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Not big enough for dinner

Joshua Reynolds took on a hunt of a different kind while he waited for relatives to weigh in their catches at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun

Club fishing derby on Sunday. The youngster hunted around the beach by Moby's Marine Pub, finally producing this wee crab.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ferry problems anger islanders, frustrate visitors

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Getting to Salt Spring became a gamble for countless visitors last weekend as both the Queen of Nanaimo and the Skeena Queen underwent repairs Friday.

Ongoing scheduling problems continue to anger both islanders and visitors.

The Queen of Nanaimo broke down Saturday, July 5 and didn't return to service until late Friday. A repair crew had to wait for a part to be shipped from the United Kingdom to fix a leaking propeller shaft seal. Tsawwassen-to-Salt Spring sailings were cancelled until repairs were complete.

Then the Skeena Queen was out of service from approximately

7:15 to 9 p.m. Friday as divers adjusted a loose propeller screen. By the time the Skeena Queen was back in service there was an overload swollen by travellers from the lower mainland routed through Swartz Bay to Salt Spring. Compounding the problem was misleading information from B.C. Ferries staff, cited by more than one traveller.

Among them was Sharon Fisher of Vancouver, who had made a reservation a month earlier on the 10:15 p.m. Queen of Nanaimo sailing to Salt Spring. She had arranged for a weekend stay at a Salt Spring bed and breakfast, starting Friday night.

FERRY WOES 2

Kimiko Murakami dies at Lady Minto

A respected Salt Spring matriarch, Kimiko Okano Murakami passed away Monday at the age of 92.

Murakami was the subject of a television documentary aired March 20 on CBC television which focused on the strength of character that helped her and her family cope with being removed from Salt Spring, separated and interned in central B.C. during the Second World War.

She was born in Steveston on September 25, 1904, the first child of Japanese descent to be born in the fishing community, but lived most of her adult life on Salt Spring.

After she and her husband Katsuyori were removed from their Salt Spring farm in 1942, it took the family seven years to return to the island which they considered their home.

All of her six children were present at Lady Minto Hospital when she died Monday, including Alice and Ted Tanaka, Violet Murakami, Mary and Tosh Kitagawa, Rose Murakami, Richard Murakami and Bruce Murakami.

Also present were two of her 10 grandchildren. She had eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held Saturday in Ganges United Church starting at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the school district's Katsuyori and Kimiko Murakami scholarship fund are requested.

Lack of Fulford-Ganges bus service turns back visitors

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Lack of bus service from Fulford to Ganges is forcing some tourists to turn back almost as soon as they set foot on Salt Spring.

Bruce Patterson, who owns Patterson's Store near the ferry terminal, estimates dozens of people are coming into the store every week asking about a bus to Ganges. The demand is heaviest on weekends, he said.

Not only is the bus not there but the vehicle is now for sale.

Patterson notes this summer is

the first in three to four years that there has been no bus service between Fulford and Ganges. But would-be visitors don't know there is no bus service, so arrive in Fulford faced with the choice of walking, hitchhiking, taking a taxi, or asking strangers in the parking lot for a ride.

Many are choosing to go back on the ferry and leave the island, Patterson said. "Some turn around and go right back to Swartz." Others stay on the island for approximately 90 minutes and then catch the next sailing off-island.

Patterson points out that many of the visitors are wary of hitchhiking or asking strangers for rides. Only the more affluent choose the \$20 to \$25 taxi ride into Ganges.

Some of the visitors tell Patterson that they were advised there was a bus service on Salt Spring, leading Patterson to speculate that some off-island visitor information centres may not know the bus service was dropped by Azure Transport Ltd. earlier this year. Others have taken the bus in past summers and arrive expecting to find the

bus service still in place.

Patterson suggests those businesses which benefit from tourism might want to sponsor a bus service from Fulford to Ganges, at least on weekends. "No way a bus would work on this island unless it is subsidized somehow," Patterson observed, pointing out that relatively few islanders rely on bus service.

John Cade, who operated the bus service at a loss for two summers, feels most islanders don't care if there is a bus available for visitors. He estimates 90 per cent of islanders get their income from

off-island sources: jobs and/or contracts, government jobs, pensions, investments, UIC or GAIN.

"This means around 90 per cent of the population couldn't really care if they never saw a tourist again. Their wants for transportation revolve around cheap convenient ferries so they can get off the island to shop for better deals or selection, commute to higher-paying jobs or relieve that fever that seems to grip some people about being trapped on an island," Cade

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Musgrave Road resident trades campground vision for pig farm

He wasn't allowed to put a campsite on his 20 acres of partially waterfront property off Musgrave Road, so Bob Hawkins now plans a 500-strong pig farm.

"I wanted to make it into a campground but you know your Islands' Trust," the former logger explained. He had envisioned a campground with a waterfront boat launch, space for overnight camping and kayaking on the agriculturally-zoned, agricultural land reserve property.

The lot lies at the intersection of Musgrave and Isabella Point roads. With a campground in mind, Hawkins had selectively logged the property after purchasing it more than 20 years ago.

When he discovered his campground proposal would not be permitted, he switched to clear-cutting the lot in preparation for a pig farm, which is allowed under the zoning.

"I like pigs," he said. "It's agricultural land. It's solid rock and it won't grow anything but I can raise good pigs."

A former butcher, he also plans to slaughter the pigs he raises on site — an activity also allowed under the agricultural zoning.

But the proposal is not being welcomed by neighbours, who were notified of Hawkins' plans through a notice he posted on his property.

Hawkins invited neighbours to write the Islands Trust if they object to

the pig farm, although the farm requires no rezoning and could not be stopped by the Trust.

Among those objecting is neighbour Roger Hughes, who points out a pig farm is visually unappealing, creates objectionable odours and a potential health hazard through contamination of adjoining wells from run-off.

"I feel that the development of a pig farm at Musgrave Road will have a huge impact on the lifestyle and health of all the people of Salt Spring Island," Hughes predicted.

Hawkins admits he would rather develop a campground than a pig farm but he is not prepared to let the land lie idle. "People here don't seem to want any commerce," he remarked.

FERRY WOES: Create travel havoc

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After being advised by B.C. Ferries Friday morning that the Queen of Nanaimo was out of service, Fisher opted to go to Salt Spring through Swartz Bay and changed her work schedule to catch the 7 p.m. sailing from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay.

B.C. Ferries offered her assured loading on the mainland to Vancouver Island run but not on the connection from Swartz Bay to Fulford. When the couple reached Swartz Bay, they were told there was no room for their vehicle on the 9:05 p.m. sailing to Fulford.

They were also told that would be the final sailing to Fulford, despite the overload which had built up while the Skeena Queen was out-of-service.

They tried to reach Crofton for the last sailing to Vesuvius but missed the 10 p.m. trip, and were in Crofton. Calling the bed and breakfast, they learned that B.C. Ferries had added another sailing from Swartz Bay to Fulford at 10:30 p.m.

"I was very upset. I had planned this weekend a month ago," Fisher said. She intends to complain to B.C. Ferries. "It's a major part of our highways system and they don't care."

Damaris Rumsby had a similar experience on the Salt Spring side. She attempted to take the last sailing off the island at 8:15 p.m. Friday, discovered it was not running, and upon calling B.C. Ferries was told there would be no

more sailings out of Fulford Friday night.

Then shortly before 10 p.m., Rumsby saw the Skeena Queen come into Fulford Harbour, unload, and then head back to Swartz Bay. Had she known there would be another sailing, Rumsby said she would have been waiting in the terminal.

"I took the time to phone them and then I get mis-information," she said. She suggests installation of a message board at the terminal to advise travellers of schedule changes. She also plans to complain to B.C. Ferries.

The decision to add another round-trip between Swartz Bay and Fulford to handle the traffic overload was not made until shortly before 9 p.m., B.C. Ferries manager of communications Ed McKenzie said.

B.C. Ferries spokesman Stephen Nussbaum said the Queen of Nanaimo actually returned to service Friday evening and was slipped into an ad hoc schedule which also included the Queen of Esquimalt and the Queen of Vancouver. Regular service on the Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen route resumed Saturday morning.

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Barry Green said the chamber plans to survey island businesses to determine if problems with ferry service are reducing their income. Results will be sent to B.C. Ferries and to the Salt Spring transportation committee.

Over the weekend, the chamber

also sent a form to local accommodation businesses, inviting guests to report on their travel experiences. "I understand some of them went through pure hell trying to get over here," Green remarked.

Going through purgatory almost daily are the commuters taking the scheduled 6:10 p.m. sailing from Swartz Bay to Fulford. Served by the Queen of Cumberland, the sailing has been running up to an hour late. Commuter Terry Ridings, noted that on July 7 the Queen of Cumberland didn't arrive at Swartz Bay until 7:15 p.m., by which time the Skeena Queen was also arriving for its scheduled 7:35 p.m. sailing to Swartz Bay.

Ridings said Salt Spring traffic was loaded on the Skeena Queen, which then sailed at 7:45 p.m.

Nussbaum noted the Cumberland is often delayed by multi-port stops and is slow to load. Although the corporation is aware of the problem, changes will probably not occur until the fall schedule, he added.

FOR THE RECORD

A photo caption error in last week's Driftwood paired off the wrong partners in a local tennis tournament. While Pat Lazenby did take top points in the tourney, it was with partner Richard Weatherby and not Bob Weeden, who placed second alongside partner Jennifer Morgan.

NO BUS SERVICE

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remarked.

He has not found enough support for a subsidized bus service from the remaining 10 per cent of the population which he suspects relies on tourism for income, so is on the verge of hanging up his keys.

"I'm doing a pretty severe downsizing of the company," he said. A potential buyer dropped by Sunday to test drive the bus. Cade is looking for another job and his Salt Spring home is up for sale.

Most of the people he has talked to about bus service agree philosophically with the need for transit and the need for transit service to be subsidized. But he feels his efforts to establish some form of subsidized service have been hampered since he owned the bus company, creating an immediate conflict-of-interest.

He feels someone who has no such conflict should spearhead a drive to offer transit to tourists. "Nobody feels it is a really big, important issue," he said.

But even if island merchants now agreed to subsidize a summer bus service, Cade wonders how he would survive the other 10 months of the year.

He points out the momentum he built up by offering bus service for the past two summers is

now being lost, so it will be harder for someone else to get transit rolling.

He had hoped his bus service would bring visitors to the island to boost the local economy without adding to traffic and parking problems. Without tourism, local businesses see their incomes drop, Cade said, creating a downward spiral that spreads throughout the island. "Everybody better wake up and smell the coffee — this island's in a depression and sliding fast. We have to have an economy, otherwise we don't have a community."

Cade now hopes he won't have to leave the island to find employment. "There's that blind belief that if you really work hard and really believe in what you're doing and really serve your customers, then things will go your way," he said.

"It hasn't happened so far but I still believe in that."

One of Cade's proposals was for a bus service between Ganges and Victoria which would drive on to the ferry like the Vancouver Island—Lower Mainland Pacific Coach Line buses. He has submitted that proposal to B.C. Ferries and it is being reviewed along with the service options proposed by the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee.

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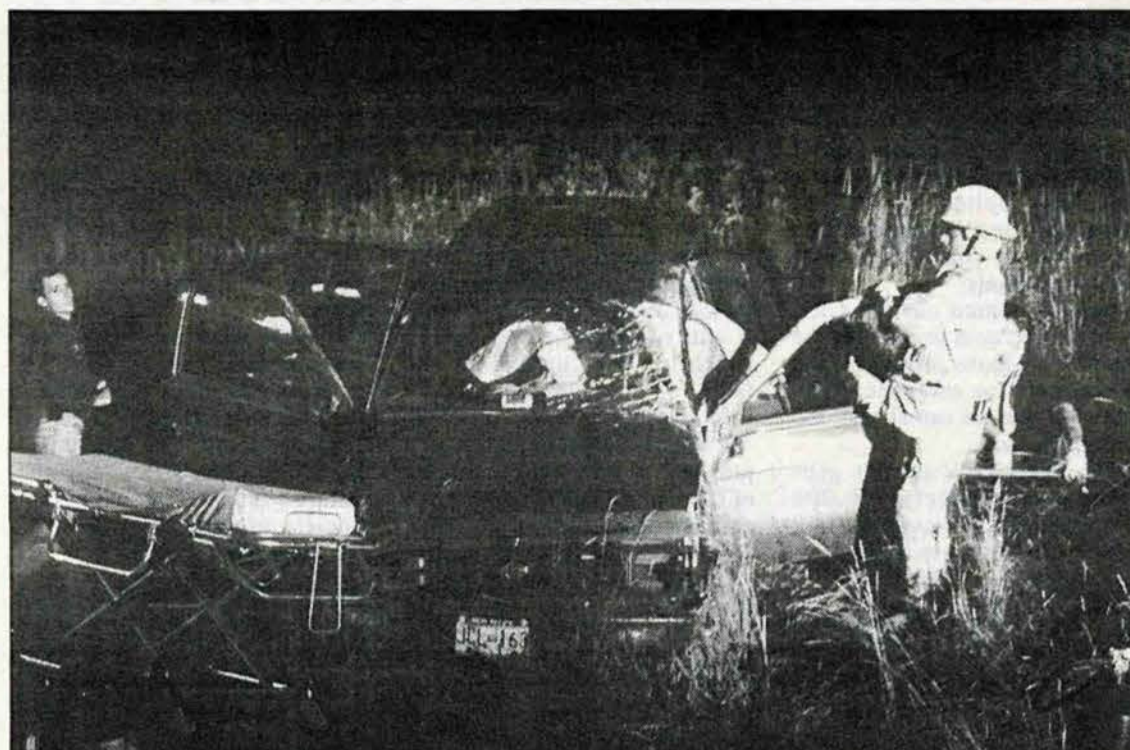
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RESCUE IN PROGRESS: Ambulance crews and volunteer firefighters work in the glare of headlights to rescue a woman trapped in a vehicle following an accident Saturday night

in the 300 block of Musgrave Road. The rescue was delayed because 911 dispatchers did not call the fire department when the accident was first reported.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

Mischief causes near disaster

Ganges RCMP have received numerous complaints of vandalism, including mischief to a truck which could have caused serious injury.

Last Wednesday, a rear tire fell off a truck as it was driven down Stewart Road.

Luckily, police say, the driver had slowed to pass cyclists and was only crawling along the road when the tire fell off. Neither the driver nor her pas-

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sengers were injured in the incident.

Upon investigation, it was discovered the bolts on the tires had been loosened, causing the mishap.

Other vandalism complaints included:

- The sink in the men's wash-room at Centennial Park was ripped from the wall last Wednesday and the park's grassy area was driven on.

- Grass at several island schools has been damaged by drivers.

- A boat moored at the Vesuvius dock was vandalized during the night of July 6. The door was torn off the boat and numerous items stolen.

- The windshield of a car parked on Maliview Drive was smashed with a hammer sometime during the night of July 6.

- In the evening of July 4 a vehicle drove into the fence at Blackburn Meadows causing approximately \$200 in damages.

- Three small trees at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club were broken, and the green at the eighth hole was gouged with a rake handle, sometime Friday night.

Anyone with information regarding these offenses is asked to contact the Ganges RCMP or CrimeStoppers.

In other police news:

- A driver and two passengers were taken to Lady Minto Hospital and treated for injuries following a single vehicle accident on North End Road last Wednesday.

Police say the 18-year-old driver swerved to avoid a deer and lost control of his vehicle, crossing the road, striking a small tree and flipping over.

The two female passengers were 15 and 17 years old. The 1997 Ford Aerostar suffered extensive damage.



CLOSE CALL: Lydia Wilson smiles and jokingly asks for a ride after a frightening mishap on Stewart Road last Wednesday. Police say the tire of the Wilson vehicle came off after someone tampered with the bolts. Luckily, the truck was moving slowly when the incident occurred.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Crash rescue delayed

Rescue of an island woman from a crash late Saturday night was delayed by almost 15 minutes because emergency 911 dispatchers didn't include the fire department in the initial call.

Police and ambulance were dispatched to the accident in the 300 block of Musgrave Road at 11:10 p.m.

But the fire department wasn't called until 11:25 p.m., after police realized the Jaws of Life would be required to open the driver-side door and remove the victim.

"They wondered why the fire department wasn't there," fire chief Les Wagg said. With a half five

minutes from the accident scene, firefighters could have been first at the scene.

"I figure we got called when they got there and realized they couldn't get the driver out. That was quite a delay for the patient."

Wagg said both the RCMP and the B.C. Ambulance Service have instructions to call the volunteer fire department to motor vehicle accidents on the island. Not being called by 911 dispatchers means accident victims do not receive all the help available, Wagg added.

"It doesn't make me happy. It's not fair to the public," Wagg said.

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CRD drops price on Outer Island sewage disposal costs

Outer Islanders will get a price break if they ship their liquid waste to Salt Spring, following a Capital Regional District (CRD) board resolution Wednesday to drop the processing cost for outer islands liquid waste.

Until Wednesday, Outer Gulf Islands residents wanting to dispose of septage and/or sewage treatment plant sludge at the CRD liquid waste treatment plant in Salt Spring's Burgoyne Bay paid 24 cents a gallon.

Wednesday's resolution

CRD BRIEFS

dropped that fee to 15 cents a gallon, equal to the amount charged to process septage/sludge from Salt Spring. An annual \$20 parcel tax paid by Salt Spring property owners originally allowed the lower disposal rate.

But once other Gulf Islanders were charged 24 cents a gallon to dispose of liquid waste on Salt Spring, figures showed the

waste was going to Victoria, explained Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Committee chairman Terry Bolton. So the fees were dropped Wednesday to equal those charged to Salt Spring residents.

Bolton pointed out the CRD pays a fixed cost to operate the facility, so more inflow means lower costs for everyone. "The more volume we can attract, the better," he said.

The Outer Gulf Islands generate approximately 100,000 gallons worth of liquid waste a year. At 15 cents a gallon,

that's worth an extra \$15,000 to the processing plant.

"We're trying to get some of that 100,000 gallons a year back to Salt Spring to help pay for the facility," Bolton said, adding that the new treatment facility is nearing completion. It will replace the pilot model which has been used since last fall.

In other CRD news:

• Board members approved a proposal to take over operation of the Outer Gulf Islands' small craft harbours, which are being dropped by the federal Ministry

of Transport and Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

• A policy to provide water for public fire protection from the Magic Lake Estates local water service area on North Pender was approved by the CRD.

• A two-year lease agreement was approved between the CRD and the Canadian government for East Point Regional Park on Saturna Island. The agreement includes permission for the Saturna Island Fire Protection Society to store equipment on the lighthouse site.

'Ruling supports decks as highways not government subsidy for ferries'

Support for traffic tickets: yes. Support for ferry tickets: no.

That's the interpretation B.C. Ferries assistant vice-president Jeanette McKay puts on a June 18 B.C. Supreme Court ruling that ferries are part of the highway system.

Justice Romilly concluded that the ferry deck is a highway subject to Motor Vehicle Act regulations, thus making it possible for Gregory Wong to be charged with two driving offences arising from a January 4, 1996 incident on the Queen of Cowichan.

McKay said the ruling is

good for B.C. Ferries since it establishes police have authority under the Motor Vehicle Act to enforce driving regulations on ferry decks.

But using the court ruling to push government subsidy of ferries as part of the highway system "would be a stretch," she said. She doesn't think the wording of the judge's decision holds the same weight as declaring the ferries an extension of the highway.

But for Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell, the judge's ruling "confirms what islanders have been telling the B.C. government for decades — that the ferries are our highway system for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

"You need consistent and reliable service, just as other

B.C. residents expect from highway systems in their area," he added. This summer, Coell said he has received a steady stream of complaints about reduced service to the Gulf Islands.

"We've had hundreds of letters and phone calls over the past few months from people who are dissatisfied with the present service schedule," he said. "I believe the ferry system needs to be considered an essential service and routes must be maintained, rather than cut back as they were this summer."

Coell brought up the issue of the ferries as a highway system during discussion of B.C. Ferries funding in the provincial legislature and promises to keep pushing the point.

Crown lands transfer discussed

Talks towards transferring three parcels of Crown land in southwestern Salt Spring to Capital Regional District (CRD) parks are continuing with a little help from the Islands Trust.

Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh arranged a meeting last Thursday between CRD parks and B.C. Lands staff to discuss the concept. Another meeting is slated for August 7, at which McIntosh hopes the transfer process will commence.

Although the Islands Trust is not directly involved in the proposed transfer, McIntosh said the concept is supported by the Trust. He offered to arrange Thursday's meeting.

The three parcels are on Mount Sullivan, Bruce Peak and Hope Hill, adjacent to the existing 640-acre regional park on the Mill Farm property.

Combined with the Mill Farm, the Crown lands would create a 1,180-acre park in the southwest corner of Salt Spring.

McIntosh is encouraged that both CRD regional parks staff and B.C. Lands are meeting to discuss the idea. "It's good news that it's still proceeding."

Trust plans DPA details release later this summer

Development permit area details for the new official community plan (OCP) should be released to the public later this summer.

Senior planner Linda Adams reported at the July 10 Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting that a rough draft of proposals has been referred to the Advisory Planning Commission and the public should be able to peruse them "fairly shortly."

No exact timeline has been set, but formal public discussion on the OCP should resume in the fall.

Mapping of the four proposed development permit areas is being contracted out, Adams said.

An island-wide development permit area was proposed in the first OCP draft and subsequently removed due to public pressure. However, input on the OCP's second draft suggested certain environmentally sensitive areas of the island should be protected through use of development permit areas, as outlined in the Municipal Act.

Adams also noted that B.C. Lands' disagreement with the proposed OCP's designation of Salt Spring's Crown lands for public park use "will have to be resolved before we go forward." Support from several government agencies such as B.C. Lands is needed before the Minister of Municipal Affairs will accept the OCP bylaw.

If the local Trust committee cannot get an agreement from B.C. Lands, the problem will have to be worked out between B.C. Lands and Municipal Affairs, Adams said.

Shellfish harvesting prohibited

Harvesting of bivalve molluscs, including clams, oysters, mussels and scallops, is closed in the area of Sansum Narrows, Satellite Channel, the Saanich Inlet and the Sidney and Victoria waterfront from Swartz Bay to Race Rocks.

The closure was implemented by Fisheries and Oceans Canada due to high levels of paralytic shellfish poison — also known as PSP or red tide — in the area. The closure will continue until further notice.

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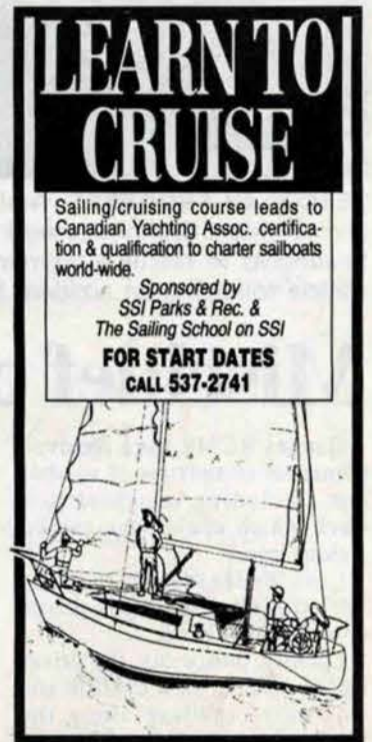
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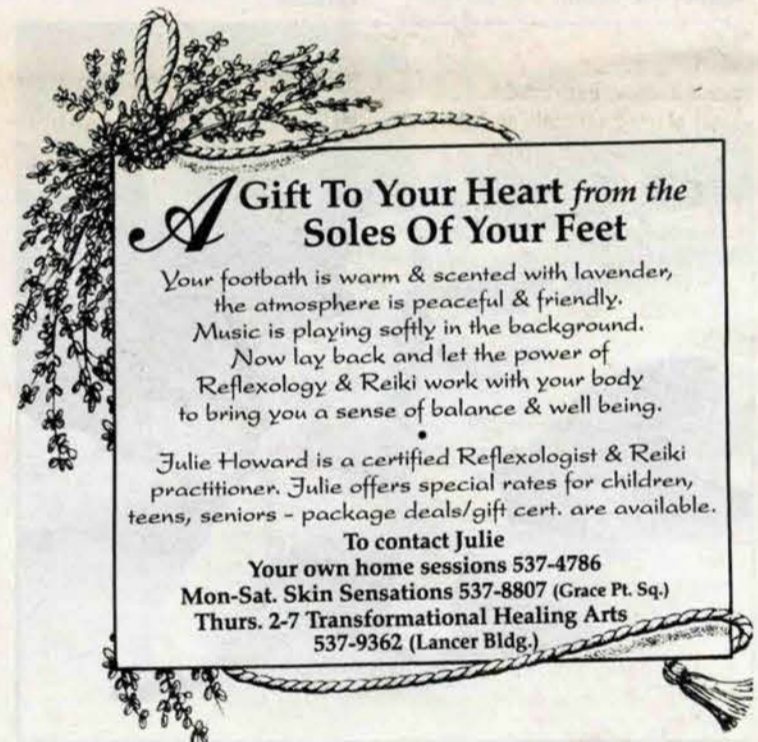


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Autographs, please

"Stuck on an Island" author Jackie Watson, left, and illustrator Migs Russell-Edwards were on hand outside Island Books Plus on

Saturday. The two were signing copies of their book in front of a beat-up "island car" which is featured in the book.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Tour bus parking established

A parking spot for tour buses has been set aside in Ganges, but it won't be used until the signs are in place.

Part of the parking area on Lower Ganges Road just south of the Tourist Information Centre was agreed upon earlier this year by local elected officials and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Tour buses often park on Fulford-Ganges Road outside of Centennial Park, but that means they have to leave Ganges via the busy Mouat's/ Thrifty's parking lot.

Chamber manager Melva Geldreich said the signs, which will be hooded or removable for non-peak times, have been ordered and will be installed by JJM Maintenance when staff have time to do it.

Salt Spring's local Trust committee agreed last month to spend \$200 of its local expend fund to purchase the signs from the highways ministry.

Hold on taxi licence removed

Salt Spring Taxi is back on the road after a brief spell without its licence.

Dayle Gaetz, mother of Salt Spring Taxi owner Brian Gaetz, said the Motor Carrier Commission's "hold" was taken off his licence on the afternoon of July 8, after Driftwood had gone to press.

While they were notified of the change by the Motor Carrier Commission's office late Tuesday afternoon, the actual certificate needed was then temporarily misplaced by the courier company sending it from the mainland.

Dayle Gaetz said a mistake on documents made by the insurance company had caused the original problem with the taxi licence.

John Cade of Azure Transport Ltd. said his company is also using the temporary taxi licence permit it received from the Motor Carrier Commission, until August 2.

Junk mail delivery can now be stopped

Islanders can reject flyers and other advertising mail just by posting a notice in their mailboxes.

As of July 1, Canada Post instituted a new program which allows people to reject delivery of unaddressed mail, which may include free samples, coupons, flyers, circulars, government mailings, free distribution magazines, catalogues, non-profit and event information.

To stop delivery of unaddressed mail, attach a note to that effect inside the mailbox door. Unaddressed mail will not be delivered to that mailbox as long as the note is in place.

Notes should not be placed on the outside of the mailbox as those will be removed as part of the postal service maintenance.

The only unaddressed mail which will continue to be delivered

will be mailings from the House of Commons, community newspapers and messages from Elections Canada and provincial chief electoral officers.

Ganges postmistress Lynda Traer said Monday that 20 people have come into the post office since July 1 to ask to have flyer delivery to their mailbox stopped. She is now collecting information from postal couriers on the number of people who have placed notes in their mailboxes rejecting flyer delivery.

"Salt Spring does have a problem with flyer litter," Traer said. "Hopefully this will help."

A card outlining how to stop flyer delivery is available from the post office. Anyone wanting further information can call Canada Post customer service at 1-800-267-1177.

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Worsening ferry service angers islanders, committee members

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Compensating for cuts of \$60 to \$70 million in government revenues from B.C. Ferries' budget is like trying to compensate for hitting an iceberg.

"It's like — shall I say it — trying to re-arrange the deck chairs on the Titanic," remarked B.C. Ferries planning services manager Ian Curtin at the July 8 Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee meeting.

He said traffic has increased to the point that the entire ferry system is pushed to its limit and trying to "tweak" one part of the system to resolve one problem just creates problems elsewhere. In addition, costs must be cut.

"Something being 'tweaked' — is that the euphemism for the ferries not sailing?" asked Salt Spring's Neville Atkinson.

"There are some very hard choices to be made," Curtin said. "We haven't found the magic bullet."

Frustration over the lack of a solution after two and a half years was expressed by committee members who are also struggling with poorer service to their home islands.

John Money of Saturna said problems with the present ferry service are overshadowing any planning being done by the advisory committee. "People don't give a shit about the process now because the ser-

vice is going to hell."

The proposed winter schedule for Saturna will be even worse than the current summer schedule, with only two boats a day to the island, he added.

Jonathan Chilvers reported "huge distress" on Mayne over current ferry service. "If you're asking me to communicate (on behalf of B.C. Ferries) with the wider public on Mayne Island, I would like a suit of chain mail first," he remarked.

Bill Foster and Runciman Hooley of Galiano cited the impact of poor ferry service on the island's bed and breakfast operators, including a 60 per cent drop in hospitality industry revenue.

Atkinson charged that the B.C. Ferries corporation has "completely lost its way" and no longer puts the public first.

Repeated requests from the committee to meet with the provincial government over cutbacks in ferry funding have been unsuccessful, noted Patrick Brown (South Pender).

"While we have been sitting here fiddling, Rome has been burning," he said, adding that ferry service is deteriorating as funding drops.

Salt Spring's Drew Thorburn agreed the ferry advisory committee needs to put political pressure on the government to fund ferry service. "We're all headed for the political arena."

Looking around the table,

Gary Burgin (Saturna) noted the advisory committee was down to 10 island representatives from the original 30. He felt this reflected the drawn-out process and focus on budget-cutting over planning a better service. "I look at two and a half years and I'm unhappy."

But not everyone was pessimistic.

Ken Lee said he hoped the as-yet-unanalyzed Village Bay hub proposal (S-5a) from the Salt Spring Advisory Transportation Committee would prove to be flexible and affordable enough to provide good service to the Gulf Islands.

Money reported the S-5a option was favourably received at a public meeting on Saturna.

B.C. Ferries assistant vice-president Jeanette McKay said increased B.C. Ferries debt to serve other routes — including three just-announced passenger ferries — would not be passed onto Gulf Islands routes but would mean less money available from the profitable Vancouver Island-Lower Mainland routes to cross-subsidize Gulf Islands sailings.

She added that the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands Route 9 could be built on and the needs of Salt Spring-based B.C. Ferries' employees met. "It may mean Route 9 has to change but it doesn't mean it has to go."

Ferry committee answers questions

Opinions of Salt Spring's representatives on the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee were among questions posed by the public at a June 18 meeting on ferry issues.

Two of those questions are answered below by the Salt Spring representatives.

Question: What do the ferry advisory reps feel about the B.C. Ferries service option #11 proposal which closes Long Harbour and directs all Vancouver and Outer Island traffic through Swartz Bay?

Answer: Closing Long Harbour would be disastrous not only for Salt Spring's tourist business but also for the village of Fulford Harbour which would be gridlocked until the existing terminal footprint was doubled and its access roads completely redesigned.

Closing Long Harbour would signal acceptance of a Swartz Bay hub concept in serving Salt Spring

and the Outer Islands. In our opinion, Swartz Bay is hardly viable on busy weekends today, never mind the future.

Our official community plan calls for retention of the existing three terminals on Salt Spring and a redesign of ferry schedules to manage peak demands and to promote more user-friendly lift-off and return times from Long Harbour by Tsawwassen-bound passengers. Easy access and return between Salt Spring and the Outer Islands for the purposes of inter-island commerce and services is also important. It is possible that the better the service, the more it might cost, but if we save time, don't we also save money and aggravation? Tough choices!

Question: What do the ferry advisory reps see as the major problem of the existing southern Gulf Islands ferry system?

Answer: Route 9 (Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands - Long Harbour) sim-

ply doesn't work. In spite of the best efforts of the ferry workers, the multi-port stops and the complex loading and unloading arrangements work against reliable on-time service and create a voyage which is far too long and expensive.

We are convinced that a hub on one of the Outer Islands might give better customer service. We want to achieve a system that has better connections, greater reliability, more frequent sailings at more convenient times and equal service for all islands at affordable fares. Mayne Island (Village Bay terminal) looks like it might be the right location for the hub (certainly not Swartz Bay) with strong support from Salt Spring via Long Harbour where there is a pool of trained staff. These options are currently being tested to see how they might impact on operating costs, customer satisfaction and island economies.

Driftwood editorial praised at gathering

The work of a Driftwood reporter-editorial writer was praised before an international gathering of newspaper editors on Saturday in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Martin Sommersness, a professor of journalism at Northern Arizona University, described Valorie Lennox as "a brilliant writer" during the presentation of awards to members of the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors (ISWNE).

Sommersness judged the society's annual Golden Quill Award, selecting an editorial written last year by Lennox as one of 12 finalists — known as the Golden Dozen — in the competition.

Lennox's editorial, which was published on November 27, criticized the local teachers' contract for being unrealistic in today's world.

The competition's 143 entries displayed "a wealth of diversity, ability, insight, humour, style, knowledge and — most importantly — courage," Sommersness wrote in his comments about the winning editorials.

Driftwood publisher Tony Richards accepted the award for Lennox. The presentations were made at ISWNE's annual conference, which is attended by editors of community newspapers located in Canada and the United States.

Richards was elected to the board of directors of the society during the meeting.

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OPINION

At the mercy of ferries

Since the birth of this country 130 years ago, Canadians have been aware of the challenges of geography. The building of railways and highways to link the far-flung communities that comprise Canada has long been a key aspect of federal transportation policy.

As the country has developed, however, the need for government involvement in transportation has decreased. The private sector is proving for the most part that it is capable of meeting the transportation needs of Canadians without government regulation.

Such is the state of transportation at the national level. It bears no resemblance to the situation in the Gulf Islands.

Islanders and their visitors continue to rely heavily on government support for the links provided by the B.C. Ferry Corporation, just as other communities in British Columbia rely upon their highways.

When one or two of those links is cut — as occurred last week with the six-day loss of the Queen of the Nanaimo and the brief loss of the Skeena Queen, the impact reverberates throughout the islands.

Most at risk is the all-important tourist industry. The economic health of the Gulf Islands is tied firmly to the steady stream of visitors who come to sample the natural beauty, small-town ambiance and artistic atmosphere.

Many of the services which islanders enjoy year-round — particularly on Salt Spring — exist only because of the infusion of tourist dollars which make them viable. From real estate sales to potters in the Saturday market, the local economy must draw money from off-island to survive.

But most visitors come for a relaxing break — not to negotiate a series of transportation barriers. They want their reservations to be honoured, their interests considered and some realization by B.C. Ferries that they are people with lives and schedules, not just cars in a lineup.

The mechanical problems which created so much havoc for those trying to reach the islands last week were bad enough. But misleading information about when and how ferries would sail only made matters worse. That misinformation led to the stranding of more than one would-be traveller.

We recognize B.C. Ferries has a tough financial nut to crack with aging ships, reduced provincial government funding and increasing demand. Addressing those issues is part of the responsibility of the ferries advisory committee, a body that has been working on a plan for the islands for more than two years. But its final report, last scheduled for release this summer, has been delayed yet again, with February as the new target date.

The islands cannot afford to wait that long for much-needed improvements in service. If a trip to the islands gains a reputation as an endurance test, how long will people keep coming? It's not a holiday if you have to go through hell to reach it.

If the visitors stop coming, if commuters can't reliably commute and if budget cutbacks contribute further to deteriorating service, how will Gulf Islands communities survive?

To islanders, transportation remains key to their livelihood. It would be reassuring to hear the provincial government and its ferry service acknowledge that fact and pursue a transportation policy that served the needs of island communities.

Finishing ArtSpring

Part 7

Hope springs eternal for the grant which will complete ArtSpring, but it appears the money won't be flowing for a while.

When the Island Arts Centre Society made its application for federal-provincial infrastructure funding for ArtSpring, there were signs that it might not be a long wait.

But according to ArtSpring supporters, it appears now that the large volume of grant applications has slowed the approval process. What was expected to be a six-week wait has now become somewhat longer.

With that in mind we suspend an editorial campaign we began seven weeks ago to help propel the movement towards completion of the arts centre.

In our view the decision-makers have been furnished with sufficient information to justify the awarding of the grant.

For the time being, we shall turn our thoughts to ArtSpring's opening party, pencilled in on our calendar for April 1, 1998!



Artists, not our politicians, dance to the heart beat drum

By ADRIAN DU PLESSIS

When I take long ferry rides I like to grab what newspapers I can and find out what's considered new or worth reporting in this world.

On my last trip, Vancouver-bound, headline stories told how one unarmed young man was shot in the back and killed, and a teenage boy was tortured and slain by Canadian "peace-keepers" in Somalia. In counterpoint to evidence of political interference at top levels was our prime minister's tune: "There is no cover-up."

Sailing home I found front page news to celebrate. Among those receiving the Order of Canada for outstanding achievement and service to this country, one name sang out: Buffy Sainte-Marie. An artist so direct, so honest and so familiar, it seems almost rude to refer to her by surname. So I won't. The best news is that Buffy will grace the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts with a performance this Sunday night.

Born on Saskatchewan's Piapot Reserve, Buffy was orphaned when only months old. After her mother was killed in an accident, she was "effectively kidnapped" and placed in a non-Indian home to be raised in a white environment in Maine and Massachusetts. In her mid-teens good fortune enabled her to discover her roots and be reunited with Cree relatives who'd been kept ignorant of her whereabouts. (Many Indian children suffered similar displacement.)

Planning on a teaching career, after obtaining a B.A. in Oriental philosophy and education, life took another course. Self-taught on guitar and piano, power as a songwriter placed Buffy in the vanguard of a flowering cultural movement in the 1960s.

Universal Soldier remains one of the most potent anti-war songs ever recorded: "He's the universal soldier/ and he really is to blame/ His orders come from far away no more/ They come from him, and you, and me/ And brothers can't you see/ this is not the way we put an end to war."



VIEW POINT

Such sentiments earned Buffy a place on the U.S. government's blacklist of artists during the Vietnam War era.

Opposed to violence and destruction, Buffy's also known for writing cherished love ballads.

Until It's Time For You to Go, a simple, beautiful lyric she says is about "leaving space in your life for life to happen," has been recorded by over 200 artists in 16 different languages. In 1982 Buffy received an Academy Award for co-writing Up Where We Belong, a tune for the movie An Officer and a Gentleman.

When pregnant with her son Dakota, Buffy stopped recording and touring. From 1976-1992 she focussed on "being a mommy and an artist." She wrote songs, movie scores, a children's book, got her Ph.D. and began creating digital art with a computer. She performed at benefit concerts (many in support of Indian causes and on reserves) but her most visible presence was on Sesame Street. Over five seasons Buffy showed viewers that Indians exist not just in history books — and she explained breastfeeding to Big Bird.

Since re-emerging as a recording artist, Buffy has released two CDs and given the world more songs of gentle and hard truth. The Big Ones Get Away, inspired by the 1980s Iran Contra hearings, could have been written about the Somalia scandal in today's headlines. Through the magic of the creative process, it's a gift of the true artist to reach us with a timeless voice.

Opening for Buffy will be Salt Spring's own inspiring vocal presence, Lisa Maxx. In this rare and special performance Lisa will share her country-inflected songs and guitar stylings crafted over recent years developing as a solo artist.

All of us fortunate to be at Sunday night's event can be certain, whether it's politics of the physical world or of the heart, there'll be no cover-up here.

Adrian du Plessis is a Salt Spring resident.

The best news is that Buffy will grace the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts with a performance this Sunday night.

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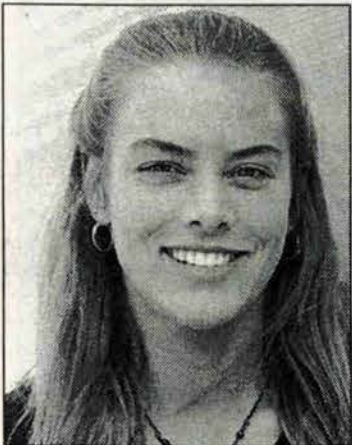
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We Asked: Did you expect to find bus service on Salt Spring?



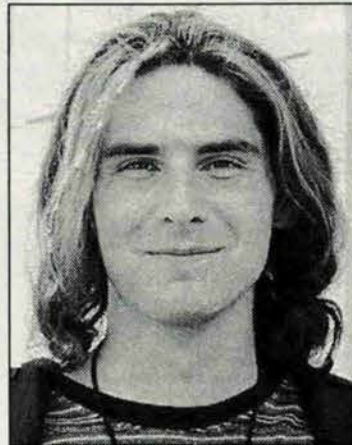
**Kristie Rancher
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No, I didn't really think of it. I didn't even think there would be taxis. I thought the community was a lot smaller (than it is).



**Kate Turney
of Victoria**

Yes, I thought there would be a bus service because Ganges is growing and continuing to grow. If I had found one it wouldn't surprise me.



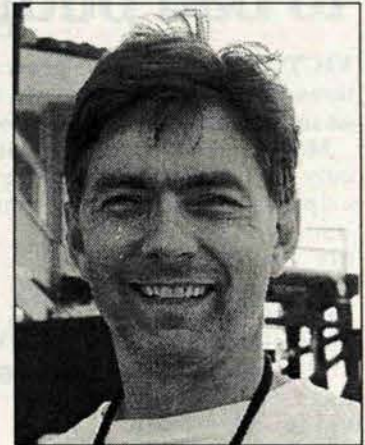
**David Fletcher
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Yes and no. I know there's been a bus existing and I did see it drive by. But I was walking into town or hitchhiking — I like to meet the people.



**Shirley Powell
of Victoria**

No. We came in our own car and never thought about a bus service.



**Jim David
of Victoria**

No, I wouldn't expect buses here. It's out of the character of what I'd expect. If B.C. has laws saying no one can hitchhike, Salt Spring can ignore them.

Letters to the Editor

Heron fundraisers

Good work, Linda Cannon! Your June 25 article about The Great Blue Heron was very informative.

I hope it will help raise awareness about the importance of providing wildlife habitat and protecting it. The plight of the oystercatchers on Salt Spring shows that we need to respect and care about wildlife or we will lose it.

Regarding ways for people to contribute to the purchase of the heronry, there were a few options left out of Ms. Cannon's article. Currently, raffle tickets are for sale at Precious Treasures in Grace Point Square, et cetera, Island Books Plus and the Fernwood Market. Tickets are \$2 each and the prize is a framed Bateman heron print which was kindly donated by the Batemans.

The print is on display at Salt Spring Roasting Co. where tickets are also available. The draw for the print will be at the Green Rose Barn Sale on August 23.

You can also make your purchases work for the herons by making use of GVM's save a tape program. Just look for the box with the Great Blue Heron on it.

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Next time you see the majestic Great Blue Heron, remember your donation is helping to ensure the survival of this endangered species.
SHARON BYWATER,
Malivew Drive

Kennel support

I live directly across the road from the proposed kennel site on Long Harbour Road and the lot owned by Tom Little. Let me point out a few facts that Mr. Little, as a non-resident of our area, may not be aware of.

A kennel is not new to this area. In 1987 my husband and I opened a boarding kennel here, which we operated until two years ago. It was

also an indoor facility. We had twice the capacity of the proposed kennel and at least three times the average occupancy. In all that time, we never had a complaint from the neighbours. The most common comment we heard was, "Are you still boarding? How come we never hear anything?"

Most of the residents here have a dog, and several are multiple-dog households. I don't see passers-by reeling from the noise and smell of our street. Why should a fully-enclosed, sound-proofed holding kennel which averages one or two dogs be any different?

Without a holding kennel, our animal control officer will have to transport each impounded animal off-island without a waiting period. This is costly and inefficient. It will decrease our level of service while increasing property taxes for all of Salt Spring. Remember our garbage dump, our rural route mail delivery, our courthouse and our soon-to-be-extinct Route 9? Must we lose yet another service? Do you really want to have to pick your pet up in Victoria if it strays?

In the years we operated a larger kennel, with a big sign at the road, and a well-advertised location (thank you, Driftwood, you did a great job for us!), property values soared unchecked. There was never any problem. To insist that a much smaller facility directly across from us would have a negative impact is ludicrous — or scare mongering — take your pick.

Actually, the zoning here is rural, traditionally associated with the keeping of animals, not residential, as Mr. Little claims. If noise concerns him though, perhaps he could end his unpopular practice of hunting here, saving his bullets and his scare mongering for his own neighbourhood. They do not belong in ours.

LAURA CHRISTIANSON,
Long Harbour Road

Generosity

I feel it necessary to respond to apparent confusion surrounding the generous purchase of Canada Day fireworks by Brian Hauff of Salt

Spring Island Village Resort.

Beginning with Canada's 125th birthday in 1992, the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a fireworks display as part of Canada Day celebrations on Salt Spring Island. Volunteer members of the Salt Spring Fire Department have set up and launched these displays before increasingly larger crowds of spectators.

It was extremely disappointing to learn in early June of this year that the Chamber of Commerce would be unable to provide fireworks for this year's celebrations due to lack of funds. So with this very short notice, we began an appeal for assistance in funding this year's display. Among the names suggested was that of Mr. Hauff.

Upon hearing about our request for assistance, Mr. Hauff immediately agreed to help and promptly delivered a cheque for \$3,500. Mr. Hauff's generosity was genuine and sincere and, judging by the enormous crowd in attendance, very much appreciated.
JEFF OUTERBRIDGE,
Vice-president
Salt Spring Island Volunteer Firefighters' Association

Head in clouds

On July 7, three ferries on three different routes had mechanical problems.

That is a horrible track record for one single day! And they are raising the ferry rates to such unaffordable rates, yet they can't even afford to have proper maintenance on the ferries! What is the matter?

They have their heads in the clouds. Haven't they learned yet that to be successful you have to start at the grassroots.

Also, the ferry committee and officials should keep in mind the recent ruling of the courts that the ferries are an extension of our highway system, and make it easier rather than more difficult for us islanders to use them.

MARIANNA MIDDELBERG,
Salt Spring Island

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Morfitt seeks answers to bad budget forecast

VICTORIA — Auditor general George Morfitt is walking through a political minefield these days. He's conducting an independent inquiry into last year's budget fiasco.

Morfitt's path is fraught with obstacles you usually find only in a war zone, but if he succeeds in rooting out the culprits that derailed the process which normally should lead to a responsible and fairly accurate fiscal forecast, then, in the parlance of his profession, he will have delivered value for the money.

CAPITAL COMMENT
HUBERT BEYER



When Clark was one of the pitbulls in opposition, he very much wanted Morfitt to become auditor general, which he eventually did. That was in 1988. In 1994, Morfitt was re-appointed for another six-year term.

And just about now, Clark probably wishes Morfitt was fine-tuning his golf game instead of fishing in murky political waters.

What Morfitt intends to find out is how a budget that, before the last election, according to the government, would deliver a surplus, ended up deeply in red ink. And the outcome could be very embarrassing for the government and a handful of top bureaucrats.

The way in which Morfitt proceeds signals a tough inquiry. He is placing witnesses under oath, a procedure employed very effectively by former conflict of interest commissioner Ted Hughes. Remember, Hughes got the ball rolling that eventually bowled over former premier Bill Vander Zalm.

If Morfitt simply interviewed the key players in the budget fiasco, chances are they would colour their accounts to protect themselves. Under oath, they are compelled to tell the truth to the best of their recollections.

Placing senior finance ministry officials under oath also protects them against possible retaliation from their political masters. In short, under oath, witnesses tend to run for cover.

There has been much speculation how a budget forecast can promise a surplus during an election campaign and turn out to be deep in deficit right after the election.

The government has steadfastly maintained the discrepancy was due to economic fluctuations and a flawed forecast procedure. Critics says the government knew damned well before the election that the budget was headed for a deficit, but hid that fact from voters to win the election.

I agree with the critics. Since the controversy first flared up, a lot of finance ministry documents and memos have surfaced, many of which warned the government at the time that its budget forecast was too optimistic.

But the premier knew that the forecast of a budget deficit would severely hamper his chances of squeezing another mandate out of the voters. So he stuck with the optimistic forecast.

Both critics and defenders of the government agree that any budget forecast is somewhat flawed, particularly in a province that relies so heavily on revenue from natural resources, which can fluctuate wildly and without notice. But even that doesn't account for the fiasco of last year's budget projections.

Morfitt's inquiry may produce two beneficial results: the forecast procedure may be changed to reflect the vagaries of economic forecasts, and governments may in future be less inclined to hoodwink the public.

At times like this, it becomes obvious why we have agencies, independent of government, to keep the system on the straight and narrow. Can you imagine the results of an internal finance ministry investigation into this or any other matter, the results of which may or may not be released to the public?

Morfitt has shown in the past that he's no patsy. If he finds dirt, he'll expose it, albeit in somewhat more diplomatic language than your average newspaper columnist would use.

But that's alright. I'll translate Morfitt's findings into very plain English.

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Flower girl

Jessica Meyer collects bunches of yarrow for fellow islander T.T. Miles. She was picking the Oasis Dried Flower Gardens, a business run by flowers under sunny skies on Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

More letters

Virtual brain

When I phoned our local Bank of Montreal branch, I didn't reach one of the friendly people there.

My mind boggled furiously as a virtual voice told me that all agents were busy, but hanging on would be faster than hanging up. Virtual music, suitable for rubber-room occupants, followed. More soothing words from the virtual voice, more celestial music, until finally a human arrived, listened briefly, then transferred the call from Montreal or wherever to here.

This, on Salt Spring? Has MBanx been fitted with a virtual brain? It is possible.

ANDREW GIBSON,
Rainbow Road

Horsdal response

Regarding the accusation of "rudeness" I am judged for by an anonymous letter writer, who has sent copies to my husband, the Driftwood and "others," I am left

no recourse but to use a public forum in response.

The facts are this: We arrived at 7:25 p.m. for the 8 p.m. performance with pre-purchased tickets in my friend's purse. My visitor from off-island needed a wash-room, went inside, was refused and told to wait by the doors which were opened at 7:35 p.m.

Your further insinuations that I exploit the privilege of being mar-

ried to a celebrity are ridiculous and petty.

Had you spoken with me at the time of the perceived injustice, you might have spared yourself your "disgust," mistaken assumptions, subsequent festering and letter-writing campaign.

KATHLEEN HORSDAL,
Fulford

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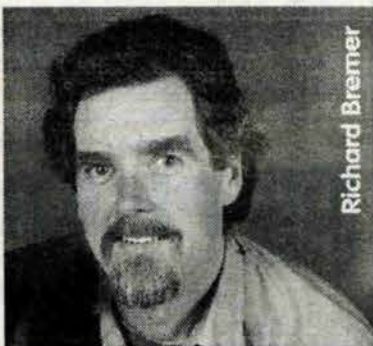
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More letters

Imaginary expert

Regarding the "Gunnits better" letter, July 2 issue: Here we have proof again that common sense and courtesy cannot be taught!

You, no doubt, are a figment or expert driver in your own imagination.
FRED STOERIG,
Salt Spring Island

Ferry highway

Your July 2 front page article on the B.C. Supreme Court ruling by Justice Rommerly that the car decks of B.C. Ferries are part of the highway system of B.C. failed to explain the significance of this ruling and its potential implication to every business and individual throughout the Gulf Islands.

Glen Clark and the NDP government are ending the provincial subsidy to the ferry corporation and a major part of the rationale is that the ferries are not part of the highway system in this province and therefore should not receive provincial government funding. The funding has dropped from approximately \$21 million four years ago, to \$4.5 million last year and will be reduced to zero.

The Supreme Court ruling directly overrules the government's argument and means that the ferry corporation should continue to receive funding from the provincial government in order to help maintain services and replace assets just as any other part of the highway system in B.C. does.

This affects all of us on the islands. We all pay the various taxes that go into government coffers and we see a much smaller proportion coming back in services to the Gulf Islands. Currently the B.C. Ferry Corporation is being asked to come up with proposals to amend services so that it can break even on the basis of receiving no subsidy at all.

When you consider that all of the northern and southern Gulf Islands services lose money, then you can see that these potential service revisions could drastically affect the ferry service we receive in the future which would hit us all personally and hit business and tourism throughout the Gulf Islands.

We should all be lobbying the government to change its policy in the light of this ruling and maintain provincial funding to the ferries.

GUY ROWELL,
Humphreys Hill

Unimpressed

I don't know Wes Broad and his gunnit buddies, so I really couldn't comment on their driving abilities — though I suspect they're not a quarter as good as Wes seems to think.

It's a fact, after all, that by far the greatest proportion of accidents are caused by young male drivers aged 16-24.

However, in fairness I can only refer to my own experience. Several years ago I worked as a mining geologist in the Yukon Territory and northern B.C., and one time I had a young guy working for me who would probably rate as a gunnit. He drove a Camaro, surely the archetypal gunnitwagon. His favourite, if not his only, topic of conversation was bragging to everyone who would listen about what a first-rate driver he was.

He only drove for me twice. The first time, he backed a 3/4-ton cube van into the Stewart River near Dawson City, and couldn't get it out again. It took the combined efforts of two pickup trucks and a length of choker cable to get him back onto dry land.

The second time, he managed to get a 4x4 pickup stuck axle-deep in a swamp; we had to winch him out of it with a D6 bulldozer.

I wasn't impressed.
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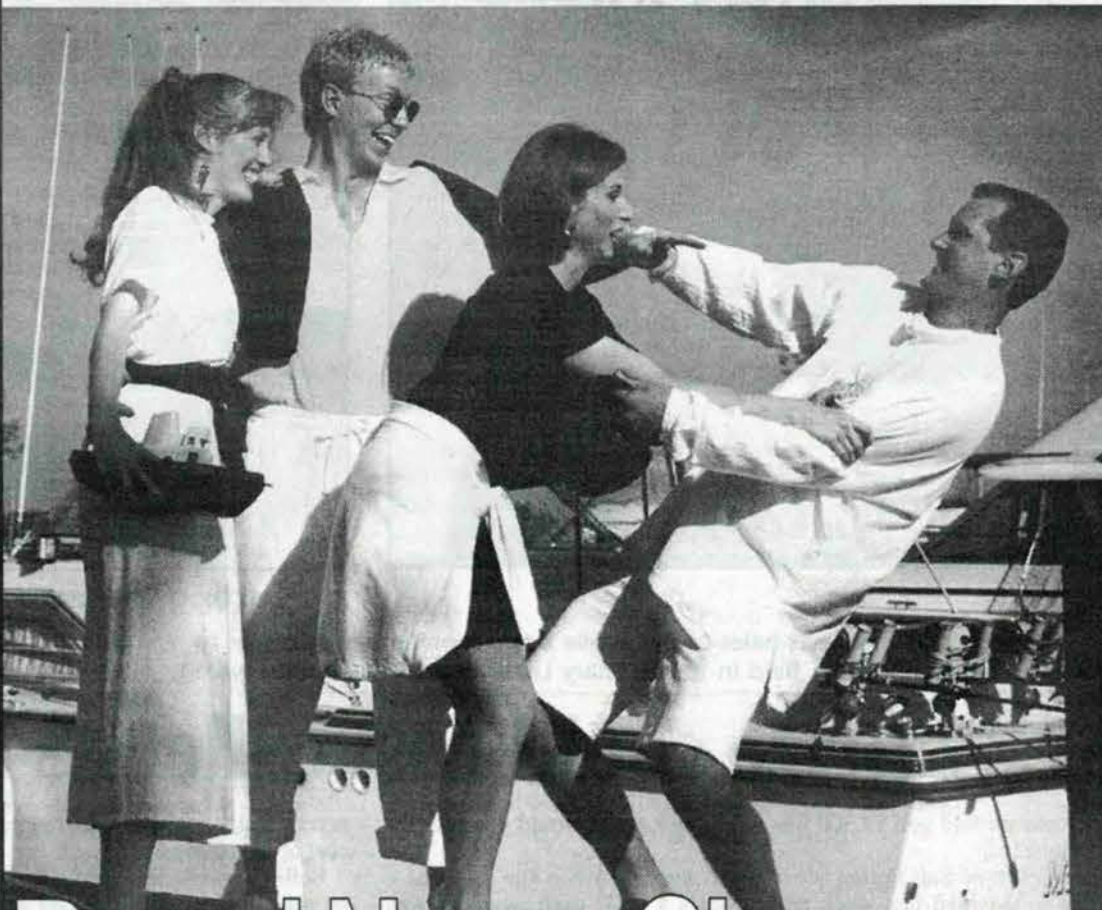
I am happy to say that my faith in true Salt Springers was not misplaced.

In addition to everyone else who has offered me assistance during the past week, I would like to extend a special thank you to Heather and John McNab. Upon reading my letter in last week's edition of the Driftwood they gifted me with their old car.

Somehow, "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. Your generosity leaves me speechless ... and mobile.

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Cutting the crop

John Stepaniuk, left, collects bales of hay while Dave Thomas uses a tractor to pull a hay baler through a field in the St. Mary Lake area. The two men were seen baling the hay on Sunday, under mostly cloudy —un-July — skies.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

\$1.37 prize could cost callers \$40 in scam

If someone told you \$7,500 was only a call away, would you pick up the phone?

Lee Sollitt of Salt Spring wasn't even tempted when she received a notice in the mail last week telling her a \$7,500 cash payment was "pending" in her name.

First she noticed the phone number she had to call was a 1-900 number which would cost her \$4.99 a minute.

Average time for the call would be eight minutes, for a total of almost \$40.

From the fine print on the back of the notice, she discovered her chance of actually winning the \$7,500 was one in 2.9 million.

"There's one chance in 2.9 million that I've won," she observed, adding, "I don't think I have."

The notice promises a guaranteed cash prize but the fine print on the

reverse established the guaranteed prize was \$1.37 — well under the cost of the phone call.

Sollitt said she had seen a television program which reported would-be prize winners could spend from \$40 to \$60 on the pay-per-minute call to discover they had won \$1.37.

The mailing is technically legal but Sollitt fears someone who doesn't read the entire package carefully could be misled into calling.

"It would be so easy for anyone who doesn't know that (the 1-900) is a pay-per-minute number to get ripped off."

For would-be winners who want to submit their prize numbers without incurring the \$4.99 per minute charge, the notice includes instructions for mailing the numbers.

The "award payment document" was sent by the California-based Direct American Marketers Inc. or DAMI.

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Galiano principal named

Judy Raddysh has been hired as the new principal for Galiano Elementary school.

Raddysh, who had been working in Prince George, was one of five applicants short-listed for the position. The five met with community members, trustees and staff representatives June 15 and 16 on Galiano.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said Raddysh has a master of arts degree in administrative leadership from Simon Fraser University and has experience as an elementary teacher, an alternative education teacher, a counselor and has taught French Immersion.

She is married to a children's entertainer, Jim Raddysh, and the couple have two children, involved in community, professional organizations, sports and music. Her parents live on Gabriola, so she is familiar with the islands.

"The candidates we interviewed were all excellent," Duncan said. "Judy (Raddysh) was the best fit."

District schools will re-open September 2

Any parents or students counting the days until the resumption of classes have 47 to go.

Schools will re-open on September 2.

Over the coming school year, professional development/curriculum implementation days will be held on September 19, October 24, November 19, January 30 and February 20, along with one extra day per school and two extra days for Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Winter vacation will be December 22 to January 2 and spring break will be March 16 to 20.

Schools will close for next sum-

mer's vacation on June 26, 1998.

Work will continue in district schools over the summer, using some of the \$142,104 in maintenance funding received from the provincial government. Work to be done includes \$60,000 worth of painting in all schools, changing the library layout at Salt Spring Elementary and a \$10,000 upgrade of the GISS telephone system to add voice mail capabilities.

Gulf Islands School District also received \$197,400 in capital funding from the provincial government to cover asbestos removal and a boiler upgrade at Salt Spring Elementary.

Open fire permits cancelled

The belated arrival of hot, dry summer weather has sparked Salt Spring's fire department to cancel all permits for open fires.

Camp fires are allowed provided a permit is obtained. Burning is also allowed in approved incinerators without a permit, however, the incinerators may only be used in the early morning or late evening.

Those using incinerators are asked to be considerate and avoid burning materials which spread smoke through neighbourhoods.

Damp conditions earlier in the month kept a bush fire in the 400 block of Stewart Road from spreading. Firefighters were called at 3:55 p.m. to the July 5 blaze which was started by a lightning strike.

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DERBY ENTRY: Cara Akerman won a junior division consolation prize for her entry in the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club Fishing Derby held last weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Islanders compete for fishing derby prizes

There were boatloads of winners in the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club Fishing Derby held last weekend.

Major derby prize winners were: Reno trip for two, Steve Paterson; VHF radio, Bernie Reynolds; Little Chief smoker, Rolf Hildred; Harbour House gift certificate, Johnny Bennett; Mouat's gift certificate, Carol Scott; cord of wood, Kerry Ackerman; London Life gift certificate, Chris Acheson; dinner for four at Moby's, Arnie Hengstler; eight-hour sailing/sail, Elaine Fraser; Ducks Unlimited print, Al Warren; largest salmon, Danny Reynolds; second largest salmon, Steve Bal; largest bottom fish, Andrew Archer; hidden weight, Ed Jang.

Junior division winners were: largest bottom fish, Jake McAstocker; second-largest bottom fish, Clayton Ackerman; hid-

den weight, Bradley Watson.

Consolation prize winners in the junior category were: Shawn Wyrozub, Willie Ackerman, Jake McAstocker, Jamie Doucet, Chris Lupino, Cara Akerman, Bradley Watson, Clayton Ackerman, Natalie Lupino, Mike Cornwall, Will Cornwall, Sarah Fraser, Katlynn Fraser, Gordie Fraser.

Adult consolation prize winners were: Julie Sweetnam, Hal Keown, Jim Wheatley, Caroline Reynolds, Sharon Reynolds, Paul Reynolds, Erling Jorgensen, Steve Ball, Donna Keown, Gary Wyrozub, Tina Oliver, Kim McIntyre, Jerry Charish, Dennis Howard, Bill Crandall, Phyllis Jorgenson, Suzanne Archer, Jack Reynolds, Todd McIntyre, Gilles Michaud, Ward Drummond, Tracy Watson, Bob Hollicar, Darren Craig, Andrew Archer, Grant Tamboline, Steve Stevenson.

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on July 1 were Pat Warman and Jim Burford, who finished in first place, followed closely by Stella Bruce and Bill Buckler.

Lois Johnson and Dorothy Sneddon were third, with Blanche Poborsa and Joan Conlan tied for fourth with Shirley Love and Isabelle Richardson.

BRIDGE TRICKS

Conhor Hunt and Cassie Cherniwchan had top points at the sectional event on July 8. Stella Bruce and Bill Buckler tied for second with Wim and Ima Krayenhoff, and Eve Clarke and Sylvia Bristow were fourth.

Collette 6th, 9th at provincials, Bennett takes 15th at nationals

By RICHARD BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Track and Field Club athletes competed at every major provincial club competition and at two national championships this year.

The major step forward for the club, which has competed for the past eight years, was achieved over the last two weekends when Stephanie Collette came sixth in the long jump and ninth in the triple jump at the provincial level for juveniles (16-17 years). Both of her jumps did not meet her season's best but provided her with experience and knowledge to make her a strong contender at the same level for a place on the B.C. team next year.

Dan Bennett earned the distinc-

tion of being the first athlete to compete at the senior (20 years and older) provincial championships. His third place in the B-flight 400-metre hurdles placed him ninth overall in the championships. The main benefit of this competition was to return to form after illness and prepare for the Canadian national junior championships a week later.

The national meet at Abbotsford for 18- and 19-year-olds was another one providing valuable experience. There are no weak competitors at this level and mental and physical preparation must be at its best. Bennett did well to finish 15th overall and will be looking to place in the finals next year.

Bennett is the second athlete from Salt Spring to compete in athletics

at the national level this season. The first was his sister Zoe Bennett, who was a member of the silver medal-winning B.C. junior cross country team at this year's nationals held last winter in Montreal.

The final two weeks of July see the junior development (JD) athletes, who are under 15-years-old, working out for the B.C. Summer Games and the provincial JD championships. Joelle Morrison will be high jumping at the B.C. Summer Games and the Kerr sisters, Jenny and Kelly, and Emily Bond will be at the JD championships in Kamloops. Clare Rustad qualified for the Summer Games team but was forced to drop out after being selected as a member of the Vancouver Island soccer team going to the games.

Camps focus on sports

A series of sports camps from the Victoria Student Athletic Association is running on Salt Spring this summer.

The 5-STAR Summer Sports Camps will include two one-week soccer programs, plus one for basketball and an introduction to sports camp for budding athletes.

The first program is a week of half-day soccer sessions for children aged 11 to 13. It runs from July 21 to 25.

From August 11 to 15 there are three camps: introduction to sport for children aged five to seven, and half-day soccer and half-day basketball for eight- to 10-year-olds.

Camps are taught by University of Victoria coaching staff, who offer a highly-personalized approach with emphasis on small group interaction.

"Personalizing an activity is the key to getting through to children," explains 5-STAR director Casey Olynyk. "When children are placed in a small group setting, fuelled by encouragement and motivation, each one quickly becomes an integral part of that group ... and then you start to see results."

The Victoria Student Athletic Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and development of amateur athletics in B.C.

Olynyk is a former captain of the UVic men's basketball team and a four-time member of B.C.'s provincial elite teams. He is also a Level 3 coach certified by the National Coaching Certification Program and has more than nine years of experience coaching children of all ages.

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Youth soccer fees upped to meet expenses

Youth soccer fees will be going up in the fall, local association directors decided after reviewing the group's previous fiscal year at its annual general meeting in June.

Expenses in the 1996-97 year were \$6,000 more than revenue, reports Salt Spring Youth Soccer Association chairman Malcolm Bond, mostly due to increased enrolment, affiliation fees, upgrading equipment and ferry subsidies to parent drivers. Bond said the \$6,000 shortfall occurred despite strong fundraising drives by teams and donations by individuals, service clubs and businesses. "Fortunately, a good casino allowed us to increase the

number of practice balls, upgrade some 200 jerseys for the on-island program and buy a portable goal," said Bond. Still, he added, "it is evident that we cannot continue to spend more than we make as casinos are a hit-and-miss affair."

Fee increases are as follows: Off-island (under-12 and older) rises \$20 to \$110, on-island macro (under nine-11) rises \$10 to \$60, and on-island micro (under eight and younger) rises \$10 to \$50.

Anticipated expenses for the coming year include new jerseys for the off-island teams. The old colours are no longer stocked so new ones are being phased in for both boys and girls, said Bond.

Twenty per cent of the budget

will be used to help parents with ferry fares, since "too many parents will not or cannot make a direct contribution to those who do most of the driving," explained Bond.

As in the past, coaches will also be assisted with costs of course upgrading, and the association hopes to expand referee training programs.

At the June 17 annual general meeting, the new executive was elected and are Bond, chairman; Debbie Anglos, vice-chairwoman; Yvonne McCully, secretary; Angie Preston, treasurer (assisted by Beth Cornwall); Mike Byron, lower island boys rep; Eva Moore, lower island girls rep;

Bud Kerr, equipment.

Sue Spencer will continue as head coach for the girls and Bond will assume some of those duties for the boys side. Byron will continue looking after fields and off-island referees, and Stephanie Bond will continue with on-island referees.

The first executive meeting was held on June 26 and the most significant result was the adoption of the B.C. Youth Soccer Association coaches application/disclosure statement. Bond said it requires volunteers to sign "a truthful, verifiable statement of their coaching and criminal history. It is legal and is done to protect children."

New soccer for girls

Salt Spring youth soccer will have a new program for girls this season — EuroSoccer.

Girls in the under-11 and under-12 divisions will be able to play EuroSoccer, which is modelled on a European style and is endorsed by all of the member clubs of the Lower Vancouver Island Girls Soccer Association, B.C. Youth Soccer, B.C. Soccer and top trainers in the sport of soccer.

It promises greater play on and off the ball through its seven-a-side format and the Vancouver Island Regional Training Centre has created a unique training program for both Euro players and coaches.

Developed by Salt Spring's Sue Spencer, head coach for EuroSoccer, the training has been designed with a "whole athlete" approach.

Spencer is putting together an impressive group of guest trainers, athletes and coaches and has organized the training to be delivered to all of the teams together at one venue each month in a cooperative and supportive environment.

Anyone interested in more information or in either playing or coaching in the Euro program is invited to contact Debbie Anglos, local girls soccer representative, at 537-9870.

Registration deadline is August 10.

GOLF TEES

Poor weather has been interfering with golfers' pleasure at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

The July 5 Shipley Coronation Cup tournament was delayed for an hour due to the thunder and lightning storm, and then played in fairly-constant rain, and the 18-hole women's division was rained out on July 8.

Shipley winners were Jenny and Don MacDonnell with net 70.5, Janet Butler and Dave Sheppard with a 71, and Rory and Gerard Webster scoring net 71.5.

The Shipley Coronation Cup was presented to the Salt Spring club on May 12, 1937, to honour the coronation of King George VI. First winners were Miss D. Crofton and Mr. R. Morris.

• Chip-ins by Ruthe Grant on #1 and Shirley Graham on #8 were two highlights of nine-hole women's division play on July 9.

Thirty-five members came out on the cloudy morning, when Vi Austin was low gross winner with a 55. Austin also won the putt pot with 14.

Two random draws were won by Kay Mowbray and Anne Camping.

Local swimmers rise to challenge of 'difficult' Campbell River pool

By MORGAN SAVIN
Driftwood Contributor

The Campbell River Swim Meet this past weekend is the most intense and fun meet of the summer.

"Intense" because swimmers not only swim in the pool, but they camp and have evening activities at the pool as well.

Because the Campbell River pool is extremely shallow on one end, it is more difficult to swim in. Swimmers who met the challenge and achieved best times were: Mike Campsall (50 free); Adrian Dom (50 fly); Evan Hardy (100 IM, 50 free); Leah Larson (50 back); Scott Larson (100 back, 100 free); Tyler Larson (100 free, 100 back); Alexandra Lea (50 fly, 50 free); Dylan Logan-Webb (50 free, 50 fly); Miranda Logan-Webb (100 free, 100 IM); Ross Mackay (50 free, 50 back); Sara Mackay (50 fly); Allyson MacKinnon (50 free); Dave Marshall (50 free); Alex McLaren (50 fly); Christina Penhale (100 IM, 50 back); Brett Savin (100 IM, 50 free); Laurel Temmel (100 IM, 50 free); Nicola Temmel (100 free, 100 IM);

Meaghen Toole (100 IM); and Josh Vanginkel (100 back).

Special mention must go to our three first-year Division 1 swimmers, Ross Mackay, Sarah Penhale and Erin Toole. All three have competed strongly in all their races and show strong promise for years to come. Ross Mackay made the finals in 50 back and placed fourth overall. Sarah Penhale and Erin Toole have made it possible to have a second Division 2 relay team by bravely offering to swim with the older girls.

The Stingrays team received champion ribbons in the following events: 50 fly (Andrea Brown, Scott Larson); 50 back (Nicola Temmel, Miranda Logan-Webb, Sara Mackay, Ross Mackay, Alex McLaren, Christina Penhale); 100 back (Scott Larson, Tyler Larson, Dylan Logan-Webb); 50 breast (Christina Penhale, Melanie Moore, Laurel Temmel); 100 free (Nicola Temmel, Sara Mackay, Tyler Larson); 200 IM medley relay (Division 2 Spice, Division 3 Soul Sisters); 200 free relay (Division 2 Spice, Division 3 Soul Sisters, Division 4 boys, Division

8 boys).

Camaraderie and playful competition were also part of this meet. A new member of our team appeared in the Division 8 girls 200-metre medley relay team when "Diva" Marshall climbed the blocks in skimpy black bikini and curly black locks amid laughter from the crowds. A rivalry with the Courtenay Blue Devils resulted in many hilarious team-cheer face-offs.

A highlight of this meet was the Saturday evening air band competition, where the two Salt Spring entries placed in the finals. The Fab Four (Christina Penhale, Jocelyn Langdon, Melanie Moore, Laurel Temmel) took third in the junior category and Abbaesque (Lara Brown, Andrea Brown, Jessica Temmel) won second in the senior category. A tremendous amount of effort went into the preparation of each performance.

The team has a two-week break before the regional competition in Victoria August 2-3. Swimmers are busily gathering pledges for their swim-a-thon fundraiser on July 16.

Salties host ball tourney

Harbour House Salties men's fastpitch team is gearing up to host its first tournament in years this weekend.

Teams from Campbell River, Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Duncan and possibly Port Alberni are coming to the event at Fulford ball park. Games start 9 a.m. Saturday morning and run until dusk. On Sunday the tournament takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Team spokesman Blain Johnson said the team is excited at its own chances and also the possible return of "pitching sensation" Rod Kitchen.

"We will also have our full ros-

ter for the first time this year so our chances of winning are very good," said Johnson.

The Salties finished second in Duncan men's league play this year, and are heading into playoff action.

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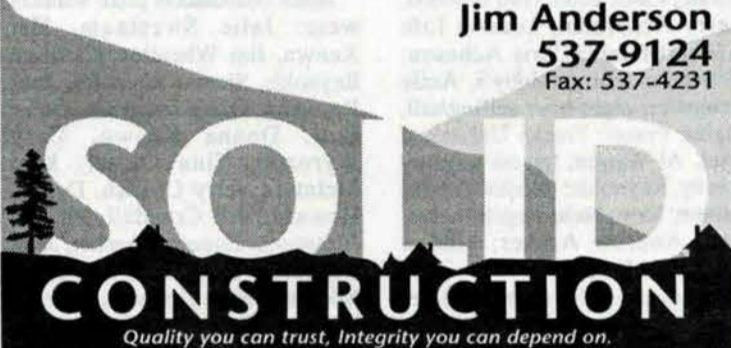


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WHAT'S ON

Music

- **Music and Munch** — Free concert given by The Dick Williams Trio, classic Dixieland jazz played on cornet and flugelhorn, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers, available for \$4.75. Wednesday, July 16, 12:10 p.m., All Saints By-the-Sea, 110 Park Drive.
- **Boyaba** — A 15-person ensemble from West Africa performs dance and drumming on Thursday, July 17 at the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children and are available at et cetera. Presented by the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Open stage every Friday evening starting at 8 p.m. 109 McPhillips Avenue.
- **The Tree House Cafe** — Classical guitarist Stephen Glanville plays every Friday at noon. Also, Mike Clancy, folk singer/songwriter, performs every Friday and Monday from 2 p.m. 106 Purvis Lane.
- **The Purple Parrot Restaurant** — Simone Grasky, with special guests, sings old jazz favourites, rhythm and blues and contemporary ballads every Friday and Saturday evening from 7 to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 12 to 3 p.m. 170 Fulford-Ganges Road.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Friday and Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. 3106 Grace Point Square.
- **Vesuvius Pub** — Christmas in July! The blues boys Three Chord Sloth, with special guest Gary Preston, are playing on Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19. Bring in your non perishable food donation for the local food bank. 805 Vesuvius Bay Road.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Rock with Stonehouse on Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19. 121 Upper Ganges Road.
- **Music Emporium** — Live music every Saturday from 11 a.m.

- to 1 p.m. Gasoline Alley, across from Centennial Park.
- **Concert in the Park** — Free concerts in Centennial Park will be held on Saturdays in July and August. Enjoy your favourite local musicians. This week: Ray and Gary — Jazz. Sponsored by the Community Arts Council.
- **The Flying Saucer Cafe** — Live acoustic Reggae with The Prophets, Saturday, July 19, 8 to 11 p.m. 112 Hereford Avenue.
- **Buffy Sainte-Marie in Concert** — Sunday, July 20 at the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre. Tickets are \$22 and available at et cetera. Presented by the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Dave French Quartet, July 20, 8 p.m.
- **Music and Munch** — Free concert given by The Early Music Consort — a program of medieval and renaissance music played on early instruments, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers, available for \$4.75. Wednesday, July 23, 12:10 p.m., All Saints By-the-Sea, 110 Park Drive.

Cinema

- **Hercules** — Disney's latest animated musical, based on the Greek legend, has rousing rhythm and blues interludes, great new characters and witty dialogue, but the voice of James Woods as Hades steals the show. Playing Friday to Tuesday, July 18 to 22, at 7 p.m., with a matinee also playing on Sunday, July 20 at 4 p.m. All seats \$5. 90 minutes. Rated General — may scare young children. Cinema Central.
- **Chasing Amy** — From the writer/director of Clerks and Mallrats comes a romantic comedy that earned a standing ovation at the Sundance Filmfest. Lifelong best buddies are enjoying the success of their cult comic when they meet a colleague who turns their heads and creates some twists of her own. At times hilari-

ously rude while remaining true and touching. Playing Friday to Tuesday, July 18 to 22, at 9 p.m. 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated 14A. Cinema Central.

Stage

- **The Geezers and The Complex Bozos** — Salt Spring Festival of the Arts presents two one-act comedies: The Geezers (Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers) and The Complex Bozos in Preacher Joe's Medicine Show. Saturday, July 19, 8 p.m., Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre. Tickets \$10 at et cetera.

Galleries

- **Artcraft** — Delightful creations by local potters, painters, jewellers, woodworkers, clothing designers and much more! Open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 31 to September 21.

Community TV

- **Saturday, July 19** — 6 p.m., B.C. Ferries Transportation Committee meeting from June 18 8 p.m., Talk Around the Rock with Dave Phillips: Tuned Air
- **Monday, July 21** — 12 noon, B.C. Ferries Transportation Committee meeting from June 18 2 p.m., Talk Around the Rock with Dave Phillips: Tuned Air
- **Wednesday, July 23** — 6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock with Dave Phillips: Tuned Air

Grab Bag

- **1997 House Tour** — Eight island homes await discovery! ArtSpring's annual House Tour takes place on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at the ArtSpring office or the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, or reserve tickets by phoning 537-2125, Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



AT THE MARKET: Crowds gather at the Saturday Market at Centennial Park in Ganges.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

The Markets:

You haven't seen Salt Spring until you've seen the Saturday Market at Centennial Park in Ganges. This long-established venue for vendors of arts, crafts and other goods is popular among visitors and islanders, and attracts large crowds to Ganges every Saturday morning from April to October.

More than 100 vendors set up their stalls to offer a huge range of locally-produced goods. The market began as a farmers' market, where local growers could sell their produce.

The produce stands are still there, but they've been joined by artists and craftspeople selling products such as specialty soaps, pottery, jewellery, clothing, woodworking and much more.

The market is also a great place for breakfast, lunch or a snack as several food vendors offer their wares. Market-goers are often treated to live musical entertainment, and if that's not enough you can find some tremendous diversion simply from people-watching.

Also check out the new Dog Star Market behind the Fulford Inn at Fulford Harbour.

Go for a cruise: There are many ways of enjoying Salt Spring's marine environment and getting out on the water is one of them. From Ganges you can take a scheduled boat or try your hand at salmon fishing.



WHAT TO SEE

Mount Maxwell Provincial Park: A 20-minute drive from Ganges takes one to the top of Mount Maxwell. Pick a clear day and enjoy fantastic views of Fulford Harbour, Burgoyne Bay, Vancouver Island and other Gulf Islands. The park offers hiking trails, a picnic area and a great place to relax.

Ruckle Provincial Park: A 486-hectare park at Beaver Point, boasting eight kilometres of shoreline, it has hiking trails, campsite and picnic area. It is a beautiful place to visit.

Take a hike: Hiking trails abound on Salt Spring. A favourite for family outings is Duck Creek Park, which has a two-kilometre trail. The park is located off Sunset Drive.

Ocean kayaking: For a close look at the marine environment, nothing beats an excursion in a kayak. Salt Spring offers some prime ocean kayaking and many rental and tour agencies. Take some kayaking lessons and then enjoy a sunset paddle. The scenery looks a lot different from sea level.

Tennis anyone? Public tennis courts, a swimming pool and a children's play area are among the features at Portlock Park, located at Central. Another public court is located near the Fulford fire hall.

TOP 10 VIDEOS

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| 1. Vegas Vacation(-) | 6. Fierce Creatures ... (10) |
| 2. Secrets & Lies(6) | 7. First Strike(-) |
| 3. Michael(2) | 8. Scream(3) |
| 4. Mars Attacks(4) | 9. Beverly Hills Ninja ... (9) |
| 5. Absolute Power(-) | 10. Ransom(5) |

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Saturday: Mixture of sun and cloud. Low 12, high 23.

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VISITOR OF THE WEEK

Thankfully, Caulyne Goodyear did not visit Salt Spring for the sunshine — there wasn't much during her recent stay. However, the 44-year-old Torontarian who came to Salt Spring to visit friends, did enjoy her stay here. Highlights of the trip, she said, were the scenery, the friendly people and a kayaking excursion. Photo by Derrick Lundy

'Successful' garden party hosted by IODE members

Donations from island merchants and fresh scones came together to create a "most successful" IODE garden party. The annual party, held July 4 and convened by Louise Foulis, served homemade scones with fresh cream and strawberry jam alongside a selection of pastries, all provided by IODE members. The event was held at the home of Jean and Ken Williams on Arnell Way. Numerous island merchants supported the fundraising event by donating prizes. Prize winners were F. Sweetnam, L. Jackson, B. Brown, C. Jones, K. Magee, I. Farr, U. Woodman, M. Young, V. Hainer, M. Leask, and J. Herring.

Carrot Revolution in turbo drive

By **KERRY ROTH**
Driftwood Contributor

The Carrot Revolution sizzled at the Core Inn last Saturday night. The trio played a stunning avant-garde concert which was too hot for words; they created music so hot only the pure poetry of math can really describe it with justice.

Their winter hiatus was well spent between practice and composition, and the results had people dancing in the street.

Malcolm Shoolbraid must have a metronome in his head. He counts highly complex phrases with perfect precision, which lends the music a tremendous cohesive force. He is truly a keeper of time, and this adds a powerful turbo drive to the band's vehicle of expression.

Rod Shoolbraid plays sparse, thoughtful and provocative guitar melodies which are capable of inducing a trance state in the listener if that listener is willing to

suspend disbelief and breathe along.

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Lovina Yonker's creative genius seems to be the driving force behind the Carrot Revolution. She composes cutting-edge music, music which encompasses the front line of musical thought and then moves

beyond, but she bills herself a beginner. She is a natural: one of those rare, extremely talented and divinely humble artists.

There is one small problem with their music as it stands, and that is a lack of clarity in the vocal sound quality, but the solution is simply that they must have better microphones.

The Carrot Revolution lost a lot of money on July 5 when their Sidney performance was cancelled due to a lack of support. The Core Inn was busy Saturday night, however, and hopefully the trio will have ample resources soon, because the world could use another Carrot Revolution release.

Yonker and the Shoolbraid brothers have worked hard, and what they have accomplished is high art because it represents absolute freedom of expression within a rigidly-defined discipline which they first mastered and then evolved.

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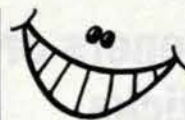
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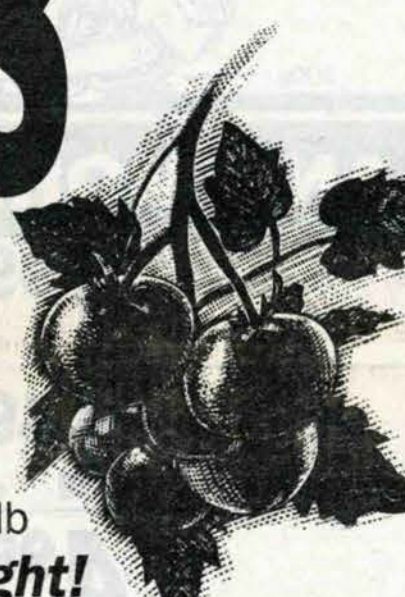
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Driftwood Staff

The genius of French playwright Georges Feydeau was once described by scholar Andre' Roussin as his "extraordinary mixture of madness with the most rigorous logic."

Feydeau's characters, circumstances and places might be thoroughly average and even completely plausible, but the unexpected always happens at the utterly wrong time. That, combined with Feydeau's tight, classic writing and dramatic sense, have made his work endure since it was written in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



Kico Gonzales-Risso

Graffiti Theatre Company, which made a sheet-lightning debut on Salt Spring's dramatic scene with *Random Acts* in April, is presenting Feydeau's *A Tailored Affair* from July 23 to 27, and from July 31 to August 3. It first runs under the Festival of the Arts banner, continuing on its own for the second week.

Graffiti co-directors Yvonne Adalian, Sheri Israels and Amanda Spottiswoode envisioned doing an outdoor theatre production this summer, with an off-island professional director. But, as *A Tailored Affair* director Kico Gonzales-Risso explained Sunday, venue-related logistics scuttled the outdoors idea. But the professional director part of the plan has come to fruition.

Since 1983, Gonzales-Risso has directed 35 plays, mainly in Vancouver, but in Washington State, Texas, San Diego, Whitehorse and Calgary as well.

He has written or translated close to 30 plays since 1979, including *Harp & Solo*, which is at the Vancouver Fringe Festival this year; *Nymphomaniac*, *Sex Maniac* and *Egomaniac* for fringe festivals in the '90s; *Sleepwalker*, *Czech-up*, *Art Attack* and *Syllabus*. He is currently finishing a new work called *Inquisition*, and has received several awards and honours.

When the hoped-for outdoor production couldn't be pulled off, Gonzales-Risso sent the group a list of other possibilities. Graffiti mem-

bers were attracted to the script of *A Tailored Affair*, which was Feydeau's first big hit.

"It's a very clever play," says Gonzales-Risso, and all the characters are "excellent," even the minor ones.

Graffiti has handed itself a challenge in tackling *A Tailored Affair*.

"Farce is the hardest kind of theatre to do," explains Gonzales-Risso. "A lot of professionals actually won't touch it."

Because of the speed at which it moves, and the complete interlocking of lines, it's hard to cover mistakes. "Not one line is wasted" in Feydeau, says Gonzales-Risso. Everything has significance. He likens a Feydeau farce to a music and dance production, where every move is choreographed. If an actor needs to take two steps, that had better be what he does. "If you do two and a half steps, you bang into the desk."

"You have to have impeccable diction, timing and energy," he adds.

Some theatre companies don't do Feydeau because they can't accommodate the long rehearsal schedule required.

Farce is often difficult to rehearse, with some actors waiting for lengthy periods while others repeat a chunk ad nauseum.

"It has to be so precise; it has to be done over and over again," says Gonzales-Risso.

However, "this group is up for it," he notes, and he is impressed by the actors he is working with.

After Moliere, Feydeau is known as France's comic genius. He wrote 39 plays of varying critical success, and died at age 59 in a sanitarium at Rueil.

"Perhaps he had long been just a trifle mad, even at the height of his career," speculates author Norman R. Shapiro in *Four Farces* by Georges Feydeau. "If not, how was he so able to seize upon and magnify so mercilessly that grain of folly in us all, that absurdity in our actions and in our very existence?"

Tickets for *A Tailored Affair* are available at et cetera or Festival of the Arts Saturday market booth.



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Anyone planning to attend the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts Boyaba show on Thursday night had better come prepared to dance.

When Boyaba came on stage at the Winnipeg Folk Festival last week, the crowds of people were nestled on the ground. Before long, everyone was on their feet and moving to the music, reports Boyaba's North American tour manager Patrick Darby.

Darby told Festival of the Arts coordinator Trish Nobile he knew the group would be popular here, but even he was surprised by the audience's enthusiasm for Boyaba in Winnipeg.

Salt Spring obviously won't be Boyaba's first stop on the tour, as purported in last week's Driftwood, but Nobile confirmed it will be the West African dance and drum group's first full performance of the acclaimed Gourmantche' show on the continent. The Winnipeg audience saw only a portion of what Boyaba serves up on stage.

The show starts at 8 p.m. at the Activity Centre.

Tickets are selling well and are at et cetera and likely at the door. Nobile said some tickets are almost always available at the door for festival events, so it's worth a try to get into a show, even if people have forgotten to buy a ticket in time.

While the same ticket scenario applies to Saturday night's Complex Bozos and Geezers double bill, the two home-grown comedy acts will likely be a festival best-seller.

The Geezers (Arvid Chalmers and Sid Filkow) strike at the heart of what it means to be an aging islander, while the Complex Bozos — Susheela Meyers, Patrick Cassidy and Laurie Clarke — have left their audiences crippled by laughter in all previous clowning incarnations.

Preacher Joe's Medicine Show is the trio's second foray into their own bizarre land of self-written, clowning and acting work, building on the success of French Dream which premiered in March.

The July 19 comedy night begins at 8 p.m. in the Activity Centre.

'Convict Lover' author joins Grady for local literary event

Two Kingston-based and well-travelled authors are carrying the torch for the Festival of the Arts' fine tradition of literary evenings.

Marilyn Simonds, author of the bestselling *The Convict Lover: A True Story*, and her partner Wayne Grady, an award-winning journalist, author and translator, will entertain with readings and anecdotes at Meaden Hall next Friday evening.

Simonds found the material for *Convict Lover* in an attic in a house in Kingston. Written on toilet paper were secret letters from an incarcerated Joseph Cleroux to 17-year-old Phyllis Halliday, who once lived in Simonds' house.

Convict Lover was on the *Globe* and *Mail*'s national bestseller list for five months, and was nominated for the Governor General's Literary Award for Nonfiction. The story has also been transformed into a stage production set to run in Kingston this summer.

Maclean's magazine called *Convict Lover* a "remarkable book ... A seamless weave of fact and fiction that evokes one of the strangest illicit relationships ever made public in Canada ... Simonds' book demonstrates that the desire to communicate is the most fundamental cultural and spiritual need of all."

Simonds has written nine other books, numerous magazine articles and essays and won three prestigious awards. She is currently working on a series of travel memoirs titled *Stubborn Particulars of Place*.

Salt Spring author Brian Brett describes Grady as "a Wade Davis type," referring to the incredibly popular presentation made on the island by Davis earlier this year.

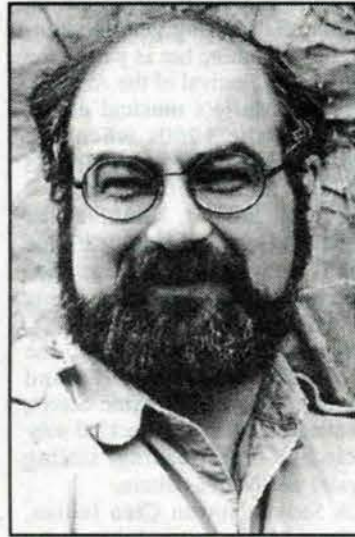
Like Davis, Grady has made and written about great expeditions. The *Dinosaur Project*, based on his 1993 travels to the Gobi Desert with a team of Canadian and Chinese paleontologists, was dubbed "a fascinating tale of adventure ... a compelling travelogue and an intriguing look at cultural conflict."

The following year he went to the North Pole on the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker *Louis S. St. Laurent* and the result was his most recent book, *The Quiet Limit of the World*, a blend of travel and science writing.

Among his other books are *Toronto the Wild*, a portrait of the city's natural flora and fauna; and *The Nature of Coyotes and Vulture*, both written for young adult readers.



Marilyn Simonds



Wayne Grady

Grady has also received a Governor General's Award in 1989 for translation of Antonine Maillet's *On the Eighth Day*, and was nominated a second time for his translation of Daniel Poliquin's *Black Squirrel*, in 1995.

His writing has appeared in most of Canada's major magazines, including *Saturday Night*, *Toronto Life* and *Equinox*, and he was editor of *Harrowsmith* from 1987 to 1990.

Every university student studying Canadian literature is also likely familiar with at least one of Grady's six anthologies.

Literature won't be the only art explored on July 25, however. Victoria-based blues slide-guitarist Ken Hamm will also perform. Anyone who has seen Hamm perform at Moby's on Salt Spring, or any number of venues across the continent, knows it will be a treat.

Tickets for the evening are only \$8 and available at et cetera, the Saturday market or at the door.

Please note the event is a coffee-house style evening at Meaden Hall in the Legion building on Blain Road — not the Activity Centre like most festival events.

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Students will paint every day following step-by-step demonstrations, with time allowed after each step for individual attention with instructors.

The seminar will also briefly cover basic art theory, composition and design, colour, value, perspective, shapes and textures, and impart knowledge on washes, wet into wet, negative painting, brush work and tricks. Each day the participants will paint a new picture using the techniques discussed.

Students are encouraged to buy quality paints, paper and brushes, and a list of suggestions is made available upon registration. The cost is \$250 or \$200 for early registration.

Konig and Jutras say the seminar is aimed at beginner and intermediate students, and teens are encouraged to join as well. It is designed for anyone who "has always wanted to paint with watercolours."

No previous experience is necessary, although if people have dabbled in watercolour painting and are "stuck," the seminar should get them ready for more advanced work.

Konig's artwork is influenced by the rugged coastline, moods of the sea and sky and the play of light on the landscape. Her works can be seen at Naikai Gallery and hang in private collections in North America and Europe.

Jutras' watercolours reflect her "love of peaceful surroundings" and are owned by corporate and private collectors throughout North America, Hong Kong and Europe and are exhibited at the Sophisticated Cow and in her own studio.

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Legendary musician takes island stage

Buffy Sainte-Marie has had her share of deserved honours in a 30-year arts and music career, but on Sunday Salt Spring gets the honour of welcoming her as part of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts.

Sainte-Marie's musical career began in the 1960s when she became famous for writing songs of love and politics, such as *Universal Soldier*, *Now that the Buffalo's Gone* and *Until It's Time For You to Go* — which has been recorded by more than 200 artists in 16 different languages.

After releasing 14 albums, she became a mother in 1976 and joined the cast of *Sesame Street*, creating shows which tackled subjects like breastfeeding, sibling rivalry and Native culture.

A Saskatchewan Cree Indian, Sainte-Marie was dubbed by *Nativebeat Magazine* as the native community's "Elvis and our Madonna, standing at the uppermost peak of stardom and success, and showing children of the world a side of native people they rarely get to see, as regular folks."

In 1992 she helped establish the JUNO category Music of Aboriginal Canada.

Sainte-Marie received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Saskatchewan Recording Industry Association in 1994, and the next year she was inducted in the JUNO Hall of Fame.

Just two weeks ago she became an officer of the Order of Canada, appointed by Governor-General Romeo LeBlanc.

Her CD called *Up Where we Belong* was this year nominated for both a JUNO and a Genie award. The title song, which she composed, won an Academy Award in the '80s for the film *An Officer and a Gentleman*.

She's "not just any old legendary singer-songwriter," wrote Jennifer Nine in *Eye Magazine*, "Buffy Sainte-Marie is one of Canada's most intelligent, politically astute and effortlessly glamorous performers — and she's got more university degrees than you've had hot dinners."

Those degrees include one in Oriental Philosophy from the University of Massachusetts, a teaching degree, a Ph.D. in Fine



Arts, and a 1996 honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Regina.

She is adjunct professor of fine arts at Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and at York University, where she teaches fine art on the Macintosh computer. Sainte-Marie has also used the computer as a recording instrument and created the 1993 CD *Coincidence and Likely Stories* with her Macintosh.

She has taught college in the United States, and this year devoted much time to The Cradleboard Teaching Project which fosters communication among First

Nations and mainstream school-children in the U.S.

Her paintings have been exhibited in various galleries in Canada and at the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum in Santa Fe.

Sainte-Marie will be joined by two of her regular band members.

Salt Spring singer Lisa Maxx, who is well-known for her powerful, heart-felt songs, will open the show at the Activity Centre, which starts at 8 p.m.

The concert is expected to be a sell-out, says festival coordinator Trish Nobile, so people should hurry to et cetera for tickets, which cost \$22.

'OUR MADONNA': Buffy Sainte-Marie brings her musical talents to Salt Spring on Sunday as part of the Festival of the Arts.

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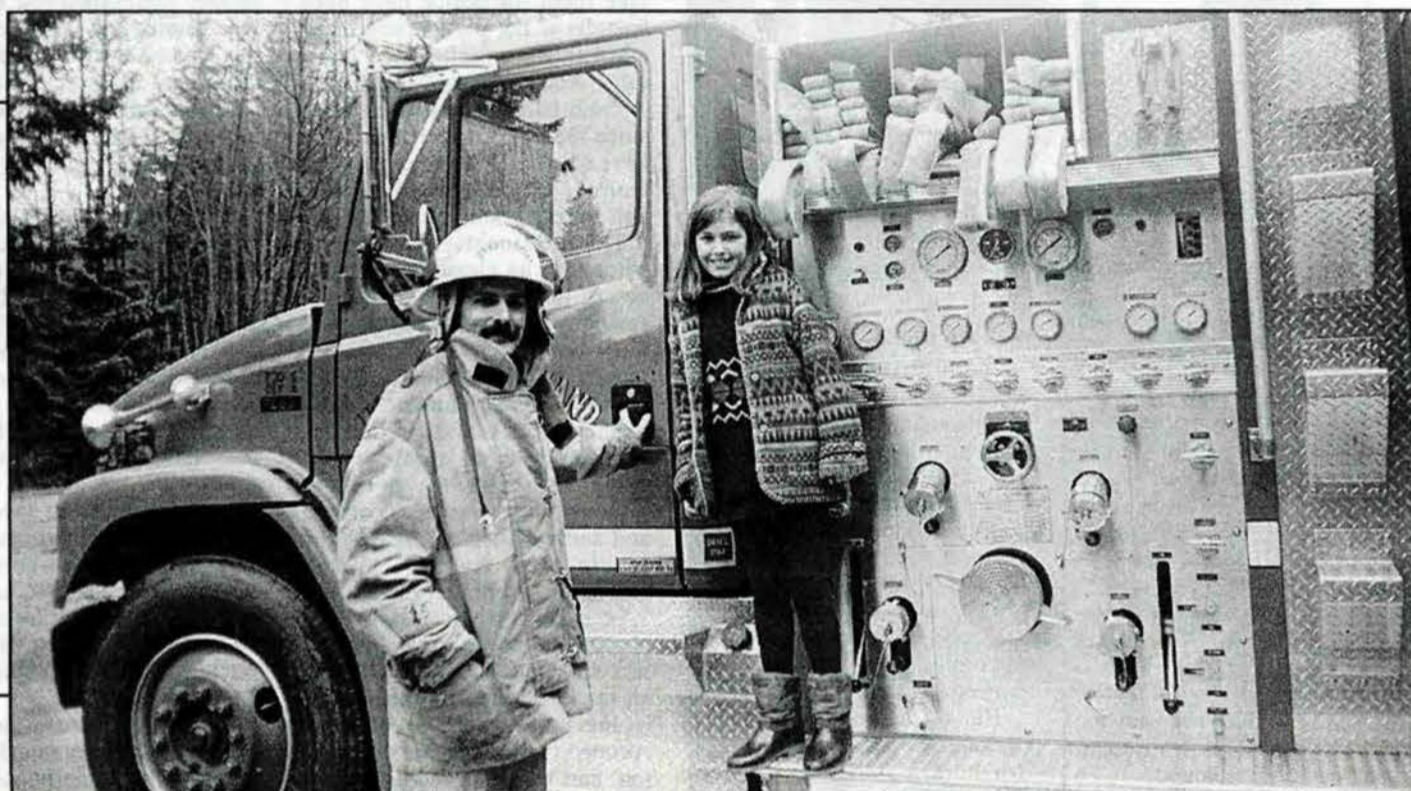
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BATTLING BLAZES

Pender firefighters rush to the scene

Pender Island's deputy fire chief Lawrence Pitt stands with his daughter Naomi beside the island's pumper truck at fire hall number one.



By **CHERIE THIESSEN**
Driftwood Contributor

It's not every day you get a chance to finally realize your dreams, so here I am at 50, chugging down the road in a big red fire engine.

I even furtively put my foot on the pedal marked "siren" and am rewarded with a powerful wail. For the moment I'm Queen of the Road.

I'm sharing the honour with nine-year-old Naomi Pitt. As the deputy fire chief's daughter, this is old hat to her. Dad — Lawrence Pitt — is the driver and we're heading from fire hall #2 in Magic Lake to #1 fire hall, the original one, near the RCMP office on North Pender.

This is where the coffee's on, the cookies entice and everyone gathers. This is where fire chief Charlie Boyte puts in about 60 volunteer hours a week.

I wonder how many of us Gulf Islanders give much thought to what life would be like without these volunteer firefighters? As property owners, our taxes pay for items like the new fire truck; we also maintain the fire halls and supply the equipment, but by far the largest expense is in the salaries. We could never afford those millions of dollars.

And without firefighters, we'd all be living in uninsured houses, fearing for our lives in the bush-fire season, and unable to call 911 for help. In the past year this would have happened 100 times. That's the number of times the department responded to a mix of medical emergencies and bush, chimney, structure and car fires.

Boyte, owner of C. Boyte Electrical Contracting, fortunately has people working for him, because he's far too busy volunteering to work at a "real job."

He volunteered 15 years ago, after living on Pender for two years, because "someone has to do it. Without fire volunteers, people here just aren't safe."

Boyte feels more comfortable shifting the emphasis away from himself. "These guys blow me away with their commitment," making light of his own substantial involvement. "They're making three- and five-year commitments. Their dedication is unbelievable. There were 10,000 hours of volunteer time put in here in the past year, from just 20 people."

"Maybe there's altruistic reasons that sound good, like maybe you want to do something good for your community," Pitt offers, when I ask him the same question.

He's been doing this for six years. "It's probably the most valuable thing I've done as a job, but it's very satisfying from that aspect ... there's a challenging component to it, too. I was pretty apprehensive about offering myself initially. And perhaps there's a little boy in all of us that loves to drive fire trucks."

In the previous two weeks, volunteering has taken up a lot of his time. In addition to training, he's been out four or five times handling two medical calls, a grass fire, a chimney fire and a hydro wire problem brought on by the March snowfall.

How does fire fighting on the Gulf Islands differ from other places? Pitt tells me that the threat of bush fires in summer, combined with possible water shortages, is the biggest difference. Illegal burning in the summer can also be a problem. Visitors like to have beach fires, and campfires. They aren't as aware of the seriousness of the problem as residents are and of course on the Gulf Islands, summer visitors are abundant.

"And we live on an island; we're isolated, so we have to live off our own abilities to solve problems," says Pitt.

On North Pender there are two fire trucks (pumpers), an emergency response vehicle which is used for light rescue and one tanker truck. South Pender, which is a separate department, has one pumper and one tanker truck. The pumpers carry about 1,200 gallons of water (which would last about 5-10 minutes on a fire) and the tankers carry 2,500 gallons, but they take a

while to get to a fire and are often put on stand by.

They also have a mutual aid agreement with South Pender. "We might call them, for example, to bring their tanker so that when ours empties and goes for more water, we can use theirs," says Pitt.

I ask about the worst calls Pitt has been out on and whether he does get called out often at night.

"Night time is when a lot of the calls do come in. The worst fire calls are always in typical sleeping hours because the chance of the building being occupied at

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night is much higher. Any structure fire at 2 a.m. is always the worst case scenario. You really don't know what you're going to and your mind always starts to picture the worst possibility. It's pretty stressful."

One of the worst fires was only in the last few months — a chimney fire that was very difficult because it was a two-level structure and the bottom level was totally on fire when they arrived.

"The structure was damaged so we had to be careful we didn't become part of the problem. It took a lot of effort to get that one under control. Fortunately, the owner was already out.

"A month ago, there was a fire at Buck Lake and that was a bad one because the vehicles were in front of the house which is usually an indication that there are people trapped inside. It took a long time to determine that they were elsewhere.

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risk of these fires is extreme in the summer time. We're just one little fire away from being a big news item.

"We have to educate ourselves as a community to be aware of how to evacuate. It's surprising, too, how many people still don't realize that calling 911 is what you have to do. We'd rather be disturbed and go and find nothing than not be disturbed until it's too late. The 911 system still isn't fully understood."

I'm curious about what Pitt is referring to when he talks about light rescue.

He explains that when you call the ambulance, you're talking to paramedics who assess what the problem is and its severity. "If it's a life threatening emergency they'll page the ambulance and the fire department, and those of us who have taken a one-week course to be trained as first responders are also paged. Our job is to stabilize the patient until the ambulance gets there. We're well situated to get there pretty fast and it helps the ambulance crew because there's only two of them. Medical emergencies make up about 50 per cent of our calls."

Training is a major component of fire fighting as well.

"We train Thursday nights for two to three hours. We're always behind the training 8-ball. It's a real challenge. That's what I find interesting because of my teaching background."

(Pitt may well be the only Ph.D. in the history of the volunteer fire department. He has a Ph.D. in Physics and Electrical Engineering and taught for several years in the University of Victoria's engineering faculty before moving to Pender island.)

So why not train as a volunteer firefighter? You'll get to work with Pitt and Boyte and all the other heroes on the Penders and Gulf Islands, and it's rumoured you'll have one heck of a Christmas party!

"It's the people who really make the difference," Pitt adds, as the three of us tramp out to the fire engine.

It's time for the "Queen of the Road" to roll home.

Mormon missionaries teach 'peace of mind' values



NO NARCS: Spreading the word about Salt Spring's new branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are volunteer missionaries, from left, Taylor Seare and Gregory Walton, shown with Salt Spring branch president Ted Baker.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

In their white shirts, dark slacks and with bike helmets over their cropped hair, Gregory Walton and Taylor Seare have both been mistaken for undercover police officers — "narcs" — as they pedal around downtown Ganges.

But as missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), the 19-year-olds are packing nothing more than scripture.

Once they explain, Seare says, the island teens who initially take them for police have been friendly if not particularly interested in the missionaries' message. And the response generally from islanders has been good since the pair arrived June 12 to spread the word about the church, which opened its first Salt Spring branch June 1.

The missionaries — both of whom are as clean-cut as characters in a Leave it to Beaver episode — are mid-way through their two years as volunteers representing the equally clean-cut values of the church.

The importance of family; abstinence from alcohol, caffeine and tobacco; personal responsibility; service to others; and self-reliance are among the tenets cited by Salt Spring branch president Ted Baker.

In addition to the Bible, church members draw inspiration from the Book of Mormon, an account of Christ's testimony to the native people of North America following his crucifixion, and from the revelations of an ongoing series of prophets.

Baker and his wife Sonja joined the church in 1976 after meeting with two missionaries like Walton and Seare. Baker feels the strong traditional val-

ues of the church bring a peace of mind that enhances happiness.

The church also encourages a healthy lifestyle, some of the benefits of which are now becoming evident long after they were adopted by church members.

Established in 1830 in a log cabin — making the current start of the Salt Spring branch in the Lions' log building especially appropriate — the church still reflects pioneer values.

One is self-reliance, which includes an expectation that people maintain food stores to feed themselves and their families for one to two years, in case of natural disaster or economic reversals. Members are expected to gradually build and maintain these reserves as their finances allow.

In many communities where disasters have occurred, Baker notes the Mormons have had food and water which they have shared until help arrived. In addition, Mormon families have been able to weather economic problems — including job loss — more successfully because they could rely on their food stores.

Baker points out the church supports its members but members are expected to support themselves. "We don't seek help until we've made sure we can't do it. We try to be self-reliant. We're not blaming other people for what we do."

Another feature is emphasis on family values. For the Mormons, the family, whether a traditional or single parent family, is an eternal unit which is central to their lives. Therefore, anything which adversely affects the family — gambling, alcohol, infidelity — is eschewed.

One outcome of this emphasis on family is the keeping of genealogical records which are widely regarded as the best in the world. Baker notes the records accumulated by the church are shared freely with anyone interested in tracing their family history.

Eventually, he hopes the church can establish a library on Salt Spring which will be able to access the church records.

As a lay church, the group relies on volunteer leadership by its members. Missionaries may be young people like Walton and Seare — who must be at least 19 to volunteer — or may be older couples whose children have grown up and left home or who have retired.

At present, the Salt Spring branch has approximately 28 members and includes 10 families. Anyone interested in learning more about the church is invited to call Baker at 653-4430 or the two missionaries at 538-0030.

Or they may meet Seare and Walton on their doorstep or pedalling along a Salt Spring road.

Walton points out that being a bike-bound missionary has a down-to-earth advantage. "We love it because in a car you can't be around the people as much."



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Rotarians seek project

Salt Spring's Rotary Club is looking for a community need that could use the club's support.

New Rotary president Lorne Bunyan said several suggestions had been made by club members, but that ideas from the community are also being requested. Suggestions for projects should be sent to the Rotary Club at P.O. Box 513, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W2.

Outgoing president Walter Mort inducted Bunyan at ceremonies

held late last month. Other Rotary executive members for the year are president-elect Jim Helset, vice-president Martin Hoogerdyk, secretary David Jackson, treasurer Brian Lercher and sergeant-at-arms Tony McEwen.

Past or visiting Rotarians can join the Salt Spring club at meetings held Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. at the Harbour House Hotel, with the third gathering each month being a dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m.

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

AUG. 16: Fulford Day, Drummond Park, 10am-6pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
- Therapeutic Touch practice group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm (every 3rd Wed.)
- Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- Music and Munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm.
- Sports & arts & crafts day, Core Inn Youth Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.

EVERY THURSDAY

- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Luncheon, Seniors for Seniors, 12 noon.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 7pm-9pm.
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14.
- Tony's Pizzeria, Core Inn, DJ and great pizza, 7-11pm.

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
- Games afternoon, Seniors for Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- Friday Feast, Core Inn Youth Centre, 6:30-8:30pm.

EVERY SATURDAY

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.

EVERY MONDAY

- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
- Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.
- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.
- French & Spanish conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.
- SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
- Special Olympics swimming, Shelby Pool, 5pm-6pm.
- Bandemonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.
- Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm
- Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 5-8pm.
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
- Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 7pm-9pm.
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, SS Health Unit behind Lady Minto Hosp. 4:30-6:30pm.

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Gulf Islands

Gurgling, liquid call belongs to the red-winged blackbird

OUR BETTER NATURE

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

O-ka-lee! If you've spent any time near a Gulf Island marsh, pond or stream during the spring or summer, you've no doubt heard the fluid, gurgling call of the red-winged blackbird.

Not that red-winged blackbirds are limited to the Gulf Islands. In summer these blackbirds are common all across Canada. Here in the "banana belt" of the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands, they stay year-round.

Red-winged blackbird males are dressed military style in glossy black with scarlet shoulder epaulets trimmed in yellow. And they deserve their uniforms, for they defend their territory aggressively, warding off crows, ravens and hawks.

As usual in bird courtship, the females are drab by comparison, wearing the familiar brown above and streaks below. It ain't fancy, but it's great camouflage for nesting mothers.

Red-winged blackbirds eat seeds, fruit and insects. They usually nest near water in bulrushes, trees, bushes and even on the ground if the grass is thick enough. By now our marshes and ponds should have lots of young red-winged blackbirds climbing about the reeds and polishing their flying skills.

If the young birds lose footing or altitude and plop into the water, it's not game over. Apparently they can swim to safety, or so the books say.

I've never seen a blackbird swim, although I spent a goodly portion of my youth creek-



MYSTERY CALL: The gurgling call of the red-winged blackbird can often be heard in the Gulf Islands as these birds enjoy the milder climate here all year long.

Photo by Jonathan Grant

side watching them. Like many Canadian children, I was intrigued by their liquid call. When I sought out the maker, I discovered that bright soldier clinging to the reeds.

After that I was hooked and visited the birds every day. The mystery of the red-winged blackbirds and their gurgling calls became as much a part of my childhood summers as ice cream and swimming.

Now that I'm an adult, time is limited and summers aren't as full of ice cream, swimming and discovery as perhaps they ought to be.

This year, however, I'm making time. I've bought ice cream, I will go swimming, and there's a marsh just down the road.

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HAYNE: BARRY & Emma are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Olivia Domenica, born on June 26, 1997 in Duncan, BC, weighing 8 lbs 10 1/2 oz. A first grandchild for Peter and Olivia Callegari and a sixth grandchild for Arthur and Delores Hayne. Special thanks to Dr. Berg, Dr. Zahradka, Dr. Toth, Jules Atkins, and the nurses at C.D.H.

WELCOME TO the world - Ella Marley Rose Fisher, born June 18 at 7:44 pm at Victoria General Hospital, weighing 8 lbs 4 oz. Elated parents, Erin Porter and Jesse Fisher, Salt Spring residents, wish to thank Jules Atkins, Dr. Karen Shlanka, Dr. Bill Schoichet, and the nursing staff at VGH for their support and care.

6 DEATHS

MILLS, JOHN Fergus (Jack), of Vesuvius Bay, on July 4, 1997, after a lengthy illness. Predeceased by his beloved wife Rose Hilda Slade in 1979, and his brother Robert. Jack retired to Salt Spring in 1976 after a career as accountant and hospital administrator in Fergus, Ontario. He was for many years a member of the Rotary Club on Salt Spring, and was known to many as a keen gardener. Survived by brothers Gordon in Florida and Bruce in Toronto; daughters Linda Mills of Salt Spring, Margaret Wierstra (Sid) of Orangeville, Ont., and Elizabeth Robinson (Doug) of Fergus, Ont.; and 7 grandchildren. Jack will be sadly missed by his friends and neighbours. Private cremation handled by Haywards. No service and no flowers by request. Donations may be made to the Lady Minto Hospital Fund.

KIMIKO OKANO MURAKAMI, born on September 25, 1904, died on July 14, 1997. Her six children and 2 granddaughters were with her when she went to join her husband Katsuyori. Left to carry on her legacy and mourn her passing are her children: Alice & Ted Tanaka, Violet Murakami, Mary and Tosh Kitagawa, Rose Murakami, Richard Murakami & Bruce Murakami; her grandchildren Gerald & Kathy Tanaka, Brian & CaRrie Tanaka, Landon & Karen Kitagawa, Karen & David Bennett, Kimiko & Sachiko Murakami; great-grandchildren Justin Tanaka, Jordan, Jacob & Joshua Kitagawa, Michael & Trenton Bennett & Jamie Tanaka; and her many friends. Funeral service at Ganges United Church on Saturday, July 19 at 11 am. Reception following at the Church. Private interment at Central Graveyard. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Katsuyori and Kimiko Murakami Scholarship, School District #64, 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2K3, would be appreciated.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of the late Gordon Ruckle wish to extend grateful thanks for all the cards, donations and other expressions of sympathy. This has been a support to all four of us at this difficult time. Bless you all. The Ruckle Family.

THE GRAD Parent Committee and the grads would like to thank everyone for making our night at Oak Bay Recreation Centre such a success! We would especially like to thank the B.C. Ferry Corporation for getting us to and from Vancouver Island and School District #64 for the buses and the bus drivers who volunteered their time for the night.

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WE, THE family of the late Jack Mills of Vesuvius Bay, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the many caregivers who took such excellent care of our father for so many years. Our special thanks go to Margie and Kirra Korrison, Jean Brown, Carol Packham, Carole Martens, Mary Kaye, Gillian Hickford and Anne Byrne of Home Care Support. There were many others, too numerous to mention, who over the course of several years participated in the kind and gentle care of our father. Our deepest gratitude to all of you in this, our time of loss. Linda Mills, Margaret Wierstra, Elizabeth Robinson.

TO ALL who helped us move, family, friends & neighbours - bless you, we couldn't have done it without you. To all who worked here, and to all who came to help us celebrate Syd's birthday and to welcome us into our new home, it truly does feel warm & blessed. Thank you so much. Love Syd & Nancy Wigen.



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Special thanks to our family, staff & friends for all the extra hours, help & support. Thanks, also, to ER nurses & on-call doctors at Lady Minto for Eric's "frequent-patient-card", although he's hoping not to have to use it!

If any of our old "653" friends get this far North, please stop in to our market at Fernwood and say howdy - we'll be glad to stamp your passport while you're here!

10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday
Jesse M
Love Courtenay

11 COMING EVENTS

ART SEMINAR, beginner/intermediate watercolour classes, July 28 - August 1/97, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Val Konig, 537-9531; Libby Jutras, 653-2030.

CAROLE MATTHEWS Psychic taking appointments, month of July. 537-2031. Join Carole on the Messenger Files radio show, AM 900 Saturday 7 - 9 pm. Call 1-888-594-8255.

OLD TIMER'S Reunion, Sunday, August 3, 1997. 10 am - 5 pm. If you or your spouse's family lived on Salt Spring before December 31, 1949, then you are welcome to join us. Lunch available on site, Farmers Institute Grounds on Rainbow Road. Grounds open 10 am. Saturday August 2 for R.Vs.

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PLANNING AN event? Check the Community Calendar for a schedule of community events and avoid double-booking. Located at the Driftwood Office, 328 Lower Ganges Rd.

INTERESTED IN an Art/Craft Games Day for your kids this summer? Call Zoe, 537-5790.

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11 COMING EVENTS



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission will meet at 1:30pm on Thursday July 17, 1997, in Room 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges, to hear a presentation from SeaChange Seafoods Ltd. (RZ-02-97) regarding a proposal to rezone property at 334 Upper Ganges Road so that a light industrial use can take place.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting.

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Take notice that Kathleen Margaret Foy, Retired, of 750 Blvd. Marcel-Laurin, Bureau 390, Saint Laurent, Quebec, intends to make application to the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks regional office in Victoria B.C. for a Licence of Occupation of land generally situated in Satellite Channel, Salt Spring Island and more specifically described as being unsurveyed foreshore fronting Lot 4, Sections 33 & 37, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1812, commencing 140 metres northwest of the southeast corner of said Lot 4 at the natural boundary or Satellite Channel thence 15 metres southwest thence 10 metres northwest then 30 metres southwest, 12 metres southeast, 8 metres southwest, 30 metres northwest, 8 metres northeast, 12 metres southeast and 45 metres northwest to the natural boundary of said lot and Satellite Channel.

The purpose for which the land is required is private pier float and moorage. Comments concerning this application may be made to the Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5. 387-5011, fax 356-1871. Consideration will be given to comments received within 30 days from the Publication. Responses to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. File No 1408687 Dated: July 8, 1997.

29 LOST AND FOUND

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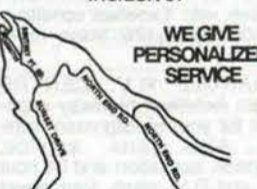
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KIMIKO OKANO MURAKAMI, born on September 25, 1904, died on July 14, 1997. Her six children and 2 granddaughters were with her when she went to join her husband Katsuyori. Left to carry on her legacy and mourn her passing are her children: Alice & Ted Tanaka, Violet Murakami, Mary and Tosh Kitagawa, Rose Murakami, Richard Murakami & Bruce Murakami; her grandchildren Gerald & Kathy Tanaka, Brian & Carrie Tanaka, Landon & Karen Kitagawa, Karen & David Bennett, Kimiko & Sachiko Murakami; great-grandchildren Justin Tanaka, Jordan, Jacob & Joshua Kitagawa, Michael & Trenton Bennett & Jamie Tanaka; and her many friends. Funeral service at Ganges United Church on Saturday, July 19 at 11 am. Reception following at the Church. Private interment at Central Graveyard. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Katsuyori and Kimiko Murakami Scholarship, School District # 64, 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2K3, would be appreciated.

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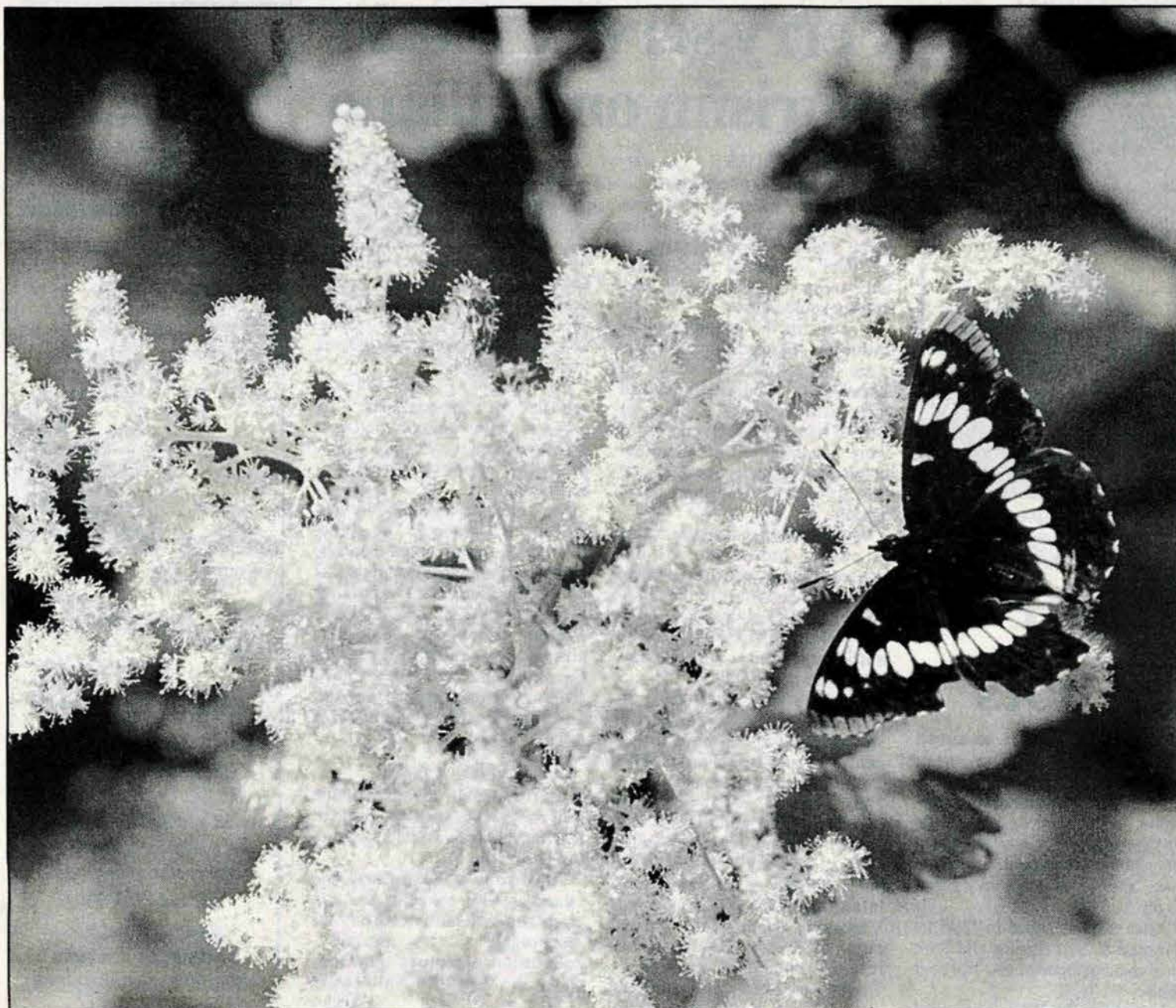
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RENTAL AUGUST only (All/part). North end, 3 bedroom home, lovely acreage. Large young ducks for sale. Wood lathe w/ tools \$260. Wanted egg incubator. 537-1677.



Summertime colours

In a contrasting splash of colour on white, a brilliantly-hued butterfly alights and hovers on the illuminated petals of flowering shrub at a mid-Salt Spring home. Although the summer weather has yet to pour a generous serving of sunshine onto the Gulf Islands, flower gardens and wildlife do not appear to be suffering from the cloudy skies.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Delay in analysis details means longer wait

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Completion of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee recommendations for future ferry service has run aground on analysis of the proposed options.

At their meeting in Sidney July 8, committee members learned they would not receive analysis of the three options under consideration until the end of October.

However, B.C. Ferries planning services manager Ian Curtin suggested the advisory committee move full speed ahead once the analysis is complete — to meet twice in November to review the analysis, hold meetings to invite public input on the chosen options in late November or early December and then prepare a recommendation for the B.C. Ferries board of directors by February 1988.

Although advisory committee members agreed the two-and-a-half-year-old committee needs to come up with a recommendation, several

doubted Curtin's proposed schedule would float.

"I think if we achieve that schedule it will be a bloody miracle," said Mayne representative Jonathan Chilvers.

He pointed out the committee was still waiting for input from the B.C. Ferry Marine Workers Union and/or employees and also wondered if input would be accepted from the November/December public meetings. "At which point do we say — no more ideas?" he asked.

Galiano representative Bill Foster said December is a terrible time to hold public meetings, while Saturna representative Gary Burgin predicted the completed analysis will create more questions.

Even facilitator Gwyn Symmons — who urged the committee to take action before the process loses credibility — said his previous experience suggested a final recommendation could not be made in three months.

Committee members wondered

why it is taking so long to analyze the final three options: S-5a with a service hub at Village Bay; S-7 with a service hub at Swartz Bay; and S-11, a minimal service being analyzed at the request of B.C. Ferries.

Curtin said the analysis team is working full-time on the Southern Gulf Islands proposals but is analyzing 12 to 13 options — the three sent by the committee and variations on those three — in order to find the most workable combination of cost and service.

Curtin also handed out a sample layout designed to summarize the impact of the various options on residents. Once the analysis of the options is complete, each will show the number of trips available, average travel time, inter-island sailings, cash flow loss and capital investment for each option in addition to predicting the extra revenue required for each option to break even in five years.

Curtin said this information will be available to island residents at the

planned open houses.

Burgin remarked one prediction is that ferry fares will increase by 50 per cent in five years, yet service is deteriorating.

Salt Spring representative Drew Thorburn asked for an outside audit to determine the cost of operating the Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen route. All of the final three options call for some change in that money-losing route but Thorburn said the public would not accept such a recommendation without a credible report on actual costs.

Committee members also discussed various ways to get information about the ferry service to islanders. All suggestions were passed on to the committee's communications sub-committee.

Committee waits with 'bated breath'

Village Bay as the hub for Gulf Islands service, two smaller ferries serving Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay and the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route replaced by a Long Harbour to Village Bay sailing — that's the silver bullet some Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee members hope will wipe out the spectre of poor, money-losing ferry service.

Dubbed S-5a, the Village Bay hub proposal was conceived by Salt Spring transportation committee members Drew Thorburn, Neville Atkinson and Ken Lee. It is one of three options short-listed by the committee which is now being analyzed by B.C. Ferries staff.

Lee can't wait to see the numbers. "I'm waiting with bated breath to get all these options back," he said at the July 8 advisory committee meeting. He hopes S-5a will prove to be cheap and flexible.

Under S-5a, the Queen of Tsawwassen/Nanaimo would sail from Village Bay to Tsawwassen, stopping at Galiano enroute, in order to maintain a link between the Gulf Islands and the Lower Mainland. That ferry would use either Mayne or Salt Spring as a home port. The Vesuvius-Crofton route would remain in place.

Atkinson expects the S-5a options would improve transportation links between the Gulf Islands. Another advantage of the proposal is the two smaller ferries making more frequent sailings out of Fulford Harbour, which would relieve pressure on that terminal.

The system could also allow additional ferries to be added to handle peak traffic, he added.

Thorburn points out the future of Fulford is dependent on the future of Long Harbour. The lowest-cost option of the three, S-11,

was proposed by B.C. Ferries. It closes Long Harbour entirely and routes more traffic through Fulford, requiring a two-berth terminal at Fulford.

Also under further consideration is a proposal dubbed S-7, which would make Swartz Bay the hub for Gulf Islands service. Under this option, Long Harbour would be closed and two larger ferries would be assigned to Fulford.

Costs are a major consideration since B.C. Ferries is losing provincial government funding, giving the corporation less ability to support money-losing routes. The Gulf Islands ferry service now loses approximately \$75 million annually.

Between 1991 and 1996, the government subsidy dropped to \$4.5 million from \$37 million. B.C. Ferries has also assumed \$700 million in capital debt which had been covered by the province.

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People and Community

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WAR VETERAN: Pat Crofton takes the salute during a Memorial Day march past at Ganges. The long-time island man died June 26 in Deep Cove after many years of illness.

Pat Crofton had many island roots

A man with numerous roots on Salt Spring, Pat Crofton died in his home June 26 at Deep Cove after many years of illness.

Born on Salt Spring in 1915, Crofton was one of the first babies to be born in the Lady Minto Hospital.

One of seven children of parents Fred and Nona Crofton, who both came to Salt Spring in the 1890s, his home was the original Harbour House Hotel which was owned by the family for more than 50 years.

In the early 1930s, he joined the newly-formed second battalion of the Canadian Scottish Regiment. He was at first a private with the battalion's Salt Spring Island platoon, then later became its commander as a lieutenant.

Shortly after war was declared in September 1939 he transferred to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI).

On July 10, 1943, the PPCLI landed on the beaches of Sicily and began almost two years of fighting across that island and up the long, mountainous boot of Italy.

Colonel Syd Frost, who served with Pat Crofton in the regiment, wrote of him in the book *Once a Patricia*: "... the immense contribution, largely unrecognized, made by this gallant officer to the proud record of the regiment. He was a tower of strength and a very popular officer."

After the war ended in 1945 he returned to Salt Spring and took over management of the Harbour House.

Later on in the 1940s he married Ann Evans of Edmonton and they began to raise a family of three children: Cameron, Kerry and Barry.

In the 1950s he left Salt Spring with his family to begin new careers, first in the motel business on Vancouver Island and then with the tourism department of British Columbia.

His life as a civilian was interrupted when in 1966 he volunteered for duty with the United Nations on the India/Pakistan ceasefire line. Crofton is survived by his wife Ann, his three children, and his sister Denise of Salt Spring.

B.C. Tel adds new prefix

If "her eyes said 537 but her boots said 653," what significance will islanders attach to 538?

B.C. Tel began handing out Salt Spring numbers with a 538 prefix starting in May. The numbers are being handled by the Ganges telephone switching office, so serve the north end of the island.

B.C. Tel media relations manager Michelle Gagne said the new prefix was added to accommodate the demand on the island for both standard and cellular telephone numbers. There are still 537 numbers available, she said. "We don't wait until the very last minute to add a prefix."

Of the 5,600 available phone numbers with a 537 prefix, 5,170 have been assigned, she said Tuesday.

She added that existing 537 numbers will be re-assigned as people move from the island.

The 653 prefix, which is served from the Fulford switching office, will continue to be assigned to new south end phone numbers. Of the 2,200 phone numbers with a 653 prefix available, 1,100 are in service.

Ferry service blocks tourism on Galiano

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

With the Queen of Nanaimo back in service by the end of the week, things were beginning to get back to normal on Galiano once more — or they were normal for some people.

Not so for the island's tourist industry. Many cancellations were made on Wednesday and Thursday as mainlanders learned they could only get to Galiano by way of Swartz Bay. It seems they were not prepared to spend the better part of their weekend getting to Galiano and then home again!

With blocked roads, a park that is out of bounds to all but boaters, poor weather and no convenient ferry link to the mainland, island roads were deserted except for residents. The lack of traffic suggested a winter's day, not one in mid-July!

Islanders sent letters of complaint by the score to the tourism minister, with copies to other ministries and B.C. Ferries. This was not a good start to summer.

B.C. Ferries' mid-week claim that they were coping and that ships were running no more than an hour late may have been true, but it did not go over well with islanders doing business on Vancouver Island. They arrived early at Swartz Bay for their return home, then watched as Tsawwassen-Swartz travellers were loaded, then travellers to Pender (even those who arrived at the last minute), leaving space for not more than a dozen Swartz-Galiano vehicles. The Queen of Cumberland may not have been more than an hour late leaving, but it was another five or six hours before it returned to Swartz Bay to get those left behind.

Quilt show

The quilt show held in connection with North Galiano's July 1 celebration remained on display in the community hall for six days.

The catalogue prepared for the show listed over 90 exhibits,

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some heritage quilts, some quilts recently finished and other items such as knitting, embroidery and soft toys — the work of nearly 20 craftspeople. Some, but not all items were for sale.

Ten per cent of all sales was set aside for expenses, most of it going to the community hall as a thank-you for the display space. Everyone benefitted from this arrangement.

Joan Carolan and Dorothy and Alistair Ross set up the show, Paulina Barnes prepared the catalogue, and about 15 needleworkers' group members looked after things over the six days. A highlight for visitors was the demonstrations — spinning (Joan Carolan), machine embroidery (Dorothy Ross), serging (Barnes) and rug braiding (Margaret Edgar).

MLA visits

Murray Coell, member of the provincial legislature for Saanich and the Islands, visited Galiano last weekend.

Attempting to get to know the island and its concerns, he met with the Galiano Ratepayers Association at its regularly-scheduled directors meeting, with the Lighthousekeeping Coalition, the Galiano Conservancy and others. He did a lot of listening.

Therah access

Formally requesting that the provincial highways department appropriate the closed road through District Lot 87 was the result of a meeting held last week.

This is the undedicated road formerly used by residents of Therah as the only entry to their acreage. Options were discussed by those attending the meeting: Galiano's Trust members, Therah residents, near neighbours and a representative from Galiano's road commission.

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Activity-full day camp launched

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent
The Lyall Harbour valley is buzzing with activity this summer.

Crafts, games, puzzles, paints, playground activities and lots of fun are keeping local youngsters entertained. Day camp has begun for children aged five through 12 at Saturna Elementary School.

Sponsored by the Saturna Parks and Recreation Commission, the day camp runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays or on alternate weeks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This week the camp is open July 14, 16 and 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day.

A nominal fee of \$20 per child is charged for the whole summer with an additional \$10 charge for the sports camp which features soccer skills and games one day a week. The sports camp is optional and runs during the same hours as the day camp. A drop-in fee of \$7 per child per day is charged for those who cannot attend the whole camp.

Both islanders and visitors are welcome to attend. For more information or to register your child, call Linda Gagnon at 539-9953.

Pet service

Close to two dozen people and half a dozen dogs met at Winter Cove Park for an open-air church service and pet

SATURNA NOTES

blessing.

Harley and Lynn Abrams sailed from Chemainus with their family to lead the worshippers in song.

The service consisted of singing, bible reading and prayer with a special prayer time for all the pets. The congregation socialized over juice and cookies following the service.

The next regular service will be held in St. Christopher's church July 27 at 2 p.m.

Lions barbecue

The Saturna Lions will hold the first annual Sockeye Salmon Barbecue at Winter Cove Park on August 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Dinner will include barbecued salmon, rice, dessert and tea or coffee. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

The barbecue will be held at the baseball field in conjunction with a baseball tournament being organized for the long weekend by Saturna's Oystercatchers.

Parents cookbook

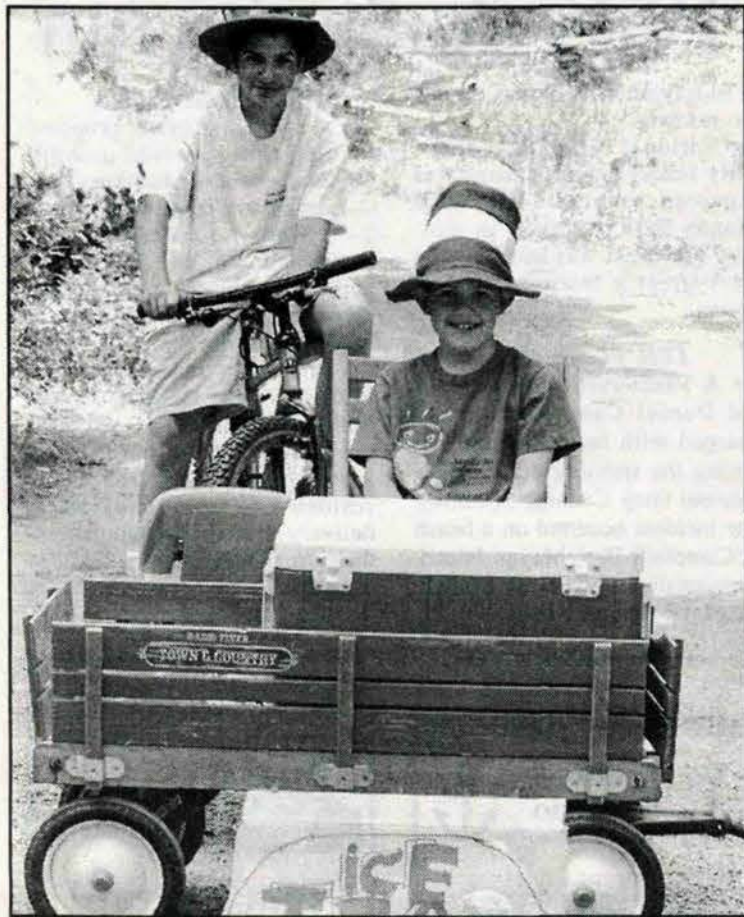
The new cookbook produced by the Saturna Parents Advisory Committee to raise funds for student

activities is now available at both stores.

Those who reserved copies are asked to purchase them at either location.

The cookbook, which costs \$10, contains recipes that readers will remember from community pot-luck dinners and gatherings, as well as a few surprises. It will be a lasting keepsake and a useful guide to tasty meals.

Illustrations by the students along with their recipes, both fanciful and practical, are included in the book. The cover, designed by former student Cory Boser, will be recognized by those who bought an alternative t-shirt at the lamb barbecue last year.



Roadside refresher

Young entrepreneurs Tim Forrest, left, and his brother Peter Forrest donned special hats to sell ice tea at the corner of North End and North Beach roads on Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island children can dance, sing, paint and sculpt at Artcamp held during two separate weeks this summer.

Thirty children, ranging in age from six to 13, participated in Artcamp last year. The 1997 version offers an expanded program, running two weeks this summer instead of one.

Children can enjoy all aspects of the arts at Fulford Elementary School July 21-25 or at Salt Spring Elementary School from August 11-15.

According to organizers, "Artcamp is a great opportunity for children to try their hand at all sorts of crafts, as

Artists host Artcamp

well as sculpting and performing arts."

Instructors include local well-known artists and teachers. Artist Patricia Brown will guide tie-dye and watercolour activities, mask-making and more; Chris Denbigh, former natural history sculptor at the Royal British Columbia Museum, will take a sculpting class through the process of creating a life-like animal; Sue Newman and Lloyd English will

work on performance skills, including lots of group singing as well as movement and presentation; and Diane English will join the group for piano accompaniment and recorder group.

Assistants will include Rose Atkins, Emily Roop, Geoff Roop and Myles English, helping with swimming lessons, physical activities and outdoor games.

Alongside fun, the focus of Artcamp includes completion of art-

work and performance material for presentation at the Art Gallery and Recital set for the end of the week.

"The entire week is chock-full of stimulating and interactive learning activities that the participants can't get in their regular learning environment," says Lloyd English, a professional musician and choral director. Organizers say spaces are filling up quickly.

Those interested in registering a "budding young artist" or those needing further information should contact Lloyd or Diane English at 537-1211.

Bessie Dane treasurer resigns after 13 years

Nell Bushy has retired after 13 years as treasurer of the Bessie Dane Hospice Foundation.

One of the original founders of the group in 1984, she served in the treasurer position since its inception. Bushy plans to continue serving as a hospice volunteer.

The hospice group was formed in honour of Bessie Dane who was well-known on Salt Spring, and especially in Fulford where she lived, for her care of people who were sick, dying, needy or lonely.

After she died in 1984, a group of her friends decided to form a hospice in her name to remember Dane and her work with the sick and the dying.


The Bessie Dane group has grown since then, adding services such as providing hospital beds and equipment for patients wishing to remain at home, companionship of the elderly and a bereavement walking group. Many founding members still serve actively.

Bessie Dane officers for 1997-98 are president Debbie Harris-Funfer, vice-president Kikki Rustch-McKinnon, secretary Maggie White, treasurer Shirley Quee, vigil coordinator Jean Knight and equipment coordinator Doreen Davidson.

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Kelowna ferry was considered for Ferry Authority run

Thirty-five years ago

Rumours were floating that the B.C. Toll Ferry Authority was planning to move a ferry from Kelowna, where it served Okanagan Lake, to provide interim service to the Gulf Islands. The ferry was expected to be used to improve connections from the islands to the Lower Mainland.

Graduates from Salt Spring High School were Lyn Akerman, Joan Bidwell, Ronald Bonar, Jean Galbraith, Susan Graham, Shane Heinekey, John Money, Kathie Morrison, Bruce Murakami, Marilyn Parsons, Donald Sharp and John Sturdy.

Thirty years ago

A Japanese couple forced to leave their property on Salt Spring during the Second World War was applying for compensation for the loss of land value. After being interred in the interior of the province, property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Torazo Iwasaki was confiscated by the Crown and sold. They had received a total of \$13,520 for their large Sunset Drive farm. In 1967, they estimated the property would have been worth more than \$1 million.

Failure of a referendum to expand school facilities had Gulf Islands trustees wondering how to meet the need for additional classroom space, an industrial arts room, a larger dormitory and a

DOWN THE YEARS

Pender Island teacherage. All trustees agreed the facilities were needed but voters had not approved their construction.

Saturna school trustee Jim Campbell was named the first president of the Educational Research Institute of B.C., an initiative sponsored by the B.C. School Trustees' Association, the B.C. Teachers' Federation, the Vancouver School District, universities and the provincial government.

Twenty-five years ago

More police were needed on Salt Spring during the holidays, Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce members advised the provincial Attorney-General. Citing problems which arose on the recent May long weekend, chamber members noted the island population doubled on weekends and tripled on summer holidays. Designed to serve 3,000 people, the detachment was unable to handle the influx of people.

On the market 81 years later was a subdivision first approved in 1891. The Grantville subdivision west of Walker Hood Road included 200 one-quarter acre lots

which were already registered and therefore not subject to current regulations — although the area lacked a water supply system and sewage disposal facilities.

Twenty years ago

A year of free travel between the Gulf Islands was ending with an announcement by B.C. Ferries that fares would be charged on Salt Spring- Outer Gulf Islands routes. Inter-island fares had been eliminated the previous June. A public hearing was planned to discuss the reasons for re-introducing the fares.

Bylaws which would have allowed a proposed 26-unit apartment building in Vesuvius were rejected by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, scuttling the project. However, another application had been made for four 25-unit apartment blocks in Vesuvius along with five single-family homes. The project was proposed for approximately 80 acres a mile south of Vesuvius. Also included was a golf course, clubhouse and boat moorage.

Fifteen years ago

A local courier company was looking for another vehicle after demand for service jumped during a postal dispute. Other courier companies agreed the ongoing dispute was bringing business to them, some of which they expect-

ed to stay after the postal dispute was resolved.

National New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent was expected to attend the Gulf Islands NDP barbecue in mid-July. The event was being held at the Farmer's Institute on Salt Spring.

Ten years ago

A Vancouver man, 27-year-old Daniel Cane Rajala, was charged with manslaughter following the stabbing death of 21-year-old Gary Canning of Surrey. The incident occurred on a beach in Campbell Bay, Mayne Island. Canning died while being taken to hospital on the mainland.

Five years ago

A new noise bylaw proposed for Salt Spring would prohibit neighbourhood-disturbing noise — particularly construction noise — before 7 a.m. and after 7 p.m./sundown, whichever was earlier. The bylaw had received third reading from the Capital Regional District board.

A hot, dry June still wasn't leading to water shortages on Salt Spring, despite fears of shortages being raised on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Some residents were utilizing water delivery services to supplement their usual water supply although no island water systems were reporting shortages.

Naturalists guide park programs at Ruckle and Montague Harbour

Free interpretive programs continue this week at two Gulf Islands provincial parks.

A variety of programs focussing on human and natural history take place each weekend at Ruckle Provincial Park on Salt Spring Island and at Montague Harbour Provincial Marine Park on Galiano Island.

In addition, farm history is given by Gwen Ruckle each Wednesday evening at Ruckle Park, beginning at 8 p.m. Featuring a slide show in the park's Big Barn, the presentation includes photographs of the Ruckle family which date back to the late 1800s.

Following is the weekend program schedule for Ruckle Park. (All events begin at the campground meeting place unless otherwise noted.)

SATURDAY, JULY 19

7 p.m. Ingenious Games from Indigenous Plants: Come out for an evening of fun and games with park interpreter Doug Andrew.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

11:35 a.m. Low Tide Walk: Gather at the meeting place for a walk along the sandy shoreline.
7 p.m. Henry's Backyard: meet Doug Andrew at

the Big Barn for a stroll around the Ruckle homestead.

The following programs run this weekend at Montague Harbour Park in addition to the Nature House opening which runs from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

7:30 p.m. Way Cool Tide Pool School: Those who thought they learned it all in Kindergarten can guess again.

10 p.m. The Ocean Through a Looking Glass: This program takes place at night in the lighted opening of the floating Nature House to provide an in-depth look at the abundant sea life. Reserve an hour on the chalkboard at the Nature House, starting at 1:30 p.m. on the day you plan to attend.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

6:30 p.m. Bountiful Berries: Which berries can you eat? Join a park naturalist for folklore and a short trek to identify common local berries.

8 p.m. What You Otter Know: Why keep a rock in your armpit? If you see an otter in the sea, is it a sea otter? Should you wear a seatbelt when you sleep? Find out what you "otter" know.

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Water pressure threatens sprinkler systems

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Insufficient water supply to operate fire protection sprinkler systems could be the next barrier to further development in Ganges.

Already caught in the pinch are ArtSpring and the Core Inn, both of which require operating sprinkler systems. ArtSpring needs a sprinkler system to gain an occupancy permit; the Core Inn needs one to open its second

and third floors.

On Wednesday morning, ArtSpring failed a pressure test of its sprinkler system.

The problem extends beyond ArtSpring and the Core Inn, notes Capital Regional District (CRD) building inspector Dick Stubbs.

He said sprinkler systems are now required for all buildings in which people assemble — such as community halls. They are also needed for buildings where

there are large numbers of people, like schools, and for places where people are immobile, such as hospitals.

In Ganges, the hospital, the new Gulf Islands Secondary, the Core Inn and ArtSpring either have or need sprinkler systems. But Stubbs pointed out a new building code expected next year could increase the number of places where sprinklers will be required.

"We have gone over the last

10 years from a very rural community to developing a very sophisticated downtown core," Stubbs remarked. But the water supply to downtown Ganges has not kept pace.

Stubbs noted the lack of a sewer system delayed development of Ganges for a decade. Insufficient water supply could have a similar impact. "This could be very topical," he remarked.

"Sprinklers are an emerging

issue and a bit of a difficult one," admitted North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) manager Mike Larmour. The mandate of the waterworks is to provide a water supply, not to offer fire protection.

Upgrading the system to offer sufficient water for downtown sprinkler systems will be prohibitively expensive. Just

WATER PRESSURE 2



Mesmerizing performance

Legendary Canadian singer Buffy Sainte-Marie held an Activity Centre audience captive Sunday night with her spellbinding music and political message. Sainte-Marie was on stage as part

of the annual Salt Spring Festival of the Arts which wraps up this weekend with a musical bash at the Farmers Institute. Review, Page 21.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ferry head retires

Frank Rhodes is hitting the road to retirement.

B.C. Ferries chief executive officer since June 1990, Rhodes will be retiring in October. Effective October 14, Tom Ward will be the new president and CEO for the Crown corporation.

B.C. Ferries board chairman Curtis Eaton said Rhodes made the retirement decision in May. He credited Rhodes with a number of accomplishments over the past seven years, including overseeing the rebuilding of the fleet with five new ships, reconstruction of the Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen terminals and development of the new Duke Point terminal.

Another initiative during Rhodes' term of office included introduction of stakeholder and public input into long-range B.C. Ferries' planning.

Rhodes said he was immensely proud to have been associated with the employees of B.C. Ferries.

"They are great people, committed to their jobs and the customers of the B.C. Ferry Corporation."

Incoming president Ward joined the ferry corporation in May 1994 as senior vice-president of engineering and construction. At present, he is responsible for B.C. Ferries' \$800-million capital plan and for managing Catamaran Ferries International Inc.

Illegal activities frustrate users of Centennial Park

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

It is Saturday evening in Centennial Park and there is an aura of anticipation in the air.

Although it is only 6:30 p.m., the playground sits lifeless without children. Middle-aged tourists wander over the park's grassy slopes and along the wooden board walk toward the harbour. But they carefully avoid the hordes of youth who are congregating in ant-like bunches in the park.

Two groups of music-playing, pot-smoking youths have gathered by the picnic

tables near the cenotaph. The tattooed, body-pierced young people in one group are transients, surrounded by backpacks and hiking books. The second group sits in a circle; one youth gently strums a guitar as another passes a joint.

Things are mellow in this corner of Centennial Park.

Tonight, the action is on the Gasoline Alley side. Here, cars stuffed with youths screech in and out of the parking lot, car stereos boom, fade and boom, and the vehicles' beer-drinking passengers are loudly

vocal in their pursuit of tonight's party.

Curses pummel the air, drowned by revving engines and squealing tires.

"Hey, you owe me five bucks."

"F— you, buddy."

Near the busy parking lot stands a group of six 14- to 15-year-old girls. They are younger than the kids in the cars, but eager to be lured into the action, judging by their furtive glances towards the screeching cars. They pass a cigarette, chatter, laugh and watch the parking lot.

"The park has a real allure for these kids,"

says Tony Hume, who is a parent as well as the island's Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission administrator, responsible for park activities. "It's a central spot. They find out what's happening and then take off en masse."

But when they don't take off, trouble pierces the park: Hume is inundated with complaints and park maintenance people are left to clean up the remains.

"Most of it is going on at night," says

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