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Rural doctors withhold work, want on-call pay

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Seven doctors on six Gulf Islands will be withholding some medical services starting March 15, to back demands that the provincial government pay rural doctors for time spent on call.

Involved in the protest are Dr. Jeanne Keegan-Henry on Mayne Island, Dr. Gerry Moore and Dr. Don Williams who serve North and South Pender Islands, Dr. Janice Mason of Saturna Island, Dr. Phil Foster of Cortes Island, Dr. Doreen Tetz of Denman Island and Dr. David Wiseman of

Hornby Island.

The island doctors are echoing action taken by rural doctors in northern B.C. who want to be paid for on call time. Although five other provinces pay rural doctors for time spent on call, doctors in B.C. are not paid for on-call time.

Payment for on call time is either at an hourly rate or through a stipend, depending on the province. The B.C. doctors point out the program has stopped eroding the number of rural doctors in those provinces.

Keegan-Henry said the bid for

on-call pay is an attempt to stop the drain of rural doctors to urban communities. She notes the average time a doctor remains in a rural area is 18 months, in part because the shortage of doctors means physicians can remain on-call almost constantly.

Personally, she says, she is either working or on call 104 hours week. A part-time nurse covers the other 64 hours. As of March 15, Keegan-Henry will no longer be on-call except for life and limb threatening emergencies.

"The trouble is, if you love what you do, it's really hard to say no," she observed. But she recognizes that being the only doctor for the 950 full-time residents of the island plus the estimated 3,000 people on the island during summer weekends exacts a toll.

When interviewed, she had the flu but planned to go into work the next day to treat the 20 patients who had booked appointments. She intended to warn them she was ill. "I'm going to go in and stagger through it."

At a community meeting February 22 on Mayne Island, a Committee for Keeping Basic Rural Care on Mayne Island was formed to back Keegan-Henry's position. A straw vote taken at the meeting showed unanimous support for Keegan-Henry's withdrawal of on call service.

"The government presents this issue of one of more money for existing doctors," said committee member Jennifer Curzon, who lives on Mayne Island. "And when they throw around the

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On the move

Salt Spring police and helpers, from left, RCMP secretary Gwen Denluck, RCMP Constable Shane Savinkoff, paramedic Leslie Train, Charlotte Savinkoff and RCMP Constable Myles Hall are

surrounded by boxes as the police detachment moves from its former building on Fulford Ganges Road to its spacious new quarters on Lower Ganges Road.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

\$100,000 grant employs 10 youth in trail project

Ten island young people started working last week on a six-month trail and stream enhancement project funded by a \$100,000 federal youth initiatives grant.

The grant has been officially received by the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society to employ young people aged 18 to 24. The Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) is a partner in the project.

PARC administrator Tony Hume said the young people were interviewed and hired earlier this year, pending official notification that the grant had been approved. They started work the day approval was received.

The project also includes some training for the young people involved.

The workers began in Mouat Park where they will complete a section of the Ganges public pathway which links much of downtown Ganges.

Hume said the PARC has received approval from the school district for a trail right-of-way on district property, linking the section of trail between Mouat Park and Rainbow Road.

The section will complete the pathway, Hume said.

The PARC is also anticipating a grant of at least \$2,500 from the Tree Canada Foundation and B.C. Hydro towards planting trees to improve the entrance to Mouat Park.

Hume said tentative approval has been received for the \$2,500 and he is hoping the grant will eventually reach \$5,000.

Savage sheep attack blamed on two dogs

Two dogs are blamed for the deaths of six sheep, all pregnant ewes, from a field below Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply.

The injured sheep were discovered Thursday morning, said Foxglove gardener Joe Clemente. They were part of a flock of 24 sheep in a field off Atkins Road which is part of the 30-acre Foxglove property.

Five sheep were found dead and one was so seriously injured that the animal was euthanized. Eight other sheep were injured, with bites to the neck and legs, Clemente said.

They were moved to a field closer to the store, penned in a sturdy enclosure and treated with antibiotics and pain-killers.

"They seem to be perking up now," Clemente said Monday.

Tracks left in the muddy ground suggest two dogs were responsible for the attack. Clemente estimated the cost of the lost sheep combined with treating the survivors at approximately \$2,000.

The rest of the sheep have been moved to fields elsewhere on the island, he said, and a trap placed should the dogs return.

He urges dog owners to keep their pets confined.

Minister gives nod to report

An independent audit of B.C. Ferries, involvement of island representatives in setting ferry fares and retention of ferry advisory committees for communities dependent on ferry service will all be implemented by the province as recommended by mediator John Fryer.

Fryer's February 19 report to Dan Miller, minister responsible for B.C. Ferries, included four recommendations designed to bring community volunteers back to the table to continue working with B.C. Ferries.

Many of the volunteers, including those on the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee, had withdrawn their services to protect government actions, including a November fare increase.

Fryer's recommendations included:

- continuation of current advisory committees with negotiated terms of reference plus establishment of new advisory committees in B.C. Ferries' service areas regions now without committees;

- creation of a second tier stakeholder group with representatives from all regional advisory committees;

- attendance of Miller and senior B.C. Ferries management at the first meeting of the second tier stakeholder group along with an invitation to the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union to participate; and

- completion of an independent value-for-money audit of B.C. Ferries which includes management efficiency, labour utilization, sailing frequency and allocation of overhead costs.

Miller said Thursday that he had instructed his staff and B.C. Ferries to act on Fryer's recommendations immediately.

In response, members of the Gulf Islands' ferry advisory committee were planning to resume work, starting with a preliminary meeting next Monday at the inter-island services office in Fulford with a full committee meeting tentatively slated for March 16.



Surveying the situation

Ministry of Transportation and Highways surveyor Barry Ryan locates the centre line for a new stretch of roadway on Isabella Point Road. Ken Tara Excavating has been carrying out the roadwork following a recent slide.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

DOCTORS: Physicians face burn-out

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unexplained numbers of \$500 and \$1,000 per day then they continue to gain public support.
"But it is not about more money for existing doctors. It is about finding the most efficient and effective way to attract more doctors to rural areas where basic care is now slipping below acceptable levels.
"Other provinces have already proven that pay for time on-call does indeed attract more doctors to rural areas. We pay the same taxes and medical services plan fees and intend to get at least basic care for that."
Keegan-Henry notes the average number of physicians,

including specialists, Canada-wide is one for every 476 people. In wealthy urban suburbs, the ratio is one for every 193 people.
"There are two full-time jobs here," she says of her practice on Mayne. "It isn't unreasonable to say we want two doctors here when the summer time population reaches 3,000."
She doesn't want to increase her income, she wants to free up more time to spend with her family. Otherwise, she fears she will join the list of doctors who burn out in rural practice and move to the city.
Dr. Don Williams on Pender is retiring in just under two months

at the age of 58. "That's old for a country doctor, these days," he remarked.
Like Keegan-Henry, he cites the long on-call hours as one factor in rural physician burn-out. He also notes rural physicians have to be able to treat a wide range of ailments since there is often no other medical treatment available.
It is hard to get a physician to fill in should Williams or fellow Pender doctor Moore want to take time off. Remuneration is half the average for doctors in B.C., he notes.
"It's a high price to pay for a nice place to live," he said. "It eventually catches up."

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Weather

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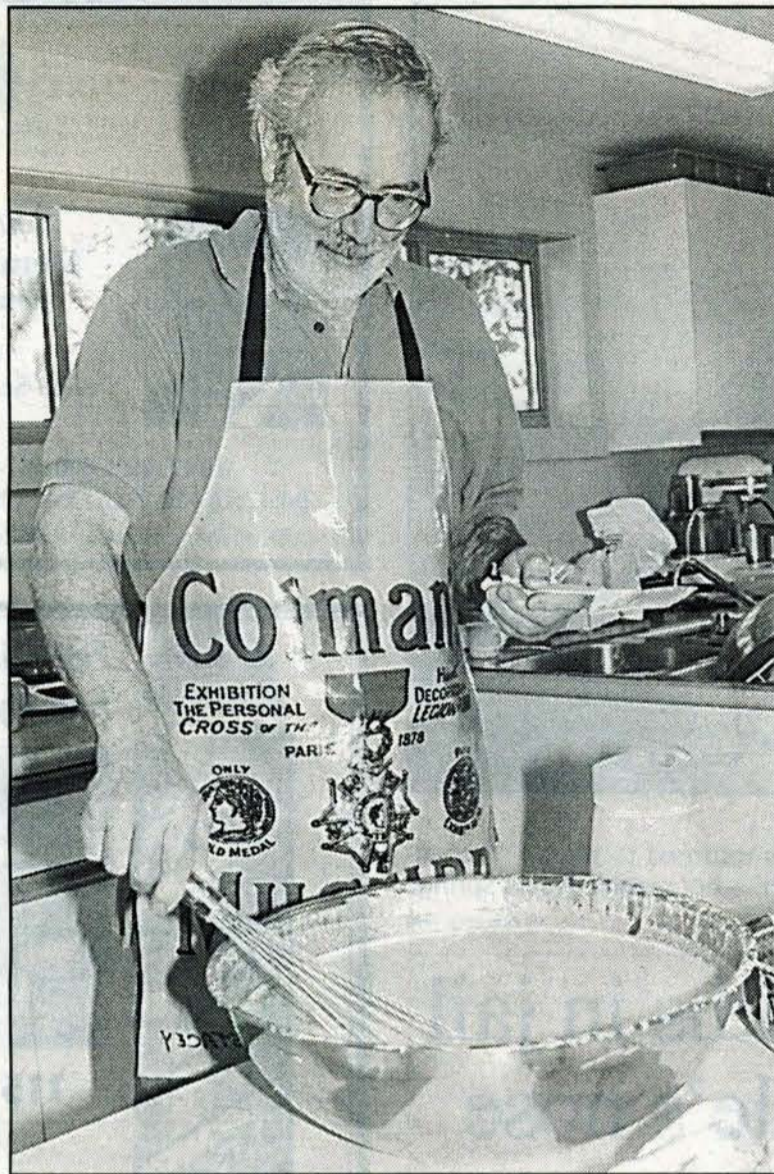
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RCMP numbers upped

Salt Spring's police force is officially getting extra muscle. The Ministry of the Attorney General has recently approved adding a corporal's position to the local detachment, bringing the official number of officers here to seven. Although the current official number of officers for the Salt Spring detachment is six, it is currently staffed by seven men and a woman. The extra two positions are filled by Const. Joe Penney, who has been transferred to Nanaimo but is waiting to sell his house here, and Const. Jamie Tretiak, brought to British Columbia with a number of surplus recruits who were then allocated to various detachments throughout the province. Penney's replacement, Const. Shane Savinkoff, arrived almost one year ago. Salt Spring RCMP Sergeant Cliff Doherty says four of the local officers could qualify for a promotion to corporal.

RCMP REPORT

A drunken rampage landed two island males in cells Saturday night after they were arrested for being drunk in a public place. The 19-year-old from Pender Island and 17-year-old Salt Spring youth were also charged with being in possession of stolen property, theft from two vehicles parked at Ganges Village market and two counts of willful damage. Name of the adult cannot be released until charges have been approved by the Crown counsel's office. In other police news: • Salt Spring RCMP are continuing their investigation into two incidents of vandalism to Ganges businesses Saturday night. Windows were smashed at KIS Office Services and North End Fitness. Police say they have been provided with a lead in the matter. • Local RCMP members have a new home. The detachment moved from cramped quarters on Ganges Hill last Monday and Tuesday to a spacious new location at 401 Lower Ganges Road. The detachment will officially open March 24 with a flag raising ceremony and tours of the new building. The day will also include tours of an RCMP Catamaran — the P.V. Higgitt which will be moored in Ganges Harbour — as well as a display and orientation of an RCMP Air Services Bell Helicopter.



Pancake production

On the kitchen crew turning out flapjacks for Shrove Tuesday at the Anglican Centre February 24 was Mike Stacey. The event drew a number of lunchtime diners to the church whether or not they planned to start observing Lent the next day.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

Wet, warm February — above average weather

February came upon islanders like a warm shower, judging by the figures of Ganges weather observer Robert Aston. Temperatures were slightly above average, especially at night, bringing on early blooms in gardens. Aston notes his benchmark of spring, the first daffodil, opened in his garden February 21, a month earlier than usual. The high temperature for the month was recorded February 7 at 12.3 degrees C. (54 degrees F.). The low was minus 1.5 degrees C., recorded over the night of February 23 and 24. Throughout the month, the weather was consistently wet — Aston recorded precipitation on 22 of the 28 days — although the final tally for the month at 101.6 mm (four inches) precipitation was below the current 20-year average for February of 117.8 mm (4.64 inches). The month was looking significantly drier than usual until the

last day, when a storm blew up and dropped 18.3 mm (almost three-quarters of an inch) of rain on the island by midnight February 28. "It looked reasonable until that very last day," Aston reported. March roared in on the storm like a soggy lion, with an estimated quarter-inch of rain falling before the storm blew itself out early Sunday morning. During the month there was no snow at sea level, where Aston takes his reading, although there was a scattering at higher elevations. There was also another night of heavy rain on February 11 to 12, when 31.7 mm (1.25 inches) dropped on the island. "The amount of sunshine was very much below normal," he observed. But overall, the month was a winner. It is only the second month in the past 24 where the weather has been better than average, Aston said.

Dosanjh likes court proposal

A long-delayed response from Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh on the closure of the Ganges courthouse was received by Saanich-Gulf Islands MLA Murray Coell last week. In a letter dated February 19, Dosanjh referred to Coell's letters on the issue and apologized for the delay in his response. Dosanjh said his ministry has declared Ganges' government building surplus and passed it on to the B.C. Buildings Corporation. "On a positive note, I understand the Capital Regional District is interested in purchasing the property," Dosanjh wrote. "If they are successful we would certainly give consideration to possibly providing circuit court service to the community." Last summer, Coell had conveyed over 1,000 letters from Salt Spring residents on the issue to the ministry and had written again on November 6 and January 8.

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Spring sings

The first daffodils are blooming, trees have suddenly erupted in colour, green thumbs are itching to touch the earth and the sound of

singing birds has returned to the air. The calendar says March — but outside it says Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Islander nets nine months in jail after breaking constable's nose

A Salt Spring man was sentenced to nine months in jail after breaking a local RCMP constable's nose and slamming his face into the ground.

Joseph (Joe) Edward Quin, 22, pleaded guilty to common assault and assault causing bodily harm in Duncan Provincial Court January 28. Prior to sentencing, the court requested preparation of a pre-sentence report which was heard last Tuesday by Judge A. Ehrcke. Ehrcke handed Quin a nine-month jail sentence and 18 months probation for the assault causing bodily harm charge, plus a concurrent two-month jail term and 18 months probation for the common assault charge.

Following the guilty plea, the court entered stays of proceeding in three additional charges against Quin, including common assault, uttering threats and obstruction of a police officer.

Quin's brother, Christopher Allan Quin, received a \$200 fine after pleading guilty to uttering threats during the same incident. Stays of proceedings were entered in charges of assaulting a police officer, obstruction of a police officer and uttering threats.

A third man, Morgan Ferris, also remains before the court on charges stemming from the incident.

Salt Spring RCMP Const. Joe Penney suffered a concussion and broken nose in the brawl which took place in the Harbour House Hotel parking lot January 8, 1997.

Penney told the Driftwood Friday that he and RCMP

Auxiliary Const. Chuck Hamilton were called to a fight in progress at the Harbour House at about 11 p.m. that night.

A crowd had gathered at the rear of the hotel where a diabetic was suffering a medical emergency. Police attempted to intervene and assist the man, but their efforts were thwarted by the crowd.

"They thought we were going to take him to jail," Penney said.

As police attempted to push through the crowd, Chris Quin suddenly ran out of the hotel and tackled the diabetic to the ground. Having been in contact with medical personnel, Chris Quin apparently learned that the diabetic should be kept in a prone position, Penney said. A fight ensued between the two men.

"The crowd was screaming for us to intervene," Penney said. "We told Chris to get off or be pepper sprayed — he didn't and he was sprayed."

Penney added that Ferris then stepped in, allegedly becoming verbally and physically aggressive with him.

"By this time the ambulance had arrived and the paramedics were trying to assist (the diabetic)."

Penney said that as he dealt with Ferris, Joe Quin attempted to remove his ASP baton. Penney turned and unsuccessfully pepper sprayed him.

"He took several runs at me, trying to kick and punch me."

During one run, Penney said, he managed to pepper spray Joe Quin, who then disappeared into the crowd.

As Penney moved Ferris away from the crowd, Joe Quin "ran out from behind a van and blind-sided me and punched me in the face, breaking my nose and cutting my face."

Penney fell backwards and struck his head on the front of a vehicle.

"I fought him off me while I was on the ground — I hit him again," Penney said. "I was dazed and confused, my vision was impaired and I had lost my portable radio and my pepper spray."

Penney said that when he got to his feet, he noticed someone in the crowd had a pool cue and he "heard someone say something about getting our guns away from us."

Then, he said, he was struck in the face again by Joe Quin, initiating another fight between the two.

"Then Chris came over and helped me by jumping on Joe. And then they fought. I didn't know if I should break up that fight."

Both Quin brothers were finally arrested as they attempted to return to the pub, but not, Penney says, before Joe Quin took another run at him, kicking him in the groin. Penney struck him from the ground with the baton — "This time he went down and never got up."

Penney said that although he called for back-up, the dispatcher did not hear his call for emergency help. A Shawnigan lake officer heard the call and relayed the message. Back-up officers arrived on the scene in time to help with the arrests.



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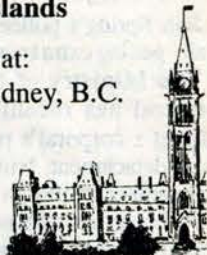
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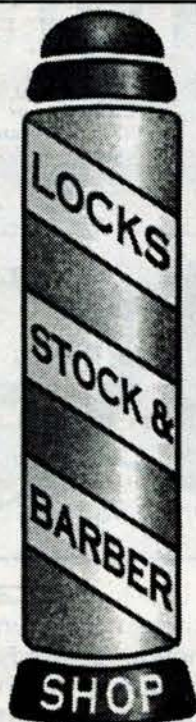
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While a professional background or work experience in a related field would be an asset, the LTC is interested in hearing from anyone who can contribute a broad understanding of the island and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character.

Those interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Agricultural Committee, or in finding out more about its mandate, are asked to write before March 31, 1998 to:

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Family Place grants will fund Nobody's Perfect workshops

A waiting list for the Nobody's Perfect parenting workshop series is being alleviated thanks to two grants received by Family Place.

The International Order of Foresters (IOF) has given the Salt Spring organization \$2,600 to fund two workshops: an eight-week Nobody's Perfect group beginning at Family Place April 4, and sexual abuse prevention workshops for children and parents.

A condensed Nobody's Perfect will also be offered on Galiano Island March 28 and 29, with funds from the Ministry of Children and Families. It will be taught by Ragnhild Flakstad, coordinator of Family Place, and public health nurse Noel Wass of Sooke.

Nobody's Perfect is a free program for parents of children five years of age and under. It includes information on children's health, safety and behaviour; help with understanding your children; and ways to cope with stress as a parent. For both sessions, daycare and food will be provided.

Contact person for the Galiano workshop is Sherri Koster at 539-5823. Anyone interested in the Family Place Nobody's Perfect series, which runs Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3 p.m. beginning April 4, should call Flakstad at Family Place, 537-9176. Flakstad and public health nurse Chris Smart will be the program's facilitators.

The IOF funds will also help Family Place sponsor a "personal safety program," led by Leslie Whelin, a registered clinical counsellor and registered play therapist. Four workshops aimed at children of different age levels, and one for parents, will be offered. Dates and details will be announced in future.

Located behind the Community Services building at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road, the centre runs various programs for families with children under six years of age, including short and longer-term workshops and discussion groups. The centre is open for drop-in purposes Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Friday morning is meeting time for Rug Huggers, a group for parents and babies.



BABIES, KIDS, MOMS: A typical morning at Family Place finds families visiting, playing, using the resource library or clothing exchange, or hearing about future programs. One day last week were (from left) moms Mylene Dammel-Sherrin, Haide Hart (holding Aliah) and Angela White (holding Savanna), with Myriah White (left) and Maya Dammel-Sherrin in front.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Also at Family Place, people can access a large resource library and clothing exchange, and there are indoor and outdoor toys for children to play with while parents visit. Flakstad notes the centre averages 100 drop-in visitors per month.

In the afternoons, Flakstad is available for counselling if a workshop is not scheduled, and any family-based activities could occur in the building with prior arrangement.

The centre also runs with help from several volunteers, who Flakstad describes as "a really dedicated team."

Recent activities included a Getting Free, Staying Free workshop for women leaving abusive relationships, co-sponsorship of the Building Bridges parenting workshop series with Salt Spring Preschool Society, and Internet training. Family Place also co-sponsors free condom distribution with and through Barb's Buns.

Flakstad is now working on spring and summer programming and welcomes new ideas.

Art and dance classes for children held in previous summers will likely be offered again.

Family Place also loans toys and puzzles for special needs children and adults, along with an extensive range of resource books for parents and caregivers of individuals with special needs.

There are numerous specialized toys which can improve motor skills and coordination, and even a "handicapped doll" with crutches.

Any teacher, parent or daycare provider can borrow the toys and books.

The special needs cupboard was created with help from the Ministry of Children and Families, and includes about \$3,000 worth of equipment.

Federal government funding which helped establish Family Place in the spring of 1995 ends March 31, 1999, and Flakstad is uncertain where further support will be found. The more the facility is used until then, the better chance it has of receiving government assistance in future.

Trust Council on island

Islanders who want to see regional planning in action should drop by Islands Trust Council's quarterly meeting, held this Thursday to Saturday on Salt Spring.

The meeting starts with budget and trust policy workshops Thursday morning, budget and

local planning discussion Friday morning and a business meeting at 1:30 p.m. Friday and continuing from 8:30 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Meetings are at the Anglican Centre Thursday and Friday and at the Harbour House Hotel Saturday.

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\$50,000 in CRD grants approved

A passenger van for community use, gear for marine rescue, a multi-court and health care are benefiting from Capital Regional District (CRD) 1998 grants-in-aid.

Approved at last Wednesday's CRD meeting were \$50,000 in grants, of which \$30,000 has been earmarked for specific projects.

The largest grant, \$15,000, was given to the Salt Spring Foundation towards the purchase of a passenger van. The van will be operated under the jurisdiction of the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) and be used to support recreational activities for all age groups.

A \$5,000 grant went to the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society for the purchase of small gear, safety and communications equipment.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Parents Advisory Council received \$5,000 towards a multi-court to be created for student and community use.

The Salt Spring Island Health

Association received a \$5,000 grant to help smooth over the impact of changes in provincial and regional health care. General community wellness programs, and volunteer health and social service organizations will benefit from the grant money allocated by the health association.

Of the remaining \$20,000, half has been put into a contingency fund to deal with community needs which may arise later in the year and half has been set aside in an administrative grant fund to support future projects.

The budget is down eight per cent from last year's grants-in-aid budget. Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth said, "Any unallocated 1998 dollars can be carried forward as surplus to the 1999 budget year and thereby reduce the residential tax burden."

Grant applications were reviewed by an ad hoc grants committee consisting of Booth, alternate CRD director Allisen Lambert and Salt Spring Trust Committee members David Borrowman and Bev Byron.

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Local CrimeStoppers program urged for Salt Spring

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

"There is no honour among thieves" and local police believe a community-based CrimeStoppers program would encourage island criminals to exchange crime-related tips for cash.

The first step toward establishing such a program took place Wednesday when Salt Spring Rotary members heard from RCMP Const. Tim Dixon, coordinator for the Greater Victoria CrimeStoppers, and Salt Spring RCMP Sergeant Cliff Doherty.

The local RCMP detachment currently receives five or six tips each year from the Greater Victoria-based program, Doherty said. "If it were run locally, it could easily jump to 80 or 100 tips."

Dixon told the group he doesn't "know of any better community policing program" than CrimeStoppers, which uses police, media promotions and anonymous tipsters to solve crimes.

The program was launched in Albuquerque, New Mexico where police had hit a dead-end investigating a gas station murder which they knew had been witnessed.

Investigators decided the community was both apathetic and fearful about coming forward with information. They developed

a special phone line for anonymous tipsters and televised a reenactment of the crime. The murder was solved in two days.

There are now over 800 CrimeStoppers programs in the United States and close to 40 in British Columbia.

"It is not a police program," Dixon stressed. "It is a combined citizen, media and police effort."

While Doherty noted it is often the criminal element who trades tips for cash, Dixon said many tipsters are "good citizens — half of them don't even collect their cash rewards."

The Greater Victoria CrimeStoppers program coordinates programs from Nanaimo south, including the Gulf Islands. Telephone operators have no tracing capabilities for those who contact them via their toll-free line.

CrimeStoppers phone operators ensure none of the information provided by a tipster could reveal his or her identity before they pass details on to police.

Each tipster is given a code number and told to phone back in several weeks and relay the number for an update on the investigation.

In the meantime, the tip is faxed to the relevant police detachment. Because police cannot use a tipster as a witness in court, they must conduct a full

investigation, using surveillance and other sources to make any arrests.

If an arrest is made or stolen property recovered, the tipster becomes eligible for a cash reward. Cash is placed in an envelope and left at a pre-determined spot for the tipster to retrieve without being identified.

Reward amounts are set by a board of directors which meets each month to allocate money. The board also takes on fundraising duties, creating a cash flow for reward payments.

The Victoria program pays out between \$24,000 and \$28,000 per year.

"When you consider the cost of an investigation," Dixon said, "Paying someone a couple of hundred dollars is minuscule."

He added: "It's all part of taking back the community."

During a question period, Dixon was asked about a Victoria murder where the victim was apparently a CrimeStoppers tipster.

Dixon, who described the inci-

dent as "extremely unfortunate," said that under no circumstance would CrimeStoppers indicate whether or not someone was a tipster. In the case of this murder, he added, it appears the victim spread the word that she had received money from providing a CrimeStoppers tip.

Rotary members also learned of a new high school CrimeStoppers program where students either report crimes to the toll-free line or school authorities. Some set up their own board of directors.

"We have solved some major crimes in Nanaimo from the program in the schools up there," Dixon noted, adding that several Victoria-area schools are also "coming on board" with CrimeStoppers programs.

Students involved often fight crimes such as thefts from lockers by creating posters and publicizing them through newsletters or the school intercom.

Sometimes students are able to advise police of pending fights or drug deals.

Doherty indicated to the Rotary

group that Gulf Islands Secondary School had expressed interest in establishing a program here.

But while Doherty welcomes a school-based program, he is also eager to launch a community CrimeStoppers program which, he says, would improve its visibility through local promotions and fundraising efforts and ultimately result in more tips.

He said the number of tips increased tenfold when a local program was launched in Squamish: a B.C. town with a similar population to Salt Spring and where Doherty worked before moving here.

Although the local detachment has recently obtained approval for one more officer here, the force is still limited in the manpower it can direct into certain investigations, Doherty added.

"There is cocaine trafficking here — people are using heroin on this island — and we are not even getting into that area at all. There is 'no honour among thieves' and we could start getting those drug tips."

Merger occurs between two realty companies

Two of Salt Spring Island's real estate companies, Windermere Salt Spring Realty and Islands Realty Limited, merged effective March 3 under the name Windermere Salt Spring Realty.

Windermere Salt Spring Realty owner Russ Crouse said combining both companies makes economic sense, reducing overhead costs for the 17 real estate agents involved in the merger.

Former Islands Realty/Century 21 broker/owner Gord Pendleton will be a part-time manager for Windermere Salt Spring Realty, representing island properties for Victoria customers.

Crouse said the merger had been considered as long as two years ago but the timing wasn't right. But when the Century 21 franchise expired and the lease on Windermere's Gasoline Alley expired almost simultaneously, the merger became viable. All of the real estate agents will move into the former Century 21 office in Grace Point Square.

"We decided not to renew the franchise. It just happened to be that my franchise was up sooner than Windermere's franchise," Pendleton observed.

The Salt Spring Century 21 franchise agreement had expired at the end of December but had been renewed on a month-to-month basis until the merger.

"We're going from 11 to 17 real estate agents," Crouse said. The merged company is also gaining more office space by moving to Grace Point Square. "It just was a nat-

ural fit," Crouse said.

He notes the real estate market has slowed since 1994 when there was a high of 74 realtors on the island. Now there are 40 realtors, Crouse said.

"It's the serious, full-time, hard-working realtor that's in the business today," he said. He points out the current slowdown in the market followed a decade of growth which could not be expected to continue indefinitely.

He has also seen changes in the market. In addition to those seeking retirement homes, people are coming to the island for lifestyle and family reasons and using technology to allow them to continue working.

"People want to come here for their families and they're finding ways to make it work," he said.

He feels the market is gradually improving and notes there is more construction and renovation work occurring as well.

Since real estate agents on the island have tended to cooperate with each other, he said, both Salt Spring Realty and Islands Realty staff welcomed the merger. "We will be carrying on the traditions of both companies," he added.

That means offering such community services as the child passport program, the Windermere service day and use of the Windermere tent for community groups and events.

Crouse notes that realtors are active in many groups on the island. "We live here, we own property here, we have a commitment to the community. It's a lifestyle choice."

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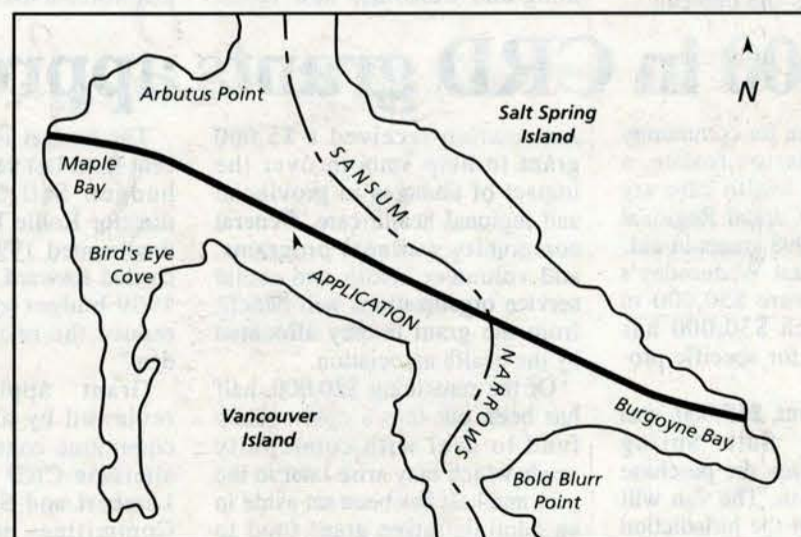
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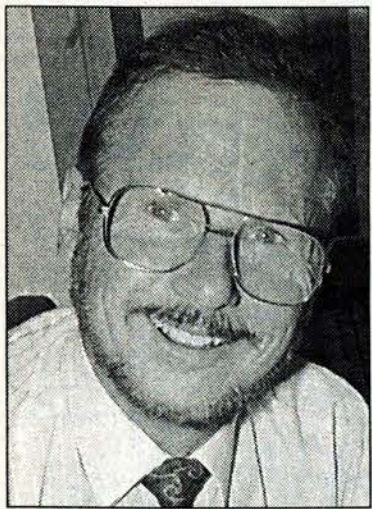
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Distance education considered



Andrew Duncan

Distance education for high school-aged students on the Outer Gulf Islands could save up to \$500,000 annually, according to a preliminary study just completed for the Ministry of Education.

But those savings still won't balance the school district budget, which is expected to incur an \$800,000-plus deficit this year.

Trustees gave final approval to their \$13 million 1997-98 budget at last Wednesday's board meeting. Included in the budget is a request to the ministry to allow the district to incur a deficit of up to \$900,000 this year.

At the same meeting, trustees also received an update from superintendent Andrew Duncan on a ministry proposal to increase the use of distance education on the Gulf Islands.

"All we're doing is brainstorming and exploring ideas," Duncan said. "The ministry is looking at a whole bunch of 'what ifs' — not 'thou shalt's'."

The four options investigated by Victoria chartered accountants Deloitte and Touche, on behalf of the ministry, ranged from the status quo to district-wide entrepreneurial schools. But the most viable option appeared to be a system of distributed learning for high school students on Saturna, Mayne, the Penders and Galiano, with kindergarten to Grade 8 schools on each of those islands.

Students would have a choice of still coming via water taxi to Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on Salt Spring, Duncan said. However, if at least half the Outer Islands students opted for distance learning, the change would be financially viable.

Deloitte and Touche predicted budget savings of one-quarter to one-half a million dollars, Duncan added.

"The preferred model is that the water taxi would continue to run," Duncan said. But there might be one water taxi used instead of the current two.

He stressed that the proposal is preliminary at this point and will need a great deal more study. The idea also assumes that the provincial learning network will be in place, which Duncan doubts will happen by this September.

At the very earliest, a pilot project might be in place by next January.

"I find it interesting that they sent an accounting team around to look at our education system," Pender trustee Russ Searle remarked.

Duncan said he suspected the ministry people are seeking a businesslike, external view of the education system. He pointed out that Deloitte and Touche had originally predicted much greater savings but the figures had to be re-worked once Duncan raised such issues as meeting the requirements of current collective agreements.

Board chairman May McKenzie said offering kindergarten to Grade 8 on each island will have impacts on Mayne Island and on Saturna. Mayne Island Elementary-Junior Secondary now enrolls the older students from Saturna and Galiano, so would lose those students.

Galiano Grade 8 students would stay on their island and Saturna school — where enrolment has dropped to four to five students for next year — would get a boost with the addition of older students.

Duncan pointed out the distance learning would include provision for community learning centres on each island equipped with computers and

online connections.

McKenzie observed that the computers and connectors will have to work better than the current pilot program on Pender, where the technology has posed problems.

"These kids are going to be sitting in front of a machine, which is bad enough, but then the machine doesn't work," she remarked.

Duncan noted there are already 40 Gulf Islands students enrolled in distance learning, a significant number being home-schooled and eight signed into the electronic school bus program.

He expects the report from Deloitte and Touche on options for the Gulf Islands will go to the Ministry of Education first for review and then the ministry will come to the school district with any proposal.

Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel suggested the board be pro-active in putting the concept before the communities on the Outer Islands, so people have time to consider the options well before a decision must be made.

She advocated asking for questions from Outer Islanders, and from district staff represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Gulf Islands Teachers Association (GITA).

At last Wednesday's meeting, GITA president Larry Field feared involving private companies in educational decisions would lead to the erosion of the educational system, as occurred in the United States. He said the impact on students must be considered above the financial issues.

Duncan said he would try to attend parent advisory council meetings on the Outer Islands to discuss the proposal. He stressed that the ideas are preliminary.



May McKenzie



Judith Boel

Coast guard honoured

Ganges Coast Guard was recognized for its training of auxiliary members with an award at the annual general meeting of the Pacific Region Coast Guard Auxiliary last weekend in Campbell River.

Representatives of the coast guard station were invited to the meeting to receive an honorary membership in the coast guard auxiliary. Officer-in-charge Dave Howell notes that the coast guard does not officially belong to the auxiliary.

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OPINION

Some suggestions for Joy MacPhail

We've got some thoughts we'd like to share with the newly-appointed Minister of Finance, Joy MacPhail, as she prepares the provincial government's 1998-99 budget.

Forget about getting re-elected.

Ignore the impact budget decisions might or might not have on certain pockets of voters.

Try to do what is best for the province, not what is best for the provincial government.

Surprise us with decisions that are based on a careful balancing of people's needs and not how they will play out during the next election campaign.

Political gamesmanship is not likely to reverse the downward spiral of the provincial government's credibility, which has taken a beating ever since the dust settled to reveal the deficit following the last provincial election.

The government's course since then, steering between the shoals of a faltering provincial economy and a desire for public acceptance, has appeared to be driven by political expediency.

The philosophical values which once divided parties into right and left, pro and con, have been blurred into shades of gray.

For example, what was supposedly a core value of the New Democratic Party, looking out for the most disadvantaged of the province's residents, was abandoned in the search for a balanced budget.

The environment has done better than the poor with the NDP at the helm while the big winners appear to have been the strong unions, who have seen their positions protected despite the increasingly precarious position of the resource-based provincial economy.

It's true the government is being simultaneously squeezed by a drop in income and by increased demands from displaced workers.

The decisions which must be made are not easy. How should the government spread its dwindling resources to mitigate the impacts of financial change on communities and individuals?

Not by propping up dying industries and investing in doubtful ones, the futility of which has been amply demonstrated over the years by Ottawa and its attempts to aid the Maritime provinces. We'll get no value from the \$300 million-plus poured into Skeena Cellulose beyond a delayed closure of an old pulp mill.

Ideally, the impact of the economic downturn on the government's ability to finance programs should be shared equally province-wide. Instead, the government appears to protect some groups while letting other programs fall through the cracks, regardless of the overall impact. Squeaking wheels are big wheels when the money is being divvied up.

This leads, inevitably, to the expectation that squeaking loud enough will bring the desired grease. Instead of recognizing the financial limitations on government and trying to make do with less, the focus switches to ensuring one's own place at the trough is secure.

People tend to fall easily into a "me first" mentality which extends beyond personal desires to whatever values they believe should be upheld.

But given leadership and challenged to put the overall needs of society first, they are also capable of self-sacrifice and teamwork.

So we suggest the new finance minister try something different with the next provincial budget.

Be honest.

Admit that money is tight and then make the tough decisions. Forget about protecting "friends" or pockets of political support.

Don't try to get re-elected. Just offer the best government you can in difficult times and re-election will take care of itself.

Daniel Johnson's example

Canadian politics took on a whole new look Monday with the resignation of Quebec Liberal Party leader Daniel Johnson. Knowing his party's election chances were slim, and that a referendum on separation could easily go the wrong way, Johnson chose the best option for Quebec and Canada.

For politicians, the meaning of life is very closely associated with capturing the mantle of power. It's all about winning elections. Which makes it difficult for a politician to admit defeat before a vote is even held. The word courageous comes to mind in considering Johnson's move.

On the other side of the country, another Liberal party leader would do well to look to Daniel Johnson's example. Like Johnson, B.C. Liberal leader Gordon Campbell was defeated in the last provincial election, and his prospects for the next one are not promising, despite the abysmal performance of the NDP government.

A successor to Campbell doesn't spring to mind, but unless the party addresses its leadership vacuum soon, the British Columbia government will continue to stumble on, unchallenged by an effective opposition. And the next election could be Premier Glen Clark's for the taking.



Institute hopes for strong island bias favouring local involvement

By IAN CLEMENT

In a recent editorial, you portrayed Mahon Hall as the child in a custody battle between the Islands Farmers Institute on the one hand, and the Capital Regional District (CRD) on the other.

You stated that, from a community and historical perspective, it makes sense for the Farmers Institute to take custody of Mahon Hall, but for "financial reasons" the applicant with the deeper pockets, the CRD, ought to have it.

For those readers who are not familiar with the present situation, the board of school trustees has offered the hall first to our institute and if we decline ownership, then it will be next offered to the CRD, which appears interested in obtaining ownership of the hall. This means that if the Farmers Institute decides to not accept the school board's offer, Mahon Hall will almost certainly become a CRD facility.

Should the Farmers Institute ever take title to the hall, it seems likely that it would have to be operated by a committee of volunteers charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the interests of the hall and the community were both looked after.

Mahon Hall truly is, as Driftwood says, a jewel. It is one of the very few structures of any kind remaining in Ganges which retains much of its historical context and appearance. As well, it has long served as a perfect home and venue for a multitude of community events. The hall has already been inspected by knowledgeable individuals and, so far, everyone seems in agreement that, although some work will be required over the next few years, the structure is fundamentally in good shape. One of the things our Mahon Hall committee will be looking into in detail over the next few months is the cost to upgrade the hall to appropriate standards. However, preliminary investigations suggest that the situation is not as daunting as the dire projections quoted by Driftwood would suggest. We suspect that the "sticking point" in our decision will not in fact be costs, as you have suggested. The real



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"sticking point" is adverted to below.

Those who have lived here for a while know that more than anything else, it was the wonderful sense of community which used to set this island apart. Salt Spring has been

changing a lot during the last few years, though, and a nagging question has quietly crept up on all of us: How much community spirit is there left?

At times like the fall fair it seems strong to us, but what about the rest of the year? Does this community include enough individual volunteers willing to make a collective effort to preserve a community value like Mahon Hall? Or should we simply accept some sort of suburban status and rely on the tax base to ensure access to community amenities, as Driftwood suggests?

Driftwood goes on to state that "there may be a bit of an on-island bias against the hall being owned by an off-island regional government."

Among some, this may be true. The Farmers Institute prefers to express things a little differently: we hope that there remains a strong on-island bias in favour of community involvement in community affairs. The truly difficult "sticking point" for us will be determining whether this sentiment exists in sufficient abundance to guarantee the future of Mahon Hall under our stewardship.

By advocating CRD ownership of Mahon Hall, Driftwood is, in essence, implying that Salt Spring no longer has enough community spirit to take on the operation of another community hall. Over the next few months our committee will be trying to come to grips with the numbers. At the same time, they, our membership and directors, will be attempting to divine the true state of our community. The task will be made easier if those who have an opinion, one way or the other, make their feelings known.

If "custody" is the issue, the question to ask is: what is in the best interests of the "child?" You tell us.

The writer is a member of the board of the Islands Farmers Institute.

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We Asked: How did you feel about the deficit-free federal budget?



Jason Donahue

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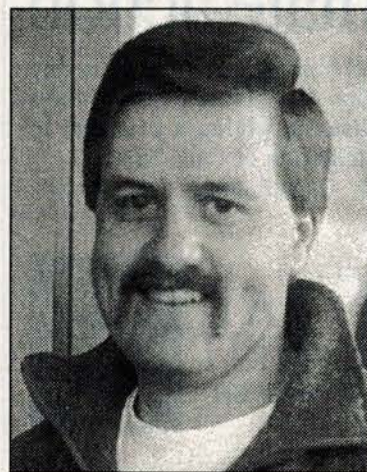
Mike Ferguson

I feel that if we're deficit-free we should put more money back in the hands of the people, which will boost the economy.



Pat Gorman

I think it's great because it was such a serious problem a few years ago. Now it is time to get started on the accumulated debt.



Troy Kaye

I didn't know there was such a thing. All they do is switch it around so it looks good.



Kevan Andrews

If I could believe it ...

Letters to the Editor

Braewood aims

With reference to your article on the general meeting of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society held February 19 at Greenwoods, I wish to clarify the situation, as considerable confusion has arisen on the issue of the proposed transfer of the "Braehaven property."

In 1995 the government created the Southern Gulf Islands Community Health Council to replace the boards of Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods. At that time the board of trustees of the personal care society was directed to establish a separate society for the purpose of receiving and administering the property next to Greenwoods, to ensure that it would stay under the control of the local community for the benefit of the community. It was the application of this principle which enabled Seniors For Seniors to erect its building on the site in the first place and so provide the services that they do.

The new society was incorporated in April 1996 under the name of the Braewood Care Society but the anticipated transfer of the property could not take place until it had obtained charitable status under the Income Tax Act. This was achieved last September.

During this period the local Abbeyfield society had expressed an interest in building an Abbeyfield house on the remaining portion of the land. The aim of an Abbeyfield house is to provide seniors who do not require institutional care with a comfortable and secure living environment.

The five directors of the Braewood Care Society were at the time of their appointment also trustees of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, but due to changes brought about by the annual elections to the board of trustees, only three of the five Braewood directors are currently trustees of the society which administers Greenwoods.

In accordance with provisions of the Health Care Act of British Columbia, the society and regional health board are currently finalizing the terms of an affiliation agreement for the delivery of health care services within the Capital Health Region.

The society wishes to have the land located next to Greenwoods exempted from the agreement to ensure it is left for use at the sole discretion of the society rather than being subject to the approval of the Capital Health Region. This land,

on which both the Salt Spring Seniors (formerly Seniors For Seniors) building and the building used by the Salt Spring Day Care Society are located, was purchased by the society from its own funds.

If the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society is successful in exempting the Braewood property from the affiliation agreement, then the concern which called for the separation of the property in the first place will not be well founded.

KEN STRIKE,
Arnell Way

Mismanaged

Having just spent the weekend south of the border, I had the opportunity to exchange ferry schedules.

Lo and behold! I scandalized my southern neighbour. She travels an hour one way to reach her island from Seattle and it costs \$5.90 US (\$8.26 Cdn) to travel both ways. The Washington State Ferries appear to be either more honest and fair or they are subsidized heavily by the state government. I was assured that my assumption was not the case.

I travel 20 minutes both ways and it costs me \$22.25 Cdn and \$15.89 US. To travel from the mainland to Vancouver Island, we pay 57 per cent more fare than our southern neighbour. The difference is too great to ignore.

Is it then facetious to ask why tourists have chosen to tour the B.C. Interior rather than visit Vancouver Island?

When I returned to Canada Sunday afternoon through the Peace Arch border crossing, there was a 1.5-kilometre line-up of mostly American vehicles. It feels suspiciously like sabotage by the B.C. Ferry Corporation. I ask myself, "What is their hidden agenda?"

Having divided the fleet now, do they think they will be able to find a buyer who will take the embarrassment off their hands? As a taxpayer who subsidizes the Coquihalla and the Mission commuter line, I am curious as to what our infamous government will pull out of its hat!

A low Canadian dollar has enormous advantages and Canadian retailers should be making great profits. Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands should also benefit because our survival depends on tourism.

Why the government ignores this fact of life appears arrogant and senseless. Are its crimes so great with mismanagement that it

needs to resort to machinations to hide its culpability in gross mismanagement of public funds?

MELODIE DUPUIS,
Stark Road

Kissed ramp

Last week I went to Vancouver. My car was stolen. I did not have a good time.

Returning to Salt Spring, I boarded the Bowen Queen at Swartz Bay. On the ferry, people were talking and laughing. Kids went from table to table passing out vanilla wafers and coded "secret" messages. A paper airplane contest was in progress. It felt wonderful to be back.

The grid marks are still on my face from kissing the new Fulford loading ramp when we landed.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
Sky Valley Road

Assert rights

This letter is in regards to the McCreary survey on sex, drugs, family violence, personal image etc.

Contrary to a notice sent home by the middle school parents advisory council dated February 26, 1998, implying all SIMS students must participate in the survey, students (and parents) of the school have the right not to participate, without fear of recrimination or loss of marks. The survey is not a part of the curriculum.

The information gathered by the school from the survey can have serious implications and impacts on you, the parent and your family. It is an invasion of privacy, since the subject matter is very personal.

Assert your rights as citizens and parents. Say "no."
MARILYN MARSHALL,
Fernwood Road

Benchmark

Why do we punish the "silent doers"?

Salt Spring Tree Planters, under the guidance of Claud Contant, is a reasonably-priced, dependable, high-quality company.

Several years ago Claud and his crew planted 20,000 trees on our property with great care, and then followed their progress for several years. When we received our trees from the nursery, Claud made sure they were planted as soon as possible, to minimize losses.

I don't see how loggers could be flown in to do this work. The saying goes, "Stick with what you know and do best." Logging is special work but tree planting is an art.

When the South Vancouver Island Woodlot Association paid a visit to our woodlot, I asked Claud to explain the process of stand-tending and his views on planting, spacing and thinning. The members of this woodlot association all have 20 to 30 years experience, but Claud had their full attention, followed by informed questions. This kind of interaction is invaluable to small and large woodlot operators.

We make a note of what is wrong but ignore these "silent doers" who are truly contributing to the ecosystem and the economic well-being of the community.

They are establishing a benchmark for the future of our woodlots and tree farms, which will have a long-lasting social benefit.

It would be very disappointing if the province put Salt Spring Tree Planters, and its colleagues across B.C., out of business.

JOHN STEPANIUK,
Salt Spring Island

Nice day

I finally came back for a visit to Salt Spring on February 19 after nine years.

Since I was on foot I did some walking. As I was walking back from the Fulford Inn where I had a nice lunch, a lady named Sue offered me a lift back to the village. We chatted as she drove. Sue mentioned to me to take a walk up Morningside Road. It was like a tonic: the view, green trees and running water.

Thanks, Sue. I hope you read this.

Also before I left I checked out Patterson's General Store, Stuff 'n' Nonsense and Rodrigo's Restaurant.

I hope to visit Salt Spring again soon. I want to see Ganges even if I'm on foot. Thanks for a nice day.

CAROL DEMETRE,
Victoria B.C.

Read OCP

Perhaps it is not progress we should fear, as much as bureaucrats who use "fear of progress" to their advantage and our detriment, under the guise of saving Salt Spring Island and others.

Everything on Earth progresses. Even on Salt Spring, it is all part of the cycle of life and as ever-evolving beings in any community, we are all at different stages of the process.

Years ago, communities took great pride in the progress they had achieved through unfettered hard work and sacrifice, as did and does Salt Spring. Hopefully this cycle of life will not soon become dysfunc-

tional.

Personally, I do not think the Trust's new OCP is going to help us out much. Neither will it stop progress, but merely punish us all for it instead.

I put it to you because you haven't read it, that this is not our plan. It is the Trust's planners' plan and an overambitious piece of attempted social engineering it is!

I challenge you all to read it now. And more than that, consider carefully what each new regulation will cause, for better and for worse. Objectively, not just for yourself but what it may do to others and generations to come.

The disastrous impacts and costs will indeed prove too much to bear.

No one will be happy because everyone will have to pay ever-increasing taxes to enforce decreasing freedoms. We will all become victims of Municipal Affairs' grand puppet show, the Islands Trust.

DREW CLARKE,
Salt Spring

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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Did you see something you liked or disliked in this week's paper? Write your comments below and send them to us by mail at The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, or by fax to 250-537-2613. Please include your name and phone number.

Oliver hate operation needs immediate action

VICTORIA — Imagine a tiny, picturesque village in Germany or the south of France. Now imagine that in this village there's an Internet provider who specializes in giving a platform to hate groups dedicated to the extermination of Canadians.

There are web sites that portray Canadians as sub-humans, as creatures beneath contempt.

Anyone looking for or accidentally stumbling onto these sites is told that the world will not be at peace and rest until every last Canadian has been killed.

It's happening, not in Germany, not in the south of France, but in Canada. And the people targeted for the most vile hatred aren't Canadians, but Jews. The tiny, picturesque town is Oliver, British Columbia.

There a man by the name of Bernard Klatt operates Fairview Technology Centre, an Internet access provider. Klatt specializes in providing access to hate groups, the most notorious of which are the Charlemagne Hammer Skinheads and the National Socialist Movement.

If you enter the Hammer Skinheads' web site, you are asked if you're an Aryan male. If you answer no, you are shown a black-and-white graphic depicting the road into Auschwitz concentration camp. There are crude anti-Semitic cartoons and anti-Semitic articles.

The groups whose hate material Klatt posts are in Europe, where they can't find anyone willing or legally able to post web pages propagating racial hatred. Klatt, it seems, has no such problems.

Last week, police in England and France arrested 13 people on charges of inciting racial hatred and desecrating a Jewish cemetery. Some of the suspects were members of the Charlemagne Hammer Skinheads, whose garbage Klatt puts on the web from his home in Oliver, British Columbia.

Like so many others involved in the dissemination of hate material, Klatt uses the freedom-of-speech excuse. He doesn't know what's legal, nor is he qualified to judge material he posts. Please, that excuse went out with the I-only-followed-orders line.

Klatt, I presume, has both a brain and a conscience. Both should tell him that he can't hide behind freedom of speech. Both should tell him that what he does is morally and probably legally reprehensible. One can only conclude that he feels comfortable in that role.

Sol Littman of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, a Jewish lobby group dedicated to Holocaust education and hunting down Nazi war criminals, has branded Oliver the "hate capital of Canada."

The bad publicity the town is getting isn't lost on the people of Oliver. More than 1,200 of the town's 4,000 population have signed a petition demanding Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh take action against Klatt.

Unfortunately, Dosanjh is in India at present and can't be reached for comment. Meanwhile, there ought to be some authority willing to take a chance on shutting down Klatt's hate operation and let the courts sort out the matter later.

Some people will undoubtedly argue that hate in the open is preferable to hate underground, that no normal thinking person will be swayed by such anti-intellectual trash. There's some truth to that, but adults aren't the only ones accessing the Internet.

The Net has become an everyday tool for youngsters doing research for their school projects or just surfing for the fun of it. And young people are not equipped to deal with the messages of hate. Their minds are impressionable, which is why they are specifically targeted by hate groups.

In the interest of decency, Oliver should be cleansed of the stench Klatt's operation emits. And the sooner the better.

Beyer can be reached at: tel: (250) 920-9300; fax: (250) 385-6783; e-mail: hubert@coolcom.com

CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Fitting fodder

The thoroughly legitimate "massive missile massacre" of Iraqis (over a quarter million massacred in just a few days in the previous episode) has been put on hold.

Party-pooper Annan spoiled it all and God only knows how long we may have to wait for the spectacle we were promised.

Now, couched in my La-Z-Boy chair staring at the blank TV screen, I regurgitate the massacre promotions material with which we were blitzed by the promoters, searching for deeper meaning. I find much beyond my comprehension which, in turn, generates countless questions.

But I recognize that I cannot ask many questions, after all, as we are often warned at public hearings on important issues, each "member of the public is allowed only one minute and one question." I shall ask only one question.

While our leaders were busy preparing the massive missile massacre, "weak kneed, bleeding hearts," (as Trudeau called those objecting to his sending his army into Quebec) kept bugging them about "innocent civilians" slated to play "extras" in the massacre spectacle. Our leaders promptly labelled them "collaterals" which, one presumes, fully justifies what was in store for them. Yet somehow I suspect the "collateralized" Iraqis were not thrilled with it, feeling it wasn't enough to make them die happy, but that is another question.

My "one question" is the following: What makes the mothers' and fathers' children, drafted or induced into armies and clothed in uniforms, different from "innocent civilians?" What makes those "soldierized" children "guilty" of what civilians are "innocent" of? What makes soldierized kids fitting fodder for the cannons and

legitimate prey for Sea Hawks aircraft gunnery?

Leader Chretien, pray tell ...

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
Salt Spring

Thanks

My heartfelt thanks to all of our friends for their unconditional support of me and for their good souls to know that something is very stinky in Denmark (or perhaps that should be on Salt Spring).

My thanks especially to the selfless souls who stepped into the breach and made sure Salt Spring's two little native sons from this family were safe and nurtured, our dog was comfortable and my car was secure until my release on the day I was arrested (February 5); to my friend who made several phone calls on my behalf to ensure I had support while in custody in Duncan; and to my doctor and his staff for ensuring I was warm and able to return home after my release, despite efforts to strand me in Duncan.

Thanks also to the Driftwood for its coverage of the facts of the matter.

Your continued support of us, as we prevail against this latest instalment of harassment directed at me and my family, by a racially-motivated group, since 1996, is heartening. That this is taking place especially here with the full knowledge of the authorities (that we have been attacked in this manner in the schools) is a sad comment on this community. That those who supported us are afraid to do so openly should they themselves be attacked is even sadder. I recently had to stop and remind myself that I was still in Canada, considering a concerted attempt is being made to destroy my family.

Lastly, thanks to all who colluded in making me a part of the

criminal justice system.

MARILYN MARSHALL,
Fernwood Road

Job done

"A friend in deed!"

Once again it's Dietrich Luth serving the people in our community. Others couldn't (or wouldn't) deal with the removal of the carcass of a dead sea lion on the beach near Maliview and Walker's Hook.

Dietrich took charge and within a few short days the job was done. Many thanks from the people in the neighbourhood, Dietrich, your efforts are very much appreciated.

EILEEN HUNTER,
JOHN MATHESON,
Salt Spring

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SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Annual General Meeting

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ELECTION OF TWO TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting to be held Tuesday, March 31, 1998 two trustees are to be elected to serve for a term of three years each. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the Ganges Firehall, 105 Lower Ganges Rd., at or before 5:00pm Tuesday the 17th day of March, 1998.

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Partying purple finches 'pig out' at feeding stations

We all make choices based on our needs and preferences. So do birds.

For example, the rufous-sided towhees in our garden will dine at any of our feeders, but far prefer one particular station that's lower to the ground.

The red-breasted nuthatches will also visit any of the feeders, but are most often found at the peanuts hung up high.

The reason for these individual choices is simply because towhees commonly eat and nest near to the ground, whereas nuthatches commonly eat and nest away from the ground.

For the most part, these birds choose to stay in the "habitat" that makes them feel safe and comfortable. Sound familiar?

To accommodate my feathered pals I provide a number of feeding stations with a variety of foods, and try to keep each clean and well supplied.

Lately that's been more of an effort because the few purple finches that visited occasionally during the winter have returned and brought all their friends.

It isn't unusual for purple finches to travel in flocks, for in winter they prefer company. And it isn't surprising they should pig out at our feeders for, being part of the finch family, seed is their number 1 food of choice.

OUR BETTER NATURE

Come spring and summer, however, insects and fruit will be added to the menu, and their inclination to party together will be replaced with a need to pair off, nest and raise a family.

Despite their name, purple finches aren't purple. The males are actually a rather delicious raspberry pink and are easy to confuse with the male house finch, which is also rosy red and very similar.

Most bird books will tell you the purple finch is larger and stockier than the house finch, which is true.

Unless you can get the two species to queue up for inspection, however, that bit of info doesn't help the novice make a correct identification. It may be easier just to remember the male house finch is more red than rosy and has stripes on its flanks.

As for identifying the females, well, be brave. I have to confess that to my eyes, some female finches, sparrows and their juveniles look very much the same! That's where field guides are invaluable, and to sort out finches and sparrows, my choice is Peterson.



Purple finch pair: seed is food of choice

Photo by Jonathan Grant

Thursday workshop looks at wills, estates

You don't have to be rich to write a will, so Family Place is offering a free workshop called Wills and Estates on a Limited Budget.

The session takes place at Family Place tomorrow (Thursday) from 1 to 3 p.m. Leading the group is Victoria lawyer Colin Robinson.

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Hank left his mark on 'Schubart island'

For years there have been those houses on the islands, and notably on Salt Spring Island, which have earned the appellation "a Schubart home."

When Hank Schubart died recently he left a legacy of distinctive homes. An architect who came to Salt Spring Island to build a home for a client, he stayed to build his own. And to design homes in every part of Salt Spring Island, and beyond.

For many years the provision of a skylight in a home signified that it had been designed by Hank. He was not the only advocate of sky light to bring light to otherwise dark corners, but he was popularly identified with such a feature.

When community planning came to the islands three decades ago, Schubart brought his experience of town planning to the implementation of the first community plan on Salt Spring Island. He found himself in the middle of a bitter and furious controversy.

When my late wife and I bought a lot in Ganges, Hank went to considerable lengths to help us and to offer his advice in his soft, gentle manner. He designed the house and we enjoyed it.

In those days we would often visit Hank and Maggie after church on Sundays for coffee and discussion of our concerns. And there were plenty!

In his professional role, Hank was architect and planner. He was also a fervent advocate of social justice; in his own community and elsewhere.

In some degree, Salt Spring is "a Schubart island."

What about a date?

What's all this nonsense about next century's dates?

Like in 25 years it will be "two thousand and twenty-three." Spell it out how you will: I won't. In 2025 I shall call it "twenty, twenty-five." Just like I didn't call the year 1925 one-thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five.

And do I ever have an authority on the subject. I've been looking back to the last millennium. First date I can think of is 1066 AD. Did they call that "one thousand and sixty-six?" No way. They termed it quite clearly and succinctly "Mille soixante-six."

We all know that the computers are destined to burst apart the morning of January 1, twenty hundred, but if we can't adjust ourselves to a recognition that 2,000 equals twenty hundred we'll all part at the seams trying to get the simple facts of dates in an electronic setting.

And, for the benefit of readers who have never heard of William the Conqueror, the year 1066 was the year of the invasion of Britain by William of Normandy.

Let's be like the Edwardians! They never referred to the arrival of the Conqueror as the year "one thousand and sixty-six." It was "ten sixty-six." And the millennium of the Norman invasion will undoubtedly be commemorated in "twenty sixty-six."

Good old Saint Valentine!

One day in 1946 I was a free man. The King had decided he needed me no longer in his Royal Air Force and I was at liberty to grow my hair as long as I pleased; to walk around in unpolished shoes; and to stay out after 23:59 hrs. There was not even a reveille to call me out of bed at some un-Christian hour of the day.

I was a free man!

The day of my release had been early in December of 1945 and I was walking on air; my own master. But not for long.

During the Christmas festivities I had dated a young Welsh nurse. The details of our meeting are no longer significant. She was short and blue-eyed and beautiful. I spent January dreaming and dating her. By February I was lost.

One evening we had been to a show and she was heading back to the nurses' home about 15 miles away. As she climbed on to the bus I invited her to marry me. And away she went.

I was no longer a free man!

How was I to know that it was the feast of Saint Valentine?

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April car rally set to test driving skills and award dozens of prizes

A choice of tickets may be offered to erring drivers pulled over by police in the next few weeks.

Either take the usual ticket, with fine attached, or spend the Saturday of April 26 practising safe driving skills, with dinner, door prize and T-shirt attached.

Local RCMP are sponsoring three two-person entries in Salt Spring's second annual Rally 'Round the Rock, an event which rewards safe driving with trophies, and promises all participants fun and prizes.

This year the Insurance Corporation of B.C. (ICBC) is also coming on board as a sponsor and will be financing some entries into the event.

"They really, really like the project," noted Lesley Train, who is handling publicity.

For those paying their own way, tickets are \$40 per car and are available from the RCMP, Salt Spring Auto Parts and the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) office. Each car should hold a minimum two-person team of driver and navigator. Individual tickets are \$20 a person.

The ticket covers the cost of the day-long rally, dinner, a special Rally 'Round the Rock T-shirt and a door prize.

Based on the popularity of last year's event, would-be teams should pick up their tickets early.

"Because of the success last year, we expect tickets to go quickly this year," said RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette, who coordinates the event. Entries



Gerard Choquette

are limited to 60 vehicles.

An extra reason to pick up tickets early is offered by the early bird draw. Ganges Village Market is offering two tickets to an April 5 Vancouver Grizzlies game. The winner will be drawn March 25 from those who have entered the rally by that time.

Sgt. Cliff Doherty said the decision to sponsor erring drivers into the rally recognizes that the event is designed to encourage good driving habits. Challenges will include a written quiz designed by Choquette, driving instructor Sheila Johnson and Midge Choquette.

Salt Spring Auto Parts will again set up an obstacle course to test how drivers handle their

vehicles in tight spots and there will also be a mechanical aptitude test.

For the rally section, drivers and navigators will be following clues, solving riddles and scavenging for a short list of items while covering a course throughout the island. The course will also be monitored by trained secret spotters, who will award extra points to those practising safe driving techniques.

Participants will be divided into three age categories: 16 to 25, 26 to 55 and 55 plus. A trophy will be awarded to the team with the highest overall score with keeper trophies for both driver and navigator. Trophies will also be given to the first-place finishers in each age category.

The team wearing the best costume will also win a prize.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. at the Legion. Rally events will run throughout the day and the event will wind up with a dinner and prize presentations at the Legion starting at 5 p.m.

Last year Choquette said there were 120 door prizes and he anticipates a similar level of community support this year. Already donated are a float plane trip to Vancouver, a helicopter ride and quality jackets.

"We will continue with the tradition that every participant gets a prize," Choquette said.

ICBC is so impressed with the event it has asked for information on how it is organized so it can suggest the idea to other communities.

Over 15,000 birds spotted in count

Tallies from last December's Salt Spring bird count have just been released, with 15,483 feathered friends spotted on December 12.

Of that number, 103 different species were recorded, said count coordinator Nancy Braithwaite. American robins

topped the list at 2,028, and more bald eagles (122) were seen in any year since 1989.

Presumed eastern migrants, 130 black-capped chickadees were spotted as well.

Copies of the bird lists have been sent to two ornithologists: Dick Cannings in Naramata

and Wayne Campbell at the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks.

Braithwaite said Salt Spring was divided into 11 areas with coordinators organizing 149 volunteer counters. Three people on Prevost Island also took part.

Thrift Shop calls for clothing

The back room is bare at the Lady Minto Auxiliary's Thrift Shop in Mouat's Mall, prompting volunteers to call for a clean-out of island closets.

As auxiliary member Betty-Ann Caldwell points out, the hospital relies on income generated from the Thrift Shop to upgrade its equipment, which benefits everyone.

A volunteer pick-up service is available for people who are unable to bring in donations.

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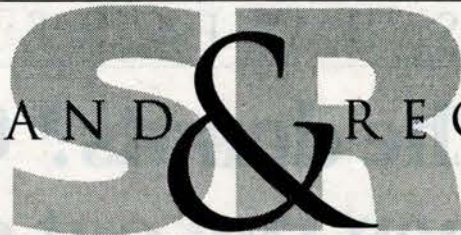
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SPORTS AND RECREATION



A dancing Deadstop fails to halt Slug win

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

You are now entering the Twilight Zone; the place where reality and fantasy merge in the blink of an eye. You are entering the world of the Salt Spring Slugs' 11-game undefeated streak.

This week's hapless victims were the Sidney Blues, which the Slugs have not lost to all season and this time beat by a 7-2 score. But the game was much closer than the score would indicate, especially seeing as how Deadstop had returned from his adventures at Riverdance.

Unknown to the other Slugs, Deadstop spent the week studiously studying the Riverdance video, thinking he might be able to apply it to hockey. Not long after the start of the game he tried it out, tiptoeing into the corner to help out his defensive partner. It did look pretty snappy, but when he sashayed into the corner he left one of the Blues wide open in front of the net. After about four unimpeded attempts, the Blues player managed to push the puck past Slugs netminder Derek Topping. After a short stoppage in play during which time the Slugs welded Deadstop's skate blades to his fillings, the boys got down to some serious work.

First it was Todd McIntyre opening the scoring for the good guys, draining one past the Blues netminder before he even knew what was happening. The set-up men on this play were both Rod Challborn and Pete Huser. The remainder of the opening period was taken up with some furious playmaking by both teams and the occasional whimper from Deadstop.

Into the second period the Slugs started to take command of the match. While everyone on the team played quite well, it was Pete Schure who was the Blues killer. He opened the scoring in this period by cranking a rocket off the cross bar and into the net early on in the frame. Helping him out on this marker were both of his defensive core, Don Sevigny and Dillon Chrimmes.

Then to prove that one wasn't a fluke, Schure banked another in off the goalpost about 10 minutes later, after being assisted by Paul Reynolds. In between the two goals he hit the goalposts so many times they were humming like a tuning fork. Despite the fact that he managed to pot two goals, he was awarded the title of "Tin Man" for all the posts he dinged, by Pete Huser, the former holder of the title, who was ever so happy to pass it on.

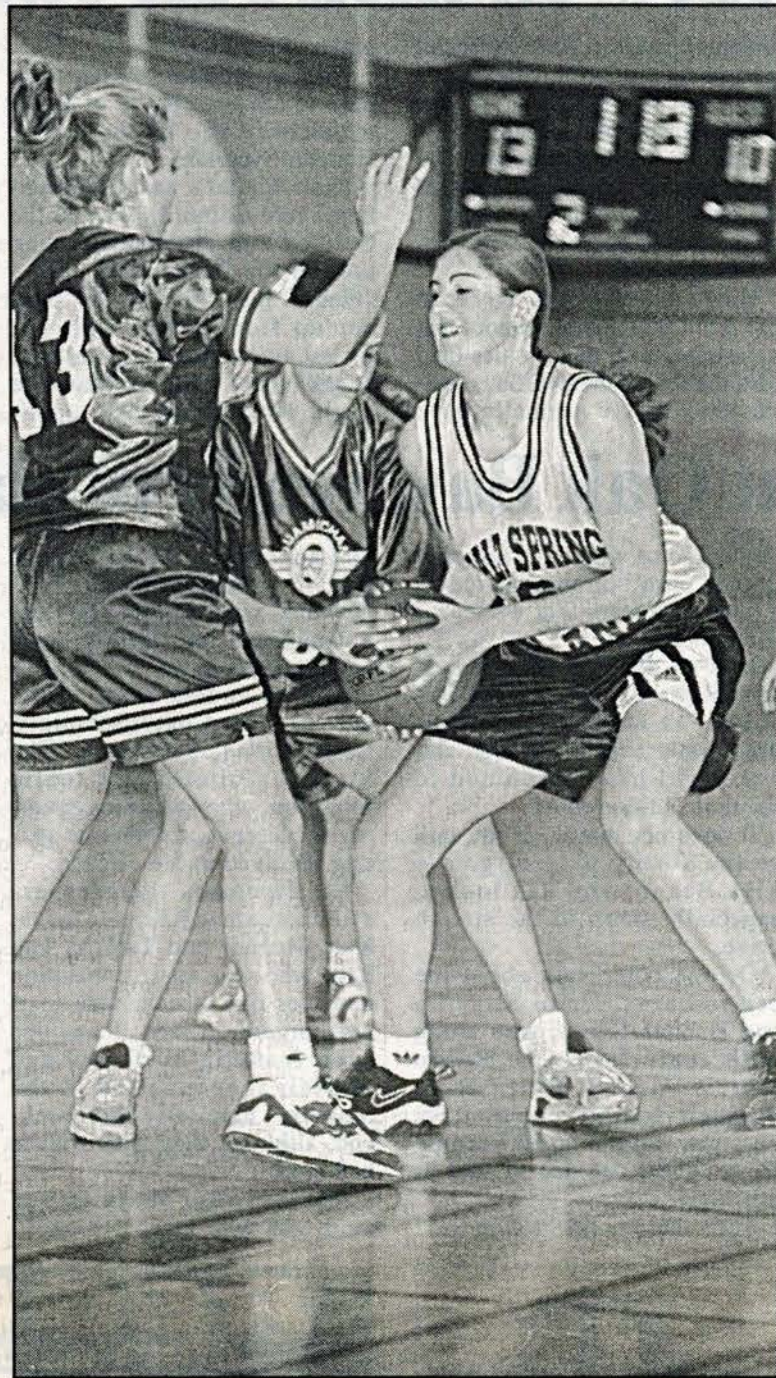
In between Schure's forays down the rink, the Blues were actually putting up a good fight and getting a number of great chances themselves, but the puck was looking like a beach ball to Slugs netminder Topping and he managed to hold the Blues scoreless during the entire second period.

SLUG TRAIL

Going into the final frame the Slugs continued to take it to the Blues and only two minutes in they notched yet another when Dan Akerman put one upstairs where Granny keeps the bourbon. Helping to get Dan Akerman on the score sheet were both McIntyre and Huser, who probably did all the work. Unfortunately, while we were busy celebrating this one the Blues got their second marker of the game when the other Slugs defencemen pulled a Deadstop-like move and coughed up the puck deep in our own zone. This gave the Blues a bit of a confidence-booster and they picked it up a notch, but Paddy Akerman quickly rained on their parade by putting number 5 in for the Slugs after both Blaine Johnson and Paul Reynolds set him up.

That goal seemed to take all the wind out of the Blues sails, as the Slugs added two more, Brad Patchett sliding one into the corner after getting a pass from Schure behind the Blues net. And finally Schure got his third of the night on a break-away from both Reynolds and Sevigny and then turned the goaltender inside out on the play.

So there it is, 11 games and counting. Who knows, we could end the entire second half of the season without a defeat. Anything is possible in the Twilight Zone.



Heartbreaker

Salt Spring Middle School basketball player Kelsey Antonyk attempts to get past her opponent in a mid-island championship game held on Salt Spring Saturday. The local squad lost the game to Duncan team Quamachan by one point in the final 10 seconds of play.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Scorpions settle for fourth

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior girls basketball team finished its season in fine form last week, placing fourth in the Vancouver Island championships.

Scorpions were also named most sportsmanlike team in the competition, and Bree Cheveldave earned a spot on the tournament's first all-star team. She was also dubbed the most valuable player in three of five games.

Coach Kellie Booth said the team "put forth a tremendous effort," despite injuries to Ulla Kyttala and Sarah Cameron during league play.

"Help from junior team members Annette Wright and Karoline Ingle played an important part in the team's fourth-place finish," she said. Wright was named MVP in a game against Francis Kelsey.

The Scorpions started the tournament with a victory over Parklands of Sidney.

On Thursday the girls battled Ladysmith, the team ranked sixth-best in the province. Booth said the Scorpions lost the game after being slow to find their form. Ladysmith was the eventual tournament winner.



Friday saw GISS come up with victories over Reynolds Roadrunners of Victoria and Francis Kelsey from the mid-island league.

The "gruelling schedule finally caught up with the team" on Saturday, said Booth, "and even Randi Outerbridge's game-high 15 points could not move the team past Woodlands from Nanaimo." The final score was 67-58 for Woodlands.

The senior girls team is expected to be strong again next year, with only five present members graduating in June.

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By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Sea Otter Old Boys 0, Cordova Bay 2

All season long the Salt Spring Old Boys have followed the theme "the game is not over until the donuts are gone."

It has carried the lads to 11 victories this season.

The format is simple. The Old Boys catch an early ferry on Sunday morning, head to a donut shop for a quick energy boost of sugar-coated yummys and then head off to the field to rack up another victory.

So what happened last Sunday? The lads, feeling a little more affluent than usual, decided to eat at a real restaurant and have a

Where's the donuts? Old Boys eat well then run out of steam

healthy breakfast. Ah! Sacrilege! How could the Old Boys turn their backs (or their stomachs) on the mighty powers of the donut?

Look at what happened. The lads survived for three quarters of the game before they ran out of steam and dropped a 2-0 decision to Cordova Bay.

How could the lads expect to last a full 90 minutes without that sugar reserve in their bellies (and with the size of the Old Boys' bellies they would normally have

plenty of reserve).

One only had to watch their play to see the effects of donut withdrawal, also known as Tim Horton's Syndrome.

Peter Bantel's usual flair up-front had slipped away as he flubbed and clubbed his way around the field, more like a "Flabio" than "Fabio." His partner up front, Chris Cottrell, failed to connect on several breakaways and claimed he could not focus on the oppo-

nent's goal as his eyes were sugar-glazed over.

Midfielder Doug "Codger" Pearson looked like a child caught in a maze, not knowing which way to go. I don't know if it was lack of donuts or because his parents were spectators and "Codger" was worried about his mom saying, "I never came to watch Dougie play because of all the bad stuff he did in games."

And then there was the donut defence, led by Cal "Jelly Donut"

Mackay, which late in the game looked full of holes. They definitely needed more filling.

Lastly and never forgotten was goalie Ziggy Karl who was obviously suffering the symptoms of Apple Fritterless football as he could not kick or punt a ball with any authority.

Hopefully the lads learned a valuable lesson last Sunday, realizing that without taking their donuts, all they were left with was the centre — or to be more appropriate — nothing.

On Sunday these Pillsbury Donut Boys will consume lots of sugar and lots of dough as they try to return to the win column with a 10 a.m. game at the high school against Invicta Marine.

Slashers beat Oak Bay, ready to claim title

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Bank of Montreal Slashers 1, Oak Bay 0

Since last September the Slashers of Salt Spring have tried to prove that they are the best under-17 girls soccer team in lower Vancouver Island, and after last Sunday's 1-0 win over Oak Bay, they are on the verge of claiming that title.

Playing in a division with seven under-17 teams and two under-19 teams, the Slashers have racked up an impressive record of 12 wins, one loss and one tie, virtually annihilating several of their opponents along the way.

The local girls' impressive play has been highlighted by a sharp passing offence and a sound defence but more than anything they are a group of

young ladies who have not only trained hard but have gelled as a team — a team that works for each other.

It is so difficult to pick any special player who has led this squad, as every Slasher has been a star over the season and every girl has contributed to the team's fine record.

It does not matter if you talk of the steady play of goalie Lisa Baker, who has looked especially sharp in the stretch drive.

Or one could talk about the centre backs, Heidi Straarup and Hannah Smith, who along with their fullbacks Robin Morris, Jenny Kerr, Ruth Singbeil and newcomer Katy Parsons, have simply become the toughest defence to beat at this level.

Then there is the "tough trio"

of Launi Legg, Molly "Good Golly" Lynesford and Alex Howard, who control the central midfield like grizzly bears on a bad hair day.

And of course there is the outside halves Corey Schwagly, Leah Martin, Stephanie "The Streak" Collette and Joelle Morrison, who run miles covering in defence, as well as getting involved in the offence.

Lastly comes the Slashers attack team of Kyla Dares, Kate McNair and Tanisha Van Pelt, who tear apart opposition defences like piranha tear apart hamburgers. In fact, it was one such feasting by Dares and McNair that resulted in the Slashers' lone tally last weekend, although they should have had more.

Ah! Yes, but there is one more girl who maybe exempli-

fies what the Slashers are all about: Maia Vaillancourt. No matter where Vaillancourt is asked to play — in goal, defence or midfield — she has always taken on the challenge and come up with great efforts. Vaillancourt quietly and steadily goes about playing the game of soccer like the composite professional she is, and in the process has become a leader in her own way.

But this is only one example of a team that has matured over the season and can rightfully take on the name "champions." With only two games to go, the Slashers will achieve their goal and head on to the Vancouver Island championships on March 29.

It just goes to show how hard work and the willingness to be part of a team bring success.

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Ramble: South end farm at low tide. Leader, Joan Lott. Meet 10 a.m. at Centennial Park to carpool to Drummond Park by 10:15.

Hike: Wander the trails of Maracaibo with leaders Diana and Rino Floritto. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park or Maracaibo gates at 10:10 a.m.

Hikers should be informed that the March 17 hike is reasonably strenuous.

The monthly social is on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church.

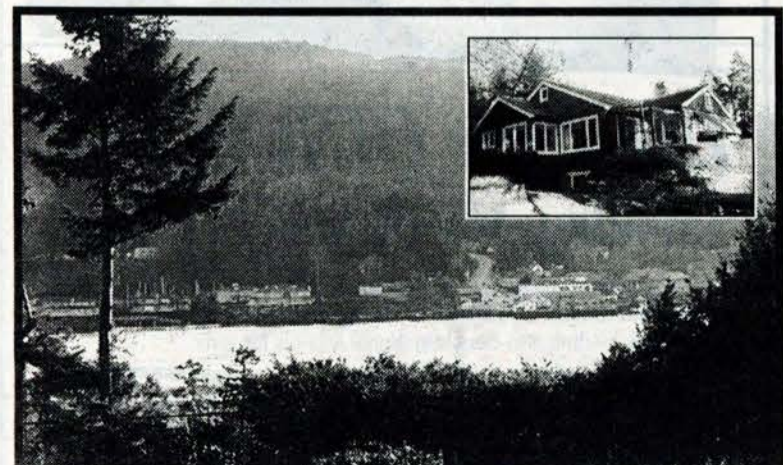


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STRONG EFFORT: Salt Spring's U-15 soccer team, coached by Jack Barclay, put up a good fight in the rain but fell to Gordon Head on home turf at Portlock Park last Saturday. The weekend saw the elimination of all three remaining youth soccer teams from Provincial Cup play.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Three final youth soccer teams eliminated from cup play

By MALCOLM BOND
Driftwood Contributor

The three remaining Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer mixed and boys teams were eliminated on the weekend in semi-final action for coastal and Provincial Cup play in Zone 1.

The under-14 team lost 3-0 at Bays in a high-paced match that was scoreless for two thirds of the game.

Jack Barclay's under-15 team played well but never

Poor officiating affects outcomes of two off-island games

recovered from giving up two soft goals early and eventually lost 5-2 to Gordon Head.

The under-19 boys, coached by Hans Hazenboom, generally outplayed Lakehill but fell victim 3-1 as the other team scored on two penalty shots.

The significant features of the three matches were the high level of play and the refereeing.

The only match that was well-

officiated was the under-15 one here. The two away matches were poorly done. Although in the case of the under-14 game the officiating did not affect the outcome, one would think that an experienced referee should be provided. Too much dangerous play, especially high kicks, was let go.

In the under-19 game at Lakehill there was bias and incompetence from a senior

Lakehill referee. For instance he let the rough actions of one Salt Spring player influence his calls on the whole team rather than jumping on that player early.

Both penalty calls were dubious and were emotional responses by the referee to the player in question. The second call in particular also represented a violation of the rules by two officials. Nor did the referee show any remorse by "evening-up," i.e.

awarding Salt Spring a penalty when the opportunity arose, which it did in spades.

I have been involved in Provincial Cup action on and off for 20 years and this was the worst officiating I have seen. It certainly influenced the outcome of the game.

It is time the lower island district appointed neutral club referees for all provincial matches. This is standard practice on the mainland and is overdue here.

Gunners taste gold play but fall short of victory

By MALCOLM BOND
Driftwood Contributor

The under-14 Gunners mixed team played its best soccer of the season but came out on the short end of a 3-0 score Saturday.

Bays United gold-level team and Salt Spring silver team squared off at Oak Bay when our 16 boys and one girl made the Bays' day a rough one. Salt Spring kept the game scoreless for 45 of 70 minutes while at the same time getting the best scoring chances. But one miscue in the pressure cooker called Provincial Cup opened the door for the other team and they dominated in the last 15 minutes.

Gold-level play is much more continuously intense and at a higher pace than silver level and this was our team's first taste at gold this year.

Led by captains Emily Bond and Nick Abley, the Gunners battled for nearly every ball with in-your-face defensive soccer followed by quick counter-attacks. Abley capably anchored the defence. Bond led the forwards and double-teamed at all times, proving that girls can play with the boys at U-14 gold level.

But the rest of the team didn't need leaders as they responded just as the captains did. Brent

Schemilt at forward laid on tireless runs and ball challenges. He and Bond were ably relieved by Mason Bennett. Dylan Logan-Webb, Asher Squire and Dylan Hume worked the flanks with spirit and toughness with both Dylans coming within an ace of scoring. Hume in particular was outstanding.

The centre midfield was played by John Sinclair, Will Atkins, Jeff Millerd and Jeremy Morrison. Morrison was brilliant in the first half but was feeling "fluey" in the second and perhaps tired from the work.

Miles English and Derek Kitchen were superb at fullback being relieved for rest by a capable Eric Beamish. J.M. McColl and Sinclair handled the centre-back chores and were not unequal to the challenge. Thomas Baker, although not feeling 100 per cent, played well at midfield.

Goalkeeper Connor Walsh was a victim of a hard shot and slippery ball on one chance and had no chance on the two others. Although not busy in the first half he was outstanding in the late stages of the game.

The best tribute was given by the opposing coach who said, "Your team should be in gold."

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By RUTH HUME
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Wednesday ladies: Margaret Baker

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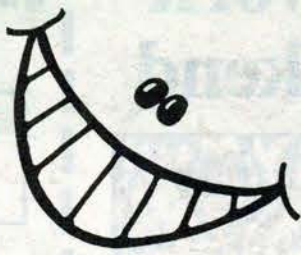
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Reverend plans 'meditative work' at All Saints Benedictine weekend

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Silence may be more than golden.

For seekers of a deeper spiritual awareness, shutting out the distraction of constant communication can be a viable course.

But it's a course that 20th-century Christianity has largely abandoned, says Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault, who is hoping to start a renaissance in contemplative Christianity on Salt Spring.

"The Christian path tends to make the mistake of talking all the time," noted Bourgeault last week, explaining that spiritual instruction then becomes intellectualized. Seeking something different, she reached back hundreds of years to the Benedictines, who combined meditation with the chanting of psalms and what Bourgeault describes as "meditative work."

This weekend she will be leading a Benedictine weekend at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church starting Friday evening, continuing all day Saturday and winding up the following morning with the Sunday morning service, at which Bourgeault will preach.

"It's open to anyone but it is assumed they have a meditation practice or are willing to learn one quite quickly," Bourgeault said.

During the weekend, Bourgeault will present three short talks. Participants will be encouraged to meditate on what Bourgeault describes as "one of the great old chestnuts of Christian theology, the cross."

Meals will be prepared and shared by the group. Cost is \$65 per person with some bursary help available. Participants are asked to pre-register by calling the Anglican parish. Half-a-dozen people are coming from off-island, Bourgeault said, and will be billeted by island residents.

She observes contemplative weekends have drawn participation from Buddhists on the island, whose techniques overlap with those presented by Bourgeault. She said there are Buddhists and Hindus who were "Christians by birth" but who sought other religions in order to experience a different spirituality than that offered by conventional Christianity.

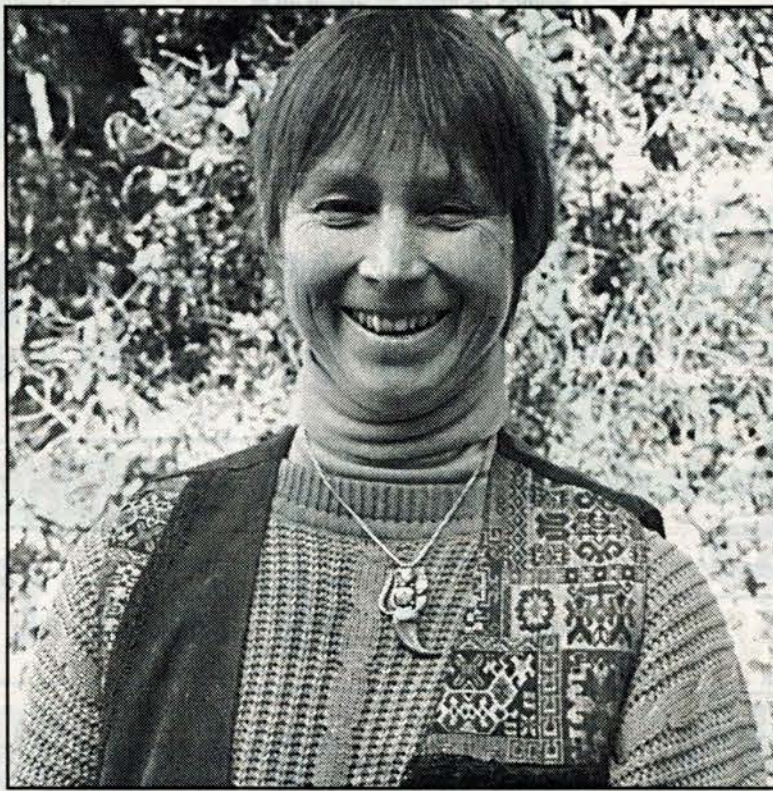
"You don't need to leave Christianity to do that," Bourgeault noted. But she feels how Christianity is presented needs to be expanded to reclaim concepts like meditation.

"My long-range dream and wish would be to see Christianity reclaimed in this fashion as an authentic wisdom path so people don't have to leave Christianity to deepen their spirituality," Bourgeault said, adding that Salt Spring seems to be an ideal location to start such a movement.

Other island residents agree. After experiencing Bourgeault's workshops and a production of a medieval drama which Bourgeault organized, they organized a non-profit contemplative society. That group was able to collect enough contributions to sponsor Bourgeault's move from Colorado to Salt Spring.

Although many group members are part of the Anglican parish, Bourgeault notes not all are parish members and the group is not officially part of the parish. "I was brought here not under the sponsorship of the parish but with the welcome of the parish," she explains.

The contemplative society contributions were matched by the Anglican bishop for the diocese. Under Bourgeault's agreement with the bishop, she is to spend one-third of her time teaching and/or con-



Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault

ducting retreats, and two-thirds of her time as the modern equivalent of a hermit: living simply on her own with her time divided between meditation, prayer and simple work.

She has an 800-square-foot cottage on Isabella Point Road and a simple schedule. In the morning she lights the wood stove, makes coffee and meditates, reads and prays. Activities during the day could include gardening, chopping wood or rowing a dinghy around Fulford Harbour. Before going to bed she again lights the wood stove, cooks supper and spends the rest of the evening in prayers and meditation.

"The idea is that you spend as much time as you can in solitude," she explains. "A lot of the busyness in the world and a lot of the interaction is a distraction."

Instead of hiding in the busyness, a hermit attempts to thin out distraction to allow more focus on quiet meditation and thought.

"It's just an inner path to push the envelope of silence," she said. She learned about the hermit's path from a hermit at a monastery in Colorado, who had followed the discipline for 40 years. Bourgeault has already spent two years in Colorado as a hermit, the first in the Episcopal diocese.

She said one of the concepts is that nothing can be understood spiritually until it is understood in solitude. Such solitude can lead to new insights, she explained.

She does not see herself as being

cut off from the world but as contributing in a different way. "The work of the world has to be done," she said.

She sees her task as holding up the peace of solitude on behalf of those who have to live busy lives and to then share whatever insights she discovers.

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performances in dance and song, a women's artwork display and GISS cafeteria desserts. Grade 12 student Melissa Estable, who developed the idea for the event, will perform a dance number and organize the art display.

A four-voice student ensemble will sing at the event. "The minister wanting to come is such a great way to revive past celebrations of International Women's Day at the high school," said Debbie Magnusson, GISS teacher and one

of the event organizers. "It's been a big bonus that a student (Estable) took so much of the initiative in helping create this event. She's been a spark of inspiration to me." International Women's Day officially runs March 8.

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Island craftsman's creations have gone to the dogs

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Being in the doghouse isn't such a bad thing, when the doghouse is one of Illyd Perkins' creations.

Over the past four years the veteran woodworker has crafted four unique homes for dogs, each won in a draw sponsored by the Capital Regional District (CRD) to promote the purchase of dog licences.

Entered in the draw are dog owners in the Gulf Islands, Sooke, Langford and the Highlands who purchase their annual dog licences by March 31. There are usually about 5,000 entries, noted CRD chief bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew.

The program was started 11 years ago to try to increase the level of voluntary compliance in dog licence renewals by offering a carrot — er, bone — to responsible dog owners.

"It's worked," Drew said. In comparison to other jurisdictions which report voluntary compliance with dog licensing at 10 to 20 per cent, CRD compliance is at 60 per cent.

And it's been fun, Drew added. He still recalls delivering the doghouse to the first winner in Langford. Even before the specially-crafted doghouse was unloaded, the dog had leapt into the back of the van and crawled into the new home.

Then there was the delivery to a property which displayed a number of bylaw infractions, forcing Drew to avert his eyes while making the delivery. "We act on complaint only," Drew explained, adding that no complaints had been received about that property.

Prior to 1994, animal control officer Don Grant on Mayne Island crafted the dog houses. His creations included a log cabin, a Greek temple, a castle, a Mexican adobe-style villa and a Tudor-style doghouse. Perkins took on the task starting in 1994.

"Now that we're 10 years in, I really regret that I didn't take pictures of all of them," Drew said.

The CRD budgets \$800 to \$1,000 for each doghouse. Licence fees brought in \$90,000 last year, which

Drew notes covers one-third of the cost of animal control.

For Perkins, the only prerequisite is that the design not be one done in previous years.

This year's lucky pooch will get a replica of the Bowen Queen to captain, with the superstructure serving as the "house" and the car deck as the floor. Perkins will work from photographs of the ferry supplied by B.C. Ferries' Inter-Island Services South office in Fulford.

"B.C. Ferries were very cooperative," he remarked. He tends to keep his ears and eyes open for ideas and admits B.C. Ferries has been in the news lately, prompting his decision to make a ferry-based doghouse. "I don't think it's insulting to B.C. Ferries to make their ferry into a doghouse."

Last year's creation was a replica of the legislative buildings in Victoria; in 1996 he made a replica of Helmcken House.

Perkins' first doghouse was based on a Chinese temple, with an up-curved roof, columns and black grillwork filled in with red. "It had a nice roof and I was interested in Chinese joinery," he remarked, describing the finished doghouse as "quite elaborate."

The next year a pair of bright-red fire hydrants formed the basis of the doghouse. That design appealed to Perkins' whimsical sense of humour and the finished hydrants were 75 per cent scale replicas of the real thing.

Before making the doghouse, Perkins drove around Greater Victoria, decided James Bay had the nicest fire hydrants, and got out his measuring tools and notebook. "I sat on the sidewalk and measured it all," he said.

Such meticulous research is typical. For 1996, following a conversation with Drew who is interested in heritage buildings, Perkins decided to create a replica of the Helmcken House, a Victoria landmark.

He researched the house before creating as close a replica as he could while still producing a usable doghouse. "That was accurate too."

Next up, for 1997, was the



NOSE IN AIR: This dog appears to appreciate his new Mexican Villa doghouse, awarded as part of the Capital Regional District's dog licensing promotion in 1992. From castles to

the legislative buildings, unique pooch palaces have been presented annually for the past decade.

provincial legislature. That was the most elaborate one to date, with rounded domes, towers and masonry. It also turned out to be especially appropriate since the real legislature was constructed in 1897, exactly 100 years earlier.

Perkins' research included a site visit and a purchase of a book which included drawings and photographs of the buildings.

Each doghouse has required 50 to 60 hours of work, Perkins said, but the legislative doghouse topped that. "It was a labour of love. The result was worth it," he said.

A woodworker for 20 years and a Salt Spring resident for 15, Perkins usually builds furniture, creates architectural accents like specialty doors and restores antique furniture.

His annual creation of a special doghouse is a challenging change of pace, he said. Both he and Drew admit he pours more time into his creations than the budget allowed by the CRD.

Were any of the doghouses privately commissioned, they would cost \$1,800, with the exception of the legislative building replica. "That's yours for \$2,500," he said.

And in what kind of doghouse does Churchill, Perkins' golden retriever crossbreed, lay his head?

Perkins hesitates, then grins. "He'd love a doghouse," he admits.

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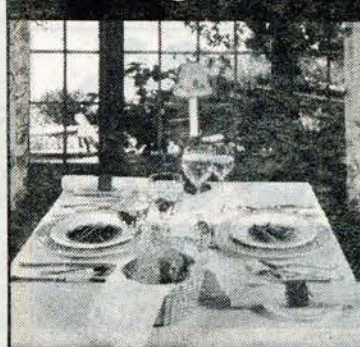
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The students, who are in Grades 4 to 8, are both performing and producing the play. They have taken on promotion, set design and building, designed and made props, and helped devise lighting and music.

Teacher Christa Campsall said the students' efforts are enhanced by volunteer help from parents.

"The students are being supported by the creativity and dedication of their parents who have generously given their time to help make these two special evenings of entertainment possible," Campsall noted.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. both nights in the portable classroom next to Phoenix School on Drake Road.



WANDERERS: Travellers in the Phoenix School production of Wizard of Earthsea are, from left, Natasha Banks, 10, as Young Ged, and Jessica Mack, 12, as the narrator. The play will be presented Thursday and Friday at the portable beside the school.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

Weekend production merges radio and stage

An intense Canadian drama, authentic Salt Spring commercials and a radio play production are some of the elements in On Air, which runs Thursday through Saturday.

The show opens tomorrow night at Mahon Hall and is a joint venture of Salt Spring Community Theatre and Salt Spring Radio Society. Audiences will not only hear the renowned, gritty drama called Leaving Home, they will be right behind the scenes at a radio production and see some locally-produced radio commercials.

There are even two programs for On Air — one for the entire play and another for Leaving Home itself, which was written in 1972 by Canadian playwright David French. It is set in 1956 and deals with a Newfoundland family transplanted from "the Rock" and living in Toronto.

Director Mamee Bellavance says she knew as soon as she read Leaving Home that it was "the one" for her radio play concept. Its issues are "totally current and topical," especially for families, she says.

The idea was born at the first public meeting of the Salt Spring Radio Society. When fundraising was discussed, Bellavance suggested the community theatre group help by merging radio and the stage.

"In some ways, this production takes people back to a time before television when families sat around the radio listening to a play. In this case, we're giving people the chance to have that experience collectively, as part of a live studio audience," says Bellavance.

Several radio society members have roles in the show, including

Richard Moses, whose sonorous voice will be heard as the studio announcer in On Air.

"All of us feel that radio should be coming back and that indeed it is coming back," says Moses. "There is an audience, especially for drama."

Judging by interest in On Air auditions, people are eager to participate, too. More than 40 people turned out to audition for the play. Bellavance was "thrilled" those numbers included people from all age ranges, and the final cast has actors aged 14 through retirement years.

Once casting was complete, the group workshopped Bellavance's concept, resulting in On Air's original lines and action. Leaving Home, however, remains intact, and except for occasionally adding names for clarity purposes, nothing has been changed. "It reads beautifully," says Bellavance.

Everyone has been working hard on the production, and having fun at the same time, she says, but co-producers Jean Howell and Candace Brochmann deserve special credit for overseeing much of the project.

The show starts at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$10 and available at Island Books Plus and Salt Spring Roasting Co. in Fulford.

The drama will not end with On Air, either. Moses envisions radio plays being heard on an island radio station in future.

"There are so many good writers and actors on the island and we would like to hear their work ... We could do a weekly serial, for example, and perhaps commission local writers to create plays for us."

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Ready for the ball

It's March and that means Eros '98 is unfolding as it should. This group has already created its masks for the Masque of Eros Ball with

music by Frenz set for Fulford Hall Saturday night. Advance tickets only are available at Island Books Plus and Stuff 'n' Nonsense.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

WHAT'S ON

Dance

• **Masque of Eros Ball** — Featuring the band Frenz, on Saturday, March 7 at Fulford Hall. Dress wildly for prizes. Advance tickets only at Island Books Plus and Stuff and Nonsense.

Music

- **Music and Munch** — Free concert with a touch o' the Irish. Derek Duffy and friends will perform, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Anglican caterers for \$4.75. Wednesday, March 4, 12:10 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Wednesday evening is Bluegrass Music evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Rock with Stonehouse, featuring the great vocals of Jayleen Stonehouse, on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7.
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Cinema

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- **Great Expectations** — Florida is the setting for this loose modern-day adaptation of the Dickens classic. Ethan Hawke is the poor boy who loves rich girl Gwyneth Paltro. Playing Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7 at 9:15 p.m., and Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 40 minutes. Rated 14A, suggestive scenes and coarse language. Cinema Central.
- **Amistad** — Morgan Freeman and Anthony Hopkins star in Steven Spielberg's film adaptation of a revolt on board a Spanish slave ship in 1839 and the controversial trial for the African-American captives that followed. Excellent acting and Spielberg's gift for storytelling make this a standout. Playing Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m., and Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. 2 hours, 30 minutes. Rated 14A, violence. Cinema Central.

Stage

• **Wizard of Earthsea** — A play presented by intermediate students at Phoenix School, Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6 at the portable beside the school on Drake Road, beginning at 7 p.m.

• **On Air** — Don't miss On Air, featuring David French's Leaving Home, a Salt Spring Community Theatre fundraiser for the Salt Spring Radio Society. Thursday to Saturday, March 5 to 7, 8 p.m., Mahon Hall. Tickets \$10 at Island Books Plus, Salt Spring Roasting Co. in Fulford or at the door.

Family

- **The Jozef Magic Unreal Reality Mystique Family Show** — Featuring Rat Houdini, Princess Nefertari and Meduza the Snake Lady in a two-hour magic show. Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 at 3 p.m. Salt Spring Elementary School. Admission \$8 per person, children under 3 are admitted free. Tickets available at et cetera or at the door.
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'SLACK' SISTERS: Stack Sister Kathy lifts her voice in song accompanied by Valdy, who describes himself as a Slack Sister. Although the Stack Sisters were billed as the opening act for Gary Fjellgaard last week, Jane did not return from Mexico in time for the act.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

'A gentleman and a poet' — Fjellgaard sings his message

Gary Fjellgaard brought the message in his music to the Salt Spring Folk Club last week.

The Stack Sisters were billed as the opening act, but Jane was stuck in Mexico so Kathy began the evening on her own. She was soon accompanied by Valdy, who proclaimed himself a "Slack" Sister, and even though he added his own unique brand of humour and harmony to the act, Jane's sweet soprano was missed.

The finest moments in life are those moments we experience in community, like sharing a good meal with good friends. Fjellgaard begins his first set with Heartbroken Hero and "there is no place I'd rather be. We spin our stories, tell our tales when the night wind howls, when the night wind wails."

The talented Fjellgaard grew up in rural Saskatchewan dreaming of far-away exotic places, and he expresses these childhood fantasies in Train of Dreams. In the song he sings, "I would ride forever on that train of dreams," but in reality he took the train from Saskatchewan to British Columbia and never looked back.

After Heart of the Dream he sings Love to the Wind. You've heard the complaints about country music: my wife left, my truck broke and my dog died. Again Fjellgaard defies the stereotypes. Love to the Wind is a story about a young cowboy who had to "ride the wild horses and prove he was the fastest gun." He left his lover to ride the rodeo circuit, and she said, "leaving is like breathing to a cowboy like you. I'll be alone like the last summer rose; I'll give my love to the wind faithful and true." During his eight-second ride his thoughts turn to her almost as if the wind whispers her name.

A little later Fjellgaard sings Heartbreak Trail, where with "his collar up all alone this old cowboy's comin' home... just a few more miles to water and two arms to hold me tight. I'll never ride that heartbreak trail again." Do they live happily ever after?

They do if you listen to Believe in Forever. "Just as long as there are high lonely places, just as long as there is clean mountain rain, just as long as there is unbroken prairie and wide open wind, just as long as spirit remains we can believe in forever again."

Fjellgaard was a logger for 15 years before "hanging up his chainsaw in favour of a guitar in 1970. (Although he has many awards to his credit, he said in the

February 1998 edition of Take Note that the TMI Fender Humanitarian Award in recognition of his contribution to environmental awareness is the award of which he's most proud.)

He possesses extraordinary human awareness as well. He shares a short story about life in a logger's bunkhouse, and the fire that occurred while the men were in the mess eating breakfast one morning. Old Henry was a quiet man with a good heart who used to keep a spare pair of underwear leaning against the wall. After the fire they were the only thing left standing.

Fjellgaard sings "don't change the colour of your collar, nothing wrong with a dirty shade of blue. Don't change the colour of your collar, we're proud to be just a little more like you."

He also possesses a strong sense of political awareness. In Cowboys and Indians he sings, "Red man stared in wonder as they crossed his sacred ground, stumbling on in ignorance and fear. Must have wished as he drew his trusty bow that like the buffalo they'd all disappear."

MUSIC WITH KERRY ROTH



Then he says, "Nobody told me as a child that cowboys and Indians is more than just a game."

Lost Way of Life laments that the "loss of old growth forests natives relied on (is) eternity that's gone forevermore. Look at the children, trust on their faces, expecting a legacy some fool's laid his hands on..."

Fjellgaard advises, "Don't matter where you live, don't matter where you die, stay 10 years old and barefoot 'till you're 85." Seems he's following his own advice.

"Freedom never came easy, freedom never came cheap," he says, and we know Fjellgaard has earned his Gabriola Island sanctuary with the sweat of his labours.

He's a gentleman and a poet, and the Gulf Islands are richer for his presence. He gives kudos to Valdy, and Canadians agree. Our cultural heritage depends upon artists of conscience, and there can be no doubt that here Fjellgaard has made his mark.

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Alliance brings art to public

Art on Salt Spring is coming out of studios and galleries and into the view of more public eyes.

One of the first projects of the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists, formed more than two years ago, was to bring art to the stark interior walls of Island Savings Credit Union on McPhillips Avenue. The group has extended that idea, now exhibiting in places such as Moby's and Salt Spring Roasting Co.

"I like having my work in an environment where people come to transact the business of their daily lives and enjoy their friends," says ceramic artist Melissa Searcy, whose work is currently on display at Salt Spring Roasting Co.

"People see my work who might never go to a gallery. They can take it in at their leisure while they are having coffee ... Sometimes they come to love a piece and want to have it in their homes. It's direct and democratic. Someone will buy a piece because it means something to them, not to impress anyone."

Finding new venues for artists to display their work was the primary reason Mike Robb, Nicola Wheston and a small group of artists began their conversations over coffee, which eventually led to forming the alliance, explains Searcy.

Any public business interested in exhibiting local artists' work can call Searcy at 537-2897.



Way funny

Shilo Zylbergold leads the audience in several rousing songs as he and other island comedians presented a "March Madness" variety show at All Saints By-the-Sea. The event took place last Saturday night.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Visiting historian will discuss British Columbia's fur trade



Richard Mackie

Salt Spring history buffs can brush up on their knowledge of British Columbia's fur trade when historian Richard Somerset Mackie addresses the local historical society next week.

His talk, based on his latest book *Trading Beyond the Mountains*, is set for March 10 at Central Hall, beginning at 2 p.m.

Mackie will use slides to illustrate his lecture which will focus on the fur trade west of the Rocky Mountains and on the Pacific Coast.

"Popular fur trade stereotypes of birchbark canoes, voyageurs, beaver pelts and frozen boreal winters do not apply to the west coast fur trade," Mackie notes in an introductory letter.

"Before the Oregon Treaty of 1846, the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) diversified its trade away from animal pelts ... The climate and rugged topography did not support a large beaver population, and the fur traders ... became farmers, miners, fishermen and loggers," developing a thriving trade with California, Hawaii and Alaska.

Among other things, the HBC pioneered export trades in lumber and salmon, he adds.

Salt Spring received its name in the HBC era, Mackie notes, "when the company was looking for a local source of salt for its exports of barrelled salmon."

Mackie, who lived on Salt Spring while working on *Trading Beyond the Mountains*, was born in Edmonton and grew up in North Saanich. He has studied both European and Canadian history.

As a freelance historian, author and biographer, he has written three books: *Hamilton Mack Laing: Hunter-Naturalist* (1985), *The Wilderness Profound: Victorian Life on the Gulf of Georgia* (1995) and *Trading Beyond the Mountains: The British Fur Trade on the Pacific* (1997).

He is currently writing a history of the Comox Logging Company, commissioned by the Filberg Lodge Association of Comox.

Mackie lived on Salt Spring for periods of time during the writing of all three of his books. He is married with two young children.

Magic shows set

One of the last old-time travelling magician troupes has already rolled into town getting ready for a magic show on Salt Spring Friday and Saturday.

The Jozef Magic Unreal Reality Mystique Family Show runs Friday night at 7 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Included in the line-up is a trick which sees a rat appear in fire, disappear in water and survive after being retrieved from the stomach of a five-foot python named Racquel.

Jozef Demcak is a former teacher who lived in Richmond but took up magic-making full-time, touring mostly throughout Eastern Europe until returning

to Canada a couple of years ago. He is joined by his daughter Bibiana, who is also the Egyptian princess Nefertari (the floating lady) and Meduza the snake-handler.

While some of the tricks may be on the shocking side, Demcak says his main focus is on ensuring an audience has fun, so there is ample humour in the show.

Demcak is even in the Guinness Book of World Records for laying on the fewest bed of nails (11), and hopes to reduce that number to eight or nine nails.

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GISS's Freedom From Fear Day includes workshops, performance

Giving students awareness and skills to prevent violence is part of Freedom From Fear Day at Gulf Islands Secondary Thursday.

Workshops will be held on topics such as developing healthy relationships, conflict resolution skills, assertiveness training, personal safety, family violence, bullying prevention, youth and violence, and violence and the media.

The Vic High Players from Victoria will also perform 101 Degrees Celsius, a dramatic por-

trayal of pressures facing teenagers, with a discussion of the issues to follow. The day will be introduced by schools superintendent Andrew Duncan.

The idea for Freedom From Fear Day came from Gulf Islands Secondary School teachers, with a number of them plus administrators giving volunteer time to help organize the event.

Five Vancouver-based record companies, including Sony, Network, Polygram, EMI and

Universal, have donated CDs and tapes that will be given to students as door prizes.

Freedom From Fear Day is one of the final activities in the Women and Violence: Education is Prevention project that has been conducted over the past year by SWOVA Community Development and Research Society in partnership with School District 64.

The project received funding from the Ministry of Women's Equality, Safer Futures program.

Conservancy to buy Cable Bay property

For some time it has been hinted that the Galiano Conservancy was successful in finding the resources necessary to purchase District Lot 63, known here as Cable Bay.

They have now made their achievement public.

The area was logged in about 1980 and then replanted. Bought by B.C. Tel a few years ago, it receives on its shores the international fibre-optic cable from the mainland and carries it part way across the island on its way to Retreat Cove and hence by sea once more, to Vancouver Island. The company will doubtless retain ownership of the corridor for servicing its lines.

The conservancy's object in buying the land is part of a larger aim "to preserve as forest" as much of the area in this part of the island as possible. Heritage Canada funds helped in the purchase DL 63 just as they did in securing Bodega Ridge and the two lots west of it.

The conservancy would also like to add the Crown land just south of Cable Bay (Pebble Beach) to its growing preserve.

Winter and spring

A light snowfall during one night last week left traces in the garden the next morning, while the lawn on the property had been cut the previous day.

This was still late February, but already the winter clematis is blooming, the early rhododendron is pink with blossoms, the Japanese plum a lovely sight and the flowering currants by the roadside showing red.

But just in case we should forget it's still winter, there are those snowy mountains on Vancouver Island to remind us and the winds and whitecaps on the channel.

The February 20 wind storm was an evening many will remember here. There was a power outage throughout the whole island, but islanders have come to expect such inconveniences when the wind blows, and are generally prepared — the gas light ready, wood in the wood box and a supply of drinking water on hand. A B.C. Hydro crew had the power back on in less than four hours.

CD release party

That same dark and stormy night the south community hall was filled with light and music — thanks to Pete Estabrook's generator.

Two local bands, the Gary Jayns

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and Sticks Allison, sang, romped and jammed, keeping the wild wind at bay. Perhaps it was the warm club atmosphere that promoted the expert musicianship and vocal harmony that evening; more than likely it was the excitement of sharing their combined talents with an appreciative audience.

The purring of the generator fed the three stage lights and kept the amps and mics on, reducing the set-up to its most primary elements of light and sound. (Mankind has been making music for centuries with less.) Jane and Gary Kramer sang and played from their hearts accompanied by fellow musician Rick Hopkins (keyboard) and Tom Velke (percussion).

With the clear sound provided by Cam Robinson, the Sticks Allison group entertained its audience with a powerful blend of original music. Brad Prevedoros on guitars, Shelly Okepnak on drums, Ken Stauffer on keyboards and Ian McConnel on bass make up this exciting island group. Both groups seem to be more than the sum total of their parts, with influences from the blues, folk, jazz and rock.

The two groups will tour the southern Gulf Islands in May. The CD called Chasing Time by Sticks Allison and the new release by Gary Jayns are available at the Music Emporium on Salt Spring and on Galiano at the Dandelion Gallery, Galiano Island Books, and at the Art and Soul and Ixchel shops.

Pender update

After sending in last week's column about Pender's pioneer Menzies family, came the sad news of fire at Pender's Hope Bay Store.

Filling out the historical group's afternoon there (before heading for the ferry home), we nearly set off to visit the historic old building as we have done before.

It was always an interesting place to visit. The store had been mentioned by speaker Peter Campbell that afternoon. The land on which it stood was part of Albert Menzies' original property and was sold in 1902 to R.W.S. Corbett, who opened a store there the following year. The wharf dates from 1901. On their way to California, the Corbetts visited on Pender. It became their home.



Celebrating French

Eager students line up for Marie Beaudoin's crepes during French Festival performance at Mahon Hall on Thursday. They and other French immersion students at Salt Spring Middle School entertained parents and other students with songs, dances and skits.

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- MAR. 18:** SSI Garden Club meeting, All Saints by-the-Sea, 7:30pm.
- MAR. 24:** Alice Hammett Bridge Spring Luncheon, SS Golf Club, 12 noon.
- MAR. 25-APR. 3:** Mobile Mammography Unit, behind Lady Minto Hospital.
- MAR. 28:** Wellness Fair, Activity Centre, 10am-3pm.
- MAR. 28:** The Lloyd English Swing Trio, Legion, 8:30pm.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
 - Seniors & Alzheimers support group, SS Seniors bldg. 11am
 - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
 - Stamp Collectors all ages, SS 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 Practitioners group, SS Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - SSI Painters' Guild meetings, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon
- EVERY THURSDAY**
 - Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
 - Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.
 - Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
 - Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14.
 - Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
 - SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00
- EVERY FRIDAY**
 - Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
- Games afternoon, SS Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- A Course in Miracles, study group, 552 Rainbow Rd. #A, 10-11:30.
- Smiles Café, United Church-Ganges, 12-1pm (4th Friday of ea. mo.)
- EVERY SATURDAY**
 - Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- EVERY MONDAY**
 - Free blood pressure clinic, SS 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
 - Spanish conversation group, SS Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
 - SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
 - SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
 - Bandemonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.
 - Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm
 - Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - Autumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.
 - Children's storytime, Mary Hawkins Library, 10am.
 - Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea. mo.)
 - Grief Recovery seminars, United Church, 7pm (Jan. 19-Feb. 23)
 - Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.
- EVERY TUESDAY**
 - Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
 - Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.
 - Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 4:30-6. Archery lessons 3:30-4:30.
 - Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
 - Planned Parenthood Clinic, SS Health Unit behind Lady Minto Hosp. 4:30-6:30pm.

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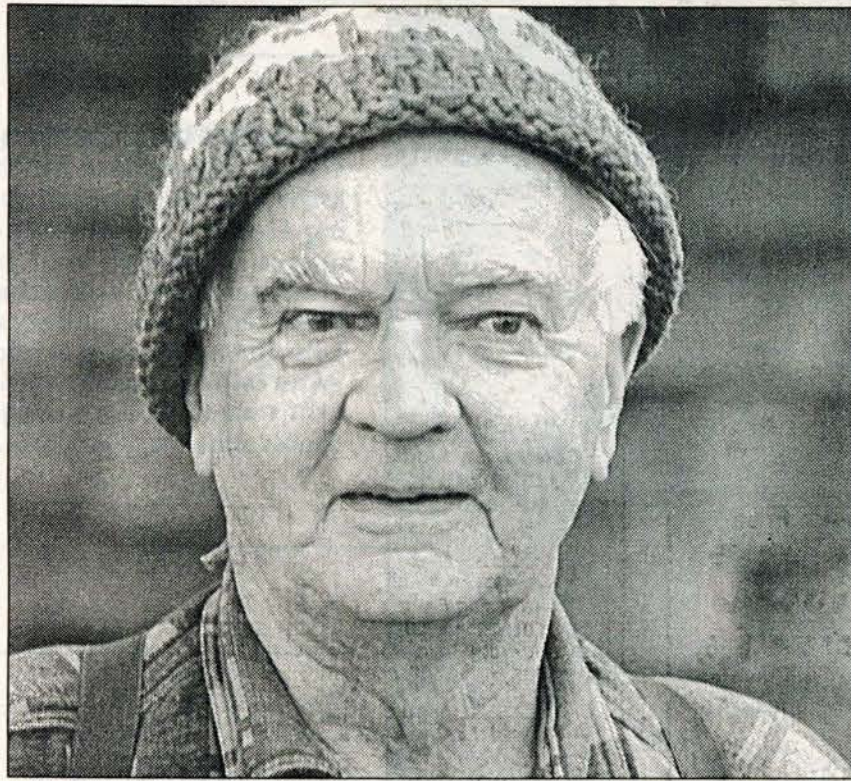
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- * **ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM:** Prevention & treatment service is free and confidential.
- * **FAMILY PLACE: DROP IN** - for parents & children under 6 yrs. Mon-Thurs 9:30-12 noon. **RUG HUGGERS** - drop in program for new parents, Fridays 11am-1pm (includes light lunch). **CLOTHING EXCHANGE** - open daily.
- * **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
- * **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- * **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- * **CLIMBING WALL HOURS:** Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm. Full equipment chg. \$2.50. **CLUB NIGHT:** Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.



ISLAND FACES



Longtime Salt Spring resident Gordon Cudmore moved to the island from Surrey when he was two years old. He has worked as a logger, commercial fisherman, carpenter, farmer, pilot and land developer, and can often be seen feeding the swans at Fulford Harbour. Cudmore and his wife Laura recently moved to Brinkworthy. He can't think of any place he would rather live than here on Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

World Day of Prayer scheduled for Friday

Learning what it means to be a good neighbour in an often unjust world is the theme for the 1998 World Day of Prayer set for this Friday. The Salt Spring service will be held at Salt Spring United Church at 1:30 p.m., inviting people of all faiths to come together in what a media release calls an event of "informed prayer and prayerful action."

On the first Friday in March each year, people in more than 170 countries participate in the service.

The offerings from World Day of Prayer services in Canada support development and justice projects in Canada and abroad. Nutrition and tutoring programs for women and children in the Dominican Republic and Ecuador; a home for homeless, aged women in the Philippines; and a home for migrant women workers in Korea were a few of the overseas projects supported by the 1997 World Day of Prayer offerings.

In Canada, World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

For more information call local coordinator Carol Williams at 537-1176.

Comic, classical quartet on Saturna

Saturna's cultural side was polished and shining this weekend.

Two great performances entertained islanders in what locally can be described as a "whirlwind of events." Many of the same faces were evident at both performances.

On Friday night, stand-up comic Chris Molineux performed for a full house at Boot Cove Lodge as he brought his act here on his first Gulf Islands tour. Molineux has entertained in prominent clubs across Canada and on the west coast of the United States. In the past he has presented his act only in urban settings but since he now lives on Canada's west coast he is using the opportunity to bring stand-up comedy to rural coastal audiences.

The crowd was in stitches as Molineux poked fun at the eccentricities of different ethnic groups, including his own British family. He compared the attitudes of Canadians from Saskatchewan and B.C. on topics from skiing to drugs to the utter amusement of his guests. By the continued chuckles and guffaws of his audience one would have to assume that this was

SATURNA NOTES

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a most enjoyable evening.

Saturday night Viveza transformed the Community Hall into the Palm Court of the Savoy Hotel for an evening of classical elegance. The quartet featuring two violins, a piano and bass spun a dream of times gone by for one of the best-attended concerts of the Saturna Arts and Concert Society's 1998 series.

Traditional dances of many countries and modern tunes from the tango to the foxtrot kept the audience swaying and toe-tapping throughout the evening. Many of the selections were familiar themes from well-known films. The quartet is planning a new CD to feature some of these selections.

Gwen Thompson, Mark Koenig, Wilmer Fawcett and Robert Holliston make up this group which has performed regularly on CBC's Disc Drive. They have also played all across Canada, in the United States and Korea and worked with Canadian ballets and

symphonies. They have played together for 10 years and have four top-selling CDs.

Coming events

March is going to be a busy month on Saturna. On Saturday the final lesson in the ballroom dancing series will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at the Community Hall. Beginners are welcome to join the group as they review the dances learned previously. Partners are not necessary.

The Community Club will hold its quarterly meeting March 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m. A dessert potluck will precede the meeting and those who wish to share in this gathering should come to the hall at 7 p.m. with a dessert to share.

The Women's Service Club met March 2 to do a major clean-up of the hall. Following the work bee, the women enjoyed lunch at the pub and then held their regular business meeting. Saturna is fortunate to have a group of dedicated, hardworking women who volunteer their service so freely for the benefit of the whole community.

Barb Ropars is offering sewing classes to youngsters interested in learning the basics of sewing. Give her a call at 539-5219 for more information.

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Announcements

8 CARDS OF THANKS

I WISH to thank members of the Fulford OAP, the Bingo Gang, members of my family & others who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday. As I was reminded, I'm not over the hill, I'm just peaking. Val Gyves.

TO ALL OUR Friends, Thank you so much for all your kindness, support and generosity in these last weeks. We are overwhelmed by how wonderful you are! It made a tremendous difference. The Hannah family.

GIRL GUIDES of Canada would like to extend sincere thanks to Reverends Sharon and Barry Cooke and the congregation of Ganges United Church for the warm reception given the large number of youth attending the Thinking Day Church Service on February 22, 1998. Church Parades are a thing of the past in many communities. We can feel proud to be carrying on the tradition.

THANK YOU to Dr. Graham and Lady Minto nurses for your great care - Nancy Adams.

To everyone who has supported and encouraged me along the journey towards my dream, I would like to extend a huge bouquet of thanks.

- First, last and always - To my husband and daughters, Jake, Megan and Katie, who have inspired and enthusiastically championed me through thick and thin. I love you, thank you for making it all worthwhile. To my parents, Les and Sue Ramsey, thank you for your support and belief in me, and for teaching me to think for myself! Thanks to my sisters and brother and their families for encouragement and support over the years, especially to Linda and Gary during the clinic renovation for your help negotiating through the banking system, design assistance and well timed dinner invitations!
- To my early mentors and mid-wifery colleagues, thank you for your wisdom and courage, you remain a source of inspiration to me.
- To Jules Atkins, my friend and colleague, thank you for your dedication to our work, your calm faith in the birthing process and your great sense of humour. You have taught me much more than I was supposed to be teaching you.
- To the local health care community, especially the nurses and staff at Lady Minto and family doctors, thank you for your support over the past twenty years, I am looking forward to the years ahead with great enthusiasm.
- Thanks to Doug Atkins for so calmly and patiently midwifing Jake and I through the clinic renovation, great work Doug!
- Thanks to artists Carol Evans, Stephanie Denz, Megan Watt and Christina Estable for so generously lending their work for the opening.
- Thank you to Jules, Kelly and Erin for organizing such a great party! To the amazing number of people who came to the celebration, called or sent flowers and cards, I was truly touched by your support.
- And finally, thank you to this wonderful community who have honoured me with their faith and trust. I will continue to do all that I can to justify your faith in me. Maggie Ramsey.

11 COMING EVENTS

LEARN GYOTAKU/Japanese Fish Printing. Workshop has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 8th, 10 - 4 pm. Contact Parks at 537-4448.

SSI (NATURE) Conservancy will be having a big "Deja Vu" Sale April 25. We need your donated items from small furniture to tools, gardening supplies, sports equipment, toys and treasures. Call for pickup 653-4527 or 537-9890.

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

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COOKING WITH food awareness. - learn to accommodate food sensitivities in your life. March 14 or 21. Limited enrolment, 9 - 4. 653-4250. (Other dates by arrangement.)

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ISLAND PATHWAYS invites you to our Silent Auction of goods and services from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at Mountain Aerie B & B, 401 Wilkie Way. Items include: 8 hours of gardening by the human bulldozer, two mountain bikes, gourmet dinner for two, books, pine cone wreath, pedicure, gift certificates from island businesses, softball glove, massage, garden basket, treadle sewing machine with refinished cabinet, teddy bear, ceramic sink, etc. Door prizes and refreshments. Come and enjoy the mountain top view. If you would like to donate call Wendy at 653-2311.

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BUSINESS LADIES GOLF CLUB MEETING

Sunday, March 8
10 am.
Clubhouse

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MARCH 13 - 22

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(Proposed)
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at Room 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges

Planned to provide an informal opportunity for community members to find out what is in the proposed plan and to discuss it with Local Trustees and Islands Trust planning staff. Maps, displays, hand-outs and comment forms will be available. A public hearing regarding the proposed plan is scheduled for March 23, (watch for ads). For more information please call 537-9144.

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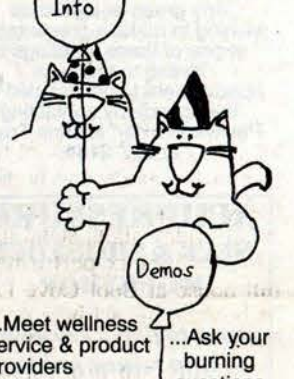
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Joint working meetings between the CRD and the Islands Trust are now held bi-monthly. Any group or individual wishing to make a presentation at one of these meetings is invited to make an appointment to be included on the agenda by contacting Pauline Brazier, Islands Trust, at 537-9144.

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 March 14, 1-4pm

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ALL SEASON Deluxe trampoline, like new. Only used for two summers. For viewing and a jump, call 537-4015.

WETSUIT, MEN'S, black, with hood, gloves, boots, 5'10", 180 lbs. Never worn. \$200. 537-4695.

STURDY FIR/ Mahogany trim kitchen cabinets and counters, also electric stove & fan, working well. Available mid March, see now. \$1000 obo. 537-2183.

1/2 CORD FIR, \$70. Cedar Rail 8 ft fence posts, \$7 each. 537-4570.

12' X 12' UTILITY BUILDING for sale. Finished exterior - Board & Batten. Well Built. Materials cost \$980 or best offer. 653-4252.

WEDDING INVITATION Special. 20% off all wedding invitations and accessories. Also 20% off all Business Cards, Stationery, and self-stick labels. 500 business cards for \$17.50. Precious Treasures. Grace Point Square. 537-1110.

RENOVATION SALE: Everything must go! Kitchen cabinets in excellent condition with counter tops, mirrors, medicine cabinets, interior & closet doors, carpet, baseboard heaters, light fixtures, dishwasher, shelving, fridge, sewing machine, and double bed with frame. Call 537-9796.

ROWING MACHINE, U.S. Olympia, hydraulic, adjustable tension, \$85. Oak antique card table, folding legs, \$25. 537-1804.

12 CU. FT. FREEZER, \$100. Deluxe Moffat electric stove. Eye-level broiler, ceramic top, self-cleaning oven. \$250. 537-5997.

OFFICE DESK, filing cabinet and cash register. 537-1633.

BROWN VINYL medium sized tilting, adjustable desk chair. \$65. 537-5945.

SALT SPRING Collateral inventory clearance continues for March. 20 to 50% off all merchandise. Grace Point Square, 537-0037.

LADIES GOLF clubs & bag, excellent condition, used twice, \$225. 10 speed bicycle, new condition, \$150. 537-4159.

1981 - 27' TRAVEL TRAILER, Hot water tank, tub & shower, fridge, freezer. 2 Campers - 1 full size, 1 import, 3-way fridge, stove & furnace. Complete or parts. 22' Reinell Cabin Cruiser, needs motor. 3 Freezers, 2 Utility Trailers, 2 old wood Cook Stoves with warmer oven, complete. 66 Ford Pick-Up auto, 70 Chevy Pick-up, 69 Nova, excellent shape. Reconditioned washers, dryers, stoves & fridges. Comes with 90 day warranty. SS Salvage. 401 Robinson Road. 537-0695.

THE GREAT GANGES Junk Co. in stock now: Large, old oak Roll-top desk, Walnut dining table with six leather seated chairs, Chaise lounge, desks and much more. 120B Hereford Ave. 537-4507.

PLAY GOLF better than you thought possible. Key To Golf, world's most successful golf instruction program available now at Blackburn Meadows G.C. 537-1707.

COVERED TANDEM axle trailer, 18' long box, all steel frame, \$2500. Great for moving. 1974 Volvo 4 door, 4 speed, red, running well, \$600. 537-1984.

MEMBERSHIPS NOW available at Blackburn Meadows Golf Course. Singles, Couples, Family & Juniors. Drop by Pro shop or call for free package. 269 Blackburn Road. Call 537-1707.

RENO. SALE: old pedestal sink with matching toilet, offers. Almond fridge, \$250. Dishwasher, \$50. Stainless microwave, \$50. Range hood fan, \$10. Wall oven, \$25. Stainless stove top, \$25. Old phono radio (works), offers. Assorted doors, \$15 each. Marine blue 6' jacuzzi bath tub, offers. 537-4136.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

SAWMILL \$4895 Saw logs into boards, planks, beams. Large capacity. Best sawmill value anywhere. Free information 1-800-566-6899. Norwood Sawmills, R.R. 2, Kilworthy, Ontario POE 1G0.

HOME SECURITY for \$10. 10 Bright red decals tell burglars your home is protected. Send \$10 to Alarm-X, Department A, P.O. Box 233, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. V0M 1K0.

GRAD DRESS for sale! Gorgeous red Spanish style, worn once, call 537-5142 to buy or rent.

Seniors!
Curious? Come up to North End Fitness any-time during the month of March and get a free 30 day pass and two try-outs with one of our qualified staff! No strings. No obligation. Phone today for an appointment!
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PRIMULAS & PANSIES
99¢ each

Large Selection of Potted Bulbs available.



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355 MOTORCYCLES

1980 HARLEY SPORTSTER, red, great shape, single seat, \$5500. 1984 Yamaha Virago Low Rider, great shape, \$2500. Leave message. 537-2135.

360 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

HAMMOND ORGAN, \$350 obo. 537-2682.

NEW & USED guitars, fiddles, drums, mandolins, woodwinds and more! Sheet music & videos, new books every week. Special orders welcome. Acoustic Planet Music. 537-9668.

370 PETS/LIVESTOCK

HAY FOR Sale. \$5 per bale and \$2.50 per bale, 10 bale minimum. Fence posts for sale: by the bundle prices: 3 - 4 x 7, 4 - 5 x 7, 4 - 5 x 10. 653-4922.

LOCAL HAY for sale. No rain, \$3.50 per bale. 653-4545.

RESPONSIBLE & COMPETENT Equestrian Woman, 15 years experience riding & showing English & Western, owned Arabs for years, willing to school horses, show or teach riding in exchange for fee or riding privileges. Michelle, 653-4029.

FREE. 7 MONTH Rottweiler cross, female - All shots, very friendly. 537-1983.

CATTLE FOR Sale. Heritage breed milk cow. Pedigree Angus bull. Angus/ Jersey cross cow. Bull and heifer calves. 653-9533.

REGISTERED BORDER Collie puppy, 6 months old, looking for farm or attentive home. Bright and enthusiastic dog. Meegan: (604) 215-8314, (604) 738-2885.

FREE TO Best home, small poodle/terrier, female, 4 month, black with white socks & bib, intelligent, healthy, house trained and calm natured. Phone 537-9887.



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375 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

1986 - 27 FOOT, 5TH-WHEEL, Deluxe Model, Queen size bed, \$6,000. 537-2408.

TRIANGLE R.V. CENTRE offers excellent highway exposure for your consignment vehicle. Also parts, service, propane, sanitation and 24 hour car and R.V. wash. Vancouver Island's only complete R.V. centre. Triangle Homes Ltd., Sidney. Your first R.V. centre off the ferry. 656-1122. DL 5916.

376 SPORTING GOODS

THE FISHING SHANTY. Fishing rods, reels, lures repaired, rebuilt, bought and sold. Call Hank 653-4650.

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 2 pm.).

2 BRAIDED RUGS, approximately 8'. One blue tones and one brown tones. 537-9162.

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.

5 - 15 INCH FORD Pick-Up rims. Mold for fibreglass dinghy. 537-9318.

FREE: PERFECTLY fine working toilet, avocado green, leave message to arrange pick-up. 653-9866.

14 CU. FT. FREEZER - Too big for us! Works great but now needs minor repair. 537-4595 eyes.

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RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES

Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight Boxes located at:

- Pharmasave
- Bank of Montreal
- Bank of Commerce
- Island Savings Credit Union
- Gulf Islands Optical

385 WANTED

WANTED: FIREWOOD logs. Will pay top dollar. 537-9531.

WE BUY furniture, everyday or antique, plus a wide assortment of items. Call us. The Great Ganges Junk Co., 537-4507.

24" STOVE, IN good condition, preferably with oven window & light & timer. Also needed used kitchen cabinets & counter. 537-9952.

CANOPY FOR short box import pick-up. Leave message 653-4520.

OLDER OR Antique furniture, china, costume jewelry, estate items, books wanted. 537-2420.

RODEO STOCK CONTRACTORS, pickupmen, bullfighters, announcers, clowns, timers, flankmen, secretaries. Canadian information required for history book. 1-403-722-3788, fax 1-403-722-2126. Box 15, Caroline, AB, T0M 0M0. ASAP.

WANTED: Haying Partner for 1000 tons of Alfalfa hay. We supply land and irrigation equipment, you make the hay. Lytton area call (250) 256-7560.

Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

44 ACRE ISLAND - Sale by owner - house/1500 ft. waterfront/ sheltered moorage, \$555,000. - photos/ map/ info. 250-339-7662.

FIRE SALE. View lot, .48 ac. Zoned R1, city sewer, city water. Offers to \$135,000. Uses: Duplex, single family, home occupation. #120 Drake Road. Contact Community Gospel Chapel at 537-2622 or 537-4668.

2 BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE. Open to offers. 537-1163.

FOR SALE. Mobile with addition = 1100 sq ft. 1 acre with playhouse and small workshop. \$135,000. Phone 537-9635

OWNER SELLING. New view home. 3 bedroom + den. Many features. Call 537-4066.

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

QUALITY VIEW home (1994), Channel Ridge. 2500 sq. ft. plus double garage, 2 bed, 2 1/2 bath, den, single level. Private sale: \$349,000. 537-1080.

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Rentals

500 APT./SUITES FOR RENT

1 BEDROOM, A-frame suite, wood stove. Not suitable for children. \$390 + utilities. 537-2476.

LARGE 3 BEDROOM suite, close to Ganges. \$650 per month. 537-5733.

2 BEDROOM BASEMENT Suite, close to Ganges, Washer, Dryer, Wood Stove. \$550 per month. 537-5733.

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT in quiet building, one block from hospital and G.V.M. Clean and recently renovated. Lovely water view. Laundry and parking, N/P, \$550 plus hydro. Available now. Also 2 bedroom, April 1. \$595. 538-0090.

ONE MONTH free to long term tenant. Bright, 2 bedroom, sun deck, storage locker, lawn and parking \$550 immediate occupancy. Level entry 1 bedroom, corner, bright, parking, coin-op laundry, \$400, immediate occupancy. Call 537-5363.

510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

PRIME DOWNTOWN Office space for rent with large private deck over looking Ganges Harbour. To view call 537-5669.

COMMERCIAL SPACE at Fulford Harbour Marina. 2 units 660 sq. ft. space with ocean view. Call Wednesday - Sunday, 9 - 5 at 653-4467.

2233 SQ. FT. FOR rent, as a whole, or tell me what you need. Situated in the Village centre by S.S. Roasting on McPhillips. Call Peter Bardon, Re/Max of Salt Spring. 537-9977.

800 SQ. FT. OF open studio space available downtown for rent @ \$15 per hour, ideal for club meetings and activities. Phone North End Fitness at 537-5217.

OFFICE SPACE

AT UPPER GANGES CENTRE

- Second Level (has chairlift)
- Air Conditioned
- Low Rates

Call Ron 537-5521

515 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

WEEKLY RENTAL: 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, executive waterfront home, fully equipped. Spectacular view of Ganges Harbour. Low season: \$695, June - September: \$895. 537-4364.

VESUVIUS OCEANFRONT, completely furnished apartment, magnificent views, deck, all amenities. Weekly / Monthly. Plus furnished room. 537-2064.

4 BEDROOM COTTAGE wanted on or near ocean, for 4 adult couples, for family reunion, N/P or children. July 18 - July 25. 1-250-595-6800.

- * REDUCE *
- * REUSE *
- * RECYCLE *

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT: One bedroom, 1/2 duplex in Ganges. \$500. per month plus utilities. N/S, N/P, W/D hook-up. Call John, 537-5017 and leave a message.

FOUR BEDROOM house, living room, kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, dining room, \$950/month. Available March 15. 653-4262.

LONG TERM. 1 bedroom Cabin in sunny location. N/S. Available now, \$600 per month. 537-5092.

MAYNE ISLAND. Sunny, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, all appliances, sauna, fireplace, radiant heat. Long term preferred. \$750 per month plus utilities. Inquire, 655-3692.

SPACIOUS, 3 BEDROOM Maliview duplex, \$725 per month plus utilities. No pets. 537-2626.

1700 SQ. FT., 2 - 3 BEDROOM, close to town, 4 appliances. Long term, available April 1. Suits home based business. \$850/ month. 604-859-3241.

MARCH 1, SMALL cabin for single/ couple, on 5 acres, \$600 per month. Includes hydro. 1-604-277-5770.

SPACIOUS 1 BEDROOM ocean view home with gourmet kitchen, private, near Fulford Harbour and suitable for 1 or 2 quiet adults. \$750/ month. 653-4386.

COZY TOWN House, 2 bedroom with fireplace, washer/dryer, no pets, \$875 per month. Available immediately. Contact Alane, 537-4266.

ON MAYNE ISLAND, modern "A" frame located at 321 Wood Dale Drive, moments from Ferry, furnished, w/w carpets, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, all appliances, character fireplace, carport, satellite TV, \$750 month, lease, references, view by appt. Phone (604) 272-4930.

2 BEDROOM OCEANVIEW home on 2.5 acres, Vesuvius area, new carpets and clean. N/S, N/Pets. \$750 + utilities. 537-9329.

MODERN & BRIGHT 5 year old, 1 bedroom & loft. 3 appliances & small deck in quiet area. N/S & N/P please. \$600 plus utilities. 653-4500.

ONLY 2 LEFT. Brand new 1 bedroom plus den cottages, features in-floor heating, skylights & quiet area, for quiet living persons. N/S & N/P please. \$695 plus utilities. 653-4500.

EXECUTIVE VIEW home, Channel Ridge, 2 bed, den, single level. Available April. \$1250/ month. 537-1080.

CUTE ONE bedroom home on waterfront with white picket fence available for April 1. \$810/month. Call Walter to view, 537-4877, messages.

IDEAL FOR home occupation and long term in this spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom executive home, featuring gourmet kitchen, upstairs studio, laundry room with built in sewing tables, central vac., 5 appliances, electric & wood heat, oversized rooms. Lots of storage & track lighting. N/S & N/P please, references required. \$1200 plus utilities. 653-4500.

1 BEDROOM HOUSE, bright & clean, ocean view, wood & electric heat. 5 minute walk to Fulford ferry, suitable for N/S single or quiet couple, no pets. \$600 per month. Leave message, 653-4520.

NOW AVAILABLE north end. One bedroom ground level suite. \$500/ month includes hydro. Suitable single or quiet couple. References, long lease. 537-2638.

OCEAN VIEW, LONG term, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom duplex, clean and modern. N/S & N/P. \$710 plus utilities. 653-4500.

DELIGHTFUL 1 BEDROOM, restored farm cottage, near Ganges, \$650/ month plus utilities. 537-5505 (days).

CUTE 1 BEDROOM modern cottage. 4 appliances, suitable for single person. N/S & cat ok. \$495 plus utilities. 653-4500.

ONE BEDROOM flat, near lakes, trees, private entrance. Available immediately. \$375 plus hydro. 537-2294.

SPOTLESS 3 BEDROOM, side by side duplex with laundry room for quiet persons, N/S & N/P, \$750 plus utilities. 653-4500.

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520 HOUSES FOR RENT

Island Explorer Property Management Limited
537-4722
1-800-800-9492



- 1br. \$700/mo.
- 2br., plus family room, waterfront Scott Pt., \$900/mo.
- 2br. on 5 acres, Stewart Rd. \$825/mo.
- 4br., near Duck Creek Park \$1400/mo.

525 RENTALS MISC.

VICTORIA HOTEL prices too high? Why not stay with us in our hospitable Fairfield character home for a very reasonable sum. 250-361-3102.

530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

FURNISHED ROOM with own entrance. Quiet neighbourhood. 10 minutes to Ganges. Smoking outside. Share kitchen and bathroom. Long-term preferred. 537-0629.

ROOMMATE WANTED to share 2 bedroom, 1200 sq. ft. country home. Washer & dryer on site. \$325 plus hydro & 1/2 telephone. Call 653-2399. Jaime.

SUITE IN large new ocean view home. Hydro, phone, cable, W&D provided. Shared kitchen and living room. \$360 per month. 537-1212.

540 WANTED/RENTALS

RESPONSIBLE CAREER woman, non-smoker, looking for long term rental April until? Preferably waterfront. References available. Call 537-2031.

FOR APRIL 1, three or four bedroom house for family with well behaved dog. Call collect, 250-385-2123.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

PLEASE NOTE: Too Late to Classify ads are accepted only after 2:00pm Monday and before 12:00pm Tuesday at the rate of \$10.50 for 20 words or less and 35 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.

PROFESSIONAL COUPLE in process of home construction would like to rent a north end home for 6 weeks from near end of June. Minimum 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Call Donna Regen, Gulf Islands Realty. 537-5577 (days).

FOR SALE. Vinyl Decking and aluminum hand rails business. 537-5275.

RARE OPPORTUNITY. Commercial space for rent in Fulford Village. Suit retail or office. Call 653-9998 Friday, Saturday, Sunday only.

MOVING: PLANTS, knick knacks, vases, ceramic animals, games table, book shelves, linens, drapes, dishes, 2 hide-a-beds, love seat, plant pots & planters, pictures, all kinds of assorted household, 2 van bucket chairs, big tree trunk blocks. Phone Donna. 537-5816 evenings.

P.A.R.C. IS PUTTING together a brochure for youth activities & programs on the island. Here is our list to date, if you are not on it and would like to be, contact 537-4448 ASAP. 4-H, Arcade & Bowling, Badminton, Bandemonium, Baseball, Basketball, Biking, Golf, Canoe & Kayaking, Wall, Core Inn, Equestrian, Floor Hockey, Guides, Judo, Karate, North End Fitness, PUGS, Painters, Potters, Sailing, Rowing, Scottish Dance, Scouts, Sea Capers, Soccer, Softball, SSI Singers, Swim Club, Target Sports, Tennis, Track & Field, Trail Rides, Volleyball and Weavers & Spinners.

TRUCK BOX utility trailer \$200. Assorted Delta tool boxes for standard pick-up. Call 653-9106.

YOGA WEEKEND for women, March 13 - 15, Salt Spring Center, with Celeste Mallett. Special Islander rate, classes and meals. 537-2326 Register!

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

HOUSE TRADE? Expectant mother and family, are looking for affordable rental or will trade her clean, modest waterfront home on Gabriola Island for suitable accommodations on Salt Spring March 4 - 14 while awaiting new arrival. Call Eveline 247-9167.

FOR RENT: new 1 bedroom suite available Mach 15. Close to town, long term, \$475 plus utilities. 537-2581.

ABSOLUTELY MUST Sell. 1980 Ford Thunderbird, great condition, 95K original Km. V8, stereo, sunroof and perfect interior. Down \$600, now asking \$3400 obo. Call Ryan 653-4601.

FOR SALE. Wilderness Camper, \$3,000. Wanted: 65 feet of 6 1/2' Deer Fencing. 537-8969.

WHAT NOW? A search for Meaning in the Second Half of Life. 10 week intensive begins mid-March. 653-9224.

SOME FUNNY women, women's comedy. March 14th, Activity Centre, 8 pm. Tickets \$12. at et cetera and Island Books Plus.

WELDING: ISLAND Steel now at 161 Beedis Road. For all your welding needs, please drop by or call Joe at 537-2034.

MASQUE OF EROS Ball, Saturday night, Fulford Hall, 8:30. Full Goofers floor show. Prizes. Licensed. Advance tix: Island Books Plus, Stuff & Nonsense, Naikai Gallery, \$12.

1970 JEEP WAGONEER, 2 barrel winch, air shocks, recent paint, solid, reliable classic, \$3200. Also, 1976 3/4 ton Dodge Van, \$750. Randy 537-9402.

LOP-EARED Bunnies, adorable mini-lops, variety of colours. Easy, clean pets. \$20. 537-9439.

MACBETH "...DOUBLE, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble..." Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14. Fulford Hall, 7 p.m. Centre School Production.

QUALITY ITEM: Buffet Clarinet - wood B flat \$225. Single bed \$60. Bar fridge, \$40. 537-1133.

3 BEDROOM DUPLEX for rent, clean, some sea views, long term, rent negotiable. References required. Call 653-4925.

LARGE COMFORTABLE room in large comfortable house, close to Ganges, \$350 per month inclusive. 537-2292.

NUMEROLOGY CHARTS. Detailed and personalized numerology reports covering all aspects of individual personality, destiny, health and karma. Tema Dawn. 537-9749.

THERA-BAND RESISTIVE exerciser for developing effective and active resistive exercise programs. Available at Salt Spring Medical Supply, 334 Lower Ganges Road, 537-1990.

14' SPRINGBOK ALUMINUM boat with 2 swivel seats, oars, on trailer, \$1200. Weight lifting bench with assortment of weights, \$100. 537-4482.

MOVIE SPECIAL Video Ranch: 2 new releases for \$4, Sunday to Thursday. Friday and Saturday, 2 for \$5.

PRIVATE WATERFRONT, one bedroom cabin on Booth Inlet acreage, \$650/ month plus utilities. 537-5505 (days).

COLUMBIA 26, STURDY cruiser, cozy and clean, with a Chesapeake heater, good upholstery and new carpet, five sails: new Genoa, two jibs, spin and main. Anchor winch, controls from cockpit, lazy jacks, and down haul. Depth sounder, VHF, Johnson 9.9, two anchors, chain and line. Asking \$8700. 537-1133.

NUGENT PIANO - sold! Fischer piano, regular \$2400, now \$1850. Tuning and warranty, terms or Visa. Ken Ackerman Piano Service, 537-4533.

MASK OF Eros Erotic Ball. Dress more, dress less. Dance you bunz off to "Frenz". Enjoy the world premier of "The Full Goofers". March 7, Fulford Hall. 8:30 pm. Tickets by advance sale only at Island Books, Naikai Gallery and Stuff & Nonsense. \$12.

FOR SALE. 2 single futons & frames, \$25. Solid wood dining set, \$275. Push mower, \$40. Old oak trestle table \$90. 537-1855.

CINEMA CENTRAL still accepting films and videos for the Island Stars Showcase (see coming events). Call 653-4795 or 653-9292 for showings March 21 - 22 & 28-29.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

MEMBERS OF the local trades' community are invited to attend a special luncheon at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Thursday, March 12th. The purpose of this luncheon is twofold: first of all we would like to show our appreciation for the ongoing support the trades-people in our community have shown towards the students at GISS and secondly to present you with information about the Secondary School Apprenticeship program. The lunch will be held from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm at our school cafeteria. Muddy boots, and dirty clothes are expected - so please feel free to come straight from work. For more information, or to reserve a seat, please phone Sheri Dawson in Career Education at 537-1710 or FAX 537-1869 by March 9, 1998.

FREE REMOVAL of blown down or unwanted trees and logs. Also gardening, brush clearing, yard cleanup, etc. Reasonable rates. 537-1201.

WELCOME SENIORS. Skin Sensations is now offering foot care. If you are 65 or older take advantage of our Seniors' Special. Call for an appointment 537-8807. 2102 Grace Pt. Square.

FOR RENT: Private accommodation for single person, N/S, includes hydro/cable. Phone hook-up available, \$385 per month. 537-5263.

COMPOSTED PONY poo, no cedar shavings or straw. You pick up free. Call 537-4877 for appointment.

LONG TERM: 1 bedroom cottage, 4 piece bath, close to Ganges. \$450/ month plus hydro. 653-4201.

85 SUBARU 4 DOOR, auto, A/C can be connected. Asking \$1,395 Phone 537-4098.

NOTICES: FAMILY Place will be closed during Spring Break, March 16 - 20, Reopening 9:30 March 23. For emergencies call 537-9176.

WOMEN CELEBRATE! Honor your goddess self! Dress-up, dinner, dance, entertainment. Sunday, March 8, Women's Day! 6 - 7 p.m. dinner, 7 - 10 wild fun, \$5, includes dinner, Anglican Church/ All Saints by-the-Sea. Child care available. Volunteers/ info. - 653-9868. Anastacia.

PART-TIME STOCK Person required for 3:30 - 6:30 pm shift at Pharmasave. Job involves heavy lifting and janitorial duties. Must be available to work weekends. Apply in person to Wendy or Gary.

FOUND: FLUFFY, dark grey cat, found near Woodland Drive. Call S.P.C.A. 537-2123.

7 YEAR OLD, all black cat (owner deceased) needs a new, loving home. Call S.P.C.A. 537-2123.

4 HYUNDAI PONY Hub Caps. \$40. for all. 653-9568 evenings.

FOR SALE. Computer Macintosh SE with monitor, sofa/loveseat, wall oven Hotpoint white, Kenmore oven white, rabbit hutch. Call 537-9705.

CHEMICALLY SENSITIVE woman and partner seek sunny 2 bedroom rental home. South end, long term preferred. We are a self-employed, quiet, N/S, N/D couple who love gardening. References. Leslie & Scott. 653-9631.

SCHOOL DISTRICT # 64 (Gulf Islands) A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) will be held at the Fernwood Elementary School, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, commencing at 11:00 a.m. Public welcome!

TRUCK FOR SALE: 1969 Dodge, 1 ton, long wheel base, flat bed, steel deck, \$1200 obo. 653-4877.

It's GARAGE SALE time on Salt Spring!

Clean out that basement and plan a garage sale now. Then place your ad in Classification #340 of the Driftwood and you're on your way to doing your spring cleaning!

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A walk on the beach
A lone youngster enjoys the solitude of February on Vesuvius beach at low tide.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Guardian angels' purpose is to guide, watch over us

My affirmation of the week is: I look within and find my answers.

I am often asked how I feel about guardian angels and their role in our lives.

Our guardian angels are around us when we least expect it, to guard us, to guide us and just simply to watch over us.

Although there are skeptics on the subject and there always will be, this keeps the concept interesting. We are learning through the media, television shows such as *Touched by an Angel* and through my radio show on AM 900 radio that there are many who believe.

Brad Steiger is a well-known author and lecturer on guardian angels. He has written a book called *Guardian Angels and Spirit Guides*, in which he describes surveys on the subject, some as far back as 1987, when Andrew Greely, a novelist and Roman Catholic priest presented the following data in an issue of *American Health Magazine*: 73 per cent of adults believe in life after death, 42 per cent believe they have contact with a departed spouse or sibling, 74 per cent expect to be reunited with same.

In the fall of 1988 the adventurous editors of *Better Homes and Gardens* decided to present a subject on spirituality, a road they had not travelled before. More than 80,000 readers responded to the

survey and of those: 86 per cent believe in miracles, 89 per cent in eternal life, 30 per cent believe in a spirit world and 13 per cent accepted the possibility that the spirit world does contact us here on Earth.

The January 12, 1994 issue of *USA* published the results of yet another survey showing that 67.3 per cent of respondents had experienced some form of ESP, 28 per cent claim clairvoyance — the ability to see events at a great distance as they happen, 39.9 per cent claim to have had contact with the departed, 31.5 per cent feel connected to a greater power.

Brad Steiger has been interviewing people since 1967 and now has 30,000 participants in this subject. Of those, 48 per cent believe they have seen a ghost, 42 per cent have seen and interacted with the spirit of a departed, 38 per cent report the visitation of an angelic being, 50 per cent are convinced they have

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received guidance or protection from a guardian angel, 55 per cent believe they have had communication from departed family members or friends, 55 per cent have had near-death experiences.

I am honoured, through my gift of being a medium (the middle person between individuals and the departed), to talk and comfort people with the knowledge that their passed-on loved ones are around them.

I refer to our guides as guardian angels, as I believe they are here to guard and guide us.

We all have the heavenly guardian angels, Raphael, Archangel Michael, Ariel and so on, but the ones I feel during a sitting with a client are those we knew and loved here on Earth.

one of my favourites. James is also a medium and has had many years of experiencing visits from guides through his clients and he speaks of these in a very down-to-earth fashion. Raymond Moody and Harold Sherman are also well versed on the subject.

I am often asked, "I know my guides are with me but how do I talk to them?"

In my next column I will touch on this and why we are often awakened at 3 a.m. I will also share with you the poem *The Breeze at Dawn* by Rumi, from *Open Secrets*.

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Fulford man was named as Social Credit candidate

Thirty-five years ago

Fulford resident Doug Dane was chosen as the Social Credit candidate for the riding at a nominating meeting held in Nanaimo. Also nominated were Nanaimo residents Cyril Dawkins and J.R. Fairholm. Dane was chief engineer on the Motor Princess and had been a school trustee for nine years in addition to volunteering with other community groups. He was also a veteran of both the first and second world wars.

Predictions of 24-hour production at the pozzolan plant on Salt Spring failed to materialize when the plant was shut down a few weeks after opening and all workers laid off.

Thirty years ago

A ferry strike cut off islanders from the mainland and Vancouver Island after ferry workers walked off to protest staff cuts. Mail and other deliveries were stalled for a day or more until arrangements could be made to move letters and other goods on private boats, fish boats or barges. Shortages of fresh produce and meat were reported as deliveries were halted. A barge shipment was promised, while others turned to chartering fish boats. Fortunately the weather was calm, so smaller boats could easily cross to Vancouver Island.

Regardless of the problems, some islanders still supported the position of the ferry workers. The ferries, tied at the dock for the better part of a week, were being guarded overnight by a security patrol.

Twenty-five years ago

The Sierra Club praised the sale of Gordon Ruckle's 1,200 acres to the province of B.C. for a park, noting that Ruckle had adhered to his belief that land should not be treated as a commodity, by selling it to the province at below its commercial value. The Sierra Club proposed the provincial park be called Ruckle Park to acknowledge the partial donation.

The provincial highways department predicted traffic on Salt Spring would increase six-fold in the coming years. Ganges alone was expected to grow from 400 people to 1,500. The road system could handle increases in traffic if the island grew to eight or 10 times its present population.

Twenty years ago

School district trustees reversed an earlier decision by deciding to award the contract to construct a new elementary school in Fernwood despite opposition from Fernwood area parents. Parents feared the new, smaller school would not be able to offer the same range of educational programs and the same social contacts as Salt Spring Elementary. Trustee Don Fairweather said the school board had considered several alternatives to building the new school but could find no other solution to overcrowding at Salt Spring Elementary.

The Bowen Queen picked up another passenger during the crossing from Swartz Bay to Fulford: a registered Polled Hereford bull calf. Tom Gossett of Foxglove Farms was bringing some recently-purchased cows to the island when he noticed one of the cows appeared to be in labour. The calf was born on the cattle truck and was christened the Bowen King.

Fifteen years ago

A proposal for a 30-lot strata title development on 600 acres at Musgrave Landing drew opposition at a Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting. Opposition to

DOWN THE YEARS

the development was expressed by Dr. R.P. Makaroff, who lived on an adjoining property and spoke for a group of 10 people opposed to the project. Trust committee members agreed to relay their opposition to the highways ministry subdivision approving officer.

A protest against a postal rate increase filled the envelope of a

letter sent to a Salt Spring resident. The sender objected to the February 15 introduction of a 32-cent charge to mail a single letter in Canada by covering the envelope with 32 one-cent stamps.

Ten years ago

Approximately 150 islanders gathered at Peter Arnell Park on Salt Spring to urge control over uncontrolled logging on the Gulf Islands. Speakers from various groups outlined the problem of clear-cutting on private land and urged legislation to curb the prac-

MLA Bob Williams (Vancouver East) said he supported giving the Trust control over logging and forestry management on the islands.


Five years ago

Two island students discovered the body of a 34-year-old Surrey man who had apparently committed suicide on the island. Reported to be depressed, he had been missing since December 14 from his home and his job at Digital Equipment Corporation in Vancouver. He was found in the

woods with a knife in his chest, fully dressed and wearing the ear-phones for a portable radio tuned to FM 101. A suicide note and an empty bottle of champagne were found in his knapsack.

The school district budget was facing a possible \$191,000 deficit for the 1992-93 school year. School trustee Charles Bazzard said the deficit was caused by a decrease in enrolment, renovations at Phoenix School and institution of a new Pathfinder program for students having difficulties with a conventional school program.


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