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CANADIAN JUNIOR MEN'S CHAMPION!



GOLD-MEDAL GRIN: Andrew Greig, left, junior men's judo champion. With Greig is sports a gold medal and a gold-medal grin his coach, Shaun Adams. Saturday after becoming the Canadian

Greig wins title by beating man with 'Schwarzenegger' arms

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

It took Andrew Greig three years and seven seconds to become the 1998 Canadian junior men's judo champion.

The 17-year-old Salt Spring athlete won the gold medal Saturday in a breathtaking, seven-second match in Abbotsford.

Greig has practised the sport only for the past three years, but he beat what coach Shaun Adams called an opponent "with arms like Arnold Schwarzenegger."

"The crowd just erupted," said Adams on Monday of Greig's final match.

Adams said he, Greig and some of the Salt Spring contingent that travelled to the nationals had analyzed the final opponent, Vijay Persaud of Alberta, in previous fights. Out of the ensuing discussion, Greig decided on the strategy he would use in the match, and it worked in seven seconds.

The longest of Greig's three matches was 16 seconds, said Adams, yet he was the only participant in his category not rated at the "expert" level.

"He really accessed everything he had within himself and made exactly the right decisions at the right time."

Greig will now participate in a senior men's tournament at UBC, and then perhaps attend the senior men's Canadian championships in Quebec in May. His performance there would determine his qualification for world championships.

Adams explained that Judo Canada officials will only provide funding for Greig to advance to the international level if they feel he has a chance of winning against the world's best.

Sophia Haase, 13, also of Salt Spring, was a member of B.C.'s team at the nationals as well.

Adams said Haase's first draw was the defending Canadian champion, aged 19. Although she

lost the fight, Adams said, "She held her own and did well and fought well."

Haase received a technical win on her second match but lost the third one "by a hair" to finish "in the middle of the pack."

Adams said coaches were impressed with Haase, feeling she could be a national winner in two years' time. Like Greig, Haase has less experience than most competitors at the national level.

Salt Spring's presence was significant at the event. The island club was the only one to bring a banner, several club members made the trip to support their friends and/or officiate and its two athletes were one more than Prince Edward Island sent this year.

Greig graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary last year and works at Thrifty Foods in Ganges.

Haase is in Grade 8 at Salt Spring Island Middle School.

Broken bodies, broken families

Abuse victims find a haven

Living with
VIOLENCE

By SUSAN LUNDY

Driftwood Staff - First in a series

The pain is more than physical. It sits knotted in her stomach and squeezes at her chest where often she feels love.

The police are here now and everything looks stark under the harsh living room light. Ashes and cigarette butts coat the carpet beside an overturned coffee table. A lamp cuts horizontally across the couch; a photograph is shattered in the corner by the window. The kitchen is a shock of scattered food, pots and broken dishes.

She pushes salty-wet hair from her eyes, licks at the taste of blood in her mouth and wraps her arms around her body. Her ears ring and her throat is dry and sore.

He shouts and writhes as the police struggle to clamp cuffs on his hands.

She knows the sting of his words and the feel of his knuckles hard on her flesh. The same hands that caress and hold her, the mouth that trembles and begs forgiveness with words filled with promise.

Two men in one body.

She watches him leave, overcome by weary defeat and too numb to feel the pulse of anger, hurt and shame beating against her rib cage.

One phone call and a few hours later she is sheltered within the haven of the Salt Spring Transition House.

She's safe inside, but she is beyond the breaking point. She'll rage against others at the house and struggle to abide by the "no hitting and no yelling" rules. By taking a step away from violence and abuse, she has exposed herself; she can no longer harbour her family's violent secrets. She fears judgment.

She will stay here for close to a month, attempting to heal the psychological wounds caused by violence.

Then she will return to her abusive partner.

PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IT 13

Island wins fight — courthouse returns

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Order in court — Ganges courthouse is returning

Local court will reconvene by September at the latest, the provincial Attorney-General's Ministry announced Monday.

Court service was removed from the island last August to cut costs.

Transportation links and access to the court were the major factors which prompted Attorney-General Ujjal Dosanjh to order a second look at the decision, said Ministry planner Bill Scigliano.

"This has been an ongoing process."

He said Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth, Community Police Advisory Committee member Irene Wright and Ganges RCMP Sgt. Cliff Doherty worked steadily with the ministry to get the courthouse service restored.

But the ministry had to determine how to fund and operate the service. Factors in the restoration of court services include an increase in civil court fees which takes effect May 1,

COURTHOUSE 7

Royals view new parks

Acquisition of three new park properties in the Gulf Islands had a royal air Tuesday with Prince Charles and his sons Prince William and Prince Harry present for the announcement at Canada Place.

Following the 3:15 p.m. announcement, the three princes flew over the Gulf Islands by helicopter to view the property acquired under the joint federal-provincial Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy (PMHL) program.

The PMHL paid \$1.785 million for the 16-hectare (39.5-acre) Russell Island at the mouth of Fulford Harbour, \$3.712 million

for the 121-hectare (299-acre) Tumbo Island off the southern tip of Saturna Island and \$2.6 million for the 14.7-hectare (36-acre) Roesland Resort property on North Pender Island.

For the royal party to view the park areas, three Griffin helicopters were used since Prince Charles and Prince William, as heirs to the throne, never travel together on the same aircraft. Also aboard were Premier Glen Clark and Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of State for Heritage Sheila Copps. The third helicopter carried the retinue for the royals.

RCMP seize vehicle in Victoria hit and run

A 22-year-old Salt Spring man will appear in Victoria Provincial Court next month after being charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

Saanich police requested the assistance of Salt Spring RCMP in investigating a hit and run accident that occurred March 15 on Shelbourne Street in Victoria.

The suspect vehicle was seized by local police and examined by an RCMP "ident" team before charges were laid.

In other police news:

• Fundraising efforts by Salt Spring beavers, cubs and scouts were nullified last week as thieves removed the group's entire collection of bottles and cans.

RCMP REPORT

The materials were collected during several recent bottles drives and stored in a shed next to the ambulance building on Ganges Hill until they could be returned for refunds.

• An 18-year-old girl has been charged with obstructing a police officer after she told police to leave a party held at a Leisure Lane property earlier this year.

Police, called to the party twice, were met at the door by the girl who claimed to be a resident of the house. She allegedly told police their presence was not necessary.

The girl, who was 17 at the time the offence occurred, cannot be named under the terms of the Young Offenders Act.

• An 81-year-old Salt Spring woman has been charged with failing to yield on a left turn following a two-car collision at the intersection of Long Harbour and Upper Ganges roads late Friday afternoon.

Some \$3,000 in damage was sustained by both the woman's vehicle and a second vehicle, driven by a 32-year-old Salt Spring woman.

• Nothing appears to have been stolen from a Victoria Street residence which was broken into on March 17 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Instead, the offender

sprayed shaving cream around the bathroom.

• Food was taken from Blackburn Meadows Golf Club during a break and enter which occurred March 16. The thief entered the building by smashing a window.



The Wildlife Centre

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Trust hears final word on OCP

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

The Salt Spring Trust Committee has now heard it all about the island's new official community plan (OCP).

The plan bylaw went to public hearing Monday night, capping the official input trustees David Borrowman, Bev Byron and David Essig can consider before deciding whether to give the bylaw second and third reading. Trustees heard from people all in favour of the OCP; those against it all; and those who accepted most of it with a few suggested amendments. In short, the meeting mirrored the last few that were held and, not surprisingly, much of the community it will affect.

Speakers included longtime residents, recent arrivals, retired and working people, Islands Trust supporters and detractors, and several who had monitored or been involved in the process since it began.

Grace Byrne, a trustee from the previous Islands Trust term who had worked on the first plan draft and taken immense flack for it, took the microphone first. "It's been a long time comin'," she said.

Byrne said the document still wasn't perfect but urged its adoption.

Some speakers indicated they are already looking ahead to what new OCP policies could mean. Opinions on clauses which allow for creation of a solid waste transfer station were voiced by two of the island's three garbage companies.

One island resident whose life

would be different now if a single clause in the first OCP draft had been maintained made a passionate appeal for the Trust committee to cease bylaw enforcement proceedings against her.

Miep Maslovat owns the "Y-camp" property off Beaver Point Road. It contains several low-cost housing units but does not conform to its Uplands and Forest zoning. In the first OCP draft there was some indication the property might be allowed to continue its non-conforming use, but her neighbours lobbied successfully against the idea.

Some speakers such as Craig Chisholm suggested minor clause changes; Drew Clarke repeated his oft-stated beliefs that the plan would "punish" the people of Salt Spring.

"It's a big, huge, fat regulation that is going to squish us," he said.

Judy Stevenson disagreed, stating she would be fearful if the plan is not implemented and remains "only words on paper."

Stevenson was also one of a few people who said watercourse setbacks should be greater than set out in the proposed OCP, pointing to submissions from the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the provincial environment ministry which strongly urged larger setbacks.

The DFO's Hugh Tutty wrote that if the Trust committee did not create a 15-metre (50-foot) rather than nine-metre (30-foot) setback around the natural boundary of a lake of stream, it "could be in the awkward situa-

tion of being identified as a contributing agent to an offence prosecutable under the Fisheries Act."

Setbacks have been a contentious issue since OCP discussions began.

Also among written submissions, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District opposed adoption of the OCP because the development it makes possible far exceeds the district's current licensed water supply.

Scott Point resident Don Gainer called for the Trust committee to preserve and protect the island's road allowance from unsightly junk as much as it tries to protect the shoreline in the OCP. He cited various addresses on his route from his home to town where derelict vehicles, boats and other materials could be seen.

Ron Spencer responded that those people were his friends "and have a big part in this community."

Spencer suggested the real community was left out of the OCP's "planned environment." He also said the plan would be expensive to administer, especially for people who own more than five acres of land. They will need a development permit if they want to do something with it.

Because it was a legal public hearing, Trust committee members were not able to discuss any comments made by the public.

The committee meets Thursday when it is expected to give the plan second and third reading.

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Official ceremony opens new police building

Salt Spring RCMP opened their new headquarters to the public Tuesday with a ceremony and tours of the new building.

About 175 people attended the outdoor ceremony, which featured a colour party and pipe band from the Legion, short speeches by local and visiting dignitaries and a special presentation.

Two RCMP officials, Chief Supt.

Don Belke and Supt. Cec Weigum, presented Salt Spring security guard Pat Shouldice with a special citation for his assistance to police on two occasions.

Shouldice went to the aid of a woman who was attempting to commit suicide, restraining her until police arrived. On the second occasion he assisted a constable who had called for help after being threatened

and surrounded by a large crowd of youths in Centennial Park.

Among the speakers was Legion president Kerry Butler, who welcomed the branch's new neighbours. The land on which the new detachment building is located was purchased from the Legion.

Another speaker was there to bid farewell. Gerry Parrott, the regional director for the B.C. Ambulance

Service, recalled the long relationship the police and the ambulance service had as neighbours on Ganges Hill.

Parrott also recalled an occasion when police were burning a large pile of confiscated marijuana. He drew a laugh from the crowd with his recollection that he was going to call the fire department to object to all the smoke, but after 20 minutes didn't care any more.

Spacious new police detachment will serve community for years

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

There are two ways for the public to enter the new Salt Spring RCMP detachment building: those in handcuffs take the back door, others use the entrance-way off Lower Ganges Road. One door is a rosy-pink colour, the other blue.

I tried both.

For those entering the new building accompanied by police officer and cuffs, gone is the stumbling walk from parking lot to cell block — the path followed at the old building on Fulford-

heavy-duty locks.

To get to his temporary home, the Salt Spring offender passes a small room where he can sit on a chair bolted to the floor and talk to family members or a lawyer movie-style through a window. He also passes a telephone room, a desk area for guards and the drunk-tank-turned-breath-test-mug-shot room.

The drunk tank is defined by a small drain, centred in a slight dip at the room's centre. Drunks can be strewn about the room, each facing the drain. One assumes a faucet and hose are nearby.

A bathroom, shower, storage room for inmates' possessions, two exhibit rooms and kitchen area round up the back door area. The kitchen is for future use when the cell block is booking regular visitors and police want to feed inmates home-cooked gruel rather than restaurant fare.

Should a prisoner devise a plan to bust out, he will have to chip through a thick concrete slab which spans the roof above the cell block and exhibit rooms.

The entire area has a spacious, institutional feel to it and contrasts starkly to the former building's cramped quarters. With only two cells, bars rather than doors, a small breathalyzer room and narrow hallway, the old cell block housed four rather than 10 prisoners at a time, did not allow separation of inmates by sex or age, and forced police officers to observe any communication between prisoner and visitor.

While it's unlikely that police will be placing a "no vacancy" sign at the new cell block in the near future — they rarely lock up more than three guests at a time — it, like the rest of the building, has been constructed with the future in mind.

In the same way the old structure lasted 40 years, the new space will serve the island for decades into the future. The Salt Spring police force now numbers seven and, according to Sgt. Cliff Doherty, will have to swell to 18 or 19 before the new quarters become too tight.

Those entering the building at

the front door — that would be the rosy-hued one — will immediately observe this luxury of space.

Now meeting national security requirements, the foyer is sealed from the rest of the building by glass. Communication with a police secretary occurs through a hole and money or documents can be slid under the window. But for now, the detachment plans to leave the central section of the window open, allowing direct communication.

The waiting area has a bench, a bathroom and the all-important jelly bean dispenser, the only apparent import from the old building.

Also near the front door is an office designated for community volunteer organizations such as victims services and diversion programs and the citizens' patrol. The office is equipped with a computer donated by the local Legion and contributed at a reduced cost by Tribal Drum Computers.

Behind the glass lies a huge secretarial area, a lunch room, offices for the sergeant and corporal, and a work area for officers.

Two washrooms come complete with lockers and enough room to change clothes. The police building on Ganges Hill had tiny bathrooms and a total of four toilets, including the two in cells, compared with nine in the new building.

An exercise room in the old building was eliminated when lack of space dictated that it be used as a lunch room instead. Now police have an exercise room, an interview room and a large storage room for files and papers.

"We've moved a dozen filing cabinets into one storage unit," says police secretary Gwen Denluck with unreserved glee.

"The detachment is very pleased," Doherty says. "A more comfortable working environment will go a long way to improving the delivery of services."

And when I need those services, I'll stick to using the rose-coloured door at the front.



NEW PAD: Salt Spring RCMP Const. Shane Savinkoff enjoys the luxury of space at the new island detachment building.

Photo by Susan Lundy

Ganges Road.

Now, a gleaming police car (everything looks new) glides into a covered bay, the garage doors clamp shut and the cuffed culprit is guided into the cell block.

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Ferry group prepares demands for next meeting

Island residents involved in the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee drafted a dozen demands for presentation at next Tuesday's meeting of the entire committee.

The islanders gathered in Sidney Thursday to discuss the lack of progress toward developing a 10-year plan for Gulf Islands ferry service.

"We are concerned about delays in resuming the planning process," said committee member Neville Atkinson, who represents Salt Spring businesses. "And

there are also some continuing problems with the present operation of ferry services to the Gulf Islands."

The recommendations, which cover both long-term service and immediate problems in service, included:

- reorganizing the review of proposed ferry schedules so residents have more input into the setting of the schedule;
- continuation of the extra stop at Mayne Island during the summer by route one (Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen) ferries on Friday

and Sunday evenings;

- changing Gulf Islands service to a hub-and-spoke system centred on Mayne Island as of the 1998 winter schedule;
- a temporary throughfare system for Tsawwassen-Duke Point and Crofton-Vesuvius as well as a throughfare system for Horseshoe Bay-Departure Bay and Crofton-Vesuvius;
- immediate implementation of a fast passenger service between Vancouver and Swartz Bay with stops in the Gulf Islands;
- direct transit service which

connects with passenger and vehicle ferries on the Mainland, Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands;

- commuter tickets on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route;
- a review of the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen reservation system;
- a task force study of the throughfare system which also includes guaranteed transfers at Swartz Bay; and
- allocation of costs associated with development of the aluminum catamaran ferries to the Horseshoe Bay-Departure Bay

route where the new ferries will be used.

The complete advisory committee, which includes representatives from B.C. Ferries and the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union, will meet Tuesday starting at 9 a.m. in the Sidney library.

Scheduled to speak are B.C. Ferries president Tom Ward, senior vice-president for inter-island services Glen Brown and marine superintendent for inter-island services south Ross Harris.

The meeting is open to the public.

Gospel Chapel set to build near park

The congregation of the Community Gospel Chapel is moving ahead with plans for a new church at a new location.

Pastor Chris Cormack said the church has purchased 2.49 acres at 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, adjoining Portlock Park, and a basic design for the new building has been approved.

The new church will replace the chapel on Drake Road that was destroyed in a fire last June.

Included in the plans is a large multi-purpose auditorium space measuring 50 by 60 feet, which will seat 250 people for services and be available for banquets or youth activities.

Cormack said the church will also include a nursery, class-

rooms and library and will be 7,800 square feet on the main floor.

"The cost of building is very expensive so every room will be multi-purpose," he said.

The congregation will rely on volunteer labour for much of the construction. In addition to selling their Drake Road property, Cormack said church members will have to raise \$125,000 to \$150,000 for the new building.

If the money can be raised, he hopes construction will start in June.

Sunday morning services draw approximately 120 worshippers each week, Cormack said. He estimated almost half are aged 14 and under.

Ferry schedule changes at Vesuvius, Fulford

Changes to both the Fulford-Swartz Bay and the Vesuvius-Crofton schedules were announced Monday by B.C. Ferries.

As of April 3, the Fulford-Swartz Bay morning schedule will be permanently changed to give the ferry an additional 15 minutes in Fulford Harbour each morning.

The ferry will leave Swartz Bay at 10 a.m. instead of 10:05 and will leave Fulford Harbour at 11:05 a.m. instead of 10:55.

The extra 15 minutes at Fulford Harbour will give the crew time for safety drills and training. The shift will not change the number of sailings or have any impact on other sailing times.

Six of the Sunday sailings between Vesuvius and Crofton will be cancelled next month to allow B.C. Ferries to carry out its annual safety proficiency review.

The 11 a.m. sailing from Crofton and 11:30 a.m. sailing from Vesuvius will be cancelled on April 5, April 19 and April 26.

B.C. Ferries spokeswoman Valerie Douglas said those sailings were chosen for cancellation in order to minimize the impact on the public.

Traveller compensated after delay

Holding B.C. Ferries responsible for an extra night on the Lower Mainland after a ferry broke down paid off for a local couple, who received partial compensation with a ticket and meal pass for a Long Harbour-Tsawwassen sailing.

Tina and Stan Mulder and their two pre-school children had a reservation on the March 8 sailing from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour. But a damaged bow thruster took the ferry out of service earlier that day, stranding the family on the Mainland.

Tina Mulder estimated the cost of a hotel and extra meals at approximately \$100. She was also unhappy that the family did not get priority loading on the sailing home the next morning, further delaying their return.

Then, she added, it took a week for someone from B.C. Ferries to respond to her complaint and tell her the corporation would not offer any compensation. "If I ran my business like that, I'd be out of business," she said.

Mulder persevered and called B.C. Ferries' head office in Victoria, finally connecting with Anna-Maria Lustig, manager of customer relations.

She authorized the ticket and meal pass as compensation not for the cancelled sailing but for the failure of B.C. Ferries to respond promptly to Mulder's complaint.

B.C. Ferries did try to notify people that the Queen of Tsawwassen was out of service and they should arrange alternative transportation, Lustig said.

B.C. Ferries doesn't accept liability for cancelled sailings, said Valerie Douglas, spokeswoman for B.C. Ferries Inter-Island Services south. The brochures listing ferry routes notes that the schedule is subject to change without notice.

However, B.C. Ferries does try to compensate passengers in some circumstances in order to maintain good customer relations, Douglas said.

In Mulder's case, Lustig felt B.C. Ferries "had not done the usual customer service. It appeared, through a series of unfortunate circumstances, she had not been heard."

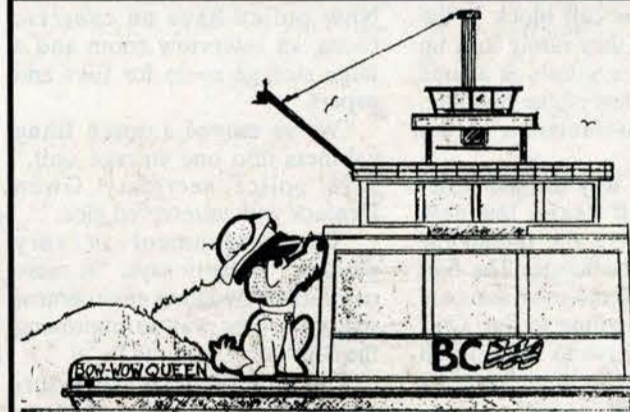
Douglas said response to Mulder's complaint had been delayed because B.C. Ferries is still setting up the new office for the Gulf Islands.



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Parish has spearheaded drive for new youths' group home

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

A foundation laid by the Salt Spring Anglican Parish three years ago has led to a new group home for youths.

With a few new walls, new paint and gleaming new furniture, the former rectory behind All Saints By-the-Sea — now named Our House Group Home — will soon accept island teens as residents.

House parent Terry Muir is opening the home's front doors to the public Friday to show it off before any young people move in. Set for 2-4 p.m., the open house will give the public and curious youths a chance to tour the facility and enjoy refreshments.

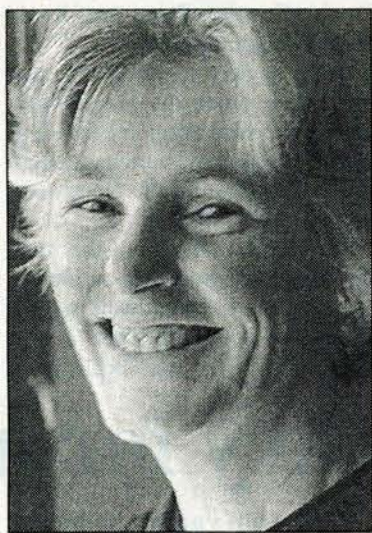
The idea for a group home was born in 1995 when Anglican parishioners approached the Salt Spring Community Services Society with plans to broaden their church's outreach program. Last year, says community services society worker and program supervisor Meredith Knox, a "window opened up" and annual funding to hire a coordinator and run program basics was secured from the provincial Ministry for Children and Families.

A further boost came from the Vancouver Foundation, which donated \$24,000 toward furnishings. "It looks good," says Knox. "It's not a flop house; it's a house they can feel good about."

The 15- to 18-year-old residents will have to feel good enough about the house to live by its rules, which include attending school or work, sharing chores and paying \$350 a month. Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited.

"It is not somewhere for them to crash for a few weeks; it needs a long-term commitment," Knox says.

Group home residents will all be local teens, she adds: the facility is



Terry Muir

not open to off-island youths. "They have to be going to school here, live here or have a parent here: we are not bringing in kids."

Youths who qualify to live at the group home will be "at risk" in some way — not at risk to the community but at risk to themselves. They will also have to be either financially independent, collecting social assistance, or in ministry care to afford the monthly rent.

The number of youths needing long-term places to live on Salt Spring is always fluctuating, making it difficult to estimate, Knox says.

Sudden homelessness for teens can occur after being "kicked out" by parents, or after refusing to live in the family home. Homeless youths often start moving from home to home, staying with friends or sleeping outdoors. Homeless boys are more visible, Knox says. Girls tend to drift towards more "inappropriate places," sometimes subjecting themselves to exploitation by adults.

The group home will take both girls and boys to a maximum of four,

all of whom will be overseen by house parent Muir.

"I'm mom," says Muir. "That's pretty much how I see myself."

Having raised two boys as a single parent, Muir feels prepared for the challenge of "nurturing" teens living at the group home.

Although Muir was once self-employed in the legal field, she became a teacher's assistant at an alternative high school in Winnipeg, discovering a love for young people.

"It was a small setting and I really got to know the kids. I realized that was my forte in life."

Muir will live full-time at the home, avoiding the need for any shift workers.

All Saints parishioners, meanwhile, endorsed the project after some debate. According to Margaret Wooldridge, one of two parish members serving on the Our House advisory committee, the church faced a challenging decision when it first considered renting the rectory to the community services society for \$1 a year.

Acceptance of the proposal represented a loss of income to the parish, which had been collecting rental revenue from the house.

Although the proposal was debated intensely, Wooldridge said, the vote eventually passed with a "strong endorsement for the project."

Parishioners have since served on the advisory committee, helping establish policies and procedures, and contributing numerous hours to get the facility set up.

"Now everyone is most supportive of it," Wooldridge said.

As the group home evolves, she sees the church playing a continued role in its operation. Having laid the foundation and helped build the project, the parish now plans to serve as a "good neighbour."

SPCA expects 100 dogs to show up for fundraising walkathon in park

Mouat Park can go to the dogs, Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) members agreed at their March 16 meeting.

A request to hold an SPCA doggy walkathon in the 55-acre park was supported once commission members were sure participating dogs wouldn't be leaving any souvenirs behind, and that the event wouldn't interfere with campers.

SPCA president Cathie Newman said litter and doggy doo would be cleaned up after the walkathon. The SPCA hopes for upwards of 100 dogs at the fundraising event.

Commission member Bill Curtin pointed out that Mouat Park is 55 acres and the camping area is five acres, so the walkathon is not likely to disrupt campers.

PARC administrator Tony Hume said the size of the park and

the number of trails make it especially appropriate for the event, an opinion echoed by Newman.

She has toured the trails and suggests the walkathon may have two routes, a short walk and a long one. "People have short legs or the dogs have short legs," she remarked.

No date has been chosen but the event will probably be held on a

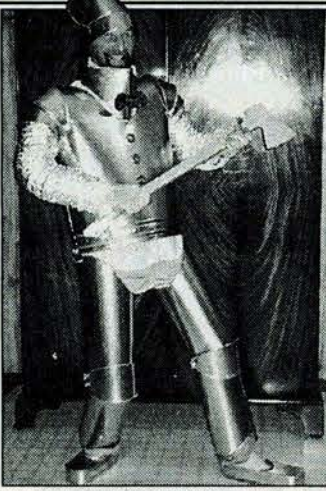
Sunday in May or June, she added.

PARC chairman Malcolm Legg and Curtin both said holding the walkathon in the park is a good way to introduce more members of the community to the trail network.

"It's pretty bad when the dogs have to take the owners to show them the parks," Legg said.

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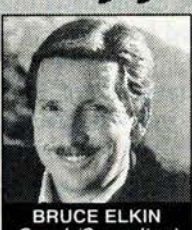
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Unfinished boardwalk is in need of repairs

The boardwalk to nowhere is falling apart, and it's not even finished yet.

Fears that the unfinished boardwalk around Ganges Harbour is slowly disintegrating were raised by Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) members March 16.

Administrator Tony Hume reported the PARC-managed section adjoining Centennial Park needs work to counteract rot in some of the supporting beams.

PARC chairman Malcolm Legg

asked staff for a report on the entire boardwalk, identifying the condition and ownership of the different parts. "I think we need a little refresher on it."

Hume told the Driftwood on Thursday he is most concerned about the section of the boardwalk which falls between Moby's Pub and Rotary Park. Some parts have been maintained but some have not.

"It's falling apart in sections," Hume said. One part was damaged in an accident when a car went

over the bank on Lower Ganges Road. Other parts are now showing a layer of moss on the wood.

The longest unfinished section is privately owned and adjoins Ganges Marina. It was to be completed as part of a development permit but the owners have not proceeded with their development application, Hume said. "It's just frustrating to see it sitting there incomplete."

If that section were completed, the boardwalk would only lack a tiny piece between The Fishery

building and Rotary Park, which could be skirted with a path to Lower Ganges Road and back down through the park.

Under an agreement made in the late 1980s, when the project was started, the recreation commission agreed to take over management and maintenance of the boardwalk when it was completed.

But Hume pointed out that that agreement was based on an understanding that the boardwalk would be in good condition when it was taken over. If the boardwalk con-

tinues to deteriorate, it may require a significant amount of repair when it is finally completed.

The PARC is also researching the status of a small stretch of boardwalk that lies below the Kingfisher townhouses and appears to be in a road right-of-way. There is also a short section on Crown land, Hume said.

He would like to see the boardwalk finished. "It's actually quite a nice little walk along there but you get to the end of it and it just falls into the ocean."

Construction details on task force agenda

Back-to-back sessions of the indoor recreation facility task force will give its members an inside look at pool and arena construction.

Two presentations were slated for this week: one from Permasteel on the recreation facilities built by that company and one from Johnston Sport Architects on the facilities they have built.

Members of the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) task force have already heard presentations on the operating costs of recreational facilities, so the presentations on the construction costs should help complete their information,

PARC administrator Tony Hume said.

The task force then plans to meet with the island's elected officials — regional director Kellie Booth and Trust committee members David Borrowman and Bev Byron — to discuss the issue. That meeting should be followed by a public information meeting, Hume added.

Commission member Malcolm McLean said it would be useful to have a resource person from an existing recreational facility at the public meeting to answer questions.

A recommendation from the task force is expected by the end of April.

Demand heavy for new van

A 1994 passenger van recently acquired by Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation (PARC) already has a long list of potential passengers.

PARC administrator Tony Hume said requests are flooding in to use the 15-passenger van, which was purchased for PARC, school and community use.

The \$19,800 van was purchased with a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation, which had received a \$15,000 Capital Regional District (CRD) grant-in-aid.

Sports teams, community groups, schools, seniors and PARC programs could all benefit from the van, Hume said. Many of the older sports teams travel off-island to play and some PARC programs need a van to move participants. Examples include theatre trips to Chemainus, caving programs on Vancouver Island and children's day camp explorations of Ruckle Park or field trips off-island.

The van fills a gap left by the loss of Azure Transport's charter bus service, Hume added. "It's there for public use."

The PARC has yet to determine the charge for use of the van and who can use it.

Commission members suggested at their March 16 meeting that van users be charged for operating costs and depreciation, and that money be set aside in a van replacement fund.

Among other issues raised at the meeting:

- Roadside cycle paths on the island and beach accesses, both of which fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH), prompted PARC members to suggest a meeting with Highways.

A joint meeting between the Trust, regional district, PARC and the Island Pathways cycling advocacy group was proposed by com-

mission member Wayne Fraser. He felt all four groups needed to meet and agree on their goals for cycle paths.

PARC members agreed to send a letter to MOTH, to the provincial government and to Sannich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell supporting bike paths on the island.

In addition, Hume agreed to send a letter to MOTH requesting warning signs near the Cusheon Lake beach access.

- More than \$10,000 in donations is backing the construction of a caretaker's cottage in Mouat Park. The project is being done by local high school students in cooperation with island contractors, Hume said.

- The Summer PARC program brochure will be available the third week of April. More information on PARC programs will be available in a booth at Saturday's Wellness Fair in the Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School.

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HEALTH FAIR BOOSTERS: From left, Joyce Jamieson, Yvonne Slater, Pam MacKenzie, Sharon Glover, Pamela Holm, Alex Palmason, Helen Gunn and Darlene Jones sport party hats and balloons to promote Saturday's Health Fair.

Photo by Tony Richards

Health options featured at fair

By **TONY RICHARDS**
Driftwood Staff

With Canadians worried about the future of publicly-funded health care and baby-boomers coming to grips with their own mortality, health is a big issue today.

Those two factors alone will probably fuel a great deal of interest among Salt Spring Islanders in Saturday's health fair.

Organizers report that more than 50 health practitioners, health agencies and others have booked exhibit space at the event. Fair-goers will have an opportunity to learn about a wide range of health services, from reflexology

and acupuncture to self-realization meditation and aromatherapy.

More conventional services will also be represented, with Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwood's, the fire department and paramedics on hand to offer information to the public.

Sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Registered Nurses, the Health Association, the Community Wellness Program and the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, the fair will also feature a series of demonstrations during the day. They will include Feldenkrais, fitness programs, tai chi and yoga. A schedule of those events, along

with additional information about local health services, can be found in Health & Wellness, a special section appearing inside this week's newspaper.

Sponsors say the purpose of the fair is to share tools and knowledge which may help people take responsibility for their health. Wellness is a state of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or injury.

The fair takes place at the Activity Centre in Salt Spring Elementary School and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge, and refreshments will be available.

COURTHOUSE: Re-opening on Salt Spring

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the introduction of a diversion program on Salt Spring and the continued transfer of in-custody cases to Duncan or Victoria.

Dealing with people who are in custody requires extra security and increases costs, Scigliano said. There are relatively few in-custody cases from the island.

Family and civil cases will also return to Salt Spring.

The ministry expects the community's new diversion program for low-risk offenders will further reduce the number of court cases.

It costs \$120 a minute to go to court, Scigliano observed. Diversion is cheaper and often works better since the offender admits guilt and makes restitution directly to the community.

"It's an issue of an effective justice system."

Only six per cent of young people routed through the first year of a diversion program in Maple Ridge committed a second offence. Some statistics suggest 60 per cent of young people handled through the court commit a second offence.

Details of the Salt Spring court service are still being determined but Scigliano said it will be scheduled as required and will be served by a rotating judge.

Salt Spring residents did well in putting their concerns about the court system to the ministry, Scigliano said. He felt everyone saw the court system was not working. "We all recognized we can't keep going the way we're going. We want to be as efficient as we can."

"This has been in the works for a while and I think they've just been working out how to do it," Booth said.

Issues raised by island residents included the increased police cost of travelling off-island to attend court in addition to the inconvenience and additional costs incurred by island residents.

"They (the ministry) obviously felt there was some merit to our concerns," Booth added.

Doherty welcomed the announcement and credited the work of Booth and Wright in helping change the ministry's position.

Booth said the community will benefit from the return of court service. "We have so few wins — to get one of this magnitude is really great."



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OPINION

Public interest, private meetings

We've said it before, but it bears repeating: when bodies charged with representing the public interest get together to discuss the public's business, they must do so in a public place.

Take the stakeholder group of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee.

We know who they are: islanders who sit on the committee and who hold meetings among themselves outside the official committee meetings.

But we don't know what they are. They are not an official group. Their meetings are not official and yet they issue position statements on ferry and transportation issues as if they had official standing.

They do — but only as part of the formal advisory group, not as a self-appointed subset of that group.

We have no problem with stakeholders getting together over coffee and brainstorming. Nor do we have a problem with stakeholders holding a public debate and then producing their position.

Our problem lies with the mingling of the two.

The stakeholder group has argued that private meetings allow participants to freely express their ideas without being embarrassed by something like, say, a newspaper quote.

We argue that if a group assumes the mantle of speaking for the public, then it should adhere to a public process. That includes the hammering out of ideas on our behalf. We should be invited to hear it all — good, bad and embarrassing.

A group which eschews public process should not represent the public.

A good verdict

The verdict just came in on the Ministry of the Attorney-General's handling of Salt Spring Island.

Acquitted — on a technicality.

But a week ago, we would have called the ministry guilty of crippling islanders' access to the criminal justice system. The cost-cutting closure of the Ganges courthouse created problems for the police, witnesses and defendants, all of whom had to travel off-island to cases heard in Duncan.

Fortunately, Salt Spring had strong advocates in regional director Kellie Booth, Community Police Advisory Council member member Irene Wright and RCMP Sgt. Cliff Doherty, who successfully argued the case for on-island justice.

The ministry, in a backtracking but commendable move rarely performed by any government bureaucracy, reversed its decision and agreed Salt Spring court cases should be heard on Salt Spring.

Steps are being taken to make the satellite court system more financially viable. Measures will include hearing the few but expensive in-custody cases off-island, cutting court costs by routing low-risk cases to an on-island diversion program and finding extra money through an increase in fees charged to those using the court system.

Islanders who knew about the barriers posed by ferry schedules and the lack of bus service on the island or between Crofton and Duncan found the closure of the local courthouse incomprehensible.

But it appeared the provincial bureaucracy was as blind as the justice it represented and the Ganges courthouse was closed down last August.

Fortunately, the plea-bargaining continued behind the scenes and common sense prevailed.

Although it would have been better not to close the courthouse in the first place, the ministry has redeemed itself. The courthouse will be back in business, at the latest, by September. Justice has prevailed.

Where there's a will . . .

Attitude poses the greatest obstacle to achieving success from within a small community on a small island.

A very significant success was achieved Sunday when Salt Spring athlete Andrew Greig became the Canadian junior men's judo champion.

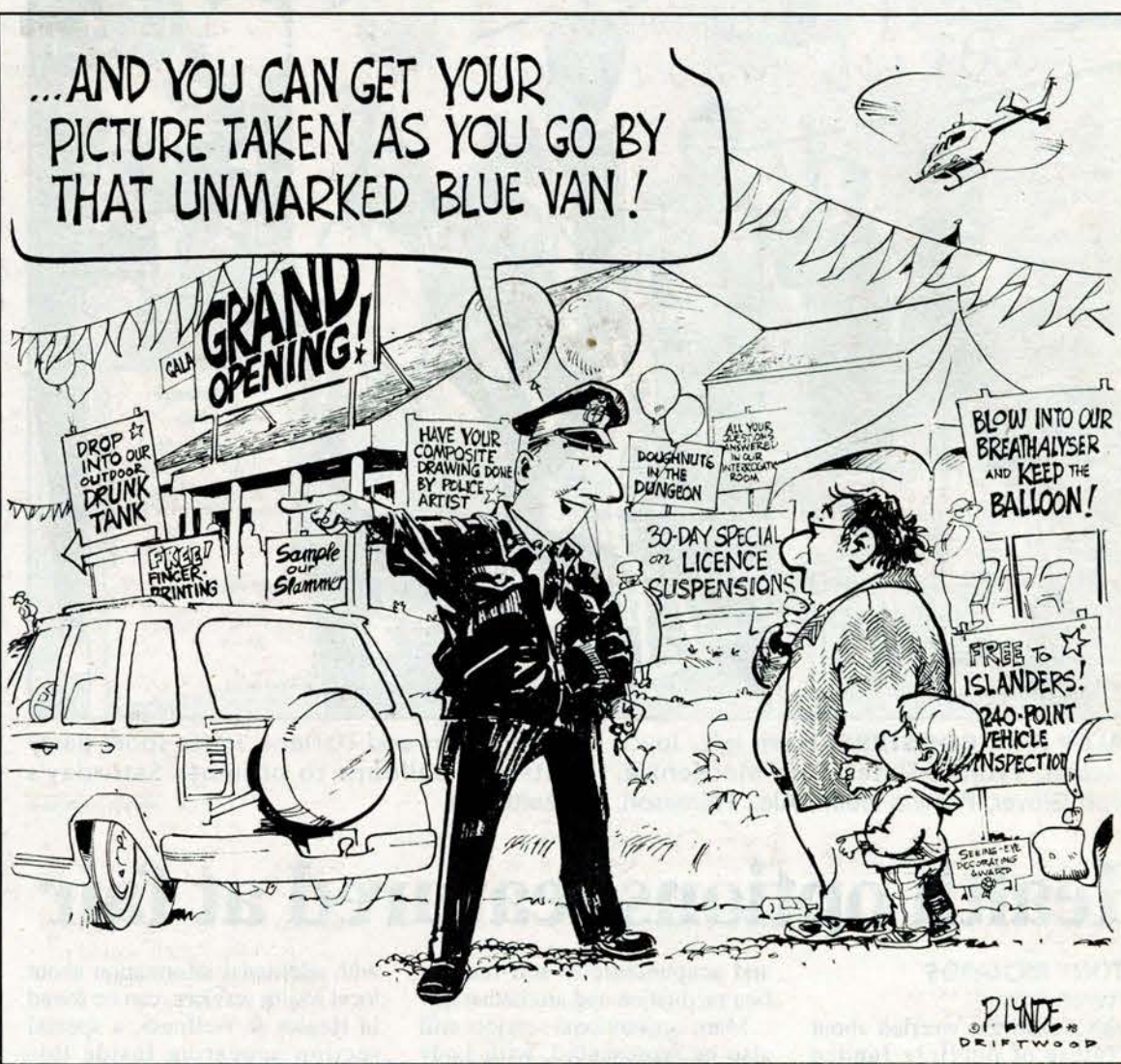
The 17-year-old Greig has only been involved in the sport for three years but hard work, determination and good strategy were enough for him to clinch the championship in a seven-second bout.

He was the only competitor in his category not ranked at the "expert" level but that didn't keep him from reaching the top.

More Salt Spring spirit was shown by the rest of the club contingent, some of whom made the trip to cheer on their fellow members.

Looking at the success of some young people, it's difficult to put much credence in the complaints of the "nothing-to-do" crowd who complain that the island offers no opportunities.

Obviously, the opportunities are here for those with the will to seize them.



Canadians not bound by apathy, but feelings of powerlessness

By TOM VARZELIOTIS

We are in for a calamity. Before long Chretien will submit most of the remains of Canadian democracy to multinational corporations.

I said the "remains" because many of our democratic rights, including fundamental ones, have already gone — indeed that is how Chretien can do the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and do it with impunity.

For starters, successive generations of politicians let foreigners grab our national economy or they sold it to them. They did not stand up for Canada, they sold our resources, our markets and our industry to foreigners. Can you imagine Japan, Sweden and Germany peddling branch plant Fords to the world instead of Hondas, Volvos and Volkswagens, respectively?

Then we were cursed with Brian Mulroney. He sold out much of what was left of our home with his Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Chretien promised to undo the FTA if he was elected and he was but he did not do anything. Instead he laboured to cement the Mulroney deal and to expand it further!

Now, Chretien is prepared to throw upon us MAI, the final stage in dismantling Canada. We need it, he says, lest the rivers run dry and the hydro turbines are stilled and we freeze in the dark of winter night.

It is Sergio Marchi who now sings for Chretien the tunes Pat Carney sang for Mulroney. Exactly the same ones: the "We stand on guard for Canadian culture;" "Our heritage is not for sale;" and the ultimate paternalizing hymn of "This government will not sign a treaty unless it is in the best interests of Canada."

As if all this was not ghastly enough, I hear increasingly the mantra about "apathetic" Canadians. The one about us being sheep to be herded, ignorant, indifferent, silently submitting to whatever our politicians do to us. It is an insult.

Yes indeed, we are letting politicians ride roughshod over us, but there is a reason for it: we are powerless and we know it. We have to take it for we can do nothing about it. Fighting one's way to a predetermined



VIEW POINT

defeat does not become wise people.

To fight the politicians under the circumstances would be like hitting our heads against a stone wall — the wall prevails, our craniums crack, nothing else is achieved. Having recognized this reality we divert our energies to more realistic pursuits. What is the point in protesting MAI when we know that Chretien will do it irrespective of whether we love or hate it.

Johnny Canuck comes to mind (alias John Wilcox) in his vintage truck decorated in the Canadian colours. He took it across Canada to protest Mulroney doing the FTA. And John wasn't alone. Mel Hurtig led the Council of Canadians and many other groups fought valiantly to spare Canada the FTA. I wrote Requiem For Canada exposing the Mulroney deal and many others wrote similar books.

Johnny Canuck is not "apathetic," on the contrary he is mad as ever for what politicians are doing to our country. But pragmatism has supplanted idealism, and he directs his anger at the taxman and his energies to farming hemp.

There are an enormous number of Canadians resigned to the inevitable, to being ruled by "elected tyrants." I know, for I am one of "them apathetics." I have not written a book against MAI, nor do I participate any longer in the Council of Canadians. Yes, we are indifferent,

pathetic, submissive "sheep" condemned to be ruled by MLAs, MPs, PMs, senators and assorted lesser potentates.

Haplessness hurts. People know how disastrous MAI will be and they know how much we suffer (despite Chretien covering up for free trade) because Mulroney wanted to build a personal business reputation for himself. Now, families need two breadwinners and Pat Carney has to fight for a free fat-free bagel.

I will stay "apathetic" because I know that any effort I may make at preventing politicians from hurting the people are in vain. And it will be so till we get democracy.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

Before long Chretien will submit most of the remains of Canadian democracy to multinational corporations.

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Separatists in Peace comes as no surprise

VICTORIA — If I lived in the Peace River region, I, too, would have the occasional urge to tell Victoria to take a hike. And the possibility of joining Alberta would probably be somewhere in the back of my mind.

To put it bluntly, the Peace is being screwed royally by Victoria. The problem is that you've got to live in the Peace to fully appreciate that fact. The bulk of the population, living in southern British Columbia, has no clue how badly the Peace is being treated. The government knows that and sees no urgency to address the problems of the Peace River region.

It came as no surprise, therefore, when the separation scenario raised its head once again, this time at the Peace River Regional District level.

Mind you, as before, solid support for separation was soft. Only one director voted in favour of putting the question to a referendum. But the fact that the topic was discussed at all should send a message to Victoria.

For all those who don't live in the Peace, let me point out what has people up in arms. First, though, let me tell you what the Peace River region means to Victoria and the rest of British Columbia:

The Peace generates 40 per cent of the province's electricity. It is the only region in British Columbia that produces oil and natural gas.

The Peace also produces 95 per cent of the province's grain, an important factor when it comes to self-sufficiency in food production.

Victoria's take just from oil and gas royalties came to a tidy \$217 million last year. And what does the Peace get in return? Sweet nothing. Well, very little.

Next time you visit the Peace country, take a good look at the roads, not the provincial highways, but the municipal roads. The potholes are impressive and the towns don't have the money to fix them.

The problem is that all the oil and gas operations are located outside municipal boundaries. As a result, the towns can't collect property taxes from the companies. On the other hand, they have to provide all the municipal services for the oil and gas patch workers because they live in town.

All of which means that the towns' infrastructure is disintegrating, despite the oil and gas boom that surrounds them.

Recently, municipal and regional officials were in Victoria to plead their case with the provincial government. They brought with them a proposal, called Fair Share, which would give the Peace River Regional District authority to levy taxes on industrial operations outside municipal boundaries and distribute those taxes to the towns.

Fair Share is being studied by Victoria and I hope it won't end up on the shelves, gathering dust, just because the region has rejected, for the moment, the idea to separate from British Columbia and join Ralph Klein country.

There are compelling arguments in favour of separation. Alberta has no sales tax and might treat the Peace River region a lot more favourably than Victoria does.

For the moment, separation isn't a serious issue, not because it wouldn't be economically beneficial to the Peace, but because people take pride in British Columbia and don't want to change their home province like a shirt.

To rely on that patriotism, however, would be ill-advised. The staunchest booster can turn sour if slapped down often enough.

Fair Share is a fair proposal and Victoria should take the necessary steps to implement it. Failing to do so would be yet another slap in the face of Peace River residents who, someday, might just change their minds about separation.

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More letters

Wonderful effort

The UNICEF committee would like to show its appreciation of the youth of our island for their efforts at Hallowe'en.

Every elementary school had children who collected money for UNICEF. This money helps children living in places where food, education and water are not so easily available; children who often suffer from a lack of one or all of these basic things we take so much for granted. These dollars can do more than we can imagine.

In 1997 the three elementary schools collected \$1,462.02. The middle school added a small amount to that total. In addition, UNICEF volunteers placed boxes in local stores and businesses for those people who did not get children visiting them on Hallowe'en. In these boxes, \$823.07 was collected.

This year for the first time, Thrifty Foods matched the amount raised by Fernwood School, \$629.54, and Mouat's Trading Company supported the efforts of Fulford Elementary School and the middle school, \$326.19 and \$44.02 respectively.

We are happy to tell you that the total amount raised on Salt Spring for UNICEF at Hallowe'en was \$3,328.86. It was a wonderful effort on behalf of the world's children. Thanks to you all, and especially our young people.

MARGARET HAINES,
Chairwoman, UNICEF,
Salt Spring Island

I look forward to reviewing bids to finance and build new ships for B.C. Ferries from Tom Varzeliotis and the "Salt Spring Leaky Gumboot Navigation Company." While my colleagues and I enjoyed a chuckle or two over the "diabolical plan" proposed in his letter, I'd like to make a few serious points in response.

As you readers are no doubt aware, B.C. Ferries' fleet is aging, and many of our older ships need replacing. As your readers are also aware, building new ships is an expensive proposition. But we have no choice: as vessels age, they become more expensive to operate. Introducing new, more efficient ships (like the Skeena Queen, on which I'm sure many of your readers have travelled) that are designed for specific route profiles allows us to improve our bottom line.

The status quo clearly is not a realistic option.

The question that remains is, "How do we pay for the ships we need?"

It seems abundantly clear that the public does not wish to see increased debt and I have yet to meet anyone willing to donate new ferries to the corporation. The standard practice in the transportation industry is to acquire new capital assets through leasing rather than purchasing. Airlines lease their planes, railways lease their railcars, trucking companies lease their trucks and many ferry operators around the world lease their ships.

We have begun an exploratory process to determine if we can find a private sector partner who can assist us in the effort to replace our oldest vessels with minimal impact on our customers and taxpayers.

Again, while I enjoyed the satire in Mr. Varzeliotis' letter, I would challenge him to also use his considerable imagination to put forward constructive suggestions to assist us in our efforts to maintain and improve services for all our customers.

T.C. WARD,
President, B.C. Ferries

Use imagination

Re: Tom Varzeliotis' letter called Hysterical Solution in the February 25 Driftwood:

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3. Chairman's Report
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New mast

Derek Hill untangles the lines while Bob Timbers guides the mast into place and Don Sharp, top, provides support. The men were part of a crew installing a 52-foot mast on the 35-foot Bomar, owned by Bob Jones. The installation took place last week in Ganges Harbour with a little help from Brian Dawes' crane.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

New support group offers help for parents

A support group for parents of special needs children will be introduced at an April 6 meeting of the Gulf Islands Special Needs Association (GISNA).

GISNA represents parents of children with learning disabilities who often require additional help or individualized programs at school. The group focuses on getting the best education for learning disabled children.

Child and youth worker Jamie Alexander points out that such children often have behavioural problems as well.

A counsellor with the Salt Spring Community Services Society, Alexander said he is seeing an increasing number of clients seeking help in working with learning disabled children.

Some children with learning disabilities feel insecure and have problems with school. A diagnosis of a learning disability may be a relief for a parent but to the child, it may feel like proof that he or she is never going to succeed.

Under those circumstances, misbehaving becomes a coping mechanism, Alexander said. For children with attention-deficit, hyper-activity disorder, it is difficult to focus on a task or to switch focus once the child is engaged in an activity.

Alexander cited the example of a child who becomes so engrossed in a video game that he or she ignores repeated calls to stop playing and come to supper.

"These behaviours are linked to the learning disability or the special need," he said. Alexander hopes organizing a support group will give parents a place to gather and exchange information on ways to cope with the behaviour of special needs children, gaining both emotional and practical support.

Such a group would also encourage informal networking, Alexander said, so a parent has someone to call to discuss a problem.

He observed many parents only find out their child might have a learning disability through informal networking with other parents. The problem is often identified between kindergarten and Grade 5.

A guest speaker from the learning disabilities association in Victoria is expected to attend the GISNA meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

Anyone whose child requires special help in school, whether or not the child has been diagnosed as learning disabled, is welcome to attend.

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Card offers update on Maltese buses

Joseph P. Sullivan, Jr. is in Malta, back home. And how do I know that? He sent me a postcard. When I was in Malta, several years ago, I wrote of the magnificent fleet of aged buses serving the Maltese. I was very impressed with the manner in which vehicles of the 1920s and '30s have maintained a proud level of service to islanders thanks to a scrupulous servicing program.

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Joseph P. sent me a card explaining that he had been delighted with my observations regarding the island buses. He also tells me that the aged Bedfords and AECs are losing out to modern, air-conditioned buses. The card depicts one of the Bedfords and an AEC, both on Route No. 62.

The Bedford was the British version of the Chevrolet. When the new, six-cylinder, Chevrolet truck appeared on British streets its days were numbered and the Bedford took over. That would be around the years 1929-31.

The other vehicle was the Associated Equipment Company whose commercial chassis were among the winners of the First World War and whose heavy transport vehicles carried the British truck flag into the post-Second World War era when the British automotive industry fell apart.

During the second war, Malta was unable to purchase new vehicles and acquired a large number of second-hand buses and coaches from Britain. It was Maltese skill that kept them running efficiently over the island's steep hills and narrow roads.

Back home on Malta, J.P. Sullivan also asked to be remembered to Derrick Lundy.

We all make mistakes!

I might never have seen it but for my habit of scanning the classified columns of all kinds of papers and those which deal with auto ads.

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The final edition, I would trust!

Lower and lower!

Everything I think of this week points to the automobile. On Sunday I was strolling into Ganges when I was attracted by the horrible, grinding noise of something scraping. It came from a car that had been carefully lowered.

Only "mistake" that I could see was that the road should have been lowered a few inches to leave room for the buggy.

The Diana serial

When Princess Diana died in a Paris street accident the reaction all over the world was far beyond any imagining. The Princess died: the world grieved. And the story yet lives.

Several decades ago the Queen and Prince Philip were visiting Victoria. The mayors and local dignitaries were invited to a social function in Victoria.

Thank you so much!
Dress will be morning suits.
What's that?

When a Vancouver Island mayor explained that he had no such dress he was directed to rent one for the occasion. His indignation at the prospect of wearing a borrowed suit of clothes in order to meet the Queen was promptly expressed and promptly rewarded. No morning suit was required and dignitaries might retain their dignity in their own business suits.

That incident of long ago comes to mind as the Brits examine the traditional procedures to be followed in the presence of the sovereign.

The first change followed the indignation of a subject mayor at the adoption of used clothing to be fit to meet the sovereign. Current proposals follow the international grief over the death of Princess Diana.

The two patterns of revolt against established patterns of behaviour have me worried. I don't know how to meet the Queen. On second thought, I've survived some eight decades without ever having been called upon to behave in a fitting manner in such a circumstance.

Odds are I'll make my grave before I have to consider such grave possibilities.

Students are stymied in efforts to repair slippery Mayne dock

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

The Mayne Island dock used by students to board the water taxi to Ganges is too slippery, and students are at risk. So which is the correct solution?

- a. Have school district maintenance staff nail down roof shingles to provide better footing.
- b. Contact the federal department that owns the dock and ask for improved maintenance.
- c. Ignore it until the dock is divested to the Capital Regional District and then deal with the new owner.
- d. None of the above.

Gulf Islands Secondary students learned that d. was closest to the right answer at the March 11 school board meeting.

Student council members Matt Hayes, Matt Gee and Chris Coulter had raised the dock issue at February's board meeting. They suggested students themselves could make some repairs with a few roofing tiles and nails.

So the problem was referred to staff. Secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold said he had been unable to reach anyone responsible for the dock in the

federal government. The district's insurer, meanwhile, had warned against the nailing of roof shingles to any dock. Such work could make the district liable for injuries, Scotvold said.

However, one student warned that the current condition of the dock might lead to legal action. "If one of our students gets hurt, we're going to have parents filing lawsuits," Coulter said.

Pender trustee Russ Searle advocated checking the condition of all docks; board chairwoman May McKenzie offered to write a letter to the federal government.

Hayes muttered something about nipping over to Mayne on a water taxi with nails and shingles hidden under his coat.

If volunteers do the work, they are not legally liable, Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Larry Field pointed out. All that is required is nailing down a few shingles, a job which could be done by two students in 10 minutes, said CUPE president Bill "Chip" Chipman.

"I certainly cannot suggest what people do with their nails and shingles on their own time," Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel offered.

Avoid slug poison, veterinarian asks

After treating his first dog poisoned by slug bait this year, Salt Spring veterinarian Derrick Milton is asking people to not use the toxic product.

Although Milton saw no cases last year, possibly due to a public awareness campaign, the clinic has treated an average of six or seven in past spring seasons.

Milton said the slug bait makes animals

extremely ill and can be fatal.

"It's awful, awful poison."

Milton said consumers should not trust label declarations that animals are not attracted to a certain product. He has found they are simply not true.

A slug bait-poisoned dog will vomit, shake, salivate and have an extremely high temperature. By the time the dog receives veterinary care,

"You just basically have to keep them alive ... until the poison is out," he said.

In the case Milton saw last week, a new property owner's dog had ingested slug bait left by previous owners.

At one point Milton asked island stores not to stock the poison, but few were prepared to comply with his request, he said.

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Living with
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HAVE YOU STOPPED BEATING YOUR WIFE YET?

It's a tired joke that illustrates how society regards the issue of domestic violence: not very seriously...

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff - First in a series

...But for Salt Spring RCMP officers who break through the front doors of island homes, stepping into alcohol-soaked scenes of overturned furniture, cursing and hysterical men and women, bloodshed and broken bones; and for transition house workers and counsellors who enfold the broken lives that emerge, family violence is devastating.

And the rate of spousal assault on Salt Spring is growing.

Last year Salt Spring RCMP charged over 20 people for crimes related to domestic assault. This compares with just 13 the year before.

RCMP Sergeant Cliff Doherty says that in comparison to other places he has policed, the rate of spousal assault feels higher.

"And I know it is only the tip of the iceberg. There is considerable family violence that is not being reported to police."

Jennifer Rensby, Salt Spring Transition House administrator, concurs. "A woman will be hit by her partner an average of 35 times before involving police," she says. "And she will leave him an average of seven times before she leaves for good."

Family violence entraps many victims as it spreads through every level of society and passes from generation to generation. Men, women and children suffer physical pain and deep, emotional scars. Families learn to be secretive; children learn to equate

violence with anger. Youngsters who witness violent acts in their homes often become abusers or victims themselves.

Women bear the greatest emotional and physical impact of domestic violence. They are not always "innocent" victims — sometimes they throw the first punch or provoke their partners. They might not be likable and it may be tempting to believe they are at least partly responsible for their own abuse.

However, states the Ministry of the Attorney General, the bottom line is this: "Violence is never an acceptable form of interaction. No one deserves to be beaten."

Unfortunately, society has accepted or disregarded violence against women in relationships since ancient times. In Canada, wife assault has only been considered illegal for the past century. Until that time, the law merely regulated the extent to which men could physically discipline their wives.

Between 1909 and 1960, Canada's Criminal Code identified wife battering as a special offence. A woman beaten by her husband had to demonstrate a greater degree of bodily harm than was required in other cases of assault.

Today, publicity, education and advancements in women's rights have brought the issue of domestic violence into the mainstream.

But the violence continues. Some statistics indicate one-quarter of all women have experienced violence at the hands of a current or past marital partner, and between 50,000 and 70,000 school-age children in B.C. witness

violence directed against their mothers.

Pregnant women are among the highest at risk. According to a Ministry of the Attorney General pamphlet, some 37 per cent of pregnant women will be physically abused — often to the abdominal area — by their partner.

Studies also show that family violence can be a generational problem; the ministry estimates 75 per cent of men who abuse their partners were raised in violent families.

"If a boy grows up where daddy hit mommy," Rensby says, "that's what he'll do. That's how he'll treat women."

The ministry further blames the "glorification of violence on television and in films" as contributing to violence in society: "Viewers are led to believe that violence is an acceptable method of conflict resolution . . . the real effects of violence on

the victims and their families is seldom accurately depicted."

Alcohol or drug abuse contributes to domestic violence as well.

"Alcohol gives the permission," Rensby says. "When he's sober, he wouldn't go that far."

Whatever the underlying cause of domestic violence, the effects remain the same: broken bodies, broken

families and a perpetuation of the problem. And as the rate of spousal assault climbs on Salt Spring, islanders may be forced to take it more seriously.

"If a boy grows up where daddy hit mommy," Rensby says, "that's what he'll do. That's how he'll treat women."



PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IT...

They claim women exaggerate it, they do not accept the problem is as widespread as the media and statistics state.

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It all makes a tough job for transition house administrator Jennifer Rensby, transition house volunteers and part-time counsellor Annika Norget-Lund. For in addition to day-to-day dramas, there lies at the very core of each woman's story a tragedy broken open and unavoidable.

"I may be over-shocked," Rensby says. "I've heard it all. But I'm not numb because I'm still touched each time. My heart breaks with every story." Society often turns a "blind eye" to domestic violence, Rensby says. People don't believe it, they claim women exaggerate it, they do not accept the problem is as widespread as the media and statistics state. Some brush it aside as a part of a feminist and lesbian campaign to demean men.

"Violence is such a common thing — the toys, the movies, the television — people tend to think it's not such a big deal," says Rensby, who also believes society does not want to intrude into families' "private business" by facing domestic violence.

Young, heterosexual women are not the only victims of physical abuse. Domestic violence traps victims in the gay and lesbian community, among the elderly, heterosexual men and children.

But it is women, children and the elderly who, because they are smaller and physically weaker, suffer the greatest risks at the hands of abusers.

"I've had women say, 'But I hit him first!'" Rensby notes. "I point out (in response), 'But then he held you down and punched you six times!'"

On Salt Spring, 61 women and children

have stayed at the transition house since it opened in August 1995. The six-bed facility offers a two-bed overflow for overnight emergencies. But sometimes it's not enough: last August the safe house turned away four people.

Residents can arrive at any time of day or night. Some get to the house — whose location is not public knowledge — via Salt Spring's crisis line, others are referred by police or community workers, and some call it directly during office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

"The first week they basically fall apart," says Rensby, noting that in the first seven days of their stay, residents set their own agendas. "Some retreat for a week, some need to talk."

Women often need help with shopping, cooking and child care. However, child care remains their own responsibility throughout their stay.

Some sleep away their trauma, Rensby adds.

"Others are afraid if they do sleep, they'll be dragged out and beaten."

Volatile dynamics among residents often occur when more than one family is staying.

"Some women who come here have been financially abused. They haven't been allowed to buy their own food."

Now, with money and help from the transition house, they deliberately purchase the foods they want to eat —

not the items "he" insists on.

"So then someone comes in and drinks their milk — and they lose it." Conflicts are discussed at mandatory residents' meetings held each week.

For her part, Rensby must always be available, ready to drop everything, listen, and offer help where she can.

"You need to be 'on.' If you've got your own personal problems, they're left outside when you walk through that door."

By the second week of a transition house stay, women are "more on their feet," attending two one-hour counselling sessions, and accessing local resources such as legal aid, social workers and advocacy groups.

"The second week is also when it gets into more depth — the first week, they just spew. Then it gets deeper. There are more

feelings, they are more together."

By now they are doing all their own shopping and cooking. They have settled into routines, going to bed and rising at the same time each day.

Children undergo counselling as well, although for those under five, the session mostly involves a type of play therapy. Rensby says children are often dealing with abandonment fears — will mom leave me as well? — and test their mother "to the limits, throwing tantrums, screaming and acting out."

"They need to be assured mommy loves them."

"If she decides to go back, we support her. We say 'this is your decision, good for you for giving it another chance. But stay safe.'"

Older children continue to attend school if it is deemed safe.

In the final two weeks, women and their children are further prepared for returning to their own lives — often with the partner they just fled.

"Not too many leave for good," Rensby says: "A month later you'll see them back with their partner."

A decision to return home is met with support from transition house workers, who remain non-judgmental.

"If she decides to go back, we support her. We say 'this is your decision, good for you for giving it another chance. But stay safe.'"

It is important for women to know the service will still be there for them no matter what, Rensby adds.

Many people wonder why women return to abusive partners, but for Rensby, it's not difficult to understand.

"The guy who beats them is not the guy they live with 24 hours. They view him as the one person who gives them attention, loves them, cares about them."

Alcohol abuse is so frequently at the root of domestic violence that once the hangover sets in and passes, a new, often contrite and loving partner emerges.

And herein lies one of the tragedies at the core of domestic violence: it frequently occurs between people who love each other.

"In amongst all this pain and abuse," says Rensby, "their heart is breaking as well. You say 'you still love him,' and they break down. It is so sad, because love should be a most joyous thing."

Legacy of aching legs after young boys beat the old ones

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

Sea Otter Old Boys 2, Salt Spring U-19 Really Young Boys 4

The Grandpas of Salt Spring soccer, the Old Boys, met their match last Sunday against Salt Spring's under-19 team, also known as the Really Young Boys.

The game proved that youth and speed still have the edge over the slow, plodding style of the Old Boys.

The U-19s came out flying in the opening half, mostly because the Old Boys' Geritol and Advil had not kicked in, and were up 1-0 after only 10 minutes, although goalie Ziggy Karl still swears on a stack of German bratwurst that the play was offside.

The youthful under-19 squad kept up the pressure, causing the Old Boys to puff and pant a lot to keep the score at only 1-0, but as the half wore on the Old Geezers started to feel their legs. (It's amazing how long it takes an Old Boy's senses to kick in.)

Slowly the Old Boys started to expose defensive cracks in their youthful opponents' defence and it was one such crack that allowed Chris Cottrell to slip in on the left side and then craftily bank a shot in off a U-19 defender to tie the game up.

The lads started the second half at a crisp pace, some-

thing not often seen from an Old Boys squad, looking to take the lead against their baby-faced opponents.

On one such attack Cottrell broke in the clear from centre only to be robbed by goalie Jared Hazenboom, a play that was the TSN "turning point" as the U-19 struck for the go-ahead goal only moments later.

Within 15 minutes the youthful squad was up 4-1 and the game was all but over for the leg-weary Old Boys — or was it?

Even with their legs seizing up and not a substitute to be seen, the old geezers tried to rally, scoring once from an Alvaro Sanchez blast and just missing several other great chances (notably a typical "Middlesboroish" miss by Graham Tweddle) before succumbing to that really young boys squad.

The moral behind this tale is to not challenge teams half the age of your own, especially teams that have youth, speed and more substitutes. (Our average age is a spring-chicken-like 42 years, by the way.)

So the lads learned their lesson and will play an over-40s team from Vancouver, either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning at the high school (call Cal Mackay at 537-2620 if you want the exact time).

Until then I have to find a hot tub so I can soak my aching legs.

Club prepares its April schedule

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club schedule for April is as follows.
April 7

Hikers' and walkers' work day. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or carpool to Ruckle Park entrance. Bring tools for pulling broom in Ruckle Park. Leader is Tony Pedersen.

Ramblers: Maxim Road to the waterfall (Fulford area). Bring stick. Leader: Paul "Strawberries" Ranney. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial, 10:15 a.m. Drummond.

April 14
Walkers: Leg 3 of the Galloping Goose Trail, with leader Bud Williams.

Meet at Centennial Park at 8:15 a.m. to catch 9 a.m. Fulford ferry or 10:15 gathering at Luxton parking lot.

Hikers: Keith and Ann Webb will

lead hikers up to great views on Hope Hill. Carpool at Centennial Park 9:30 a.m. to meet at Drummond at 10.

Ramblers: Fulford area at Hamilton Beach. Bring stick. Leader is Kathleen Rathwell. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m., Drummond at 10:15.

April 21
Walkers: Duck Creek and lunch at Seaside Kitchen. Leader is Norma Eves. Meet 10 a.m. Centennial Park. Carpool to Vesuvius parking lot.

Ramblers: See the pink lilies in the Lake Cowichan area and St. Peter's churchyard wildflowers. Leader is Jean Holmes. Carpool Portlock Park 9:30 a.m. for 10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

Hikers: A new hike up to Christi Falls south of Nanaimo with Patti-

May Lawson. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

April 28
Walkers: Shepherd Hills, with leader Jim Spencer. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.

Hikers: Claude Gamache takes us through spectacular ravines, creeks and old growth on Mount Sullivan. Carpool at Centennial Park at 9:30 to meet at Burgoyne Triangle at 10 a.m.

Ramblers: Cusheon Creek Outlet. Leader, Chris and Dick; meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m.

An April 23 a special joint meeting with the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club is the social event for April. Sabine Jessen will speak at the high school beginning at 7:30 p.m. on marine protected areas in the Gulf Islands.

U-19 battle for cup at Portlock Sunday

Soccer fans are invited to cheer on Salt Spring's under-19 boys soccer team Sunday at Portlock Park.

The team faces Gordon Head in a District Cup semi-final beginning at 10 a.m.

Salt Spring has defeated

Gordon Head in the past this season and the semi-final is expected to be an entertaining game.

In other soccer news, the island's under-15 girls team — the Sting — is scheduled to face the north island champions in B.C. Cup play March 29. The

team became southern Vancouver Island champions by defeating a Cowichan team on February 15.

However, Sting coach Graham Tweddle did not have Sunday's game details confirmed by press-time.

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5:30pm Step n' Tone - Damaris
WEDNESDAYS
7:45am Pump Primers - Catherine
9:00am Step n Strength - Brenda
9:00am Prime Time - Rosemary or Ila Mae
THURSDAYS
9:00am Total Body Conditioning - Betty Lou
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Girls win 'NBA' tourney

Grade 6 girls from Salt Spring Middle School (SIMS) have gone straight to the top winning an NBA tournament held at Royal Oak Middle School earlier this month. In this case, "NBA" stands for "no boys allowed."

Team coach Robyn Rudolph said the Salt Spring girls have been developing their skills and confidence playing on "tsunami" teams of boys and girls set up at SIMS, and were ready to meet teams from other schools. A group of Grade 6 players also travelled to Galiano Island recently and beat the mixed Grade 5/6/7 Galiano school team.

The SIMS basketball season ends in two weeks, and is followed by track and field activities.

WINNING TEAM: Members of SIMS' Grade 6 basketball team.

Island Pathways raffle nets \$8,500

Island Pathways' March 14 raffle draw and silent auction raised \$8,535 towards construction of a bike lane around Portlock Park. The raffle netted \$6,915 and the silent auction raised \$1,620.

Justin Kalef from Victoria won the Robert Bateman print and George Hignell of Salt Spring won the Norco mountain bike.

Island Pathways vice-president Claire Heffernan said additional pledges from the Salt Spring Foundation, Rotary Club and the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission have brought total funds raised to \$14,000.

Project goal is \$16,000. Estimated cost for the bike lane is \$32,000. Heffernan said the group hopes government will match locally-raised funds.

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Bowlers travel to Nanaimo

Six members of the Salt Spring Special Olympics bowling team competed against more than 200 regional athletes in Nanaimo March 14.

Gloria Dale led the team by winning a trophy for "pins over average," while Terry Swing had a high game of 172. Stuart Elliott rolled a 160 game, and Eddie Waddell and Marge McCoy each scored significantly above their averages.

Brad Magnus was selected honorary team captain but couldn't bowl due to a foot injury.

Head coach Diane Little was assisted by Tom Payne and Craig Chipman at the tournament.

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Stars outshine Slugs Thursday

By **ANDY NAUMANN**
Driftwood Contributor

On Thursday night the Slugs embarked on an odyssey of epic proportions, out of the Twilight Zone and into Duncan for the first game of the Mitchell Division of the Men's Recreation Hockey Tournament.

Accompanied by a few loyal fans — Mr. Schure, the three Kims and their offspring — and without Deadstop, they brimmed with confident expectation of victory.

Rod Challborn, living in Duncan, is usually the first one in the dressing room, but on this night he was nowhere to be found. So the Slug lineup for the first period until Challborn was roused from his couch included Brad Patchett on defence with Paul Sinclair and Andy Naumann reprising his old role of Rover as the extra forward.

They got off on the right foot, however, with a goal one minute and 43 seconds into the game by Pete Schure, who was sent into the clear along the right wing by Don Sevigny and cut in front of the net behind the defence and stuffed the puck under their goalie.

The Stars, big, strong, fast and dressed in black, took exception to our jubilation, became nasty and started to bodyslam Slugs, who weren't expecting such rude tactics, from behind and all over the ice. This being the first game for the referees, they also were unsure of what infractions to call and let the Stars crash and bang. A few minutes of this pummeling was all the Slugs could handle.

Our first penalty, a bench minor, came as a result of protesting a non-call on a flagrantly brutal check. Barely a minute later, the

SLUG TRAIL

Stars scored.

The rest of the period was hard-fought, although completely one-sided in the assessment of penalties. The Slugs played short-handed on three different occasions for retaliating in front of the referee for injustices committed behind his back, but managed to keep the Stars off the scoreboard with the help of great saves by Derek Topping.

The period ended in a melee after a Star squashed another Slug against the boards and his mates came in to help, resulting in another Slugs penalty. Polite and impolite protests from everyone in the building about the blind "one-sided" nature of the ref's calls fell on deaf ears.

The second period started with the Slugs one man short. Then another penalty a minute later reduced our numbers to three skaters but we survived. No sooner did the first-penalized Slug step on the ice when another Slug took his place in the box for another questionable infraction, again reducing our numbers to three. We survived again.

There followed four minutes of even-sided action, not enough time for the Slugs to regroup into the original lines with any momentum. The penalty parade continued. This time the Stars did score to go ahead 2-1.

Thirty seconds later, while the Slugs enjoyed a rare power play, Blaine Johnson and a Star both went off for roughing. While they were in the box, another Star roughed up a Slug and was penal-

ized. The Slugs, trying to take advantage immediately, hemmed the Stars in their zone for almost a full minute and threatened to tie the game. Then they lost the puck at the blue line, allowing a Star to break away and drill it past a helpless Topping, with 6:08 remaining.

Still on the same power play, in a scramble at the side of the Star net, Schure whacked at the puck at the goalie's feet enough times to drive it into the net unassisted.

Five minutes remained. The Slugs were still very much in the game, despite the odds. But a minute later on a line change, the Slugs were called for having too many men on the ice. The Stars scored 20 seconds later on a scramble to go ahead by two again.

Twelve seconds later, another questionable penalty was assessed against the frustrated Slugs. The Stars scored their last goal, again on a power play, on a deflection off one of the Slugs' defencemen.

The best hockey games are those in which the referee is hardly noticed by either team, but this certainly wasn't one of them. The referee, not the players, determined the outcome of the game. The Slugs were victims of their own intensity, despite having played valiantly and short-manned for most of the match.

Conclusion: the Slugs had to stay on the ice, focussed, unaffected by the other team's tactics or the referee's "inconsistency" if they wanted to regain their winning ways in the games on Saturday and Sunday. This, after all, was just the first leg of their long voyage to a possible championship, with much more action to come. Stay tuned to the Driftwood.

June Webb 214.

Looney tunes: Ron Cunningham 216, 223, Ben Cooper 208, 225/626, Martin Hoogerdyk 210, 264/622, Doug Sykes 238/626, 211, 202, Sharon Sykes 219, 220, Linda Schwagly 247, 224, 241/712, Lance Leask 225, Henry Schwagly 229, Darlene Wellington 203, Brent Schwagly 201, Ruth Hume 215, 214.

Friday afternoon seniors: Edie Gear 206, Cliff Jory 224, Don McCardia 211, Nell Herbert 202, Mary Baker 242, 217/641, 205, Catherine McFadyen 265/604, Doris Redquest 220, Jerry Latvala 200.

Children's leagues: Justine Watkins 83, David Piperno 84, 102.

Following are high scores in bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation last week.

Circus league: Inez Farr 257, Ron Cunningham 232, 201, Glenn Hewitson 221, Ben Cooper 210, 295, Sam Cochrane 204, Gwyn Strike 202, Jonah Marshall 216, Ken Strike 241, 201/627, Tony Farr 235, Deke Noonan 218.

Tuesday morning: Helmut Losch 276/628, Isabelle Richardson 201, 208, 211, Jerry Latvala 227, Audrey Illingworth 204, 214, Wally Brown 218, Jack Godwin 204, Cliff Jory 216, Catherine McFadyen 230.

Tuesday afternoon: Murray Anderson 218, Gwen McClung 224, 212/607, Deke Noonan 243, 205,

HIGH ROLLERS

June Webb 243, Reg Winstone 212, 220, Vanda Winstone 219, Doris Redquest 255.

Special Olympics: Jim Beck 193, 202, Stuart Elliott 148, 156, Mahjor Bains 147, 304, Gloria Dale 179.

Wednesday ladies: Deanna Marleau 263/614, Susan Bouchard 228, Margaret Baker 221, 220/604.

Golf ladies: Gwen Ruckle 200, 205, Ruby Webster 279, Mildred Gurney 200, Lorraine Toller 206,



Spring break on horseback

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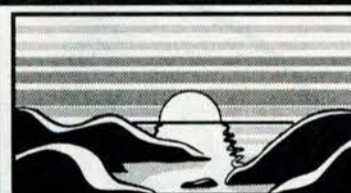
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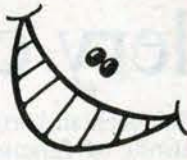
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Touching all the senses: Throb Gallery closes Eros '98

Art lovers are lining up for their guided tour of Throb Gallery, which is open for this weekend only.

The audience at the final Eros '98 event, which runs at Mahon Hall Friday and Saturday night, will see five dancers, four clowns and four musicians make living, breathing art in the private gallery of Heartman Throb, played by the smooth-as-Johnnie-Walker-Red James Wilkinson.

The artists promise a show that appeals to all of the senses.

The evening is set up as an art gallery tour, except the visitors remain seated. "The art moves

The audience is stationary," says dancer Anna Haltrecht. "We are vibrating, beating and pulsing."

Joining Haltrecht are John Herbert, Sue Newman, Dana Pennington and Birgit Wolf, each with a different style of dancing.

Haltrecht says Throb Gallery contains solo and group pieces, ranging from Wolf's mesmerizing bellydancing to Newman's humour-injected take-off on classic art called Aphrodite on the Clam Shell. ("She makes a great escape from her scallop pedestal," jokes Newman.)

Wilkinson observes that his eclectic "collection" of moving art

"goes from the deeply avant-garde to the lightest of comedy." There are clowns in Throb Gallery, too.

Clown work is being performed by Clowna Suit Raw, whose members are Yiana Belkalopoulos, Brian Box, Laurie Clarke and Paul McGowan.

Clarke describes the material as "humorous, bizarre, mysterious, light and dark, ranging from innocence to experience with intermittent revealing moments of sex and sensuality."

For the clown segments, audience members are advised to wear raincoats. But the dancers would love to see a gallery full of glitter

and fine cocktail party duds and imitations of famous or local artists.

Another innovation is this show's use of live music — even some original and improvised material — performed by Laurent Boucher, Monik Nordine, Mike

Simpson and Ian Van Wyck.

The dance/clown event has been sold out for the past two years. Tickets are \$12 and available at Island Books Plus and et cetera.

Show time is 8 p.m., but the essential "foreplay" begins at 7:30.

Readers' play back for second show

An entertaining play and the choice to prevent unwanted pregnancies are coming together in a Readers' Theatre production at the Core Inn Sunday evening.

The Scattering of Rosa Monday, written by Salt Spring's Florence Cook Reid, will be performed beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Islanders were thrilled by the Readers' Theatre production of the play when it premiered as a fundraiser for Seniors For Seniors last October.

Jean Elder, secretary of Salt Spring's Planned Parenthood group, was in the audience. She later wondered if it could be put on again as a benefit for Planned Parenthood, which needs funds to purchase furniture when it moves into the Core Inn.

The Scattering of Rosa Monday is about a bereaved husband named Brian Monday, played by Murray Shoolbraid, who is trying to find the perfect place to scatter the ashes of his deceased wife. At the same time, he aims to produce the best rose for a local garden show. The play is set in a small town in England famous for its castle gardens.

Other characters are Brian Monday's brother-in-law Sid Priddy (Richard Moses); his wife Stella, read by the author Reid; the "snooty-nosed" neighbour Diana Rigby (Devon Metcalfe); and castle grounds gardener Harry Rathbone.

Clair Nutting created the Rathbone role at the first showing, but Reid said he is not available for the March 29 show. However, she is pleased to have filled the spot at short notice with "special guest" Vaughn Fulford, a professional actor known to anyone who has seen Graffiti Theatre and other productions in the past two years.

Refreshments and goodies will be sold by young people as a fundraiser for Core Inn programs.

Elder said one reason she approached the readers group about performing the play was that it brought together older and younger people, something she views as important for society.

"Readers' Theatre seemed extremely pleased to contribute in any way it could," she said.

Tickets are \$5 and available at et cetera. Seating at the Core Inn is cozy but limited.

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Great art is often born of great injustice. The African-American experience of slavery and oppression was the seed that grew into gospel, soul, and rhythm and blues. Although North American laws have progressed somewhat, many people still suffer from discrimination based on prejudice and racism, and today impoverished native youth in cities and on

reserves across the continent are avid fans of gangster rap.

When Sarah McLachlan received the Juno for best female vocalist she wondered aloud, "Why female?" and expressed her hopes that one day there would just be an award for the best music. That day may be a year or two away.

Consider Paula Cole and Jewel, Jann Arden, Tracy Chapman and so on, and you may notice sorrow, anger and even rage prevalent in the work of female singer-songwriters.

Paula Cole's rage is directed

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toward many of the issues which have fuelled the women's movement over the past 50 years, and Jewel's sorrow questions the health of the human soul in a society which questions its very existence.

Chapman tackles the issues of poverty and racism as she emphasizes the individual's isolation in a culture that systematically destroys both the family and the supportive

bonds of true community. Arden's anger is directed inward. The answer to "Happy?" is easy to overlook in the brilliance of her work, but it is nevertheless a firm and resounding "no."

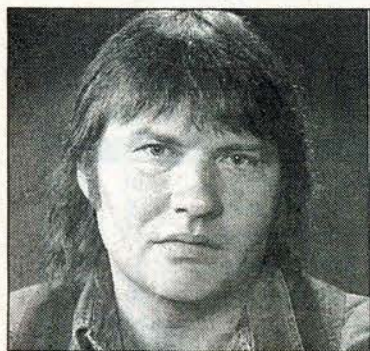
Sarah McLachlan's song Surfacing expresses the subtle complexities of her tremendous foresight without alienating listeners the way Cole's naked rage often does. Lilith Fair promoted McLachlan's vision and influenced thousands of Canadians in promoting the work of talented women from across the continent, and for all of this four Junos seems fair. She embodies the Canadian spirit and true teamwork which David Foster stressed as he entered the

Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

Foster's work over the years has actually influenced the lives of thousands of people, not only by feeding the poor of the Third World through Band-Aid, but his work as a producer and promoter of young talents has also indirectly influenced societal attitudes and mores, and that is perhaps the greatest achievement of all.

Artists all over the planet are calling for change and their message is clear. Human society was first matriarchal and then patriarchal, but obviously neither offers a healthy, balanced, self-sustaining culture. Community is the key: a global village whose stewardship of the Earth underlines the importance of our children and our children's children is essential to the survival of the human race.

Salt Spring's Brian Brett stages poetry reading Sunday



Brian Brett

When writers read their work on Salt Spring, they are usually introduced in fine style by Brian Brett, like they were at the Erotic Literary Evening on Saturday.

So who will be introducing Brett to the audience at his own book launch at the Lions Club hall on Sunday night?

The Colour of Bones in a Stream, published by Sono Nis Press, is Brett's sixth book of poetry and his first since 1993.

In that year he released the

long poem Allegories of Love and Disaster, and Poems: Selected and New, which was shortlisted for the B.C. Book Prize. He has also written the short fiction collection Tanganyika, a novel called The Fungus Garden and his work has been included in numerous anthologies and magazines.

Brett has also been a freelance journalist, poetry critic, taught writing workshops and organized events such as The Great

Clayoquot Sound Writers' Reading and Auction, and the Poetry Bash at the Vancouver Writers and Readers International Festival.

Poet Patrick Lane has written: "Brett's work transforms us with its richness and its passion. He is metamorphic, whether he writes of the intimacy of his lovers and friends or of the spiritual world of the land around him. He has changed us for 20 years and those changes, sometimes trou-

bled, sometimes sweet, have always left us asking for more."

The event, sponsored by Salt Spring's Theatre Alive! and the Writers Union of Canada, begins at 8 p.m. and includes music and refreshments. Admission is free although all donations are appreciated to help support the authors reading program of Theatre Alive!

Brass quintet here April 4

"Rare" is the best way to describe the April 4 Salt Spring concert featuring Foothills Brass Quintet.

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"That day there will be seven trumpet players here who can actually play it," says Derrick Milton, one of those musicians and co-director of Bandemonium, Salt Spring's community band.

Altenburg actually wrote a book in 1795 on court trumpet players and their guild and, as Milton explains, his work represents the

end of the great trumpet-playing era.

The April 4 program at the high school multi-purpose room will be varied, and includes some pieces by Bandemonium, its ranks noticeably enhanced by Foothills Brass players.

The quintet and some Bandemonium members will also join forces for an impressive 10-part brass choir work and, in contrast, Leroy Anderson's Bugler's Holiday is another promised piece.

Foothills Brass players are Kenton McPeck, Rosalee Morrison, Chris Morrison, Philip Sequin and Michael Thomson. At one point in his own musical career, Milton played with the Morrisons and had the opportunity to join the group.

Islanders may remember the Foothills Brass from a Salt Spring performance about five years ago. It also receives frequent airplay on CBC Radio programs such as Jurgen Goethe's Disc Drive.

Next Saturday's show starts at 7:30 p.m.

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- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Wednesday Night Live hosted by Charles Wilton, March 25, 9 p.m.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Dance to our own special DJ on Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **The Lloyd English Swing Trio** — Big band swing sound at the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 p.m. Members and guests welcome.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with OMO, with Mike Simpson, Jeff Cooper and Ian Van Wyck, March 29, 7 p.m.
- **Fulford Inn** — Unplugged with Randy, Graeme and Buck every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Originals, traditional, new and old!
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Tuesday evening is the Celtic Music Circle from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Music and Munch** — Free concert of folk music and more by Stone Circle, followed by a light lunch prepared by the Anglican caterers for \$4.75. Wednesday, April 1, 12:10 p.m., All Saints By-the-Sea.

Cinema

- **The Sweet Hereafter** — Another chance to see this film by Atom Egoyan, and see why it is on over 250 critics top ten lists. This is a powerful Canadian film about a tragic accident in a small town in B.C. Playing Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28 at 7 p.m., and Tuesday, March 31 at 9 p.m. 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated 14A. Cinema Central.
 - **Dark City** — Science fiction from the director of Crow. William Hurt stars as a detective seeking a serial killer. British actor Rufus Sewel is a man whose memories are an artificial creation. Special effects are said to be superb. Playing Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28 at 9:15 p.m., and Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 30 minutes. Rated 14A. Cinema Central.
 - **Falling Over Backward** — From the director of Margaret's Museum, a 1950s genre comedy. Salt Spring's own Mort Ransen wrote, directed and produced this film. Playing Monday, March 30 only at 7:30 p.m. 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rated PG, nudity and coarse language. Cinema Central.
- Stars of the Island Local Film Fest:**
- Afternoon video presentations on Sunday, March 29 from 2 to 6 p.m. will be: Gospel of Liberty (47 minutes), The Mill Farm (15 minutes), Why Don't You Just Leave (26 minutes) and Wheels of Agnes (6 minutes). At 4 p.m. Salt Spring's Ken Heeley Ray will drop by for a brief chat plus question and answer period as we present an interview video that gives a glimpse of what sound editing is about. Also attending may be other directors, animators and actors. Cinema Central.
 - **Bones of the Forrest** — By Galiano filmmakers Velcro Ripper and Heather Fries. This film (an award-winner) is a view of logging through the eyes of the elders. Also playing are three

short films: Something's Happening Here and This Way Please, created by Salt Spring's Bianca Barnes, that move from clear-cutting to selective logging. Playball, a short animation by Gail Noonan of Mayne, will also be shown this evening. These films will be shown on Sunday evening, March 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (2 hours total). Cinema Central.

Stage

- **The Wizard of Oz** — Presented by the Fernwood Elementary School on Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27, at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets \$6 adults, \$3 children, advance only, available at Bank of Montreal, Sharon's, Mouat's ticket office and Island Books Plus.
- **Throb Gallery** — Presented by the Dance Theatre Clowns for Eros '98, with dancers, clowns and musicians! Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28 at 8 p.m., Mahon Hall. Tickets \$12 at Island Books Plus.
- **The Scattering of Rosa Monday** — A Readers' Theatre presentation, and a benefit for Planned Parenthood. Sunday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., at the Core Inn. Admission \$5.

Family

- **Family Farm Day at Ruckle Park** — Ploughing demonstrations, blacksmithing demonstrations, farm animals, hay rides and a weaving demonstration are all part of the fun planned for Family Fun Day on Sunday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Come and enjoy a day at the park!
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- **Wednesday, April 2** — 5 p.m., Talk Around the Rock
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- **Role of Local People in Zimbabwe's Tourism** — Mike and Kay Leresche, wildlife photographer and resource economist, will speak on options and opportunities for local community participation in tourism in Zimbabwe. Tea and cookies to follow. Sunday, March 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea.

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Artist finishes mural

What the Dickens has Salt Spring artist David Halliwell been up to?

Painting a Dickensian mural, that's what.

Halliwell has just completed a five by eight-foot painting for Tanner's Books in Sidney as part of a "What the Dickens" mural mystery contest.



Halliwell

The mural depicts a seated Dickens behind three shelves of books and other items. The contest entails answering a series of questions about the mural.

Halliwell said the painting took six weeks to complete and incorporates three special design features. The first is that the perspective on the bookshelf is bent to draw the eye to the centre of the mural. Adding further to the perspective is background colours which are all tones of gray while objects on the foreground shelf are in full colour.

Thirdly, Halliwell explained, there is a triangulation of colour in the objects on the shelves to tie everything together.

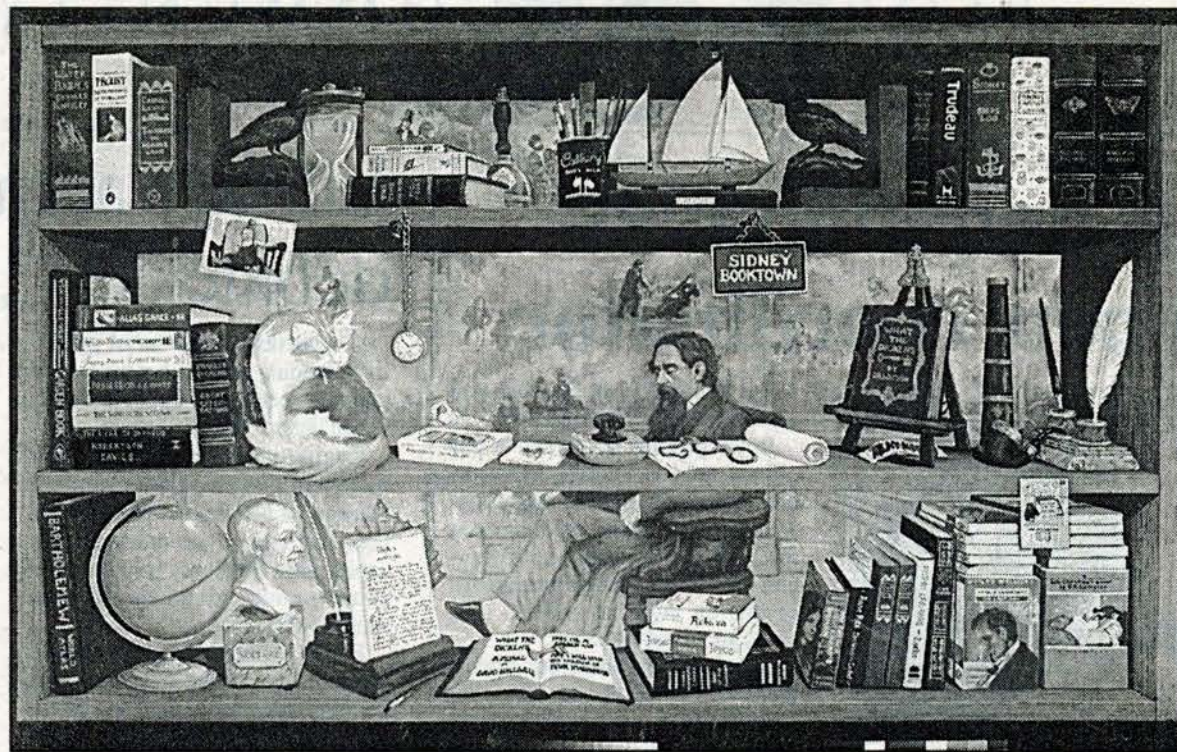
He was enthusiastic about the opportunity to work on a piece of public art and praised the Tanner family for their vision.

Dancers can still sign up

Spaces are still available for contestants in Dance-a-thon '98. And everyone will likely leave the dance floor a winner.

The Salt Spring Centre School fund-raiser promises 12 hours of non-stop live and canned music. Prizes will be drawn every half hour, starting at 4:30 p.m. April 4, for those still on the dance floor.

A grand cash prize will be awarded at 4 a.m. April 5 for those diehards who can still boogie. The dance-a-thon is billed as a family event so children are welcome to participate; numerous prizes have been donated by the community that are appropriate for youths and adults.



DICKENSIAN MURAL: Salt Spring artist David Halliwell's mural hangs at Tanner's Books in Sidney. Painted in oils, the project took six weeks to complete and is the centre-piece of a contest sponsored by the store.

Book by former island resident entertaining if you like language

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Judging by the quality of writing among our children these days, the English language is in decline.

Bad spelling, poor grammar and a generally lazy approach to language is worrisome to people whose business is communication.

A few years ago I came across an old annual from a college in Victoria (Victoria College, I think it was called). It was a delight to read. The language was beautiful, full of descriptive words you rarely hear today and written in a style that reflected the grace and beauty of the English language.

It was written by college students with a much better grounding in English than anyone of my generation or those that have come since. I think they would have appreciated Helga Williams' book.

Many Salt Spring Islanders will remember Helga and her husband Colin. I recall seeing a lot of Helga a decade or more ago since she had a number of interests. Colin was a painter, and did one of the murals at Chemainus.

Helga's book, illustrated by Colin, is called Wordplay and it's fun to read for anyone with an interest in vocabulary.

What's the shortest word in our language? Aa, pronounced ah-ah.

It's a cindery lava found in Hawaii, the book tells us. (The author goes on to wonder if the word is the sound made by a barefoot person stepping on hot lava rock.)

The longest word? At 45 letters, it's pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis, a sickness that afflicts coal miners, and more commonly known as black lung disease.

You'll find many other new words in Wordplay, as well as old ones whose meanings you know but whose origins you do not. Next Valentine's Day you might want to consider these two as substitutes for honeybun or sweetheart.

Try dulcinea on the tongue.

According to Williams, Dulcinea del Toboso was Don Quixote's sweetheart and so the name, at one time, became synonymous with darling. You might want to think twice about pigney, though, which also means darling.

The book continues in the same vein for 100-odd pages, each one containing little gems of word trivia — very interesting and quite entertaining for anyone with an interest in language.

I hope the market for this book is stronger than my fears would indicate.

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Anonymous donation nets Core Inn a new coordinator

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A Salt Spring miracle put a new coordinator in place at the Core Inn Youth Centre last month.

For Meredith Fawcett, taking the 25-hour-a-week job was a chance to come home to the island she left 12 years ago. For Core Inn Youth Project director Trish Nobile, being able to employ Fawcett was an unexpected gift.

The volunteers who fund raise and coordinate the Ganges youth centre had advertised for a coordinator but were not sure how they were going to finance the position. Then they received an anonymous donation of \$20,000, which was enough to employ a coordinator for a year. "It was like a miracle," Nobile said.

Fawcett applied for the job from Vancouver, where she has been working with youth for about 10 years through a non-profit agency. For the last four years she has worked with street youth.

"They're really neat kids because they're in survival mode," she observed, explaining that they are often very direct but appreciate help and honesty.

Fawcett had lived on the island for eight years with her own three children. In applying for the job, she admits fearing that the youth centre might want a younger coordinator.

But Nobile said Fawcett so impressed the four young people on the hiring panel that they unanimously recommended her.

Fawcett has focused on cleaning up and brightening the interior



Meredith Fawcett

of the Core Inn and adding more drop-in or scheduled activities. A potter, she plans to offer hand-building workshops.

"We're trying to attract more young people," she said.

A new video game has been added and Fawcett wants ball hockey and basketball on the outside court. Many of the young people love pool but need a better pool table, she said.

The Grrls Group, a discussion group for Grades 7 and 8, is held Thursday afternoons. Nobile said the program no longer has funding but the older girls who conduct the meetings volunteered to continue.

Volunteer support from the community is the only way the centre doors will remain open, Nobile said, as there is no government funding coming in.

In addition to money, the centre needs supervisors to extend the operating hours and others to conduct programs. Present operating hours are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday to Friday and 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday. "The kids would

like it to be open on Sundays and some evenings," Fawcett said.

In the past the youth centre has offered mini-workshops in music, arts and crafts. Nobile said there will be art classes offered next fall, but more ideas and volunteers willing to offer workshops or mentor young people in new skills are always needed.

When the second floor opens, there will be additional space for workshops as well as a wellness clinic. An orientation is offered for Core Inn volunteers and current volunteers are planning a membership drive to draw more people into the project by the April 22 annual general meeting.

The more the youth centre can offer, the more young people walk through the doors, Nobile said.

The next few events at the centre have a fundraising component.

On Sunday (March 29) the Readers Theatre will present an original play by Florence Cook Reid entitled *The Scattering of Rosa Monday*. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Core Inn, admission is \$5 and proceeds will support a planned parenthood clinic at the youth centre.

Young people are organizing and will perform in a Youth Creative Expression Cafe on April 2. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, and there will be coffee and refreshments for sale.

Nobile said money is needed to finish the heritage restoration of the building and to install a new roof. "With those two steps we'll have the building pretty much restored," she said.

Library annual meeting debates B.C. funding cut

A reduction in provincial government funding was the hot topic at the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island library Thursday afternoon.

Chairwoman Grace Byrne said members discussed the change in Ministry of Municipal Affairs regulations that capped the provincial per-capita grant for library services at the same amount given by the local municipality.

For most libraries, the new regulation does not create a problem. But for three libraries in B.C. — including those on Salt Spring and Pender islands — the new regulation eliminates the provincial grant.

"We have no municipal taxes," Byrne said. The library will still receive a grant this year but only because of a one-time \$10,000 grant-in-aid from the Capital Regional District which is substituting for municipal taxes.

That amount will be matched with \$10,000 from the province. But Byrne pointed out that the \$10,000 is less than half the previous per-capita grant.

The library board plans to approach the recently appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs, Jenny

Kwan, to appeal for an exemption from the new regulation.

Also at the meeting, Byrne was elected to the board and then elected chairwoman.

Michael Wheaton was re-elected to the board and re-elected as treasurer, and Mary Walker and Jennifer Quick were both elected to the board.

Bob Davidson, who was appointed to the board earlier this year, was elected vice-chairman.

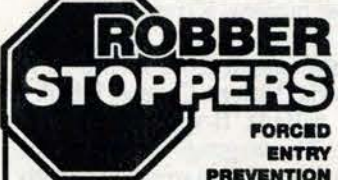
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Many women, Glover adds, do not realize that increasing age is the strongest risk factor for breast cancer.

Women under 40 should have screening mammograms only if they have a strong family history (two or more primary females) of breast cancer.

Because the policy for recall letters has changed in the last year, Glover says, more appointments are available now. The screening takes no more than 10 minutes.

Those wanting further information should contact Glover at 537-4607. Anyone wanting to make an appointment is asked to phone 1-800-663-9203.



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GISS's honour roll students announced

Gulf Islands Secondary School has released its honour roll for the second report period of the first semester.

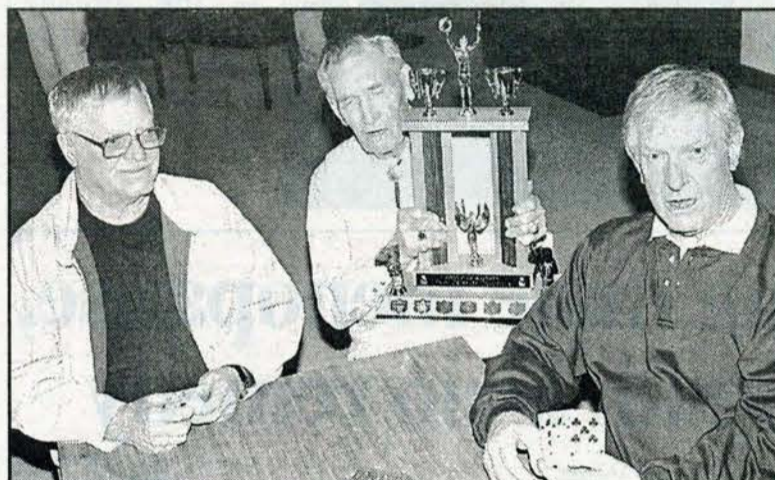
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Champions

Salt Spring Legion dart and cribbage players will be representing the Cowichan/mid-island zone at the provincial play-offs. At top are doubles dart team Avril Kirby and Chris Abrie, and four-member team Kevan Andrews, Bill Kirby, John Sutherland and Aubrey Crocker, who knocked off the competition to represent the zone in a March 28-29 tournament in Vernon. Cribbage players Steve Wawryk, John Matheson, Trevor Northeast and Jim Hatch (not shown) won their honours after competing against six other teams at the zone level. They will travel to a tournament the same weekend.

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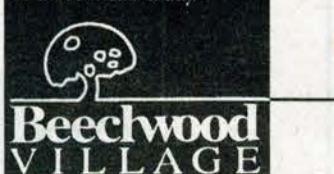
The depot's Peter Grant said islanders have until early April to recycle their phone books. Money collected by the depot for the old books will go to assist Simons, also known as Bicycle Bob, who was struck several months ago by a mysterious ailment.

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MAR. 25: Dr. Ian Chisholm, Salt Spring Seniors, 2pm free!
MAR. 25-APR. 3: Mobile Mammography Unit, behind Lady Minto Hospital.
MAR. 28: Wellness Fair, Activity Centre, 10am-4pm.
MAR. 28: The Lloyd English Swing Trio, Legion, 8:30pm.
MAR. 28: Canadian Federation of University Women, Lions Hall, 1:30pm.
MAR. 29: Readers Theatre, The Scattering of Rosa Monday, Core Inn, 7:30pm.
MAR. 30: Information Session sponsored by Emergency Preparedness, Hart Bradley Hall, 7:30pm.
APR. 1: SS Reader's Group, Island Books Plus, 7pm.
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
 - Salt Spring Health Assoc., Lady Minto meeting rm, 4pm-5:30pm, (4th Wed. of every month)
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.
 - Duplicate Bridge, lower hall Baptist Church, 7pm

EVERY TUESDAY

- 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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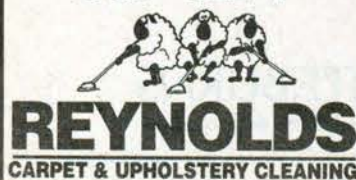
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Photo by Derrick Lundy

When facing male menopause, marrying again is no remedy

Betty Strawbridge took me behind the barn and kissed me.

I was five and she was five and a half. Ever since I have been attracted to older women.

My lady is six years older than me and in Lady Minto there is a plethora of older ladies whom I cherish. I sometimes ponder on this. Had it to do with my mother?

She died of pneumonia, then a killer disease, when I was seven years old. She was 27 and I still miss her. She was elfin and Irish and an outrageous mimic and she showered me with love. She was a beautiful uninhibited elf who gave me the gift of humour, song and laughter.

She died in February and Glasgow was cold and misty and damp and unforgiving. I wandered down the street and the desolation was overwhelming. I was a lost lamb.

I was saved by an elderly woman. She was my Irish grandmother and she hugged me, not too hygienically perhaps, but enveloped me in an atavistic human warmth.

My mother had many brothers and sisters; this was the era of the rhythm method and the Vatican condom which was open at both ends. There have been more effective ways of birth control.

My fondest memories are of my uncles and aunts. The uncles would throw me from one to the other, occasionally dropping me, much to the consternation of the aunts, but drying my tears and sharing their cheap South African sherry, known as "Red Biddy," with me. I was fortunate I grew up in this atmosphere of caring and love. Seemingly the first four years are vital in the child's development, and warmth and deep affection are of paramount importance.

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When I was going through my mid-life crisis, the male menopause, I coped by going back to school and changing my career goals. This worked for me and the rest of my life was rewarding. I was dismayed at what was happening to my friends and colleagues. There was a feeling of panic, an awareness of mortality. This manifested itself in many ways.

They bought Porsches and long red cars that symbolized potency and youth, compensation for a waning libido.

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They updated their wardrobes, lifted weights and styled their hair and bought blow dryers.

They held in their stomachs and experimented with hair pieces.

Finally, they divorced their wives of 20 years, older women, and married 17-year-old cheerleaders.

The latter was devastating to me. I would be invited to dinner and for once had nothing to say. I was Gershwin, they were Heavy Metal. They were attractive, I had a lived-in physique. I ate discriminately, they snapped their bubble gum.

The attraction had to be sexual, which is fair enough. However, the reality is, in a 24-hour day, what do you do with the other 23.5?

I have this recurring nightmare. I wake up and see this young, beautiful but empty head on the pillow. The day stretches ahead forever. How to get through it?

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Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in April, 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 District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Wednesday the 1st day of April, 1998.

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To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 18 years of age or older, an owner, or spouse of owner, of land in the Improvement District, and entitled to be registered as a voter under the Election Act.

Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Michael Larmour,
Manager

Institute hosts conference

Agricultural issues will top the agenda as Salt Spring hosts a women's institute conference in Fulford Harbour next week.

The South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute is hosting the April 2 event, which will involve institute members from Nanaimo to Sooke, Sidney, Victoria and the Gulf Islands.

The gathering, which marks the first year of the second century of women's institutes in Canada, will focus on the group's accomplishments over the past year and address plans for the future.

Guest speaker Catharine Read, B.C. deputy minister of agriculture, fisheries and food, will address issues such as the Six Mile Ranch land deal, the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, and the use of bovine growth hormones in dairy cattle. Also speaking is Lynda Desrocher, director of the B.C. Women's Institute Provincial Board, whose report will include information on upcoming competitions.

Other subjects on the agenda include:

- female circumcision in Muslim countries;
- an update on women's institute efforts involving the Queen Alexandra Foundation;
- details on the Hands Across the Straits Picnic, set for July in Victoria.

The last five months has seen the local women's institute branch surge in membership, welcoming 11 new members.

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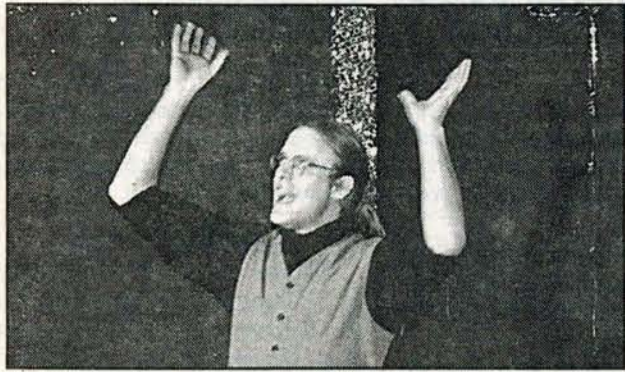
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Erotic gestures

Salt Spring writer Kevin Patterson uses hand gestures for emphasis as he describes a banana split-eating contest at the Eros '98 erotic literary evening. He and several others read to a full house at Meaden Hall Saturday night. Music, photography and erotic edibles rounded off the evening.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

World Development Tea benefits 'far-off lands'

Thirty-five years ago the first Salt Spring World Development Tea was advertised by the altar guild of St. Mark's Anglican Church.

"Tea will be served to all the community at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the home of Joan Springford," stated the notice. "Donations are encouraged to benefit victims of disaster in far-off lands."

As 1998 event publicist Carol Williams explains, other churches have since joined the preparations

and opened their doors when the event outgrew island parlours.

This year's tea is on Saturday, April 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea.

The World Development Tea has raised funds through the years for sewing machines, a van, education, water catchment, health care training for workers in their own communities, small grass-roots projects and well-known ones such as UNICEF and the Christian Blind Mission

International.

Williams says people who come to the tea tend to be generous because they know that every donation goes directly to worthwhile projects such as the back-strap loom weaving program which the Salt Spring Central American Support Committee sponsored in 1995. A Guatemalan women's group was given seed money to purchase materials for weaving, so that they could be self-supporting. Some of the

resulting woven goods will be for sale at the April 4 event.

Williams says the tea is no longer served at home, but is still offered with the caring efforts of a few dozen women and men from the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United churches, and includes the sale of home baking, plants, silent auction and attic treasures.

It continues, she says, "because of the generosity of those who wouldn't miss it for the world."



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Happy saints know God loves laughter

The French have a saying that is pertinent to today's theme — "Un saint triste est un triste saint." ("A saint who is sad is a sad saint indeed.")

PILGRIM'S NOTES
WITH JACK McLEAN



The wit and flavour of the pun in the original French are lost in the English translation but the point is made nonetheless. Happiness is really the keynote and the proof of spirituality. And happiness needs to be given a much higher profile in religion. One of the several reasons why "organized" religion has historically given itself a bad name — and I should say that I am not an opponent of organized religion per se — is that religion, unfortunately, has become associated with a spirit of stultifying boredom.

Certain historical negative images come to mind, and they are not all confined to Christianity alone: the oppressive and joyless, life-denying, penitential, sour-faced, black-robed priest or puritan; ascetics reclining on beds of sharp nails or piercing their skin with needles; doctors of the law binding oppressive burdens on the faithful; moral preaching but hypocrisy in practice.

Then there is the bane forever associated with the self-righteous religious outlook — judgmentalism. I wonder if judges can ever be happy, for they are always pronouncing sentence. What a drag! These are, of course, stereotypical images and as such are only shorthand versions of the truth. But, nonetheless, this overly grave and arduous interpretation of religion is one of the very reasons that people have shunned institutionalized forms of faith and are turning in droves to more free-flowing forms of spirituality.

Christ said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10).

The mission of the prophets has always been divine happiness, happiness that is based on the knowledge of true self and altruistic spiritual and ethical behaviour. King David carried the Ark of the Covenant joyfully (1

Chronicles 15:25) and danced with the Torah in his arms. For he received the law of God, not as a burden, but as a joyous liberation.

This is a different kind of happiness than what the world imagines but it is much more profound and lasting — in short — real. Divine happiness is about self-liberation, or the feeling of joy in marvelling at the myriad forms of beauty in God's creation and in enjoying a justified sense of accomplishment in living a life that is worthwhile; a life based on the acquisition of virtues, the promotion of learning and culture, and of being a source of social good.

In the Hindu spiritual treatises The Upanishads (800-400 BCE) we read: "And then he saw that Brahman (The All) was joy. For from joy all beings have come. By joy they all live. Unto joy they all return."

Here we understand that God is not only love but preeminently joy as the "creative life force." And especially at this time of year, when we have just experienced the vernal equinox in her mounting glory, are we most conscious of this abundant, life-giving, joy-giving creativity, when all of nature and our spirits with her are surging with a new life within.

Really spiritual people have a wonderful sense of humour and are able to laugh at themselves.

This ability to laugh at oneself is, I think, one of the deepest roots in the psychology of humour. Such spirits are happy because they have learned to laugh at the very things that in other circumstances would have given them embarrassment or pain. For the other face of sorrow is joy.

It takes a secure and liberated person to laugh at oneself. The insecure person is always offended by the joke that pokes fun at self or others, for he or she wrongly imagines that self-deprecatory laughter is humiliation. Laughing at yourself — or others — is really just another way of loving the imperfect creature in us all.

For it is precisely our imperfections that make humans profoundly winsome and lovable. At a deeper level, we love those whom we love, not in spite of, but because of their faults. The "perfect person" without foibles lacks any aura of humanity and is not really very appealing. The happy saint knows, as William Sears did when he wrote the title of his funny little book, that "God loves laughter."

In the Book of Job (38:7), we read that when God laid out the foundations of the earth "...the morning stars sang together, and all the children of God shouted for joy." We can all experience that sense of rejoicing in the work of creation.

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Map would help fire department identify houses

The Community Club executive will consider whether it should help fund costs of a detailed map requested by the Saturna Fire Protection Society.

At the club's March 16 quarterly meeting, the society requested \$350 to offset map costs.

All island houses would be shown on the map and would help the fire department keep track of all new houses so they can make an up-to-date fire protection plan and respond more quickly to emergencies.

Community Club members had agreed not to spend large amounts of money without a notice of motion so the matter was passed to the executive for consideration. It is authorized to spend up to \$500 without a motion from the meeting.

Saturna Local Trust Committee members John Money and Bill Sheffield offered to help acquire the map at a lower cost through the Islands Trust.

In other Community Club news,

nominations are coming up for the new club executive. Elections will be held April 20 at the annual general meeting. Those who would like to volunteer some time serving the community in this way should talk to past president Chuck Alp or to any member of the executive committee.

The ferry committee requested a letter be sent to B.C. Ferries asking the corporation to look at all survey results from previous questionnaires and to talk to the stakeholders group. This was in response to the news that B.C. Ferries plans to conduct new research to identify a local social profile, a character sketch of the island and an outline of services.

Janice Mason spoke to the Community Club about the Small Boat Club and invited everyone to participate. The club has found a

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WITH GAIL TRAFFORD



temporary site on Boot Cove and is planning a workbee to build a trail and a boat shelter. The Centennial Boat, a replica of small Spanish boats that explored this island, is sitting at Greg Foster's place on Galiano Island. Money is needed to complete the construction. The boat could be sold and the money used for new equipment or it could be completed and used by the club.

No decision was reached although everyone agreed it is an island asset that should be used in some way for the benefit of the community.

Roy Barrow and Burt Shaw were thanked for replacing the door to the J.E. Money Medical Clinic. The new door is a great improve-

ment.

Melanie Gaines asked club members for ideas and suggestions about how to keep the local school open. Community input is welcome.

The hall furnace has been fixed and Terry Danyliw, head of the hall maintenance committee, asks that no one touch it.

The battle against the ants is on and any home owners with ant problems are invited to share the costs of bringing an exterminator to the island. There is a sign-up sheet at the General Store.

Danyliw has located a sound system and the club agreed to purchase it for the hall. This will be available for Christmas concerts, plays, background music at dinners and other functions.

Medical Centre costs will be reviewed to ensure a fair division between the Community Club and the fire department. Since the building has been used for local community meetings as well as regular clinic days, the cost of heat has increased greatly.

Capital Regional District director Jacques Campbell announced that she has acquired a \$1,000 grant-in-aid for the ambulance committee.

The bursary fund has been awarded \$700 dollars from the barbecue committee. The group pledged 10 per cent of lamb barbecue profits for the fund.

Coming events

Saturday, May 2 is Family Day at Thompson Park, sponsored by the Saturna Parks and Recreation Commission. Last year's event was a resounding success.

Everyone is welcome to come early and help tidy up the grounds and then join in a family picnic to finish off the day.

• On May 16 the commission will bring the second draft of the master plan to the community.

• Easter weekend will be busy. On Good Friday, St. Christopher's church will meet for a meditation service at 1 p.m. and in the evening the Hoarse Raven Theatre will present the play called Molly Sweeney.

• On Saturday the bake sale and Easter tea and Crab Fest will be held at the Community Hall. On Sunday there will be an Easter service at 2 p.m. at St. Christopher's church, followed by an Easter tea and a special event for the children. Everyone is welcome.

Rust, worn paint concerns MLA

Policy ideas for the coming legislative session in Victoria were outlined by Murray Coell, Liberal MLA for Saanich and the Islands, who was guest speaker at Saturday's Galiano Ratepayers annual general meeting.

Concerned by the rust and worn paint on B.C. Ferries' Queen of Tsawwassen — his means of getting to Galiano — he wonders about the state of the fleet generally and the government's insistence that the ferry system must pay its own way. He says some subsidy of the system will always be necessary.

Questions of top-heavy management in the corporation and of apparent scheduling problems were concerns expressed by those present.

The recent John Fryer report, commissioned by the government after last fall's unpopular ferry rate increases and related protests, has been turned over to the ferry corporation to implement.

According to Coell, "the government (is) unwilling to take responsibility for ferry fare shortfalls and the corporation's management (is) too weak to stand up to the government."

Coell says his party is very aware that B.C.'s taxes are too high, the deficit is large and growing, and the government's job creation program is far from being as successful as anticipated. He says the Liberal party has cures for the province's poor financial state and will promote them in the upcoming session.

As environmental critic, Coell hopes to promote the idea of co-operation between environmentalists and industrialists. Not an

GALIANO NOTES

WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



easy feat, he admits, but something which must be attempted, and soon — the economy requires it.

After his talk to the ratepayers group, Coell was driven up-island where members of the Galiano Conservancy gave him a tour of the Pebble Beach-Cable Bay area — two district lots they hope to secure to add to the island's growing environmentally-protected, permanent forest land. Pebble Beach, located on Crown land, has one of the best swimming beaches on Galiano, the water warmer due to currents created by pressure across the straits from the Fraser River.

Many islanders, including the ratepayers, want a registered public access written into any transfer agreement the government makes before legal transfer occurs. A number of ratepayers finished their AGM with a walk to Pebble Beach down the forest trail just as their MLA had done an hour earlier.

Garden club

Brian Hutchings of Salt Spring's Cusheon Creek Nursery was guest speaker at the March meeting of the Galiano Garden Club.

Two tables of house plants plus rockery plants and shrubs were on display, many of the latter being suitable for our "Mediterranean" growing conditions. Information on where the plants in question grow best, whether they like sun or shade, whether they are grown for their flowers or their foliage and how long they take to get to maturity

was offered by Hutchings. Sales of displayed items were brisk.

The show bench offered a good selection of flowers and flower arrangements. Several "10s" for excellence were awarded by judge Margaret Edgar. Plantlets resulting from a variety of propagation techniques were shown by exhibitor Emily Switzer.

A floral wreath of moss, vines and early spring flowers brought designer Bev Yeomans special commendation. An enthusiastic Andree Connell reported on a two-day alpine flower study session held in Richmond last month.

A volunteer (or volunteers) to take on membership and sunshine positions on the executive is being sought. Present holder of these jobs, Audrey Cook, is moving to Sidney in a month or so. Cook is a long-time garden club member and former club president. She will be missed.

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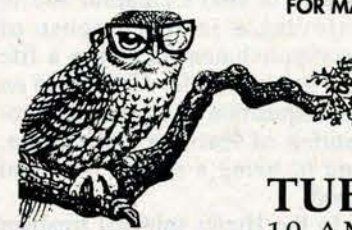
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A wine trail leads south to Saturna

Maybe it was the endless rain, or maybe it was the bills that littered my desk, but my mood was as blue as the smoke from my wood-stove.

THE GRAPE VINE BY STEVE COOPMAN



I didn't realize how bad it was, however, until Precious swept into the office one morning and announced she'd had enough of my foul temper. I had half an hour to pack and then we were heading for the sunny south.

When we arrived on Saturna Island, the sun was indeed shining. Precious had convinced me we needed to get away and as I took in the environs I felt we'd accomplished the objective. Luckily we'd booked into Saturna Lodge.

While Precious went in to see that our room was ready I gathered the bags and took a minute to reconnoiter. A simple but tastefully converted farm house was the inn itself, situated at the end of Boot Cove. I noticed nice decks all around, and a hot tub in amongst the trees, which I resolved to investigate later.

Inside, manager Jennifer Griffin introduced us to the owners, Larry and Robyn Page and, to my delight, the winemaker for their new Saturna Vineyard operation, Eric von Krosigk. Things were looking up.

As the sun was still shining, I suggested a drive to view the vines in "situ," to which Eric readily agreed. After a 10-minute drive we arrived at an impressive gate. The view was south and down a steep roadway to the 50 acres set aside to the vineyard and the 31 waterfront lots of the strata development.

At the foot of a sandstone cliff were 12 acres of one-year-old vines. Further up the "bench" were eight acres of vines beginning their third season. Eric told us the vineyard was planted with Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Merlot, Gewurztraminer and Pinot Gris. In future plantings he would make sure Pinot Muenier would be included so that he could make a classic "champagne."

Eric assured me they'd get their first crop from the older vines this year and by 2001 they'd have 50 acres in cultivation — impressive. He seemed to have all the answers.

"Just where did you become such an expert?" I queried.

Germany for training in viticulture and oenology, winemaker and partner of Summerhill Estate Winery, champagne maker at Sumac Ridge Wineries, general manager and winemaker at Hawthorne Mountain Vineyards — his answer was short and concise and now I knew just where I stood.

We arrived back at the lodge just in time to dive into a before-dinner glass of wine. Eric and I continued our conversation at the bar. Precious, feeling chilled after our vineyard excursion, cosied up to the fire for a conversation with the Pages. At the bar we were in a fascinating discussion of the joys of vine trellising when the call to dinner came.

Precious had found the time somehow to change for dinner; black leather and gold suits her well. The lodge's chef turned out to be Hubertus Surm, formerly of Isador's in Vancouver. Thinking of the visit to the hot tub later, I started with Saturna Lodge oyster bars with hazelnuts and spinach, a house specialty, and mouth-watering good.

The lamb kebobs were perfectly done, subtle and flavourful and accompanied by braised red cabbage. Then there was a man-sized piece of homemade apple pie which Precious let me taste after I'd finished an exquisitely-done creme caramel.

As the conversation flowed around me, and the food and wine charmed my senses, I felt the dark clouds in my soul lift and blow away. Precious was looking at me with a knowing look and smug smile. It's amazing what a little trip to sunny Saturna Lodge can do.

Wines of the Month

If you are a fan of the wines of Italy (and if you like wine you should be) try La Marca Piave Cabernet Sauvignon 1993. At \$11.95 it's very good value. This is a very smooth wine and quite light for a cab, a little berry fruit, some nice earth tones and eminently drinkable.

Chardonnay lovers should try Orlando, Jacob's Creek Chardonnay 1996. This is a typical Australian Chardonnay with lots of tropical fruits and tons of oak and a great deal right now as the price has just been reduced to \$10.20 at the liquor store.

By far the best sparkling wine value in the store is Blue Mountain Sparkling Wine. At \$19.95 this has all the flavour of its French cousin but at half the price. There is a bright liveliness in this wine that refreshed the palate, as well as lots of rich bottom tones and a touch of stone, and it has great lasting bubbles.



Walking for peace

Christian Paul-Tatonetti, left, and David Hennebury take a break in Centennial Park after walking from Beaver Point in the 24-hour Peace and Unity Walk, held each equinox on Salt Spring. The walk started with a sacred fire at Ruckle Park early Saturday morning.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Emergency readiness is topic

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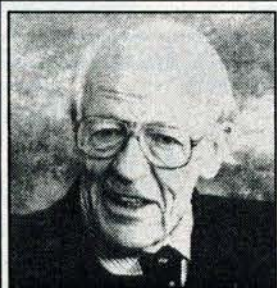
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6 DEATHS

COOK, DORIS passed away in her sleep March 17, 1998. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. A future service will be held. Special thanks to all Greenwood staff and a special thank you to Dr. Graham.

MRS. ADELHEID SCHROEDER, formerly of Salt Spring Island, passed away in her home in Langley, B.C. on March 22, 1998 at the age of 76. Sadly missed by Karla (Schroeder) and Neil Wilkinson, Wolfgang (Ted) and Sherrie Schroeder and family, as well as many relatives and friends in Canada and Germany.

SAVAGE: ON March 21, 1998, three days after her 88th birthday, peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital, Annabella Savage, widow of Raymond and beloved mother of Stephen and Andrew and grandmother of David and Robert. We will hold her dearly in our hearts always. Funeral at Ganges United Church on Wednesday, April 1 at 12:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Barry Cooke.



JOLLIFFE, Edward Bigelow, Q.C. Peacefully at home on Salt Spring Island, BC, in his 90th year on March 18, 1998. Recently predeceased by his wife of 63 years Ruth Conger Moore, survived by his four children, Naomi, John (Solinus) Nancy and Thomas, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Also survived by sister Sid Somerville and brother Paul, and predeceased by brother Richard Orlando and Frances Reedman. Born in Luchow, China to missionary parents Rev. Charles and Gertrude Joliffe, he was educated in China, Victoria College at University of Toronto, and as a Rhodes Scholar at Christ Church, Oxford. Called to English Bar, 1934, before returning to Canada to practice law with Lang and Michener and enter Provincial politics in Ontario. Recipient, Governor General Commendation for distinguished public service, 1940; Provincial Leader of Ontario CCF, 1942-53; Leader of Official Opposition in the Legislature, 1943-45, 1948-51; partner, Joliffe Lewis and Osler, 1945-69; Chief Adjudicator PSSRB, 1969-79; Chairman, Atai Arctic Creative Development Foundation, 1975; private and public sector arbitrator 1980-98; Member of National Academy of Arbitrators, 1972-98; Life Member of The Law Society of Upper Canada; Honorary Life Member of Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; Life Member of The University Club; Life Member of NABET; President, Empire Club of Canada 1968-69, etc. He was justly proud of his many contributions as a social activist and humanist in his 64 years of professional life as a politician, labour lawyer, author and arbitrator.

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A SPECIAL THANKS once again to all of the staff at Salt Spring Home Support for their loving assistance and care for our entire family during Edward's passing. The Joliffe family. We'll miss you.

11 COMING EVENTS

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

ARTCAMP '98 JULY 19-23, 26-30, August 3-7, 8:45 - 4:00 p.m. daily. A unique and exciting opportunity for children ages 6 - 12 years to experience the creative and performing arts. Sculpting, painting, music, theatre. Professional instructors with student assistants. Call 537-1211 for brochure.

BUDDHIST MEDITATION and view on Kindness, Clarity & Insight from perspective of Dalai Lama, 6 Tuesdays starting March 31, \$58. Information, Matthew Coleman, 537-2378.

ZIMBABWE'S TOURISM - Role of local people. Slide show and talk by the Leresche family. Sunday, March 29. All-Saints, 7pm to 8:30pm. Tea & cookies after.

SALT SPRING Island Golf & Country Club Ladies Spring Luncheon. Tuesday, March 31, 1998 at 12:30. Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 26. Tickets will be available at the Pro Shop.

ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting, Scott Point Waterworks District, March 28, 1998. 7:30 p.m., Pavilion of Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 241 Scott Point Drive.

SPRING FELDENKRAIS® Awareness Through Movement® classes with Alice Friedman begin again Monday March 23!! Help break inefficient patterns and improve performance. Reduce stress and relieve pain. Increase flexibility. Learn to move more comfortably. Enjoy yourself. Mondays: 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. #202 Lancer Building. For information and registration please call: 537-2343 or 653-4332. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

11 COMING EVENTS

CAROLE MATTHEWS, psychic consultant taking appts. on island. Apr. 2, 3, & 4. For appt. call 537-2031. Join Carole on her radio show on AM900 Saturday eves. 7 - 9 p.m.

MENOPAUSE MADNESS? Dance away the blues using rhythm and relaxation with Lottie Devindisch. April 7 - 28. Tuesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Activity Centre. Enquire Natureworks or 537-2918.

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AN EVENING of pampering for women with health problems. Learn how to nurture your mind, body and spirit. Thursday, April 9th, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Skin Sensations, 2102 Grace Point Square. Facilitated by Ingrid Deringer. \$30 includes \$20 gift certificate for services. Limited space. Reserve by calling Skin Sensations, 537-8807.



YOGA WORKSHOP with Celeste Mallet

SAT. 4 APRIL

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1st session:

8:30-9 am - Meditation

9-11 am - An introduction to asanas (postures)

11-11:30 am - Tea

2nd session:

11:30-2 pm - Going deeper

2 pm - Lunch \$10

Attend either session \$35

Both sessions \$45

Registration 537-5667

11 COMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER FOR A DAY OF FUN IN THE SUN

Pre-Campaign Clean-Up
9 am. Saturday March 28
Bring work gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows to PEACE PARK (across from ArtSpring) on Jackson Ave.
Let's make the Park ready for Summer!

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SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider further Readings of proposed Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 345, together with other matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Thurs, Mar. 26/98

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: Room 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges, B.C.

The public is invited to attend, and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Local Trust Committee on any matter of interest. An agenda for the meeting will be posted on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the Islands Trust Office, Room 1206, Grace Point Square.

World Development Tea
at All Saints
April 4
2 - 4 pm

YOUR FAMILY AND HOME ARE IN DANGER
WHAT DO YOU DO; WHO DO YOU TURN TO?

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Monday, March 30, 7:30pm
Lions Hall

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 22
7:30pm

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By Order of the Board
Patsy Siemens,
Secretary to the Board



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14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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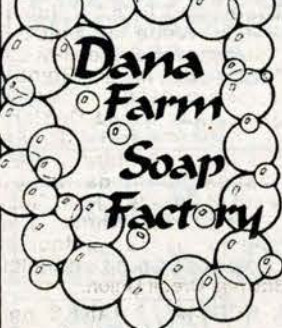
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PART TIME experienced nanny, needed in my home. Tuesday & Thursday mornings and all day Wednesday. Own transportation necessary. Call Kelly 537-5573.

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Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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YARD SALE - Scheduled for March 27 & 28 at 225 Head St has been cancelled.

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1997 JEEP TJ, 14K, PS, green with tan soft top, 4 cyl. Moving, must sell. \$17,500 firm. 537-4492 days or 537-2184 evenings.

SUNNY 2 ACRES, waterfront, award winning cottage, Arbutus, deer, eagles, sunsets, out standing view. 1 year lease. \$975 per month. 537-4492 days or 537-2184 evenings.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS can be sent to Gloria Nye on a scroll at Cinema Central or Naikai Gallery until April 7. Thank you.

FINAL REGISTRATION - Saltspring Minor Baseball: Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ganges Village Market. Bring copy of Birth certificate. Help - coaches/umpires desperately needed! Contact Darin Craig: 537-4049.

RESPONSIBLE SINGLE male, with a reliable steady job, looking for a secluded: one or two bedroom house or cabin on acreage. Between \$450 and \$550, for May 1. Call Patrick 537-0770, Mess. 537-4889.

NEED A WORK truck? 84 Nissan long box pick-up. 5 spd. P/B, P/S, AM/FM cassette & booster. Matching canopy, \$1200. 537-5492, leave message.

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STARS OF The Islands* Local Film Festival!!! Continues Saturday afternoon, 2 - 6. Sunday afternoon, 2 - 6. Sunday evening, 7:30 - 9:30 and Monday night, 7:30. Both afternoons are special video presentations including works by V. Ripper, G. Noonan, C. Anderson, K. Estable, Ken Heeley Ray and others. Sunday evening 16 mm presentation includes award winning Bones of the Forest and 3 short films including work by Bianca Barnes. Monday we're pleased to present M. Ranson's Falling Over Backwards. Call 653-4795 for more details. Come see what talented film makers the islands have to offer!

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RENT REDUCTION, 2 bedroom duplex, carport, 6 appliances, no dogs, 537-5771.

HOUSEMATE WANTED, gorgeous view, near town, \$300/month. Mature, responsible, N/S, N/P. April/May 1, washer/dryer. Call Steven 537-0024.

RESPONSIBLE, MATURE female artist seeks quiet shared accommodation/or rental suite with garden. 537-9331.

14' FIBREGLASS BOAT, 4 seats, 25 HP engine, in good shape, with (old) trailer, \$1350. 537-7432.

CRISIS LINE. Do you have an interest in counselling? Do you have some time to give to the community? Do you have some awareness of issues facing women and children? Gulf Island Women's Resource Network is offering a free, three month Crisis Line Training. For more information, please contact 537-0735.

PADERNO SALE coming to Love my Kitchen Shop! April 2 - 5, 1998, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 140 Fulford-Ganges Road. 537-5882.

HELP WANTED: Alfresco's is hiring Line Cooks for full or part-time. Apply in person.

CHEMICALLY SENSITIVE woman and partner seek older, 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.

MOVING SALE: Basketball hoop, \$200. 2 sofa's, \$90 - \$25. Medical table, \$50. Speakers, (2 1/2') \$40. Iron bed frame, \$50. 537-2398.

TWO PIANOS, reconditioned, 20% off. Ken Ackerman Piano Service. 537-4533.

BRIGHT BACHELOR suite, \$400/ month. N/P, N/S. 537-4533.

THE SSI (Nature) Conservancy needs your donations for our April 25th Rummage Sale. Tools, toys, books and all other attic treasures will be much appreciated. Call 653-4527 or 653-4589.

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FIRE CALLS

Flames consumed a 24 by 24-foot workshop at 131 Twinflower Way early Monday morning.

Approximately 18 volunteer firefighters responded to the 4 a.m. call but the building was fully engulfed in flames by the time they arrived, fire chief Les Wagg said. Equipment from all three halls responded to the fire.

As of Tuesday morning, Wagg said the cause of the fire was still being investigated.

Sailboat rescued

A wooden sailboat went aground on Moneymaker Reef in Ganges Harbour.

The single person aboard the Port Townsend-based Niyah called for assistance at approximately 6 p.m. The sailboat was floated off with the tide, did not appear to be taking on water and was secured in the harbour by 8:15 p.m., the coast guard reported.

Meteor strikes ocean

A drop-in from outer space drew the Ganges Coast Guard out to search island waters last Wednesday evening.

Two flares were reported, one south of South Pender Island and one at the eastern entrance to Active Pass off Galiano Island. After searching both areas and finding nothing, the coast guard crew was returning to Ganges when one member saw a flare that looked like whitish-green fireworks hit the water off the shore of Hastings House.

Then the crew connected with Gordon Ruckle of B.C. Hydro's

Aqua Star, who reported a greenish-white object hitting the water 30 to 50 feet from his boat.

A police officer and another person also saw the objects and came down to the harbour to check out the sighting, coast guard officer-in-charge Dave Howell said.

Checking with Vancouver Island Rescue Centre, Howell said, the coast g learned a meteor had come to earth, prompting sightings from Vancouver Island, across Georgia Strait and in the Lower Mainland as far east as Coquitlam.

"Sparks were falling out of the sky," Howell said.

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U-13 wins semi-final

Salt Spring 85'ers scored a lone goal last weekend to beat Lakehill in the semi-final game of Division Cup play.

The under-13 soccer team established dominance early in the game which was played Sunday between showers of rain.

Exciting rushes by Tyler Woolley and repeated breakaways foretold the outcome. With 10 minutes remaining in the game, the winning marker came via a crisp pass from Chris Gottas to Joss Krayenhoff who made a fast move to beat the defender and smoothly send the ball into the lower left corner.

The team is now off to the finals.

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Federal candidates traded accusations; locals danced

Thirty-five years ago

The air was being warmed not only by the advent of spring but also by federal election fever, with candidates on the hustings seeking votes. The Conservative candidate, W.F. Matthews, charged the Liberals with a lack of faith in Canada and lies about unemployment, and claimed Prime Minister Lester Pearson was a puppet being manipulated by others. The New Democratic Party candidate and incumbent MP Colin Cameron was predicting a minority government. He expected nuclear arms to be an issue in the campaign.

An old-fashioned hoe-down drew 50 to 80 people to Fernwood to kick up their heels to country music. Chinese food added an international touch to the event.

Thirty years ago

A proposed sewer system discharging into the ocean between North Pender and Salt Spring was opposed by some Pender residents at a public meeting. The two outfalls were planned by Magic Lake Estates Ltd. to serve the development of 100-plus homes.

A Pender Island family returning home during a recent ferry strike chartered a water taxi. The operator took them to Stewart Island, several miles south of Pender.

Twenty-five years ago

The government's farmland

DOWN THE YEARS

freeze had not frozen building permits, Capital Regional District (CRD) director Marc Holmes told Salt Spring Planning Association members. However, he said the legislation had delayed some permits. He added that the CRD will be giving the province a brief on the land freeze.

Proposed community plans for the Gulf Islands were referred by the provincial minister of municipal affairs to the Select Committee on Municipal Matters. The referral was expected to delay adoption of the plans.

Twenty years ago

Provincial education minister Pat McGeer received a petition signed by 438 Salt Spring residents who were opposed to a new

elementary school in Fernwood. The parents feared a new, smaller school would not offer their children the same educational opportunities as the larger school in Ganges.

The annual herring fishery in the Gulf Islands closed after a week and a half. During the week, an estimated 1,000 tons of herring were taken by approximately 100 gillnetters. Police received a complaint about gunshots in Ganges Harbour, which turned out to be fishermen shooting at seals and birds.

Fifteen years ago

The Farmers Market in Centennial Park would be restricted to the sale of local produce and crafts made on the island, members of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission ruled. The ruling followed a straw vote of residents in which 75 per cent favoured

limiting the market to home-produced items. At the meeting, a representative of the vendors suggested no limits be placed on what was sold in the market. A representative of the Ganges Centre Association opposed the sale of manufactured or second-hand goods in the market.

The CRD chief engineer responsible for the Ganges sewer issue, among other projects, was abruptly fired by the CRD. CRD directors had voted 17-2 to fire the engineer, a move which could cost \$100,000 in severance pay.

Ten years ago

The Islands Trust Council decided to ask the province for the right to set its own budget and tax islanders to cover any increase. Islanders were paying taxes to support the Trust of approximately \$17 per \$100,000 of assessed value. That covered half of the Trust's annual budget

with the other half covered by the ministry of municipal affairs. Trustees felt the Trust was not receiving enough money to meet the demands for services.

Tree-cutting issues hit the agenda of two island organizations. The Salt Spring Trust Committee was considering a bylaw to control tree-cutting. Meanwhile, the Salt Spring Park and Recreation Commission was concerned about encroachment into Peter Arnell Park by loggers cutting trees on an adjacent property.

Five years ago

Appeals against a gypsy moth spray program on Salt Spring had been launched by 23 individuals or groups. The environmental appeals board was to hear the appeals at a public meeting in Fulford, slated approximately a week after a presentation by Agriculture Canada on gypsy moths.



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