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## Grant provides on-line access

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A proposal to build a backbone of literate on-line users in the Gulf Islands has received a \$20,000 federal grant from the Industry Canada Community Access Project.

The grant, sponsored by the Galiano Activity Centre, will allow the Raven Net bulletin board system on Salt Spring and GulfNet bulletin board system on Galiano to develop electronic communication between the islands. It was one of 25 projects in B.C. chosen for funding.

Marjorie Brown-Watts of Industry Canada noted the program drew 750 applications from across Canada and 50 from B.C.

The goal of the project is to provide access to the "electronic information highway" in rural and remote communities across Canada. A 14-member adjudication committee reviewed all the applications for B.C. and chose the Raven Net and GulfNet proposal, in part because of strong community support and a good business plan, Brown-Watts said.

Also among the applicants was Ganges-based Imagen, which offered direct Internet access to the Outer Gulf Islands. That application was not funded, a decision now being questioned by Imagen owner Dwight Jones.

Jones points out that neither Raven Net nor GulfNet offer full connections to the Internet. "The grant was to set up Internet connectivity. They're still dark on the Outer Islands," he observed. "I think it's totally wasted money on the part of the government."

But Raven Net administrator Mark Classen said the Raven Net/GulfNet application never promised full Internet access. Instead, the goal was to bring as many island residents on-line as possible and to develop electronic links between the islands.

To achieve this, both bulletin board systems will be offering a free half hour of access per day, providing an ongoing link between both bulletin board systems and setting up public access terminals.

GulfNet administrator Dale Lyon said the Galiano-based bulletin board system already has 45 members. He expects more users once the program is promoted, starting with a workshop in the Galiano school library this Sunday.

On Salt Spring, Raven Net has over 100 users. Classen is holding courses to introduce people to the skills required to go on-line. He hopes to have a public access terminal set up in Mary Hawkins



### Valentine's sweethearts

Eric Pultke waits in tongue-curling anticipation to see how the coy Leah Sampson will respond to his Valentine's Day rose. The

two youngsters shared a romantic tire swing in Portlock Park last weekend.

Photo by Derek Lundy

## Sixty per cent of respondents favour ice rink construction

Over 60 per cent of those contacted in an Ice Park phone survey favoured construction of an ice rink on Salt Spring, judging by the Salt Spring Ice Park Society's survey results.

Volunteers from the society contacted the H and I listings in the phone book to conduct the survey. Each person reached was asked if he or she was aware of the project; whether he or she supported the project; whether the respondent supported building the project in Mount Park and whether they would be willing to attend an ice park society meeting or volunteer to help.

Not all the 251 people polled agreed to answer all questions.

Of 240 who replied to the question,

162 supported development of an ice arena on Salt Spring. Of the remainder, 56 were opposed to the project and 22 were undecided.

However a number of those who supported the project qualified their support by noting that the arena should be supported by user fees and should not rely on tax dollars.

Most, 210 respondents, were aware of the Salt Spring Ice Park Society's bid to build a rink on Salt Spring.

A number of those surveyed were also asked if they supported building the facility on five acres of Mount Park. Of the 236 who responded, 104 favoured the idea, 82 were opposed and 50 were undecided.

In addition to the telephone survey, the ice park society distributed a survey form through the mall. Society member Dwight Jones said that survey drew 150 to 200 replies, of which approximately 65 per cent supported construction of an ice arena.

The society has applied for an \$833,000 B.C. 21 grant for the project and has prepared a business plan suggesting the facility could be self-supporting provided students use the ice during the school day.

The group hopes to obtain land for the project through Salt Spring Parks and Recreation and wants to start building the \$2.65 million ice rink and curling rink in September.

## Mediation meeting slated for Friday

A professional mediator plus high school peer counselling students will assist in a "full and broad" discussion of issues surrounding youths congregating outside businesses in the Mouat's buildings.

The mediation meeting will take place Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Gulf Islands Secondary School library.

A mediation attempt has resulted from mounting frustration within

the business community over youths "hanging around" areas between Mouat's Hardware, the Saily Shop, Mouat's Clothing and Jitterbugs.

Merchants say the youths swear, intimidate customers and block entranceways to local stores. Some youths say the merchants are overreacting, while others agree a problem exists.

Mediators Christie Charish, Francesca Satzinger, Gordon Sloan

and Shawn Tanner will assist in communication among those present, delineate and isolate issues raised, and help chart solutions.

A prepared statement by Sloan describes mediation as a "voluntary process of assisted negotiation in which participants meet together to express matters at issue between them, agree on matters to make decisions about, negotiate those matters and develop solutions acceptable to all."

## Students celebrate immersion week

Proof that Canada is a bilingual country is being flaunted this week at Gulf Islands Secondary School and Salt Spring Island Middle School as students celebrate French Immersion Week February 11 to 17.

At the middle school, students are translating daily announcements into French so they can be read in both languages to all students. They have also made paper banners with messages in French celebrating French Immersion to hang in the school.

They are also making posters to carry the same message in French and English.

Another project is writing letters to the Prime Minister in both French and English.

"It's actually a bilingual letter," notes Grade 7 French Immersion teacher Martin Thom.

He expects some classes will be discussing why French

# Say goodbye to grammar, spelling: welcome the grunt

The Internet will spawn a massive revision of the written English language and we'll lose a good three-quarters of the most colourful and descriptive words because they require a degree of effort to spell.

That pronouncement is not mine, but I reprint it here because I believe it to be true. The words belong to a friend who shares my lament for the English language, the evolution of which will eventually lead to the return of the grunt as a standard form of communication.

However, there is more than just the Internet to blame for this state of affairs. As children we spend far too long before video monitors of one kind or another, and too little time with the printed word.

Look at high school or college annuals from 30 years ago and more and you'll find a quality of writing that is simply no longer seen. And by quality I mean the free and spontaneous use of remarkably descriptive and rich language, a style of writing that bene-

## TONY RICHARDS



fits from a well cultivated vocabulary.

Look at Robertson Davies, the Canadian author who died recently and by doing so assured himself of an immediate increase in book sales. The Cuningham Man was the first of Davies' books I have read, and not the last.

Here is a novel whose story is a simple one, but it is told in a fashion that demonstrates the utterly marvellous things one can do with words and phrases. It is not a writing style for the lazy of mind. From beginning to end it challenges the powers of concentration, powers diminished over time by steady and lengthy doses of television shows that do nothing to stimulate our brains.

In fact, they do the very opposite.

But Davies and writers like him are a rarity in the world of popular fiction. The words are too big; the concepts too vague.

So do we care?

Apparently not. One Ontario educator's statements a few years ago downplayed the importance of grammar in today's world and emphasized instead the need to be able to retrieve the information required to perform a task. This was more important than being able to read a book.

What about reading Charles Dickens? Who cares? "People interested in their cultural heritage will get it from PBS," was the response.

The educator, an official with the Ontario Board of Education, also observed that the board's language policy didn't talk about what was good or bad. "What's important is that the kids can use language so that their meaning is clear and precise. It's only bad if it's imprecise."

But if we abandon the rules of grammar and do not encourage our children to develop

a broad vocabulary, are we not increasing the chances of imprecision?

By paying too much attention to what we believe students need from their education, we lose sight of the need to teach our children to think. Reading Dickens, studying languages we will never use and learning mathematical concepts that will serve no useful purpose later in life all constitute exercise for the brain.

And in this day and age, our brains are in sore need of regular workouts.

The quick, instant and simple entertainment that is television and the rapid communication that is the Internet are working against us.

Short attention spans and shorter sentences are the result. Say goodbye to rules of grammar and spelling and say hello to simplicity in speech.

At least we won't have to worry about spelling the various forms of the grunt, a question which immediately comes to my mind. Nobody will care.

## GRANT: Island links built

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Memorial Library by the end of this month.

"Our premise was this was a community-based service," he said. The aim is to build electronic links between the islands and to offer community groups and individuals an opportunity to collect and post information electronically on local bulletin board systems.

"I want to offer the absolute basic access," Classen said. "There's going to be public access terminals so people who don't have a computer or modem can get on-line."

Local e-mail, locally posted messages and the ability to download files will be free to users although those who want access to Internet e-mail and a wider range of news

groups will still be asked to pay \$60 a year.

A public access terminal to GulfNet will be placed in the Galiano school library, which is also a public library for the island. Both GulfNet and Raven Net are linked, so messages can be passed between both bulletin boards.

If possible, public access terminals will be placed on other islands as well. "We're going to see how far we can stretch the money," Lyon said.

Including the existing equipment and volunteer time which formed part of the matching funds required for the grant, Lyon said the entire project is worth \$44,000.

Equipment allowing multiple computer discs full of information and files to be accessed through the

bulletin boards is being installed. With these new services, Lyon predicted the number of users on both bulletin boards will increase throughout the coming year.

In addition to exchanging information between the islands, he hopes the system will give people the chance to become familiar with exchanging information on-line.

He predicts universal Internet access will eventually come to the islands and that residents who learn their on-line skills with GulfNet or Raven Net will be ready. "If you have a good community backbone down, your users are already available."

Brown-Watts expects to be on the Gulf Islands in mid-March to check on the project's progress.

## Islanders providing stolen goods market

Thieves need a market and Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan is concerned gullible islanders may be providing it.

Bunyan told the Driftwood Tuesday that at least two island businesses have been found housing stolen property purchased from "less than reputable people" at "rock bottom" prices.

While some stolen property is being sold off-island, he noted, some is being sold in the streets of Ganges.

Those who purchase stolen goods could face possession of stolen property charges, Bunyan warned.

He also noted that the high number of break-ins on Salt Spring is indicative that island thieves have markets. If the markets are cut, the number of break and enter offences may also drop.

"Maybe it is time that they (people buying the goods) should also face the courts," Bunyan said.

## FOR THE RECORD

Numbers in a Driftwood story last week inflated UNICEF's 1995 fundraising campaign on Salt Spring. Fulford school students raised \$322.95, not \$622.95, as reported, and the overall total raised was \$2,232.45, not \$3,232.45.

\* A picture on page 35 of last week's issue identified a youngster as Justice McKinnen. The child's surname was later given as Cook-Hickman.

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## Youth injured in fight

Police are investigating a fight between two high school boys that sent one youth to hospital last week.

Police were called to the middle school soccer field where two males were involved in a "consensual" fight. Police broke up the fight and sent one youth to hospital where he was checked over for head injuries and released.

Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan said police are investigating the incident and possibly looking at "causing a disturbance by fighting" charges.

In other police news:

• A Baker Road home was ransacked and approximately \$2,000 worth of stereo equipment stolen sometime Sunday.

Thieves accessed the house by removing a bedroom window.

Police are continuing their investigation into the crime.

• Sometime during Friday night and Saturday morning, an unknown vehicle struck the wall of the Harbour House Cold Beer and Wine Store.

• Two Ganges schools were damaged this weekend.

At Gulf Islands Secondary School, a brick was thrown through the art room window, beer bottles were broken in the field, garbage cans were overturned and garbage strewn around.

A window was also broken at the Salt Spring Middle School. Police were called to Grace Point Square at 2:08 a.m. January 29 when the glass front door of Salt Spring Gems and Arts was smashed, and an alarm activated.

Entry to the store was not gained.

• Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies was broken into sometime during the night of February 6 and 7. Access was gained through a window. Thieves stole a \$100 worth of fertilizer and a small amount of cash.

• Two trailers on Kangro Road were vandalized sometime between November 1 and February 12. Police say culprits broke the trailers' windows.

• Two vehicles were overturned sometime between last Wednesday and Thursday, causing extensive damage. One vehicle was parked at the Tread Shed on Upper Ganges Road, the other was parked on Cranberry Road.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is asked to contact the Ganges RCMP or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-665-TIPS.



### Demolition

Dave Raymont produces lots of smoke and sparks as he uses a torch in the dismantling of the old Esso oil storage plant and dock across from Mouat's Hardware. Island Marine Construction was at the site last week.

Photo by Dennis Lundy

## Chimney fires doused

Salt Spring firefighters had only two calls during the past two weeks.

Firefighters were called out February 5 at 10:25 p.m. to a chimney fire on Dukes Road. There was no damage caused by

the fire.

On Friday at 3:40 p.m., firefighters tackled a chimney fire caused by a malfunctioning furnace in a Maracaibo Estates home. There was plenty of smoke but no fire and no damage to the home.

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## PRC considering help for low-income people

A policy to help low-income island residents access recreational programs will be debated at next month's Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting.

During his February 5 report to the commission, programmer Ross Huff advocated developing a leisure economic assistance policy for PRC programs.

Under such a policy, eligible residents could receive a card entitling them to reduced fees for courses and facilities admissions. Such policies are in place in other communities, he noted, and make recreational activities more accessible for a wider range of residents.

PRC administrator Tony Hume said the policy could make it possible for more people to register for programs and courses. More registrations would result in fewer programs being cancelled due to lack of enrolment, he observed.

He added that such policies are rarely abused by recipients.

Help for lower income residents is already available for some programs through Kidsport grants from Sport B.C., Huff noted. These grants have been utilized to help with registration fees for judo and gymnastics programs.

Huff said he would present more information on an economic assistance policy at the March PRC meeting.

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## PRC budgets \$17,000 to support island art and strikes task force to discuss allocation

Five per cent of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) recreation budget will support the arts this year — a decision which put the arts on centre stage at the February 5 commission meeting.

Patsy Siemens and Lawrie Neish agreed to work with administrator Tony Hume on a task force which will determine how to allocate \$17,000 of the recreation budget. The PRC will also advertise in the community for individuals to sit on the task force.

In addition to drafting guidelines for cultural funding, the

task force will be asked to make recommendations on the future use of Mahon Hall. Hume said a structural review of the hall will be completed this month.

Neish encouraged PRC members to invite participation by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council in the task force since that group has dealt in island arts for the past 30 years.

Commission members also accepted an invitation by the Island Arts Centre Society to have a representative from the PRC as a non-voting member of their board. The group is working to complete the ArtSpring

arts centre in Ganges.

Commission members nominated Neish as their representative.

Neish also reported on the 1996 Artists in the Classroom program, handing out brochures to commission members at the meeting. Among the artists available for classroom demonstrations are dance teachers, potters, painters, photographers, sculptors, basket makers, book binders, fabric artists and musicians.

The program is financed by \$3,000 from the arts council and \$3,000 from the PRC. It funds

presentations by artists in schools throughout the district. School staff choose the artists to be invited, negotiate a fee and then bill the program.

Each school is allocated a \$100 budget plus an additional amount based on enrolment for the coming year. Gulf Islands Secondary has \$1,530; Salt Spring Middle School has \$1,030; Salt Spring Elementary has \$540; Fernwood has \$750; Fulford has \$450 and Phoenix has \$300.

In the Outer Islands the allocations are \$225 for Galiano; \$340 for Pender; \$280 for Mayne and \$145 for Saturna.

## Health officer resigns

Dr. Tim Johnstone, Capital Regional District (CRD) deputy medical health officer is hanging up his stethoscope, at least at the regional level.

Johnstone has chosen to take early retirement and will be leaving the CRD effective April 9.

Since joining the regional health department in October, 1987, he has been involved in pioneering a number of new programs, including the FoodSafe program, the Quick Response Team and the first needle exchange program in North America.

## Robin Hood walk proposed for park

"Will they be robbing from the rich and giving to the poor?"

That question, asked in jest at the February 5 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting, greeted Wendi Gilson's proposal for a May eve procession in Moutat Park.

Gilson proposes an April 30 evening walk through the park punctuated by small scenes from the myth of Robin Hood. The event will be open to the public and free of charge, she said.

And no, robbing from the rich and giving to the poor will not be allowed.

Instead, participants will be invited to join a walk around the park starting at a meadow and returning to the meadow for a potluck dinner.

While walking through the woods they will be entertained by scenes from the legend of Robin Hood.

Gilson asked the PRC to approve use of the park for the event and for a rehearsal on April 28. "I'd like to do it in Moutat Park just because it's such a lovely place," she said.

She hopes the event will facilitate community culture and art. She organized a Halloween walk between Bell's Barn and the fireworks in downtown Ganges, which included story telling enroute.

PRC members agreed to the event. Administrator Tony Hume suggested joint promotion of the event by Gilson and the PRC in order to attract more partici-

## Saturna ferry changes expected to save fuel

Fuel savings are the benefit behind shifting the Saturna Island-Swartz Bay ferry schedule to eliminate low demand trips between that island and Swartz Bay.

Effective Monday, the weekday Saturna Island schedule was changed. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the 6:10 p.m. departure from Swartz Bay is eliminated as is the 7:50 p.m. departure from Lyall Harbour.

Instead, the ferry will leave Lyall Harbour at 6 p.m. and Swartz Bay at 7:50 p.m.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the ferry will leave Swartz Bay at 6:10 p.m. instead of 6:45 p.m. The route will include a transfer at Otter Bay. The 4:15 p.m. sailing from Lyall Harbour to Swartz Bay will also include a transfer at Village Bay.

On Friday, the 8:40 a.m. departure from Swartz Bay to Lyall Harbour

will leave five minutes later and will add a transfer at Otter Bay. The 6:30 a.m. departure from Lyall Harbour to Swartz Bay will now include a transfer at Village Bay.

The schedule for weekends and holidays has not been changed nor has the service to and from Tsawwassen.

B.C. Ferries Communications officer Stephen Nussbaum said the changes mean the vessel serving Saturna will not have to come into Swartz Bay as often, saving on fuel. Instead, travellers to and from Saturna will be able to make connections to reach the island.

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**CELEBRONS:** Students at Salt Spring Middle School are celebrating French Immersion Week (February 11 to 16) with various classroom activities.

## FRENCH CELEBRATED

From Page 1

Immersion is a special option for students. He says learning a second language through immersion is a challenge which "gets wheels turning in the head that wouldn't otherwise be turning."

Thorn said this is the first time he has seen a formal, province-wide celebration of French Immersion.

"It's the first time I remember celebrating French Immersion as a province-wide thing."

Nancy Macdonald, immersion coordinator for the Gulf Islands, says 90 children in the middle school and 70 high school students are involved in French Immersion classes on Salt Spring.

The program was first established at local schools in 1982 and operated "full out" by 1984. This year marks the 30th anniversary of French Immersion programs in the province.

Macdonald says high school students are not participating in

French Immersion Week, but undertook several activities during the Quebec referendum last October.

There are currently six secondary school exchange students from Salt Spring staying in Quebec, she notes. During the referendum, six Quebec students were staying on Salt Spring.

Macdonald says a highlight of this visit was a panel discussion held between immersion students and exchange students on the referendum question.

French Immersion Week, she says, helps "recognize the number of students in the program and number of bilingual youths living on Salt Spring."

"Here are thousands of students from across the province contributing to national unity in their own way."

Registration for grade five students planning to enter the French Immersion program next year will take place in March.

## Elderly couple trapped in home by snow pile left on driveway

A turn of the blade to the left rather than the right trapped two seniors in their home for several more days during the recent heavy snowfall.

Muriel Hill said she welcomed the sight of the snowplow when it finally arrived a week after the first snowfall to clear the snow from their road.

"I thought 'good, we can get out at last,'" she explained.

Although she is 78, she got out the snow shovel and cleared her driveway down to their gate at the road, a distance of approximately 50 feet.

There she met a barrier: a five-foot-wide wall of snow measuring three and a half to four feet high. The pile had been left behind by the plow after clearing the snow from the Baker Place cul-de-sac.

Although there was a clear spot

to dump the snow a few feet to the right, the snowplow operator had left the pile right at their gate. The snow wall was too large and heavy for Muriel Hill to remove.

"I'm liable to be laid up with my back for weeks afterward."

Her husband Fred Hill, is 81 and has a heart condition. If there had been a medical emergency, she points out, emergency crews would not have been able to reach their house.

Fred said the snow could have been pushed out of the way if the plow operator had turned the blade to the right rather than the left. "It was completely unnecessary," he observed.

The couple called the highways maintenance corporation to complain. Although a representative promised to come and look at the situation, Muriel said no one arrived.

She estimates they were house-bound for almost a week by the pile of snow.

Finally, high temperatures and rain reduced the wall of snow enough that the couple was able to drive out.

"We have a problem getting off our property when there is a heavy snowfall. We do not need this problem compounded by the highways department," she concluded.

Highways foreman John Charlton said the plow blades are fixed to the right and cannot be adjusted.

"Unfortunately it cannot be avoided. One side of the road is going to receive a bank of snow from plowing." He said he had gone and looked at the situation after receiving the complaint through the head office in Victoria.

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## Green Party looking for NDP drop-outs

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So said provincial leader Stuart Parker during a visit to Salt Spring Friday with potential candidate Wally du Temple.

### The Green Party is opposed to welfare cuts, workfare and poor bashing...

"The NDP has certainly been producing the largest number of disillusioned, politically homeless people," Parker said, noting the party now has approximately 650 members province-wide.

In the next election, Parker said the party hopes to run candidates in 71 to 75 ridings. The party has been in existence for 13 years, Parker said, and has fielded an increasing number of candidates in each election.

Province-wide there were four candidates in 1983, nine in 1986 and 42 in 1991. At present, Parker said the party already has 25 candidates nominated with many constituency associations planning nominating meetings.

Among the constituency associations gearing up for the next election is that of Saanich North and the Islands. Formed in December with 16 members, the group hopes to have 50 members before holding its nomination meeting in mid-March.

The only candidate to date for that nomination is du Temple, a former social worker, teacher and school principal who has lived on

the Saanich Peninsula since 1940.

He hopes to attract more ecologically-minded people to the party and notes articles he wrote on proportional representation have already drawn new members.

"The ideas and philosophies of the party match those of mine," he said.

Parker, the 23-year-old party leader, has been involved with the Green Party for eight years and leader for two-and-a-half years. He is running in Vancouver-Little Mountain but is so sure he won't be elected that he is making plans to return to the University of B.C. next fall to finish an economics degree.

"We don't expect to elect any candidates in Greater Vancouver," he said.

But they expect to be stronger in outlying and rural areas. One of their highest profile candidates is Amy Shadack, a political science teacher at Selkirk College, who is a former provincial director of the NDP.

In the next election he will run on behalf of the Green Party in the Nelson-Cresion riding, which boasts 125 Green Party members.

The Green Party is opposed to welfare cuts, workfare and poor bashing which has occurred under the NDP, Parker said. The Green Party supports increased welfare rates, indexed to the rate of inflation. Parker maintains the government should improve its revenue by selling any natural resources it wishes to sell at a more competitive price. Ministries dealing with natural resources should be bringing revenue into the government, he added, while resource extraction industries like mining and forestry should be regulated by the Ministry of Environment.

The party also favors a moratorium on continued urban growth and changing the electoral system to one of proportional representation.



Wally du Temple



Stuart Parker

## Katimavik volunteers need 6-7 host families

Host families to give Katimavik volunteers a taste of life on Salt Spring are needed for the week of February 18 to 25.

Six or seven families are needed to host the young people, who come from across Canada and range in age from 17 to 21. In the group are four young women and three young men. Project leader Suzanne Dufour said the week-long stay with host families is intended to give the young people experience in how local residents live.

Dufour noted two of the girls would like to be billeted in the same home.

During the rest of their three month stay on Salt Spring the young people are living in a communal house on Kanaka Road. They are doing volunteer work for the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, the Salt Spring Community Services Society and the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

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## Mill plans poplar tree plantation to bolster fibre supplies

Fletcher Challenge Canada will plant 60 acres of hybrid poplar trees later this spring at its Swallowfield property near Crofton as part of an experiment to bolster fibre supplies to the company's pulp and paper operations.

"For the past few years, we have been actively researching ways to sustain our mills

through an anticipated fibre shortage. The Swallowfield pilot project will provide us with good experience and data that will help us assess whether this is the way we want to go," said Steve Potter, forestry project manager in the company's fibre supply group.

The company plans to harvest the trees in eight to 10

years, Potter said. The hardwood poplar fibre will be mixed with traditional softwood species such as hemlock to make pulp supplies for the Crofton mill.

The eight-to-ten-year growing cycle for hybrid poplar, which is a cottonwood/poplar cross, compares with the minimum 40 years required for

Douglas fir to reach harvestable size on Vancouver Island.

"The Swallowfield farm seemed like a natural place for our first B.C. pilot project," said Potter, "because we own the property, it's handy to the mill, and besides, hybrid poplar is considered an agricultural crop."

Potter said that if the pilot project is successful, the company would offer opportunities for farmers to develop hybrid poplar as an alternate crop on their lower quality farm lands.

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## Vandalism sparks PRC involvement in CPAC

The role of recreation in community crime prevention sparked debate among Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members over participation in the Community Policing Advisory Council (CPAC).

Bill Curtin, who had been invited to participate in CPAC on behalf of the PRC, asked other commission members if they believed the PRC should be involved with a CPAC group. He added the group is seeking agenda items for its first meeting.

Barry Urquhart said he had been part of an earlier CPAC group on the island which "sort of fell apart" although one of that group's projects, the citizen's patrol, is still operating.

The original CPAC had some interesting projects and ideas, many of which were not well-publicized, Urquhart noted. He felt the PRC should be involved due to the problem of vandalism in local parks.

Administrator Tony Hume said the CPAC group was originally formed after vandalism to two recreational facilities. The tennis bubble was slashed and the Portlock Park field was damaged by a vehicle driven on the field.

Both Hume and commission member Derek Topping said recreational activities for young people can be part of a community's crime prevention strategy.

Malcolm McLean remarked that not all crime is done by young people.

Urquhart and Curtin offered to attend CPAC meetings and report back to the PRC. Curtin wondered if the PRC should sponsor some workshops on parenting skills and on life skills for young people. He said federal funds are available to sponsor such programs.



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# OPINION

## A bold step at Bullock Lake

**Y**ou've got to hand it to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee. A long-standing aversion to properties bearing the Commercial 4 designation, a zone designed for visitor accommodation, has materialized into a bold move on the shores of Bullock Lake. The swift and surprising introduction of a bylaw that would downzone the C-4 property to rural represents a sweeping rejection of a development proposal for the property.

It also represents an accommodation to neighbouring property owners who have despaired over the prospect of finding themselves living adjacent to a development of more than 100 units. The Trust will find additional support among those islanders who have been critical in the past of its failure to address potential zoning problems before they arise.

The lumber yard located on Fulford-Ganges Road is a case in point. Why, critics have asked, did the Trust not seek to transfer zoning which did not conform with that of neighbouring properties before it was too late? Why indeed.

Here, then, is a demonstration of resolve by a government body that has shown too little of it in the past. (If you believe that events take place coincidentally, you will ignore the fact that this is an election year.)

But resolve is one thing and fairness is another.

In one fell swoop, the Trust committee will reduce the value of 35 acres of privately held Salt Spring property by millions of dollars. Its worth as land on which tourist accommodation facilities can be built is far more than if it were divided into seven residential lots.

This is not to say that the latter type of development would not be more suitable for the property. But the issue is not one of appropriate development but the even-handed application of zoning controls.

Not only is the Islands Trust being unfair in its singling out of an individual property owner for what amounts to punitive treatment, it is not applying its own rules to matters of rezoning while the community plan is under review.

The Trust committee has declined to consider a number of proposals since that review got under way two years ago. In all fairness, the Trust should await completion of that process before it begins introducing its own pet projects.

What's worse is that one trustee has gone as far as to assure us that the proposed zoning change will likely conform to the new community plan. This does nothing to assuage the fears of those who believe the Trust decided long ago on the contents of the plan and that public consultation has been only window dressing.

If the Trust is serious about minimizing the impact of development on Bullock Lake, there are two more reasonable options than downzoning. One is to designate a development permit area, effectively putting control over any development that is proposed. The other is to revisit the C-4 zoning regulations — again — so that activities allowed under the zone conform with what islanders wish those activities to be.

The outcome of the course the Trust has chosen will undoubtedly be decided in court, which means it will be a lengthy and expensive process. The immediate question raised by that prospect is: will the rest of the Islands Trust help foot the legal bill, as it did in the case of Galiano Island's contretemps with MacMillan Bloedel?

We can but wait and see, and wonder at this new-found leadership on the part of the Salt Spring Trust Committee. Say, is this an election year or what?

## Those horrid teens

**S**alt Spring teens are in the awkward position of the curly-haired little girl in the nursery rhyme: when they're good, they're very, very good and when they're bad, they're horrid.

The minority who are horrid are creating problems for those who are very, very good.

A closed campus at Gulf Islands Secondary School has been proposed to protect local businesses from the antics of those young people whose mental and moral development is lagging well behind their physical growth.

But that answer is not fair to the majority of teenagers who should not be treated like pariahs solely on the basis of their age. As a witty turn-about letter in this week's paper points out, the actions of a few seniors could lead to restrictions against all.

Stereotyping is not the answer, either by merchants against teenagers or teenagers against merchants.

Teenagers should be treated as individuals just as they prove their almost-adult status by treating merchants as individuals.



## Strap made teaching possible but he chose not to use it on students

By ALEX MITCHELL

I have been following the corporal punishment debate and was impressed by Frank Richards' confession that he used to flog his offspring mercilessly.

Tony appears to have survived relatively intact, if you ignore the knots in his head and his predilection for Harleys and haggis croissant sandwiches.

When I commiserated with him he said that it wasn't all bad. Although he spent most of his childhood punch drunk from the incessant thumping, he made a good profit allowing his peers to feel the lumps for a nickel a head.

I now have two sons the age of Tony.

Over a beer at Christmas they accused me of dereliction in the way they were disciplined.

"Why," they whined, "didn't you hit us like all the other fathers?"

You just can't win, Frank! My method was an exquisite blend of Scottish Presbyterian father and Woody Allen Jewish mother guilt and it was so effective that my grandchild tells me it is still alive and well.

My stand on the corporal punishment issue is prejudiced. As a child in the Scottish school system, strapping was de rigeur and teachers were celebrated, not according to their academic qualifications, but to their skill with the leather taws, a necessary adjunct to the implementation of the three Rs.

We had "Doc" Irvine, a Ph.D. in music, who could penetrate the toughest calluses on your outstretched quivering hand and bring you to your knees with one blow. He was the sensitive one.

There was Miss Hamilton, short-sighted, who lashed you on every part of your body except the targeted palm.

For comic relief we had Miss Fleming, known as the "human flail," as she windmilled her way from early morning energy to late afternoon exhaustion when she could no longer wield the



### VIEW POINT

strap and it fell from her nervous fingers.

I determined that I would never flog a child.

The scene now moves to 1948. I am a fresh new teacher, newly sprung from Glasgow Teacher's College and, like an evangelist, ready to spread the gospel of education. My gurus are Bertrand Russell and A. S. Neil, who had inspired me with their philosophy of "love no violence."

My first school was in a tough part of town and the principal took me aside. I waited for the pedagogical pearls of educational wisdom.

"Let me see your strap, your taws, son."

Puzzled, I opened my briefcase and brought forth the black leather, three-taws strap which I had reluctantly accepted from the Glasgow Education Board as standard issue.

He held it between finger and thumb and roared with helpless laughter.

"Ye'll never protect yourself 'y' that," he shouted. "Here son, write this down," he said, giving me the address of a small factory in the village of Lochgelly in the Scottish highlands famed for its "scholastic aids."

As advised, I sent a money order and received in turn a #2 Lochgelly Special. This was a vicious, brown leather belt as thick as it was wide, with two taws at one end and a hole for hanging in full view on the wall at the other.

"Word got around," Mitchell has a Lochgelly." Life became peaceful and teaching became possible.

I never did use the Lochgelly in action. I did practise once on my mantelpiece at home, though. The first blow broke off a complete corner. Reverently, I put it away and never touched it again.

I believe it was Teddy Roosevelt who said, "Walk softly and carry a big stick."

Not a bad way to go!

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# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We Asked: Is there a problem between merchants and young people downtown?**



**Kemal Morris**

All the merchants think all the kids are up to no good. They stereotype teenagers.



**Melissa Canales**

There's always been a problem. Students like to feel free to roam where they want. I think they (the merchants) feel intimidated.



**Shelli Phillips**

I think they're probably intimidated by us because of all the break-ins. A few people are giving all of us a bad name.



**Jasen Medkalf**

No. We were just in a store and they didn't even watch us or anything.



**Ryan Bonfield**

No way. I think the merchants just have a bad attitude because we're teenagers.

## Letters to the Editor

### Look at record

Like many others I have been entertained by the recorded adventures of our regional director. Still, Dietrich Luth has been something of a sitting duck and perhaps in fairness we should reconsider his record.

Luth certainly lacks skills in working with the media. From the first, he was prickly and clearly did not like being depicted as a clown. This may be because despite occasional participation in the Salt Spring Hysterical Society, he really doesn't consider himself even slightly laughable. My impression is that he is a pretty serious guy and, indeed, his general performance as regional director has been conscientious and serious.

As has been noted before, aside from the continuing bun-struggle over the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) and the Saturday Market, he has been, at least, as effective as any previous director. True, his communications to the voters have been less forthcoming than some of his predecessors, but I suppose this is largely the result of his media handicap in dealing with the local newspaper.

The intertwined matters of the PRC and the market demand a closer consideration. From the first, Luth has clearly sought a return to something like the farmers' market of old—a funky, junky variation of an oriental bazaar. It was too crowded for the available space, but defini-

tely a lot more fun than the present sanitized version.

The prime issue, as we have begun to see, is not the fate of the market but that the PRC was brought into existence by an earlier director without adequate democratic roots in the community.

Election at a public meeting with continued control by a regional director is simply not an adequate base for a body with responsibility for developing a major community program and for spending an increasing amount of public money. Election by public ballot is called for, ideally in the framework of municipal government.

Dietrich Luth cannot be blamed for doing exactly what he clearly intended to do at the time of election. He can, perhaps, be criticized for failing to strengthen the democratic roots of the PRC and for failing to encourage its greater autonomy.

I didn't vote for Luth in the last election, but despite failure around the PRC and the market, his record is at least as good as that of most of his predecessors. I would seriously consider supporting him if he was again a candidate.

**GORDON WRIGHT,**  
Hillcrest Drive

### Fight for service

I am still awaiting a satisfactory response from B.C. Ferry Corporation and our MLA Clive Tanner outlining the reasons why it was necessary to suspend Route 9

sailings for one week due to mechanical problems on the Queen of Nanaimo.

The official line from B.C. Ferries, parroted to me by Mr. Tanner's assistant, (I thought Mr. T. was supposed to be in opposition to the government) was there was no other ferry available. So what was the Queen of Victoria doing sitting in Tsawwassen and then in Swartz Bay all week?

Funny how quickly B.C. Ferries responded to the need for a ferry to fill in on the Langdale-Horseshoe Bay route late last year by sending up the Queen of Victoria. When Route 9 had a similar problem, no one thought of volunteering the Victoria.

I think it's about time Gulf Islands residents sank their political differences and voted across party lines at the next provincial election for the candidate who pledges to fight all the way to maintain our present level of ferry service. I believe we are in grave danger of losing Route 9 and some other island ferry routes altogether.

**PATRICK VERRIOUR,**  
Pender Island

### Best system

I was present at the meeting held in Ganges to address the different options available for sewage treatment.

Three systems were discussed and all have their merits. This leaves us to ponder which is the best sys-

tem for now and the future in regards to environmental impact.

As an oyster farmer and one of the user groups involved in the aquatic environment, I suggest that we go with a treatment system having the lowest levels of emissions at the outflow.

If you are of like mind, contact the Ganges Sewer Committee or the CRD waste management branch.

**MIKE DECOSTE,**  
Fulford Harbour

### Deepest appreciation

My wife and I are unable to express our deepest appreciation personally to all who feel sorrow for Gary.

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## Critics appeased but mercy, kindness lost

**VICTORIA** — Compassion is a rare commodity these days. People like Ontario Premier Mike Harris and Alberta Premier Ralph Klein have expunged the word from their governments' dictionaries.

And even the NDP, once the self-proclaimed champion of the poor, has placed political expediency before mercy and kindness.

To appease the critics, the B.C. government recently delivered a brutal upsurge to welfare recipients, reducing their already meagre monthly social assistance by 46%. The government calls it social reform. The world despisable comes more readily to mind.

When you're a so-called unemployable welfare recipient, who has to get by on \$500 a month, you live in a political no-man's land. Your voice doesn't count. You're an irritant to the well-off and an embarrassment to the government.

And when no one else speaks out for you, you exist in the shadows. You're forced to live on subsistent income. You're expected to look for a job that isn't there. All the while, you're supposed to be grateful for the scraps given you ever so reluctantly.

Well, someone did speak out last week. Booth Caldwell owns a low-income apartment building in Nelson. When he heard that his tenants were hit with a 46 cut in welfare payments, he reduced the rent — by 46%.

"The people in this building are bloated, half of them have no teeth, they're yellow because they live on carbohydrates," Caldwell says. "The 46, more than anything, was one week's food to them."

When he found out about the cuts, Caldwell put a note on his office door, explaining his reasons for reducing the rent.

"I've cut back the rents for most people paying more than \$325 a month for rent. I can barely afford to do this, as I can hardly afford to support my family now. You people are my friends and close to me as a family. P.S. I wish I could do more," the note said.

Caldwell has a message for the government, a message all people should listen to: "The perception is wrong that they're welfare bums. They are our poor and unfortunate."

Are you listening, Glen Clark? Maybe you can spare a few moments during your coronation at the posh Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre to ponder what life might be like on \$500 a month. What the hell has happened to the lofty principles that were supposed to set the NDP apart from other parties? I'm talking about the principles enunciated by the founders of the CCF and held up by such people as Tommy Douglas.

I don't agree with the recently introduced three-month residency requirement for welfare eligibility either, but at least I can understand its necessity. It adds to the creation of different classes of Canadians, but without it, B.C. was being swamped with people treated even more meanly in other provinces.

But it is beyond my comprehension that this government, in violation of all the NDP professions to believe in, would take 46% out of the mouths of society's most unfortunate. Why the hell not cut them off completely so they can all starve to death and the government has a few more dollars to reduce the deficit?

Nobody argues that welfare fraud is a serious matter that must be addressed. If there's one thing more reprehensible than the hostility towards welfare recipients so prevalent these days, it's people who rip off the system.

Few people would, therefore, criticize government for cracking down on fraud. Perhaps the NDP could have done more to prevent welfare fraud, but that has nothing to do with hurting those who don't rip off the system.

The cuts, which apply to 81,000 single employable people and childless couples on welfare, save taxpayers about \$3.7 billion a month. That's \$44.7 million a year.

That sounds like an awful lot of money, and taken by itself, it is. But measured against the total provincial budget we're talking about less than one-quarter of one percent.

Societies are judged by the way in which they treat their most vulnerable members. If welfare recipients qualify for that category, and I believe they do, we stand to be found wanting.

Twenty years ago, Emery Barnes, now Speaker of the Legislature, lived on the minimum welfare payment for one month. He found it a terrible experience.

Perhaps those who use welfare recipients as an easy target should try to repeat Barnes' experiment and live on \$500 a month. So should every member of the legislature.

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### CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



## More letters

### No special deal

I read with interest Robert Bateman's letter in your January 31 edition commenting on the future of Canadian unity.

That we should appease Quebec by offering them distinct society status, while well-meaning, will have serious repercussions for the rest of Canada. Few disagree that Quebec, with unique language, culture and laws, is different from other regions of Canada. Conferring "distinct society" may seem only a paper gesture of goodwill but will require future parliamentary and court recognition of this special status when considering points of contention. What seems a harmless peace offering can have grave consequences on equal treatment for all Canadians in future legal challenges.

It is more important than ever that Quebec understands it is one of 10 equal provinces and can expect no special deals in confederation.

This being said, by offering all provinces greater control over affairs which are constitutionally theirs, we can hopefully forestall the continuance of constitutional crises which have plagued Canada for the past 30 years, as successive governments continually attempted to appease one province to the exclusion of the rights of nine others.

Thus, I question Mr. Bateman's assessment that Preston Manning is shouting "Me too! Me too!" as he and the provincial premiers "dis-member the carcass of Canada." The Reform Party is very much a national party which believes in an effective federal government. However, we also recognize that the Canadian federation must change from its present form if our country is to survive intact.

While we feel areas such as social programs, language and culture should devolve to the provinces, there are still important areas where a strong central government is essential.

Apart from obvious areas like foreign affairs and national defence, the federal government must play a key role in streamlining inter-provincial trade. Currently over \$6 billion (in addition to much competitive advantage) is wasted annually by constitutionally-illegal inter-provincial trade barriers.

We further advocate devolving more control over natural resources to individual provinces. Once again, this in no way diminishes the role the federal government should play in setting environmental stan-

dards and ensuring Canadian companies can rely on a level playing field when trading internationally.

We want to ensure that Canadians have a voice in our country's development. Anyone interested may contact my constituency office to ask for a copy of our "20/20" proposal which offers workable (no change required to the constitution) solutions and, more importantly, will enable individuals to express their views.

JACK FRAZER,  
M.P., Saanich-Gulf Islands



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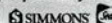
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## More letters

### Consequences

I was recently given an airline ticket to go and visit my mother for one week. It was the first vacation I have had in about five years.

Prior to leaving, I had concerns about the possibility of my 17-year-old son returning home in my absence. He has had brushes with the law a few times, with no legal consequences, through two court appearances. Due to this, my own attempts to establish mutual respect with him were undermined.

When I arrived home, I discovered that there had been 80-100 unwanted teenagers in my home. They had terrorized my neighbours and done considerable damage to the house and property.

Police, who arrested three people, including my son, were also assaulted and their vehicle damaged.

I understand that several other homes have been similarly damaged (in parents' absence) and this type of violent behaviour is becoming the "norm."

I am grateful to friends and neighbours who put themselves at risk trying to intervene. I have had considerable support from concerned members of the community to clean up and repair the damage.

I would like to note that no teenagers have offered any apologies or taken any responsibility for their actions. Because of my long involvement with the Core Inn Youth Project, all the kids know me well and are aware that I would not allow a party in my absence.

A week previous to this event my car was stolen and returned to my driveway with considerable damage. Because I have no proof of theft I am not covered by insurance. (I am a single parent with a full-time job working on a limited income).

Because the courts refuse to deal with these vandals appropriately with consequences that are not a joke, police, social workers and parents feel helpless (and feel that they have no recourse). That leaves me wondering if I must leave the island to protect myself from further injury.

Perhaps it is time for all of us

to take a serious stand on this important matter and take action to establish boundaries and clear consequences. To accomplish this, parents need back up in the courts.

**CATHARINE MARZALIK,**  
Fulford Harbour

### Seniors threat

We agree with the storekeepers mentioned in your February 7 article. Gulf Islands Secondary School should become a closed campus and students should be banned from Ganges during school hours.

There is, however, an even more serious threat facing the storekeepers of Ganges. We speak of Salt Spring's senior population.

Seniors often stop to talk and "hang out" in the middle of the aisles in Thrifty Foods, plugging the flow of traffic through the store. When students try to squeeze through the shopping-cart gridlock, seniors reach out and pinch their cheeks, causing emotional trauma and, in severe cases, permanently rosy cheeks.

The situation in the parking lots is even worse. Students sometimes have to climb over rocks and parking lot dividers to avoid being hit by seniors driving oversized cars.

We want to see seniors welcomed into the community, but just don't want them to be a hassle.

The seniors also have a negative impact on education. Many students have been neglecting their studies to play bingo and do crossword puzzles. Some students have been pressuring their teachers to allow the watching of soap operas in class.

Many of these problems can be attributed to the recent influx of the notorious Victoria seniors. These "rougher, rowdier" seniors intimidate students by driving recklessly in parking lots and around town. One student, who did not want to be identified, fearing "negative feedback," claimed that he no longer bought his lunch in town for fear of being run over.

As other solutions have been tried, we feel that more drastic measures may be necessary. Perhaps the retirement homes could close their doors during business hours.

**CAMERON BEALS,**  
**TRAVIS BEALS,**  
**JOE CUNLIFFE,**  
Salt Spring Island

### Power trip

I read with disbelief in the February 7 Driftwood the report on the intended down zoning of a C-4-zoned parcel of land in the Bullock Lake area. The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee must be totally out of control.

The likelihood of this property ever turning into the feared full-blown resort is slim to none. The Trust committee must be on a power trip. This will end up costing property owners on the island a fortune in legal fees when the Trust committee is obliged to defend this action in court. Their total disregard for property rights could only stem from not owning property.

Anyone who has worked and paid a mortgage on a piece of property develops a respect for his property rights and entitlements. Unless the bylaw addresses the matter of paying compensation to the property owner for lost land value due to down zoning, the Trust committee is certain to find itself defending its actions in court.

The irony is the Trust committee is using property tax dollars to create and defend a bylaw which could be expanded and affect every property owner on the island.

I have never met the owner of the targetted property nor do I concern myself with his development proposal. I do, however, support his defence of his property rights.

November cannot come fast enough to rid ourselves of this kind of thinking.

**JOHN ELACOTT,**  
Fulford Harbour

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## PRC BRIEFS

Kellie Booth was re-elected by fellow commission members as the 1996 chairman of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC).

Malcolm Legg was re-elected vice-chairman in the vote held at the first PRC meeting of the year on February 5.

Legg was also nominated for chairman but declined to run. Bill Curtin and Malcolm McLean both declined nominations as vice-chairman.

Present at the meeting were commission members Curtin, McLean, Legg, Booth, Lawrie Neish, Derek Topping, Patsy Siemens and Barry Urquhart.

In other PRC news:

- Island residents are invited to contribute trees to Centennial Park in memory of family members or friends. Some memorial trees already in the park need replacing, Urquhart reported, adding that he would be attempting to identify the families who originally donated the trees to see if they would be willing to replace them.

As well, five more trees are needed for the park border next to Gasoline Alley. Although no plaques can be placed with the trees, Urquhart said the memorial trees give people a way to be involved in the park.

Administrator Tony Hume said anyone interested should contact the PRC soon since the trees need to be planted.

- Renewal of the tennis bubble lease by the Salt Spring Tennis Association will be negotiated in the next two months since the existing lease expires March 31. Hume said the five-year lease with the association has been a positive project. McLean volunteered to help with the negotiations.

- E-mail computerized registration and on-line recreation information are coming to the PRC office, Hume reported.

"Our office technology has now entered the 1990s," he observed. Computers in the office are networked, allowing computerized registration, and Hume hopes to link with the school board to coordinate booking of facilities.

He was looking forward to gaining an Internet connection for e-mail and to subscribe to the Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants (PERC) on-line database. "It's quite phenomenal what's out there," he said.

Funds for the connections and the \$340 subscription to PERC's on-line service are in the 1996 budget, he noted.

- Registrations for recreation programs are down from last year, programmer Ross Huff reported. Recreation departments in Duncan and Nanaimo are also reporting lower enrolments, Huff noted, suggesting the problem is the overall state of the economy.

The school swim program is going ahead and will operate from May 21 until June 28.

Starting this week, there will be a 10-session gymnastics class taught by instructors from the Duncan Dynamic Gymnastic Club.



Reflections on fishing

A quiet, reflective moment is shared by Bruce Thoresen, left, and Paola D'Attilio as they enjoy mild weather and calm waters at Cusheen Lake on Salt Spring.

Photo by Dennis Lundy

## PRC agrees to add land

Land is the first priority for a future recreation centre on Salt Spring, Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members agreed at their last public meeting.

They adopted a recommendation February 5 from their community recreation task force to acquire five acres in or near downtown Ganges for a future recreation facility.

The task force also recommended acquiring an additional five acres of land to hold in reserve for future indoor recreation needs.

The PRC adopted the recommendations as part of its master plan and agreed to forward the changes in the plan to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee so required zoning for a recreation centre could be included in the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Commission member Barry Urquhart asked if a specific facility had been identified for construction once the land was purchased.

Although demand for an ice rink on Salt Spring sparked formation of the task force, commission representative Lawrie Neish said no decision had been made on which type of facility should be built.

The recommendation from the task force describes the need for "indoor community recreation facilities" which are to be "phased in as community need dictates and funding allows."

Commission member Derek

Topping, who also participated in the task force, said more community involvement is needed to determine which facilities should be built. Any facility should be within a quarter-mile of the Ganges village core, he noted.

Since the OCP is now being reviewed, Neish said the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee should be advised of the need for a facilities site so the required zoning could be incorporated into the new OCP.

He added the task force worked well together and should be assigned further work on the issue of indoor recreation facilities.

PRC chairwoman Kellie Booth said further direction for the task force could be reviewed at the next PRC meeting February 26.



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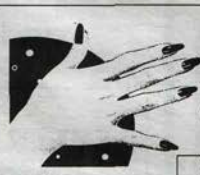
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# STORIES FROM THE HEART

It was a breezy, breathy sort of silent Sunday morning in Ganges. The sunny spring air, sweet and soft, sauntered through the open office window. A happily-chattering pair of nesting birds sang in the background.

Love hung in the air. Well ... not really. But it was Sunday. The Driftwood's cub reporter flipped through her assignment sheet and placed a call. She was to interview an island stonemason who created and implemented stone carvings into his rock walls.

She contacted the man and, attempting to be brisk and business-like, set up the interview. He seemed pleasant, easy-going, but ended the conversation with an innocent slip — "It's a date, then," he said.

A date, indeed. She rolled her eyes and muttered darkly about men.

How was she to know she had just spoken to the man she would marry?

Romances start in the oddest places and the strangest ways, according to a brief survey of island lovers.

Take one nameless couple — they met in a rut.

She was driving him home from a party and backed her car into a rut on the side of the road. The car was stuck, she was frustrated, and he put his hand over her hand. "It's all right," he said. "It was just like in the movies," says she: "I looked over at him and I knew he was it."

Then there is the woman who kept calling her cousin, hoping to talk to her cousin's boyfriend. She talked to him all right and married him sometime later (causing a slight family rift).

One couple met in Alcoholics Anonymous, two couples met in school.

Carron and John Carson, who sparked flames of passion on a cycling tour, say they are still in sync 17 years later.

"John organized the tour," Carron recalls. "I had to call him and let him know I was interested ... And I certainly was!"

She says it was the "very best vacation" with lots of laughing and joking around. They were married two years later after she returned from a cross-Canada

## Stories by Susan Lundy

bicycle trip with a friend. They "cycled for years after that" but did not wear helmets to their wedding.

The Harbour House pub has spawned a few, long-lasting island romances, birthed over a cold one or two, as have the Fulford and Vestavivus pubs.

Pat and Joy McGee met in a Calgary bar. At least that's her story. He doesn't recall her joining his table because he was arguing with his soon-to-be-girlfriend. He does remember her interest in a friend of his, who happened to invite her to a party at his place.

The party was the turning point and the McGees have been together for 17 years.

Maggie Krieger didn't go to bars, but she did read the Times-Colonist, where Richard Krieger placed an ad in the personals section.

"Most of the ads were pretty raunchy," Maggie recalls. "But

contrary to his natural character, Richard's ad was not raunchy. It seemed genuine."

Maggie read the ad in September but put off writing the box number until November. By this time Richard had met with all 30 women who responded to his ad. He called Maggie but kept missing her.

Richard finally tracked her down in February just four days before she left on a round-the-world tour.

Richard suggested they meet in a neutral spot such as a cafe, but Maggie wanted to meet him at his home.

"It was a really cute little house," she remembers. "But he was doing a lot of work on it. He invited me inside ... there was drywall dust everywhere."

Richard wiped a spot clean on the table and the two enjoyed coffee and conversation. They had a second meeting before she left on her trip.

"I had given him the addresses of the people I was staying with, so everywhere I showed up there was a letter waiting for me. Each letter got successively more passionate."

All that was over 12 years ago. Today they live in married bliss with two children and a Salt Spring acreage.

Many island lovers were too shy to discuss how they met their "significant others." One man suffered a mild reddening of the face, shook his head, and said it "wouldn't do to have that story spread around."

Another confessed to meeting her man at an anniversary celebration held by her and her former husband.

Valentine's Day provides the perfect excuse for red roses, candle dinners, chocolate liqueurs, soft music, and a sheepskin beside the fire.

Those without a lover on Valentine's Day should remember — as they pick up the phone, plan that vacation, read that newspaper, go to that party — romance starts in the oddest places and the strangest ways. All it might take is a breezy, breathy sort of silent Sunday morning in Ganges ...

## Chance threw them together on the Nahami River

Whitewater rapids, a blustery blizzard and some startling coincidences are among the romance novel-type material that sparked the marriage of islanders Pat and Rosemarie Keough.

"It was all a complete fluke," Pat Keough concludes.

Each amateur photographer had planned a hiking trip on opposite coasts of North America that summer of '84. Pat and his father were heading to Newfoundland; Rosemarie and a hiking partner planned a month in the High Sierras.

Both trips fell through: Pat's father (one of only two Canadian pilots still flying after the age of 80) is so paranoid of heights he backed out of the trip when his son showed him photographs of the great cliffs and fjords they would be mastering. Rosemarie's plan failed when she was unable to obtain a permit to hike in the American national park.

Left at the "11th hour," and desperate to take vacations, both heard of a month-long canoe expedition taking place on the South Nahami River, with a few vacancies. Both signed up.

The trip organizer put Pat in contact with Rosemarie due to their mutual interest in photography. He phoned her; they discussed film types and methods of waterproofing equipment.

When they arrived at Fort Simpson, the expedition's starting point, Rosemarie, Pat and their camera equipment were assigned to one canoe.

After a few nights, another series of coincidences placed them and one other in the same tent.

"When you're with a guy all day and then all night, you get to know him pretty well," Rosemarie says. "Within two days we were talking about personal things."

Pat told her about his recent divorce, she

told him about an engagement she was considering.

"By this time," Pat recalls, "I thought the engagement was a bad idea."

Negotiating whitewater rapids in a canoe, the two learned the importance of good communication — their lives depended on it.

"There were no false pretensions on this trip," Rosemarie recalls. "It brought life right down to the basics."

One night they awoke to find their hands clasped together.

"I had fallen in love in the first two hours of meeting her," Pat says.

In part of the expedition, a blizzard hit, delaying the group's air pick-up for three days. By the time they emerged from the wilderness, they had all missed their connecting flights to home.

For Pat and Rosemarie, the trip back to Ontario resulted in even more coincidences.

"All the way home," Rosemarie says, "we not only managed to be on the same plane, but the last two seats on the plane would be side-by-side."

They were engaged one month later and married early the next year.

One of their expedition photos won a contest, allowing them one trip anywhere in the world. They honeymooned in India, where they decided to leave the corporate world and strike out as photographers.

Now, with several books and videos of their work published, the two remain amazed at the series of events that brought them together.

"We feel sorry when we hear of people who are just 'satisfied' with their relationship — we still feel awfully passionate about each other."

## Happily married couples come in 3 different types

Couples who are doing well often love to tell the story of how they met, embellishing it with great enthusiasm for the listener, says Salt Spring marriage and family therapist Barbara Jordan-Knox.

"Couples who aren't doing well tend to minimize it," she adds.

Jordan-Knox says research has pinpointed three types of happy couples who typically enjoy long-lasting relationships.

In the "validating couple," each partner adds to the other's feeling of self-worth and value by reinforcing positive qualities and supporting his or her endeavours.

"A validating couple feels good about themselves, each other and as a couple."

The "volative couple" is talkative and passionate. Partners talk about every-

thing, all the time — "they argue hard and they love hard; they can be exhausting to be around."

But underneath all the emotion and passion is a common ethic of honesty," Jordan-Knox notes.

"Conflict-avoiding couples" have overt or tacit agreements to avoid some subjects. These couples are usually traditional role-oriented, Jordan-Knox says, and "each knows where his or her balance of power is."

Some couples go through different stages as they go through life together, she adds.

"Many people come together as a volatile couple. Then when they have children they move into a conflict-avoid-

ance situation because they don't have the energy to go into everything.

"The validating couple often comes with wisdom and age, when people are more able to be flexible."

Jordan-Knox also says that "couples who are well differentiated are more likely to be successful."

In other words, each individual in the relationship has a healthy self-esteem and functions well on his or her own. The individuals don't need each other, but choose to be together.

"They have a solid commitment to each other, but the relationship is not suffocating."

Jordan-Knox also notes that couples can test their health by determining their ratio of positive interactions versus nega-

tive ones. Healthy couples will exist with a ratio of around five positive interactions — smiling, touching, saying or doing something nice — to one negative one.

The interactions can be verbal or non-verbal.

And what constitutes negative behaviours? Jordan-Knox says research has identified four types of destructive behaviours: criticism (which, unlike complaint, carries the element of blame); defensiveness; contempt; and stonewalling (a complete emotional shutdown).

On the positive side, she says, couples who are aware of destructive qualities can work to change patterns and emerge a healthy, happy couple with a long life expectancy.

# Absenteeism at high school will result in suspensions

By NEILL ARMITAGE  
Driftwood Contributor

Student absences continue to be a major concern at GISS. Students who miss three or more classes for other than unavoidable circumstances are given an official warning that they face suspension if they miss any more classes.

This warning takes the form of an attendance contract signed by the students, an administrator, the teachers involved, a parent and a counsellor. If students miss any more classes, they are suspended for three days. If students again are absent after returning from the three-day suspension, they are suspended for a further five days. Should the problem of absenteeism

Hearing loss associated with aging will be the topic of a Seniors for Seniors discussion next Wednesday.

Monica Poser, an audiologist from the Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre in Victoria, will discuss various types of hearing loss, different hearing devices available, and ways of coping with hearing difficulties.

According to Salt Spring's com-

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continue, they are then suspended to return only after the school board's disciplinary committee approves such a return.

• Tonight at 7 p.m. in the resource centre, the Parents Advisory Council is holding its regular monthly meeting. All parents are welcome.

• Two new teachers joined us this week.

Kirstine Potentier is teaching design and computer graphics at the Grade 9 and 10 levels. This is a very popular course that ultimately

teaches students how to create 3-D video productions. Kirstine is also introducing a new course called computer applications. This course is meant to teach students the many uses that can be made of computers. Desktop publishing is one example of a computer use that differs from the computer assisted drafting and computer graphics courses Dave Betts teaches.

Maurice Last is teaching science to Grade 9 and 10 students and computer science to Grades 11 and 12. Computer science differs from other computer classes in that students learn how to design programs for computers. The classes described above focus more on the use of existing programs, not the

creation of new programs.

• The B.C. Amateur Hockey Association has provided us with application forms for a \$500 scholarship. Students who are in their final year of high school or have already graduated are eligible if they were registered members of B.C.A.H.A. Liane Watson was the application forms in the counselling centre.

• Students planning to attend Camosun College this fall should be getting their applications in since most classes are on a first-come first-served basis. For those specifically interested in studying nursing, the college is providing three free information sessions between now and the end of April. The next one

is on February 21 at 7 p.m. Phone 370-3553 for more details.

• The Teacher Savings Credit Union provides nine scholarships of either \$500 or \$650. Liane has the details and the application forms. One unique prize offered by this credit union is a grandparent's prize of \$150. To apply for this a grandparent who is a member of the Teacher Savings Credit Union must write a letter praising a grandchild who is in Grade 11 or 12.

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## Audiologist set to speak

community wellness coordinator Rhema Cossever, hearing loss is more common than is generally believed. "Hearing aids are becoming nearly as common as eye glasses," she said.

Some indicators of hearing loss

include straining to hear people talking; frequently asking people to repeat what they're saying; often complaining that people are mumbling; realizing the television or radio is too loud for other people.

Cossever says Poser's talk will

also address the issue of self-consciousness related to the use of hearing aids.

Everyone is welcome to attend Poser's free-of-charge session which will begin at 2 p.m. at the Seniors for Seniors building.

Further information can be obtained from Cossever at 537-4607.

# Seniors should choose EPA

By ALEX McCAULEY  
Driftwood Contributor

Most people appreciate the importance of having a valid will which takes effect upon their death.

However, everyone should have a power of attorney. This document allows a responsible person you select to take care of your property or personal care if you are incapacitated.

Upon the happening of a certain event, an enduring power of attorney (EPA) grants a person (the attorney) specified by the donor legal authority to manage the donor's affairs. Until that event happens, the donor may run his or her own affairs.

An attorney may be anyone over the age of 18 years. This person will, unless otherwise specified by the donor, have the authority to deal with the donor's estate in the same manner as the donor might.

However, the attorney's authority only applies to the donor's estate. Another document, called a living will, grants power to make decisions about the donor's body. A living will is a signed directive that tells lawyers, doctors and other decision-makers how you want medical and other decisions made if you can no longer communicate those wishes.

The enduring part of the EPA means the powers remain in effect indefinitely, until the death of the attorney or the donor, or until it is revoked by

## SENIORS SCENE

the donor.

The donor must have the legal capacity to cancel the EPA. It is wise to have a lawyer oversee the broad scope of an attorney's authority under the EPA.

A well-drafted EPA grants the attorney the authority to carry out the donor's wishes. It also provides assurance to banks and others requiring evidence of the attorney's authority.

Like choosing an executor under a will, carefully choose an attorney. The attorney should be someone the donor trusts who has knowledge of his or her wishes and affairs. In all cases, the attorney should have agreed in advance to act in that capacity.

A relationship of trust and confidence is created by the EPA. Therefore, the attorney acts in good faith, follows the donor's instructions and avoids actions conflicting to the donor's interests.

Like a will, an EPA needs to be updated as life situations change. Remember, keep your will, living will and your EPA current so that all three will reflect your wishes.

**Dates to remember at Seniors for Seniors:**

• February 26 at 1:30 p.m. The first meeting of the discus-

sion group 55 Plus and Fully Alive will take place at Seniors for Seniors. Phone Rhema at 537-4607 for further information.

• February 28 at 2 p.m. Delia von Schilling will tell us about the origins of the Blackburn Meadows Golf Course and a golf tournament/bird watching event for seniors in May. She will also show a video on the Audubon Wild Bird Sanctuary Program. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome member of Seniors for Seniors or not.

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# TAKE NOTE

## OF THESE DATES

**FEB. 15:** SS Weavers & Spinners Guild, open, meet in a members home, 10:30am.

**FEB. 21:** Aging & Hearing Loss, Seniors for Seniors, 2pm.

**FEB. 21:** Garden Club meeting, All Saints By-the-Sea, 1:30pm.

**FEB. 22:** SS Weavers & Spinners Guild, Farmers Inst., 10:30am.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

- Seniors & Athletes support group, Seniors for Seniors Bldg, 11am
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed)
- Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd., 7:pm.
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
- Maintenance User Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm (1st and 2nd Wed. e.m. e.c.)
- O.A.P. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed)
- SS Painters Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downwards, 10:30-11:30.

**EVERY THURSDAY**

- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
- Partners Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Seniors for Seniors regular Thurs. Lunch at noon, regular, are essential.
- Sally Wheels Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.
- Scottish Dancing, Anglican Church Hall, 7:pm

**EVERY FRIDAY**

- Fulford OAP #180, bingo 2:00pm.
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.

**EVERY SATURDAY**

- Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fulford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.
- Book Sale, downwards at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- Core Inn, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

**EVERY MONDAY**

- "Bardenmonium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. e.m. e.c.)
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taxist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAP/O K32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
- Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.
- Story time, library, 9:30am.
- Life Drawing, Windfall e.m. e.c., library, 1-3pm.
- French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- Ganges Residents Assoc., Mahon Hall, 7pm, (1st Monday of the mo.)
- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.

**EVERY TUESDAY**

- Duplicate Bridges, Middle School at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
- Air rides, Fulford Hall, 7:30am.
- Targui Archery, Fulford Hall, 6:30pm.

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- RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- GULF ISLANDS WELLNESS PROGRAMS COO-DINATOR:** Call Rhema Cossever at 537-4607 for Senior's Health Promotion.
- CLIMBING WALL HOURS:** Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm / Sat. 3-6pm. Full equipment chg. \$2.50
- CLUB NIGHT:** Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.



**LOTS OF LOVE:** Balloons celebrate the arrival of Rory O'Donnell, shown with mother Diana Beech, who was the 1996 Lady Minto Hospital New Year's baby. Born February 5, Rory received gifts from the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary and from hospital staff.

Photo by Victoria Landon

## Hospital's first baby welcomed with gifts

It wasn't quite a race but the dry spell of births at Lady Minto Gulf Islands hospital was broken February 5 with two births only five and a half hours apart.

The first baby, Rory O'Donnell, arrived at 11:26 a.m. to nab the honour of being the first baby of the year born at the hospital. As the New Year's baby for Lady Minto Hospital, Rory received a silver cup and spoon and a hand-embroidered bib from Mary Walker, treasurer for Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society. The society gives these gifts every year to the New Year's baby.

The baby also received a car seat presented on behalf of the local hospital staff.

Rory is the second New Year's baby in the O'Donnell clan. Cousin Ryan was the New Year's baby 10 years ago when he was born on New Year's Day.

Rory weighed nine pounds, eight ounces and arrived two days before his due date. After receiving his gifts, he went home with mom Diana Beech to dad Shane O'Donnell and two-year-old brother Brandon.

Unofficial runner-up was the daughter of Nancy and Richard Fraser, who was born at 6:05 p.m. February 5. Weighing nine pounds, three ounces, she arrived one day early. She joins two-year-old brother Jefferson and four-year-old sister Cecelia.

The long wait for a New Year's baby didn't mean the island population was not increasing.

Midwife Maggie Ramsey noted she attended two home births in January, one as early as January 3. Some mothers also went off-island to give birth. However, to qualify for recognition as the New Year's baby, the child must be born in Lady Minto Hospital.

## WHAT'S COOKING

By TERRA TEPPER

Driftwood Contributor

Anyone who knew Bea Carr during her many years on Salt Spring will probably already have this week's recipe, as she was its biggest promoter. After I gave her the recipe she forwarded it to friends and relatives all across Canada. These bar cookies get their name because they disappear with such speed.

The only problem is finding the right pan to bake them in. I have a 10-inch by 15-inch cookie sheet with raised sides about 5/8 inch high. This is not high enough, because the batter rises and spreads during baking and runs over the sides. Try to find a jelly roll pan or something that is one inch high. Also, be sure to let the pan cool completely, as this is a soft, sticky cookie that is hard to cut in neat bars.

### VACUUM CLEANER COOKIES

1/2 cup margarine, melted (not butter)

1 pkg. yellow cake mix

3 eggs

1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened

1 lb. icing sugar

1/2 cup flaked coconut

1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Combine the margarine, cake mix and one egg until the cake mix is moistened. Pat the mixture into the bottom of a well-greased pan. Lightly beat the two remaining eggs, and beat in the cream cheese and icing sugar until very smooth. Stir in the coconut and nuts. Pour over the mixture in the pan, spreading evenly. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown. Be sure to cool completely before cutting.

**Fat Tip for the week:** There is a technique called "sweating" which completely removes the need to start with oil in the skillet for the sauteing process. When beginning a recipe that calls for sauteing onions, garlic or whatever, simply add the chopped ingredients to a medium hot, dry skillet and cook slowly, stirring frequently until browned, translucent, or whatever the recipe calls for. No, you will not get the same "mouthfeel" as with oil, but you save 12 grams of fat per tablespoon of oil not used.

## BRIDGE TRICKS

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on January 16 were: Rob and Sue Bradford, Ima and Wim Krayenhoff, Jim Burford and Pat Warman, Joan Conlan and Blanche Pobors.

Winners on January 30 were: Pat Warman and Jim Burford, Conhor Hunt and Ian Thomas, Anne and Norm McConnell, Irene Hawksworth and Jean Herring.

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The Local Court of Revision will hear only those appeals filed in writing with the undersigned at least 48 hours in advance of its sitting.

A copy of the complete rolls will be available for inspection at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, British Columbia between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and Ganges Building Inspection, #206-118 Rutherford/Ganges Rd. (above the post office), Ganges, British Columbia, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, commencing February 14, 1996.

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- helped dismantle St. Mary Lake aerators and assess stock in St. Mary and Weston Lakes.

Rod will always be remembered by his  
Salmon Enhancement Friends



# Canadian computer ware offers technological twists

The only bit: Canadian content. Not all computer advances are shaded red, white and blue or stamped "made in Hong Kong." Canadian companies are waving the flag with new twists on technology displayed at recent Computer trade shows in Vancouver and Las Vegas.

Ositech Communications Inc. of Guelph, Ontario is basking in the awards given its Jack of Diamonds card, which allows those with notebook computers to connect to an ethernet network, operate a CD-ROM player and use a cellular fax modem with a single card. The card earned a Best of '95 award from the LAN Times and was named the PCMCIA card of the year in the Best of PC awards.

Military personnel on the road could be signing in to home base using Crystal Info software developed in Vancouver, which is

now being piloted by the Department of National Defence in Esquimalt. The software allows reports to be generated and stored in folders open to multiple users, so employees away from the office can dial-in to access up-to-date information.

Laptops are tempting targets for thieves, so this month Vancouver-based Absolute Software has introduced CompuTrace, which allows a computer to "call" for help when stolen. The company's software prompts a modem-equipped computer to silently call a toll-free number once a week to a monitoring centre. Once the computer is reported stolen, the call is traced.

Absolute is betting that a thief or buyer of a stolen computer will

## BITS ON BYTES

VALORIE LENNOX



eventually use the unit to go online to the Internet, to an information service, a bulletin board service or to send a fax or e-mail. According to Absolute, 90 per cent of notebook computers — those most susceptible to theft — are equipped with modems.

Also building on the popularity of the Internet are InContext of Toronto and Telescope Communications Inc. of Burnaby.

Telescope is among the companies developing software technology which allows people to carry on a conversation over the Internet. To make a call, one user logs onto the Internet and types in

the e-mail address of the recipient. When the recipient also connects to the Internet to "answer" the message, the conversation can begin.

Cost is the same as for any other Internet access regardless of the length of the call or the distance between the callers.

Sample copies of the software can be downloaded from the company's web page at <http://www.telescope.com>.

InContext is riding high on the popularity of its Spider web authoring software, which makes it easier for Windows users to create their own web pages.

Tools that were once in the realm of science fiction are being developed and marketed by Canadians.

Quebec-based Logimen's EyeIdentification System 2001 scans retina patterns in the user's eye and compares the result to an

earlier scanned record in order to identify valid users. Using technology which has only been available to the public for the past year, the retinal identification offered by the system 2001 can be used to control access to a building, a room or to computer records.

Video phone systems have been on the market for a few years but are dropping in price, making them more accessible for home users. Burnaby's EyeTel Communications' entry into the field is called InSight 100 software, which has an estimated street price of \$135. The software gives users the ability to talk and receive video images on their computer over telephone lines, using an existing video capture card and camcorder.

Now, if they could only squeeze the entire system into a wristwatch ...

## Former chef dies at 92

A chef who served guests at the Harbour House Hotel for nearly 50 years died last month in Vancouver.

Billy Eng immigrated to Canada from China in 1920 at the age of 17. Six years later he began working as a cook for Salt Spring's Crofton family, owners of the Harbour House Hotel.

In 1955, after a visit to China during the Communist takeover, Eng returned to Canada with his wife Marjorie and son George to settle on Salt Spring and work once again at the Harbour House.

Children David, Elizabeth and Richard were born and attended school here.

In 1972, the Eng family moved to Vancouver to open a successful restaurant.

John Crofton remembers Eng as a man who seldom complained. However, when members of the Crofton family and others crowded into his kitchen, Eng would wave a carving knife and order everyone out. "Everyone did," Crofton recalled, "because he was the boss."

Eng was last on Salt Spring for an old-timers' reunion in 1987.

He died January 1 at the age of 92.



**LONGTIME CHEF:** Billy Eng at work in the Harbour House kitchen many years ago. Eng died last month in Vancouver.

## Gossip workshop raises funds

Gossip did some good Saturday, raising approximately \$100 for Salt Spring's transition house.

The money was raised through fees paid for Ruth Volquardsen's workshop on gossip, held at Croftonbrook.

Organizer Athena George said the event was backed by a number of donations, starting with Volquardsen offering to teach the six-hour workshop.

Then Croftonbrook volunteered the space, et cetera volunteered to do pre-registration, Fernwood school provided an overhead projector and Thrifty Foods donated

cookies for the coffee break.

Although attendance at the workshop was lower than expected, George praised the workshop itself. "I thought it was really professional. She covered a lot of material."

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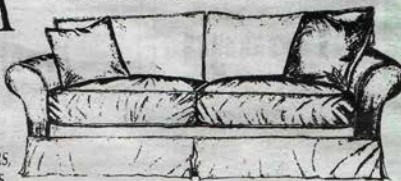
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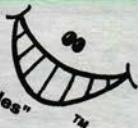
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| 9 | DELMONTE<br><b>Pineapple Blend Juices</b> 1L  | <b>99¢</b>  | THRIFTY, WHOLE<br><b>Green Beans</b> 398ml        | <b>89¢</b>  |
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| ¢ | THRIFTY<br><b>Whole Young Baby Corn</b> 398ml | <b>1 19</b> | JELLO<br><b>Pudding Snacks or Jels</b> 4 pack     | <b>1 69</b> |
| 8 | Nabisco<br><b>Shreddies</b> 300g              | <b>2 98</b> | REGULAR OR LIGHT, KRAFT<br><b>Miracle Whip</b> 1L | <b>3 38</b> |



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| 9 | YEOS, 100% PURE<br><b>Sesame Oil</b> 150ml                | <b>2 19</b> | MILK BONE<br><b>Dog Biscuits</b> 450-500g         | <b>1 49</b>  |
| ¢ | THRIFTY, FIRM<br><b>Organic Tofu</b> 454g                 | <b>99¢</b>  | 9 LIVES<br><b>Cat Food</b> 156g                   | <b>3/99¢</b> |
| ¢ | DIAMOND<br><b>Instant Noodles</b> 454g                    | <b>88¢</b>  | SCOOB SWAY<br><b>Cat Litter</b> 3.2kg             | <b>3 69</b>  |
| 9 | THRIFTY, BAMBOO SHOOTS OR<br><b>Water Chestnuts</b> 227ml | <b>79¢</b>  | REG. OR ULTRA<br><b>Kleenex Tissues</b> 200-300's | <b>1 79</b>  |

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| 78 | STEAM FRIED OR CHOW MEIN<br><b>Thrifty Noodles</b> 397g | <b>1 38</b> | REG. OR ULTRA, ABC<br><b>Laundry Detergent</b> 4-12L | <b>4 98</b> |
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| 9 | ALL<br><b>Nature Clean Products</b>                    | <b>20% OFF</b>            | GLAD, KITCHEN CATCHERS<br><b>Garbage Bags</b> 24's           | <b>1 99</b>  |
| 9 | ISLAND FARMS<br><b>Sour Cream</b> 500ml                | <b>1 39</b>               | JUMBO, ULTRA/STRETCH/STEP<br><b>Pampers Diapers</b> 44-72's  | <b>14 98</b> |
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**They Hint**

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| 9 | <b>Breads</b> 283g<br>five great flavours.   | <b>2 49</b> | McLEANS<br><b>Toothpaste</b> 75ml                  | <b>69¢</b>  |
| 9 | MORNING GLORY<br><b>Organic Prune Juice</b> 32oz   | <b>2 99</b> | TAMPAX<br><b>Tampons</b> 24's                      | <b>3 99</b> |
|   | Made from 100% certified organic prunes. Rich delicious taste. Naturally & gently promotes regularity. |             | SCOTT PUREX<br><b>Bathroom Tissue</b> 24 roll (4g) | <b>7 98</b> |

**Seafood**

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| VANCOUVER ISLAND, READY TO SERVE<br><b>Fresh Cooked Shrimpmeat</b>     |  | <b>1 68</b> |
| FARM RAISED, WHOLE, HEAD ON<br><b>Fresh Coho Salmon</b> 100g           |  | <b>79¢</b>  |
| FRESH, IN THE SHELL<br><b>Malpeque Oysters</b> 100g                    |  | <b>58¢</b>  |
| MARINATED, ORIENTAL OR LEMON GARLIC<br><b>Cooked Prawn Tails</b> 100g  |  | <b>2 99</b> |
| FRESHLY MADE, READY TO SERVE<br><b>Imitation Lobster Chunks</b> 100g   |  | <b>1 10</b> |
| READY TO EAT, A GREAT SNACK TREAT<br><b>Candied Salmon Strips</b> 100g |  | <b>2 69</b> |
| HAWAIIAN, SKIN ON, FRESH<br><b>Mahi - Mahi Fillets</b> 100g            |  | <b>1 79</b> |



**Flowers and More**

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| ONE DOZEN, EUROSA GARDENS<br><b>Long Stemmed Roses</b> | <b>29 98</b> DOZEN |
| While quantities last                                  |                    |
| <b>Mixed Cut Flower Bouquet</b>                        | <b>2/6 99</b>      |
| Reg. 3.99 ea.  |                    |



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| 4 PACK<br><b>Pansies</b>           | <b>1 19</b> |
| 6"<br><b>Cyclamen</b>              | <b>6 99</b> |
| 4"<br><b>Polka Dot Plants</b>      | <b>99¢</b>  |
| 6"<br><b>Mixed Bulb Pans</b>       | <b>6 99</b> |
| ONE GALLON<br><b>Dracena Spike</b> | <b>4 99</b> |
| ONE GALLON<br><b>Rhododendrons</b> | <b>6 99</b> |

# Fresh Produce

CHILEAN THOMPSON SEEDLESS

## Green Grapes

# 98¢

2.16kg lb



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| ISRAELI<br><b>Sharon Fruit</b><br><b>99¢</b><br><small>ea</small><br><i>Just like a persimmon</i> | B.C.<br><b>Bean Sprouts</b><br><b>29¢</b><br><small>lb</small><br>64ykg                      | CALIFORNIA<br><b>Fresh Daikon</b><br><b>69¢</b><br><small>lb</small><br>1.52kg            | FUJI "NEW CROP"<br><b>Young Ginger</b><br><b>3<sup>99</sup></b><br><small>lb</small><br>8.80kg |
| CALIFORNIA<br><b>Fresh Kumquats</b><br><b>1<sup>99</sup></b><br><small>lb</small><br>4.39kg       | DOUBLE HAPPINESS<br><b>Fresh Steam Noodles</b><br><b>99¢</b><br><small>lb</small><br>1lb pkg | CHINESE<br><b>Water Chestnuts</b><br><b>1<sup>39</sup></b><br><small>lb</small><br>3.06kg | LITEHOUSE<br><b>StirFry Sauce</b><br><b>1<sup>99</sup></b><br><small>ea</small><br>335ml       |
| B.C.<br><b>Oyster Mushrooms</b><br><b>4<sup>99</sup></b><br><small>lb</small><br>11.00kg          | GUATEMALAN<br><b>Snow Peas</b><br><b>1<sup>99</sup></b><br><small>lb</small><br>150g pkg     | CALIFORNIA<br><b>Bunches Cilantro</b><br><b>2/99¢</b><br><small>lb</small>                | B.C.<br><b>Eggroll Wrappers</b><br><b>1<sup>99</sup></b><br><small>ea</small><br>1lb pkg.      |

CALIFORNIA, FRESH U.S. NO. 1

## Broccoli

# 48¢

1.06kg lb



M.P.K.

**Beef and Broccoli Mix** 28g pkg

# 99¢

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| B.C. EXTRA FANCY C.A.<br><b>Red Delicious Apples</b> 1.30kg<br><b>59¢</b><br><small>lb</small> |
| FANCY CALIFORNIA<br><b>Large Minneola Tangellos</b> 2.18kg<br><b>99¢</b><br><small>lb</small>  |

# Quality Meats

BC GROWN, ALL SIZE PKGS.

## Fresh Chicken Breast

5.03kg

# 2<sup>28</sup>

lb



BC GROWN, TRAY PACK

## Fresh Chicken Drumsticks

2.53kg

# 1<sup>15</sup>

lb

N.Z. FROZEN, SHORT CUT

## Whole Lamb Leg

# 2<sup>68</sup>

5.91kg lb

BEST OF BRIDGE, 3 VAR. + LEMON HERB

## Chicken Breast

# 3<sup>79</sup>

250g ea

WENTZEL BRAND, GRADE A FROZEN

## Young Duck

# 1<sup>59</sup>

3.50kg lb

BC GROWN, ALL SIZE PKGS.

## Fresh Chicken Thighs

3.70kg

# 1<sup>68</sup>

lb

WASHINGTON, SELECT GRADES

## Beef Strip Loin Steaks

10.98kg

# 4<sup>98</sup>

lb

GOURMET QUALITY

## Fresh Ground Chicken

6.35kg

# 2<sup>88</sup>

lb

Thigh meat no skin

COUNTRY COTTAGE

## Sliced Cooked Ham

375g pkg

# 2<sup>28</sup>

OLIVIERI

## Fresh Filled Pasta

350g

# 2/5<sup>00</sup>

OLIVIERI

## Fresh Pasta Sauces

170-330ml

# 3<sup>18</sup>

FLETCHER'S, 4 VARIETIES

## Thin Sliced Meats

70g pkg.

# 77¢

ea

BC GROWN, BONELESS SHOULDER

## Stuffed Pork Butt

3.92kg

# 1<sup>78</sup>

lb

THRIFTY, FRESH

## Meat Loaf Mix

5.03kg

# 2<sup>28</sup>

lb

Ground beef, pork & veal

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# MANAGING YOUR MONEY

## Resolutions concerning money should not be broken

New Year's resolutions are broken as quickly as they're made. But those involving money shouldn't be. Face it — money isn't everything, but in the lean-and-mean 1990s, it does affect just about everything you do.

Some financial-planning and investment-related suggestions from 1996:

• **If you invest for the long term, stay the course.** Many people invest in mutual funds and other long-term investments such as blue-chip stocks and government bonds, only to consider selling them the first time their prices enter a downward trend.

The truth is, too many investors panic early in the game, and sell investments at a loss, buy new ones and the process repeats itself. If you invest in something with a long-term horizon — say, three to five years — try and stick to your original plan. If you try to "market-time" by moving in and out of funds or other conservative investments within, say, a year, you'll find yourself in a situation similar to playing the small-cap stock market.

The whole point of these investments is to let time work in your favour.

• **Keep the fund faith.** Everybody's worrying about a crash in the mutual-fund market. But the fund industry has already had a rough ride, and the most re-

cent Investment Funds Institute of Canada statistics showed that net redemptions — the amount by which investors sell funds more

**Face it—money isn't everything...it does affect just about everything people do.**

than they buy — have dropped dramatically.

Most financial planners agree that the principle of mutual-fund investing is solid, and that this is the medium of the future for small and medium-size investors.

• **Are your investments tax-efficient?** This could wait until you file your income-tax returns, but there might be some changes worth making as soon as possible.

On the investment front, you might consider shifting money out of interest-bearing investments into those that pay dividends to produce capital gains. These investments are taxed at lower rates than interest and other income.

As always, however, any such change should be based on overall investment merit. A lower tax rate should be viewed mainly as a

means of enhancing rate of return.

If you are considering switching investments of substantial value, it's worth noting that this could significantly reduce your taxable income and drop you into a lower tax bracket.

• **Tread carefully when buying tax shelters.** Tax shelters such as film productions and research and development funds should be thoroughly analyzed to determine if they are solid investments.

Tax credits and other immediate write-offs are wonderful in the year you invest, but they might not seem so lucrative five years down the road if the investment proves a bust. But it does make more sense to shop for a tax shelter early in — or midway through — the year than during the waning weeks, when some investors desperate for tax write-offs will buy almost anything.

• **Look into income splitting,** where you redirect income that's currently paid to you over to members of your family.

If you're the owner/manager of a business or self-employed, there are numerous strategies to consider. If not, there still are some possibilities — including something as simple as depositing child-tax-benefit payments directly into an account in a child's name. The interest will be taxed in his or her

hands, at their presumably zero tax rate.

• **Don't get carried away with credit.** The economy is in better shape compared to recent years, and many people are feeling more secure about their jobs — and more open to using credit. But before you run up a big Visa bill or buy a fancy car, ask yourself if your monthly cash flow is up to it.

• **Save up before you buy something.** Credit costs — over 15 per cent annually in the case of credit cards — so think twice before you use the plastic to purchase a television or other big-ticket item.

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The fact of the matter is that it can be done, but it's not the straightforward remedy we are used to. First, you must realize that no matter what you do to improve your current retirement income, providing for your health care must be your first priority. An illness or injury requiring a lengthy hospital stay or care in a long-term care facility can easily wipe out most seniors' income and savings.

Your first step, therefore, as is already practised in the United States, is to buy short-term and long-term care insurance.

The next step you can take is to improve your return on current investments. There are two fairly new vehicles to consider: insured annuities and rated annuities. Both will provide seniors with a minimum yearly return of 10 to 15 per cent, guaranteed for life. In the case of non-registered money, the income is only partially taxable. At death, the capital is paid entirely tax-free to your beneficiaries — even in the case of RRIFs.

By simply implementing the above strategies, you can raise your standard of living, guarantee yourself proper access to the health care facility of your choice, ensure yourself an income for life — all the while preserving your estate for your beneficiaries.

Can you  
afford to retire before  
you die?

Put your RSP or RIF back to work...  
...instead of you!

Subtle, constant erosion of purchasing power is an ever-present danger.  
You risk outliving your money.

|                               |               |
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| Suppose you earn interest of  | 6.50%         |
| Less taxation                 | -3.50%        |
| Less 'real' inflation?        | -1.00%        |
| <b>You end up in the RED?</b> | <b>-1.01%</b> |

Let me show you some  
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# A basic introduction to RRSPs and how they work

Are you still trying to figure out whether an RRSP is a special type of bank account or some sort of high-growth stock fund?

That might seem a very narrow and naive choice, but it's remarkable how many Canadians approach the registered retirement savings plan each year with a hazy view of the concept.

The opening question might seem extreme, but it does touch on a common misconception that an RRSP is a specific product. It's one of many places people go astray when considering their RRSP contributions. Let's set straight some of the more common RRSP misconceptions:

• An RRSP is a specific type of investment: In fact, an RRSP is a

tax-deferred vehicle defined in the Income Tax Act. Your RRSP, then, is really a tax-sheltered portfolio that can contain a wide range of investments. You can have a variety of bank accounts, term deposits, and mutual fund investments at one or more financial institutions and together they make up your RRSP.

As it turns out, most RRSP investments can be held outside a plan, except that some deposits are specially structured for RRSPs: they might have interest compounded annually instead of semi-annually, or perhaps have an extra one-quarter or half of a percentage point tacked on, for marketing appeal.

In addition to bank deposits and

mutual funds, you also can hold just about any security-type investment — such as stocks, bonds, treasury bills — in a self-directed RRSP.

RRSP investments can be purchased at banks, credit unions, trust companies and life-insurance companies. They also can be acquired through deposit brokers, stockbrokers, mutual-fund brokers and other investment dealers.

• My RRSP money is locked in until I retire: Although this money technically is held by an entity separate from yourself — a trust account in your name — it nonetheless is your money. You can take it out of your RRSP whenever you want — although you might find some money is tied up

in non-redeemable deposit certificates until they mature.

There is a catch, however. Because money put into your RRSP is yet to be pillaged by the tax man, the government will take a rather large slice if it's withdrawn. Money withdrawn must be added to your income and likely will bump you into a higher tax bracket for that year.

Financial institutions are required by law hold back up to 35 per cent of money removed from an RRSP. The actual amount of tax paid on such withdrawals is determined when you do your tax returns for that year.

• I'm only a few years away from retirement, so I should adjust my strategy to make sure all of my

investments will be in cash when I collapse my RRSP: Not so fast. While it does make sense to increase liquidity within your portfolio as retirement nears, there's nothing to prevent you from rolling individual GICs, mutual funds or other investments directly into a registered retirement income fund.

RRIFs, as they're better known, are a popular retirement-income choice because they are designed to provide increased income as you move through your retirement years, supposedly keeping pace with increases in the cost of living.

But if you opt for the conservative safety of the more traditional retirement-income vehicle, the annuity, you'll need a fully cashable RRSP on retirement day.

## Here are some strategies for happy, comfortable retirement

A smart money strategy must depend on four pro-active elements: faithful saving, judicious spending, canny investing and savvy taxpaying.

There's no doubt that disciplined saving and investing is good strategy. Follow it slavishly and you'll retire happy and comfortable. Here are some (sometimes contradictory) strategies to help you achieve that goal.

• Don't try to compete with the big boys. The stock market favours the major players who have access to important information about companies and deals long before the average person. Too often, a stock held out for too long by the small investor is clamouring for it. Experts advise most people to stick with mutual funds.

• Do what hotel insiders do. You can save money by always phoning a hotel directly to book your room rather than doing it through the hotel chain's central reservation system. You'll get a better rate — especially if you make sure you say the magic words: "Is that your best rate?"

• Put your money into Oriental carpets, not kitchen flooring. Top-selling real estate agents say good decorating rather than renovation is the easiest, most effective, fastest way to make money on your home — especially if you don't plan to stay in the house for long.

• Invest in banks, as well as with them. OK, savings accounts and GICs (guaranteed investment certificates) have paid as little as three per cent this year and more recently about eight per cent. But bank equities look like good bets. Common shares in the large Canadian banks are almost always good value. You can get a capital gain, plus (at press time) a yield of four to five per cent. Or how about bank preferred shares? These preferred shares pay a fairly secure six per cent plus. And you get a dividend tax credit, so you can keep the money you make.

• Follow a blueprint. The only way to really succeed at money management is to draw up a plan — ideally with help from a financial counsellor — and then stick to it. Remember to do periodic re-evaluations to ensure your plan is working. If something isn't performing for you, change it.

Go into business for your-

self. Statistics show women are best at entrepreneurship, and their start-up companies survive more frequently than ventures owned by men. Why? Women don't go out and rent Mercedes.

• Invest with your friends. Informal group investment clubs are the rage and many report decent returns. Start by pooling a realistic amount of money, and make sure you and your friends have the same investment objectives. Divide up the research work and scope out the best investment prospects, then debate them at regular meetings.

### There's no doubt that disciplined saving and investing is a good strategy.

• Remember to take a profit. Sounds simple, doesn't it? But this is the single most common mistake people make with money, and they invariably end up selling on the way down. Remember that smart investors know it's better to give up a potential five per cent further profit in order to secure gains.

• Confront the numbers. One of the scariest things you can do is sit down with a calculator and a pen to work out how

much you need in real capital in order to live the way you want to in your retirement. Get a computer-generated savings and investing strategy from a financial counsellor. Often they are free. But you can do the math yourself: if you're 40 and you feel you'll need \$400,000 by the time you retire at 60, then right now, this second, you have to start putting away \$10,000 a year, assuming a six per cent annual rate of return. If you think \$400,000 in capital will buy a fabulous retirement, think again. It will only generate \$40,000 a year in retirement income, assuming a 10 per cent rate of return. And that's before tax.

• Consider another alternative to the stock market that pays better than a GIC: government debentures. If you believe Ontario Hydro or the province of Saskatchewan is good for its debt, then these offer attractive long-term income. The interest rates are higher than those for current GICs.

• Don't become fixated on the standby advice of saving 10 per cent of your income. Instead, set an easily achievable amount each week or each month. Make it deliberately low. Most people start with an amount that's unreasonable because they want to play catch-up. Then they end up decreasing the amount or cancelling the plan.

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## Some suggestions for evaluating merits of fixed-income investments

A fixed-income investment differs significantly from an equity investment. These differences include the liquidity, quality, term-to-maturity, stability and potential income of the investment. Following are some suggestions for evaluating the relative merits of a particular investment:

How much money will you earn?  
Consider the coupon and the overall yield. The coupon rate is the amount the issuer promises to pay in return for using your funds.

A Government of Canada bond, for example, might be issued with a coupon of seven per cent. This means that for each \$1,000 bond, you would receive \$70 in interest each year. An additional measure is current yield, representing the amount of income you earn relative to the price you paid for your investment.

The current yield measure also has drawbacks because it simply

states your return over one year. The yield-to-maturity measure is often used rather than the current yield because it includes any capital gain or loss plus the stream of investment payments you receive until maturity. This is a much more useful measure to use when comparing bonds.

When do you get your money back? Most fixed-income investments are issued with a specific maturity date. Investments can be classified as either short-term, maturing within three years; medium-term, maturing between three and 10 years; or long-term, maturing in more than 10 years. The term-to-maturity is a major determinant in the rate of return you earn on your investment.

In a normal interest rate environment, long-term investments usually pay a higher rate of return to offset the greater uncertainty involved when your funds are loaned for a longer period of time. Therefore, by extending your term-to-maturity, you can improve your overall return.

With regard to the safety of an investment, it is considered very safe when there is little likelihood that the issuing government or corporation will default on interest payments or not repay your principal. Government debt issues are the highest quality because the government can always meet obligations by raising taxes. Corporations, on the other hand, must rely on their ability to earn a

profit. Government securities such as treasury bills, mortgage-backed securities, and government bonds and coupons are of the highest quality.

Lower quality securities must offer higher yields to attract investors; conversely, higher quality securities pay lower rates. It has been my experience that reaching for a marginally higher return by investing in fixed-income securities of suspect quality is a dangerous practice.

If you plan to hold your investment until its maturity, you will receive its face value and so volatility is not a factor. However, you may need to sell your investment prior to its maturity and in

this case, volatility can be an important factor.

The price of a fixed-income investment may fluctuate with changes in the general level of interest rates. An investment is most likely to remain stable when it is of higher quality, more liquid and has a shorter term-to-maturity.

Although you may intend to hold an investment to maturity, investigate its liquidity. An extremely liquid investment is one that you can sell or redeem easily before its maturity. Less liquid investments may be more difficult to redeem. It's a good idea to keep a portion of your investment portfolio liquid. Also, fixed-income investments are a vital component to any well-balanced portfolio, but there are many factors to consider when making a purchase or sale. Be sure to consult a financial advisor.

## Teaching money management skills should start at early age

Want to build a better mouse-trap? Study engineering. Want to build better money managers? Start children early.

Financial skills can — and should — be taught at home, experts say. That includes the concepts of budgeting, borrowing and even the workings of the stock market.

Experts admit it can be baffling to know where to start.

"We can't expect our children to read huge novels until we take them through Dr. Seuss," said a financial writer. "But as parents, we have very few places to turn to find the Dr. Seusses of money."

Many agree children are ready to begin learning basic lessons about money management at age five or six.

"In kindergarten they start to learn how to count money, how to differentiate between nickels, dimes and pennies," said a chartered accountant.

"Once they know the value of what a coin is, that a loonie is different from a penny, then they're old enough to teach."

Experts recommend parents begin with simple budgeting. They suggest that when children

### Children ready for basic lessons in budgeting at age five or six

start asking for things in stores they be given a fixed amount, say \$2, and allowed to spend it however they want.

If they want something that's too expensive, you explain to them that they can't afford it for \$2. And then the next day, when they say they want something else, you say: "I'm sorry, but you spent your \$2 yesterday. Money doesn't grow on trees."

A lot of good money management is good habits. For example, putting a little something aside every week — a habit parents can encourage.

What you're doing is trying to get the child to establish a habit. If they get \$2 a week, they get in the habit of putting 25 cents away.

It's just as important to teach children about borrowing money — something that should never become a habit. But learning early about the obligations of repayment prepares them to deal with student or car loans later in life.

Experts suggest older children be granted loans against their

allowance when they want to buy expensive items.

To refuse to give a child an advance against allowance never teaches a child how to deal with borrowing.

Kids, like customers at a bank, should be obliged to set out a fixed payment schedule and put up "collateral."

If after two or three tries your

child doesn't pay you back on time, you can take their collateral.

The pre-teen years are prime time to start developing an interest in the business world and the stock market.

Experts suggest parents buy a few shares of stock in the child's name and then teach them how to follow the stock's ups and downs in the newspaper.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## A PASSION FOR Pots

By VALORIE LENNON  
Driftwood Staff

Performing with passion, on the wheel or on the stage, is Gordon Wales' style.

A dancer turned actor turned director turned potter, he has turned his artistic skills in a full circle from his native Vancouver to London, from London to South Africa, and then back to Vancouver before settling on Salt Spring 16 years ago.

On the wheel he spins everything from mugs for morning coffee to one-of-a-kind ceramic sinks. On stage, he spun himself through a successful career as a dancer and choreographer, performing with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet as a principal dancer and in musicals in Vancouver, London and South Africa.

"I danced on stage" until I was 60," Wales said. Now 66, he still moves with an energetic grace which belies his age.

Born in Alberta but raised in Vancouver, he performed with the ballet company and in Vancouver before going to London where he performed in the west end and graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

Ten years after arriving in London, he was cast in a production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, which was being mounted to tour South Africa. The show broke one apartheid barrier by being open to black audiences, although performances were still segregated with blacks at one show and whites at another.

Although appalled by the racism in South African society, Wales fell in love with the country. When the show closed early — due to a government edict closing performances to black audiences — Wales decided to stay.

He found work on stage and in radio. He met Janet, who became his wife. The couple had four children and opened a health food store.

Then Wales discovered a second passion, pottery. "I'd always enjoyed pottery — the look of it," he said. He was working in a show which left his mornings free, so he signed up for a morning pottery class.

"I fell in love with it," he said, recalling that it became a passion second only to his family. He set up a wheel at home and spent almost

every spare minute honing his skills.

Soon he was invited to teach pottery classes. Over 100 students a week enrolled in his courses. He was one of three founders of the South African Potters' Association.

His pottery classes were thriving but one of his other interests — doing choreography for black productions — had drawn the negative attention of the South African government.

The government was demanding Wales leave the country and apply for re-entry into South Africa from outside the country.

Fortunately, Wales had never given up his Canadian citizenship. He returned to Vancouver to see if it would be feasible to transplant his family and pottery business to Canada.

In addition to his conflict with the South African government, neither he nor Janet wanted their children to grow up surrounded by racist attitudes or endure the upheaval they suspected was coming.

"I was to be sent to Rhodesia on the Monday," he said. The previous Friday, he and his family left South Africa for Canada, having financed the purchase of plane tickets by selling most of their possessions.

Once back in Vancouver, Wales took some of his pottery to local galleries. "Everybody was doing brown pottery," Wales said.

His pieces were finished with a white glaze, which proved instantly popular. "That's why I managed to get a good start. I have shops that I have been with for over 20 years."

He also has customers who have continuously collected his work. One customer has given complete dinner services to each of her children as they married. Then, for birthday and Christmas gifts, she orders companion pieces from Wales.

"The basic design that they had 20 years ago I will still make for them now," he said.

The family's decision to move from the Lower Mainland to Salt Spring was made even more abruptly than their decision to leave South Africa.

In 1980 they visited Salt Spring for the first time. Wales warned his wife not to be surprised by the beauty of the islands. Despite that, they were smitten. They arrived on the island Friday — by Monday they put their



**BALANCING ACT:** Hanging baskets, crafted by potter Gordon Wales, reflect two of his passions, pottery and gardening. His talents

have taken him from his native Vancouver to London, South Africa and back to the west coast.

Photo by Valerie Lennon

house up for sale.

"Six weeks later they were on Salt Spring." "I was able to pick up my wheel and move."

Through his Flagstone Gallery on Salt Spring, Wales has continued to make and sell his pottery. His work is now available from his studio, located at the north end of Sunset Drive, and through galleries in Jasper, Vancouver, Victoria and Campbell River and from the Sophisticated Cow in Ganags.

His pieces are still distinctive, combining the warm, earthy appeal of hand-thrown pottery with the delicacy of blue, coral or green pastel patterns on a white finish. He has also found time to participate in the community, choreographing productions at the local high school and helping organize the annual studio tour.

He may love creating pottery but he also believes in balancing his life with other interests, including the rose garden thriving beside his studio.

"I don't want pottery to have consumed my life," he said.

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# Auction, dance set for Saturday

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Where can islanders shop, dance and make romance, all at once?

At Saturday night's Second Chance for Romance auction and dance at Meaden Hall.

A fundraiser for Salt Spring's community band Bandonemion, the evening features dancing to Salt Swing 'n Dixie and Bandonemion's big band ensemble, a no-host bar and delectable food included in the \$5 ticket. There is also an estimated one in 25 chance to win a door prize.

Why do Bandonemion members want to treat their friends and neighbours so well? They want to ease them into a relaxed and happy, auction-going frame of mind, where the sky's the limit and coffers overflow.

They promise everyone will be a winner at this fun event. More than 100 items had been collected for the auction as of last week, with more arriving all the time. Two of the organizers are Jan Macpherson and Donna Vanderwekken. They were thrilled to announce the donation of a Robert Bateman limited edition art print titled Salt Spring Sheep as a prime auction item.

"Nothing could be more appropriate for Salt Spring," observed Macpherson.

Carol Evans has also donated a print of The Swifamer and Jill Louise Campbell's Hastings House print will be available to bid on. Work from Diana Dean and Adrien Town has also been contributed.

A number of artists have donated ideal Valentine's Day gifts, from paintings to pottery, waxed and jewelled. Vanderwekken and Macpherson suggest one half of a couple could buy tickets to Second Chance as a Valentine's Day gift and then the other half can buy an auction item of their loved one.

Several restaurants and local food manufacturers have provided gift certificates or products, and many stores and services have put their wares on the auction table.

Horseback riding, sailing charters and kayaking services are some of the outdoor activities auction-goers can start dreaming about.

People can bid on music lessons and performances, such as Derrick Milton's trumpet serenade, perfect for a wedding or anniversary party.



**DO I HEAR \$207** Jan Macpherson, left, and Donna Vanderwekken check out a small sample of the wares available at Bandonemion's Second Chance for Romance dance and fundraising auction Saturday night, including a golfer's watch, basket of Knott's food products, handwoven blanket, knitted socks, earrings, cedar birdfeeder and pottery figurine bowl.

Photo by Gail Sjuberger

There are also items for silent auction, which will be on display at the hall.

Macpherson said she has been "overwhelmed" by people's generosity in donating goods and services.

Arvid Chalmers will exchange his humour and cunning for bids from the audience in the noisier part of the auction. Bandonemion's main demand for funds comes from music purchases. The group also hopes to raise enough money to provide scholarships for student band members, and to buy instruments for the band.

More expenses will be incurred this year to re-stage the Celebration of the Band concert March 9, sabotaged by poor weather January 20.

Second Chance for Romance tickets are available from band members, at Sharon's and Creek House Realty Ltd. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.



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**OTHELLO:** The Vancouver Sun gives three stars to this film production of Shakespeare's tale of green-eyed jealousy. The story is clearly told, made accessible by intimate camera work and attractive location footage, and played for all its rancor with plenty of sexual references. Stars Laurence Fishburne, Kenneth Branagh and Irene Jacob. Mature with some nudity and suggestive scenes and occasional violence.

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# Cinema plans promotional fun as it gears up for Ransen's film

By GAIL SIJBORG  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Cinema owner Louise Nye could be looking for you.

She has been hailing a number of islanders in recent weeks, all in the name of promoting a special Canadian film — Margaret's Museum.

Anyone with the first name of Margaret, people with Nova Scotian roots, and proud collectors of anything that can be photographed are all invited to join her promotion, which is growing as fast as the stack of great reviews for the recently-released movie.

Margaret's should call the cinema at 537-2925 or 537-4656 to enter their name in the Margaret's contest. One name will be drawn at the cinema on the evening of February 23, at the Margaret's Museum gala opening. Nye would also like to take the picture of as many Margarets as possible, but a photo is not mandatory for entering the contest.

Those attending Margaret's Museum showings will then be invited to guess the number of Margarets who entered the contest, with the closest guess also winning a prize.



Louise Nye

interest in Margaret's Museum? She doesn't want anyone to miss the award-winning film which was directed and co-written by Salt Spring resident and regular cinema patron Mort Ransen. He will introduce the film that night, conduct a brief question and answer session and attend the after-film reception.

And instead of the usual potpourri of island scenes at the pre-film slide show, the images will be of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia, from Nye's own collection and those of other community members who responded to a request for slides.

The film's island connection to director Mort Ransen obviously brightens the spotlight for the cinema. But Margaret's Museum is special to Nye for other reasons, too.

Some of her ancestors were original settlers in the Sidney-Glace Bay area of Cape Breton in the 1600s. Her grandfather played music with Alexander Graham Bell and did carpentry work on the Bell home. Nye has visited the island and even met Bell's granddaughter.

"I have a lot of feeling for Cape Breton so I can put a lot into it," she said.

She said the cinema decided to give Margaret's Museum an extra boost long before it won six Genies last month. She was even in pursuit of the film for their 1995 Canadian film festival, but it was not ready at that point.

Nye also loves promoting the Canadian film industry in whatever way she can, a passion well-proven with the cinema's popular Canadian festival. The fifth one is set for April, and she likes to get other Canadian films throughout

the year.

It's also only natural that someone who likes dreaming up contest ideas should have a thirst for entering them. Nye admits to being in pursuit of some more honours at ShowCanada, the industry awards of the Motion Picture Theatre Associations of Canada. In 1994, Salt Spring Cinema won first prize for best promotion of Canadian film in English, in recognition of its Canadian film festival. She and her staff hope all the heart-felt effort to promote Margaret's Museum might put them in the running for that same prize.

"I've got this one trophy and it would be nice to have the other one... for balance, you know."

An entry will consist of all the pictures taken in the contests, at the February 18 Nova Scotia party and opening night gala.

Nye doesn't want anyone to miss out on the fun, so give her a call to enter the contests or for more information about the special events.

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People with treasured collections of dolls, coins, matchbooks or you-name-it should also call the cinema to enter the collectors' contest. Nye will photograph the collection and collector, and her staff will pick a winner.

Islanders born in Nova Scotia, or with descendants from that province, are in for some special treatment, too. She has arranged a Nova Scotia social afternoon for this Sunday beginning at 3 p.m. at Central Hall. Guests will be invited to place a pin marking their birthplace and that of their ancestors on a map of Nova Scotia, while socializing and enjoying refreshments.

In addition, there will be door prizes from local merchants throughout the film's run until February 27. The gala night prize is a Paddy Howard carved wooden salmon donated by Pegasus Gallery.

Why is Nye stirring up so much

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## By ALISTAIR ROSS

## Driftwood Correspondent

Coast Guard workers have now more or less demolished all of Galiano's 94-year-old Race Point Lighthouse.

Through negotiations with the Coast Guard, a North Galiano resident was able to save most of the building's lantern section. Demolition workers took the upper portion of the old building apart carefully, then numbered and banded like pieces to make reconstruction easier. With the assistance of Galiano's George Parsons and his herring skiff, the saved pieces were then transported to the government wharf in North Galiano where they were off-loaded and trucked to a storage area on community property. Bea Robson organized the sea voyage of the lantern pieces with Bill Stafford, Myron Sebelius, Bob Alsbery and others doing the shifting, trucking and storing.

A demonstration by island residents wishing to save the old light station and convince the government that automation was not the right route to take for safety reasons was held at 1 p.m.

## Galiano fights for light station

February 7 — the day set for the installation of solar panels and erection of the new fiberglass light tower.

Despite a cold dreary day, a number of folk were on hand at the isolated spot when reporters and cameramen from CBC arrived by float plane. Two reports of the automation protest were seen on television that evening, one on Channel 2 (Vancouver) and the second on the National at 10 p.m. on the same network.

To an outsider in this automation dispute, one wonders about the wisdom of having a low-rise building intended on a rocky point surrounded by racing tides. The tower could be seen from Dionisio Point Park, also unpreserved most of the year, and would always offer a wonderful place for youngsters to explore, perhaps at their peril.

## Galadoun

It is a bit difficult reviewing a

## GALIANO NOTES

theatrical production from backstage. You hear bits of dialogue, you're aware of things which might and unfortunately do go wrong, but as a member of the cast, you're with the rest when things go right.

Galiano's David Clothier wrote Galadoun — he should be pleased with its great success. The audiences at each of the six performances went home smiling and happy.

Clothier's adaptation of the Broadway classic Brigadoon had a Gilbert and Sullivan twist — only on our island could the Islands Trust arrange things so that "one day here equalled 25 years and one day elsewhere." How better to protect the forest cover and slow down logging and development!

Leads in the production were

two Americans from New York, played by Keith Holmes and Jerry Ewen. They find Galadoun in the morning fog while fishing in Active Pass. The very likable villain in the piece was Major MacBride (Bill Callaway), a large landowner. His daughters, Fiona (Jackie Bowers) and Maggie (Jenny Bruckelman) sang beautifully and were both involved romantically — Maggie with Lieutenant Gable Harris (Dimitry Kazak) and Fiona, at the poignant end of the performance, with one of the Americans.

Others with singing parts were Joy Brown as café owner Ina Jenkins, a flirtatious lady and a foil for the other American. Cathy Sharp played Galadoun's trustee Pat Quoyse. Irene Frith had two character parts. Bev Yeomans sang, acted and danced. Disappointed suitor Ken Linnet (John New) offered a dramatic part, while Andrew Loveridge, as the island historian Tim Unger, held all the secrets of the magic isle.

Debbie Holmes, only on stage for a very few moments, enchanted with her haughty New York accent and got a great response from her audiences. Fine singing of 40s pop tunes was done by Bowers, Bruckelman, Yeomans and Gloria Olson. Ewen's singing of New York, New York was a highlight of the show. Scottish dancers Walter and Monica Rancs, Yeomans and Alistair Ross participated in both the first and second acts with some reels and strathspeys. Gloria Clothier performed the marriage ceremony in great style. Ed Yeomans was grocer and David New the ice cream man.

Actor, singer, painter Holmes had much to do with the success of Galadoun. He did the program design and was in charge of sets and properties as well. The list of others involved is much too lengthy to list here.

The privilege of being a part of the cast of Galadoun is not something to be underestimated — the dedication, cooperation and the concern backstage that all should go well was there and was a joy to experience.

## Saturna welcomes first baby of 1996

## By GAIL TRAFFORD

## Driftwood Correspondent

Saturna's population increased by one with the welcome addition of the island's 1996 New Year's baby, Quentin Stewart Gagnon.

Quentin was born to parents Linda Close and Roger Gagnon January 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital. He weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs., 5 oz.

Gagnon had pause to think that his baby might be born on the ferry. The parents had decided to continue living on the island until the birth rather than moving closer to the hospital when the baby's due date approached. He and Close left Saturna on the first ferry Sunday morning at 11:35 a.m. Close was already in labour. By the time the ferry arrived at Swartz Bay at 1:00 p.m. her contractions were one and one half minutes apart. However, they did arrive at the hospital with a little time to spare.

Key conditions in early February were responsible for an accident which broke an islander's arm. Kay Close had just returned home from welcoming her new grandson to the island when she slipped and fell against the corner of her house. Close is convalescing at home. She regrets that she will not be able to hold her new grandson again for four to six months.

The voters registration booth is now open at the Narvaez Bay Trading Company. All residents are encouraged to check the lists and be sure their name is included. Linda Close had contracted to run the booth, however, due to childbirth she has subcontracted the work to family members.

## SATURNA NOTES

Bob Close and Roger Gagnon have been manning the voters registration booth, updating the community and proudly displaying pictures of the new baby as they become available. We can safely assume that Quentin will be on the voter's list the minute he comes of age.

Members of St. Christopher's Church held their annual congregational meeting Sunday following a pot luck lunch at the church. Pam Brown agreed to continue as rector's warden and Susanne Middleditch accepted the post of people's warden.

Following an address by Rev. Bruce Bryant-Scott, the congregation broke into small groups to discuss goals for the coming year.

The groups unanimously agreed that the church should become more accessible to the community and several strategies for accomplishing this were discussed.

Islanders can look forward to community letters which will be sent out during the coming year announcing special services and events.

Volunteers continue to grapple with the issues surrounding the revision of Saturna's Official Community Plan. Most of the task forces have completed their submissions to the steering committee.

At a steering committee meeting on February 10, the economic task force requested funds to conduct a public meeting with Sheryl Flynn, a professional forester with

Huock Resource Consultants Ltd. If the Trust committee agrees to allocate these funds, Flynn will be invited to address the island's potential for small-scale sustainable forestry, community-managed forests and related value-added industries. He will be asked to discuss the options surrounding a community-based woodlot license. Flynn will also be asked to address forestry management's potential impact on the island.

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## 5 BIRTHS

JAN MACPHAIL and Tony Bartley joyfully welcomed their infant son on Friday February 2, 1996. We're deeply grateful to Dr. Catherine Moohan, Dr. Glen Ward and the Peace Arch Hospital maternity staff for their skillful and tender care. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Kirstie Overhill, midwife Heather Martin and especially our families for providing such loving support. All of us are doing well.

## 6 DEATHS

PETERS, ROD. Rod passed away suddenly at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 56 years old. He is survived by the wife Margaret; brother Larry and wife Cathy, of Toronto; in-laws May McKinley and Calvin Vernon; Linda McKinley and Brent Pedersen; three nephews Christopher, Wayne and Trevor; and, from Kamloops, Sandra McKinley and her family, Sammy and Ken. Rod grew up in White Rock, B.C., lived in Surrey for 20 years and spent his summers in Auld, B.C. He retired to Salt Spring Island in 1982. He was a car and airplane enthusiast and an avid sports fisherman. He was a director of the Island Steamship Association, Enhancement Society and a founding director of the Nanaimo chapter of the Veterans' Association. His many friends will miss him. Friends are invited to open house at the Peters' residence on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 284 TWING!

JENKINS, LILIAN MAY (Molly) nee Youds, passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on Salt Spring on Thursday February 8/96 at the age of 85. She will be sadly missed by her husband Ernest, her daughter Marion, Daughter-in-law Donna, grandson Ian & Grand-daughter Veronique, daughter Christine and Kathryn. Also survived by her sister, Lucy in Parkville and sister-in-law Ethel in Quatuor Beach and nieces and nephews on Salt Spring, in Vancouver and in England. Services at Ganges United Church, 2:30pm Friday, February 16, 1996.

SUTHERLAND, ANDREW Sinclair, a resident of Salt Spring Island passed away on February 10, 1996, aged 69 years. Predeceased by his wife Lorna in 1992, he is survived by his sister Eva Daniels of Surrey, his brother Jack (Bud) of Mandeville, Louisiana, USA and several nieces and nephews. He was born and educated in Vancouver, B.C. and worked for 28 years for Columbia Properties before moving to Salt Spring Island in 1973. Flowers are gratefully declined.

ERNO DONALD. Born June 24, 1903 in Edmonton. Passed away February 8, 1996 in Lady Minto Hospital. Survived by loving wife Ivy, son Victor, daughter Wendy & Mary, brother Ed (Oleg) of Edmonton, sisters Lois (Joy) Claughton of Vancouver, Vicki (Frank) Danti of Toronto, and their families and grandchildren, Daria, Dean, Darren, Derek and Brittany. Don will be remembered by his kindness to all for coaching baseball, soccer & roller hockey, also for his many years working on our highways. A service will be held at All Saints by the Sea, Rectory Spiering officiating, on Feb. 12, 1996, in Ganges in Ganges cemetery.

INGLIS, JOHN FRANK. Passed peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 28, 1996 in Greenwood, BC. May 28, 1906, in Airdair, Switzerland. He survived his wife, daughter Mary, sons Edward & Bernard, daughters Linda & Dorothy, 8 grandsons, 10 granddaughters, 3 grandnephews and brother Oren. John came to Canada in 1923 and spent most of his life in the Humboldt, Saskatchewan area. He later homesteaded in northern Saskatchewan where he worked as a logger and ice fisher on the Peter Pan lake. In 1946 John came to Salt Spring to pursue a logging career as a feller. 1954 saw him in the Department of Highways where he worked until his retirement in 1968. An open house will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, 1996, from 1pm and 4pm at the family home, 600 Beddis Road.

## 8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Henry Aheadw would like to thank the ambulance crew for all their help and kindness. A very special thank you to the Home Support Ladies for all the care and kindness given to Dad these past several years. We couldn't have done it without you. You are very special people. Also thank you to all our friends and neighbours for your kind thoughts. Ruby, Garry, Bert, Bernice, Ken and Sherill.

THE FAMILY of Molly Jenkins would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the S.S. Fire Dept. and Ambulance service, Dr. Nestman and the Bessie Dane Soc. for their caring assistance. Also, thank you to friends, neighbours and members of Seniors for Seniors for their kindness.

**Warmest Thanks...** to a huge bouquet of hugs to Heather Martin for her expert and loving midwifery care. Many thanks also to Maureen Bendick, Val Fraser and Sharon McCollough for their unfailing support. Thanks also to everyone on Salt Spring who wished us well - we'll be back in May. Jan, Tony & Baby

## 10 CELEBRATIONS

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GREEN PARTY meeting and Stikine River presentation, February 22, 7:30 pm - Global Awareness Society on Thursday February 8/96 at the age of 85. She will be sadly missed by her husband Ernest, her daughter Marion, Daughter-in-law Donna, grandson Ian & Grand-daughter Veronique, daughter Christine and Kathryn. Also survived by her sister, Lucy in Parkville and sister-in-law Ethel in Quatuor Beach and nieces and nephews on Salt Spring, in Vancouver and in England. Services at Ganges United Church, 2:30pm Friday, February 16, 1996.

PUGS: PG Users Group of Salt Spring meets Thursdays at 7:30pm in Seniors for Seniors. Two exciting new programs will be announced: basic computing skill workshops and membership drives. There will be two demonstrations: setting up a computer for internet access and making a long-distance phone call over the internet. Everyone welcome. Information: 537-5148 or 537-4931.

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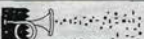
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**WEDNESDAY**  
**February 21**  
**3:30 pm.**  
Windfall Room  
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## 11 COMING EVENTS

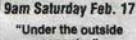
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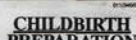
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## 14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**26 LEGALS**

**PUBLICATION REQUEST**  
**RE: CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE** is hereby given that an application will be made to the Director of Vital Statistics for a change of name pursuant to the provisions of the "Name Act" by: **ME SHANNON CLASSEN, 436 Sky Valley Rd., Salt Spring Island, V8K 2C3, telephone #537-9522** to change my name from **CLASSEN, Shannon Willow** to **ANIMA, Shannon**. Dated this 5th day of February, 1996. Signed by Shannon Classen.

**29 LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST PENTAX 35mm Camera** in black case at Stowell Lake skete area on Saturday, February 3. Reward for return. Call 537-6522.

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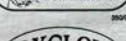
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LAYING HENS. Retirement home needed for approx. 50 laying hens. Please call 653-9568 after 7 p.m.

VOCAL MUSICIANSHIP class with an emphasis on vocal technique, applied music theory and sight singing. Ideal for young singers or instrumentalists wanting to improve skills and understanding of music. Instructor, Lloyd English. Registration deadline: Feb. 28. 537-1211.

PUGS: PC Users Group of Salt Spring meets Thursday, February 15 at 7:30pm in Seniors Centre. Two exciting new programs will be announced: basic computing skills workshop and member hosted internet text drives. There will be two demonstrations: setting up a computer for internet access and making a long-distance phone call over the internet. Everyone is invited. Information: 537-5145 or 537-4951.

MEMBER MEETING: (Macintosh User Group) February 21, 7:30pm Driftwood office. Topic - Internet. Demos of Raven Net, salt spring online and other services. Everyone welcome.

SPAGHETTI SATURDAYS at Kitcher and member. \$2.95 adults, \$1.50 children, under 3 eat free. Where can a family of four get together for \$10.00. Great food. Great fun.

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HERSCHEL HARDIN, NDP nominee for Federal leader, will speak on Salt Spring on Feb. 28, March 2, in the lower hall of Ganges United Church. Come support one of our candidates with him and other interested people, including local NDP members.

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GULF ISLANDS Secondary School Parent Council are distributing for sale to link with home on Monday, February 12, 1996. Also included were a room house in Ganges, 1 N/S, N/D only. \$850/mo. Call Myles 537-5515.

# What to do with glut of coffee grounds: try worms

Several months ago, three large coffee retailers approached my master gardener alma mater, Washington State University, for some advice on composting. Between them, the three stores were disposing of almost a ton of spent coffee grounds each month.

University researchers first tested the brewed coffee grounds for nutrient content and found enough nitrogen to classify the grounds as "green material." In addition to that, they found traces of several other important micronutrients and a carbon-to-nitrogen ratio of 20:1. Over the next four months, agronomists subjected the brewed goodies to a series of grueling composting trials, testing just about every conceivable method.

The final results were presented

to coffee industry captains in an afternoon gala of double lattes and crumpets: With a fog of suspense hanging over the lead researcher, he approached the podium and announced, rather mirthfully, that the answer to the coffee ground glut was ... worms.

Yes it's true. It was found that worm composting (vermicomposting) of the politically correct produced a first-class window box soil product, and that worms adore coffee every bit as much as we do. (And you know those caffeine-crawling wigglers moved fast before!) Look to a column in the near future for more on the many

## GARDENING WITH DAVE BANKS



benefits of worm composting.

Remember that late February is the time to begin thinking about pruning fruit trees, grape vines and many shade trees. This should be done just as the buds begin to swell.

Fruit trees including peaches, nectarines, plums and cherries can be sprayed with copper fungicide or lime sulphur dormant spray (both of which are relatively innocuous) to control a host of common fruit pathogens. For maximum benefit, make sure out-

door temperatures are at least 14 degrees C.

Manure or compost can still be dug into garden soils but it's best to do so as early as possible to insure that damaging ammonia and salts — especially in young manures — will have time to leach out before planting. Trees and shrubs will benefit from fertilizing in early spring but it is best to do so before new growth begins.

For those who relish the idea of an early spring bouquet in their house, one of the ways you can achieve this is by what is called "forcing" blooms early. Stem cuttings from ornamentals like Alnus (alders), Lonicera (honeysuckle), fruit trees, Forsythia, Salix (pussy willow), Chaenomeles (flowering

quince), Syringa (lilacs), and Philadelphus (mock orange) are a few that work well.

Choose healthy branches at least two or three feet long. Slice them off diagonally just above a bud, using a clean, sharp knife or snips. Before submerging the branches in tepid water, strip all buds from the bottom six inches of the branch and slit, or crush the bottom of the stem to allow water absorption. Change the water at least twice a week and in about three weeks you'll have colourful catkins of small red and green leaves.

Got a gardening question? Write to Dave Banks, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

## Thirty-five years ago

Almost 400 people turned out to watch boxing matches held February 4 at Fulford Hall. Boxers came from Salt Spring, Vancouver, Victoria, Chemainus, Ladysmith and the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. Salt Spring boxers won four matches. Pat Slingsby, Don Morrison and Morrie Akerman won their bouts while Danny Akerman and Steve Morrison earned a draw with their opponents. Major Robert Morrison of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, gave a short talk about boxing during the intermission.

Elected to the newly formed recreation commission were the nine nominees chosen by a nominating committee. They were B. Lukas, G. Reynolds, D. Morrison, Mrs. M. A. Brown, Mr. J. Green, E. Fisher, Reg. Price, K. Dodds and Mrs. D. Deacon. The group included one person from Vesuvius, one from North Salt Spring, four from Ganges, one from Beaver Point and two from Fulford.

Salt Spring Lands was advertising a full basement house with two fireplaces on a one-acre lot close to Ganges for \$7,000. In the same issue a new 1961 car was advertised at \$2,595 and a 12-ounce package of spaghetti was nine cents.

## Thirty years ago

No smoking was allowed in the area of the Ganges Esso plant after an accident flooded the property with an estimated 2,000 gallons of gasoline. Renovations were under way at the plant when a logging truck driver backed his truck into a

# Local boxers won 4 matches before 400 spectators at hall

## DOWN THE YEARS

and allowed the homes to be moved without having to meet national building code standards. Salt Spring home owner Bill Arnold's battle to move his home focussed CRD attention on the situation.

Kopp Construction was awarded the contract for changes to the Ganges firehall. The company's bid was the lowest by \$4 to do the work, which included extending the caretaker's quarters and modifying a living room into an office for the fire chief.

Wooded view lots were available for \$4,000 to \$8,000 and a two-bedroom home overlooking St. Mary Lake was available for \$26,500.

Education predicted 500 more students would be enrolled in the Gulf Islands school district over the next five years. Estimated island population overall had increased to 4,600 from the 4,100 recorded in the 1971 census five years earlier.

Lots were available starting at \$11,000 and two or three-bedroom homes ranged from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

## Fifteen years ago

A new regional district encompassing all the islands within the Trust was proposed by a Salt Spring Island Planning Association member. The association agreed to look into the concept, noting it could give the Trust more control over items like sewers and water districts. On the issue of sewers, CRD engineers were collecting data to determine the best location for a proposed sewer outfall in Ganges harbour.

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was asked by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to design a bypass route around Ganges and meet with ministry staff to discuss the concept further.

Home hunters could find a lot for \$45,000 and smaller homes for approximately \$100,000.

## Ten years ago

A seven-member island recreation study group was focussed on construction of a swimming pool for the island but was also willing to consider other facilities. The group planned to hold public hearings to gather submissions from residents and to conduct a survey to identify recreation needs. They also hoped to get information from other communities operating recreation facilities. Involved in the project were Wayne Taylor, Lois Phillips, John Lomas, Wendy Vine, Bill Hitchcock, Barbara Caves and Jocelyna Holmes.

An association of small woodlot operations was being formed on the island starting with meetings between 12 woodlot owners. The group hoped to provide information, education and demonstrations leading to more intensive management of woodlots.

Many more options filled real estate pages, with lots starting at \$22,000. Starter homes could be found for just under \$50,000.

## Three years ago

Five new bylaws augmenting forest land use were proposed by the Galiano Island Trust Committee in response to MacMillan Bloedel's sale of its Galiano holdings. The bylaws reserved most of the MacMillan Bloedel land for forestry uses and increased minimum parcel size to just under 50 acres from 20 acres.

A small lot on Salt Spring was advertised at \$35,000 and starter homes were \$90,000 to \$110,000.

## Twenty-five years ago

A solution for island owners of mobile homes wanting to move their units was devised by a Capital Regional District (CRD) committee. After examining the issue, the committee agreed that the homes could be moved provided the owner could show the wiring, plumbing and oil or gas installations were safe and that the unit could be used for five years. The conditions only applied to mobile homes already in the regional district

## Twenty years ago

Mayne Island turned dry with a decision by the provincial government not to transfer a liquor licence for the Miners Bay Trading store. The licence had been issued to store owner Harvey Hampshire a year earlier and was not transferable to new owner Wayne Bryan, who had purchased the business. Mayne Islanders were reportedly incensed by the government decision.

The provincial Ministry of

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

CALLING ALL Margarets! Thank you for your response to the "draw, pop, drink" Margarets Museum. (Feb. 23, 27 at Salt Spring Cinema). I'd like to have some photos of Margarets (non-returnable) for my Show/Gallery. \$89/entry. Please put in et cetera drop box. Thank You. Louise, 537-2925.

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PICK A POP at the Pop Shoppe, nine flavours plus tonic and soda. Cases of 24 only \$39.99. In front of Moby next to the Dairy Store. 537-1300.

BUY YOUR sweetie a Valentine's treat, ice cream comes only one dollar a scoop at The Dairy Store, in front of Moby's. 537-1300.

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PIANO: BEAUTIFUL Evans upright piano, \$1200. Also all furnaces from mobile home plus tank of stove oil. Offers. 537-9586.

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RMOURMS RMOURMS. No we have not moved! Foam Shack is alive and well at the same location. Quadratic Solutions Inc. 537-4522.

FAX IT. It's not too late to send your Valentine message with a Panasonic plan paper or regular style fax machine. Call Quadratic Solutions. See us for most of your office electronic needs such as photo copiers, fax, line phone systems, etc. 537-4522.

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## SPORTS AND RECREATION

## Lister scores for an Old Boy tie

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor

The Old Boys finally returned to action with a tough challenge against first place Peninsula. It was a long winter lay-off, a lay-off that has been ripe with rumours and questions about the lads and their team.

Had the coach, this writer, taken a foreign coaching job after the dispute over the team's report card published November 29, 1995? Had "Codger" Pearson left the island looking for a team that would let him play 90 minutes? Were the Scotsmen "Ally" McNutt and "If you ever need a deal" McKay being traded? Could the lads continue to win in 1996 or was the success in 1995 just a case of sniffing too much A535? What in the world is the Chi Chi Tour of '96 all about?

It is interesting to note that while this writer was "on tour" in Fiji during the break, Codger Pearson was discovered playing soccer with some Fijian natives. Codger, also called Doug in their native tongue, was seen streaking around the locals with a soccer ball and scoring at will every time he got the ball. Of course, one should remember Fiji is noted for rugby and the players did not have a clue what Doug was up to dribbling a ball around.

After a couple of hours the Fijians became bored watching Codger running around playing this strange game and they all went home to play "rugger" and so Codger took his ball and came back home with the coach.

Then of course there is our wonderful Scots, McNutt and McKay, trouble-makers both! On the same tour this writer tried to make a trade in Samoa — the two Scots for a big Samoan! This writer figured the Samoan would make a great back-up keeper to Henry "The Legend is back in goal" Braak. Unfortunately, although the Samoan was taller than Henry and only a little wider he had one big downfall — he liked chocolate cake even more than Henry! So, guess what? Deal off, the lads are still stuck with the Scotsmen!

The next big question was could the lads succeed in 1996, and last Sunday's game seemed to bear this theory out as the lads battered Peninsula to a 1-1 tie — a great result considering Peninsula has not lost all year and also beat us earlier in the year.

It was a very evenly played game with only a handful of chances to

score, with most of them coming the Old Boys' way due to the icy field conditions.

It looked for the longest time that Peninsula would win as the hand of Bill Lea played a fateful role in giving them the lead (could it have been that Bill thought he was the goalie for a few fleeting seconds?)

The ensuing penalty shot gave Peninsula the lead midway through the opening half and then the Old Boys tried and tried to equalize.

But the lads missed, missed, hit the post and then missed some more as the time slowly wound down.

Then with only 10 minutes left, Steve Legg intercepted a midfield pass and threaded a neat pass to Jack Braak on left wing. Jack lofted a long cross across the face of the net which found the foot of the "Old Fox" Lister. Darryl! made no mis-

take and the lads had their tie.

With this great start the lads are now pumped up to play but now find they have a bye this weekend. Not only that but besides a few make-up games, their schedule has run out.



**TIE GAME:** Salt Spring Old Boys' Alvaro Sanchez fends off an attempt by a Peninsula player to take possession of the ball Sunday at Ganges. The local team played to a 1-1 tie against first place Peninsula.

Photo by Tony Richards

## HIGH ROLLERS

By RUTH HUME

Driftwood Contributor

Keep your chin up! I'm sure your sweet-heart will understand that when you say you are giving bowling for two as your Valentine's gift, you have to wait for the weekend to use the certificate. We have a long and tought and snowed night, but call ahead and reserve your lane.

RCMP: Kristi Spencer 264, Ken Sampson 220.

Citrus: Sam Cochran 210, Tony Fier 219, Ben Cooper 204, Gordon Ruckie 232, Gwen Seitz 204, Glenn Hewison 222.

Tuesday Morning Seniors: Madeline Joy 236, Cliff Kay 200, John Richardson 213, 217, 244664, Helmut Leach 249.

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors: Bob McClung 210, Vanda Winslowe 204, 247463, 209, Murray Anderson 200, Deke Noonan 200, Gwen McClung 202, Jane Webb 227, Ken Robinson 235, Reg Winslowe 200610, Gwen McClung 226.

Middle School League: Tony Sevid 164, Phil Albert 159, Josh Marshall 227,

156, Joshua Marshall 178, 178, Mike Reynolds 156, Dylan Hume 157, 245.

Special Olympics: M. Baim 227, J. Beck 147, S. Eiler 194.

Wednesday Ladies: Denna Marisa 209, 204, Margaret Baker 228, 203, Chris Hutton 209, Dee Kinsey 209.

Young Bowlers: Jasmine Watkins 100, Naomi Tweedie 140, Nikki Tweedie 131, Zander Rixon 101, Christine Jarmen 104, Nicholas Watkins 114, 115, Jordan Krister 105, Zak Koot 124.

Wednesday Night: Lorraine Toller 218, 256, 207/641, Caroline Anderson 248, Dennis Anderson Jr. 205, Dennis Anderson Sr. 205, 229, 227/661, Bill Baker 201, Danny Bedford 204, Julie Bedford 200, Dennis Kay 259/630, Steve Madsen 249/613, Lois Kaye 247, 230, 221/698.

Goal Ladies: Marj Cade 238, Maxine Woolley 203, Josie Aleksich 203.

Legion: Kathy Livingston 225, Sharon Sykes 272/620, Doug Sykes 210, Shannon Boehmer 211, Gary Bywater 210, Gary Whitehead 221, 201, 217/639, Ron Cunningham 231, Ron Sepanski 214, 201.

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### NOTICE OF EXCLUSION APPLICATION REGARDING LAND IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92, of 120 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., intend on making an application pursuant to Section 12(1) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to exclude from the *Agricultural Land Reserve* a 1-acre portion of the following property which is legally described as "part of Lot A, Section 4, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 11826" and located at 120 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Any person wishing to express an interest in the application may do so by forwarding their comments in writing to Islands Trust, #1206 - 115 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T9 by February 28, 1996.

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It may be necessary to ask for proof of Commercial (Comprehensive) General Liability Insurance depending on the work being done.

A valid Workers' Compensation Board registration number will be required at the time of registration.

These lists will be in effect for the Ministry's fiscal year: April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997. The deadline for registration is March 17, 1996.

The District Office has made personal contact by letter with currently registered owners. Final hiring lists will be completed on April 1, 1996, and all registrations received after that will be recorded on the late registration list and consequently may not receive a share of the available work.

R.E. Harold  
District Highways Manager  
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The works constructed under this Contract include the following:

Construction of a wood frame water treatment facility and a wood frame pump station, including all mechanical, structural and electrical aspects, supply and installation of approximately 600m of 150mm and 100mm water main and all associated works necessary to complete the project.

Specifications, Drawings, Contract documents and Tender Form may be seen at the offices of the Amalgamated Construction Association of BC, 3636 East 4th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. The Construction Association of Victoria, 1075 Alston Street, Victoria, and the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, on or after February 8, 1996.

Copies may be obtained from the Capital Regional District, Engineering Department, on payment of \$50.00 (46.77 + 3.27 GST) for each copy requested, the sum of which is refundable upon return of the documents in good condition within 30 days of tender opening.

R. Daniel Telford, P. Eng.  
Head, Capital Projects -  
Peninsula & Islands  
Capital Regional District

# Local squad loses first of season in Coast Cup play

By MALCOLM BOND  
Driftwood Contributor

Injuries and illness to key players played a large part in the first loss of the season for the U16A boys Salt Spring soccer team at Portlock Park on Saturday.

Unfortunately, it was a Coastal Cup semi-final against the very physical Gordon Head side. The score was 1-0 for Salt Spring when Gordon Head capitalized to be the game at 88 minutes. The goal came on a tight sideline free kick that occurred just seconds after an obscured out-of-bounds Salt Spring ball was continued back into the field without stoppage. The visitors then carried the play in overtime, scoring two goals.

With a depleted Salt Spring side having two starters on the bench from injury, another suffered from exhaustion plus one injured on the field, they were unable to cope with the extra 30 minutes.

Nevertheless, the boys can hold their heads high. They are a small club and have only just enough

boys to field a team whereas the larger clubs have always enough boys signed up for A and B and sometimes C teams. The result is that clubs like Gordon Head have greater depth in player skill at the bottom of their lineup. Injury and two hours of soccer are poison for the smaller club side as was evidenced on Saturday in spite of our valiant efforts.

**...opportunities  
cannot be  
squandered ...**

The game opened on a tentative note, probably due to the three-week weather-enforced layoff. The first real opportunity came from an 18-yard Mandu Goebel scorch which the visiting keeper saved spectacularly. Then it was Steffen Bond's turn to test and his drive was turned aside.

The Heads came back to test our keeper Jonathon McDonald and the first half ended up nil each. Salt Spring started to carry the play in the second half, especially in quality scoring chances. Serious threats from Bond and Goebel were turned into several corners by the opponent's superb keeper.

But there is a lesson to be learned and that is that opportunities cannot be squandered as happened on a number of occasions after Salt Spring took the lead at about the 58-minute mark. The goal was given to corner-kicker Bond as great movement by the home side in the box confused the visitors and the ball went in off a defender too busy marking his man.

After that, Goebel and then Santih Buchan with a tremendous 12-yard shot sent over the bar by the keeper at the last instance had chances to hammer in the coffin nail. Then a corner to the head of Colin Beamish just cleared the bar with the keeper beaten. But the best chance of all

came at 86 minutes when John Edwards, after being hauled down twice from behind, still managed while horizontal to make the 20-yard cross box pass to a point three yards outside the penalty spot to a completely unmarked Bond who had the keeper back on his line.

Unfortunately, Salt Spring was not given the advantage as the whistle stopped play. The play was doubly costly as Edwards suffered a mild groin pull that wouldn't have been serious except that he did further damage to it early in overtime. At 87 minutes, Bond was kicked on the Achilles tendon well behind the play which was already 30 yards up field and well out of the official's view. This put him out of the game for the critical last three minutes and overtime. Hopefully both will recover for next week.

By 90 minutes, Arnaug Greig, Liam Walsh and Brian Kerr had played themselves to an heroic exhaustion. Jeremy Keating continued in overtime in spite of a charley

horse. Shaun Carmichael, Jamie Wilkinson and Goebel played the entire two hours at hectic pace and were outstanding. Dar Kinnerover tiredly at midfield, Thomas McKeachie did great service in forward, midfield and defence.

Most missed and probably the player who when fit would have turned the game our way was explosive speedy striker Tom Berry. He is recovering well from a serious illness and will likely start next week when we attempt to pit down first place against second-ranked Prospect Lake. A win would give Salt Spring the league title and a chance to claim the Vancouver Island championship.

## Slugs take 3 straight as they blast the Blues

By JIM BLACK  
Driftwood Contributor

Somebody has been spiking the Geritol again.

It's either that or the Slugs have found the fountain of youth as they posted their third consecutive win, defeating the Sidney Blues 4-3 this week.

Obviously, putting a couple of wins behind us was a real confidence booster as this was the same team which easily defeated the Slugs 7-3 just two weeks ago. This time the Slugs came out strong right from the start and played smart hockey for the entire game.

Leading the charge for the Slugs was Paul Sinclair, who seemed to be everywhere at all times. It was Sinclair, with one of his many great individual efforts, who opened the scoring halfway through the opening period when he crashed the net and poked home the opening goal. But five minutes later the Blues came back to tie the match when Deadstop Miesing (how unusual) and played the wrong player, leaving two Blues forwards unguarded in front of Slugs netminder Derek Topping.

This didn't deter the Slugs for a change. Instead they came back even stronger, taking the play to the Blues and getting a number of good scoring chances, only to be stymied by the Blues netminder. It looked like the first period would end in a draw when the Blues mounted a last-ditch attack with just seconds left in the period. It paid off as Topping was handcuffed by a knuckleballer, putting the Blues in the lead 2-1, just as the buzzer sounded.

Into the second the Slugs picked up the pace a notch and really started to hem the Blues into their end-zone. It was Sinclair who got the tying goal when he picked off a clearing pass, moved in and lifted a backhand over the sprawling netminder.

This seemed to spark the Slugs even more and just minutes later Andy Naumann picked off another clearing attempt, right in front of the net, and tapped home an easy one to put the Slugs back in the lead, which they never relinquished.

It was about this time in the second period that Johnny Procter decided to get into a testosterone dance with one of the opposing forwards over a minor stick infraction. Following much posturing, beating of chests, the two decided that it really was more fun and a lot less work to just play hockey and so picked up their gear and resumed

## SLUG TRAIL



playing.

Into the final period, the Slugs took a one-goal lead. Then Kevin Porteous, who also put in a solid game of forechecking, took the puck off a Blues defenceman near the Slugs' blueline and moved down the ice on a two-on-one with Akerman. Porteous expertly drew the defence over to himself before sliding a perfect pass to Akerman who went top shelf to give us a two-goal cushion.

But it was at this time that Deadstop decided to come out of his goal-scoring hibernation, and he did it in grand fashion, expertly tipping a point shot so that the netminder had no chance on it. The only unfortunate part was that he tipped it past his own netminder which, while not doing much for the Slugs' morale, was a real shot in the arm for the Blues, seeing as there was only two minutes left.

But the Slugs prevailed, even with the Blues pulling their netminder for the extra attacker and pressing the attack. The boys stood their ground and Topping was nothing short of outstanding. But probably the real reason the Slugs won was that after Deadstop scored his goal he was left outstanding as well — in the parking lot.

**Going for the hoop**  
A tangle of opponents doesn't stop Scorpion Chris Jason, centre, from getting in his shot. Gulf Island Secondary School's Scorpions won the Thursday evening game against Lake Cowichan 75 to 42.

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