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## Report nixes halt to resort

A recommendation against applying a stop work order to the Bullock Lake resort project will be before Capital Regional District (CRD) directors today (Wednesday).

Based on a staff report, the CRD's general municipal services committee has recommended against issuing a stop work order on the project, despite a request for one from the Islands Trust.

The Trust asked the CRD to issue the order "until the applicant has proven that there is sufficient water available to supply this project." But such proof is not required in order to obtain a building permit, noted municipal services department manager Yoon Chee.

"The Trust seems to mistakenly believe that a building permit cannot be issued until the provision of water supply for the site development is provided by the applicant," Chee noted.

"The Trust should be reminded that a building permit can be issued conditionally as long as the developer provides the required quantity and quality of water before the final building occupancy permit is issued," he added.

He reviewed the history of the project, including the approval of building permits in September 1996, based on an application made the previous November. Given the extent and political sensitivity of the project, Chee said the building inspection staff have had legal advice from an early point in the application process.

If a stop work order was issued on the project, the CRD would probably lose a court challenge to the developer and be legally liable for damages, Chee noted. He quoted a CRD legal opinion on the issue which stated:

"At present the Capital Regional District has no right or authority to revoke the permit or issue a stop work order. If the CRD were to do so, such action could be successfully quashed by the developer which could also seek damages against the CRD for losses incurred as a result of delay or expenses arising from the stop work order or the revocation of the permit."

Due to the legal ramifications of a stop work permit, Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth said she would be supporting the committee's recommendation. "That seems like it is the responsible thing to do given the legal advice," she said Monday.

The committee is recommending the staff report be forwarded to the Islands Trust.

Construction by Salt Spring Island Village Resort of 123 tourist cabins and a lodge on the 35-acre site bordering Bullock Lake is opposed by many island residents. The property was downzoned last October by the Salt Spring Trust Committee but the downzoning does not prevent construction of the resort since building permits were issued before the downzoning was approved.



Sign of God

Doing God's work entailed some digging for the clergy of six Salt Spring churches on Friday when this new sign was erected near Lower Ganges Road in front of the Anglican church in Ganges. Standing, from left, are Father Jules Goulet, Rev. Chris

Cormack, Pastor Murray Sinclair, Rev. Sharon Cooke and Rev. Bryan Bjerring. Kneeling is Rev. Rick Hill; hidden behind the sign is Rev. Barry Cooke. Story, Page 26.

Photo by Tony Richards

## 1996 weather: It was a hell of a year!

December's massive snowfall was a factor in setting new weather records throughout the year, according to Ganges weather observer Robert Aston.

The entire year was unusually wet, he said last week, with 1996 setting a new record for annual precipitation at 51.28 inches (130.25 cm). Aston notes precipitation figures were swelled by the snowfall, which was converted to one inch of rain for every 10 inches of snow.

The previous record for precipitation was 51.19 inches (130.02 cm), set in 1983.

A new snowfall record was also

set last year, with a total of 78.7 inches (199.9 cm) — a figure which dwarfs the previous record of 31.5 inches (80.01 cm) from 1980.

The new record is exactly 2.5 times greater than the 1980 total, Aston said.

December produced two records: for maximum monthly precipitation — 14.94 inches (37.95 cm) — and for monthly snowfall, recorded as 52.7 inches (133.86 cm).

The snowfall during the month was nearly double the previous annual record, Aston noted.

Snowfall over the 24-hour peri-

od of 4 p.m. December 28 to 4 p.m. December 29 shattered all recorded figures at a "staggering" 23.5 inches (59.69 cm). That one-day fall is almost one-and-a-half times the previous record for the entire month.

April 1996 also set a new record for previous Aprils with 4.65 inches (118.1 mm) of precipitation.

"All of Western Canada — indeed the entire northern hemisphere — is now reporting that the last 12 months has been substandard," Aston said, describing the weather.

There was some heat last summer. The warmest day of the year

was recorded July 13 at 32.3 C. However, throughout the year, islanders saw more grey skies than blue: Aston does not have exact figures but a report from Environment Canada confirms his observation that hours of sunshine for the year were well below average.

Honours for the coldest day were evenly balanced between December 28-29 and December 29-30. On December 28 to 29, the lowest temperature was minus eight degrees C and the high was minus 3.5 degrees C. On December 29-30, the low was

WEATHER 4

## Sunday's swim is more than a quick dip

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

If spring-predicting groundhogs popped up at Vesuvius Beach this Sunday, winter could be a long, long way from being over.

The New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim, which was "flooded out" earlier in this memorable winter, has been renamed and repackaged to emerge on Groundhog Day.

Enthusiastic volunteers and the sponsoring body, the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, couldn't let a lot of organizational effort and potential fun just wash away into the sea like part of the beach bank did on that fateful January 1. (Inclement sea and shore conditions didn't keep everyone out of the water, it should be noted.)

But your typical groundhog will surely

shake its head at the goofy scene at Vesuvius Beach Sunday and curse us with more of what we've come to fear and loathe.

However, this year's polar bear swim could counterbalance that fate by offering a cure for mid-winter doldrums. It's more than just a quick dip at the beach with hot drinks

SWIM 4

# How B.C. Ferries lost lifeboat race to Black Ball

Relocating to Ottawa a few years ago was in many ways like starting a new life. A new experience during that sojourn was using a transit system to get to work. After huddling inside a parka in temperatures as low as -20 C the bus would eventually arrive and if you were lucky there was a place to sit. With further luck, you'd find someone to talk to but conversationalists were a rarity among passengers on the OC Transpo fleet.

After doing this for a few months I decided that the transit firm's management thought they were in the trucking business, and saw bus riders as just another form of cargo to be moved. I bought a car and never rode the bus again.

Here in the islands we are blessed with ferries, the operation of which I generally find very convenient. However, the ferry corporation's management often seems in need of a rudder, as the following story relates. Its author is unknown.

## TONY RICHARDS



Once upon a time, Black Ball Ferries and B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC) decided to have a lifeboat race.

Both teams practised hard to reach their peak performance by the big day of the race. Black Ball won by one mile.

The BCFC team became very discouraged and morale sagged. Senior management decided that the reason for this crushing defeat had to be found, so they created a management lifeboat racing committee to investigate the loss and recommend appropriate remedial action. After many meetings and brainstorming sessions, it was concluded that while the Black Ball team had eight people rowing and one person steering, the corporation team consisted of eight people steering and one person row-

ing. Management immediately hired an American efficiency consulting company for a large but undisclosed fee to carry out a study for presentation to the board of directors. A condensed summary of the 1,100-page report stated the BCFC rowing team had too many people steering and not enough rowing.

To avoid losing to the Black Ball crew the next year, the BCFC rowing team management structure was totally reorganized into four steering supervisors, three area steering supervisors and one assistant superintendent steering manager. A performance enhancement system was also implemented to give the one rower greater incentive to row harder. It was called the "Rowing Team First" program whereby the rower worked with a professional facilitator to create an objective focus beginning with the vision statement "I am a proud, integral part of the Corporate Rowing Team, committed to moving the boat through dynamic partnership and innovation to provide the

highest quality of performance in pursuit of the Corporate Mission Statement and achieve success for the Rowing Team First program."

The rower attended seminars to develop a greater sense of his prime objective and focus. The rower was treated to dinner and presented with a monogrammed "Catch the Spirit" sweatshirt and a free Queen of the North pen. "We must give the rower empowerment and enrichment through this quality first program," said the general manager.

The next year the Black Ball team won by two miles. Humiliated, BCFC management laid off the rower for poor performance, halted development of newer, faster lifeboats, replaced lifeboats with inflatable life raft canisters, sold all the oars and cancelled all investment in new equipment.

They then gave a performance award to the steering managers and distributed the money saved as bonuses to the supervisors.

# Local realtors express optimism

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

Following a sluggish two years, the business of buying and selling Salt Spring property is improving and the local real estate market is recovering.

So concludes a detailed report written by island realtor Marshall Lindholm, who notes the volume of homes sold in 1996 increased 33 per cent over 1995, while lot sales were up 28 per cent.

Both Lindholm and fellow island realtor Jan Macpherson believe the upward trend will continue through 1997.

"I'm very, very optimistic," Macpherson said Friday.

According to Lindholm's report, 90 homes sold in the first half of 1996, compared to 68 in the first six months of 1995. Lot sales remained the same, however, with 25 lots selling in the first half of both years.

"The third quarter remained active," the report reads. "Between July and September, 47 homes and 17 lots sold as compared to 37 homes and 10 lots in the same period in 1995."

The fourth quarter saw 38 homes and 26 lots sold compared to 30 homes and 18 lots the year before.

Lindholm's report says that the relatively constant sale of homes

throughout the year is "indicative of a positive change in the market."

"More encouraging, however, is the substantial increase in lot sales in the last half of the year ... it is a very strong indication of improved consumer confidence in the market as a whole."

Macpherson, who teaches a Burnaby-based course on investing in the Gulf Islands, says there are several factors prompting increased real estate activity here.

First, she says, consumers are currently more confident in both the national and provincial economies. Secondly, Salt Spring now has a greater supply of real estate on the market than previously, as unsold properties which were slow to drop prices have been joined by newer listings.

Also, Macpherson says, a recent increase in the number of sales in Vancouver will lead to more activity here.

"When Vancouver picks up, you know that six months later we'll pick up. And Vancouver has been going gangbusters since September and October."

These factors combined with low interest rates and the start of an "out migration of baby-boomers to the aesthetically-pleasing rural areas," means real estate activity should

remain high in the coming years.

When Macpherson thinks of her current client list, she says, many buyers fit the description of the "leading edge of baby-boomers," who are three to five years from early retirement, economically independent and looking for a "special place" to retire.

Also fuelling the market, adds Lindholm's report, are "very competitive real estate prices." Prices are currently down to about 1991 levels, and Lindholm does not expect them to rise in the near future.

"In fact, due to the available supply," his report states, "there are still some adjustments down in pricing going on as the more anxious sellers compete for prospective buyers' attention."

The exception, notes the report, is waterfront property which "has increased moderately once again this year."

Lindholm warns that despite an improving market, local real estate is still very "price sensitive."

"With a wide selection of properties available, it is important that listing prices be truly reflective of market values. Over-pricing of a property by \$10,000 or \$20,000 in this market could result in very little or no action on any given listing."

# How real estate sales broke down in '96

A breakdown of Salt Spring real estate sales in 1996 indicates 56 of a total 176 home sales involved transactions amounting to less than \$200,000. Average price in this category was \$164,000.

Compiled by island realtor Marshall Lindholm, the figures also indicate that 35 house sales occurred in the \$200,000 to \$250,000 price range (averaging \$224,286), and 22 involved waterfront properties worth more than \$400,000 (with an average of \$524,523).

The lowest activity was in duplexes and non-waterfront properties over \$400,000 (two sales each — average price

for the duplexes was \$169,500 and average price for the other category was \$415,000), followed by tidal or semi-waterfront homes (three, averaging \$215,333).

Of the 68 lots sold in 1996, 21 involved lots from one-half to one acre in size, with an average price of \$88,715. Nine lots of between five and 10 acres sold at an average price of \$182,111, as well as nine waterfront pieces averaging \$266,111. Only three lots under one-half acre sold last year (average price was \$87,667), as well as three semi-waterfront parcels (averaging \$151,000), and four pieces over 10 acres, averaging \$184,250.

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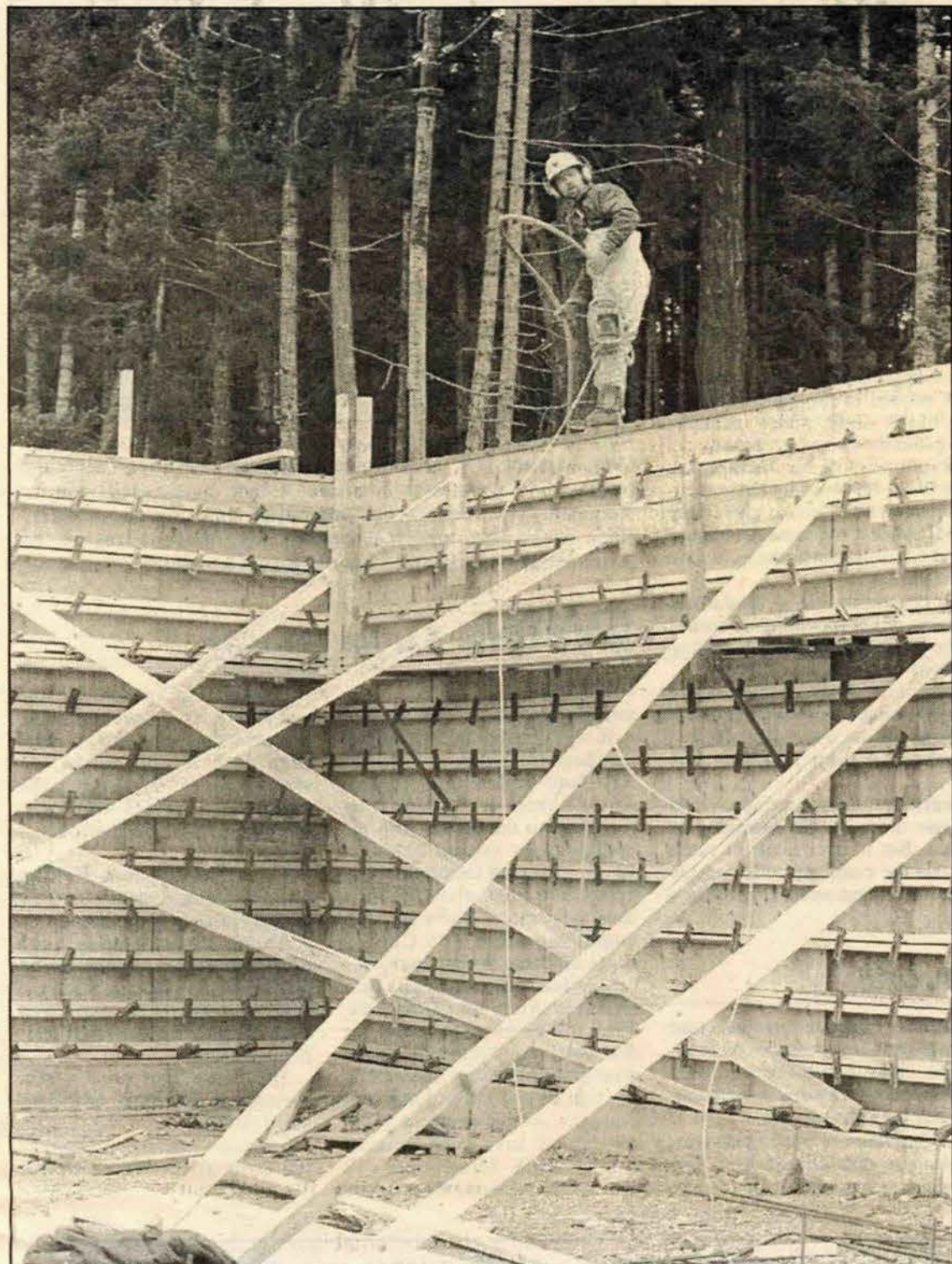
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**New lodge**

A construction worker stands on top of forms for concrete wall which will form part of the lodge at Salt Spring Village Resort. The Bullock Lake development is well under way,

though the Capital Regional District board will debate a request today (Wednesday) that work be stopped. Story, Page 1. Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Ferries survey to assist long-term planning**

B.C. Ferries was collecting opinions last week from 900 residents scattered throughout communities which use ferry service.

The survey, conducted from January 17 to 26, contacted people living in the Gulf Islands, on the Lower Mainland, on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and the North Coast. For the survey, 900 people were being contacted, B.C. Ferries spokesman Stephen

Nussbaum said.

Nussbaum said the survey is intended to identify basic market attitudes for long-term planning by the ferry corporation. Topics included attitudes towards the ferry service, customer satisfaction, support for government subsidies, opinions on fares and safety.

Nussbaum expected a summary of the survey findings would be available by the end of February.

**CRD issues caution over well water**

Well water may require disinfecting as a result of recent weather conditions.

Regional health officer Dr. Richard Stanwick recommended last week that homeowners on wells consider disinfecting their water. He said snow will contain a higher level of contaminants after lying on the ground for any period of time. In addition, ground that is frozen will not filter water efficiently.

One common disinfection agent is chlorine. More information is available from Capital Regional District health offices on Salt Spring and in Saanich.

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# Phone repair tab \$4 million

It would take 16 million calls from pay phones to recover the \$4 million BC Tel spends each year on repairing vandalized public telephones.

The phone ripped out of the wall at Portlock Park over the January 18 weekend is more serious than many attacks on telephones since the phone itself has vanished. But many of the 20,000 phones throughout the province are under almost constant attack.

"You're not particularly unusual," said BC Tel media relations manager Doug Strachan last week, referring to the level of pay phone vandalism on Salt Spring.

The phone at Portlock Park has been damaged, on average, twice a month. Some pay phones in Ganges need repairs once a week. The most frequent damage is caused by a person pulling out the handset although some is also done by people trying to break into the phone and collect the accumulated quarters.

Strachan points out pay phones typically don't contain much money — it takes 400 calls, for example, to build up to \$100 — but that doesn't seem to deter would-be thieves.

"If you have no money to begin with — \$2 or \$25 is still money. You're not talking a lot of money in any event."

Vandalism and theft attempts are particularly heavy in some parts of the Lower Mainland, he observed. For example, there have been cases where a crew repairing the damaged phones along the Sky Train route isn't even able to finish all the stations before the just-fixed phones are again out of order.

In the downtown east side of the city, police asked BC Tel to remove some public phones because they were being used to set up drug deals. In one recent attack, someone looped a chain

around an entire phone booth and dragged it away.

If a phone is vandalized too often, Strachan said, it will be removed. The threat of vandalism and theft is also taken into consideration when installing phones.

"Pay phones are a public service," Strachan said. People depend on the phones, which are located in areas where people may need to call for help. For example, Strachan said, BC Tel has one pay phone installed next to a remote airstrip. That phone may only collect a quarter every few months but it is available should something happen at the airfield and help be required.

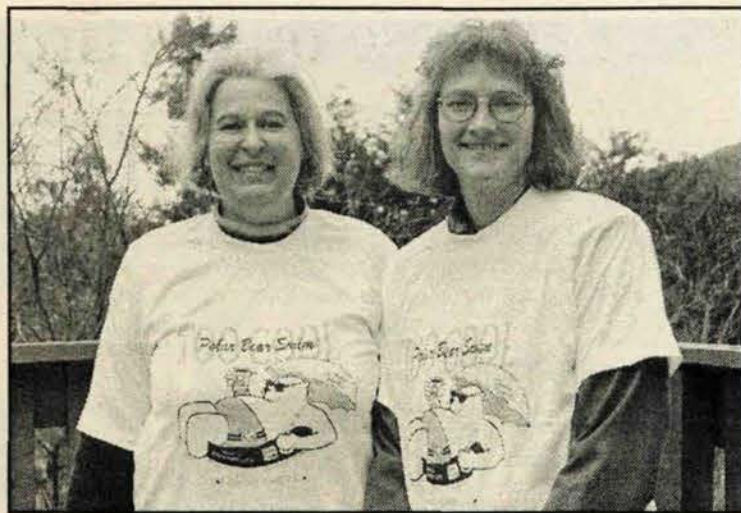
Parks are a problem area, Strachan noted. During the day, phones are needed in the park for those using the facilities but at night, parks are often deserted except as a gathering point for vandals.

Whether another phone will be installed at Portlock Park is now being reviewed by the company, a process which Strachan said occurs every time a phone is vandalized. Usually, the damaged phones are fixed or replaced but sometimes the company decides to remove the phone.

A phone which is constantly being vandalized and therefore not usable is not providing a service, he explained, and the primary reason for installing phones in most locations is to provide a service.

There is no pre-set point at which phones are removed since each situation is reviewed case-by-case. "Every pay phone has its own particular circumstances as to why it is there and how it is used."

To discourage vandals and thieves, Strachan said BC Tel does prosecute those caught damaging or stealing from phones. But it is difficult to catch someone in the act, so the company relies on the general public to be observant and to report any incidents, he said.



**TOO COOL:** Groundhog Day Polar Bear Swim boosters Jan Macpherson, left, and Melva Geldreich are advertising the rescheduled swim with Too Cool t-shirts made especially for the event. The shirts can be purchased with or without a pancake breakfast, which is one of several features at the Beachcomber Motel and Vesuvius Beach Sunday. Photo by Gail Sjöberg

## SWIM: Set for Sunday

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served afterwards. The festivities start with a pancake breakfast at Beachcomber Motel on Vesuvius Bay Road beginning at 11 a.m. At noon there is a parade from the motel to the beach, with the actual swim taking place at 12:30. Changing facilities, warm drinks and prize distribution is back at the motel. There are even commemorative Too Cool t-shirts available for purchase.

Like last year, there will be a torrent of prizes for participants. They will be given to people for the usual achievements — the youngest and oldest swimmers, the first in and last out and best costumes — but in a new twist, several will have to be retrieved by swimmers. Some prizes will be tied to balloons floating on

the water (but anchored to the sea floor). This provides some incentive for people to do more than dash in and out of the water, hopefully raising the number of bodies who will attempt a swimming stroke or two.

To satiate treasure-seeking children, some prizes will be placed closer in to the shore.

About 25 businesses have donated prizes, from Embe Bakery to Salt Spring Cinema, several restaurants, stores and even Westel, a B.C.-owned telephone company.

This is the first year the local chamber of commerce has sponsored the event.

For more information, contact the Balls at the Beachcomber Motel, 537-5415.

## WEATHER: A year for breaking records

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minus 10 C and the high was minus 2.5 C.

Looking back over the past 20 years, Aston picked out a few highlights which give greater perspective to this year's record-setting weather. For example, the lowest annual precipitation was half this year's record, at 25 inches (63.50 cm) in 1985.

And in 1986, islanders had a summer to remember. The driest period occurred during the Expo World's Fair, when the region

recorded 58 continuous precipitation-free days.

Yet in January the same year, a record for 24-hour precipitation was set on January 17 to 18, when 3.81 inches (96.8 mm) of rain fell.

When should picnics and outdoor weddings be planned? Over the past 20 years, July has traditionally been the driest month. December edges out November as the wettest.

When he created a graph using figures from the past 20 years, Aston discovered dramatic swings

in either direction were balanced by a swing in the opposite direction. Thus, unusually wet years were followed by dry and unusually dry years by wet ones.

Assuming the trend holds true, islanders should be in for a dry, warm and snow-free 1997.

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## Garden hose quells fire until firefighters arrive

A Saturna homeowner kept a fire under control with a garden hose Monday evening until volunteer firefighters arrived, possibly saving the home from serious damage.

Geri Bemister was home alone at approximately 8 p.m. when she noticed the fire in the area of the home's corner fireplace and masonry chimney. She called the fire department and turned a hose on the blaze until firemen arrived about 12 minutes later.

Fire chief Alfred Reynolds said it took firemen approximately half an hour to extinguish the fire, after which they spent another two hours ensuring the blaze was out. For the rest of the night, they had one fire truck and one fireman at the residence, in case the fire flared up again.

Damage was restricted to a few walls and a few feet of roof in the 1,500-square-foot house. "Relatively minor, considering what could have happened," Reynolds observed. Due to the distances which volunteer firefighters on the island must often cover to reach a fire, Reynolds said many fires are out of control by the time fire trucks arrive.

"We do have a pretty good record of saving mostly foundations," he quipped.

The resident most put out by the fire appeared to be the cat, whom Reynolds found curled up in a cat bed Tuesday morning. "He looked up at me as if to say 'when are you going to turn the heat back on?'"

The house is owned by Bemister and Bob Range.

## Coast Guard aids school boat

Outer Islands students going home on the Scholarship last Wednesday had a long trip after the boat broke down at approximately 3:10 p.m.

First word of problem came from the vessel Klaskeno II, which contacted the Coast Guard to report that the school water taxi appeared to be having difficulties. Minutes later, the Scholarship crew called for help.

Both the Ganges Coast Guard's Skua and the B.C. Hydro Aqua Star responded, arriving at the scene just before 3:30 p.m. The Skua took the Scholarship in tow to Ganges Harbour but was met at 3:45 p.m. by the Graduate.

The 37 students and one crew member transferred to the Graduate for the trip to the Outer Islands.

The problem turned out to be a mechanical failure in the linkage to the Scholarship's high-pressure diesel injection pump.

"There was no real danger to the students or the vessel," Coast Guard officer-in-charge Dave Howell said. The Scholarship crew was ready to drop anchor, other vessels were in the area to offer assistance and the weather was good.



### People and Community

Islanders at work and play are featured each week in the pages of Driftwood - your community newspaper.

## Criminal offences down in '96

Vandalism, petty theft, assaults and break-ins are the most common crimes on Salt Spring, judging by a year-end summary of offences committed in 1996.

There were 138 incidents of property damage — all but three less than \$5,000 — up from 112 the previous year; 145 reports of theft under \$5,000, down from 219 the previous year; 77 assaults, up from 71 in 1995; and 103 break-ins, up from 92 the previous year.

Most likely to get broken into were residences (54), followed by businesses (43). Cottages and other structures accounted for six additional break-ins.

Incidents of sexual assault dropped to three this year, compared to 12 in 1995. Police note there were also three less serious sexual offences reported and two indecent acts.

Thieves are more likely to lift stuff from vehicles than make off with the vehicles. There were only 13 thefts of either cars (6), trucks (6) or motorcycles (1) in 1996 but 41 thefts from motor vehicles. Of those, four involved losses of more than \$5,000. The total is lower than 1995, when 75 thefts were

reported from motor vehicles.

There were 10 reports of stolen bicycles, down from 20 in 1995; 24 instances of shoplifting, down from 29 in 1995; and 81 other complaints of theft, down from 115 in 1995.

Forgery and fraud are relatively rare, with only 14 instances reported during the year. These included fraudulent cheques, credit card fraud and forgery. In 1995 there were 34 reports of fraud.

There was one instance of using counterfeit currency.

Possession of stolen goods tripped up two people in 1996, compared to eight in 1995; there were four instances of arson; two instances of trespassing at night and two cases of harassment or stalking.

Instances of disturbing the peace totalled 21, of obstructing police, six, and of breaching probation, 13. There were four bail violations and one instance of extortion.

Total criminal code offences for the year were 606, down slightly from the 653 recorded in 1995.

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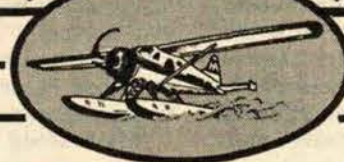
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406*	9:30am	Saturday Islands	Vanc.	10:00-10:30am
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# Sun sets on defence argument despite 'hopeful, gallant' try

Despite a "hopeful" and "gallant" argument by his defence lawyer, a Salt Spring man was convicted of impaired driving and fined \$850 in Ganges provincial court last week.

Following conclusion of a trial which began in Ganges in September, Judge Loretta Chaperon found Jim Cyril Madison, 45, guilty of impaired driving.

Madison was charged with the offence after he lost control of his van beside Thrifty Foods on April 10, 1996, crashing over a sidewalk and into a planter.

Testifying for the Crown were passenger Jeremy Angus, RCMP Const. Kevin Wass and Thrifty Foods employee Andrew Greig. Defence lawyer Jim Pasuta did not call any witnesses to the stand, but entered evidence indicating the sun set at 7:58 p.m. on April 10 of last year.

In a marathon summation, Pasuta attempted to show that more than two hours elapsed between the time the accident occurred and the time breathalyzer samples were taken, mak-

ing the samples inadmissible as evidence.

Although Angus had told the court he was uncertain when the accident took place, he estimated it occurred between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. when pressed by Pasuta under cross examination.

Greig estimated it took place between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

Wass, however, said he arrived at the scene at 8 p.m. The first breathalyzer test was taken at 9:06 p.m.

Pasuta also pointed out that all three witnesses had felt the sun had not set when the accident occurred, arguing that had the accident taken place after 7 p.m., the sun would have been behind a ridge, shading the accident site.

Without evidence of the breath certificate, Pasuta said, evidence from Angus and Greig was not strong enough to indicate Madison was impaired while driving the van.

Crown counsel Evan Blake described Pasuta's argument as "vague, imprecise and hopeful." "My learned friend has gal-

lantly elicited evidence about the sun in the sky, hills and ridges ... but what is relevant is the length of time between the accident and when the police arrived. The issue of time is a red herring."

Blake noted that Greig's testimony indicated police arrived no more than 20 minutes after a Thrifty Foods employee reported the accident.

Evidence from Wass indicated the accused was staggering and his speech was slurred. Greig told the court that both passengers were "angry and reasonably unsteady on their feet."

In reaching her decision, Chaperon said she had no difficulty with the apparent time problem in Angus and Greig's testimony, noting Angus "was drinking himself" and therefore his testimony "was not the best." Greig, she added, said the police arrived soon after the accident.

Because Madison was convicted of the same offence in 1992 and fined \$500 at that time, Chaperon fined him \$850 and prohibited him for driving for one year.

## Theft of \$8 in goods nets \$50 fine

A Salt Spring man will pay a fine after stealing items worth \$8 from Mouat's Home Hardware.

Kristopher River Lang, 21, pleaded guilty to the offence in Ganges provincial court last week.

Crown counsel Evan Blake told the court Lang was seen in the hardware store opening a box and placing its contents — two ant traps — into his pants.

Lang told the court he was currently unemployed but had plans for work in the spring.

Judge Loretta Chaperon fined him \$50.

## AMBULANCE REPORT

December was a record month closing out a record year for Salt Spring paramedics.

Twenty-five December calls were classified as emergencies; 87 were routine. In the monthly ambulance service report, local paramedic Ken Duke estimates about 10 calls were a direct result of the extreme weather conditions in late December. Many more were made unusually difficult by those conditions.

Duke extended special thanks to Salt Spring's volunteer firefighters and road maintenance crews for their help during that period.

Throughout December, paramedics attended six motor vehicle accidents, 14 shortness of breath complaints, six chest pain complaints, 12 falls, 35 transfers to off-island medical facilities, and pick-up of patients from the water taxi on eight occasions.

Salt Spring's ambulance service handled approximately 1,100 calls throughout 1996.

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# Fernwood store, beauty salon, golf club victims of thieves

Thieves broke into Sargeant's Mercantile's Fernwood store Monday night by entering through the adjacent beauty salon, stealing items from both businesses.

Missing from the store were the cash register, pop and cigarettes. The salon lost an expensive pair of haircutting scissors, a telephone, an answering machine and approximately two dozen bottles of assorted hair spray and treatments.

Thieves made several trips through an adjacent residential yard between the businesses and a vehicle parked on Walker Hook Road.

Police are investigating and ask anyone with information to call Sgt. Cliff Doherty at 537-5555 or to call CrimeStoppers.

In other police news:  
 • The Salt Spring Golf and Country Club shed was broken into either Friday night or early Saturday morning, two gas cans removed and drained and the empty cans left a short distance from the shed.

• Approximately \$10,000 damage was sustained by a 1994 Ford

## RCMP REPORT

F250 truck in a single vehicle accident Sunday at 9:25 p.m. The accident occurred in the 200 block of Vesuvius Bay Road, when the vehicle went into the ditch on the right side of the road.

The driver and only occupant, a 35-year-old Salt Spring man, was charged with driving too fast for road conditions and was also given a 24-hour driving prohibition. There were no injuries.

• Poor weather conditions contributed to an accident at 6:45 p.m. Monday on Lower Ganges Road near the Upper Ganges Road intersection, when a 1981 GMC Van struck a 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier head-on.

Damage to the van was estimated at \$500 and to the car, \$1,500. No one was injured. The van driver was ticketed for failing to keep to the right.

• Fears that an abduction attempt might be made by out-of-

province members of a local family prompted police to find the visitors shortly after they arrived on the island January 19 and warn them any criminal act would not be wise.

Police were called by an island woman, who had learned family members from Alberta were coming to the island. A family relations matter involving the local woman is under way and custody of the children is unresolved.

The visitors spent one night on the island before returning to their home in Alberta.

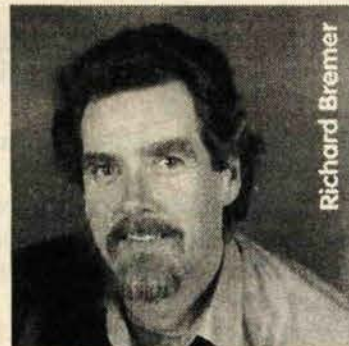
• A two-tone brown Ford Fairmont, licence plate GFN-086, has been stolen from a local towing company's locked storage yard. The vehicle had been impounded by the towing company as a hazard to moving traffic.

Even if the vehicle was taken from the storage yard by the owner, police note the owner can be charged with theft of his or her own vehicle if it is taken from a towing company. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the car is asked to call police.

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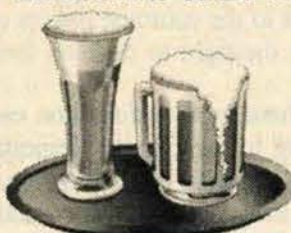
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If the address is wrong, emergency vehicles will be sent to the wrong place. Especially sensitive are addresses which are similar to others on the island, such as Kings Lane and Kings Road or Quebec Drive and Quebec Lane.

Anyone discovering a mistake is asked to call the fire hall at 537-2531 so it can be corrected in the database.

## FOR THE RECORD

Islanders wishing to contact the B.C. Assessment Authority about their assessments should phone 1-800-990-1159 or send faxes to 250-479-1849. The fax number reported in the January 8 Driftwood was incorrect.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE for Victims of the

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Your government's Provincial Emergency Program provides assistance to victims of natural disaster. Direct financial support is available for *uninsurable* losses to help you recover from damage caused by the December 29, 1996 to January 1, 1997 winter storm.

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- is available to home owners/renters, small businesses, farm operations and charitable organizations.

Disaster Financial Assistance does not cover lost or damaged property for which insurance is available. Claims will only be considered for *uninsurable* losses.

The Provincial Emergency Program will be accepting disaster assistance claims from victims for damages resulting from the winter storm which occurred between December 29, 1996 and January 1, 1997 in the following areas:

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- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
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- Capital Regional District
- Powell River Regional District
- Sunshine Coast Regional District
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- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District from Cache Creek Kamloops/Salmon Arm and south
- Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District
- Central Okanagan Regional District
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- Kootenay Boundary Regional District
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- East Kootenay Regional District

If this winter storm caused damage to essential items, and you feel you might qualify for assistance, please pick up an Intent to Claim form from your regional district/municipal/village office, or a Government Agent's Office. Please submit the completed form as soon as possible but *no later than March 31, 1997* to:

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# OPINION

## A deficient barn

The horse is gone from the barn. Don't flog a dead horse. The race is over.

No matter which tired metaphor is chosen, the message remains the same. Salt Spring Island Village Resort is going ahead on the shores of Bullock Lake, no matter how much residents and neighbours object.

We all know what should have been done. To be protected from massive development, the land should have been downzoned years ago, long before an island resort could become a gleam in any developer's eye.

But it wasn't downzoned. It was sold as developable property and, regardless of philosophical debate to the contrary, buyers of developable property in Canada have the right to develop their property.

Attempting to thwart that right without legal justification can prompt court action, as a report going to the Capital Regional District board points out. That report recommends the regional district not place a stop work order on the project, on the grounds that such an order cannot be legally justified.

And, as much as we recognize the problems posed by the resort project, we have to agree that the Capital Regional District should not make itself or its taxpayers targets for successful litigation.

It's bad enough that neighbours must watch the resort taking shape. It would be even worse for them if a lost court battle meant they were involuntarily contributing tax dollars which were helping pay for the project.

At this point, islanders should hope the resort succeeds. Otherwise it could become an abandoned eyesore, passed from owner to owner, which would be more harmful to the area than a successful and well-maintained resort.

Islanders could also turn their energy to ensuring no more resorts escape from the barn. It is surprising that a source of potable water need not be proved to obtain a building permit — only to obtain an occupancy permit.

While we doubt anyone would be foolish enough to build without a proven water source, we also feel that in the case of a resort whose units are to be sold to individual investors, proof of adequate water should be required before the first footings are poured.

After all, if a water shortage holds up any occupancy permits, the developer may not suffer. It may be the buyers of the individual units who are caught short if they are unable to occupy or rent out their premises.

Clearly, the regulations which govern the issuing of building permits need to be changed. At the same time, strong communication needs to be maintained between the CRD and the Trust to ensure neither body unwittingly undercuts the goals of the other.

The only advantage of having a horse escape from the barn is to show where the structure has failed.

## That condom machine

A condom machine in Gulf Islands Secondary School is neither a cause nor a cure. It's a symptom.

The debate swirling around the school board's decision to install the machine would be better focused not on the machine, but on the shift in social values that the machine represents.

All sides of the debate agree condoms are not foolproof and abstinence is best. The disagreement arises over how those teens who choose not to abstain from sex should be handled: left to risk the consequences or offered what limited protection exists for their hormone-driven folly.

It's easy to focus on the machine. But existence of a condom machine is only a minor player in a teen's decision to become sexually active.

More important factors are education about the risks of sexually transmitted disease and unwanted pregnancy, personal self-worth and personal values.

None of those is vended by machines: they are the result of input over the years by parents, teachers, friends, books, music, movies ... every influence that helps guide the journey from childhood to maturity.

That is where effort and energy needs to go, not in trying to support or overturn the school board's decision. By the time a teen starts looking for condoms — whether from a machine or from a store — the die is cast.

WE'RE GOING UP TO THAT END WHERE THEY'RE HAVING THE EXTREME POLAR BEAR SWIM!



## BST issue not dead yet as ruling awaited from trade organization

By DAVID MASSY

Two years ago, Canadians across the country wrote letters to Prime Minister Jean Chretien and their local Members of Parliament asking them to continue a Canadian ban on the use of BST, the synthetic growth hormone cattle are injected with in order to increase milk production.

The concern was that insufficient testing of the hormone had been undertaken. There was considerable evidence of its injurious effects on cattle and also medical evidence that it was a "potential risk factor for breast and gastro-intestinal cancers."

According to Monsanto, the American corporation which produces BST, there is no scientific evidence of any health risk from it. But obviously they were concerned enough by the many letters and phone calls to send representatives to British Columbia to discuss with local farmers ways of reducing the public concern about the dangers of BST.

Time has been one of their allies. There has been little information since in local papers. A former minister of health in B.C. gave BST his approval. Diane Marlowe, our federal minister of agriculture, writing in January 1996, assured us that no decision by Health Canada had yet been taken to lift the ban on BST, despite lobbying by Monsanto and large pharmaceutical companies.

Now comes the news that the American government has appealed on the part of the manufacturer to the World Trade Organization (WTO), that the ban presently in place by the European Economic Community is a violation of WTO rules. These state that governments are entitled to use trade restrictions against products on scientifically established health grounds, but cannot limit imports because of social or environmental concerns over the way they are produced. Monsanto is claiming that the European ban is really about the method to produce milk rather than being



caused by concerns about the health factors of BST.

A panel from the WTO is shortly to rule on the legitimacy of the European ban. If it is upheld, Monsanto stands to lose \$500 million annually from

access to the European Economic Community market.

It is worthwhile repeating that the injection of the BST synthetic hormone does absolutely nothing to improve the nutritional value or the quality of the milk. It does, however, reportedly, raise the milk yield by up to 25 per cent. But do we need more milk in Canada and who really benefits? Not the consumer, but the manufacturers, some pharmaceutical companies and large dairies.

The WTO does not permit labelling of food products and under its rules, consumers have no right to know what is in their food. To label products, they claim, is a protectionist threat to the trade interests of Third World governments. In a global economy increasingly dominated by transnational companies which can seek to maximize profits by locating production in countries and sites with the weakest social and environmental standards, this is a recipe for disaster.

What can be done to change some of the WTO rulings so as

to permit countries to place import controls on goods produced in environmentally damaging circumstances? The last WTO meeting was held in December 1996.

Can we write to Jack Frazer, our local Member of Parliament, urging him to raise the matter, in the House, of unfair trade regulations which also forbid labelling of goods? Can we also ask for a report from the federal minister of trade to determine what stand he took for Canada at that meeting?

David Massy is a retired teacher and Salt Spring resident.

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**We Asked: Should there be condom machines in the high school?**



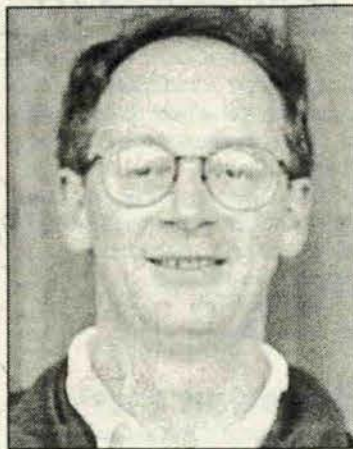
**Ila-Mae Dickson**

*I think if the school population wants them, they should be there.*



**Helen Stark**

*Yes, I think so — to practise safe sex and prevent unwanted pregnancies.*



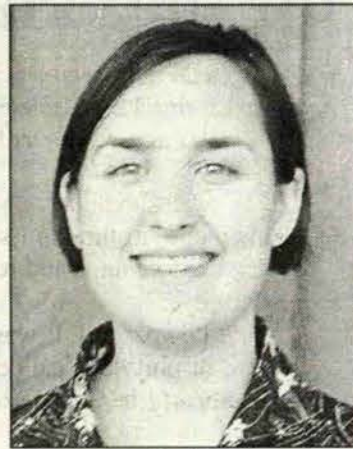
**Don Nemeth**

*Absolutely. I think that kids are going to have sex anyway and it's important that they develop a healthy sense of responsibility and a responsible sense of health.*



**Des St. Lawrence (with Cher)**

*I guess the answer is yes — an unhappy yes because I think abstaining is really the answer.*



**Jody Schwartzentruber**

*Yes, I think they should allow it. I don't think it promotes people having sex, it just provides appropriate protection.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Condoms protect

I was shocked and dismayed after reading only the first two paragraphs of Tony Brogan's letter to the editor in the January 15 issue.

He has managed to offend every side of the argument. We even insulted the Driftwood!

Teenagers have been having sex for a very long time now and I for one think it's about time there is some way to protect everyone.

Condoms protect people from unwanted pregnancy, AIDS and many other STDs out there, as well as the ones we don't know about yet.

To assume that these kids (young adults) are not going to have sex anyway is a complete joke! Of course they are! We can't just will them not to anymore. It's the '90s, as they say.

I would much rather know my children are having sex and using condoms than having sex and getting pregnant or AIDS.

Mr. Brogan obviously has no children and if he does, perhaps he should pay more attention to their environment. Salt Spring is fairly sheltered, but not entirely forgotten by the cruel twists of fate that Mother Nature seems to throw at us.

**TARA HAMMOND, age 21**  
Salt Spring

### Offer safety

I thought with age we are sup-

posed to get wiser. How naive are the adults of Salt Spring and other communities?

From the comments in your January 15 article regarding a condom machine I would have to say very! I am a mother of three children aged 5, 2-1/2 and three weeks old. I am also almost 21. This means at 15, 17 and 20 I, like many other teens in this world, was pregnant. Do the parents in this community really think that "this will never happen to my little girl/boy?"

True, there is no better way to avoid than to abstain. But what if teaching abstinence is not enough to keep your child safe? What would possess any parent to deny their children the next best alternative knowing the possible outcomes (AIDS, unwanted kids, STDs). Even if we tell our children to wait, if we look back, how many of us heeded our parents' similar warnings? How many of us became parents or afflicted with disease at a young age? Do we want the same things to befall our children?

As for Mr. Brogan re-naming our school, would he rather put in a day care? Let's get real!

Teens will have sex if they want to and if a condom machine can make it safer for them we should be willing to offer them this as loving, responsible parents. Maybe we should try working on the first place our children see, hear and learn about sex and promiscuity. Let's turn off our TVs and talk to our kids before they learn the hard way.

I know my life would be very different if at 15 my school (GISS) had promoted safe sex knowing abstinence was not an acceptable choice for some youths. Maybe if teens are given a choice like buying protection out of the view of their parents' friends we would have fewer boys and girls left wondering, "How am I going to tell my parents?"

For your children's sake — hide your pride, offer safety.

**JAIME BOYLE,**  
Howell Lane

### Well done

Letters have been written thanking the firefighters, ambulance drivers, volunteers and highway crews for their services during the snowstorm of December 1996, and they certainly deserve it.

But how about these kids who went from door to door with their shovels asking to clean your driveway? Sure, we paid them and some of us gave them little treats besides but they did good jobs. I think if a kid is willing to work, give him a chance. Thank God there are still some who aren't afraid of work.

The two young boys who came to my place and neighbour's were very polite and worked hard. I don't know their names but I want to say, "Thank you, boys. Job well done."

**M. FOX,**  
Ganges

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## Child poverty: time for national program

VICTORIA — "B.C. leads on national Child Benefit Strategy," trumpeted Human Resources Minister Dennis Streifel's press release.

"The development of national child benefits could be the social policy landmark of the 1990s, much like medicare is considered the most important social advance of the 1960s," the blurb went on.

Let's not get carried away, minister. British Columbia's child benefit program is a step in the right direction. It's the best of its kind in Canada. But it's also the only one and a long way from eradicating child poverty, the most damnable phenomenon in our affluent society.

### CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



Under the B.C. Family Bonus program, low-income families get up to \$103 a month per child. Currently, the program provides \$250 million in annual support to 200,000 low-income families with dependent children. About 70,000 of these families are on welfare.

The good thing about the program is that it's designed to reduce disincentives to work over welfare. The bad part is that there aren't enough jobs out there to break the welfare cycle, no matter how eager welfare recipients may be to find work.

Still, Canadians appear to be ready, at long last, to seriously tackle the shameful issue of child poverty in their midst. At least, the politicians are.

Moved by the need for some convincing planks in its platform for the upcoming election, the federal Liberals seem willing to put in place a national strategy to battle child poverty. The issue was high on the agenda at last week's meeting in Toronto of Canada's social services ministers.

Streifel is probably right when he says British Columbia's Family Bonus program is widely recognized as an excellent model for a national child benefit plan. As I said, it is the only program of its kind in Canada.

Other provinces have been too busy wiping out social programs to give much thought to child poverty. At least the Clark government, in spite of its budget woes, is showing serious commitment to the eradication of child poverty.

On the other hand, Clark, too, has been busy scrapping programs and laying off public servants, which will not help the province's jobless situation.

At the Toronto meeting, Streifel urged Ottawa to "take immediate and concrete action to implement a national child benefit" and to achieve that aim, begin consultation now with the provinces and the territories.

Streifel stressed three points: a national child benefit must be effective in reducing the depth of child poverty across Canada; it must be designed to ensure that work is a better deal than welfare for families in every region of Canada, and provinces should work together to expand the agreed-upon set of national objectives and principles into specific national standard.

"We are ready to sign agreements with the federal government to launch a national child benefit, and work with the territories and other provinces to achieve a shared national vision on behalf of our children," Streifel told his counterparts.

A national program to eliminate child poverty would come none too soon. A society is measured by how it treats its minorities, its elderly and its children. And while Canada compares favourably to many other countries, there is a lot of room for improvement.

Let's keep the pressure on our politicians to take the necessary steps to make child poverty a thing of the past.

One more thing: The last time I wrote about child poverty, I got a call from a woman who said she had no time for my bleeding-heart approach to the subject. People who can't afford to feed their kids properly, she said, should give them up for adoption.

This time, madam, I have no time for your cynical comments. Write a signed letter to the editor, if you must, please, but don't call me.

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

## More letters

### Cease hunt

Re: Dead Sheep Blamed on Dogs in the January 22 issue. Reading the subject story it must have struck many of your readers that the CRD animal control officer should probably cease his hunt for the accused "large, black dog."

The solution to this problem may well be found in examining closely the feature photograph on the same page of the same issue.

DAVID WELCH,  
Isle View Drive

### Question facts

As a retired CRD animal control officer, I feel obligated to question certain facts in regard to the January 15 front page article relating to the situation involving the SPCA and the CRD animal control officer for Salt Spring Island.

Mr. Brunnwieser stated he had been in contact with the owners of Quail Farm for months issuing warnings for animals roaming at large. As it is required that after these initial warnings are given, written "tickets" are then issued (unless the rules have changed). Why, on his visits, did he not notice the condition of at least a few of the animals?

Mr. Brunnwieser also states in the Driftwood "you have to give people a chance." Does that infer that the animals must reach such an emaciated condition that they either die or have to be put down before any action is taken?

It saddens me to think that it took a compassionate B.C. Hydro employee to alert the authorities.

Let us hope a similar situation does not occur on Salt Spring Island again.

MRS. CHRIS WADE,  
Vesuvius

### Online fan

Gulf Islands Online is a really neat web site. I had never seen it before today.

Keep up the good work you guys are doing at the Driftwood!

KRISTINE PICKELL,  
Calgary, Alberta

### Step into '90s

I know Salt Spring is quaint and considered by some to be a little like Mayberry RFD, but it is time to step into reality here and face facts: condoms are a necessity.

This is not to say that "all" teens are engaging in sex! But those that are should be allowed to discreetly protect themselves. The very small town-ness we enjoy here may prevent some of them from buying condoms at the only drugstore on the island. Everyone knows everyone else, or so it seems. Denying this protection, considering some of the consequences, is criminal.

As parents we can only hope we've educated our children to the best of our abilities, and that includes protection if abstinence is not an option.

Let's take this one small step into the '90s and install them in every washroom, public and school alike. It could be the difference between life and death, and anyone who doesn't think so should visit some young AIDS patients.

DIANA STOCKS,  
Harrison Avenue

### Head in sand

In response to Tony Brogan's letter in the January 15 paper:

It is one of my greatest fears that a young person should contract AIDS or become burdened with an unforeseen pregnancy for want of a thin sheath of rubber.

Anyone who teaches abstinence most certainly has their head stuck in the sand (or somewhere else and their problem is obvious).

Welcome to Salt Spring Island, home of about 10,000 mostly happy folks plus a few airheads.  
CAROLYN GIBSON,  
mother of a 16-year-old,  
Salt Spring

### Lacking cool

I feel I am not alone when I say that I found Mr. Brogan's angry, fundamentalist diatribe (Bordello High, January 15) both distressing and misplaced.

Iconoclasm is acceptable only if a positive solution is offered as an alternative and his mystical, quasi-religious premise just won't do.

Humour is a hard mistress; a tightrope. Used properly it is an enlightening rapier, used wrongly it is an insensitive bludgeon.

He used it wrongly. The initial satire looked promising, the ongoing irony could have worked but the frustration and hostility were apparent in the sarcasm.

Mr. Brogan, you lack a certain cool.

Having worked with adolescents for most of my life, as teacher, parent and counsellor, I am amazed at how well they cope. The metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly is no easy transition. Remember how it was for you?

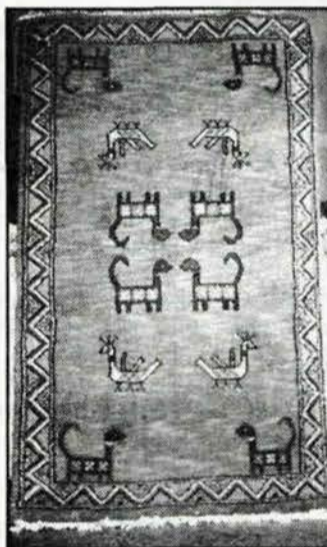
Learn to trust them. Help them find answers. Share your experiences. I promise you, you will find it rewarding.

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ALEX MITCHELL,  
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**Sad story**

Thank you to the SPCA staff, volunteers and others who helped with the recent rescue of starving and neglected animals. This must have been a difficult and upsetting experience for them.

This sad story is a reminder of how dependent our pets and farm animals are on us. If people are unable to provide proper care for their animals, they have a responsibility to find them new homes or to ask for SPCA assistance.

All of us have an obligation to notify the SPCA whenever we learn of abuse or neglect of animals.

This episode also demonstrates how much this community relies on the SPCA and of the need to support it with donations.

**JANICE McLEAN and RICHARD KERR,**  
Walker Hook Road

**Leave the eye**

I thoroughly enjoyed Alex Mitchell's article in the January 8 Driftwood and, in particular, his account of the boiled sheep's head. It took me back to my early Christmases in a small English village.

Another child of the Depression years, the writer's "violins" might have been straining away in my background but never on Christmas Day. Not when the family sat round the table as my mother served up, roasted to a golden turn, her annual piece de resistance, half a pig's head.

What a mouthwatering change from liver or shin of beef or breast of mutton. This was something to be reckoned with, something one could carve up, (however dexterously), something on which one would have earlier placed bids for a preferred section of the fated porker's physiognomy. And then, of course, came Mother's annual Christmas joke, a chestnut that still draws a laugh (with a generous audience.)

"I had to put in my order for this," she'd remind us. "And when I asked Mr. Crouch the butcher for half a pig's head, I told him to 'leave the eye in so it would see me through the week'."

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**FLORENCE COOK REID,**  
Valhalla Road

**Entertaining**

I would like to thank John Taylor for providing me with my smile of the day when I read his letter published in the January 15 Driftwood. I had no idea that someone from Carvel, Alberta took such notice of my words or activities.

However, contrary to Mr. Taylor's assumption that I was asking for special treatment as a taxpayer, I was merely asking for paid government officials (in this case a CRD planner and building inspector, re the Bullock Lake development) to be accountable for their actions. In actual fact Mr. Taylor, I believe very strongly that both our elected officials and public employees should be accountable and able to explain their decisions to the public in a clear manner.

You are right in assuming that I believe in the democratic process.

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I will go even further and say that I believe in citizens participating in democracy, voicing their concerns, with the expectation that those elected and those paid from the public purse have an obligation to provide answers to explain their behaviour.

It may surprise Mr. Taylor to know that I am indeed a property owner on Salt Spring Island and pay property taxes every year. I guess that allows me to enter Mr. Taylor's narrow delineation of who has a right to speak about issues of development in our community.

Entertaining as your letter was Mr. Taylor, you would do a great service to the readers of this newspaper by getting your facts straight before you write a letter for publication.

**LYNDA LAUSHWAY,**  
Ganges

**Scrooge thanks**

An amazing development happened in Mahon Hall after the power went out for a few seconds during Christmas with Scrooge's second performance: Bruce Ruddell and Bo Curtis/Cathy Young of Tuned Air came up at the end of the show to say that I would have a real piano the next night!

Now electronic pianos are convenient and portable, but an acoustic piano is superior in all other ways (like ice cream instead of ice milk).

What a thrill the next night to walk into Mahon Hall and see the Tuned Air piano sitting there in front of the stage! Neither snow nor sleet nor rain prevented the promised piano from arriving. Thanks again, Tuned Air.

We also want to thank everyone involved in and supportive of the Scrooge production.

Our actors were not only active on stage; they pitched in whenever extra help was needed: painting extra props, putting up chairs, assisting each other with make-up and costumes backstage, bringing wall mirrors, pillows and quilts and fruit from home to make a cozy space especially for the children who spent lots of time waiting for their next entrance.

Special thanks go to Lynda Jensen who "dreamed up" the new staging for Mahon Hall, as well as playing Marley's ghost and acting as stage manager. Reg Taylor and Elma Rubright worked long hours on the new set which gave our Ebenezer Scrooge and his co-actors the chance to bring this well-loved story to life.

Thanks again to everyone,  
**RAY and VIRGINIA NEWMAN,**  
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Additional donations of material are still needed. Please contact Kelly Knister at 537-9944 if you would like to contribute to the education of our youth, the future of Salt Spring Island.  
**BOB CAMPSALL,**  
Gulf Islands Secondary School

**Insulting**

I was shocked and offended by Tony Brogan's letter in the January 15 Driftwood.

I found Mr. Brogan's meagre attempt at humour an insult to both the students and the staff at Gulf Islands Secondary School. It is, in fact, an insult to intelligence. His letter was not only rude, but also a ridiculous display of salacity and ignorance.

If Mr. Brogan wanted to prove and illustrate a point, he certainly didn't go about it very effectively.

He is welcome to his opinions, but his letter simply undermined his cause.

**GEMMA-ROSE D'ATTILIO,**  
Armand Way

**Hero**

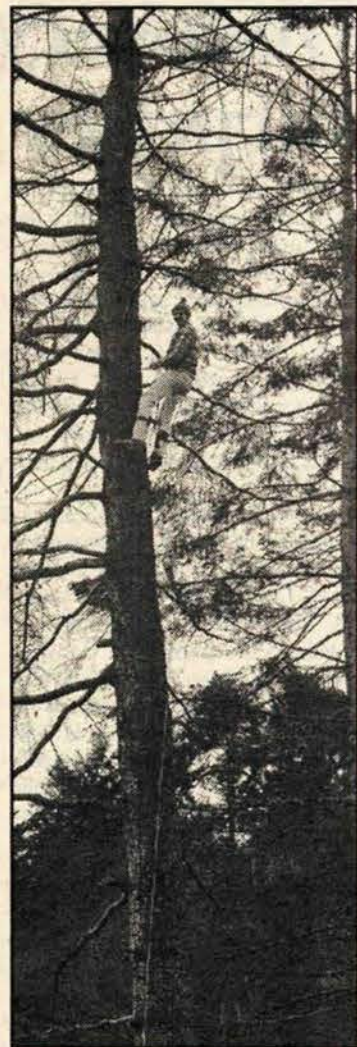
You correctly reported in your special section on the snow that without the help of a friend, Barrington Perry wouldn't have got to town on New Year's Eve. There's more.

Barry and I want to thank Chris Budd for coming up Garner Road in his big four-wheel-drive truck, carrying us down the hill, and winching our van out of the snow so that Barry could get to his "appointment," which was to play the piano at Alfresco's New Year's Eve celebration (his job). Chris was called out by the fire department to attend to the slide on North End Road and when he was finished he followed us back to Garner Road, where he drove us back up the hill. Without Chris's help, Barry would not have got to work on a very important evening.

Chris is a hero — to us and anyone who enjoyed Barry's music that evening.

**SHARON and BARRINGTON PERRY,**  
Garner Road

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**Dead tree**

Gordie Lee was taking down this dead fir tree last week to eliminate the danger it posed to nearby ArtSpring. Lee donated his time for the job, taking the wood as payment.

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The purpose of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) is to advise on all matters referred to it by the SSILTC respecting land use, community planning, or proposed bylaws and permits. Further information regarding the role of the APC may be obtained at the Ganges office of the Islands Trust.

Citizens interested in participating on this Commission are invited to apply in writing before February 12, 1997. Applications must include a statement of interest and relevant experience and qualifications, and should be addressed to:

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# Discovery of common ground surprises CRD, Trust officials

Following is the first instalment of a joint monthly column from Salt Spring Trust Committee members Bev Byron and David Borrowman, and Capital Regional District director Kellie Booth.

On January 16, your new trustees heard Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps describe the Gulf Islands as "... a precious reflection of what we are as a nation."

She was using the announcement of new park lands, including the Mill Farm, to make a point about Canada and national unity. She also described the new park as a gift to the people of Canada. Turning to Fiona Flook of the Salt Spring Conservancy, Copps went on to say, "The people of Salt Spring are the real heroes." Later on, she told us privately that she had spent part of her honeymoon on Salt Spring.

"Previous reflections of what we are as a nation," "gifts to the people of Canada," "heroes and honeymoons." This was all heady stuff for newly-elected officials. But we were grateful to hear about our island's special nature from the deputy prime minister, who is also minister of Canadian heritage. It was a useful reminder that we are stewards of a very special place, that deserves our greatest respect and care.

The three officials you elected last November may not do much

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for national unity. But here at home we do believe that islanders demand our best efforts to work together. We are therefore undertaking this joint column as a means of keeping islanders informed. We have also embarked on a number of other important measures.

Last December, we instituted joint meetings of Trust and CRD staff and officials to deal with overlapping issues. Naturally, we expected the meetings to be useful as an information exchange. What we were not prepared for, however, was the great area of common ground between the Trust and CRD, and the springboard which the meetings provide for joint initiatives.

A partial list of our agenda to date includes: park and trail dedications in the Stewart Road development; trail dedication and heron protection on Churchill Road; the future of Mahon Hall; prospects for the lands owned by the Weldwood forestry company; and bicycle trails on Lower Ganges Road.

With a view to the longer term, we are now actively working at launching Phase 2 of the local government study. Given provincial cuts and downloading of costs to

municipalities, this may prove to be a somewhat more interesting exercise than it would have been otherwise.

The first public meeting of the Trust will be on January 30. David Essig, chairman of the Islands Trust, has also taken up duties as chairman of our local Trust committee. As a resident of Thetis Island, he is a near neighbour. He is also actively interested in Salt Spring affairs, and we are encouraged by his leadership at the Trust. He has already undertaken to join our local staff and official meetings once every two weeks.

On another major issue, Draft 2 of the Official Community Plan is being returned to the public for discussion during the next four months. Comments on the new draft have been largely favourable since it was introduced in October, and we believe it is ready for wider discussion. Get your copy at the Trust office, and watch for the schedule of public meetings in the Driftwood.

We are making one addition: the Community Planning Association, whose members wrote the original plan, is being asked to write a preface to the plan, stating our vision as a community. If it succeeds and we can bring a worthy vision into being, Sheila Copps may see another "precious reflection of what we are as a nation."

## More letters

### Disgusting crime

I'd like to thank the person or persons responsible for stealing my son's and my friend's bikes from my deck.

It must have been a great thrill to steal \$1,000 worth of merchandise in broad daylight. Your crime has woken me up to the fact that Salt Spring is no longer a town of unlocked homes, cars and bicycles. Thanks to you, my son will do without his treasured bike for some time.

Theft is always a crime, but when it creates such sadness for a child it is disgusting. Oh yes, be careful, the brakes don't work very well, and karma is a funny thing.

If you see an adult's white Trek bike and a boy's bike, black in colour with a bottle holder, unexpectedly in your yard or elsewhere, please call 537-1867.

**THERESA FOUBERT,**  
Rainbow Road

### Core community

Thank you to everyone involved in successfully Co-creating Community at the Core Inn last Thursday night.

In need of special recognition are Ola Miles, Amie, Marion Selfridge, Trish Nobile, Barbara Shebibe, Kelly Cavanaugh, Paul Mowbray, all volunteers on dishes, food preparation and cleanup, all the wonderful poets and musicians, the audience, the guy who hooked up the propane, all contributors of donations, especially Barb's Buns, Mobile Market, Ganges Village Market, the Lions Club and CrossRoads.

Hopefully soon we will be able to keep the Core Inn open after school and on weekends on a consistent basis. In order to do so we need more volunteers, both students and adults, to work together in creating a place the whole community can be proud of.

Financial contributions are also crucial at this time to set this ship a sail. Please contact Marion at the Core Inn (537-9932) for more information on how to help out.

**RHONAN HEITZMANN,**  
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# Dee Kinney has many interests but her favourite is people

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Dee Kinney enjoys gardening, crocheting, knitting, bowling, travel, cribbage — but her favourite hobby is undoubtedly people.

"I'm a people person," she said. So after husband Lloyd semi-retired from his backhoe business in the mid-1980s, she naturally gravitated to a group focussed on working with the public.

"I needed an interest in my life that didn't necessarily involve making money," she said, explaining why she began pouring volunteer hours into the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce starting in 1987.

She was still working — managing Goodman Jones Funeral Home from 1989 to 1996 — but noted that business was an on-call one. So she was able to devote countless hours to chamber projects, from the annual home show to the visitor information centre to serving on the executive.

Last Wednesday her work was recognized with a special presentation at the chamber's monthly mixer. Dee's work was lauded in a speech by president Barry Green — "telling all the things that he thinks I did" — and a song composed by Jeremy Moray, who polled Dee's friends to collect data for his composition.

The crowning touch was presentation of a special gift, a driftwood birdhouse crafted to resemble the combination Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce office and Visitor Information Centre.

"They couldn't have given me a more appropriate gift," said Dee.

The island character of the gift was especially welcome since Dee and Lloyd are moving to Penticton later this year, pulling up the roots they set down on the island almost 27 years ago. They originally came from Penticton, where they had owned an orchard. When they arrived on the island, Lloyd operated a backhoe business, installing water lines, septic fields and driveways. Dee helped, both by doing the bookkeeping and working in the field.

As Lloyd wound down the business and began spending more time on his hobby of restoring old vehicles, Dee found an outlet for her energy and organizing skills with the chamber group.

She enjoys the challenge of business and resolving problems but does not want to be tied down to a full-time job. Yet when projects were in full swing, she admits it wasn't unusual for her to put in 30 hours a week for the chamber.

While on the executive for at least eight years, including a two-year stint as treasurer, Dee declined all invitations to serve as president. "I love to work in the background," she explained. She managed the information centre and guided countless information centre volunteers through the required SuperHost program.

She was active in organizing the home show and creating the annual brochure and even ended up as de facto manager when the organization had no formal manager. However, Dee stressed she was never interested in working for the chamber as anything other than a volunteer.

"I do what I do because I enjoy doing it. I don't want pats on the back."

She had anticipated a bit of a farewell party once she and Lloyd had sold their Salt Spring home and were on their way to Penticton, but was surprised by the extent of last Wednesday's tribute.

In addition to the birdhouse, she was especially tickled by Moray's composition, which referred to many of Dee's interests and experiences on the island. "I found out later that my friends were being phoned," she said.

When not working for the chamber or the funeral home, Dee enjoys crocheting — she is currently working on an intricate tablecloth — and knitting. "Don't give me any embroidery, please. I have no patience," she quipped.

She also likes gardening and has already dug up half of her prized asparagus patch and transplanted it to Penticton. Cribbage, bowling and

travelling — "anywhere, point me" — fill in any remaining hours.

She is looking forward to spending more time on restoring antique furniture, another of her interests.

The hardest part of leaving Salt Spring will be leaving behind the lifestyle and the many friends the couple have made throughout the years, she said.

But going to Penticton moves them closer to many relatives — they both grew up in the area — and also makes it easier for them to attend auto shows. Current projects include restoration of a 1928 Model A sports pick-up, a 1935 Dodge four-door sedan, a 1954 Dodge pick-up and a 1968 Firebird.

"We're going back, mainly, so Lloyd can easily get to auto shows," Dee said. A workshop for vehicle restoration projects is being added to their Penticton property.

The move brings them close to son Frank and daughter-in-law Wendy, plus their two children, who live in Summerland. It also puts them on the same side of the water as daughter Bonnie and son-in-law Barry, who live in West Vancouver.

And it also brings them closer to the friends they left behind more than 26 years ago, when they moved from Penticton to Salt Spring.



**Married**  
Gary Stunder and Karen Horel sign the register after their recent wedding on Salt Spring.

# Trustees hold their first public meeting

Updates on various land developments, including Salt Spring Island Village Resort, are on the agenda for Thursday's Trust committee meeting.

It will be the first public gathering of the new Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, consisting of Bev Byron and David Borrowman from Salt Spring and committee chairman David Essig of Thetis Island.

Trust staff will provide information on development permit applications pertaining to Swanson's Pond, Ganges Marina and Function Junction projects, as well as reports on a Churchill Road subdivision and a Texada Logging Forest Land Reserve application.

A bylaw which deals with caretakers' dwellings in parks is up for discussion, as is the issue of affordable housing.

Status of the Official Community Plan's second draft and budget will also be reviewed.

Interested members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting, which begins at 1 p.m. in Room 1203 of Grace Point Square.



**FAREWELL GIFT:** Long-time chamber volunteer Dee Kinney and the birdhouse she was given by the organization at a farewell party last week. Kinney and her husband Lloyd are moving back to Penticton.  
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**Bo-ring**

Young David Cormack of the Sharks wishes for some action Saturday during soccer game against Fulford Panthers. The goalie was looking a little bored while play centred around the opposing end.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Old Boys don't need sermon to claim win over Prairie Inn

By DOUG PEARSON  
Driftwood Contributor  
Salt Spring Old Boys 3, Prairie Inn 1

The Salt Spring Old Boys chalked up their first victory of 1997 with a 3-1 win over Prairie Inn at Brentwood on Sunday.

The day started on an ominous note when it was noticed that the goalkeeper had missed the ferry. Anxious moments passed as straws were prepared to draw for the position which would have to be filled in -10 degree C conditions. Thankfully, Darrell Lister mumbled something that was mistaken for "I'll go in the net," and the die was cast.

As the lads surveyed the frozen solid field, Ziggy Karl was seen praying to the Teutonic gods in hopes that the referee would not show up and he could get an early seat at the Prairie Inn.

Unfortunately, a car rolled up to the field and an infamous "black shirt" jumped out with a sadistic grin and a thundering whistle.

With uncertainty, the Old Boys huddled for their pre-

game cheer. Everything seemed out of place without the regular Sunday sermon from legendary coach Malcolm Legg, who was still sipping margaritas in Mexico.

Cal Mackay rallied the troops and the lads trotted out onto the concrete tundra to meet their fate. After a rather dubious start where several Old Boys kicked the ball towards Brentwood Bay rather than the net, the lads settled in and resolved themselves to regain first place in the league.

Slowly the Christmas fat buildup became less of a factor and the play began to sway back and forth to the point where spectators realized that there was an actual soccer match taking place.

Then suddenly the Old Boys struck. Mackay tipped the ball

to Peter Bantel, who in turn switched the ball to Argentinean import Alvaro Sanchez, who blasted one off the crossbar. Dave Norget calmly chipped the rebound past the goalkeeper to put Salt Spring up 1-0.

In the second half, Norget notched his second goal before Prairie Inn replied, tightening up the match again.

Luckily, Karl added the insurance marker with a fine individual skate up the icy field before ripping home the back breaker. Yes, the Salt Spring Old Boys had done it again — looked adversity in the eye, defied the law of age and climbed back to the top of the tables — what a team!

Now if only Bantel could score again before the trading deadline ...

## Merganser Pond ramble tops Trail Club schedule

Following is the February schedule for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

**February 4:**  
Ramble — Merganser Pond at Beaver Point with Chris and Dick Pattison. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

**Walkers** — leader's choice with Fiona Flook. Carpool from Centennial Park at 9:45 a.m. to meet at Drummond Park at 10:15.

**Hike** — Mount Sullivan. Carpool from Centennial Park at 9:30 a.m. Meet at 10 at Drummond Park.

**February 11:**  
Ramble — with Mary Lauzon in the Booth Canal area. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.

**Walk** — China Beach with Nancy Holcroft. Carpool from Centennial Park at 9:45 a.m. to meet at Drummond Park at 10:15.

**Hike** — Dodd Narrows with Bill Harrington. We hope to see the sea lions. Bring binoculars and cameras. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch 9 a.m. ferry.

**February 18:**

**Ramble** — in the Long Harbour area with Peggy Jacobs. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

**Walk** — John Myers leads walkers on Channel Ridge. Carpool from Portlock Park at 10 a.m. for meeting at Canvasback Place at 10:15.

**Hike** — Alan Clews leads a hike of Mount Maxwell. Carpool from Centennial Park at 9:45 a.m. to meet at Burgoyne Triangle at 10 a.m.

**February 25:**  
Ramble — with Paul Ranney at 10 a.m. from Centennial Park. Leader's choice.

**Walk** — walkers join Betty Ball to explore Mount Belcher. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

**Hike** — Mount Erskine with Charles Kahn from Wilkie Way. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

**February 27:**  
Social night at United Church at 7:30 p.m. Oystercatchers and herons will be the subject presented by speaker Nina Raginsky.

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# Sharks eat Slugs in forgettable match at Fuller Lake Sunday

By **ANDY NAUMANN**  
Driftwood Contributor

On SuperBowl Sunday, after a two-week layoff, a surprising number of Slugs surfaced in Vesuvius, having pried themselves off their couches.

John Procter and Kevin Porteous, on a break from housebuilding in their homeland, joined us, as did Rob McNair of the Fuller Lake midgets to help us out on defence. The van was loaded as it rolled down the ramp towards the lurking Sharks. The sun was setting to the theme from Jaws.

We thought we'd have a good game against them, as in the past, until the puck was dropped. This thought quickly turned into a misconception during the Todd McIntyre/Peter Huser/Andy Naumann line's first shift, as the Sharks tore through them twice to score on an ambushed Derek Topping.

Procter got our hopes up on his first shift in a long while, on a line with Bernie Reynolds and Pat Akerman. Reynolds intercepted a pass between the attacking Shark defencemen at our blue line and chipped the puck into centre ice where Procter pounced on it for a clearcut breakaway. His rising wristshot from between the hash marks whistled over their goalie's

shoulder. The Sharks shrugged this minor sting off and kept up their assault.

On the strength of their defensive play against our forwards, they were able to break out into the attack numerous times, with Slugs strides behind. One long shot from their right defenceman slithered along the ice from our blue line between at least five pairs of legs, including those of a screened Topping.

They scored again minutes later on a rush in which they outthrust, outskated and outpassed every Slug on the ice.

Porteous narrowed the lead to two goals with a few minutes to go in the period, backhanding the puck through their netminder from a goalmouth scramble, assisted by the Akermans. That was as close as the Slugs got to even imagining a victory. Within seconds of the ensuing faceoff, the Sharks put another one behind a defenceless Topping, decisively sealing our fate.

Topping must have wondered if he'd put his contacts in the wrong eyes. The squad he was seeing trying desperately to resemble a hockey team wearing Slug sweaters was not the one he's relied on so far this season — it was like a flashback of last year. It wasn't that any one player played particularly ineptly. There was just that vital element of

team chemistry missing, resulting in miscues and mistakes by every Slug. They could provide no resistance to the Shark onslaughts due to their desperation and frustration.

The only thing offensive about the Slugs was the language on the bench as the Sharks' feeding frenzy continued in the second period: 6-2, 7-2, 8-2 ...

The third began with another Shark attack and a goal. The minutes dragged by for the war-weary Slugs. At long last, Brad Patchett, in a spurt of energy, capped off a give-and-go with Procter on the left wing with a bullet drive from just inside their blue line that scorched the twine in the top corner of the net. The Sharks soon scored again while the ineffective McIntyre/Huser/Naumann combination watched, outmatched — nothing new, really — they'd been on the ice for eight of the 10 Sharks goals.

Patchett again, near the end of the game, replayed a carbon copy of his previous goal, on a pass from Huser, to prove to us all that it wasn't that difficult to score if you remained cool, focussed and determined.

Disfigured by Shark bites, we left by the back door in a hurry, avoiding the media and the fans, disgruntled and silent, choosing to forget a forgettable game, already hungry for a rematch.

By **RUTH HUME**  
Driftwood Contributor

Queen of the Lanes takes place on the afternoon and evening of February 1. The sign-up poster is at Kings Lane and we look forward to another great competition.

Sunday evening: Lance Leask 210. Circus league: Rick Bissett 215, Ken Strike 254, Deke Noonan 240, Inez Farr 201, Ben Cooper 286, 246/710, Gordon Ruckle 203, 228, Glenn Hewitson 224, Jonah Marshall 229.

Tuesday morning seniors: Audrey Illingworth 208, Mike Elrington 215, 216, Pearl Motion 205, Don Goodman 204, 212, Helmut Losch 205, Conrad Flebbe 212.

Tuesday afternoon seniors: Jim Southern 218, Conrad Flebbe 222, 218/636, Gwen McClung 239, Vanda Winstone 225, Reg Winstone 214.

Wednesday ladies: Deanna Marleau 253, 221, 200, 210,

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Golf ladies: Lorraine Toller 206, 259/609, Mary Kirkpatrick 215, 253/659, Maddy Cooper 226, Mary Campbell 207, Josie Aleksich 211, Ruby Webster 203, 257/638, Kay Booth 211.

Looney tunes: Ron Cunningham 219/601, 219, 230/637, Catherine Mellstrom 202, Doug Sykes 220, 207, 276, 229/712, Doug Wellington 265, 213, Darlene Wellington 201, 212, 224, Lance Leask 208, 223, 296/658, Milt Boehmer 255/646, Steven Marleau 211, 201, Sharon

Sykes 221, 226/641, Bobby Wood 207, Elaine Jobst 241, Kathy Livingston 216, Shannon Strusi 200, Leslie David 236, Bob Graham 204, 273/643.

Friday afternoon seniors: Ken Robinson 216, 216, 200, 236/619, Don Goodman 211, 209, 211, Bill Baker 210, 228, Beth Robinson 222, Madalene Jory 201, Don McCardia 214, Jack Godwin 208, Margaret Baker 202, 225.

Children's leagues: Christine Jarman 115, 113, Stephen Severn 123, 105, Chris Cairns 108, Stephen Greenwood 125, Cayce Fedberg 112, Stephen Portingale 102, 158, Zander Ritson 107, 137, Zak Abramyk 94, Patrick Buitenwerf 96, Kaitlan Thield 100, Rory Opel 78, Penny Dale 147, Ryan Buitenwerf 101.

The Thursday after-school middle school league is now a drop-in league only. Rather than a structured league, young people are encouraged to just gather and enjoy a game or two.

## Salt Spring Sailing Club executive named

Salt Spring Island Sailing Club has a new executive. The club's 1997 commodore is Hugh Greenwood and vice-commodore is John Catley.

Other positions are: rear commodore, Robert Brodgesell; treasurer, Allan Neil; secretary, Joan

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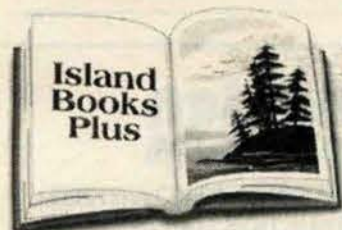
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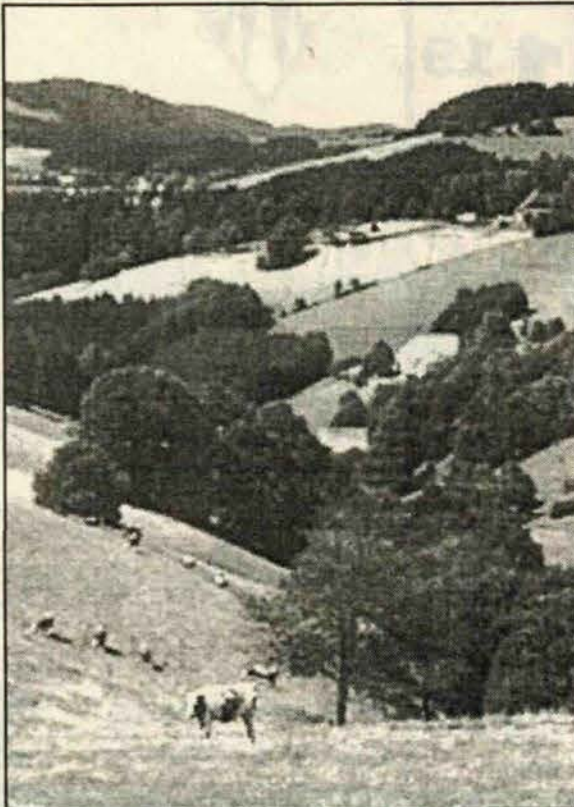


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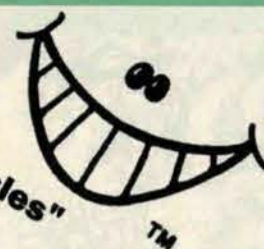
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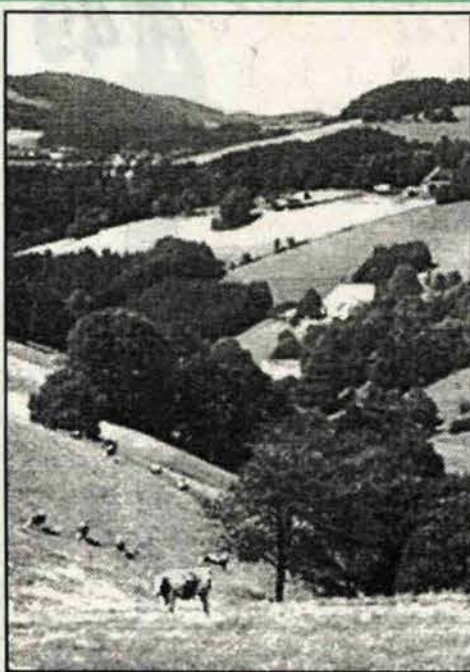
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



**RECITAL:** Paula Kiffner, who was among the performers at Tuned Air's Requiem last fall, will stage a recital on Sunday in Ganges.

## Cellist Paula Kiffner to perform on Sunday

Islanders would have seen cellist Paula Kiffner perform as part of the orchestra in Tuned Air's Requiem presentation last November.

But this Sunday they will be able to hear her play solo in a recital of the Bach Suites Nos. 1, 3 and 5.

A Salt Spring resident, Kiffner is frequently heard on CBC Radio and has worked with well-known musicians such as Jane Coop, Andrew Dawes, Robert Silverman, Leon Fleisher and Karen Tuttle.

Kiffner is celebrated for her interpretation of the Bach Suites and as a founding mem-

ber of the Governor's Chamber Music Festival and the Artistas Piano Trio. She has also performed at the Banff Summer Festival and throughout B.C. and western Washington State.

The February 2 recital is at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church on Park Drive beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.

## Middle school band big hit at Bandemonium's concert

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Bandemonium proved last weekend it could satisfy two throngs of music lovers at its fourth annual Celebration of the Band concert.

Some of those people may have been comedy fans, too, and took the Saturday night bonus offered by Arthur Black's MCing of the show for the second year in a row.

However, it was the Salt Spring Island Middle School Stage Band that had audience members suddenly straining their necks on Sunday to see who was making those glorious sounds. (The school band played Sunday only; Black was MC on Saturday only.)

Without meaning to take anything away from the 45-member Bandemonium, one could say the middle school kids hijacked the Sunday show with their swinging numbers, including Isn't That Special, and Salt and Pepper. Since the group draws upon Grades 6, 7 and 8 students, which means the oldest might have just turned 14, the high degree of musicianship was amazing. They had an upbeat, uniform sound, and the soloists showed real poise.

Similarly, Bandemonium has continued to build on a maturation that was really obvious at last year's January concert. But the band and its directors Wendy and Derrick Milton are obviously not a group to coast at a certain level. Their greater collective ability now makes it possible for them to tackle more intricate or interesting pieces. The Mission:Impossible Theme was a triumphant zinger for the entire band. Wendy even prefaced the piece by outlining how tough it is to play well, explaining how counting in 5/4 time is not natural for people in our culture. Requisite strong entrances were

mastered by each instrument group and the piece's multi-layered effect was impressive.

Bandemonium also gave us Renaissance music, which was different to hear played on non-period instruments. Add that to adaptations of French Canadian and Irish folk songs, and well-known tunes in Themes Like Old Times II, and you can see Bandemonium covering a lot of musical territory quickly. They also opened with a composition that ground 30 familiar songs into one nearly-homogenous piece. Instant Concert and Derrick's speed-speaking introduction to it was an appropriate opener.

Festive selections such as Bravura (to which Derrick confessed an attraction based on time

he spent playing in a circus band) and the Latin-flavoured Escapada showed off some of the band's real strengths.

The Big Band of Bandemonium, as always, had people wishing for some dancing shoes and a ballroom. Its performance of the Glen Miller arrangement of In the Mood was a pure and simple thrill.

"Maybe not quite as tight as Glen Miller's orchestra," commented Wendy, "but pretty damn close."

People can slide into their dancing shoes and hear the Big Band plus Salt Spring Swing 'n' Dixie at fundraising dances set for February 14 and 15 at Meaden Hall. There will be more on that event in next week's paper.

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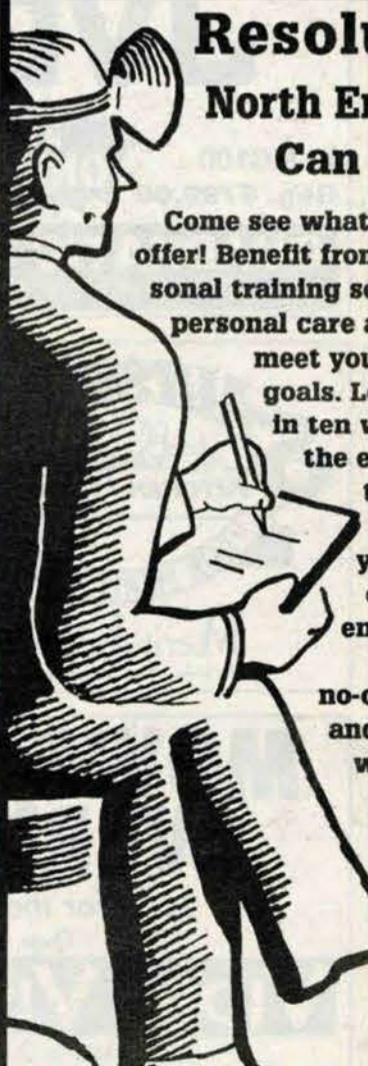

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**Island Rhythm's Dance Concert** — Cortes Invasion! Dance grooves featuring Cortes Island drummers, dancers and singers. Ecstatic African, Caribbean, Brazilian and New Orleans rhythms provide the foundation for this evening of song, dance and celebration. Friday, January 31, 8 p.m., Beaver Point Hall. Tickets \$10 at the door.

**At the Legion** — Dance to the music of Ken Byron and The Tragically Hick in the lounge. Saturday, February 1. 120 Blain Road.

## Music

**Fulford Inn** — Jam or just listen to The Barley Bros., Thursday, January 30, 8:30 p.m. 2661 Fulford-Ganges Road.

**Deep Cycle Live Groove** — Live improvised music at the Flying Saucer Cafe. Friday, January 31, 8 p.m. 112 Hereford Avenue.

**Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Open stage every Friday night at 8 p.m. 109 McPhillips Avenue.

**Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Friday and Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. 3106 Grace Point Square.

**Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — The Boys are finally back! Let's have a "House Party!" Friday and Saturday, January 31 and February 1. 121 Upper Ganges Road.

**Fulford Inn** — Patty and Kindred Spirits are playing on Friday and Saturday, January 31 and February 1.

**The Purple Parrot Restaurant** — Simone Grasky,

with accompanist Gary Lundy, sings old jazz favourites, rhythm and blues and contemporary ballads every Saturday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. 170 Fulford-Ganges Road.

**Recital** — Paula Kiffner will play Bach suites for solo cello, Nos. 1, 3, 5, at All Saints by-the-Sea, Sunday, February 2, 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$8 at the door. 110 Park Drive.

**Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Cindy Fairbanks Quartet, February 2. 124 Upper Ganges Road.

**Fulford Inn** — Pickin' and Grinnin' with Buck. Acoustic musicians and singers welcome! Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

**Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Tuesday is Irish Music Circle Night from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

## Cinema

**Jerry Maguire** — Tom Cruise plays a high-powered sports agent, Jerry Maguire, who lives in a frenzy of deal-making. Jerry works for SMI (Sports Management International), the sports equivalent of a Hollywood talent agency. His clients include top stars of baseball, football and basketball. In an age of global marketing, the athletes are franchises who sell products by selling themselves. Jerry is the shark on the sidelines, the guy with the cellular phone who turns a first-round draft choice into a multi-million-dollar endorsement industry. However, deep down he knows he's disconnected. Playing on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 31, February 1 and 2, at 7 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, February 3 and 4, at 9:15 p.m. This movie is rated Mature P.G. B.C. warning: occa-

sional nudity, suggestive scenes and very coarse language. Salt Spring Cinema, Central Hall.

**One Fine Day** — Michelle Pfeiffer and George Clooney star as a couple of single parents battling each other and mid-town traffic in an effort to find decent daycare for their children. Seven-year-old Alex Linz stars as Pfeiffer's son, while Mae Whitman, also seven years old, plays the role of Clooney's daughter. Playing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 31, February 1 and 2, at 9:30 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, February 3 and 4, at 7 p.m. This movie is rated Mature P.G. B.C. warning: occasional coarse language and swearing. Salt Spring Cinema, Central Hall.

## Grab Bag

**Polar Bear Swim** — Sunday, February 2. 11 a.m., pancake breakfast, \$4; 12 noon, parade, judging of costumes; 12:30 p.m., polar bear swim. The breakfast and parade are at the Beachcomber Motel, 770 Vesuvius Bay Road, and the swim is at Vesuvius Bay. Prizes and hot drinks will be available for participants. T-shirts are available for \$8, breakfast and a t-shirt is available for \$10.

## Cortez band at Beaver Pt.

One island is beating its way to another this Friday night. That's when more than 30 Cortes Island residents of all ages will descend on Salt Spring for an Island Rhythm dance concert at Beaver Point Hall.

Cortes drummers, dancers and singers will be led by world-renowned composer and percussionist Gordy Ryan, who brings years of experience playing with Babatunde Olatunji, Gabrielle Roth and, more recently, Native Ground.

Ecstatic African, Caribbean, Brazilian and New Orleans rhythms will provide the foundation for the evening of song, dance and celebration. People should expect to move and be moved by this dynamic rhythm ensemble that honours the roots and spirit of many world cultures.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the door.

## TOP 10 VIDEOS

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Phenomenon ...(-)     | 6. Eddie .....(-)                         |
| 2. Tin Cup .....(3)      | 7. A Family Thing ..(8)                   |
| 3. Kingpin .....(6)      | 8. Fled .....(10)                         |
| 4. The Rock .....(2)     | 9. Chain Reaction ..(5)                   |
| 5. A Time To Kill ...(-) | 10. Killer: Portrait of a Murder .....(-) |

(Dash (-) indicates last week position)

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# Black Tie Gumboot Gala first in series of folk music shows

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Performing musicians like to be heard and audience members often like to hear them without the distractions of conversation, clinking glasses or video games.

So a group of Salt Spring musicians is creating a venue, the Salt Spring Folk Club, where music will be centre stage and fans of folk music can get their fill of great sound.

Involved in the venture are Paddy Byrne, Bill Henderson, Gary McNutt, Valdy, Lyn Strand, Paul Mowbray and Jim Fogarty.

They are setting their sights high, planning to bring in internationally renowned folk artists from around the world.

"If we bring in acts that Victoria and Vancouver can't get, we may help the hostelry trade," Valdy said, suggesting that fans may come from off-island to take in the group's proposed six-show season.

They're starting with a show in February and another in March. A third show may be added in April.

The February 24 show will feature Niamh Parsons and the Loose Connections, who are touring North America from their home in Dublin, Ireland.

All shows will be in Beaver Point Hall, which has the best facilities for a folk club on the island. The first show is dubbed The Black Tie Gumboot Gala although organizers said they would not actually check for black ties and gumboots.

(If they change their minds about enforcing the dress code, Valdy suggests extra footwear will be available. "Just like a good bowling alley, we'll have boots available if people come inadequately dressed.")

Valdy notes folk clubs allow musicians to play for people who have come to hear the music. Very often, in bars, the music is muted by background noise.

"This is a listening club. It's wonderful for the musicians and for the audience. All of the subtlety of the music is available," Valdy said, noting he has been playing in such clubs himself. "It's a very respectful place for music to be played."

Audience members will be seated at tables in the hall. There will be an intermission, during which refreshments can be purchased, but the focus of the evening will be the performance.

Each performance will include a featured act and a performance by Paddy Byrne and the "band du jour," which will be composed of island musicians and singers.

Shows are slated for Monday nights, the least busy nights on Salt Spring's calendar.

The group is now seeking a logo, which should incorporate gumboots and a folk instrument and be reproducible in black and white. Submissions should be dropped off at Love My Kitchen.

The creator of the chosen logo will receive a season's pass for two people. For information or the contest deadline, call 537-2828.

Organizers are also seeking bed and breakfast operators willing to offer accommodation to visiting artists in exchange for tickets and promotion.



**JUST FOLK:** Planning to bring international and local folk stars to island audiences are Salt Spring Folk Club directors, from left, Paul Mowbray, Paddy Byrne, Bill Henderson, Lyn Strand, Valdy and Gary McNutt. Missing is Jim Fogarty. Photo by Valorie Lennox

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# KNEADED OILED BAKED FLOURED...

## REPORTER FINDS REJUVENATION IN CENTRE'S SWEDAN TREATMENT

By SUSAN LUNDY, Driftwood Staff

I emerged from the tiny room at Salt Spring Centre with a greater appreciation for the lowly loaf of bread.

Under the guidance of Rajani Rock, I had been kneaded, oiled, steam-baked and floured.

Five pounds of sweat and toxins poured from my Christmas-chocolate-poisoned body, leaving me light-headed, invigorated and ready to recommend the swedan experience to anyone in my path.

Swedan (pronounced sway-don) means "to induce sweating." It is a rejuvenation process used in Ayurvedic medicine, an ancient form of healing that originated in India 2,500 years ago and incorporates yoga asanas, breathing exercises, meditation, herbal medicine, swedan and diet therapies to achieve health.

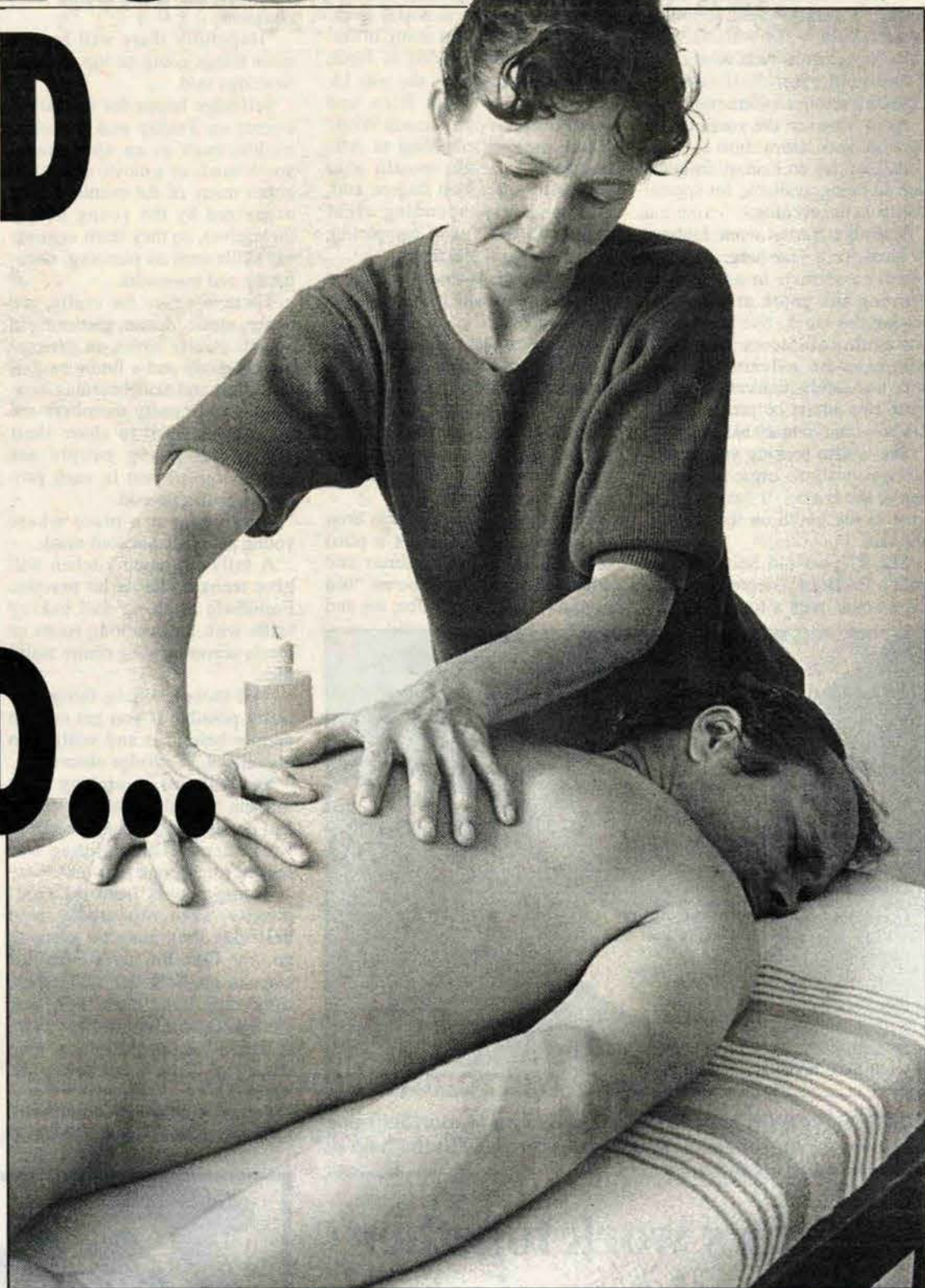
Rajani is one of about eight people at the Salt Spring Centre who facilitates healing through

swedan. For the past 12 years, she has worked with hundreds of different-shaped men and women in the tiny, fragrant room.

My swedan experience began with a full-body oleation on a bodywork table in a small, well-heated area. The scent of sesame oil permeated my senses as smoothly as Rajani's calming fingers kneaded flesh and muscle tissue.

Eventually the ability to talk disappeared as I became more and more relaxed, and the oil sank into every pore.

Used for its heating qualities, sesame oil penetrates quickly, loosens the joints, removes stiffness and helps calm the body and mind, says Rajani, noting that a state of relaxation gives clients a chance to listen to their thoughts and discover what is needed for healing.



**SWEDAN RITUAL:** The Salt Spring Centre's Rajani Rock kneads Bruce Hays' back during a swedan treatment session. Below, Rock closes

the lid on the steam box, whose 120-degree temperature will detoxify the body.

Photos by Rodney Polden

The oleation also "opens the body to receive the steam which is going to affect every cell in the body," she says.

The sweet-smelling steam box is a work of love. Rajani and a visiting healer/carpenter, Mary Davidson, spent two years studying the centre's original box, which had steamed over 1,000 relaxed souls, and making plans for the new box.

A cedar tree near Mary's home in the Kootenays was identified and then milled — "We planed every single piece ... wrapped them in cloth and brought them to the centre."

The box is held together with copper cleats rather than nails, has no glues or stains on it, and is disinfected with a natural eucalyptus spray.

I stretched out on the bottom of the box and Rajani pulled down the lid; only my head rested outside of it. On my forehead she placed a cold, wet cloth.

Steam rose through the balsam and cedar boughs, encompassing me in 120 degree F heat. I breathed the soft, wet scent of lavender, cedar and eucalyptus and felt rivers of sweat rolling from my pores. A 12-minute steam is recommended, but anyone who finds it too hot can come out earlier.

Following the steam, I moved onto a different bodywork table, this one right beside the box. Now Rajani was sprinkling a generous portion of cool-feeling barley flour over me. A dry brushing with a coarse-bristled brush followed.

"The body has gone through an incredible detoxification process in the box," Rajani says.

**Eventually the ability to talk disappeared as I become more and more relaxed.**

"The flour cools the body down, smoothes out the energy and absorbs the toxins." The brushing removes excess flour and dead cells, and re-stimulates the skin.

Every part of my body tingled with life as Rajani left and then returned with a glass of cold water.

As facilitator of the swedan, Rajani says, the process has become a type of ritual for her.

"I go deeply in other person's energy ... and read what's happening. I am focussing and centring on what a person needs."

Rajani says she knew as a small child that she wanted to "work in-the healing world." To this end, she has studied therapeutic touch, massage, shiatsu and zero balancing, bringing each of these healing processes

to the swedan.

Literature on swedan notes that its healing qualities revolve around cleansing or purification, detoxifying the body at the same rate as three days of fasting.

"The swedan improves digestion, complexion and appetite. It relaxes and lightens the body and mind, and it purifies the nerve channels. It is also a deep inner and outer cleanse and induces a state of peace and relaxation."

Swedan is not recommended for pregnant women, those in the first three days of their menses, or those suffering high blood pressure, migraines, open sores, chronic diseases or acute conditions.

I also suggest not having a swedan prior to an important lunch date — it takes several washings to remove the oil from the hair and the longer one can leave it on the scalp, the better, according to Rajani.

Cost of a swedan, which takes at least an hour, is \$50.

As I drove from the peaceful grounds of Salt Spring Centre, I felt clean — from the inside out. My movements were calm yet energized and I felt relaxed yet motivated.

I also had a keen sense that, however short, the life of a baguette couldn't be so bad.

## Centre reopens with coordinator

A place for teens to learn teamwork, cooperation and organizational skills — as well as visit with their friends — is what coordinator Marion Selfridge is expecting from the Core Inn.

As of Monday, the youth centre will be open from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, in addition to being available for special events in the evening.

Selfridge started work January 3, hired for a year-long, 25-hour-a-week contract. In addition to keeping the youth centre open during the week, she is looking for adult volunteers willing to help supervise activities — insurance and safety requirements stipulate two adults be present at all times — and to teach skills.

She is also seeking young people who want to organize activities at the centre. "I have a lot of trust in the youth on the island," she said.

The 27-year-old Selfridge has both a Bachelor's degree in political science, with a focus on com-

munity development, and a Bachelor's degree in social work. She has experienced many different communities: living in Japan for five months when she was 13; travelling to Costa Rica and Ontario as part of a Canada World Youth project; travelling to Asia and India for eight months after completing her first degree and, most recently, spending eight months in the Yukon completing her social work practicum.

Salt Spring is another unique community of which she hopes to become a part.

The centre was open daily from Monday to Friday during the summer, she notes, but has been closed for the last few months due to renovations. Now the Core Inn is open again and Selfridge sees many possibilities for the downtown Ganges facility.

For the young people who drop in to socialize, there's a pool table, shuffleboard, stereo and what the teens describe as "old school" Nintendo. Coffee, tea and

hot chocolate are available for a donation.

"Hopefully there will be lots more things going on top of that," Selfridge said.

Selfridge hopes for organized events on Friday and Saturday nights, such as an open stage, youth bands or a movie night. She hopes many of the events will be organized by the young people themselves, so they learn organizing skills such as planning, negotiation and teamwork.

There is space for crafts, art, dance, music, drama, gardening in outside planter boxes, an environmental group and a future basketball court and skateboarding area. Many community members are coming forward to share their skills and young people are expressing interest in such programs, Selfridge said.

One dream is a place where young people can record music.

A fully-equipped kitchen will give teens a chance to practise FoodSafe cooking and baking skills with the resulting treats or meals accompanying centre activities.

"All those exciting things are really possible if you get enough people behind it and willing to organize it," Selfridge observed.

She will also be seeking more funding to help operate the centre and possibly hire young people to work there. "This building was funded for a centre for youth."

Young people from the community have repeatedly told Selfridge they have no place to go. The Core Inn gives them that place to go, Selfridge said, where they can hang out together, express themselves as they wish in a non-judgmental place, gain skills and "figure out how to be adults."

For more information or to volunteer, call Selfridge at 537-9932.



### Planetary event

Aria Squier reads a poem Friday during a celebration at Beaver Point Hall marking the unique planetary convergence which took place Thursday morning. More than 50 people attended Friday's event.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Rage workshop to help with anger, depression

How to deal with bouts of anger or depression and transform them into something positive is one facet of a February 16 workshop called Rage.

Process-oriented counsellors Stan Tomandl and Ann Jacob are once again offering their services in a workshop format.

Working from a menu of memories, dreams, body reactions, addictive tendencies, revenge fantasies, environmental influences and mythic patterns, Tomandl and Jacob will explore inner, relationship and group facilitation techniques with workshop participants.

They describe process work as providing "a practical method for exploring the essence of human

emotions and spirit in everyday life. We believe in the possibility of finding meaning and transformation within seemingly impossible situations."

Tomandl and Jacob have a combined experience of more than 20 years working as counsellors.

"By working with rage we hope to reduce risks of inflaming relationship problems, prevent accidents and cut down destructive community conflict," they say. "We create a space to work on the personal and collective suffering, humiliation, guilt, silence and powerlessness that accompanies rage."

For more information or to register for Rage, call 537-5433 or 250-383-5677.



**COME ON DOWN:** New Core Inn coordinator Marion Selfridge is hoping for lots of action at the youth centre with the help of teen and adult volunteers.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

## Ministers work together on sign, other projects

While religious wars and unrest dominate the news from other parts of the world, church leaders on Salt Spring are getting along just fine.

The Salt Spring Ministerial Association was created eight years ago and has been meeting regularly ever since. The ministers and pastors of the six churches get together once a month and plan several joint events during the year.

The latest joint effort was the new sign erected on Friday in front of All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church, advertising the island's six churches.

Annual projects include a fall ecumenical hymn sing, Christmas carolling at local care facilities and

an Easter sunrise service.

A new event this year will be a six-week grief support program to be offered in late spring. Another new project is the development of an inter-church volunteer response team to assist the community in times of need.

Members of the group are Rev. Bryan Bjerring of the Anglican parish, Father Jules Goulet of the Roman Catholic parish, Pastor Chris Cormack of the Community Gospel Chapel, Pastor Rick Hill of the Pentecostal Assembly, Pastor Murray Sinclair of the Baptist Church and Rev. Sharon Cooke and Rev. Barry Cooke of the United Church.



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- \* **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets from 2-4pm every Friday in the Family Place, starting on October 4th. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & upcoming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
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# TAKE NOTE

## OF THESE DATES

**JAN. 29:** SS Painters Guild, critique on collage, Lions Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm.

**JAN. 29:** Physiotherapist Nuk on Falls - Prevention, Seniors for Seniors - Free, 2pm.

**JAN. 30:** SS Weavers & Spinners, Farmers Institute, 10:30am.

**JAN. 31:** Planned Parenthood volunteer training course, Lady Minto Hospital boardroom, 6:30pm-9pm.

**FEB. 1:** Planned Parenthood volunteer training course, Lady Minto Hospital boardroom, 9am-3pm

**FEB. 5:** Music & Munch, All Saints by the Sea, 12:10pm

### 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 practise group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm (every 3rd Wed.)

### EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

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

- Scottish Dancing, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm beginners/7pm advanced.

- Luncheon, Seniors for Seniors, 12 noon.

### EVERY FRIDAY

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

- Duplicate bridge, OAP Central, 1pm.

- Games afternoon, Seniors for Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.

### EVERY SATURDAY

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

- Core Inn, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

### 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.

- Bandimonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.

- Story hour for preschoolers, Library, 9:30am.

### EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 5-8pm.

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

To have your no charge event listed here free, just drop it off to the Driftwood office by noon Friday!

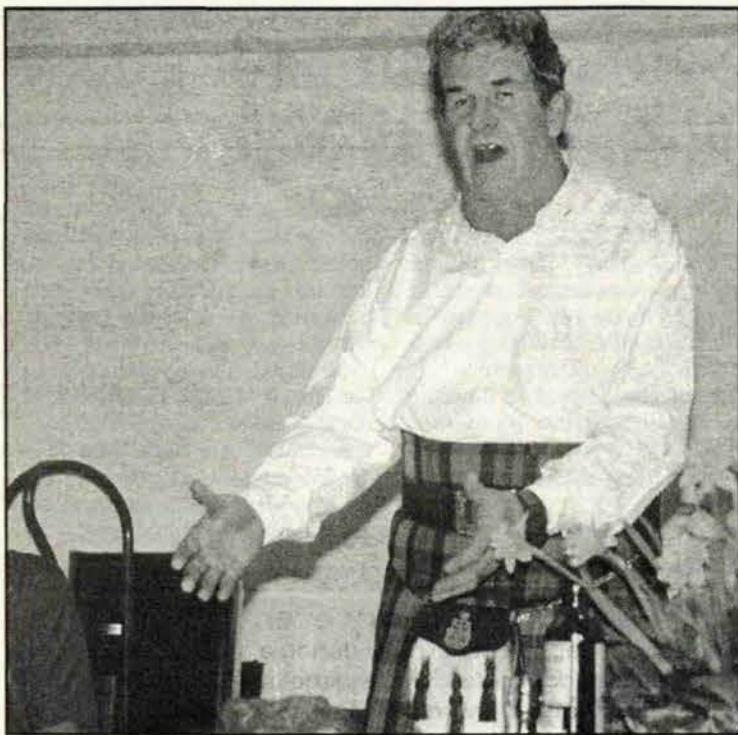
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**Here's the sequel**  
Last week the Driftwood showed Jim Ballantyne and other loyal Scots corralling sheep in preparation for making haggis for Robbie Burns Day. Although the photo was a set-up and those particular sheep remain alive and well, Ballantyne went on to address the haggis Saturday during a celebration at the Legion in Ganges.

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## More Canadiana from Comdex

**Bits on Bytes:** More northern exposure.

A few more bits of Canadiana discovered on the Comdex floor last November deserve mention, if only to prove Canucks can target processors as well as pucks and that we know nets don't only exist on hockey rinks.

First up are three companies making stuff for the 'net: FlashSales, Media Synergy and Net Nanny.

Montreal-based FlashSales plans to launch e-Stationery by the end of March. This software allows users to create personalized, animated messages which can be sent over the Internet and which land on the recipient's desktop as an illustration of a wrapped package.

Click on the package and it opens, to play message, animation and sound. Bitmaps and attachments can be sent in the same package and a link can be included, so the recipient can be connected-at-a-click back to the sender's web site.

To receive the package, the recipient must have the e-Stationery manager installed — free software which can be downloaded from FlashSales web site at [www.flashsales.com](http://www.flashsales.com). Also available for download is a trial version of the software, which is expected to be sold for \$29.95 US.

Another clever twist on e-mail is Toronto-based Media Synergy's Aloha, wittily spelled "@loha." Unlike e-Stationery, which requires special software for recipients, @loha creates multimedia attachments for standard e-mail messages. Most standard, web-based e-mail packages can both send and receive @loha's animated attachments, which are squeezed into tiny, quickly downloaded files averaging 10 to 20K.

The software includes 650-plus backgrounds, animated characters and moving text and sound clips ready for assembly into animated messages. Users can also import their own drawings, sound or voice messages — all at a suggested retail price of \$49.95 US.

And from Vancouver comes Net Nanny, aimed at restricting

rather than enhancing Internet communication. Net Nanny keeps young surfers out of the World Wide Web's red light district by locking out sites, words and phrases chosen by parents.

Or the software can work in reverse by establishing a list of sites which youngsters may visit and locking out the remainder. The program can also keep a child from releasing personal information, such as phone or credit card numbers, over the Internet.

Suggested retail is \$39.95 US, and information is available at [www.netnanny.com](http://www.netnanny.com).

Computer-savvy kids may need to be controlled on the Internet but their creativity can be let loose with Cameleon's computer-driven building block sets for children. The new product, due out later this year, combines the hardware — plastic blocks and gears — so children can build "robots" with easy-to-program software so they can control the actions of their creations.

My favourite bit of Canadian content was undoubtedly Al Herback and Al Price's Know Your Baseball, the official Little League instruction program on CD, which features the two Canadian educators instructing U.S. kids in America's national game.

Last but not least are the creations coming out of Canada's answer to Microsoft, Ottawa-based Corel Corporation. Corel's ever-growing range of products offers much more than the flagship CorelDraw.

There's an office suite, built around the company's acquisition of WordPerfect, which is challenging Microsoft's office suite; a wide range of low-priced CD titles for home users plus a trio of products for web surfing and web page production.

It's tough to outshine Corel's software for home and small business — especially in graphics, desktop and web publishing — because the company raids its strongbox of graphics resources to uphold its tradition of stuffing lots

### BITS ON BYTES VALORIE LENNOX



of goodies into the box.

Corel Print & Photo House adds bitmap editing to Corel Print House, last year's easy-to-use DTP and vector graphics package. Users can now import photos and other bitmap images for editing using a range of built-in touch-up and special effects. Included in the \$69.95 package are 1,600-plus sample files, 1,000 photos and 1,000 phrases, 150 fonts, 7,000 clipart images, 200 backgrounds and 70 borders/templates based on PaperDirect specialty papers.

For Macintosh users, Corel has released a Mac version of Corel PrintHouse, hard on the heels of last year's release of CorelDraw for Macs.



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# My Fair Lady is lavish production

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

"I (we) did it" goes the often-repeated refrain in one of Henry Higgins' songs from Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady.

And do it they (the Galiano Players) did for six performances, one a between-ferris matinee for travellers from Mayne and the Penders. By island standards this was a lavish production, using some rented costumes, no less!

A great deal of credit for the musical's artistic success must go to David Clothier who, besides directing, took the lead role of Higgins, and did it very convincingly. A very focussed gentleman, Higgins was unaware of everything but his goal — to make a Cockney lass socially acceptable to the upper classes through speech and social graces. He was to learn there is more to human relationships than mere intonation and pronunciation, however.

Teaching him this most valuable lesson was Eliza Doolittle, played by Kate Emmings of Pender Island, a very talented actress and singer, whose presence on the stage demanded one's attention. Colonel Pickering, partner in Higgins' scheme, was played by John Farr, his interpretation growing well as the evening progressed.

Perhaps the surprise of this production for many, however, was the marvellous performance given by North Galiano's Hans Bongertman — his first time on a stage as far as is known. Bongertman's role was that of Alfred P. Doolittle, Eliza's father, naturally an interested participant in the "re-creation" of his daughter. He sang and hoofed it with all the confidence of a professional — and appeared to enjoy every moment of his part in the three-hour production. Bongertman's voice was heard in another role as well, that of Freddy Eynsford-Hill, played most convincingly by lip-singing Alan Weeks of Mayne Island.

Jean Krebs did well in the minor role of Mrs. Pearce, Higgins' servant, as did others: John New, Sam Crew, Bev Yeomans, Elizabeth

## GALIANO NOTES

Bosher, Joy Brown, Irene Frith, Gloria Clothier, Dave Hutton, Chris Sabean, Don Clark, Samantha Crew, Carolyn Gibson and juniors Sarah-Anne Koster and James Sharp.

Much credit for the evening's success must also go to the production staff, 15 or so — too many to list here. Special mention though must be made of the contribution of Jeannie Pletz, vocal coach and accompanist, of arranger Murray Price and pianist Will Guthrie.

### Off again

North Galiano residents who lost their electric power four times over the Christmas season lost it twice more last week.

On Sunday morning, January 19, a slide occurred at Saltery Bay, covering the road with rocks, mud and other debris. Two large trees, an arbutus and a fir, also fell, hitting the power lines as they did so. Road crews were on the site quickly and had the road, the only access for many, open again by mid-afternoon.

The second outage occurred on Thursday morning, January 23, when B.C. Hydro, with warning to householders, put out the power so they could replace a pole and repair lines near Montague Harbour, damaged in the run-off after the heavy snows at the end of December.

### New flag pole

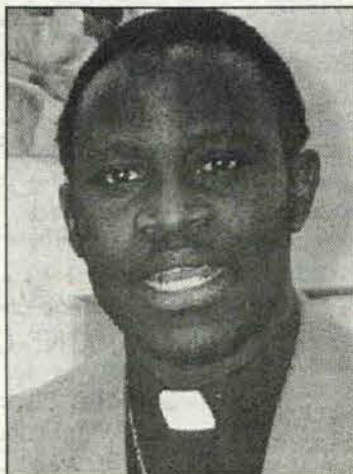
Galiano Lions Club members are currently preparing a cedar log to be used as a flag pole beside their park building on Burrill Road.

Removed from their property when they enlarged the playing fields last spring, it is hoped the 60-foot pole will be in place by summer. Plans are afoot as well to have a war memorial created from local stone and placed near the pole.

Despite the heavy rains and cold weather, the newly-seeded playing field is green, the grass established and doing well.

Blanche Poborsa and Joan Conlan. Bill Buckler and Stella Britton took top place on January 14 followed by June Knowles and Yvonne Sollitt, Peter Jacquest and Irene Hawksworth, Helen Shandro and Isabelle Richardson.

Friday game winners were Joan Conlan and Isabelle Richardson, Peter Jacquest and Ron Dickson, Bill Buckler and Stella Bruce.



Godfrey Maweje

# Ugandan minister guest of Anglicans Monday

Salt Spring's Anglican parish is hosting a special guest next week.

Rev. Godfrey Maweje, an Anglican priest from Uganda, is currently rector of a parish in northern-central Manitoba which includes the Peguis Reserve.

Maweje will speak at a public meeting at All Saints By-the-Sea from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. on Monday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Rev. Bryan Bjerring said while

Maweje is on Salt Spring he will meet with a group of Anglican priests from Vancouver Island, and learn some early island and parish history from the church's women's group.

Maweje will also participate in the annual Mission Conference of the Diocese of B.C. in Victoria.

Uganda's Anglican Church is the largest national church in the world-wide Anglican communion, said Bjerring.

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## Announcements

### 5 BIRTHS

SCHLEIDINGER (NEE, Sollitt) Morris & Deanna are very happy to announce the arrival of their 3rd son, Kyle Craig born on January 9, 1997 in Comox, BC at 9:46 am, weighing 8 lb. 5 oz. Happy Grandparents are Wayne & Yvonne Sollitt of Salt Spring Island, BC; Ann & Bill Cameron of Merritt, BC; and Joe & Judy Schleidinger of Kamloops. Great-grandmas, Gladys Keys of Salt Spring Island and Dorothy Ralston of Edmonton, Alberta. A very special thanks to Dr. Fockler and the nursing staff of St. Joseph's Hospital.

### 6 DEATHS

LANG - IN her gracious way, on January 19, 1997, Ora May Lang (Patterson) passed from the hands of her family into the arms of her Lord. Ora's generous heart welcomed each person she met into her life and she shared a richness of human spirit that will remain in sweet memories of her golden touch of kindness and love. Ora's family - son John Winston Lang (JoAnne) of Prince George, daughter Susan Rhona Browne (Norm) of Prince Rupert, daughter Margaret "Peggy" Ora Elves (John) of Salt Spring Island, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and extended family members will miss her presence in their lives but will treasure her spirit within us forever. Ora was born in Saskatoon, Sask. on October 14, 1915. After raising her children as a "navy wife" and working as a bookkeeper and manager of several Victoria businesses over 25 years, she retired to Pioneer Village on Salt Spring Island in 1981 where she enjoyed many years of the beautiful island life. Ora was Past Matron of Oak Bay Order of Easter Star, member of Tricolmali Order of Eastern Star, Past President of O.A.P.O. of Ganges, member of O.A.P.O. of Fulford Harbour and member of Golden Hands Craft Group of Ganges. At her request a memorial tea will be held on February 1st at 2 p.m., at the Legion Hall, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, to "thank my family and friends for their love and friendship and the joy they brought into my life." "My sheep hear my voice, And I know them, And they follow me." - John 10:27.

### 8 CARDS OF THANKS

MANY, MANY thanks to my good friends and good neighbours for their support and assistance throughout the past difficult six months. A special thank you to Five Star movers and the many who helped in my recent relocation. Thanks, Fivi Petersen.

THE SALT Spring Island Recycling Depot wishes to thank John Unruh for volunteering his time and machinery in the great X-mas tree chipping event. Your work was really appreciated.

THE FAMILY of Ora Lang express their deepest appreciation to the many wonderful persons who loved, cared for and shared their lives with our Mother. Heartfelt thanks to the nurses and Mum's home care attendants of many years (Carol and Jade), and Michelle and Linda, who were so close with us during the last days. Thanks also to Dr. Reznick. Your generosity of spirit and energy, and your kind and giving ways honoured our Mother, in your place in her life. Thank you are two little words but they extend our most grateful regards and respect to each of you. John, Susan, Peggy.

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### 10 CELEBRATIONS



**Stu and Jean Hopkins** will be celebrating **50 Years of Marriage on January 31, 1997**

Best wishes from family & friends

### 11 COMING EVENTS

THE NO-EXPERIENCE-Necessary Musical Theatre Classes for 6 to 12 year olds continue through February. Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. Island's Dance. 537-1532.

STEP AEROBICS with Damaris - start again Wednesday February 5 - 5:30 - 6:30 pm at All Saints by-the-Sea. Every Monday - Wednesday - Friday. New comers welcome! 653-4877.

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BUDDHIST MEDITATION class, six Tuesdays starting Feb. 11, \$55. Information and registration, Matthew Coleman, 537-2378.

FRIENDS OF Maggie W. Celebrate the first 50 years. Friday, Feb. 7, 12:30 p.m., mid-afternoon, Moby's.

MOTHERPEACE TAROT Readings by Kathryn are back! Flying Saucer Cafe, Fri., 1-5 p.m. or by appointment, 537-1329.

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NEXT SERIES WILL BE HELD ON:  
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**VALENTINE'S**  
**ROCK AND ROLL DANCE**  
2 NIGHTS  
**Fri. Feb. 14**  
**Sat. Feb. 15**  
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The public is invited to attend, and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Local Trust Committee on any general business matter of interest...

RECITAL Paula Kiffner will play Bach Suites for Solo cello Nos. 1, 3, 5 All Saints by-the-Sea Sunday, Feb. 2 2:30pm Tickets \$10 & \$8 at the door.

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11 COMING EVENTS

T'ai Chi T'ai Chi Classes BEGINNERS & ON-GOING Thurs. 9:30-10:30 am at Central Hall

Salt Spring Island Rod & Gun Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Club House - Long Harbour Road Wed. Jan. 29 - 8 pm

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST: OR borrowed from dock at Burgoyne Bay, Large Dog Crate, Veri Kennel, with a peg board insert floor, no door, colour beige, sadly missed by "Spirit".

FOUND: SILVER ring before Christmas at UNICEF sale. Call Haines, 537-4789.

FOUND: HALF glasses with strap near Mouat's. 537-5843, mornings.

LOST: SHOES, beige, "Easy Spirit," left somewhere in Ganges. 537-0815.

LOST: JACK Russell Terrier, long-haired, rust red and white. Lost in Rainbow Road vicinity. Tel. 537-9290 eve., 537-4749 day.

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**329 FARM ITEMS**

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TWIN MATTRESSES and box springs, king bedframe and headboard, double mattress and box springs, mahogany double foot and headboard plus frame, dressing table, small sideboard, corner cabinet, brown velour sofa and armchair, roll-top desk and more. 537-0002.

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**340 GARAGE SALES**

LIONS CLUB garage sale will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, weekly from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**342 GARDEN SUPPLIES**

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PEEK-A-POO. 5 month old female has all her shots. Mother P/B apricot Toy Poodle; father P/B white Pekingese. No papers, \$300. 537-0072.

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**376 SPORTING GOODS**

MOUNTAIN BIKE, Kona frame, Deore components, \$600. Great Deal. Get ready for summer! 537-8996.

**379 FREE/RECYCLABLES**

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

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

WASHING MACHINE, white metal bathtub, large wooden stereo, large propane stove, two small propane tanks. Call Friday evening to see on Saturday morning, 537-9664.

FREE FOR pick-up. One set of bunkbeds with mattresses. Call 537-2569 between 1 and 7 p.m. FREE: BEIGE rug, 8'x10'. 537-5048.

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**385 WANTED**

LOOKING FOR cassette tapes of musical comedy sound tracks. Will pay. 537-1532.

BOOKS & PAMPHLETS in good condition; large or small collections. Call 250-656-8805 collect 10 am - 5 pm.

WANTED: CANOE, video equipment, small car or truck, roof racks, dresser. David, 537-9800.

ELECTRIC GUITAR and electric keyboard wanted. Cheap! 537-5148.

WANTED: 2 CHILDREN to fill spaces at Lambie Pie Daycare, Vesuvius area. Reasonable rates. Mon.-Thur. 537-4512.

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**Real Estate**

**410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

FOR SALE by owner. 2 bedroom house on 1/2 acre, private, Southern Exposure. Reduced for quick sale. Only \$155,000. For more information call (250)-954-1649.

FOR SALE by owner. 31.36 acres of beautiful, treed land, gently sloping, 1000 feet of ocean front of southern exposure. Located at Nanoose Bay, Vancouver Island, between Nanaimo and Parksville, 5 minutes off Island Highway. 12 gallon per minute well. \$900,000 U.S. firm. Property can be viewed by contacting Mike Gogo. Telephone: 250-754-2276 or Fax: 250-754-1754. Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada V9X 1E9.

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2 BEDROOM HOUSE in Ocean Falls, 400 km. north of Vancouver. Tourist community of 100. Accessible only by ferry and sea plane. Full price \$26,000. Great place for fishing retreat, etc. David, 537-9800.

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• 3Bd. Bungalow, 1600sq. ft. hardwood fl., needs some upgrading. \$37,000.

• Many others available. Prices subject to site accessibility. (250) 656-2237 (24 hrs.)

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**Rentals**

**500 APT./SUITES FOR RENT**

CHARMING, LITTLE furnished suite for 1, attic bedroom, self-contained, Fulford Village. \$400. 653-2348.

MODERN 2 BEDROOM suite, private entry, coin-op laundry. Available 1st Feb. \$650/mo. Call Tony, 537-5363.

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SELF-CONTAINED ground floor bachelorette suite for non-smoker. \$400 per month includes utilities. John, 980-1645.

1800 SQ. FT. executive suite. Inquiries, 537-4161.

VESUVIUS OCEANFRONT. Furnished one bedroom apt. Decks, sunsets, magnificent views - Also, furnished room, cable, jacuzzi. Weekly, monthly. 537-5638.

**510 COMMERCIAL SPACE**

300 SQ. FT. FOR rent, call Jamie or Barry at Moby's. 537-5559.

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**515 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION**

WANTED HOUSE: For 3 weeks, Mid February to March '97 for 2 adults on one of the Gulf Islands. Must be comfortable, attractive with no pets. Photos required, local references available. 403-455-3270.

VESUVIUS OCEANFRONT. Furnished one bedroom apt. Decks, sunsets, magnificent views - Also, furnished room, cable, jacuzzi. Weekly, monthly. 537-5638.

**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

BRIGHT 2 BEDROOM Mobile with view, covered deck, fenced yard, available February 1. \$ 499. 537-1194, 537-5929.

HOTEL ROOMS for rent, includes utilities, \$400 per month. 537-1097.

1 BEDROOM HOUSE, Cusheon Lake area, \$750 per month, N/P, N/S, 537-9110 after 6 pm.

2 BEDROOM LOG cabin, carport, deck, available February 1, \$485/month. 537-1194.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent. Available Feb. 1st. One acre property. Walk to town. Electric heat. \$750/month. 537-5332.

3 BEDROOM HOUSE in Fulford, stove & fridge, \$750/month on year lease from February 1. Non smokers. 653-4257.

OCEAN VIEW Home, 3/4 acre, very private, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, oak hardwood floors, fireplace, garage, \$900/month. Available immediately. Phone for appointment. 604-650-4571.

3 BEDROOM & DEN rancher on priv. acre min. from Ganges. Partly furn. N/S, no pets. Written refs. req. Avail. February 1 to responsible tenant. Long term. \$1000 mo. Call 1-604-541-2671.

BRIGHT, COSY cottage with sleeping loft avail. Feb. 1. Ideal for quiet single person, N/S. Walk to town. \$650/mo. includes heat & cable. Long term. References. 537-4155.

LONG TERM, cute, cozy 1 bdrm. & loft, electric heat, F/S & D/W. No pets please. \$650/mo. plus utilities. 653-4500.

LONG TERM. Nearly new, chalet style, 1 bdrm. & loft, F/S, hook up for your W/D, electric & wood heat. \$750/mo. plus utilities. 653-4500.

LOVELY TWO bedroom home, level entry, 5 minutes from Ganges, fully furnished, available immediately. References. \$700/mo. until May? 537-9211.

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SPACIOUS 1 BEDROOM, quiet area, long term. \$650/month incl. utilities. Phone 537-9754.

WANTED: MATURE, responsible person for furnished room, private entrance, 10 minutes to town, on quiet residential street. \$350 monthly plus \$175 damage deposit. 3 references required. Phone 537-0629.

LARGE, NEW open plan suite with private access, sun and great ocean views. Perfect for single who wants privacy. N/S, N/P. \$575/mo, plus utilities. Ref's required. 537-5067.

**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

3 BEDROOM HOUSE close to Ganges, 3/4 acre, sundeck, patio, garden, hardwood floors, woodstove, fridge, stove, washer/dryer. \$900/mo. 923-0070 or 537-4797.

VIEWS TO Forever. Short or long term. High on 9 acres on beautiful Salt Spring, close to Ganges. Built in 1994, 2 bedrooms and large studio/office/hobby room, partially furnished with china, etc., 4 appliances, wood stove, deck, security alarm. Perfect "get-away" for a month or a year. No smoking and possibly small pet allowed. References please. \$850.00 per month plus utilities. Call Murray Elsom 655-4451.

1 BEDROOM HOUSE, quiet location, N/P, N/S. Available March 1. \$600/mo. Call Elaine, 537-5092.

BRAND NEW 2 bdrm., 2 bath., lofted chalet, private oceanfront beach, gorgeous details, W/D. Suit discerning couple, individual. N/P, N/S. Ref's. Feb. or Mar. to June 30. \$850/mo. 537-5898 Thurs. after 5 p.m. View on Fri.

2 BDRM. OCEANFRONT home with large 24'x24' artist's studio, beautiful location near Fulford Harbour. \$1100 per mo. to 1 or 2 persons. 653-4386.

PENDER ISLAND. 2 plus bedroom house plus log cabin, waterfront. Salt Spring sublet, \$525 all incl. 881-0935.

TWO BEDROOM water view cottage with deck. Will rent to one or two quiet non-smoking people. Wood & electric heat. Cat OK. Sorry, no dogs. Feb 1 or 15. \$600. plus utilities. 537-1968.

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- 2br. Duplex Malview \$625/mo.

**530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION**

SHARE COUNTRY home. One unfurnished bedroom for rent with access to bathroom. \$350/mo. plus 1/3 utilities. Phone 653-9744.

**DEATHS**

HILL, ELIZABETH Jane (Beth) died of cancer January 24th, 1997. Beth is survived by her husband Ray, children John Hill & Frances Kerman, Grandchildren Sandy Kerman, Sarah Kerman, Ryan Robinson and Kevin Robinson. She lived a rich and exciting life as a writer of numerous books, an archaeologist and supporter of many environmental causes. She requested no flowers, but would be pleased if those wishing to donate, would support the environmental cause of their choice. Beth would have chosen the Council of Canadians, the World Federalists or The Skies Above Foundation. A tree will be dedicated February 16 at 2:00 pm. at 1215 North End Road, Salt Spring Island.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

PLEASE NOTE: Too Late to Classify ads are accepted only after 12:00pm Monday and before 12:00pm Tuesday at the rate of \$7.25 for 15 words or less and 30 cents for each additional word. They are accepted on a first come first served basis and are printed only if space permits. The Driftwood cannot be responsible for errors or omissions as these ads may not be proof read because of time constraint.

LOST: OR borrowed from dock at Burgoyne Bay, Large Dog Crate, Veri Kennel, with a peg board insert floor, no door, colour beige, sadly missed by "Spirit". If seen or in your possession call Walter or Damaris 653-4877, no questions asked!

BRING YOUR Valentine to Lil' Red's Alumni Dance, Beaver Point Hall, Friday February 14, 8 pm. Tickets at door.

LARGE BED-SITTING room with en suite, share kitchen and utilities, no dogs, references, 537-1125.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

LOADS ON sale at Crossroads. Open Fridays and Saturdays in February. Back to regular hours in March.

RECITAL - PAULA Kiffner will play Bach suites for solo cello. All Saints by-the-Sea, Sunday, Feb. 2, 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 and \$8 at the door.

EDUARDO PLEASE contact David at 537-4090. Re: Market.

LOST: JACK Russell Terrier, long-haired, rust red and white. Lost in Rainbow Road vicinity. Tel. 537-9290 eve., 537-4749 day.

PARENTS: 2 OPENINGS available at Lambie Pie Daycare, 0-3 yrs., Vesuvius area. Reasonable rates. 537-4512.

FOUND A single key in front of the Info Centre. Can be claimed at the Driftwood office, 328 Lower Ganges Road.

SUITE FOR rent. \$575. per month, no smoking, no pets, references required, 537-1149.

MALVIEW, 3 BEDROOM, 2 bathroom family home on 1/2 acre, fenced yard. Non smoking, \$900. Call Darren between 6 - 9 pm 537-2830.

LOST: AUDIOVOX Cell phone. Rick 653-4682.

BLACKBIRD HOME and Garden, 40% off everything sale (except furniture and consignment) 2 days only, Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2. 653-9113. Winter hours, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 10 am to 5 pm.

NOW AVAILABLE at the Natural Beauty Centre (beside Barb's Buns) hand etched and designer mirrors. The perfect gift for Valentines. Stop in and see our display. Open Monday-Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. 537-4622.

FOR RENT. Self contained bachelor suite, wood stove, W/D, long term, references, \$475. per month includes everything. N/S, no dogs. 537-5482.

BACHELOR SUITE suitable for adults. Bright, cozy, close, no pets, no smoking. \$650/month inclusive. 537-2446.

1973 AUSTIN MARINA. Runs great. \$500 obo. 537-9265.

FIRST TIME sale by owner. Spectacular ocean views; from this immaculate 8 year old custom built home. Everything has been meticulously maintained on this 1330 sq. ft. Lower Salt Spring Way home. Paved driveway, garage, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, utility room and additional 320 sq. ft. of storage area on lower level. Living space all on one level, wheelchair friendly, \$295,000. By appointment only. Call 250-537-9504 between 6 - 9 pm.

WOOD TURNING chisels. Set of 8 Marples Sheffield, 16" long. Asking \$150. 537-9733.

RELIABLE, EXPERIENCED, house cleaner. References available. Call Cathy 537-4027 or 653-9283.

NOW HIRING, Grill cooks and serving personnel for new Salt Spring Restaurant. Must have minimum 3 years experience. Call 537-1867 for more info.

1980 VOLVO DL STATION Wagon, good condition. Leather. \$2500 obo. 537-9265.

SMALL PROJECTS, renovations and new construction. Cabinetry, carpentry, tile setting, drywall, painting. Experienced, reasonable rates. Phone Allen 537-9631.

ADORABLE & LOVING fellow seeks personal groomer. Humans only need apply. Reward: never ending devotion & ecstatic purrs. 537-2123. S.P.C.A.

FOR SALE: 1984 Nissan Pickup. Severe accident damage to passenger side, frame ok. Excellent mechanics, tires. AM/FM cassette, \$450. Phone Geoff after 5 pm. 537-9850.

GAIA COLLECTIVE--a group promoting women's spirituality--desperately needs volunteers to help organize workshops by people like Starhawk, Z. Budapest, Louisa Teish, etc. Time commitment is about 30 - 50 hours over several months. If interested, please call Agni at 537-0636.

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOM mobile home. Large workshop. 537-2140.

ROOM-MATES WANTED to share upper suite with fireplace, yard, close to Ganges. Prefer busy, non-smoker types. \$300. per month. 537-5733.

WANTED PICK-UP, prefer Toyota or 70's Ford 6 cyl., 653-9188.

WE HAVE 5 kids, we had a pup with severe hip dysplasia, looking for a pup to help mend broken hearts. Please call 537-0083.

WASHER, DRYER \$100. each, Fridge \$200. Stove \$100, Dishwasher \$50, Demolition Sale coming soon. Call 637-9957.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

PERSONALIZE YOUR picture with custom glass etching now available at Gulf Island Picture Framing at 50% off until Valentine's Day. 116 Langley Road in Vesuvius Bay. 537-2369.

1975 GMC VAN 6 cyl camper top, good shape, low miles, \$1000. 537-0662.

PRIVATE LOFT room in vegan family house, \$265/month includes hydro & laundry. Must be non-smoker and tolerant of two terrific girls and one sleek cat. Call Shannon 537-9522.

KNITTERS, WEAVERS - stock up on selected Penguin Novelty yarns. 1/2 price while stocks last at The Tangled Web, Mouat's Mall.

HUGE SELECTION of party favours now available at Save-On Saltspring in the Upper Ganges Centre (next to Dagwoods).

SSI ROWING Club. We're in need of a safety boat!! Looking for donations/trades? of an aluminum or rubber boat - car top?? Please call Carol 537-5993 or 537-9981.

SMALL CHIPPING/mulching jobs. Your garden will thank you. Seniors discount. John 537-8840.

1985 FORD ESCORT Hatchback. 5 speed, good clean car, no rust, runs well, must sell, \$1700. obo. 537-0745.

LOST: 1 GOLD chain with sentimental value. Jane (at K.I.S.) or 537-5439.

THANK YOU to Kathy & Dave Thomas of Green Spring Farms for using their tractor to pull our car during the snow storm. Jane & Paul Girard

NEW, OCEAN view, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, sundeck, north end home. Available March 1, \$1300/month. Call Alec 537-2581.

IF THREE words say "I Love You," imagine what "A Thousand Words" can do. There's still time to frame that special picture or, if in doubt, our wrappable gift certificates don't wilt and have few calories. Stop by at 785 Fulford-Ganges Road or call 537-5131. Happy Valentine's Day!

ELITA UNDERWEAR, books, dresses, Mexican glass, table clothes, cards, puppets, journals, kids stuff, cushion covers, jewelry, art supplies, men's wear, sweaters, hats, wind chimes, nighties, - absolutely everything is 40% off this Friday and Saturday only. 10 - 5 pm. Stuff & Nonsense, in Fulford, right next door to Blackbird. 653-4620, Visa, Master Card and Interac.

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## Lions roar for Burns' birthday party

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

Saturna Lions roared in response to Robby Burns' birthday on Saturday.

Over 80 people attended a dinner and dance put on by the club. The Community Hall became Scottish for the occasion with tartans and heather adornments.

Master of ceremonies John Fryer introduced Jon Guy, who honoured the immortal memory, and Neal MacDonald, who toasted the haggis. Walter Mackie toasted the ladies and Lorraine Campbell responded.

Rod Frazer said the grace. When the traditional roast beef, potatoes and neeps (turnips) were served, Rod Frazer piped in the haggis which was borne by Harvey Ackerman. Bill Harrower was the fkean (knife) bearer. Em Coombes toasted the queen. Officer Terry McLachlan of the RCMP attended from Mayne Island.

Several door prizes were awarded. Some of the winners were Jim Campbell, Jack Trickey, Rosemary Frazer, Hugh Grasswick and Beth Crerar.

Following dinner, John Fryer led the group in singing traditional Scottish songs accompanied by Bruce and Jennifer Griffin with

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their keyboard. Finally, the night wound up with Jacqueline Frazer leading the group in Scottish country dancing.

Participants described the evening as entertaining and very enjoyable. Many are looking forward with anticipation to next year when the Saturna Lions will hold the seventh annual celebration of Burns night.

### Coming events

The Saturna Recreation Centre Committee will hold a bingo on February 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Community Hall. The Lions Timmy's Telethon Crib Night has been scheduled for Saturday, February 22.

February 15 the "Two Patricias," Patricia Rolston and Patricia Schreiber, will bring their piano to St. Christopher's Church for an evening of piano and song.

This is the second event of the season sponsored by the Saturna Arts and Concerts Society. Tickets are available in advance from Nancy Angermeyer at 539-3217 for this concert or for both

concerts remaining in this series.

### Fire news

Saturna's volunteer firefighters will attend an emergency level first aid course at the end of February. The St. John Ambulance course will be presented on Saturna for the convenience of the participants and to ensure that the fire department is well represented on the island during the instruction period.

Readers are encouraged to check their chimney's health during the cold winter weather. Cleaning the chimney and making hot fires with dry wood will go a long way to preventing a serious chimney fire.

If a chimney fire does occur, close off the fireplace or wood stove damper, call 911 and evacuate your house immediately.

A burning chimney spits out flaming chunks of creosote which may ignite your roof. Although the chimney blaze is often spectacular it is almost always over quickly. However, have fire department volunteers check for fire on your roof, around the chimney and in your rafters before reentering your house. Firefighters will advise you about any chimney repairs needed.

## Shellfish open again after series of red tides

Gulf Islanders can finally harvest shellfish again — except butter clams — after a series of red tide closures dating back to last June.

Harvesting of bivalve feeders was first prohibited June 24 due to the threat of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP). The toxin is produced by dinoflagellate marine algae, which turns water reddish brown when it blooms, hence the term red tide.

"We had a series of blooms," explained Klaus Schallie, regional mollusk and shellfish program specialist for Fisheries and Oceans Canada. "We had a bloom as late as October or November. We had a tough year in general on the coast with red tide."

The algae bloom when bright light, warm weather and adequate nutrients are present. However, shellfish can be contaminated with no bloom present, since storms can stir dormant algae cysts to the surface to be ingested by shellfish. Shellfish retain the toxin for weeks and butter clams retain the toxin longer than other species, hence the continued ban on butter clams.

The toxins are harmless to shellfish but can be fatal for warm-blooded creatures.

Fisheries monitors the west coast for the PSP toxins, using mussels which ingest the toxins faster than other species. Conditions can change suddenly so anyone planning to harvest shellfish should call the PSP 24-hour hotline at 666-3169 to ensure it is safe to do so.

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The Capital Regional District (CRD) has responsibility for the disposal of septage and sewage sludge generated on Salt Spring Island, B.C., and has in the past disposed of the material in lagoons at its Burgoyne disposal site on the island. The continued use of the lagoons for disposal of the material was halted in 1996 and the CRD initiated transfer of the materials for disposal at the Regional septage disposal facility in Victoria, B.C. The CRD, having projected the long term costs for disposal of septage sludge in this manner now wishes to explore a more cost effective alternative by dewatering the materials and by disposing of the liquid byproduct locally.

The Work includes the provision, operation and maintenance of equipment, plant, power, and all things incidental to accept septage waste from haulers on Salt Spring Island, to provide storage for the raw material on site, to dewater the material to meet certain performance standards and to store the process byproducts for subsequent disposal by the CRD. The CRD is also considering the processing of sewage sludge as part of the Work.

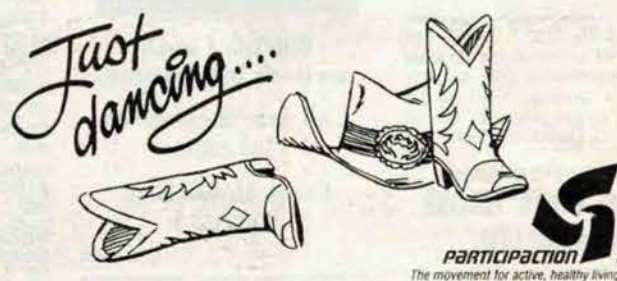
The specifications detail the requirement for the establishment, operation and performance of the system.

Specifications, Contract Documents, and Proposal Form may be seen at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, on or after January 24, 1997.

Copies may be obtained from the Capital Regional District, Engineering Department, 524 Yates St., Victoria, B.C.

For general Contract information and/or enquires on this project please contact Benoit Lebeau, M.Sc., Operations Technician at (250) 360-3097 or Fax (250) 360-3079.

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A new business is offering a new type of sign for Salt Spring. Sayer Signs owner Ron Sayer says he was a graphic artist and sign maker in Maple Ridge before moving to the island 10 years ago and taking up carpentry work. Sayer recently designed and built a sign for Mary Hawkins Memorial Library and has since been approached by "many people who thought there was a need for a different style of sign making." With that in mind, he is offering his new service — which uses computer graphic help from his children, Larissa and Dylan. He can be reached at 537-9847. "Unlike plastic signs that can break, and painted signs that can chip, peel and require high maintenance, a hand-carved wooden sign can last indefinitely." •A 13-year-old business run by Robin Wood and Per Svendsen is offering a new product. Beddis Road Garage, located at 181 Beddis Road (537-4122), is now the island depot for Praxair — suppliers of welding gases, oxygen and helium. The business, which employs three full-time workers, became a government inspection station in January 1996. "We really enjoy the work we do — giving personal attention to our customers' vehicles." • The Vesuvius Store has stocked its shelves with some new items. Now available are Mario's Gelati "no fat" Tofulati, real fruit ice, Sorbetto and Italian ice cream desserts, Starbucks coffee, plus specialty cheeses, pastas and breads. Vesuvius Store, located at 735 Vesuvius Road and owned by Brenda Thomas for the past two years, is open Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Leslie Sawchuck is offering a new service under the company name Sewright (537-1232). The business offers seamstress work in all areas, including repairs, alterations and custom jobs.

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Sawchuck says she has numerous years experience as a seamstress and is very particular to detail. The business is located at 269 Byron Road. • The farm stand operation at Randy Hooper's Costerton Farm is expanding with a delivery service for a full selection of certified organic fruit and vegetables. Included are over 1,000 grocery items from beans, condiments and grains to rice, seeds and tea. The delivery service also extends to the Outer Gulf Islands. Hooper says that Costerton Farms has also been offering a mini store inside the Flying Saucer Cafe, selling a selection of its more popular items.



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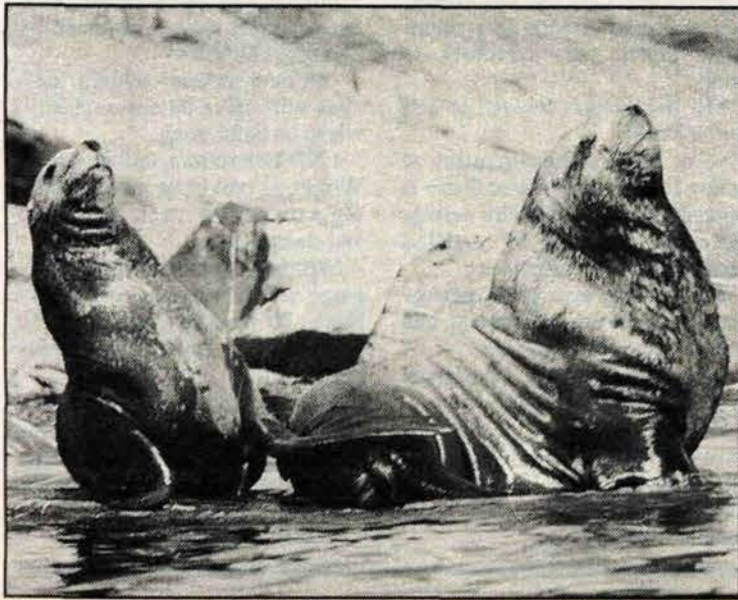
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**SEA BEARS:** Steller sea lions are not an unusual sight at this time of year in local waters. They evolved from bear-like creatures millions of years ago.

Photo by Jonathan Grant

## Juncos top list in annual Christmas bird count

Salt Spring Islanders were tallying bills 18 days after Christmas but the exercise had nothing to do with holiday spending.

These bills were on birds, which 159 volunteers were counting as part of the annual Salt Spring Island Christmas Bird Count. Coordinator Nancy Braithwaite said the count was moved to shortly after Christmas this year because so many volunteers were busy before the holidays.

On January 12 the volunteers scanning Salt Spring recorded sightings of 16,581 birds. Since birds tend to move around during the counting period, Braithwaite suggests that figure could possibly be trimmed by 100 to compensate for dual sightings.

The largest number of any one species counted were the perky little dark-eyed juncos, of which 2,145 were recorded.

Another significant figure was the 356 western grebes counted. Braithwaite notes last year's count

produced only 61 western grebes, a dramatic drop from the 5,361 recorded in 1990.

"They're sadly depleted and nobody knows why," she said.

Rare birds spotted included a wood duck, a canvasback duck, two northern shrikes, one chipping sparrow and one Anna's hummingbird. Gwen Ruckle spotted a great grey owl in Ruckle Park. She also reported her father had seen one 50 years earlier.

For the count, the island was divided into 12 zones, each with a coordinator. Braithwaite noted there were more volunteers than last year, when the count was handled by 120 people.

Braithwaite has coordinated the count for the last two to three years but says it dates back at least a decade. The goal is to establish a record of species on the island so that unusual fluctuations — especially reductions in individual species like the western grebe — can be identified.

## Golden brown coats, whiskers, deep roar give sea lions name

By LINDA CANNON  
Driftwood Contributor

What can a 1,000-kilo sea lion do? Anything he wants, according to Victoria residents that now have sea lions staying just off Oak Bay's exclusive, residential coast.

Large and noisy, Steller and California sea lions can be seen and heard around southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands at this time of year. (Except adult California females who, for some reason, prefer to let the dads and some of the kids go north for the winter, whilst they tan their toes with the rest of the girls back home in sunny California and Mexico. Very evolved creatures, these.)

Steller sea lions are the largest of the eared seals. "Eared" just means you can actually see their ears, whereas true seals, like harbour seals, have internal ears that can't be seen. Adult male Stellers are massive, measuring up to

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three and one-third metres (about 11 feet) in length and weighing over a ton. Female Stellers are petite in comparison, measuring just over two metres (about seven feet) and weighing a svelte 300 kilos (about 660 pounds) or so.

They're called sea lions because of their golden brown coats, large eyes, prominent whiskers and deep roar. But sea lions are really more like sea bears, evolving from a bear-like ancestor millions of years ago. (And the Oak Bay residents thought that they were here first!)

Whether lion or bear-like, Stellers are beautifully adapted for life in the water. They dive for eulachon, herring, salmon, squid, rockfish, flatfish and lamprey. The latter are a common parasite of salmon, and it's

thought that sea lions may help increase salmon populations by devouring lamprey.

Many fishermen complain that Stellers are gobbling up the commercial salmon catch, and Stellers do damage nets, but research persistently shows that salmon are not a major food for sea lions.

By June, Stellar sea lions will congregate at breeding rookeries along the Pacific Coast to give birth, nurse their young (they're mammals, just like us) and breed. In order to protect their territory and harems, the adult males may stay on land and not eat for a couple of months. Now that's what I call commitment.

If you spot a sea lion, how can you tell the difference between a Steller and a California? Stellers are larger, paler in colour, and have a different head shape.

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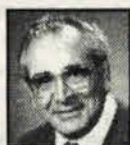
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