitalize on a few more chances this weekend as they have a 2:15 p.m. Saturday kick-off against Oak Bay at the high school field. A win would solidify their second-place standing in the league.

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6 DEATHS

HOUSTON-THELMA Barbara (nee Penhorwood) on November 6, 1996 age 63. Beloved wife of Alex and devoted mother of Barbara (David), Mark (Carolyn) and James. Much loved grandmother of Allison, Kathleen, Alex, and Mark.

TIDBALL, PATRICK Edward (Pat, Packy), b. Nov. 20, 1931, died peacefully at home on November 7, 1996 following a long illness. Survived by his adoring wife, Gwyneth (Gwen); son Daniel; daughters Pamela Cook and Glynis Tidball; in-law children Noriko Nasu-Tidball and Dan Zollmann; grandchildren Andrew, Jeffrey and Carolyn Cook and Naomi Tidball; brother Tom Tidball and wife Cynthia; sister June Collins and husband George; nephew Michael and nieces Danette, Janine and Mary-Ellen; and many extended family members. Special thanks to cousin Marilyn Charney for her kind nursing care while Pat was in Royal Jubilee Hospital, and to our many friends for their assistance and support. A memorial service will be held at All Saints by-the-Sea on Saturday, November 16, 1996, at 3:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice on Salt Spring Island, (Ganges Box 521, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2W2) would be welcomed.

HUME - MARY Evelyn ("Eve"), born March 3, 1910 in Vancouver, BC, died peacefully on Salt Spring Island, November 5, 1996. Predeceased by her loving husband, Phil in 1987. Left to celebrate her life are her six children Jackie, Philip, Nancy, Jane, Mary and Tony, her 20 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and his sister Sandy Sheffield and cousin Margie Spencer. A Memorial service was held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 135 Drake Road on Salt Spring Island, at 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 9, 1996. Flowers gratefully declined. The family thanks the Doctors, Nurses and staff at Greenwood's Care Home on Salt Spring for the extreme kindness and professionalism shown to Eve during her stay with them.

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trees, 6 ft. \$20. 4 ft. \$15.
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build yourself. "Build A City
Rubber Stamp Story Box". 50
rubber stamps and washable
ink pad to construct your own
town, \$29.99. Also...12 Days of
Christmas Rubber Stamp
Collection", beautiful for dec-
orating your Christmas Cards
and letters, \$23.95. West of the
Moon, 120 Lower Ganges
Road, 537-1966.

STILL RENOVATING!! Wooden
window 4'0" x 3'0", \$75. 30"
vanity, white sink with taps, \$35
each. 30" stove works, great
but is Harvest Gold (sorry)
\$100. Small cupboards 15" x
30" \$10. Phone 537-2288.

NEAR NEW 3/4 size posture
mate mattress by Sears, \$100.
Ice auger, \$30, Camper jacks,
\$90 pair. 537-9172.

FREE STANDING Osborne air-
tight fireplace, heats 1600 sq. ft.
\$500. Call Linda at Love My
Kitchen Shop, 537-5882.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

FLORAL & STRIPED pattern
furniture love seat, couch
& chair, good for B&B. \$150.
obo, 2 brand new double size
futon couch/beds \$100. each.
obo. 537-1152.

FIREWOOD FOR Sale. \$130.
per cord delivered. Phone 537-
0881 or 537-5848 and leave
message.

HAND PAINTED ceramic tiles
imported from Turkey.
Sixteenth century design repro-
ductions of the Ottoman
Empire. Phone or fax 537-5491
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SPECIAL DEAL on Tempra
Paints, all colours...8oz/\$3,
16oz/\$5 and 32oz/\$9 at West of
the Moon, 120 Lower Ganges
Rd. 537-1966.

FOR SALE. Temporary power
pole 110/220 outlets. 6 in total.
\$250. Call 537-5488 mostly in
evening.

TOP QUALITY naturally grown
(organic) beef for sale. Also
baby beef. Prices from \$1.75
per lb. 537-5708.

THOMAS Antique Upright
Pump Organ \$699.98; CSA
Approved Canuck Airtight
Wood Heater with Pipes.
Heats 2500 sq. ft. Home \$250;
Hide-a-Beds from \$98.88; Oak
Bedroom Suites from \$278.88;
36" x 60" 7pc. "NEW"
White/Natural Dining Suite
\$388.88; OAK 5pc. Dining Ste.
w/2 leaves \$438.88; Teak 6pc.
Dining Suite w/2 large leaves
& China Cabinet \$499.98
(Mint Condition); Elec. Heaters
from \$5; Last Chance for
Bedroom Suite Liquidation!
Oak 4pc. \$278.88; Oak 4pc.
\$338.88; Verdi
Green/Black/Brass 6pc.
\$598.88; Oak Whitewash or
Mahogany 6pc. Master Suite
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The Christmas Spirit
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CHICKADEE PINE
15%
OFF EVERYTHING
in our showroom 'til Nov. 30th.
Lots of neat gifts.
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We have a huge selection of Spring Flowering bulbs.
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350 MISC. FOR SALE

Don't Miss Our CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE CENTRE Great Gifts at Bargain Prices ~Second Floor~ MOUATS CLOTHING CO. M-S 9:30-5:30, Sun 11-4 537-5551

PATCHWORKS DESIGN Quality, affordable children's clothing from infant to teenage sizes. Handmade. Custom orders. For that special Christmas outfit. Call 653-9383

RENOVATIONS AHEAD SAVE UP TO 1/2 price ON SPECIALLY MARKED MERCHANDISE MOUATS CLOTHING CO. VISA MASTERCARD HOMECARD 537-5551

Display Sample SALE 5 Back Packs Only Ocean Water Designs 72, 77 & 82 Litres Regular Retail up to \$200.00 Now 1/2 Price MOUATS CLOTHING CO. Harbour Bldg. 537-5551

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350 MISC. FOR SALE

Huge Selection Just Arrived! GWG Company Jeans 2 styles... Easy Fit or Regular straight leg Waist sizes: 28 - 38 Leg Lengths: 30, 32, & 34 \$39.95 pair MOUATS CLOTHING CO. Harbour Bldg. 537-5551

370 PETS/LIVESTOCK CUDDLY CATS looking for a warm lap & someone to love. Excellent mousekeepers. S.P.C.A. 537-2123.

375 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

TRIANGLE R.V. CENTRE offers excellent highway exposure for your consignment vehicle. Also parts, service, propane, sanitation and 24 hour car and R.V. wash. Vancouver Island's only complete R.V. centre. Triangle Homes Ltd., Sidney. Your first R.V. centre off the ferry. 656-1122. DL 5916.

7'X12' ESTA VILLA travel trailer. Propane stove, sink, ice box, built-ins, very good cond. \$875. 537-1240.

JAYCO 20' TRAVEL trailer, clean, end of season bargain, \$3500. Call collect 1-250-247-8040.

376 SPORTING GOODS

SURVIVAL SUITS extra small, fits 5'2" woman. Medium, one piece suit and medium, 2 piece. New, \$200 ea. 537-9172.

377 TOYS

NEW CROQUET set - 4 player \$15. "Burago", still in boxes, '61 Jaguar, '87 Ferrari, '61 Porsche. Also lawn dart game, \$5. 537-9172.

379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

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.

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).

FOUR BURNER Westinghouse stove, come & get it. (works). 537-9587.

DOUBLE BED & old sofa. 653-9232

FREE COFFEE maker and pot. 537-9990.

FREE CARPETING: brown, 6' x 6'; green 5' x 7'; outdoor green, 8' x 7'. 537-4316.

BI-FOLD DOORS, 537-4672.

FREE 7 FT. X 12 ft. fibreglass overhead garage door. 4 panels and tracks. Come and take away. 537-9557.

SIGHTFIRST A LIONS PROJECT RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight Boxes located at: • Pharmasave • Bank of Montreal • Bank of Commerce • Island Savings Credit Union • Gulf Islands Optical

385 WANTED

WANTED: ANTIQUES, collectables and furniture. Will pay cash. Call 537-5148.

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

WANTED: FOR winter shelter, tiny wood stove, small propane hot-water heater. Tongue & groove wood siding, plumbing supplies. Donations truly appreciated. 537-1931.

ARBUTUS BRANCHES - All sizes. 537-1218 or 537-0710.

A SMALL retail store specializing in Canadian crafts and keepsakes is looking for new supplies. If you have a unique craft please send a picture or sample to: Box 1407, Jasper, AB, T0E 1E0. Attention: Manager.

Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE by owner. South facing 2000 sq. ft. on two levels, .91 Acre, built in 1981. 3 bedrooms plus master with full ensuite, plus extra room. 3 bathrooms, inc. ens. 900 sq. ft. of deck, large finished laundry, central vacuum, fireplace and more. Great for home business. \$209,000. 537-1211.

"BRINKWORTH PLACE" retirement homes. Easy care, single storey, relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Currently for sale 2 bedroom modulars from \$91,000. Peter Jaquest 537-4041. VMHP Holdings Ltd. DL#7904

23 ACRES OF beautiful south facing oceanview property featuring Mt. Arrowsmith. Short walk to ferry. Lasqueti Island. For Sale or trade. Sub-divisible. \$159,000. (1)-250-920-9906.

2.27 ACRES, DENMAN Island, 2 bedroom house & small studio facing ocean & mountains. \$199,000. 1-250-338-9241.

TOWNHOUSE FOR sale: 2 bedrooms plus den, 5 appliances. Open to offers. 537-1163.

RUXTON ISLAND. 2 acre lot with cabin, workshop, plus extras. Quiet, private, close to bay with moorage. \$65,000, by owner. 1-250-616-6196 after 6 p.m.

1800 SQ. FT. HOME on flat 0.39 acre, three bedroom, two bathrooms. Beautiful location with lake view, in-law suite in basement, \$195,000. Call owner 537-9990.

BC RECREATIONAL Land For Sale By Owner. Water frontages, acreages, small lots. Free catalogue. Financing available. Niho Land & Cattle Company. Phone: (604)606-7900. Fax: (604)606-7901.

COLORADO U.S.A. "35 acre Ranchette" with panoramic mountain view. \$19,950/\$200.00 per month, U.S. currency. Owner will finance. Call 1-800-875-6568.



Bob Howe REAL ESTATE SERVICE LTD 653-4543

It's GARAGE SALE time on Salt Spring!

Clean out that basement and plan a garage sale now. Then place your ad in Classification #340 of the Driftwood and you're on your way to doing your spring cleaning!

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS 537-9933 8 am. - 5 pm.

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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MORTGAGES AVAILABLE FOR: • Debt Consolidations • Renovations & Construction • Any purpose FLEXIBLE TERMS & CONDITIONS Loans based on equity PROMPT APPROVALS Call Wally Walberg or Clarence Sinclair 1-888-LOAN-900 (5626) LIGHTHOUSE MANAGEMENT INC.

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440 MISCELLANEOUS

\$5 MILLION- 12% INTEREST - 1st Mortgage. Established development company seeking to consolidate existing mortgages and accommodate expansion of very successful concepts is searching for new Mortgage Lender, who will receive 1st mortgage security on two prime downtown Vancouver properties valued at \$7.5 Million. Fax (604)684-6462, write Box 91796, West Vancouver, B.C.

450 MOBILE HOMES

1969 MOBILE HOME to be moved December 17-22. Offers invited. 653-4469.

USED MOBILE Homes wanted. Will purchase or trade on new. Call 1-604-869-7556 or 1-604-869-6106.

NOBLE HOMES will custom manufacture your new home. Buying direct will save thousands! We can beat their price - they can't beat our quality. Call 1-800-621-1589.

Rentals

500 APT./SUITES FOR RENT

THE SWEETEST suite on the island is now available to rent! Walking distance to Ganges, 1200 sq. ft. 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, W/D, D/W, N/S, N/P. Rent \$595 plus % of utilities, 537-4441.

ONE BEDROOM, Maliview, new paint, bright. Available now. \$450/mo. plus utilities. 537-2476.

500 APT./SUITES FOR RENT

FULFORD VILLAGE. Comfortable, furnished, rooms or suite, private entrances. From \$375/month. N/S adults. 653-2348.

510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

LANCER BUILDING. Choice of premises on upper floor. Large, bright, ocean view, deck. For info call Donna Regen, Gulf Islands Realty, 537-5577 days.

- MOBY'S - 400 sq. ft. FOR RENT
• MOBY'S - 700 sq. ft. FOR RENT
• Call Jamie / Barry 537-5559

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

515 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

KIHEI MAUI Hawaii. 1 bdrm. air conditioned condo, kitchen, all amenities, 200' from beach. Island owned and now available for Nov/96 and open from Jan. 5/97 on. Great island rates. 537-5083.

DELIGHTFUL, BRIGHT one bedroom cottage. Beautiful views. No steps. Light house-keeping facilities. Daily, weekly rates. 537-5791.

Get Away!

Cozy cottage in Vesuvius. Fully Furnished. Rent by week or two night min. Book for Xmas and/or New Years Now - 537-5176

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Saturna Island Retreat. Nearly-new, two bedroom plus loft waterfront home overlooking the Gulf of Georgia. House has both a wood-burning heater and electric baseboards, oak floors, pine-paneled walls, skylights, three sun-decks, washer and dryer. It is private, situated among trees on a large acreage. Available December 1, 1996 to responsible, clean, non-smokers. References required. Small pets allowed. \$600 per month plus utilities. 1-604-943-0064.

HOUSE FOR rent, mid December to mid May. Suit single or couple. Reduce rent in return for gardening etc. N/S, N/P. 537-4533.

TWO BEDROOM rancher, private and sunny, large deck, close to Ganges. Suits couple or single person. N/P, N/S, ref's req'd. \$650/month. December 1, 1-604-538-4603, eves.

THREE BEDROOM plus loft, wood & elec. heat, five appliances, large workshop, garage. Cusheon Lake area. \$1000/mo. Phone 537-4053, leave message. Avail. Dec. 1.

2 BEDROOM COTTAGE. View, close to town, hot tub. \$750 per month. 537-5757.

COZY COTTAGE, 1 bedroom, deck, recently redecorated, Vesuvius, Dec. 1. \$450/mo. 537-1650, 7-9 p.m.

QUIET 2 BEDROOM and den in Beaver Point. Available Dec. 1. \$850 per month. 653-4940.

1 BDRM. HOME, large rooms, near ocean, long term, N/S. \$700/month incl. utilities. Phone 537-9754.

NEW 2 BDRM. furnished home on 25 secluded south end acres. Available Dec. 18 - April 10. Non-smokers, references. \$700/month. 653-4117.

2 BEDROOM CABIN secluded, with fantastic view. Extra room for washer & dryer. Available November 1, long term. \$600 plus utilities. 537-4998 days, 537-2837 evenings.

BEAUTIFUL FURNISHED, 2 bedroom house, \$400 per month including utilities must be willing to move out seven days a month. 653-9141.

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

CABIN SUBLET, mid December to March 31 on Galiano, N/S, no dogs, furnished, \$400/month. 1-250-539-5829.

1 BEDROOM HOUSE, Cusheon Lake area, \$750 per month, N/P, N/S, 537-9110 after 6 pm.

SPACIOUS, COMFORTABLE, 3 bedroom bungalow, Maliview duplex, large yard, deck, veggie garden. References. \$790 per month. 653-2348.

PRIVATE SECLUDED 2 bedroom cabin for rent, November 15, in south end. \$600 per month. 1-604-479-0380.

Island Explorer Property Management Limited 537-4722 1-800-800-9492



- 3br. Older home in Vesuvius \$700/mo.
• 2 br. View Home, Long Harbour, \$800/mth.
• 2 br. Log house on 10 acres, \$800
• 2 br. log home \$700

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• Commercial or residential
• Qualified tenants waiting

NOW AVAILABLE

- 3 bedroom, upscale townhouse, furnished, \$1200. N/S, N/P.
• 3 bedroom, modern home, wood stove, available Dec. 1, Long Term. \$1200.

Call Sunny 537-2198

530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

WANTED: TENANT for furnished room, \$350 per month, close to town, private entrance, shared kitchen & bathroom. Phone 537-0629. Mature, responsible person only.

SHARE HOUSE in sunny Vesuvius with quiet, N/S, 49-year-old half-time single parent, 9-year-old son, cat and dog. Pool, cable, \$350/mo. plus 1/3 hydro. 537-2965.

SHARED ACCOMMODATION. Spacious, new home in Vesuvius area. All utilities provided. \$360/mo. Furnished or unfurnished. Phone 537-1212.

COZY, CLEAN furnished room for rent in family oriented home. On secluded acreage close to town. Meals negotiable. Perfect for off island student or single female, \$325 monthly. 537-5261.

540 WANTED/RENTALS

PROFESSIONAL YOUNG couple with cat looking for 2 bedroom house to rent for January 1, excellent references, long term only. 1-604-254-6170 after 6 pm.

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ISLANDS WEST Arts has 30% to 50% off all art supplies while quantities last, 161 Cranberry Rd. 537-2003.

FOR SALE: Forested 5 acres with 1226 sq. ft. 2 bedroom (room for more) 2 bathroom house. Attached greenhouse, 2 car carport. Some fruit trees & garden areas. Outbuildings to please the hobbyist. Phone 653-4266.

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SSI COMMUNITY Services is looking for participants to be interviewed for a survey. Honorarium of \$10 paid. Participants should have or have experienced bouts of depression, manic depression or schizophrenia. All responses kept confidential. Please call Kathy Mara at 537-5056 or Ellen Garvie at 653-4755.

COMMUNICATION. FINANCES. Quality education with experience, knowledge and positive attitude. Who will work for you? Judith Boël and Jane Parlee.

WHO WILL you elect to the school board on November 16? Judith Boël! Judith Boël! Judith Boël!

S.S.I. COMMUNITY Society, Notice of Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 1996; 7 pm. To be held at the Anglican Church, All Saints by-the-Sea, lower hall. The agenda will include: reports from the chair and executive director, treasurer's report, nomination and election of board members.

DO YOU need a ride to the polls, call 537-1482. (Committee to elect Judith Boël as school trustee).

VESUVIUS OCEANFRONT. 1 bedroom apartment, furnished, wicker & chintz, magnificent views, weekly, monthly, cable, all amenities. Also room available. 537-2064.

TECHNICS DIGITAL ensemble electronic piano, \$2800. Two Pioneer speakers with older tuner, \$55. Antique Indian rug, 6' x 9', \$400. Hewlett-Packard computer printer, nearly new, reg. \$1770, now \$850. Four lawn bowling balls with case \$45. Mountain bike, 15 speed, \$85. Assorted collectable cameras and four 50's, 60's? Austin Hubcaps. 537-4634.

HELP. I NEED some lessons on how to operate Smith Corona word processor. 537-4113.

REFLEXALOGY WORKSHOP, Saturday, November 16 with Celeste Mallett. Educational, practical, and fun. Check listings in the Island Living Magazine or phone Celeste 537-5667.

LOST: TWO black kittens (twins), 5 months old, on Beddis between Douglas and Charlesworth. Please call 537-1934.

CHAINSAW VIDEO. "How to Sharpen Your Chainsaw" with Paul Konig. Great for birthdays or Christmas. Now only \$13.99 at Moutat's, Harbour's End Marina and Windsor Plywood.

CUSTOM SEWING. Need a new party outfit for Christmas? \$15/hr. Call Val Konig at 537-9531.

FOR RENT. Large, comfy home has a huge, sunny room for rent. Share kitchen, bath, laundry. Walk to town. \$350. 537-1934.

COZY COTTAGE for rent, suitable for 1 person, N/S, no dogs. Clean, airy, electric & wood heat. Long term. \$400/month. 537-1130.

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IF YOU want a ride to the poles, call 537-1482. (Committee to elect Judith Boël as school trustee.)

UNIQUE SALT Spring Christmas cards (Lil' Red Schoolhouse, St. Mark's, St. Paul's and other island winter scenes) and Salt Spring holiday stationery. Jacqueline Hooker artist. Now taking orders at Parkside News and Books. 537-2812.

YOUR XMAS/NEW Year visitors could rent my comfy home near Beddis Beach, December 18 to Jan 31 or part thereof. 537-5917.

CLEARANCE SPECIALS: one only. Panasonic SD200 Bread Baker, ret. \$299, sale \$249. JVC Portable CD player, reg. \$169.99, sale \$139.99. Genexxa 19" TV/VCR combo, reg. \$619, sale \$549. Other in-store specials. Quadratic Solutions Inc. (Radio Shack) 537-4522.

FOR SALE. 1986 Honda Civic CRX Si white, 2 door hatchback 160,000 km, in excellent condition. \$ 5,000. obo. 537-1242.

SHED FOR Sale. Great for workshop, studio, garden shed. 8' x 14'. Electrical, insulated, shelves, workbench. \$2500. 537-4728.

GARGAGE SALE. Still lots left, Saturday, November 16 after 1 pm. 315 Fernwood.

BRAND NEW suite, \$600 plus util. single, by St. Mary Lake. Ideal for quiet N/S older couple/bachelor. 537-4790.

CHRISTMAS PREVIEW Show and Sale. Blown Glass, Mirrors, Bunnies, Pot Holders, Tea Cozies, Place Mats, Quilts. Clothes for the entire family. Johnstone Robb Studios. 353 West Eagle Drive. 537-5654. Sunday, November 17, 12 - 5. Monday, November 18, 12 - 9.

MICROWAVE OVENS, vacuum cleaners, bread makers, now at Quadratic Solutions. Panasonic of course. Why settle for less when the best is right here. Competitive prices and on island service. 537-4522.

INTERNAUT CONSULTING. For all your computer needs and internet questions. Andrew. 537-4680.

FOOTSTOOLS, FREE with purchase of oatmeal love seat (\$75.) and red easy chair (\$25.). TV cart. (\$10). 653-4917.

MAXINE'S BOARDWALK Cafe winter hours, Monday - Saturday 8 am. - 3 pm. Sunday: Brunch 10 am. - 2 pm.

REIKI ACCELERATES physical, emotional and mental healing and spiritual growth. Free talk Friday, November 15, 7 pm. 112 Primrose Lane. 537-8807.

FURNITURE REPAIR and refinishing: Cane, seagrass, and rush seats a specialty. 537-9031.

THREE OF the most respected names in TV's, JVC, Quasar and Panasonic. 3 year warranty, on island service. Free delivery and set up. Surge suppressor included. Get a price wherever you like, then come to us. Quadratic Solutions Inc. a different kind of "Radio Shack". 537-4522.

VIRTUES PROJECT workshop: building self-esteem. Life-skills for loving, respectful parenting and caretaking. November 16. 9 am - 4 pm. December 4, 11. 7 - 10 pm. Phone Gail 537-9149.

WINTER IS Coming! Need help with home maintenance, renovations, or winterizing your home. Call Jewell's Renovations. 537-1810.

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4 WHEEL DRIVE, 1978 Ford F150. Excellent motor, power train and tires. Rusty body. Raider canopy. \$900 obo. 537-0765.

LONG TERM, 1300 sq. ft. home, 2 large bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, large deck, N/S, N/P. 537-4017.

PIANO SALE: 25% - 35% off. 3 reconditioned pianos left. Ken Ackerman Piano Service 537-4533.

32 X 10 HOME TRAILER, no propane, all working components, 250 feet of H.D. electrical cord. \$3000 obo. 537-9785.

KURZWELL MARK III keyboard, 88 keys, 100 quality, professional sounds, midi, built-in 100 watt quad sound. "Must hear" 1/3 of original price. 537-4533.

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PHOTOCOPIERS, FAX machines, telephones and answering machines. Home office equipment by one of the worlds most reliable manufacturers, Panasonic. We also sell staplers, paper punches, shredders, recorders and much more. Quadratic Solutions. 162 Fulford-Ganges Road. 537-4522.

GENDGI PRAYER-RUG circa. 1850, Kurdish runner, Shirvan, Persian Tree of Life, circa. 1910 and other new, old and collectable rugs at great prices, Sid Filkow Tribal Rugs & Kilims, next to Workworld.

WATERFRONT HOUSE for rent. 1 bedroom Vesuvius, \$825/month plus utilities. Call 537-9515.

ACTING FOR beginners at A.S.T.A.R. last session Saturday, November 16 - December 7. Call Yvonne. 537-5396.

YARD SALE: Finally moving. Big clear-out. Plumbing, electrical, collectables, propane camper stove, freebies! Lots of one dollar items! 285 Eagleridge Drive. Everyday.

WESTINGHOUSE SIDE-BY-SIDE fridge. Pale grey, 31" wide by 65" high, \$100. 537-5995.

SERAPE SHAWLS, hand woven, wool, only \$44. Zapotec rugs and Puebla hand painted pottery on sale. These and other great Christmas gifts at Sid Filkow Tribal Rugs & Kilims, next to Workworld.

HOUSE FOR rent, available immediately, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, newly renovated, ocean view, W/D, electric heat, fireplace, \$800/month. 653-9513 or 537-1796.

APPLIANCES FOR sale: Kenmore fridge and stove, highline models. Almond colour, like new \$900 for the pair. 537-5242 ask for Robyn.

SSMUG MEETING - Salt Spring Macintosh Users Group meeting. Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 pm. Driftwood office, 328 Lower Ganges Road.

ALFRESCO CAFE has openings for part-time bus person - 10 - 15 hours - Saturday - Monday. Apply in person.

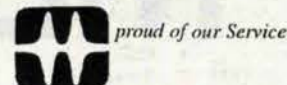
ESSENTIAL OIL collections for solace, spirit, sacred and sensual. Hydrangea baskets and bouquets. Everlasting Summer. Open Daily 653-9418.

3 PIECE CHESTERFIELD. Offers or trade W.H.Y. 537-5676.

FOR SALE. 3 bedroom 12' x 70' trailer on 1/2 acre. Fully services, sunny lot located on Maliview Drive. offers to \$115,000 537-2414.

THE COUCH potatoes have returned to Quadratic Solutions. They know the best, so they hang out here! Quadratic Solutions Inc. 537-4522.

BC hydro



APPLICATION FOR PESTICIDE USE PERMIT

BC Hydro - Transmission & Distribution - Vancouver Island is currently applying for Pesticide Use Permit No. 105-642-97/99 to apply the following wood preservatives by bandage application and drill and inject for woodpole preservation (to extend service life): Pole-Fume (metam sodium) or equivalent to a maximum of 21,258 poles, applied to the drill holes of the tested woodpoles which are securely sealed with plugs following treatment; Pol-Nu CuRap 20 (copper naphthenate and borax) to a maximum of 10,629 poles, applied as a bandage to the exterior of the pole 5 centimetres below groundline; and Impel Rods (boron) to a maximum of 5,315 poles, applied to drill holes of the tested woodpoles.

Work will be conducted on distribution woodpoles in the surrounding areas of Ganges, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Parksville, Qualicum, Courtenay, Campbell River, and Port Hardy, and on transmission poles in the surrounding areas of Ucluelet, from approximately 1st February 1997 to 31st December 1999. A copy of the permit application and maps of the treatment areas may be viewed at BC Hydro's Ganges, Duncan, Qualicum, Campbell River, Port Alberni, Courtenay, or Port Hardy District Offices, BC Hydro's Nanaimo Regional Office, or the Ucluelet Government Agent's Office. For any additional information, contact R.D. Read at 755-4741 (BC Hydro - T&D, Drawer 1500, 400 Madsen Road, Nanaimo BC V9R 5M3).

A person wishing to contribute information about the site for the evaluation of this application for a use permit must send written copies of this information to both the applicant and the regional manager of the Pesticide Control Program, 2569 Kenworth Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 4P7 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.



RE-ELECT
Charles Hingston
for
SCHOOL BOARD

OBJECTIVES:

- To continue working as hard as I can for the benefit of students in the public education system.
- To join with community members, parents, staff and students in addressing openly and honestly the challenges we all have in improving our schools.
- To continue evaluating programmes and people in order to support what works well for students and to change that which doesn't.
- To spend limited tax dollars as effectively as possible while appreciating that "good things" don't always cost more.
- To represent, strongly, the unique needs and circumstances of the Gulf Islands to the provincial government.

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

- Married with three children
- BC Ferries deck officer
- B.A. degree Notre Dame, Nelson, BC. Governor General's gold medal as outstanding university graduate.
- Two years business management experience
- Community service, youth and child care work.
- School Board experience includes three years as chair, and service on all board committees.
- Have co-chaired Fulford Parents Group, been treasurer for the High School Parents Group and School Board Liaison to the Community Centre Board.
- President of the British Columbia School Trustees association (B.C.S.T.A.) 1987-1990
- Vancouver Island representative to the Public Education Restructuring Committee (on amalgamation) 1995-1996.
- Director of the British Columbia Public School Employers Association (B.C.P.S.E.A.) 1994-the present.

On November 16th
VOTE

HINGSTON, Charles J.P.



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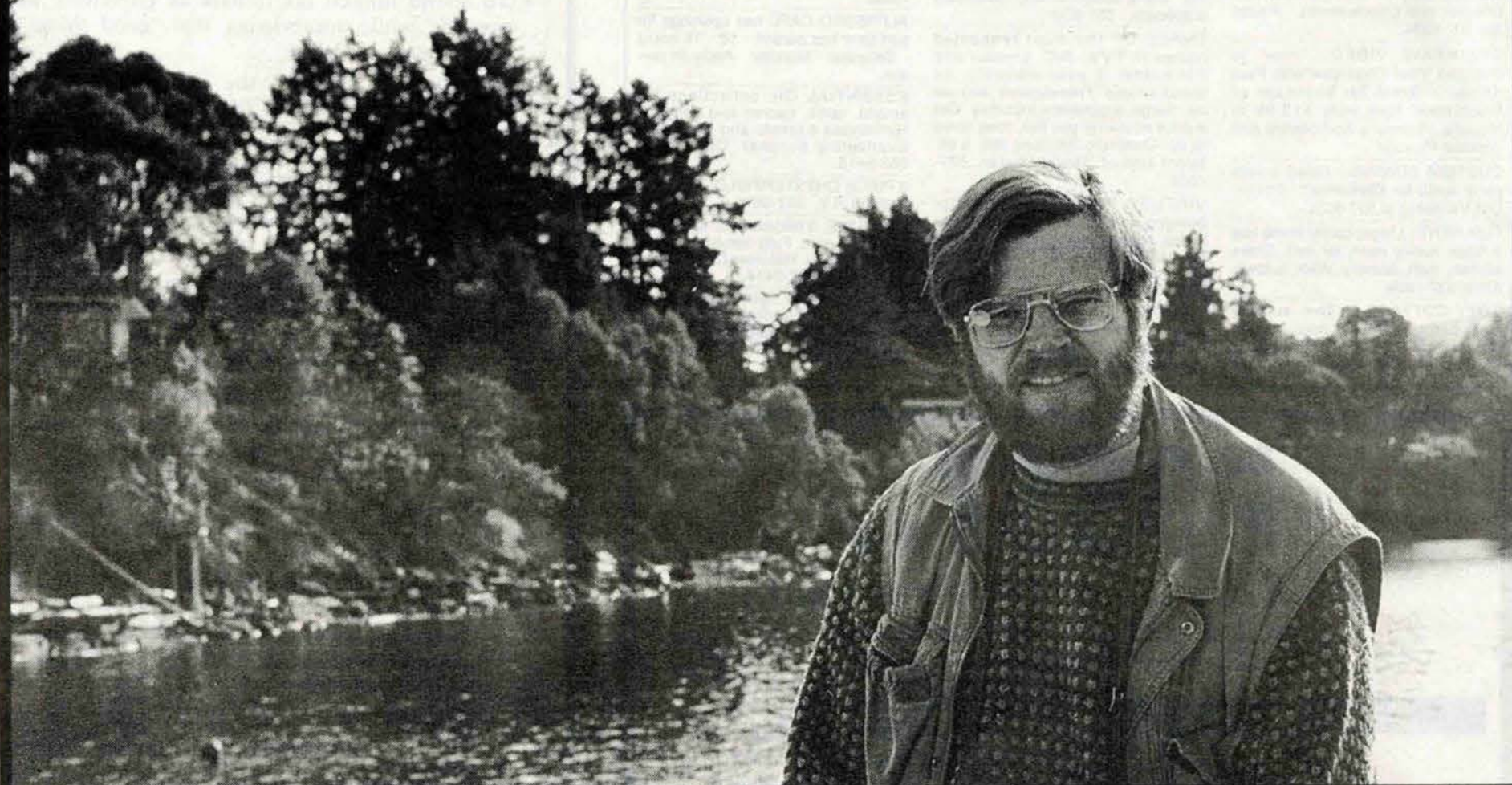
Let's Build a New Trust. "In the coming election, we will choose two trustees to represent our interests on the Islands Trust. For the Trust to be effective, our representatives have to work in concert with each other, not at cross purposes."

Bring Home the Trust. "The headquarters of the Islands Trust has done its job in Victoria. It should come home to the islands which pay for it."

Make it Our Community Plan. "We've invested time and energy in drafting a new, simplified community plan. It's time to take Draft Two to the community for review and approval so that we can finish the job."

No More Bullock Lakes: "We need to coordinate planning and servicing authority under one local government. With local representatives under one roof, working under the same rules, the majority rules, and the community wins."

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BORROWMAN, D for Islands Trust

