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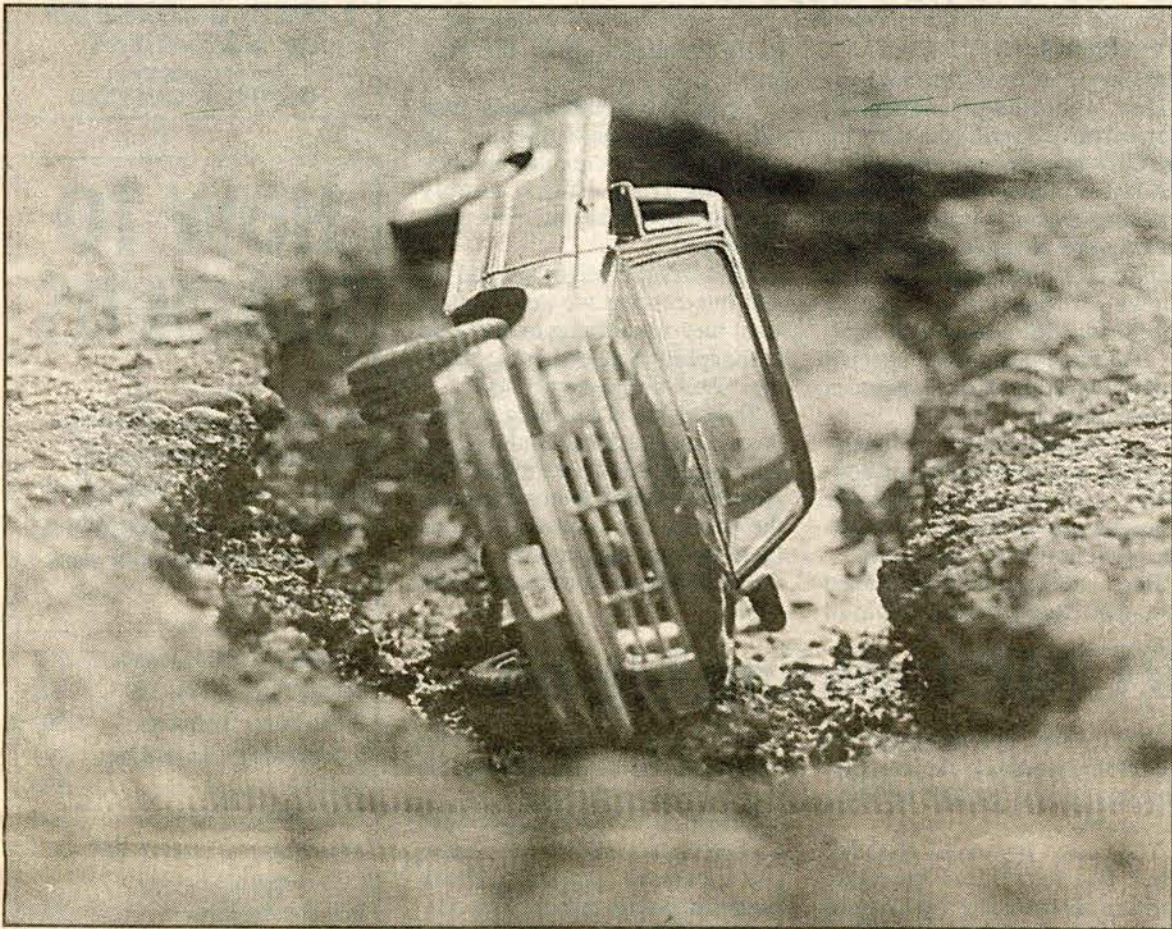
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Trust dings taxpayers to buy island



No injuries

Driver Jeremy Byron escaped serious injury when his pickup slid into a large pothole Sunday on Walker Hook Road, where maintenance crews have been unable to remedy the road's slippage problem. Meanwhile, a local

contractor has designed pothole plugs in several different sizes in the hopes of selling them to the Ministry of Highways. However, none is big enough to fill the new hole at Walker Hook.

Photo by Tony Richards

Carousing seniors trash home

A Brinkworthy home is in shambles and the owners enraged after a group of carousing seniors crashed a quiet party Saturday night, overturning flower pots, scrambling board games and launching a game of carpet bowling in the living room.

Police are hoping that a set of false teeth, discovered in a flower bed outside the home, will lead to at least one of the perpetrators.

In the meantime, homeowners Burt and Edith Alden are stunned by the damage which they claim will take weeks to mop up.

Most devastating to Edith Alden is the destruction in her kitchen where party-goers dumped tea canisters and spice containers over counter tops and on the floor. Edith believes at least one senior mistook a jar of dried mint for a marijuana stash — she found several half-smoked "joints" among the rubble.

Other damage included dented and broken furniture in the living room, where a bowling ball was let loose with apparent force; tea stains on a couch, pastries crushed into the

carpet and a collection of board games dumped in a corner.

Police say one party-goer apparently missed the front door when he left, smashing a side window with a walker.

Missing from the home is a set of silver spoons, a deck of girlie playing cards, and a hand-knitted tea cosy.

Edith Alden told the Driftwood she invited a few friends over to play cards, drink tea and share a little sherry early Saturday evening, after her husband, an Old Age Pensioners Organization (OAPO) delegate, left for a provincial meeting.

"We just wanted a quiet evening with a little girl talk and maybe a little amaretto in our tea," Edith said. "But I guess the word got out."

Seniors started arriving in droves just after 8 p.m.

"At first I thought I could handle them — even the carpet bowling didn't seem like such a bad idea."

Police, who were called to the scene at approximately 10:15 p.m., found an empty amaretto bottle

between the cushions on the couch, plus several open bottles of scotch and gin. A bottle of green olives was spilled inside the refrigerator.

The party dissipated quickly once police arrived. Several agile seniors slipped out through a bedroom window; however, one individual who solicited help to push a wheelchair through the opening was unsuccessful and apparently exited via a back door.

Although police have interviewed several Brinkworthy residents, none appear to be missing teeth, and no one is pointing any fingers at who may have caused the damage or stolen the goods.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

Meanwhile, the Aldens are left with the labourious task of picking up the pieces of their home and wondering if they should sell their remaining mint leaves to cover the costs.

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Readers warned: newspaper price to be \$1.50

Some Driftwood readers complained they were given no warning the last time the newspaper's newsstand and subscription prices went up. So publisher Tony Richards is giving advance notice of the next increase.

That will take place next week when the single-copy price rises to \$1.50.

Richards said in an interview from his vacation home in Mexico that readers would be getting a bargain at \$2, a price he expects to begin charging some time next year.

Richards spends a lot of time in Mexico following his purchase of a home near that of former Canadian Senator Andrew Thompson.

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Islanders will see a hefty extra charge on their tax bills this spring to pay for the acquisition of a 588-hectare (1,470-acre) island in the Trust area.

The Trust Fund Board (TFB) has successfully applied to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for a one-time only tax surcharge to purchase Halfmoon Island, which lies near Prevost Island. The surcharge, equal to \$63.70 for each \$100,000 of assessed value, will apply only to property on the Gulf Islands: Salt Spring, Mayne, Saturna, Galiano and the Penders.

In a letter dated March 17, the TFB offered the current owner \$1.8 million for the island — of which \$1.35 million will come from the tax surcharge and the remaining \$450,000 is to be collected through a fundraising campaign.

The island was designated as a sensitive ecosystem in 1996, following a \$35,000 Ministry of Environment survey of the property.

Island conservationists were disappointed that the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy (PMHL) failed to purchase the island last spring when it was put on the market for \$525,000 as part of an estate sale. At the time, the PMHL cited a shortage of provincial funding.

"It's a unique place," said Salt Spring Island Conservancy member Briony Penn.

Owned by one family for the past 65 years and never developed, the crescent-shaped island is the only known habitat in the province for the Black Widow Checkerspot butterfly.

Distinguished by velvety black wings marked with a deep red spot on the lower wing, the butterfly larvae feed on juniper buds. The island has significant stands of the juniper trees.

In August Halfmoon Island was purchased by current owner Eros Enclosures Ltd., which manufactures customized, laser-engraved wooden boxes for export.

Owner Cal Lapsus said his company uses exotic or specialty woods. Halfmoon Island was purchased primarily for its juniper trees, he said.

"Other than harvesting the trees, we're not going to disturb the natural environment of the island," he added. Once the trees have been cut, Lapsus said, his company planned to restore the meadows by planting wildflower seeds.

A Prevost resident reports a logging crew and portable sawmill were barged onto the island last week.

In a further bid to protect the juniper stands, Salt Spring Trust Committee has asked Trust solicitors to file a legal challenge to invalidate Eros Enclosures' grant of timber from the island.

"If they try, our lawyers will be talking to their lawyers and our lawyers are bigger," Lapsus said. He estimated each tree on the island is worth \$10,000 to his company and said he would sue the Trust for any loss of income.

He pointed out he has a contract to supply his boxes to a company which ships dried bear pancreas to China, where the pancreas is popular for its reputed aphrodisiac effect. The price he is asking for the island reflects the value of that contract, he said.

Pointing out that removing the juniper trees will eradicate the butterfly population, Penn said she expects the community will welcome the intervention by the TFB to purchase the island. She also expects islanders to support fundraising efforts for the remaining \$450,000.

In addition to the rare butterfly,

TAXPAYERS 2

Islanders ambush OCP; bylaw reading blocked

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Just as Salt Spring's official community plan (OCP) was headed for the home stretch, it faced an ambush by alert islanders Thursday.

A small but angry crowd successfully blocked second and third reading of the OCP bylaw at the March 26 Local Trust Committee meeting.

After learning that the committee had made 1,021 changes to the text of the third draft since it was given first reading last November, several people attending the meeting demanded the revised version, clearly a "fourth draft," be returned to the public for scrutiny before going any further.

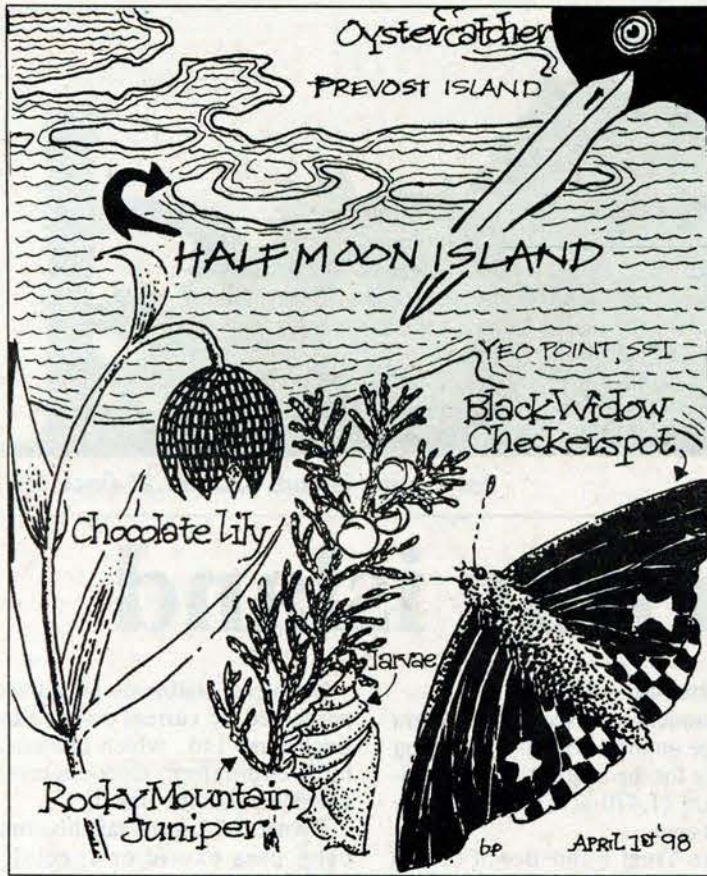
"This is another blatant attempt by the Islands Trust to ram a bunch more rules down our throats without us even knowing what we're choking on," said Adam Steele.

He threatened to take the Trust to court for breach of Municipal Affairs Act regulations which guarantee adequate public notice of bylaw changes.

Steele, who moved to Salt Spring last year from Dawson Creek, said he saw the same kind of "trickery" undertaken by elected officials in that northern B.C. community.

Trustee Bev Byron tried to quell the angry group by explaining most of the changes were minor and technical. "The bulk of them are caused by a Municipal Affairs directive that we change all imperial measure refer-

OCP 2



WHERE IS IT: Artist Briony Penn's drawing shows the location of Halfmoon Island, and some of its many attributes.

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other significant features of the island include macoun's meadow foam and chocolate lilies. The rocky shore is a haven for juvenile male elephant seals and a single male oystercatcher has been spotted at the edge of the bay.

There is concern over the long-term viability of both the island's seal colony and the oystercatcher, Penn said.

Local realtors are planning a fundraising evening which includes an impromptu stage show and auction. Donations for the auction are still being solicited, but a Robert Bateman print will not be one of the items offered for bids, an organizer said.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is planning a car rally which will both raise funds and introduce participants to some of the more remote and ecologically sensitive areas of the island.

The Raging Grannies have

promised to perform in the Centennial Park Market every Saturday until the entire \$450,000 has been raised. "We shouldn't have to do it for too long," said a Raging Granny representative.

Starting next week in the Saturday market, the Waterbird Watch Collective will be soliciting "Save this Love Nest" contributions towards an oystercatcher refuge on one tip of the island. They have also posted a personals want ad for a female oystercatcher.

In addition to heading the purchase campaign for the island, the TFB will produce a brochure entitled "How to Raise Bucks to Buy an Island." The new brochure is an attempt to draw island wildlife into the conservation movement, according to a press release from the TFB.

Salt Spring trustees declined to comment, pointing out that all land acquisitions are handled in-camera.

Salmon leaps into rescue boat

A whopper of a fish tale is what two B.C. Ferries crew members landed March 8 while doing emergency exercises off the Queen of Tsawwassen.

A broken bow thruster had laid up the ferry, so catering attendant Gordon Lee and deckhand John Smith decided to do some training in the rescue boat.

Bouncing over the waves churned up by the wind in Long Harbour, they were near Prevost Island and getting into heavier waves when suddenly Smith saw a flash of silver out of the corner of his eye. "Next thing you know, in the heaving bow of the boat, there was this huge salmon flopping around," Smith said.

The inflatable had dropped into the trough of a wave. At best, the side tubes of the boat are only a foot above the water, Smith explained. "It was astonishing to see this fish slide over the tube."

Lee agreed. "As we went in the trough of the wave, it jumped in."

Not wanting to lose their catch, Lee and Smith both grabbed for the salmon. The fish was 30 inches long and weighed approximately 15 pounds. The two men displayed their catch to a passing sailboat and to another ferry crew.

"We were so excited that outside Prevost we pulled up to show the Mayne Queen," Lee said.

Back at the Queen of Tsawwassen, fellow crew members gathered on deck to witness Lee and Smith's return, both of whom held up the large salmon. Captain Keith McLaren took photographs.

The fish was turned over to Barb Dow for a crew meal which was served March 13 for those who didn't want a crew favourite, the Sunshine Breakfast.

"I can't believe this happened," Smith said. Lee agreed. "It was the most amazing fish story."

Government warns about voracious beetle

A beetle with a 70-year hibernation cycle returns this spring to threaten island gardens, according to Environment Canada.

Known colloquially as the Rip Van Winkle, the Dormus Coleoptera is black with gray wings and has a greenish abdomen and thorax. It measures an average of two centimetres across.

The beetle is found throughout the Gulf Islands and is reportedly a voracious eater. In 1928, the Ministry of Agriculture received reports of significant damage to the roots of garden vegetables, flowers and fruit trees.

In order to protect plants, Environment Canada is recommending the roots be wrapped in tinfoil before planting.

The beetles are also reported to be very fond of the fishnet with which many islanders protect their gardens against deer. For this year only, Environment Canada suggests replacing the fishnet with electrified wire fences.

OCP: Bylaw stopped

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ences to metric ones," she said. Her colleague David Borrowman, visibly shaken by the OCP ship being torpedoed at the last minute, said that about 140 amendments consisted of nit-picky word changes. "These are things like changing 'The area shown on Map 1 is designated specifically for educational uses' to 'The area designated specifically for educational uses is shown on Map 1'."

"It's fundamentally disheartening to see this cluster of constituents not trusting that the changes we've made are completely innocuous," he added.

Borrowman and Byron looked to committee chairman David

Essig for direction on the matter.

Essig, who is also Islands Trust Council chairman and known for his embracing of public involvement in Trust affairs, simply shrugged before saying, "It's up to you guys."

"The Trust thought we had all lost interest and wouldn't notice what they were trying to do," said a triumphant Steele after the meeting. "Well, they were wrong."

Trust regional planning coordinator Linda Adams couldn't say how long it would take to have the new draft printed and circulated to the public, but assured everyone there was enough money left in the OCP budget to cover the extra costs.

RCMP building big hit

Traffic snarl-ups have become commonplace since the completion of the new RCMP building in Ganges.

The latest occurred Monday when five tour buses attempted parking in front of the building to allow their passengers a chance to stop and take photographs.

But it's not just visitors who have been captivated by the unique design and colour scheme of the facility. A publishing firm has produced a new series of full-colour postcards that depict the building from different angles.

And members of the local painters' guild last week used one of their regular outings to set up their easels on the roadside in front of the building to capture its lines on canvas.

The Islands Trust reports that several developers have amended development plans to introduce some of the new building's special features into their own projects.

In other news:

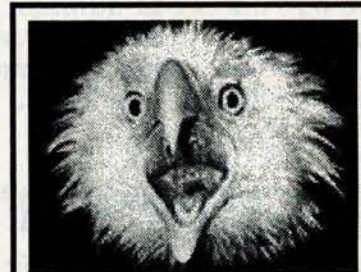
• Local Legion members have mixed feelings about their new neighbours, Salt Spring RCMP, particularly since the new drive-through breathalyzer opened on the weekend.

According to one report, an RCMP officer spent several hours on the corner of Blain Road directing traffic from the Legion into the testing facility.

Motorists simply drive up to a device not unlike the ordering terminal at a McDonald's restaurant. Instead of placing a burger

order, a driver takes a plastic hose from the device, blows into it and drives on through.

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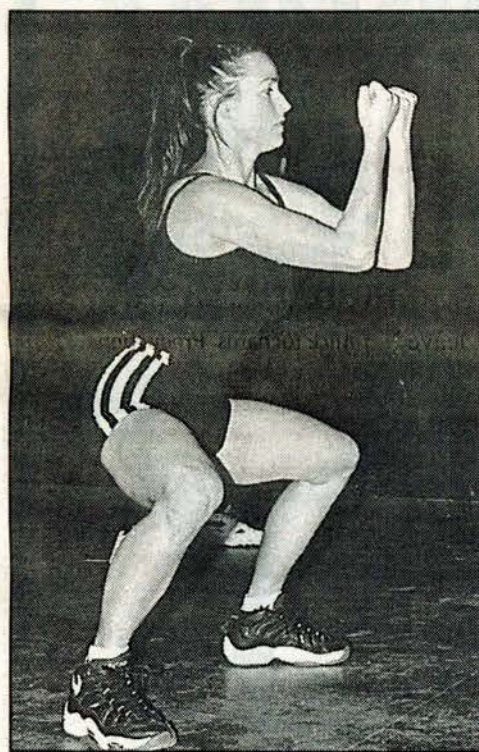
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Wellness Fair popular event
Gill Cobanli, above, relaxes as Jack Clement administers therapeutic touch while Sandra Jordan, left, demonstrates boxercise at Saturday's Wellness Fair in Ganges. More than 50 exhibitors demonstrated products and services to large crowds of fairgoers. Organizers estimated that 100 people went through the fair every hour.

Photos by Tony Richards

Budget offers financial support for B.C. Ferries, transition house

Monday's provincial budget brought some good news for B.C. Ferries and the Salt Spring Island Transition House.

Finance Minister Joy MacPhail announced that the ferry corporation's operating subsidy would be increased to \$24 million from \$4.7 million last year.

And for the transition house MacPhail promised core funding to keep the facility open.

Minister of Women's Equality Sue Hammell told the Driftwood she has been working for the past six months to squeeze money out of her ministry budget for the facility.

Although the exact amount has not been determined, the core funding is worth approximately \$200,000 a year. It will be enough to operate the house, which has been supported by a mix of volunteer effort, occasional government grants and local fundraising for the past three years.

"A lot of credit goes to these tenacious women who

wouldn't give up and kept fighting for the women in your community," Hammell said Monday.

The budget announcement was well received by Kerry Chalmers, president of the Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network, which operates the transition house.

"I'm ecstatic," she said. She, too, credited the work of islanders in getting the project going, but also praised the ministry for its support.

"The ministry really went to bat for us."

The house was donated in 1995 and opened in July that year.

The increased subsidy to B.C. Ferries reflects the government's change of heart over making the Crown corporation self-sufficient. The minister responsible for the ferry corporation, Dan Miller, announced last fall that the matter of subsidizing the service would be revisited. There had been no indication until now as to how much the subsidy would be.

Victoria man is dead after diving mishap at Beaver Point

A 31-year-old Victoria man is dead after a diving accident off Beaver Point Sunday morning.

Salt Spring RCMP said the man was one of four people who were diving together when they became separated by poor visibility. Three of the divers regrouped and began a search for the fourth.

He was found on the ocean bottom and brought to the surface, where CPR was administered aboard the Sidney-based dive boat.

While en route to Ganges, the vessel was met by Ganges Coast Guard aboard the Skua. The man was transferred to the coast guard boat, which then proceeded to Ganges. The victim was pronounced dead at Lady Minto Hospital.

Peter Lynde says goodbye: 'It's been a good run'

Peter Lynde is calling it quits. The Driftwood's popular editorial cartoonist has decided to devote more time to his commercial art. His final cartoon appeared last week.

"It's been a good run," he said, reflecting on the time spent looking at the humorous side of current affairs.

Driftwood publisher Tony Richards expressed regret at Lynde's decision. "Peter will be missed a great deal. Newspapers

can get too serious and a good editorial cartoon helps temper that."

Lynde joined the Driftwood in November 1994.

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Check it out at <http://www.gulfislands.net>

Daylight saving in effect with weekend time change

It's time to change the clocks. Daylight Saving Time goes into effect Sunday morning, another reminder that spring has arrived.

Clocks are moved ahead one hour to make the change, which officially comes at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April.

FOR THE RECORD

• Rumours of Azure Transport's demise, alluded to at the March 16 Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting, were greatly exaggerated.

During discussion on the purchase of the van for use by the PARC and other community groups, commission members

mentioned that John Cade's Azure Transport charter bus service was no longer available.

Cade said Friday he was surprised to read the comment as he continues to operate his charter service.

• Salt Spring physicians Dr. Donald MacGregor and Dr. Ron Puhky were among local doctors who participated in "reduced activity days" in March. Incorrect information appeared in a story two weeks ago.

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Developer's vision intact despite resort's delays

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Standing in the empty shell of the Salt Spring Island Village Resort lodge, with morning sunlight slanting across plywood floors and outlining the bare beams, developer Brian Hauff sees not the present but the future shape of the building.

Here, under the high ceiling, is the great hall of the lodge with its slate floor and five gas-fired fireplaces. Large sliding doors open out onto 230 square feet of covered balcony overlooking the lake. The mezzanine holds a library stocked with books on environmental and ecological topics, with deep armchairs that invite browsers to read.

That's the vision. At present, the balcony is yet to be constructed, the mezzanine is a stretch of plywood floor and the heavy wooden pillars bordering the hall — exposed to the weather since work on the resort was halted five months ago — are tinged with gray.

"When it's finished, it will be a magnificent-looking building," Hauff enthuses. It could be. The raw shell is striking. The view over Bullock Lake through the high windows is breathtaking, the ceiling beams arch like a cathedral designed to draw worshippers' thoughts to the heavens.

Salvation from stress melded to an investment opportunity is what Hauff will be selling once the Superintendent of Real Estate allows sales to resume. Priced from \$180,000 to \$260,000, each strata-title unit will be used part-time by the owner and part-time by resort visitors. In all, 123 units will be built in addition to the lodge, pool and service buildings.

Hauff said he already has a bank convention booked for 1999, for which Salt Spring Island Village Resort beat out competing bids from convention centres in Alberta, B.C. and Washington state.

If he can resume construction next month, he said, the resort will be completed by November.

At that point the plywood will be covered, the framing filled in, the fireplaces crackling and the present dirt track off Robinson Road will be a paved road to the lodge's covered entrance. Hauff's vision includes buses full of visitors disembarking at the lodge, either as conventioners or tour groups.

The lodge will be wheelchair accessible, the lounge will accommodate 20 people and the 120-seat restaurant will be able to serve up to 200 people if the

Brian Hauff remains confident about Bullock Lake project

seating is expanded into the conference hall.

There will be space in the library for small group discussion and a board room for larger meetings. Hauff speculates the board room could be used for community meetings or as a venue for local productions.

"It's an interesting space. You can feel the breadth of the space," he said, waving the length of the long building to the sky glimpsed between the framework of timber.

On the other side of the lodge, the footings are in place for a 20 by 40-foot pool with Jacuzzi. A company from Florida is designing the lower level spa, which Hauff says will include aerobics and yoga.

He suggests on-island experts will be brought in to teach vegetarian cooking, offer massage therapy or yoga instruction. Between 40 and 60 full or part-time jobs will be created, he said, in addition to more business for island shops and arti-

sans. He says the people who work at the resort will make or break the project. "We will either make this a great teaching and learning environment — or we'll fail," he said.

As he describes it, the resort will package the lifestyle that many people move to Salt Spring to pursue: a quiet, low-stress retreat in a beautiful setting, health-and-wellness oriented services and environmental awareness.

Even at rental rates of \$150 to \$295 a night, he predicts the occupancy rate will be 84 per cent. He needs 64 per cent occupancy for the resort to be financially viable.

Conference groups will pay \$120 to \$130 a night.

A 1,400-square-foot display unit — most units will be 1,100 to 1,200 square feet — features a natural stone fireplace, hardwood floors, a loft bedroom, a main bedroom on the lower floor with an en suite soaker-tub

equipped bathroom and views over the lake from almost all rooms.

There are no dishwashers or garburators or air conditioning. Hauff said the project is the first of its type in Canada where water and sewage will be fully recycled using a Zenon system similar to that in the Ganges sewer plant.

The swimming pool will use a Miox water system which chlorinates the water with an electrical process and eliminates the chemical, Hauff explained. A 78,000-gallon water tank has already been built.


Hauff plans to spend a quarter of a million dollars on landscaping and to finish the road which winds between the units to look almost like cobblestone. Old-fashioned, low-level street lamps line the narrow road connecting the units, each of which will have a parking space.

Farther along the road, the green of the trees is broken by blocks of blue tarp which wrap

the unfinished cottages until construction can resume.

Hauff said he will already have to bleach the pillars in the main lodge to remove signs of weathering. More delay could lead to more damage, moving him further away from the future he sees when he looks at the half-built structures sloping up from Bullock Lake.

"I really wish we could get started again and get this done."



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DREAMS FOR SALE: Developer Brian Hauff maintains a clear vision of his partially completed Salt Spring Island Village Resort project on Bullock Lake despite regulatory problems that stopped construction five months ago. Photo by Valerie Lennox

Hauff's new paperwork costly

Developer Brian Hauff's misplaced paper trail costs \$5,600 a day.

That's what he estimates is the interest on the \$12 million borrowed and poured into the development of Salt Spring Island Village Resort on Bullock Lake.

Construction of the resort has been frozen for the past five months because Hauff's financing is tied to his ability to sell the strata-title units. But until he has sorted out his paperwork with the Financial Institutions Commission and the B.C. Securities Commission, he cannot put his project on the market.

"The best way to describe it? Painful," he said. "Interest on \$12 million is a pretty tough nut to crack."

Interest payments alone during the five months total an estimated \$840,000.

Hauff has now withdrawn all his paperwork from both regulatory bodies, changed lawyers, had everything re-drafted and hopes to be back building early next month.

His new lawyers, McCarthy Tetrault, wrote some of the legislation that governs Hauff's investment resort project. He expects they will get the paperwork right.

Although he winces at the

interest costs, Hauff maintains the value of the Salt Spring project outweighs the problems.

"There's no difference between a \$1 million project and a \$100 million project," he remarked. "The problems are the same."

The controversial resort has been opposed by many islanders and was down-zoned by the Salt Spring Trust Committee to Rural Residential in November 1996.

By then, Hauff already had the building permits to allow construction of the 123 units, the lodge and swimming pool on the 14-hectare (35-acre) property.

In an interview, Hauff suggested the zoning of the

property is inconclusive.

"We are grandfathered under C-4 (commercial resort). We're also Rural Residential."

As a result, the resort management contract will allow buyers to spend as much time as they want in their lake view units. He interprets the commercial resort zoning as limiting the maximum stay to 30 days at a time. Owners must also have a residence elsewhere, he said.

However he expects owners will want to keep their investment units in the rental pool at least 10 months of the year. He also plans to keep approximately 10 of the units himself and to keep those in the rental pool.

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Stars come out for Oscars

The Oscars brought out glitz on Salt Spring with several islanders accepting Island Star Video's invitation to dress up for an Academy Awards party. Among those present were, from left, "starlet" Yiana Belkalopoulos, "Molly Brown" Valerie Nielson and "starlet" Sandy Thibault. The party featured a broadcast of the awards show on a huge screen, movie trivia contests, pizza and popcorn.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

It's been wetter than Vancouver but there's no trend, says expert

Islanders' bragging rights over their generally wetter friends or relations on the Lower Mainland were washed away in January and February.

Ganges weather observer Robert Aston noticed the weather on Salt Spring earlier this year seemed wetter and colder than on the Mainland — a contrast to the usual weather pattern in which Salt Spring has better weather.

Aston's observation was confirmed last week by Eric Taylor, a Vancouver-based climatologist with Environment Canada. Taylor said Vancouver airport recorded 166.5 millimetres (6.7 inches) of rain in January and 78 mm (3.1 inches) in February.

Aston, on the other hand, recorded 228 mm (8.98 inches) in January and 101.6 mm (four inches) in February.

Both sets of records followed the same overall pattern, with more rain than usual in January and less

than usual in February, despite more frequency of rainfall throughout the month. In Vancouver, precipitation was recorded on 19 days in February. Salt Spring saw precipitation on 22 days.

Taylor has been examining the impact of El Nino on weather patterns in B.C. but feels it is too soon to attribute Salt Spring's new wetter-than-Vancouver status to the phenomenon. Past impacts of El Nino have been more rain on the central and north coast plus drier weather in the Interior, not changes on the south coast, he said.

Two months is not a large enough period to indicate a shift in weather. "It only takes a couple of storms to throw it off on a monthly basis," Taylor said.

"There's a lot of chaos in the upper atmosphere," he said, adding that there have been a lot of storms.

"On average, Salt Spring still is a drier place. I don't think there is a trend."

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Trust approves plan in 'historic moment'

Public and agency input on Salt Spring's community plan bylaw resulted in about 60 changes to the document now on its way to Municipal Affairs for approval.

The Salt Spring Trust Committee gave second and third reading to the revised official community plan bylaw (No. 345) last Thursday, dubbing it an "historic moment."

Trustee David Borrowman said the committee had received 84 responses from the public and government agencies — 35 were from private individuals and 16 were public hearing submissions.

Borrowman said resident Bob Rush held the record for most suggested changes — to 47 different sections — with about 12 being adopted by the Trust committee.

Approximately a dozen of the 19 changes requested by the Trust's Advisory Planning

Commission were also accepted, he said.

Borrowman said the last change resulted from concerns expressed by two private garbage service operators made at the March 23 public hearing. Section C.4.3.2.3 states the Trust committee should consider rezoning or issuing temporary use permits in appropriate areas to allow for publicly or privately-operated solid waste transfer sites. Previous wording suggested only one private site should be considered.

Trust committee chairman David Essig said he thought the Islands Trust generally and Salt Spring specifically were leaders in the province and Canada for the care and attention given to balance community interests in the new plan.

He said he couldn't vote for Bylaw 345, "but I sure would like to."

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Construction dipped to \$15 million on Salt Spring

Construction was up but the value was down on Salt Spring in 1997, according to figures compiled by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

During the year, 347 building permits were issued with a total value of \$14.985 million.

A year earlier, one-quarter fewer permits were issued but the value was 14 per cent greater. The 278 building permits issued in 1996 combined for a total value of \$17.371 million.

The greatest shift was in commercial projects. In 1997 there were 23 building permits issued for construction worth \$2.423 million. A year earlier commercial construction was valued at \$7.742 million, divided among 18 projects.

There were two industrial projects in 1997, valued at \$470,000; two institutional projects at \$831,000; and 320 residential projects at \$11.261 million.

In 1996, the year-end totals were \$414,000 for three industrial projects; \$88,000 between seven institutional projects; and \$9.127 million from 250 residential projects.

During the year, dwelling unit permits were given to 76 single-family homes and four mobile homes. There was more variety a year earlier, when permits were issued for 64 single-family homes, two duplexes, five townhouses and four mobile homes.

Dwelling unit permits are given for new housing units but not for

renovations. Therefore, in 1997, permits were issued for 80 new residential units on Salt Spring.

In 1997, 53 lots were created, along with three created by bareland strata. From two lots, 55 strata units were registered.

A year earlier, 16 new lots had been created, 11 by bareland strata, two were lost through consolidation and 13 strata units were registered from two lots.

A flurry of permit applications came in last fall and winter. Between October and December, applications were made for 86 permits for projects with a total value of \$2.27 million. All but 10 were residential and accounted for \$1.98 million of the construction value.

The remaining 10 were for commercial projects worth \$290,000.

Fewer applications were made in October to December a year earlier. Of the 56 building permits issued in the final quarter of 1996, 54 were for residential projects valued at \$1.727 million; one was for a \$55,000 commercial project and one was for a \$175,000 industrial project.

In the Outer Islands, the number of building permits dropped slightly in 1997, to 250 from 253 in 1996. Value was also down, at 14 per cent overall, to \$7.615 million from \$8.846 million.

As on Salt Spring the greatest number of permits were for residential construction. The 243 permits

had a combined value of \$7.264 million. Two permits valued at \$72,000 were given for institutional work and five valued at \$279,000 were for commercial projects.

In 1996, there were 242 residential permits worth \$8.370 million; six institutional projects at \$195,074 and five commercial permits valued at \$280,920.

All 79 of the dwelling unit permits handed out during the year were for single-family homes. In 1996, two of the 99 dwelling unit permits were for mobile homes and the remainder were for single-family homes.

The Outer Islands figures include North and South Pender, Galiano, Saturna and Mayne islands.

Islanders, royalty gather for parks announcement

Royal support for conservation highlighted last week's announcement that three Gulf Islands sites had been acquired by the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy (PMHL).

Present at the announcement in Vancouver were Prince Charles and his sons, Prince William and Prince Harry.

Among the 300 guests at Canada Place were many Gulf Islands residents. Salt Spring Island Conservancy president Maureen Milburn and Salt Spring residents Ann Richardson, Fiona and Don Flook, Sam Lightman, Briony Penn and Birgit and Robert Bateman all attended the event.

Lightman drew close enough to the guests of honour to shake Prince Charles' hand, Milburn said.

She was pleased to hear Prince Charles first-hand. "It was really exciting to be in the room where he was speaking about something in which he clearly has an interest."

Milburn said Charles, speaking as a father, stressed the need to preserve areas for the next generation. "It was really warm and wonderful."

Officially announced March 24 was acquisition of Russell Island near Fulford Harbour, Tumbo Island off the southern tip of Saturna, and Roesland on South Otter Bay, North Pender Island.

The 16-hectare (39.5-acre) Russell Island was purchased for \$1.785 million, including a \$50,000 donation. Features of the island include old and second-growth Douglas fir, lodgepole pine, arbutus and Garry oak and nesting bald

eagles.

Historically, the island was settled in the 1880s by Hawaiians who were known locally as Kanakas. An old house and orchard on the island date from the early 1900s and is one of the few remaining Kanaka homesteads in the Gulf Islands.

Tumbo Island was first settled in 1877 and remaining buildings include an early log cabin and a bunkhouse built in 1888 for Japanese miners. The island offers old growth Douglas fir, Garry oak and arbutus.

The 121-hectare (299-acre) island was purchased for \$3.712 million with \$25,000 worth of the land donated.

The third acquisition, on North Pender, was a popular resort dating from the 1920s onward, offering a beach, protected moorage, wildflowers, forest and views of the Gulf Islands.

Known as Roesland Resort, the 14.7-hectare (36-acre) property is adjacent to the 215-hectare (531-acre) Malahat property purchased by PMHL in 1995. The resulting South Otter Bay protected area is the largest new protected area created to date by the PMHL.

Purchase price was \$2.6 million, including the donation of \$200,000 worth of land.

The \$60 million, five-year PMHL program is funded jointly by the provincial and federal governments. The latest acquisitions were announced by federal Minister of Canadian Heritage Sheila Copps and B.C. Premier Glen Clark.

Parents will be consulted before students surveyed

The controversial McCreary Adolescent Health Survey may ask Gulf Islands middle and secondary students about their health, any drug and alcohol use, leisure activities and sexual activity — but only with the consent of their parents.

School trustees have agreed the district would participate in the survey but they also promised to make copies of the survey available to parents. Parents have the option of signing and returning a form if they do not wish their children to participate.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said the district is still waiting to learn if local schools will be involved. The McCreary Centre Society plans to choose a representative sample of students in Grades 7 to 12 in the Capital Regional District (CRD).

If local schools are included, school principals will set up information meetings.

Participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential. Students do not put their names on it.

Results from the survey are expected to be released approximately six months after it is administered. Any responses from island students will form part of the overall information for the Capital Regional District.

Duncan said past McCreary surveys have helped communities identify youth health issues and implement programs to deal with any problems.

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April Fool's brings licence for levity

Never underestimate the value of laughter. The remarkable ability to wear a wide grin while expelling air in short, rapid bursts emanating from the pit of the stomach can have a very pleasing effect on one's mental state.

It was with that thought in mind that this newspaper began seriously planning for Wednesday, April 1. Well, we started out in a serious vein. Before long, however, editors and reporters were heard chuckling as they proceeded to manufacture stories, a practice usually reserved for writers with the freedom to write fiction.

Those stories appear this week on Pages 1 and 2, and take full advantage of the fact that April Fool's Day falls on a Wednesday.

Tales of giant potholes, tax-funded island purchases, rampaging seniors and several other topics are fabrications.

We invite you to think of these stories as a reminder that few issues are so serious that they cannot be improved with laughter. We believe life is too short to take it — or ourselves — too seriously.

As our favourite columnist on spiritual issues wrote in these pages last week, laughing at yourself — or others — is really just another way of loving the imperfect creature in us all.

The therapeutic value of a chuckle is immeasurable: it clears gloom, relieves stress and makes life generally brighter.

We hope the first two pages of this week's newspaper serve their purpose, that you find some small hint of amusement in them, and that your life is brightened accordingly.

The next step: land use bylaws

It's hard to let an "historic moment" go by without comment. And the most striking thing about second and third reading being given to Salt Spring's new official community plan (OCP) bylaw last week is that it really signals the start of a whole new series of debate. Because from the new OCP must come new land use bylaws that conform to it.

Many people opposed to OCP details at various stages of the process were told not to worry because the plan contained policies or guidelines only.

That panacea won't be offered when we get down to the nitty-gritty creation of regulations for specific properties.

It's also much easier to comprehend and protest one section of a land use bylaw that applies to your own chunk of this rock than it is to absorb and reasonably criticize a mass of "policies and guidelines."

Of more immediate concern is how development permit areas will be administered and what effect they will really have, since they are in place after the OCP becomes law.

It may be an historic feat to have passed an OCP in a community so divided on what kind of place the island should be, and with the demands of other government agencies also needing consideration. The present Trust committee and staff should take credit for that.

But in some respects passing the OCP bylaw might be easy compared to the next task at hand.

Good planning

That space for more prisoners has been provided in the RCMP's new detachment building is not encouraging news. It suggests that the incidence of crime will increase with time.

But it is realistic.

The island's eventual projected population is 20,000 people. And even in paradise found, some of those 20,000 people are apt to step over the line.

Far better to be prepared.

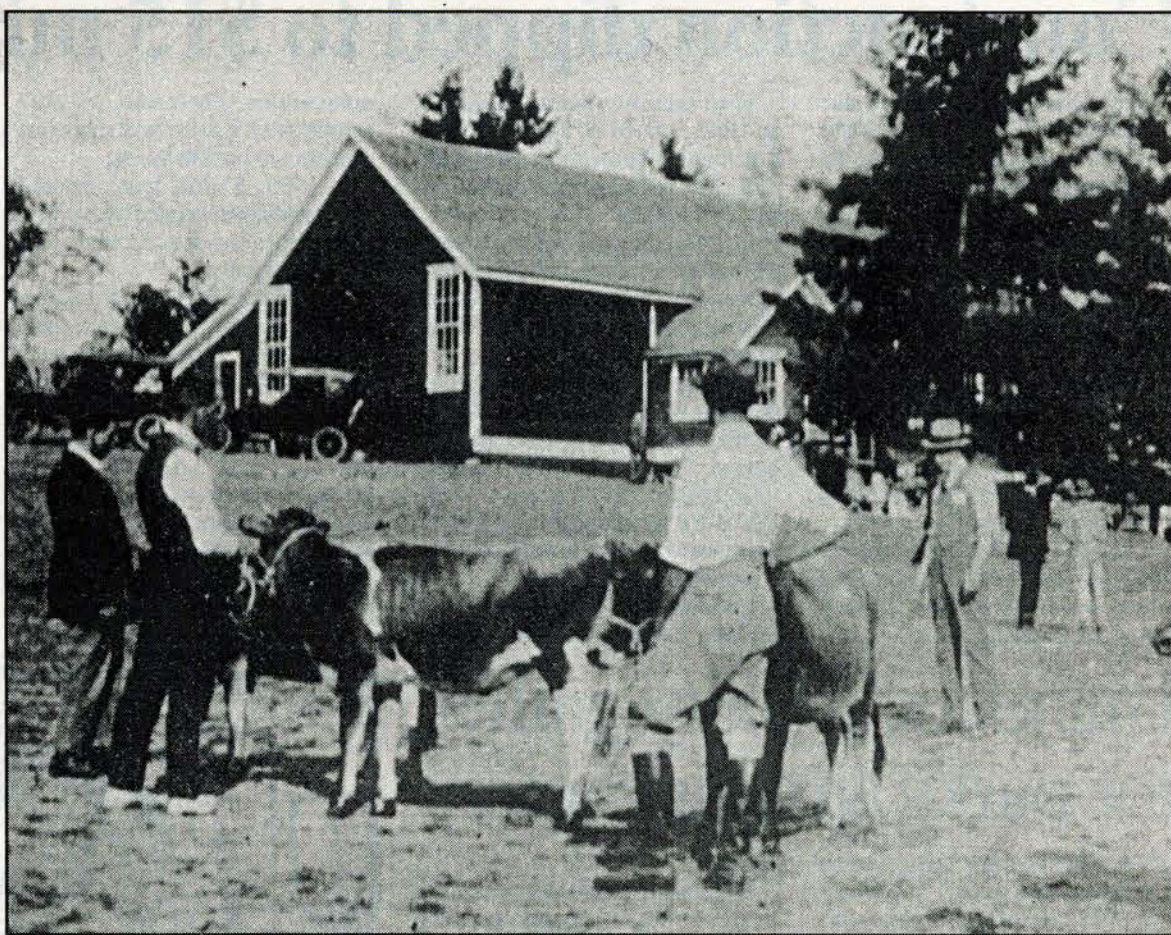
The new police station is clearly designed to meet current needs and the needs of the island well into the future. This is good planning — for a government project, it verges on miraculous — and should ensure that the building opened last week will serve the island for decades to come.

The new building was long overdue. The detachment's numbers and needs have grown well beyond the capacity of the brick office on Fulford-Ganges Road.

That building was constructed 40 years ago. That it served the community for so long was a testament either to the foresight of the builders — or the difficulty of unknitting federal purse strings.

The new building gives police a little space to stretch out. The days when a sudden influx of lawbreakers or victims forced police to all but reserve chairs to handle interviews in the cramped office will quickly become a faint memory.

We expect the only people unhappy about the new detachment office — and its increased capacity in incarcerate offenders — are those planning to break the law.



Mahon Hall in the 1920s

An exhibition of cattle was taking place on the grounds at Mahon Hall when this photo was taken in the 1920s. The Islands Farmers

Institute is considering taking over the hall, a subject which heads the agenda for a meeting on Saturday. Story — Page 36

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Animal control costs increased 134% on Galiano from '95 to '97

By MILES DREW

Alistair Ross's article in the March 18 Driftwood laments the resignation of the local animal control officer Annie Nicholls and suggests that the CRD has failed to recognize the value of the work she carried out for the community.

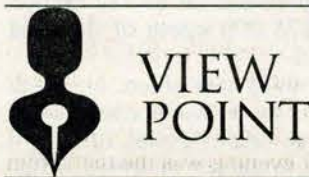
While I do not wish to cast any doubt on Ms. Nicholls' sincerity and commitment to the humane treatment of animals, I feel obligated to set the record straight with respect to the issues of budgets and the role of the animal control officer.

The mandate of a local animal control officer is to enforce the CRD animal control bylaw. The bylaw is designed to prevent dogs and livestock from running at large.

Due to restrictions imposed by provincial legislation, the bylaw does not include control of cats. Despite this limitation, the CRD has historically provided shelter space for wild or feral cats. Persons bothered by cats can trap the animals and deliver them to our contracted kennel at the Victoria SPCA. In some limited circumstances, the local animal control officer is permitted to lend support to persons attempting to resolve wild or feral cat problems. This policy is applied consistently throughout all areas in which CRD animal control operates.

Alistair Ross suggests that the CRD should "examine the total funds brought in by local dog licensing and prepare the area's budget accordingly." He also suggests that total licence fees received have increased on Galiano Island due to recent efforts by Ms. Nicholls.

Ms. Nicholls started working in June of 1996. In 1995, the total cost for animal control on Galiano Island was \$3,506. From January to June 1996, total expenditures were \$3,204. By the end of the year, the total expenditures had increased to \$10,326, a 195 per cent increase over 1995.



In 1997, actual expenditures dropped to \$8,199. However, this still represents an increase of 134 per cent over the 1995 cost for the service.

The following data shows the animal control activity on Galiano Island between 1995 and 1997:

	1995	1996 (Jan.-June)	1996 (July-Dec.)	1997
Impounds				
- Cats	27	5	47	9
- Dogs	19	14	2	2
Warnings	7	8	13	27
Fines	5	4	2	4
TOTAL	58	31	64	42

No data exists for licence fees collected for Galiano Island prior to 1996. In 1996, estimated total collected fees were \$3,424. The fees collected in 1997 dropped to \$3,217.

Alistair Ross claims, however, that dog licence revenue rose from \$4,000 in 1995 to \$7,800 in 1997. The available data clearly refutes this claim. Revenues from dog licences did not come close to covering the cost of service in 1996 or

1997.

Persons examining the above data can draw their own conclusions about how well the CRD has "prepared the area's budget" and whether or not the animal control program meets "local needs."

Animal control services on Galiano Island will be managed from Salt Spring Island for the time being. However, this arrangement will be periodically reviewed and, if necessary, a new local animal control officer will be appointed.

The writer is the chief bylaw enforcement officer for the Capital Regional District.

The bylaw is designed to prevent dogs and livestock from running at large.

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Letters to the Editor

Bus available

I would like to shed some light on the March 25 article in regards to the recently-acquired PARC passenger van.

The article contained some incorrect information. Part of the stated reason for acquiring the van was "to transport groups to fill the gap left by the loss of Azure Transport's charter bus service."

Let it be known that Azure Transport Ltd. is still in business and has always been in business. Azure's passenger van has always been available. The 22-seat bus was not in service for November and December because of a very tired engine and transmission but they were rebuilt to fulfill the contract with B.C. Ferries during the closure of the Fulford ferry terminal, and the bus was ready, willing and able to transport groups.

Before the CRD grant which acquired the van was applied for, no one attempted to contact Azure to verify this or to inquire about charters.

I was amazed to read about this loss of service because ironically at that moment I was on the Vesuvius ferry transporting a group of seniors to Chemainus Theatre in my bus.

Both Tony Hume and the Driftwood apologized for the error and I appreciate that.

Unfortunately, even in fine print, news of a business failure spreads like wildfire and is cast in stone, whereas promotion of a business and its available services takes years and thousands of dollars of advertising to take effect.

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Musician robbed

I played four gigs celebrating St. Patrick's week, the first being at the Irish Club in Victoria.

It was a wonderful gig, enjoyed tremendously by the audience, most of whom I didn't know. But they gave us as much as we gave to make the celebration enjoyable for everyone. The musicians I play with are professionals as am I and make a living from gigs such as these.

The Paddy's week culminated with two performances on Salt Spring, both of which I had been anticipating with much excitement because it is my home, full of the people I love and admire in this world. On Monday, March 16, my duo partner Ken Hall and I

played as the warm-up act for the folk club at Fulford Hall. This was well received and I would like to thank all who were there for making it a very special event. The evening closed with Mad Pudding (if you get the chance to see this act I highly recommend it), and they were superb.

St. Patrick's Day saw the farewell gig for my band Kettle of Fish at Moby's. The night was a spectacular success and I would like to thank the staff for being so calm and brilliant on such a busy night. The only thing that really marred my complete enjoyment of that evening was the theft from my wallet of my entire week's wages.

This was \$250 which I had brought into town with me to deposit in my account, but unfortunately, didn't get time to do. I would like to let the thief know that despite what you may think, I cannot afford to lose this money. It was all I had and makes up my living expenses, including rent, food, etc. The crime you committed against me felt particularly dishonourable considering you probably spent most of the evening enjoying my music before you stole the money towards the end of the night. I give all I have when I perform for an audience. I didn't expect to give my paycheck on top of it. If your need was so great, I certainly would have considered helping with a donation.

I would, however, like to thank whoever it was that handed my wallet in to the bar after the thief had emptied it and dumped it.

DEREK DUFFY,
Fulford

Admirable guys

Now that the days have turned glorious, Dusty the dog insists that I take her to the park every afternoon, so I spend an hour or two surrounded by greenery amid the dozens of young people gathered there.

The kids are always a pleasure to look at — fit, athletic and stylish — but today I say a sight that was inspiring as well. Three young men, Frank, Jess and Dave (they wanted no credit and insisted on anonymity), spent over an hour with a long rope and a hook hauling heavy items up over the boardwalk fence from the sand. By the time they were done, they had retrieved five muddy Thrifty's carts, two garbage cans and a chair.

I assumed that they worked for Thrifty's, but Frank said no, he

had just seen the carts below and decided to do a good deed. He had approached Thrifty's, which provided the rope, but there was no discussion of compensation, just the desire to help. Happily, Thrifty's did the right thing, and gave the boys \$50, but I don't think that financial compensation is enough.

These boys went out of their way to contribute; they put the lie to the fiction that Salt Spring youth is running amok. Sure, there are some that still need to grow up some — the ones that tossed those things over the fence come to mind — but we have good kids here, with values and hearts to be admired. I want to tell them they are appreciated, and to say thanks.

ZUSHA MOSCOVITZ,
Brinkworthy Place

More worried

Before I attended the March 14 public information meeting on the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), I was concerned with what I had read and heard about the agreement.

Having listened to the speakers I am now even more worried about the consequences if this deal is accepted.

Under MAI:

- it would be illegal for a government to enact laws to protect the environment, wilderness, species or natural resource production;

- there will be no protection for Canadian culture;

- labour standards would be viewed as obstacles to investment and therefore illegal;

- U.S.-based, profit-oriented health management organizations would be allowed to open new markets in Canada and take over parts of our Medicare system;

- the rules of MAI would have supremacy over Canadian laws — federal, provincial or municipal.

In other words, it is a constitution for the largest corporations to rule the world.

Where are our politicians on this issue? Our federal government refuses to debate this issue in parliament although all opposition parties are asking for public debate. Our B.C. government is the only provincial government that has openly come out in opposition to the agreement.

Why don't we hear more through our press and television about MAI? The policy of secrecy seems to be working well for the corporations.

A petition is being circulated to

request parliament to impose a moratorium on Canadian participation in the MAI negotiation until a full public debate on the treaty has taken place across the country. Please add your name to the list.

AILSA PEARSE,
Dogwood Lane

Irresponsible

On March 10, my Grade 7 child's P.E. teacher at the middle school apparently became frustrated with the behaviour of a few of the students in his class and punished all class members by sending them out for a run in the rain.

The teacher did not accompany the class to provide the necessary supervision. Neither did any other adult from the school. Teachers are required to accompany his or her class on out-of-school boundary activities. This was outside the school's boundaries, on the streets of Ganges, a distance of 2.4 km. The class was away from the school for about 25 minutes. The teacher waited at the school for the students to return. Had there been an accident to anyone in that class while our children were on that unsupervised run, the school (and teacher), would not have known about it until the class returned to the school 25 minutes later.

Andrew Duncan, superintendent of schools, says he doesn't have a problem with the way in which the school conducted that run; all of the schools conduct runs in the same manner. I know that when runs are conducted by Robin Rudolph of SIMS and at Fernwood Elementary School, students are supervised by their teachers.

I would like the superintendent to know that I have a problem with the way the teacher behaved, even if he (and the board) does not. I was assured by the teacher, earlier in the year, this would never happen. SIMS has a closed campus.

I am glad that, after his walkabout in the community, the superintendent now is apprised that drug dealing is occurring in areas habituated by students. However, he should also be apprised that students are being targeted in the course of this activity.

I want to remind him of attempts that have been made to abduct school-aged children in the community, one resulting in the molestation of a student. I find the superintendent's attitude in this matter irresponsible and uncaring.

The average age of the class is 12 years.

My letters to the teacher have gone unanswered.
MARILYN MARSHALL,
Fernwood Road

Lois retiring

On behalf of the new library board and the many library patrons, I wish to thank our retiring library board chairman, Lois Slotten, for her dedication and service to Salt Spring's public library.

I am extending this thank-you through your newspaper so that islanders may be aware of the outstanding service Lois has given, and recognize that her work through the years has been of immeasurable help to the library and is appreciated by us all.

Thank you, Lois!
GRACE BYRNE,
President,
Salt Spring Island Library Association

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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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

Nothing cheering in MacPhail's budget

VICTORIA — I won't bore you with a lot of numbers and statistics contained in the budget brought down by Finance Minister Joy MacPhail, but I will say this: this budget won't make a lot of people happy.

The budget is neither balanced nor does it give a clear indication that the Clark government has learned from its mistakes.

At \$95 million, the deficit is not huge, but a far cry from what other provinces have achieved in the way of fiscal management.

Alas, there is a glimmer of hope. The budget calls for general and specific tax reductions for both business and ordinary taxpayers. My fear is that the cuts are not big enough to make a difference and they are to be phased in over three years.

There are also outright attempts to deceive the public. In her budget speech MacPhail said that by next year the disposable income of a single parent with two children, earning \$30,000, will be \$1,200 higher than in 1995.

What she didn't say was that this figure takes into consideration the freeze on university fees and assumes that two children attend university.

And the first installment of the marginal cut in the general income tax won't kick in until January 1, 1999, which means most taxpayers won't see that benefit until the following year. By the time the three stages of the cut are in effect, it'll be 2003. Talk about smoke and mirrors.

You want more smoke and mirrors or deception, if you wish? The government announced with great fanfare that B.C. Hydro rates will be frozen. Good news? Not.

There is a great likelihood that the B.C. Utilities Commission would have ordered B.C. Hydro to roll back rates, thus reducing government revenue from the Crown corporation. And as for the two per cent Hydro fee rebate to consumers promised in the budget, consumer groups have pointed out that B.C. Hydro's profits would justify a five or six per cent rebate.

And get this: "From 1990 to 1997, employment in British Columbia grew by nearly 18 per cent," MacPhail said in her speech to the legislature. "More than 275,000 new jobs were added, more than one-third of all the new jobs in Canada."

Now, that's not a lie, but it is also a fact that last year British Columbia lost jobs and the immediate outlook for job creation is dim. The finance minister didn't mention that, of course.

Now, let's move to another budget promise: new incentives for the oil and gas industry. One wonders just how the government plans to do that trick, considering it has slashed the budget for Energy, Mines and Natural Resources by 20 per cent. That's some start to revitalize the resource industry.

The budget speech also crowed about the government's intention to cut red tape. The first step in that direction is the formation of a task force. Hey, I'm not making this up.

I'm all in favour of cutting red tape, much of it produced at great cost by this government in the first place. But a task force? All the government had to do is dust off dozens and dozens of submissions by dozens of organizations from the Business Council of B.C. to the Union of B.C. Municipalities, all chock full of suggestions for cutting red tape.

If this budget shows anything, it is a government desperate to scrape through the continued tough economic times on the horizon.

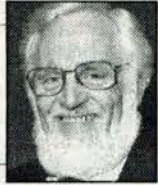
With our forest industry all but idle, prices for metals in a slump, the Asian economic crisis still unresolved, British Columbia isn't the place to look forward to good economic times.

Nor do I suspect that this government has the wherewithal to change things around even if the above-mentioned economic depressants should, by some miracle, disappear.

I really don't like being this pessimistic. My cup is usually half-full rather than half-empty, but I see little in this budget to cheer me up.

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Be responsible

Kitten season has started and the SPCA is bracing itself for the usual onslaught of unwanted kittens.

If your cat has kittens, please try to find homes for them and once the kittens are weaned the mother can be spayed. If you can't find homes for all the kittens, call the SPCA and if there is room in our small facility we will take the kittens. If all our cages are full we will put your name on a waiting list.

Please don't leave the kittens in a box on the vet's doorstep, don't dump them in the ditch, don't leave them on the school grounds. The majority of kittens which have been abandoned and are eventually turned in to us have fleas, worms, conjunctivitis and often an upper respiratory disease. Many are euthanized to prevent spread of disease or because there is not a cage available. If they aren't found chances are they will die from starvation or end up as a meal for a predator.

If you are on a limited income, the SPCA will assist with the cost of spaying or neutering. Forms are available at KIS on McPhillips Avenue. Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

CATHIE NEWMAN,
President,
Salt Spring SPCA

Protect wealth

If the transnational corporations want to set up economic rules for the entire world (as in the Multilateral Agreement on Investment), we, the people, must insist on broadening the proposal to include the following:

- a global minimum wage (\$5 per hour instead of \$5 per week, for example);
- humane labour laws (we will not go back to conditions in

Charles Dickens' time);

- global environmental laws that match or exceed those of the world's most ecologically-advanced nation (perhaps Holland or Denmark); and

- investment and trade should be prohibited with nations that have poor human rights records.

We, the people, do not accept such a narrow view that sees investment as the only economic activity that needs laws for protection. Common sense tells us that the two other sources of wealth are human labour and the Earth's natural resources; they must be protected as well.

Let's protest the signing of the one-sided, potentially-disastrous MAI by writing to Trade Minister Sergio Marchi, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, K1A 0A6. (No postage needed).

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Salt Spring

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11:05 am daily from Fulford Harbour (was 10:55 am)

And on May 10, 17 and 24

6:20 am from Fulford Harbour is cancelled

7:00 am from Swartz Bay is cancelled

Crofton - Vesuvius

On April 5, 19 and 26

11:00 am from Crofton is cancelled

11:30 am from Vesuvius is cancelled

Chemainus - Kuper Island

On May 10, 17 and 24

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Water costs

I read the March 11 article headlined "Higher incidence of parasite found here" with great interest and found it to be informative.

As to Charlotte Taylor's suggestion "to drink only bottled water," I presume that she is referring to that expensive liquid sold at our local markets.

For years I have been astounded as to the high cost of bottled water at Salt Spring markets. In Arizona, where water is not plentiful, the price for one gallon is 25¢ US, and \$1 US for five gallons of water.

Canada and British Columbia, on the other hand, have been boasting about our plentiful water resource. Export of Canadian water to the United States has even been contemplated.

Why then, do we have to pay \$6.95 for approximately five gallons of bottled water?

FRED W. STOERIG,
Salt Spring

Be brave

I'm going to be obnoxious in this letter. I'm going to say what I think.

I think this island is full of really excellent artists. And hardly any of them show here. Why? Here's some of the excuses I've heard over the years:

"I don't want to bother, I'm just so into my own work."

"I came to Salt Spring to get away, not to join."

"My work is too important/ too cerebral/ too weird/ too expensive to show in local shows."

"I'm not appreciated here."

"The artists here are all amateurs and I'm a professional."

"I won't show in the same exhibit as so and so because she/he once insulted me."

"There's no gallery here big enough/classy enough/clean enough/ outrageous enough for my work." And on and on and on ...

Well I say, "Just can it." Stop it. That's all just small-mindedness and you know it. You live here and you have responsibility to your community to give a little bit of

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yourself. To show here. To not be selfish by keeping all your work to yourself. To be big-hearted and show with the rest of us.

Or is it that I'm being selfish? I want to see your work, get to know you, see what you're doing. I want to go to shows here that are truly wonderful.

What would the Eros '98 show have been like if Margie had kept her exquisite diary pieces all to herself? Or if Louise hadn't let us see her ever-deepening bowl? And although Eros was a fine show, I knew how many artists hadn't put work in. And my experience was poorer for it.

So I say hey, come on, join us. Be part of your community. Be brave, be magnanimous. We'll all be better for it.

DIANA THOMPSON,
High Hill Road

Excluded

For the past three years, I have had a table in the Ganges public market where I offer information about my channeled psychic readings and make contact with potential clients. Most of my income is generated through this contact.

Last year at this time, just two days before the official opening day of the market, I received a call from the market coordinator

informing me of the market advisory board's decision to exclude people offering services from the market. That translated into two people — myself and another woman. Both of us are psychics. My friend elected not to challenge the decision, while I chose to fight for my place. I was permitted to return following a formal appeal process.

This year I was informed that the "no service" policy is set and that I am not welcome to set up as a vendor in the market. I am the only vendor affected by this policy. I am writing this letter because I have decided not to appeal the board's decision.

I want my clients, my friends and fellow market vendors and the public at large to know why I won't be in the market this year. I also want the market advisory board to be held accountable for its decisions and the very human impact of those decisions. I believe that the market advisory board's decisions should be made public and that the public should be consulted on policies that affect the character of the market and the incomes of islanders such as myself who depend on the market for our incomes.

Being a part of the market has been a highlight of my four years on this island. It hurts me finan-

cially and emotionally to be excluded in this way. By speaking out in this letter, I hope to save myself from the bitterness that has surrounded similar decisions in the past. Finally, many thanks and love to all the people who have supported my presence in the market over these past few years. Your letters and phone calls of support were, I believe, a significant factor in my reinstatement in the market last year.

Saturdays will never be the same.
LESLIE WALLACE,
Salt Spring

RCMP thanks

On behalf of my staff and our community policing volunteers, I would like to thank all of you from the community of Salt Spring

Island who contributed to making our detachment's open house such a resounding success.

A special thanks to the business community for your donations, sponsorship and support. I hope we did not overlook anyone in our ad in this issue.

To the estimated 1,000 residents and invitees who toured our new building throughout the day, we were very grateful for your encouraging and supportive comments on our facility, especially those compliments about the rosy-hued doors.

We understand many of you unfortunately missed the open house, so we are currently planning to reopen the office once more for tours during National Police Week in May.

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CLIFF DOHERTY,
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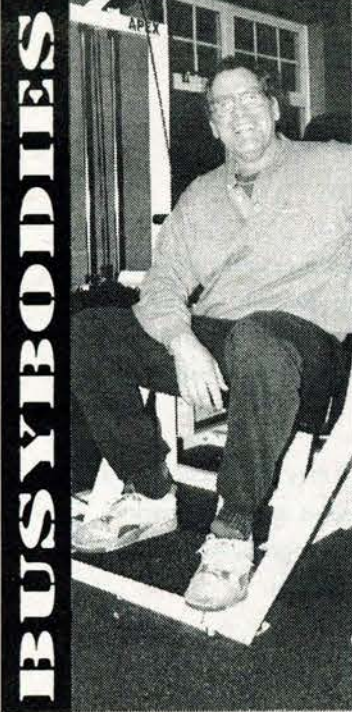
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News of hyperspasia brings war memories

Message from the past!

It was on TV. I was in the kitchen and so was the television. I was labouriously preparing a second-rate dinner and I switched on the television in order to relieve the monotony of my own company and, incidentally, to give me something more interesting to think about.

It was, in fact, a pretty awful dinner.

There was I struggling to get everything cooked within a half-hour of everything else when I was distracted. It was like hearing my late wife.

Above the rattle of boiling pans I heard reference to "hypospadias." Only on rare occasions did I hear the term after the early years of my marriage, half a century ago.

The television program was outlining the process of surgically correcting the condition. It is a malformation of the male genitalia, as I recall.

During the Second World War Barbara had been a nurse and was engaged in repairing the damage resulting from burns. Working with a Canadian surgeon, Joe Sankey, from British Columbia, Barbara was one of the team which wept when the new casualties were brought into the hospital. And the same team that rejoiced when a hopelessly damaged soldier, mostly from tanks, was returned to his family almost normal in appearance.

With the end of the war there was a hospital ward with a trained staff and a skillful surgeon and few patients. The ward was adapted to the treatment of hyperspasia for many months. I was so accustomed to hearing the expression that without understanding the details, I learned the process.

It was a reminder of the progress over half a century. Fifty years ago the work was experimental and devoted to the correction of that condition whereby the sufferer was unable to father a child. The frank explanation of the condition was a parallel reminder of that period of progress.

Joe Sankey died; Barbara moved to British Columbia; their patients became happy daddies and Barbara switched to journalism. All in 50 years! And it all came back: all in five minutes!

TO BE FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



That Yellow Brick Road!

I went to see the wizard: the Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Oz was close by on this occasion; just down at Fernwood School.

There is something infectious about the joy of youngsters demonstrating their skills. From the opening stampede of Munchkins to the return home, those kids were all living in the wonderful world of Oz. And the audience moved in.

The presentation was happy and the evening followed that suit.

There is, equally, something infectious about the pleasure of the audience in the skills of those kids.

The school was solidly backing the play and enjoying every minute of it. The play and the set were an incident waiting for something to happen and it did.

Nice walk, eh?

From time to time I walk into Ganges. Not so much that I am perpetually hungry and in need of nourishment as to keep fit enough to eat whatever I place in front of me. On other occasions I walk up the hill from the land of the Kingfishers to the Driftwood office.

There is a keen sense of challenge to such strolls. The hazards are very clearly seen.

This time of year brings muddy roads and the mild worry as to whether there is enough tread left on my shoes to meet current road conditions.

Turning towards Ganges, the challenge is to get there. If I turn right I am not facing the oncoming traffic. But who wants to cross the highway? The traffic is all quicker than me. It is probably less hazardous to brave the speeding wheels behind than to cross the road at its most hazardous, with the speeding wheels from two directions.

Into Ganges there is a magnificent stand of gorse which demands space to survive and takes it. If you've never been attacked by a gorse bush, now's your chance! The spiky leaves are no cowards. They can penetrate almost any brand of trousering you care to offer. The gorse is a canny weed. It grows on the sidewalk and gradually pushes you over the edge. That particular sidewalk is nice and soft and muddy.

Coming back, there is no difference. You have the gorse bush hazard and the mud and the traffic and the speed.

There is a move afoot to build cycle paths. More power to them! They might even encourage some of us to cycle to Ganges.

In the meantime, traffic is fast for the pedestrian who walks slowly. It's even faster for the pedestrian who walks quickly.

Me? No thanks, I'll drive.

Gas prices drop 3 cents

Salt Spring drivers got a break as gas prices tumbled by three cents a litre last week.

As of Monday, Brown's Petro-Canada, Payless Gas and McColl's Shell in Ganges were all charging 55.9 cents a litre for regular gas and 65.9 cents for premium.

But those who nipped across the water to Victoria or Crofton still found cheaper prices: 47.9 for regular and 52.5 for premium in Victoria while up-island, in Parksville, regular was recently down to 45.9 and premium was 51.9.

Brown's Petro-Canada owner Lynda Brown said she was advised by her supplier to lower the price by three cents a litre on March 24. Denis Beech, owner of Payless, did the same Friday evening although he did not receive any instructions from his supplier.

"We're trying to remain as competitive as we can in our local market," he said. "I know people watch the pricing."

He also knows prices are lower on Vancouver Island but said he receives very little comment from customers on gas prices.

McColl's Shell had also dropped its price to 55.9 for regular and 65.9 for premium.

The prices are set by the oil companies, Brown said. "We go from there and try to make a living at it."

She also recognizes prices are lower in larger centres. When the price drops in Victoria, Salt Spring dealers want to lower their prices to stay competitive.

The drop in price on Salt Spring is part of a continuing drop in gas prices which has occurred across the country.

A drop in crude oil prices has occurred in the past year, said Petro-Canada spokesman Rocco Ciancio of Calgary. Last year the price peaked at \$24 U.S. a barrel and then dropped as low as \$14 a barrel. As of last Friday, the price was \$16.76.

Ciancio noted Canadians do not have much impact on oil prices. "Canada is a pretty small player in the crude oil world."



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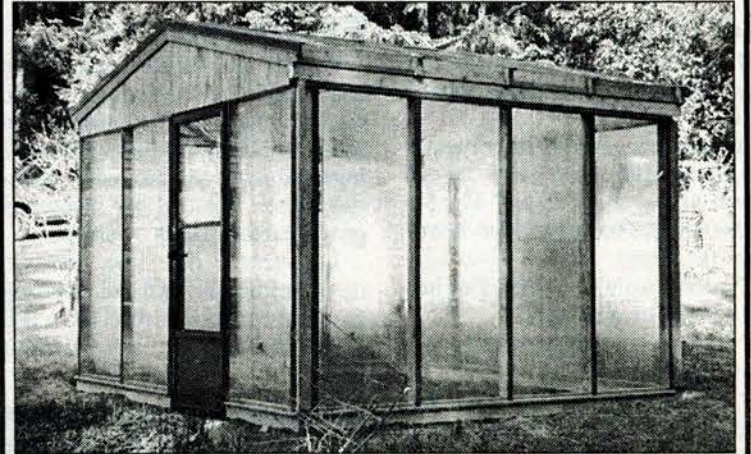
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Discussion groups reflect fears over investment pact

What impact could the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) have on the Gulf Islands?

That's the question about 120 people asked themselves during a recent workshop on the international agreement. Still under negotiation by members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), including Canada, the agreement is intended to improve opportunities for trade. However, the OECD anticipates that an April deadline for completing the agreement will not be met.

The workshop that examined the MAI split into five discussion groups: environment/agriculture; education/culture; social programs/health; financial institutions/sovereignty; and jobs/labour.

The 20 participants in the environment group feared loss of zoning control by local government, since the MAI allows the challenge of government regulations that restrict business. Could a company that purchases waterfront in Ganges to build condominiums challenge zoning disallowing condominiums? Could environmental regulations be overruled? What about regulations restricting additives?

Group members worried about more resource-based industries becoming owned by foreigners and about erosion of government requirements that foreign-owned businesses hire and/or purchase in Canada.

"Foreign corporations must be treated as well as a Canadian company," group leader Nora Layard said. She pointed out there are government subsidies for some Canadian companies. "Should Canadians be subsidizing foreign companies? I don't think that's appropriate at all."

Teacher Deborah Miller headed the group on education, which drew 10 participants. Miller said industry is already waiting at the door to get into schools and the captive audience inside.

She pointed out that the Council of Forestry Industries in B.C. established a committee to write its curriculum on forestry — a curriculum that reflects the council's point of view.

Could the MAI force the provincial government and school boards to give industry access to schools? Could U.S.-based companies running charter schools bring the schools to B.C. and demand the same 50 per cent funding already given to private schools by the government?

Once industry is entwined in the education system, Miller said, it would be impossible to eradicate without putting already impoverished school boards at risk of being sued.

A two-tier health system with a lower level of care in the public system and a greater gap between the haves and have-nots were the concerns raised by the eight people discussing social services and health care, group leader Phyllis Bolton said.

Group members suggested a corporation might look at a facility like Greenwoods, which is owned and operated by a non-profit society with government funding, and demand the same funding for a private enterprise care facility.

Universally accessible medical care could be at risk. Reduced contributions from government to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) pushes more people to contribute to profit-making, private enterprise pension plans. Unlike the CPP, money put into private pension plans is not

invested only in Canada, Bolton added.

Less willingness by the banks to invest in Canadians is what Jewel Eldstrom's 19-member group on financial institutions identified as the main risk of MAI.

Credit unions and banks used to regularly give small loans for vehicles and business equipment but many of those have been down-loaded to dealers, and credit card and leasing companies, Eldstrom said. "The average consumer is paying

more for the service because it is going through one more loop."

She traced the tightening of banking regulations back to regulations established due to the Free Trade Agreement with the U.S. and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the U.S. and Mexico.

Canadian banks and credit unions were seen as "pretty lax" by international standards, Eldstrom said, so the regulations on lending were tightened.

Eldstrom predicted the MAI will result in "people even further away making rules about the lending for our local people." Those who don't fit the boxes will be disenfranchised, she added.

Working conditions are also at risk, said Sonya Kofler, who led an eight-person discussion group on jobs and labour. According to the MAI, if a transnational corporation set up in the Gulf Islands, current environmental, work safety and labour laws would not apply to that company.

If the government tried to force the corporation to adhere to those standards, the government could be sued for loss of profits and potential profits. The transnational corporation is also to be protected against any acts of civil unrest, which could include strike action, Kofler said.

Other MAI provisions discussed included a ban on performance requirements, such as generating jobs in the host country, purchasing from Canadian suppliers or re-investing profits in Canada.



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She was in her 30s and still gripped by a difficult childhood when she met "the man," who was 15 years her senior and already once divorced. "I thought he was a great man. He was like a king that came to me — he was going to change my life..."

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff - Second in a series

"If I needed something from the drugstore, I'd judge him out. Then I'd go to him and say I need such and such from the store.

"I'd be told very nicely that that's my problem. Go to my friends or my boyfriend.

"So later, I'd judge him out again, and now the man is getting agitated and you're told to shut up. You're supposed to sit there and not say a word. . . .

"Now he's more agitated, so next thing he's walking faster and faster and he starts in on his speech about what a woman means to him . . .

"Now the man is kicking, shoving, pushing, throwing things. He's knocked something over. The man has no regard for possessions.

"You learn not to put yourself in a corner. You stay away; you don't get near him. You don't go up the stairs or you'll be falling down the stairs.

"Oh, I 'fell' down the stairs many times.

"I'm sorry, but this behaviour was out of line."

It would ruin everything if she left. He would commit suicide. He would follow her or euthanize her beloved dogs.

"He said nobody would ever want me, he was the only person who understood me. We were alone in the world but we had each other. If I left I'd amount to nothing but a street walker."

In the end, or maybe the beginning, it was the Salt Spring Transition House that set Lynn on her path toward healing.

For after 17 years of living with abuse, she pawned her jewellery, packed a suitcase while he was out of the house and walked out the front door. She left behind most of her possessions, her dogs and everything familiar in her life.

The freedom terrified her. And once she found her fleeing feet, she couldn't stop running. She crossed Canada on a train, found Victoria and then took a ferry to Salt Spring.

"I couldn't sit still."

An asthma attack landed her in Lady Minto Hospital, where bits of her story poured out, and transition house volunteers took her to the island's safe home. She stayed two months, slowly, painfully climbing out of her nightmare.

"At the transition house I started to

see myself as a person — a whole individual. They made me comfortable enough that I could stop running."

Lynn (not her real name) speaks from a small town in British Columbia where she is now living a quiet life, meeting regularly with a counsellor, and determinedly envisioning herself as a survivor, not a victim.

"The transition house let me start to heal. Today I can see something at the end of the tunnel."

During interviews, her words ramble over the phone lines, revealing little emotion even as she relays horrific memories. But sometimes a question stops short the flow of words as she is overcome by feelings.

Her voice breaks and she breathes deeply. Often she avoids the question and finds her way back to a place where she can remain detached.

She never calls her husband by name, or uses any possessive term when referring to him. He is "the man" or "that man." She switches from first person to second when describing painful situations such as his control over the food they ate: "I was not entitled to cook," she says. "He feeds you when he wants to feed you and when and if there is food."

She was in her 30s and still gripped by a difficult childhood when she met "the man," who was 15 years her senior and already once divorced.

"I thought he was a great man. He was like a king that came to me — he was going to change my life."

He had a boat and a snowmobile. He was fun — a great entertainer at parties. He had "been through everything and learned from his mistakes."

But after they were married, he took charge of everything. He handled all the money and told her to mind her own business when she questioned him on financial matters.

"He'd tell me to sit down and shut up. I couldn't argue with him. So I just sat there like a fool."

It was not a love relationship: "This so-called husband was not really there. He didn't want to be a husband — there was no affection. He was like an empty hole."

He called her a "whore, a bitch and a pig" and launched long, demeaning "speeches" about women. He began



insisting she dress a certain way for him.

"He'd offer to buy clothes that just weren't me. He wanted me to wear short skirts and tight shirts. He wanted me to have blond hair — I'm very dark."

She could go out and have other men sexually, he'd tell her, as long as he had a part of her. But on the other hand his jealousy became extreme.

"I never cheated on him, but he accused me of looking at other men," she says. "Oh my, I had lots of affairs."

She recalls winning a haircut from a male hairdresser whom she later met on the street as she walked with her husband.

"(The hairdresser) said 'hello' and I smiled." In front of the other man her husband said "That's him, that's the one. Don't you think he's a little young for you?"

"That part started getting worse to the point where I didn't want to go out anymore. He had this extreme jealousy, but he didn't love me."

Lynn learned the art of denial as a child forced to keep secret her outwardly devout, adoptive mother's alcoholism and addiction to medication.

"She'd be sick and passing out and the doctor would be arriving and the next morning it never happened. It was never talked about and I had to keep it a secret from her son."

This pattern of denial became woven into her marriage even as violence erupted about six years ago.

"I was very careful not to agitate him or he'd be pushing and kicking and you'd be falling down. You just had to keep him calm. You'd be walking on eggshells."

Then there were the mind games. For example, he'd promise to leave — move to his brother's house — at the end of the next month.

"Twenty minutes later I'd judge him to see if he was okay to talk. I'd ask him if he was going to phone his brother. He'd turn and say 'What are you talking about? Leave? Why would I leave? You're nothing but a liar. Go sit down.'"

She started making her own plans to leave. "But he made all these threats and I had no money. And I kept

thinking things might get better."

She adds, "I wanted to belong somewhere."

By this time Lynn was totally isolated except for the occasional telephone call from a friend, who understood what was happening but who lived in another city. And she had her dogs — "the loves of my life who I had to walk out and leave behind."

Lynn had cut off contact with her adoptive family years earlier. She stayed away from people, fearful they would learn about her situation.

"I was protecting him," she realizes now. "I didn't want to make things hard for him and I had the instinct that something might go more wrong . . . the less people who knew, the better."

"I was also angry at myself that I had tolerated him. I had this guilt that it had to be my fault, that I had made the mess and I was supposed to sit in it a little longer."

Symbolically, she left a few times. She threw her wedding dress in a garbage can and destroyed their wedding album.

And finally, in an attempt to deal with her childhood, Lynn visited a therapist where her situation emerged.

"He told me 'you don't want to wait until he goes totally out of line, you could be at risk.' And for the first time, I felt it could be true. I crossed a real line and I knew for myself that if he wasn't going to go, I would."

Now, six months later, she is apologetic as she speaks. She apologizes for herself and she apologizes for her husband's behaviour. She agrees that she is lonely but says she was lonely before she left.

"He was a man that couldn't put his arms around me."

She may launch legal proceedings against him and plans to file for divorce. "I'm not afraid of him, I have come to the place where I know what makes the man tick. I want to deal with him, not disgrace him."

She has not contacted him since she left.

"If I get the instinct that maybe it wasn't so bad, all I have to do is open my diary at any page and believe me, that thought goes away fast."



In domestic assaults, women are not always the victims

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

It wasn't the first time she hit him, but it was a vicious attack. She reached through the car window and tore at his skin with her nails and punched his face.

Beside him sat their young son. "The battle is always around the kids," Peter says, recalling the assault that landed his ex-partner in Ganges Provincial Court last year. "I don't want to be just an ice cream father."

It was his week for the kids. He drove to her home, but she said the children did not want to go with him.

"She was always trying to influence them into not coming."

Peter (not his real name) says his ex-partner's boyfriend provoked him physically.

"When I saw it was getting hot, I got my son and started to leave in the car." But his ex-partner reached through the window and clawed at him. She also damaged his car.

"It was like she was trying to rip the skin off my face . . . My boy was watching — he was really scared."

Of the 20 incidents of domestic assault attended by police on Salt Spring last year, three involved female offenders, indicating women are not always victims in domestic assaults.

Ministry of the Attorney General statistics for 1993 show 7,380 men in B.C. charged with crimes under the broader term

spousal assault — among the offences are common assault (6,338), sexual assault (84) and homicide (two) — compared with 780 women, whose offences can be partially broken down into 629 common assaults, one sexual assault and one attempted murder.

Of course, like violent acts involving male offenders, violence inflicted by women is not always reported. And in many instances a violent woman is quickly overpowered and subdued by the greater strength and size of her male counterpart, making her the victim rather than the offender.

It was coincidence that forced Peter's ex-partner into the court system.

He was in shock when he left her house and intercepted an oncoming police car, which had in fact been called to attend at Peter's ex-partner's home.

"When he saw the scratches and bruises on my face, he decided to arrest her for assault. It was a weird coincidence. I'm not sure if I would have gone to the police with it."

In the end, the court reprimanded the woman for her act of violence and the judge expressed his concern over its effect on the child, Peter says.

"I was willing to forgive, but I wanted to make a point. It hurt me the most that it happened in front of my boy."

They must have looked incongruous in court. He is taller and obviously stronger than his ex-

partner, although she is not a petite woman.

"She is very strong, very powerful. If a guy ever tries to rape her, he is going to be in serious trouble."

And Peter admits to having a volatile temper.

"But I would never raise a hand against a woman," he says. "I would feel very little of myself. It would hurt me for the rest of my life."

Once, he vented his anger by crashing a steel bar onto an old car.

"It is better than hitting somebody. It felt good afterwards."

But he says she has hit him many times.

"Once I lifted her to the ceiling and said 'Stop, it will go beyond the boundaries and I will not be able to contain myself.' When I

get angry, I suddenly see crystal lucid: there is something inside me that stays very clear."

Peter believes he and his ex-partner shift from typical male-female roles during conflict, possibly causing her to respond with the violent actions usually associated with men.

"Both of us express things differently. She tries to contain it and keep it inside where it can last for days. If you contain it, then the pressure cooker blows. I am more direct; for me it's got to get out now. Usually it's men that contain."

Peter is not resentful. He loves his ex-partner and hopes someday their relationship will resume. He also understands where the violence comes from as she, like him, grew up in a violent home.

"She has a heavy background.

A really tough (family) life filled with drugs and alcoholism. Her childhood was dark, but she is fighting very hard to get out."

Peter believes his abhorrence to violence against women germinated in his youth as he watched his step-father beat his mother.

"My dad would never have done that. I was enraged and also powerless to do anything."

When his ex-partner hit him in front of his boy, it reminded him of his own childhood.

And as he looks at his daughter and his son, he can see the inherent differences that make men violent more often than women: "A boy's first approach to the world is physical; girls are not like that."

But, he says, "a woman can hurt you as much if not more without even lifting a finger. Still, it is wrong to raise a hand against her."

Weather

Wednesday: Cloudy with sunny periods; slight chance of showers. 30 per cent chance of precipitation. High 12.

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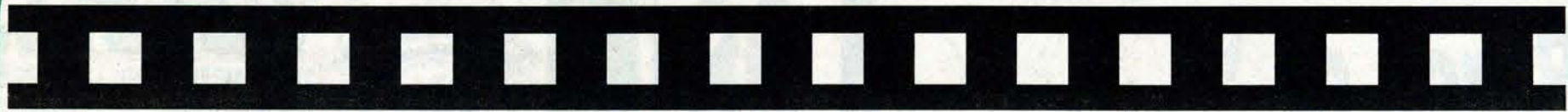
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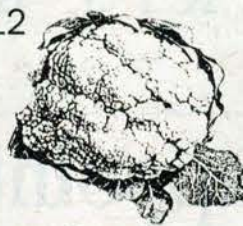
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Only one disappointment at Throb Gallery

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Heartman Throb wouldn't deliver when Arvid Chalmers yelled from the audience, "Give us the Full Monty," but that was about the only disappointment in the Throb Gallery show last weekend.

The final event in Eros '98, Throb Gallery exhibited imaginative and inspiring dancing, crazy clowning and great music at Mahon Hall Friday and Saturday nights.

James Wilkinson played the slightly weird gallery owner Heartman Throb who appeared usually, but not always, fully clothed to give us a hint about the piece of "art" to come.

But like all exquisite artwork they were pretty difficult to describe in words.

All five dancers — Anna Haltrecht, John Herbert, Sue Newman, Dana Pennington and Birgit Wolf — collaborated for most of the dance pieces and the combination was a real treat.

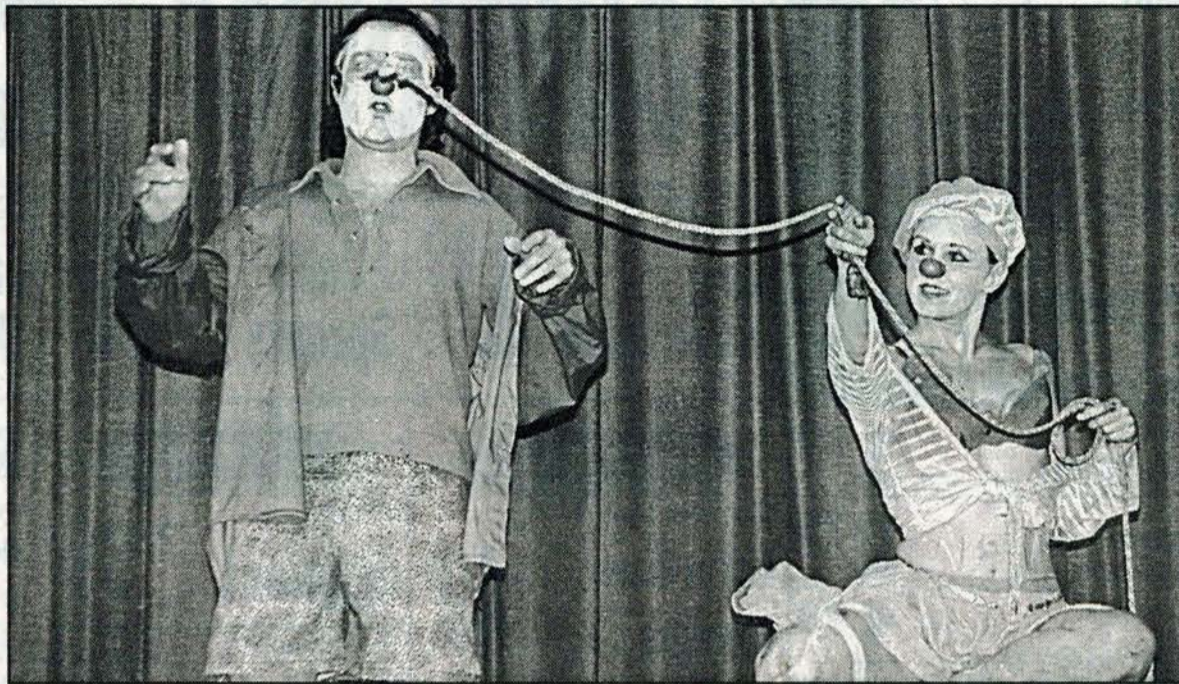
They tangled with the snake in a fresh Garden of Eden myth (as Newman narrated and sang); got downright fiery and moody; and entwined and seemingly evaporated through each other.

The dancers successfully merged humour and serious art, too: All five, including Herbert, appear in white tights and brassieres, but at some point Herbert realizes the bra is superfluous equipment and frantically liberates himself from it.

Then there was Newman as a Venus on the Half-Shell character complaining about being stuck in a painting.

In various dances each performer seemed able to take their strengths to the limit.

The Clowna Suit Raw troupe of Brian Box, Yiana Belkalopoulos, Laurie Clarke and Ignace came up



FISHING FOR LOVE: Yiana Belkalopoulos tries to tempt Ignace as the devil in a "fore-play" skit at Throb Gallery, the final Eros '98 event, Saturday night.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

with some funny, unique material, including a play on the Kamasutra. One character belted out a string of "position numbers," causing two others to contort themselves into gymnastic pretzels, while a sheep tried to add his gumboot to the scene. (You had to be there.)

Clarke proved again she is "the master" of the art on Salt Spring, whether she was yarding on fluorescent-orange nylons, applying lipstick well beyond the region of her lips or describing another sexy, red-nosed babe. "She is anonymous, her name is Enigma ... Her perfume is Paradox by Irony ... She's a nocturnal creature by night ..."

"You don't see that every day," Throb commented wryly after Clarke's first solo skit.

Some of the clown material, however, seemed to move a bit too fast and miss some potential magic

moments.

As with all clown work, half the fun comes from playing with the audience. Excitement or terror vibrated from the chairs when a clown came off the stage in search of someone to squirt, feed or kiss.

What really made the evening memorable, though, was the live music. Monik Nordine on sax, bass player Ian Van Wyck, Mike Simpson on keyboards and the drumming of Laurent Boucher was a dynamite combination. We heard some incredible, largely jazz-inspired, and original or adapted music to fit the diverse pieces on stage. Sometimes the sound of Nordine's soprano saxophone alone assailed me with shivers as did Boucher's drumbeat accompanying Wolf's bellydancing sequence.

The Throb Gallery tour flowed

well. (Some of the clowns must have been scrambling like maniacs to transform themselves quickly between skits.) Using a huge, hanging frame to contain certain works of moving art was also effective.

And although this year much of the action thankfully took place on a stage, many dance moves were obliterated by the heads in front of most audience members. A number of people watched the last part of the show standing in a line against the wall.

It brought to mind once again the need for dear old ArtSpring, which the Island Arts Centre Society intends to complete with one last fundraising drive coming soon.

Salt Spring's overflowing talent definitely deserves to be seen in full from head to toe.

Dozens of music-fuelled bodies will have tried to dance all night by 4 a.m. Saturday at the Salt Spring Centre School's fundraising dance-athon.

Everyone is welcome to dance to some of the island's best rock, blues, Celtic, rhythm, marimba and samba bands just for fun or as a dance-athon contestant at the Activity Centre.

The music starts at 4 p.m. Saturday, although contestants need to attend by 3:15.

Co-organizer Valerie Watson said the focus is on fun whether people want to dance or watch as spectators, or put themselves in the centre where they are eligible for a prize draw every half hour. Cash prizes are given for people collecting the most sponsorships and one will be drawn

from among dancers who remain on the floor at the end.

Adult contestants must raise at least \$50 in pledges; students under 15, \$20.

Spectators' tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, babies are free and families get in for \$20. Tickets are available at Acoustic Planet, Salt Spring Roasting Co. in Fulford and at Salt Spring Centre School.

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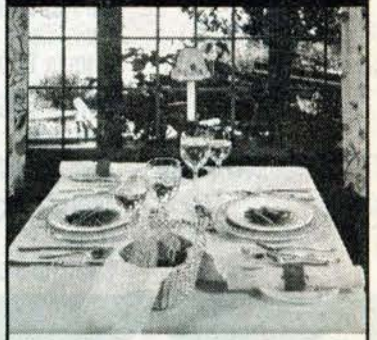
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Wizard audience whisked to magical place

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Mix together expressive faces, sweet singing voices, an innovative set and rich costumes and the result is an explosively successful Fernwood school production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

"Toto," I said as I entered the Fernwood auditorium Friday night, "we're not in a school gym anymore."

Indeed, even as L. Frank Baum's famous character Dorothy is whisked away to a magical place, so too was the audience transported to the Land of Oz.

A yellow brick road, highlighted by an amazingly detailed backdrop, cut through the centre of the gym leading to the stage area. The audience sat bleacher-style facing the road. The inventive set worked well, especially when the action was on the road, and it was fun to scan the faces of audience members across the "street."

The arrangement became more cumbersome, depending on where one sat, when the action moved to the stage area and I left with a few aching neck muscles. But it's a minor complaint.

A few members of the chorus took their places beneath the stage just before the show began. Others, like the chickens and tumbleweeds, blew and twirled into place during the cyclone, and the Lullaby League and Lollypop Guild (very cute kindergartners) delicately danced into place.

An energetic horde of close to 40 Munchkins danced and sang in vividly-coloured costumes on the yellow brick road before taking their places at the front.

In watching the group of young singers beneath the stage, my eyes were constantly drawn to the expressive face and pure enjoyment of Grade One student Nahanni Kay, who sang with blissful, rhythmic abandon.

Also noted for her rich use of facial expressions was Kimberly Krieger, who did a fine job of portraying Dorothy, complete, I swear, with a Judy Garland drawl.

Most enjoyable was Kathleen Sinclair's take on the hapless,



OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD: These youngsters were among the many stars of Fernwood school's production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Photo by Susan Lundy

loose-limbed scarecrow. Her impish face and happy-go-lucky performance was well suited to her character.

Also well cast were Sara Mackay as the Lion, Hayley Heinekey as the Tinman, and Clare Lannan who shone as Oz.

Emily Little glimmered as Glinda. She gave a calm and confident performance, and displayed a rich singing voice.

Prior to the show I scanned the program (which came complete with cast biographies), searching for familiar names, and noted that the somewhat uninhibited island performer Deb Toole had a daughter — Meaghen — in the show.

Then, when the green-faced Wicked Witch of the West erupted onto the set with piercing screams that quickly landed my youngest in my lap, I knew I had found Toole's daughter.

And despite the show's huge, electric-yellow-eyed Oz, the

magical costumes and dramatic setting, it was Meaghen that captured my daughters' after-show conversation. Perhaps "show-stealing" is genetic.

The melting of the witch was cleverly achieved as Meaghen disappeared into a hole between bleachers. Other successful devices included the monstrous, eerie puppet Oz and the magnificently detailed forest backdrop.

Lots of parents and teachers — not to mention the performers — contributed countless hours to the project, attending to the smallest details in sets, costumes and make-up, and creating a smashing production which sold out both nights.

Kudos must be given to director Stacia Kennedy and all of the children who worked so hard to pull it off.

MacMaster to perform in Duncan

One of Cape Breton's most brilliant fiddlers and step-dancers will appear at the Cowichan Theatre April 6.

Natalie MacMaster's career blossomed from playing dances and concerts in and around her home island to becoming a musical ambassador for a new generation of Cape Breton musicians.

MacMaster is only 23 years old yet appears to be on the brink of international fame. A Nashville producer called her fiddle and step dancing finale "the best seven minutes in show business," *Maclean's* magazine cited her as one of "100 Canadians to watch

for," she was a featured performer on BBC's New Year's Eve Hogmanay broadcast and she has been on numerous TV and radio shows.

MacMaster's three recordings were recognized with awards from the East Coast Music Association, including one for being the best roots/traditional artist in 1992 and another as best instrumental artist in 1994.

MacMaster will be backed by five musicians at the concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Last year's show was sold out. Tickets are available by calling Cowichan Theatre at 748-7529.

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- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Wednesday evening is Bluegrass Music evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Harbour House Lounge** — Karaoke with Shaun in the lounge on Friday, April 3.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Rock with Funny Bone on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4.
- **Foothills Brass Quintet** — Appearing with Bandemonium, with one performance only on Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose room. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students, available at Murray's Brewplace, Acoustic Planet Music and Sharon's Country Home.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Monik Nordine Quartet on April 5 at 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.

Cinema

- **Titanic** — James Cameron's multi-award-winning film about the world's most famous shipwreck. Harrowing realistic and haunting, this film brings many back for repeated viewings. Playing Friday to Tuesday, April 3 to 7, at 7 p.m. Also, two matinee showings on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5 at 3 p.m. 3 hours, 15 minutes. Rated 14A, violence and coarse language. Presold events may be sold out completely by show time. Tickets available at Patterson's and et cetera. Now selling tickets for Saturday, April 4 matinee and Monday, April 6, 7 p.m. show. Cinema Central.

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- **Vortex Gallery** — Introducing the painting of Jeroen Wit Vliet, landscape, and new and selected work by Kathy Venter, starting Saturday, April 4. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- **Wednesday, April 1** (schedule change) — 5 p.m., Talk Around the Rock
6 p.m., OCP Hearing from March 23
7 p.m., Islands Trust Meeting from March 26
7:30 p.m., Women and Violence: Education is Prevention
8:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji
- **Sunday, April 5** — 5 p.m., Talk Around the Rock
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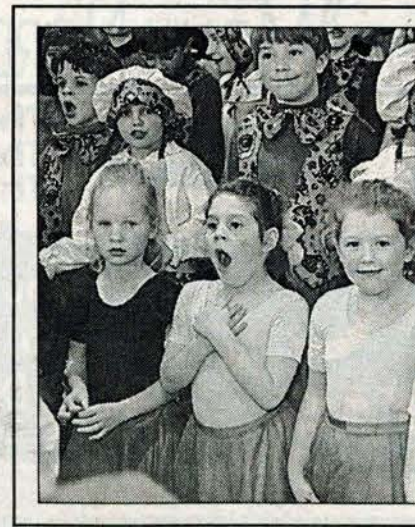
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TEMPLE DANCERS: Indian dance will be featured in Ganges next week.

Brian Fawcett will read Saturday

When an author has written about everything from sex and gender to gardening, and worked in community planning, the prison system and the NHL, no one can predict what subjects he might tackle at a public reading event.

Brian Fawcett may be best known for Cambodia: A Book for People Who Find Television Too Slow, or the controversial Gender Wars: A Novel and Some Conversations About Sex and Gender, although these days he is turning his critical eyes towards a second gardening book and other projects.

He will read and talk with islanders on Saturday at the Lions Club hall on Bonnet Avenue, beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free although donations are appreciated.

Other Fawcett titles are The Secret Journal of Alexander Mackenzie, Capital Tales, My Career With the Leafs, Public Eye: An Investigation into the Disappearance of the World, Unusual Circumstances / Interesting Times, The Compact Garden, and The Disbeliever's Dictionary, published last year.

Salt Spring author and reading organizer Brian Brett describes The Disbeliever's Dictionary as "a book which slags almost every institution and person in Canada, except for his friends, of course."

Fawcett writes full-time from his College and Clinton neighbourhood in Toronto, where he lives with his wife and infant daughter.

Saturday's reading is sponsored by Theatre Alive! and The Writers Union of Canada.



Fawcett

Foundation offers Indian dance April 9

A rare evening of Indian dance presented by the Reach Foundation takes place April 9 at Mahon Hall.

Barbara Framm and Visnu Tattva Das are two internationally-renowned temple dancers who have performed in India, Europe, New York and California.

Promotional material for the event explains that the temple was the centre of learning, culture, religion and art in ancient India. "Ecstatic communion with the divine was celebrated in the sacred classical temple dance forms of India known as Bharat, Natyam and Odissi."

The Reach Foundation is headed by Dr. Raam Pandey, a promoter of Indian cultural arts and a practitioner of Kayakalpa, described as "a remarkable form of applied alchemy designed to achieve longevity free from illness."

Pandey, newly arrived on Salt Spring, is also a filmmaker.

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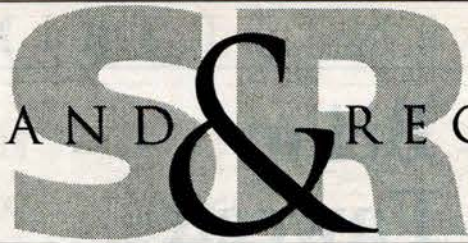
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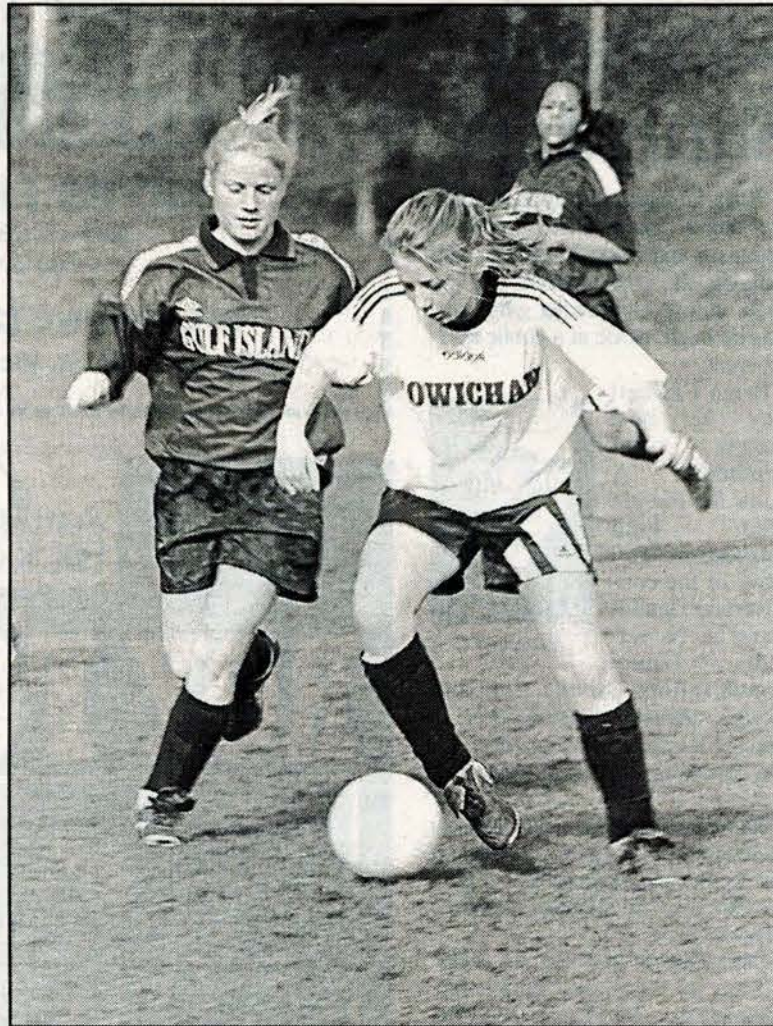
Salt Spring will be invaded by teenage girls Friday and Saturday when 16 high school soccer teams vie for the Salt Spring Cup.

Games will be played continually at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), the middle school, Fernwood school and Portlock Park, with the final set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the high school field.

Scorpions will kick off at 10 a.m. Friday at GISS against a strong Fleetwood Park team from Surrey.

Coach Doug Pearson said the tournament features several strong teams from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, including McRoberts from Richmond, Sentinel from North Vancouver and Saanich's Claremont.

After returning from Courtenay where the senior girl Scorpions defeated Vanier 2-1 and lost to Carihi High 2-0, the team won its home opener against Cowichan last Thursday with a 2-1 victory. Pearson reported that Sheila Stacey and Molly Lynes-Ford notched singles for GISS while Stephanie Collette was "girl of the game" despite "her shocking yellow card."



SCORPIONS WIN OPENER: Sara Cameron of the Scorpions, left, moves in on a Cowichan player Thursday during the senior girls Scorpions home opener. The local squad won 2-1.

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Isabelle Richardson and Shirley Love were winners in Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club play on March 16.

Second-place winners were Conhor Hunt and Joan Conlan, while third place went to Bill Buckler and Ron Dickson.

Tied for first place on March 23 were Conlan and Blanche Poborsa, and Irene Hawksworth and Fred Struve. The team of Richardson and Love took third place.

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The Commission will hold public hearings around the province commencing in late spring to hear from interested British Columbians. Details of the hearing locations and times will be announced soon.

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SOCCER ROUND-UP

Boys team advances

Salt Spring's under-19 boys soccer team advanced to the Lower Island Soccer League District Cup final over the weekend, but not the way it wanted to.

The local squad won by default when Gordon Head failed to field a team at the game scheduled for Sunday morning at Portlock Park.

Salt Spring now plays Prospect Lake for the division title Sunday at Sooke.

Coach Hans Hazenboom estimated the teams are close in strength and a good, competitive game is expected.

In other soccer news:

• Salt Spring Sting under-15 girls team finished its season with a 4-0 loss to Nanaimo in the Vancouver Island B.C. Cup final Sunday.

Coach Graham Tweddle said Sting players were forced to call upon all of their skills after Nanaimo opened scoring early and kept the ball in Salt Spring's end for much of the game.

Tweddle cited team captain Mikaela Heydemann for exceptional goalkeeping and most valuable player Heidi Scott for outstanding defensive work.

He also thanked all players and supporters "for making this a season to remember."

The team won the south Vancouver Island title in February.

• Salt Spring's junior girls school soccer team started the 1998 season with two wins.

On Thursday the girls beat Cowichan Secondary at home 2-0. They won their season-opener against Mount Prevost by the same score.

Coach Tony Mason said Salt Spring started slowly in the offensive department in both games, but warmed up by the second half.

The team consists of Grade 8 girls from Salt Spring Island Middle School and those in Grade 9 and 10 at Gulf Islands Secondary.



ON THE GREEN: Toby Stubbs and Britany Ball were two of 37 graduating junior golfers from a spring break clinic held at Blackburn Meadows Golf Course.

Photo by Tony Richards

37 youngsters learn golf

If Salt Spring seemed quiet during spring break, it may have been because so many young people were learning to play golf at Blackburn Meadows Golf Club.

The club hosted a four-day junior golf clinic attended by 37 boys and girls aged seven through 15.

Clinic graduates were Koby Anderson, Britany Ball, Laicy Ball, Daniel Behrens, Lee Cameron, David Charlton, Jeff Cronin, Brad Cronin, Remy Dakin, Cardin Davis, Vassa Drobysheva, Braden Dragomir, Christopher Gottaas, Matthew Haydon, Julian Hazenboom, Bridgid Hoban, Dylan Hume, Derek Kitchen, Kacia Laitinen, Tyler Laitinen, Adam Lee, Shawn Lee, Adrian Leitch, Fraser McConnell, Misha Meagley, Josh Moore, Daniel Myers, Alex Perkins, Edward Perkins, Stephen Portingale, Asher Savage, Tessa Serra, Jim Severn, Stephen Severn, Robert Smith, Dan Stevenson and Toby Stubbs.

Haydon received the sportsmanship award. Club owner Delia von Schilling said the award choice was difficult because of the golfers' high quality.

Von Schilling also thanked "best buddies" golfers who supported the

juniors on the course during the final day tournament. They were John Charlton, Rob Clark, Roy Cronin, Jim Gosnell, Tony Hume, Gary Meagley, Rob Ross and Ernie von Schilling.

Junior clinics will be offered at Blackburn Meadows every Saturday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning April 4. Call the club at 537-1707 to book a spot.

Basketball team finances play with Blackburn golf tourney

A local basketball team is heading off the court and on to the fairway to finance its new season.

Gulf Islands Secondary School's junior boys basketball team is inviting community members to participate in a variety of ways in a fundraising golf tournament at Blackburn Meadows.

Businesses can sponsor a tournament hole for \$50, receiving advertising benefits in return, or four-person teams can compete in the tournament and have a chance to win prizes. Entry fee is \$100.

Donations of merchandise or services for tournament prizes are also needed. A post-tournament barbecue where prizes are awarded is part of the event, and includes a burger and refreshment for each player.

Coach Tony Mason is approaching local businesses for support, but anyone who wants to participate or help out can call Mason at GISS at 537-9944 or at home, 653-4679.

Tournament details must be finalized by April 20 so an early response is requested.

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

Circus league: Winners of this bowling season was the Toppers team. Individual awards were given for high male triple, Jonah Marshall 697; high single, Ben Cooper 295; high female triple, Bunny Cooper 587; high single, Margie Radford.

Tuesday morning: Madalene Jory 208, Wally Brown 211, Gordon Parsons 203, Rita Brown 204, Jerry Latvala 208.

Tuesday afternoon: Dorothy Sloan 215, Vanda Winstone 206.

Wednesday ladies: Deanna Marleau 209, Margaret Baker 204.

Golf ladies: Lorraine Toller 236, Mary Campbell 201, Becky

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Armstrong 246, June Webb 222. Looney tunes: Lance Leask 212, Linda Schwagly 202, Ron Cunningham 231, Ben Cooper 209, 216, Henry Schwagly 227, Jamie Sayer 221.

Friday afternoon seniors: Margaret Baker 221, 221, 214/656, Gordon Parsons 230, 209, 203/642, Edie Gear 200, Ken Robinson 202.

Children's leagues: David Piperno 101, 130, Patrick Buitenwerf 74, 82, Justine Watkins 156, 93.

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Slugs skate to third place in Duncan tournament

By ANDY NAUMANN
Driftwood Contributor

Round 2 in the Slugs' show-down in the Duncan recreational league tournament began at high noon March 21 against the Wasted Knights and ended with a third-place finish 28 hours later.

For five minutes and until the Knights' first goal, the Slugs played hesitantly, but once the ice was broken, they galvanized into the team they'd been these last few months, combining team work with gritty individual effort.

Bob Akerman's first goal, from Dillon Chrimes and Rod Challborn set the pace. In almost regular intervals, the Slugs added four more unanswered goals in the period from Paul Sinclair, Blaine Johnson, Pete Huser and Todd McIntyre. And the checking duo played their part well.

Slugs fans were treated to more of the same exciting action in the second period. Again, the well-oiled Slugs shifted into high gear and put five more pucks behind the Knights netminder before the dust settled. The Knights managed somehow to slip one by Derek Topping with four minutes to go. Final score: Slugs 10, Knights 2.

The next game was at 6 p.m. against the Duncan Sharks. Two minutes after the puck had been dropped at centre ice, the Slugs were down 2-0. Two and a half minutes later, the score was tied on goals by Paul Reynolds and Brad Patchett.

The Slugs surged ahead when Pete Schure scored as a result of a pretty passing play by Huser and Patchett. After numerous chances at both ends, the Sharks tied the score. But not long after, Huser re-established the Slugs' lead when he charged down the left wing, broke to net, deked the goalie and tucked the puck in the short side, with assists from McIntyre and Chrimes. With 2:22 to go in the period, Sinclair was called for slashing a Shark in

SLUG TRAIL

front of the Slugs net. While he was serving his penalty, the Sharks tied the game 4-4, 50 seconds before the period ended.

The Stalwart Slugs took a collective deep breath during the break and came out flying in the second. A goal by McIntyre put them ahead again. They went ahead by two when Pat Akerman won the draw to the left of the Sharks goal and rolled the puck back to Schure, who smashed it past their unsuspecting netminder. Another goal by McIntyre 13 seconds later sealed the Sharks' fate for good.

McIntyre notched his hat trick, to make the score 8-5 with five minutes remaining, giving him five goals and four assists in two games to lead the team into Sunday's battles.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, the Slugs faced the Ladysmith Hornets, the only undefeated team so far in the tournament. From the outset it was clear why the Hornets had vastly outscored their opponents. Their speed, pinpoint passing and accurate heavy shots had the Slugs looking like, well, Slugs, despite their efforts to match the Hornets' talents and energy. Their goalie stood on his head, kicking out puck after puck fired his way by the die-hard Salt Springers.

Every heart in the building stopped early in the second period when Patchett was checked while in an awkward position, crashing into the end boards. He made it to the bench on his own but once there began to black out. He was quickly attended to by Paul Reynolds and Dan Akerman, but it was decided to call an ambulance. After he was taken to hospital for diagnosis, the game didn't seem to matter as much as it had. The Slugs had numerous chances to break the

shutout but the puck wasn't bouncing their way and the Hornets scored three more times.

The Slugs' next game was against the Whalers, with third place overall at stake.

The Whalers were not amused to have to play two games in a row and they must have ingested some bitter snake oil during their break because they skated onto the ice bristling with nastiness.

The Slugs got off to a rocky start, receiving a penalty for too many men on the ice one minute into the contest, Schure scoring 19 seconds later and the Whalers scoring eight seconds after that. The Whalers took every opportunity, no matter how slight, to provoke the Slugs into open warfare and throughout the first period, the Whalers amassed eight penalties. Despite a few power plays and plenty of gutsy effort by everyone, the Slugs didn't score until the 13-minute mark of the period (Schure again, assisted by Chrimes). With 50 seconds to go in the period, they went ahead 3-1 on a goal by Chrimes, from Bob Akerman and Schure, but this lead was short-lived as the Whalers blew one by Topping on a screen shot before time elapsed. The twisted knot in every skater's stomach tightened a notch.

Their fears were realized when, after eight minutes of brutal battles in the corners and shoving brawls after every scoring threat — the Whalers seemed to have a particular grudge against Don Sevigny who played them tough in front of Topping — the Whalers tied the score and then, minutes later, went ahead 4-3. The Slugs rallied, drawing on their hard-won confidence and their support of each other on the ice and on the bench. Schure completed his hat trick, with seven minutes to go, on a pass from Dan Akerman.

The Whalers, now in a cold sweat, began to self-destruct and

were assessed a roughing minor. The Slugs, encouraged unanimously and loudly by their loyal retinue, knew this was their opportunity. They pushed the pressure to the boiling point with quick, hard-skating shifts for the first minute of the power play. And then, picking up the puck in his own zone after a Whaler had managed to dump it down the ice, Paul Sinclair wheeled through centre ice, over their blue line and cut to the net to

stuff it past their goalie. The crowd erupted, the Whalers gnashed their teeth, smashed sticks on their bench, threw a water bottle onto the ice.

Dressing room spirits were high when a trophy and prizes were presented to them, the Slugs revelling in the realization that their teamwork on all levels had carried them through injuries and momentary set-backs throughout all four games against merciless opponents in 28 hours.

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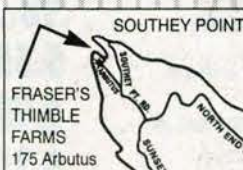
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Look up: you'll see turkey vultures

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

It must be spring: hummingbirds are back in the garden and swallows are back in the sky.

While you're craning your neck to get a look at the swallows, you may also notice large, black "V" shapes up there too. Eagles? Nope. Vultures.

Many of us associate vultures with the culture of the Old West, probably because we've all seen the movies. You know, the ones where vultures, scary unfeathered heads and all, circle the sky just waiting for the hero to drop so they can descend to peck his eyes out and feast on his guts.

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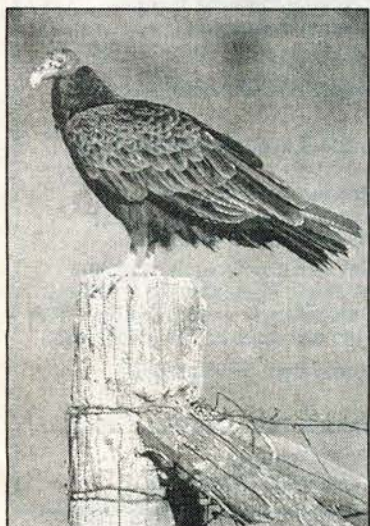
same ones, are quite common across southwestern British Columbia and seem to particularly like the Gulf Islands, as they return here each year to spend the spring, summer and early fall. Some raise families and a few even remain throughout the winter.

Despite what we learnt from Hollywood, however, turkey vultures usually wait for their food to be good and dead before they descend. Their claws and beaks are strong, but lack the strength to seize and kill the way eagles and hawks do. So they prefer carrion. Some of us find that repulsive, although what do you think we're all buying fresh from the local meat department?

Food choices aside, you have to admire vultures in flight. No bird is better at static soaring. Holding their wings in a flattened V, they tilt slightly from side to side as they ride effortlessly for hours on "thermals," rising currents of warm air.

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April is the month most turkey vultures arrive on the Gulf Islands and they'll probably be here until October. That gives you plenty of opportunity to see one. Just look up.



Turkey vulture

Photo by Jonathan Grant

High school hosts competition

Some of B.C.'s most talented high school students meet at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Saturday to test their skills in desktop publishing, computer graphics and woodworking.

GISS hosts Skills Canada Day April 4 and welcomes members of the public to see students in action, tour the school and enjoy the second annual GISS art show.

The exhibition of drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking pieces takes place in the art room from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will re-open at 7 p.m. for the benefit of those attending the Bandemonium/Foothills Brass concert and during its intermission.

Terra cotta garden pots made by GISS art students will also be on display and raffle tickets for a chance to

win a pot will be available at the school.

Skills Canada competitions get under way at 8:30 a.m. with a welcoming talk by schools superintendent Andrew Duncan.

In desktop publishing, students will demonstrate their design and page layout skills in a six-hour contest using text and graphics supplied that day. They will also complete a theory exam.

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Forty-nine women attended the annual Alice Hammett bridge spring luncheon at the golf club March 24.

Prizes were presented to the following players.

High total score, Marjorie Russell and Betty Harrison; second highest score, Shirley Parsons and Norma Keech; third, Grace Murchie and Elizabeth Kirwin; fourth, Pat Herchmer and Phyllis Henderson; fifth, Charlotte Cooper and Madeleine Hardie; one-day high score, Barbara Maguire and Migs Edwards; most slams bid and made, Alma McQuiggan and Mildred Gurney, Zella Madsen and Joan Hodge, Murchie and Kirwin.

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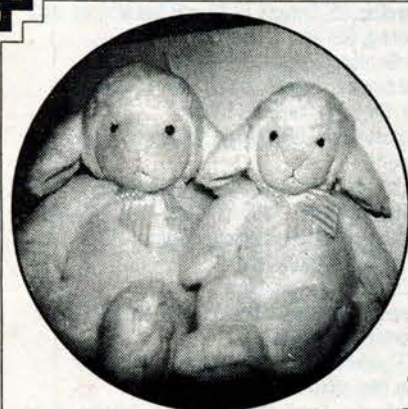
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Fire hall delay worries meeting

Frustration over the length of time it has taken to get permission to purchase land for relocating North Galiano's No.1 fire hall surfaced at Saturday's North Galiano Community Association's AGM.

The land on which the present No. 1 hall is located is leased from a private owner and the lease comes up for renewal shortly. With the lease's termination the community loses it all. The fire hall (although built by volunteer labour and with funds raised in the community) stays with the land should the lease be broken by either the lessee or the lessor.

"It just doesn't make sense not to own land and to have a plan ready for the time when the lease cannot be renewed," a member suggested.

The land sought by the community association for relocation is near Shaw's Landing, close to northern and east-side homes and properties.

About five years ago the idea of relocating on land owned by the community was suggested and the Shaw's Landing site considered ideal. Since that time, despite promises of quick action from Islands Trust representatives, nothing has happened.

It was suggested at one point by the Trust that fire halls, as community structures, could be approved without the necessity of going to a public meeting. Trust officers ver-

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bally approved of the purchase and site, as did the highways department and the Capital Regional District. Now, according to the Trust, this is not the case and a public meeting must be held.

A motion urging the Trust to give immediate attention to North Galiano's complaint of inaction was passed unanimously at Saturday's meeting.

Meeting royalty

The three princes — Charles and his sons William and Harry — arrived at Canada Place late from their visit to South Burnaby High School (my old alma mater, as it happens).

Among the throng invited to the event were eight Galianoites — all in row three, just a few feet away from the receiving line where presentations were made. Ellen and Cees den Holder attended the reception which was jointly-sponsored by the federal and provincial governments, sponsors of the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy Fund.

Federal Heritage Minister Sheila Copps addressed the gathering as did B.C. Premier Glen Clark. Six members of the Galiano

Conservancy were in the third row as well — Ken and Linda Millard, Robin and Jillian Ridington, Annette Shaw and Paul Le Blond.

The den Holders, as employees of B.C. Provincial Parks, manage Wallace Island Marine Park during the summer season, and keep an eye on Galiano's Bodega Ridge as well. The two were thrilled to be present at the royal presentation, afterwards watching through a window as three military helicopters set off with the princes for their tour by air of sites in the Gulf Islands protected by the legacy fund.

Delicious finger food was hurriedly enjoyed by Galiano's invited guests before they made their trip to Tsawwassen to catch the ferry home. Videos of the reception at Canada Place were broadcast world-wide.

Society AGMs

This Saturday two Galiano organizations will hold their annual general meetings. At 11 a.m. the Galiano Museum Society will hold its first AGM. The meeting will be followed at noon by a light lunch (\$2.50) and then an illustrated talk by Andrew Loveridge on the Georgeson family. Following this, at 2 p.m., the regularly-held monthly book sale takes place.

Also at 2 p.m., but at the other end of the island, the Health Care Society holds its AGM at South Galiano Hall. The two groups would be delighted with your attendance and your support.

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- * **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
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Erosion tops agenda at Fulford Hall meet

Significant erosion behind the log sea wall at Drummond Park was the major piece of business discussed at the annual general meeting of the Fulford Community Hall Association held March 25.

Secretary Brian Finnemore said the group decided to fill the eroded areas with rock and soil until a fund is developed to construct a permanent seawall.

Members also learned that hall usage had increased dramatically in the past year, with 15 community groups using the premises or hall equipment (tables, chairs, dishes) free of charge.

Revenues from facility rentals

covered only about one-third of the operating costs, said Finnemore, and several generous donations towards hall maintenance were made.

Improvement projects for the coming year include completion of exterior siding and painting, installation of a wheelchair ramp, refinishing of the main floor, possible acquisition of a dishwasher and/or a dumb waiter, and upgrading of the building's lighting system and acoustics.

Existing executive and director members were also acclaimed for another year at the meeting.

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OF THESE DATES

- MAR. 25-APR. 3:** Mobile Mammography Unit, behind Lady Minto Hospital.
- APR. 1:** SS Reader's Group, Island Books Plus, 7pm.
- APR. 4:** Public Forum, Mahon Memorial Hall, 9-3pm.
- APR. 4:** World Dev. Tea, All Saints by-the-Sea, 2-4pm.
- APR. 8:** Fall Fair recruiting volunteers, Farmers Institute, 7:30pm.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
 - Seniors & Alzheimers support group, SS Seniors bldg. 11am
 - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
 - Stamp Collectors all ages, SS Seniors, 10am.
 - Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am.-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
 - Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
 - Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
 - O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
 - Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, SS Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - SSI Painters' Guild meetings, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon
 - 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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Islanders attend park ceremony

Several Saturna residents attended the March 24 Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy ceremony at Canada Place with Charles, the Prince of Wales, and his two sons William and Harry.

Purchase of Tumbo Island, which lies just off East Point between Saturna and Cabbage islands; Russell Island, at the mouth of Fulford Harbour; and Roesland Resort on Pender Island were announced at the event.

The princes helicoptered into Vancouver Harbour as the guests mingled at Canada Place. Jim and Lorraine Campbell, Jacques Campbell and Richard Hojohn were among those who met the royal guests.

Other locals on hand for the ceremony included Priscilla Ewbank, Jon Guy, Susie Washington, Ian Smyth, and John and Carol Money.

Following the ceremony, the royals helicoptered over Tumbo Island and

the other lands acquired for the legacy. The Tumbo purchase will have the greatest impact on Saturna.

This is an opportunity to share the magnificent beauty of the Gulf Islands not only with our neighbours but also with future generations.

Boat club

The Saturna Small Boat Club has been offered the use of waterfront property at 126 Boot Cove Road as a base of operations for boating activities. The property includes a small boathouse to keep equipment. Thanks to John Downing for his generosity in allowing the club to use his land.

The club will hold a workbee to

build a trail from the road to the beach from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18 and 19. There will be a bonfire for hot dogs on Saturday and when the work is completed any remaining time will be devoted to water activities.

Members, prospective members and any others interested in helping are asked to bring their own shovels, rakes, chainsaws, mattocks, work gloves and enthusiasm.

New members are always welcome. Individual membership is \$15

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per year or \$25 per family. Contact Bev Bruce, the treasurer, to join up.

The club now has the use of three small sailboats, a canoe, a kayak and a rowboat, some personal flotation devices and other equipment. Further donations of boats or equipment would be most welcome.

Easter events

It's time to crack open the cookbooks. Easter is coming and that means the Easter Bake Sale will be here soon.

Everyone on the island is urged to donate something to this fundraiser. Fancy cakes for the cake walk are in high demand.

The Women's Service Club and the Parents Advisory Council will share proceeds for their worthy causes.

There will be a pie-making workbee April 10 at the Community Hall starting at 10 a.m. Last year 52 pies sold in half an hour.

Everyone is welcome to come and pitch in. Those who don't cook should not feel left out because there is also a plant table which needs donations.

Easter weekend will be busy. Good Friday there will be a meditation service at St. Christopher's Church and in the evening the play called Molly Sweeney is performed at the Community Hall.

Saturday afternoon the bake sale will keep everyone busy shopping, enjoying tea, socializing and walking the cake walk.

In the evening the Crab Fest is hosted by the Lions Club at the hall.

Sunday, St. Christopher's will hold an Easter Service and tea followed by some fun for the children.

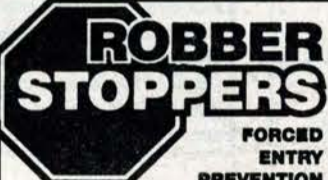
Auxiliary donations total \$109,000

The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary donated \$109,000 to the hospital in 1997, members were told at the group's annual meeting March 23.

Also at the meeting, Sonja Archbold was re-elected president. First vice-president is Betty-Anne Caldwell, second vice-president is Jill Somerset and past-president is Vivian Dawson.

Also on the executive are secretary Valerie Perry, corresponding secretary Leanoir Hearsey, treasurer Mary Walker and registrar Marj Nash. Eva Spencer is handling publicity.

The meeting was held in Ganges United Church and drew 49 members.



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For more information, call the College at (604) 875-3580. (To find out about midwifery registration in BC, call our information line at (604) 875-2177.)

CITIZENS AGAINST THE MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INVESTMENT

Sergio Marchi, Minister of International Trade and Investment, has recently announced Canada's intention to sign a political accord on the main elements of the MAI at the OECD meeting in April, and an agreement to a new mandate of negotiations on the "controversial issues" and the reservations.

We are opposed to the Multilateral Agreement on Investment and the race for economic globalization. We believe that the interests of ordinary citizens are equally as important as the interests of capital and of multinational corporations. We believe that this agreement does not represent or acknowledge the interests or well-being of ordinary citizens.

This agreement has the potential to have far-reaching impacts on our sovereignty, jobs and labour, health and social programs, the environment, our natural resources and our Canadian culture. Once signed, Canada will be bound to the terms of this agreement for a minimum of 20 years (one generation).

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- We urge all concerned citizens to demand that, **before Canada is committed to the MAI in principal or otherwise,**
- 1) This issue be fully considered and debated by all citizens of Canada as well as all provincial and municipal governments; and
 - 2) A binding national referendum be conducted on the MAI or any alternate accord or action (such as amendment to the International Monetary Fund Articles of Agreement).

For further information about this treaty and what you can do to help stop Canada's involvement in the MAI, contact the Salt Spring Coalition to Expose the Multilateral Agreement on Investment through Maggie Schubart (537-9804) or Valerie Rampone (653-4017).

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Announcements

6 DEATHS

JEFFERIES, HENRY passed away on March 28, 1998 at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island at the age of 80 years. He was born on April 30, 1917 in France. He is survived by his loving wife Jean, Son Alan (Lisa), Robert (Nicole), Michael (Sandra) and several grandchildren. At Henry's request no service will be held, donations in his memory may be made to Lady Minto Hospital, 135 Crofton Rd., Ganges B.C., Haywards, Ganges in care of arrangements.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

A special thank you to the following businesses and groups for ensuring the official opening ceremonies of the new Saltspring Detachment were such a success through their sponsorship and contributions. Bank of Montreal, B.C. Building Corporation, Chamber of Commerce S.S.I., C/Supt. Shank, Retd., Frank Worsley & R.C.L. Colour Party, Ganges Village Market, Gulf Islands Window Cleaners, Helen Welliver, Home Hardware, Jesse Byron Contracting, JJM Maintenance Ltd., North End Fitness, Randy Sloan, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #92, Ladies Auxiliary, Pipe Band, Saltspring Collateral, Sweet Arts, Dale Dow, The Sampson family, TLC Security, Tribal Drum Computers, Windermere Realty. My apologies if I have inadvertently left a valued contributor off the list. Cliff Doherty, Sergeant, Saltspring Detachment.

BERT SENDS his special thanks to Vicky and the other staff members at the CIBC for a very emotional 20th anniversary celebration. Additionally I would like to thank my friends and customers for joining me at the office. When I arrived on Salt Spring in March 1978 I never imagined that I would be manager of one branch for 20 years! Thank-you all for your kind words and all your good wishes. Bert at the CIBC.

ISLAND STAR Video would like to thank the Salt Spring Lions, Quadratic Solutions, Cinema Central for making Island Star's Oscar Party a success.

10 CELEBRATIONS



Lisa and Dani
Happy 17th Birthday on April 1st!
All our love, Mum, Dad, M-C and Natalie.

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.

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.

11 COMING EVENTS

EASTER'S COMING! Sunday, April 12! Finest Belgian Chocolate Easter treats - a tradition for 28 years at Embe Bakery.

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COME ONE, come all to the Fall Fair recruiting volunteers evening on Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers Institute, 351 Rainbow Road. Everyone welcome. For more information, phone Cathy Unruh at 537-8840.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION Coffee House at the Core Inn, Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. Come and be entertained by talented youth performers. \$2 students, \$4 adults. Money going to Planned Parenthood Clinic and the Core Inn Grrris Group.

COUNCIL OF CANADIANS local chapter founding meeting, Thursday, April 16, 1998. United Church, upstairs, 7 p.m. Contact Art Morton, 653-9249.

SIFU JAMES MCNEIL workshops: April 18, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Chen Tai Chi/ Push hands. April 19, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tui Na/ Chi Kung. April 18 & 19, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Taoist Lovemaking Secrets & Sexual Meditation. 653-9116.

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A RARE OPPORTUNITY to experience a presentation of the Sacred Temple Dance of India featuring Barbara Framm and Visnu Tattva Das. Thursday, April 9, 8:00 p.m. at Mahon Hall. Tickets at Island Books Plus. \$10.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

Introductory talk
"People in Grief"
Dr. Barry Cooke
Sunday, April 5, 2-15 - 3-30pm
All Saints Anglican Centre
Next Grief Recovery Sessions
Tuesdays, Apr. 14-May 19 7 - 9pm
Trained facilitators
Info & registration 537-2171

School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) will be held at the Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School, Wednesday, April 8, 1998, commencing at 11:00am. Public welcome!

11 COMING EVENTS



Pasture & Forage Management Seminar

Tuesday, April 7
7:00pm
at
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Speaker:
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Registration 537-5667

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

Open House

on the future of Mahon Memorial Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
9am - 3pm
at the hall
We need your ideas!
?
Call: Herb Burnett
537-2270



Reduce Reuse Recycle

11 COMING EVENTS



SALT SPRING CENTRE SCHOOL

is now accepting applications for its Pre-Kindergarten Class(es). 4-year-olds attend 3 days a week, while 5-year-olds go each day. Cost of both programs is \$145/month. SSSC offers small class sizes in a beautiful rural setting, a French program that starts in kindergarten, a strong emphasis on problem solving, B.C. curriculum academics, theatre, choir and the arts. Call 537-9130 for more information about the Pre-K class plus openings in other classes, grades 1-9.



Salt Spring Pre-School, a co-op, is now enrolling for September 1998. If your child will be 3 or 4 this year then he or she is ready to learn through play with our wonderful teacher Barb. Spaces are limited so don't delay. For more information please call Lisa 537-8908

Smoke Free BINGO

THURSDAY, APR. 2, Meaden Hall, Legion
Early Bird 7 pm.
Doors open 6:30 pm.
• Bonanza • Odd/Even
Sponsored by:
Hospital Foundation for purchase of hospital equipment.
Min. age - 19yrs.



Ongoing Yoga Classes
Mon. 9:00 - 10:30 am
Mon. 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Tues. 9:00 - 10:30 am
Tues. 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Wed. 9:00 - 10:30 am
Wed. 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Thur. 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Thur. 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Fri. 9:30 - 11:00 am
355 Blackburn Rd., Salt Spring Island.
537-2326

SANDRA'S GARDEN

A moving documentary about incest will be shown on SS Cablevision tonight, April 1, at 7:30pm. The struggle to cope with incest is one that many face alone. Sandra's Garden is the story of how one woman found the courage to speak the truth and, in doing so, began a journey to overcome the fear, guilt and denial that had shaped her life. The film is recommended for ages 15 and up. Women and Violence: Education is Prevention Project, SWOVA CD & R Society.

Queen Margaret's School

Preparing for University and Beyond
Invites you to a
Parents' Information Evening on Thurs. April 23, 7pm
270 Canvasback Place, SSI. For more information contact Rebecca McKay at (250) 746-4185

11 COMING EVENTS



JACK & JILL
WENT UP THE HILL
TO MAHON HALL TO HOST A WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION, FOLLOWING THEIR OPENING NIGHT PERFORMANCE,
April 16 @ 8pm
Limited seating. A must see!
Tickets at Island Books and Pattersons.

THE SSI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

invites the public to an evening Mixer of slides, photos and information about Yamanaka Japan from our delegation's recent trip. Come out and discover more about the opportunities of exchanges between our two communities.
6:00pm at
Salty Springs Resort
1460 North Beach Rd.
April 8, 1998

Salt Spring Island United Church

invites you to join in their
HOLY WEEK and
EASTER SERVICES
APRIL 5, 9:30am
Palm Procession through town
10:00am
Palm Sunday Service
APRIL 8, 12:00 - 1:00pm
Noon Prayer and Meditation
APRIL 9, 5:30 - 7:00pm
Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Meal and Service of Tenebrae
APRIL 10, 12:00 - 1:00pm
Good Friday Service, Readings, reflections, prayers, silence with selections from the Mozart and Faure Requiems
APRIL 12, 9:00am
Holy Communion
10:00am Easter Sunday Service and Flowering the Cross

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-888-324-3299.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings 8 p.m. Thursday, in back of et cetera building, off Rainbow Road.
DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Edwina MacLean, 537-4316.
FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.

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GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD
537-9933
FAX 250-537-2613

350 MISC. FOR SALE

FLAT DECK for truck, \$300. Misc. shop equipment. 1986 4 x 4 1-ton truck. 1938 Fargo 1 1/2 ton. 20 ft. ramp/bridge. Commercial chipper for 3 pt. hitch. Parts to rebuild vintage generators, carbs, starters. Case backhoe front wheel mounted. 537-4450 after 4 p.m.

LEADED GLASS windows. Vintage lighting and plumbing. 1920's gramophone. Boat and trailer. 537-4450 after 4 p.m.

INGLIS WASHER & Dryer, white, \$275. 2 new thermal windows, 5' x 6'8", \$200 for both. 2 white bath tubs, \$50 each. Complete Citation kitchen cabinets, including sink & taps, uppers & lowers, \$300. Franklin free standing stove & metal chimney, \$60. Glass tub enclosure, \$35. 36" vanity with marble top & taps, \$75. 537-1525.

10% OFF LASER Engraving - name tags, signs, etc. ordered March 30 - April 4. One of many business services at "et cetera" on Hereford!

COME SEE our chocolate delights made from fine Belgian chocolate using our antique moulds. Embe Bakery, 537-5611 to order.

THE GREAT Ganges Junk Co. in stock now: large oak desk, loveseat, sofa, file cabinet, upholstered chairs, trunk, wooden carved chest and much more. 120B Hereford Ave. 537-4507.

AIRCRAFT ...TREATMENT of ankle sprains and injuries alleviates the need for plaster immobilization. Available from Salt Spring Medical Supply. 334 Lower Ganges Road. 537-1990.

WHO ELSE Offers you a three year warranty plus free delivery and set up when you buy a new T.V. Our JVC TVs are still under warranty when the "Bargain" brands are headed for the land fill. Q.S.I. (Radio Shack) 537-4522.

MAGNIFICENT ENORMOUS Begonia plant: in flower now, \$50. Weeping fig? tree, \$25. (Both in terra cotta pots). Little Tikes easel: painting/chalk board \$10. Funky vintage high chair (needs painting) \$25. Booster seat \$5. 653-2303.

MIG WELDER Miller Matic 130. Includes: 2 spools of welding wire, regulator/flow meter for shieldgas, video tape, welding helmet. Hardly used - Asking \$600. 537-4393.

WANTED: CAMERAS, 35 mm and larger format, old and new. 537-4634.

2 PACK PANASONIC Alkaline C & D size batteries, \$2.99. Good past the year 2000. Stock up now! Q.S.I. 537-4522.

PANASONIC CORDLESS phones priced from \$89.95. Don't settle for second best. Q.S.I. (Radio Shack) 537-4522.

STAR CHOICE Satellites from \$549. Why take a chance, buy from an established company that won't take your money and disappear. Radio Shack offers over 75 years of customer service and satisfaction. Q.S.I. (Radio Shack) 537-4522.

GOT TO GO! Still a few 1997 Clearance items that have "Got to go". Look for the yellow tags! Q.S.I. (Radio Shack) 537-4522.

TRAMPOLINES FACTORY DIRECT. Splash, bounce, mega bounce. Parts, repairs. All makes. Dealer inquiries. 1-800-663-2261.

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

GORGEOUS GARDENS! Start with plants & advice from Cusheon Creek Nursery. Various kinds of Primulas & Columbines (mini pinks & blues) Cacti, Succulents, trees, shrubs, unusual perennials. Thurs., & Fri., 10am-5pm, Sat., noon-5pm, 537-9334, 175 Stewart Rd.

CLOSE OUT SALE. Final stage of Greenacres Pumps and Equipment (Penticon) close out. Approximately \$600,000 of inventory must be sold. Open to offers on entire lot or any part of inventory. Consisting of: pumps, pump repair parts, water treatment parts, black galvanized pipe fittings, aluminum irrigation fittings, weld fittings, copper fittings, aluminum and steel flat bar and angles and round stock, camlock fittings, ABS and PVC sewer fittings, misc. bolts, irrigation filters, PVC pipe and fittings. Contact Dale at (250) 493-8773.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

NATURAL VITAMINS. Lowest prices. Prompt service. Serving Canada for 28 years. Free catalogue 1-800-663-0747, Vancouver 321-7000 or write Vitamins 9275 Shaughnessy St., Vancouver, B.C. Canada, V6P 6R4.

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Elevate Your Expectations

24 inch Dish for Laser quality picture HDTV.

From **\$549**

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Small Canadian Satellite Dishes for \$499.00! Installations and Free Site surveys. A SaltSpring Company

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Did you know
STRECH PANTS
For Men
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Mouats
CLOTHING Co.
Machine wash & dry wrinkle free
Waist ~ 30-42
Leg ~ 30, 32, 34
Ask us about
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FRASER'S THIMBLE FARMS
175 ARBUTUS
537-5788
Spring Hours
7 days a week
10 am - 4:30 pm

PERENNIALS PERENNIALS PERENNIALS
OVER 1000 VARIETIES!

Choose from common to very rare and have blooms from early spring through till fall.



360 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

TENOR SAXOPHONE Antoine Courtois with case, padded neck strap, 2 mouthpieces and reeds. 653-9556.

TWO PIANOS, reconditioned, 20% off, or rent. Ken Ackerman Piano Service. 537-4533. 1-888-537-8666.

370 PETS/LIVESTOCK

GERMAN SHORTHAIR Pointers seeking good homes. Papers, vaccinations, incl. For show & hunting. Excellent with kids. Reduced to cost \$350. Call Alana 537-5963.

18+ YEARS APY Gelding, 15.2 hands, good on roads/trails, companion or beginner horse. Gentle & sweet, \$800. 539-5465.

OSTRICH SALE: reducing flock, healthy 3 - 5 year olds. Breeder birds. Breeding season starting shortly. Offers/trades/financing, \$1800 per pair, 250-477-9647.

EASTER BUNNIES. Adorable mini-lops. Wonderful, clean pets. Outside or inside. Compatible & easy care. 537-9439.

BOW WOW & CO.
SALT SPRING ISLAND

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SPRING MAKEOVERS FROM \$25
\$5 TOENAIL TUESDAY

375 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

1973 MOTOR HOME, Chev. Vanguard, very good condition. \$8500 obo. 537-1888.

2 TRILLION TRAILERS, \$1400 obo. 1-250-478-3080.

WE RENT tent trailers, campers, small trailers & 17' travel trailer. 1-250-478-3080.

CAMPER TRAILER - 1985 Lionel L400. Sleeps 6, propane stove. Asking \$750. Phone 537-0640.

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

CAMPER FOR Import truck, propane heater, stove, 3 way fridge, hydraulic jacks, excellent condition \$2800 obo. 537-2482.

376 SPORTING GOODS

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

GT 21 SPEED, Mountain Bike, 21" frame, near new, loaded with goodies, \$675 obo. 537-9489.

376 SPORTING GOODS

Did you know
GOLF PANTS
(MICRO-FIBRE)
For Men
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Machine wash & dry wrinkle free
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379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

THIS COLUMN is designed for free recyclable items only (no animals). There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads must be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday 2 pm.).

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

WORKING OIL furnace and ducts. 537-4942.

SCHWINN MULTI speed bicycle. 537-9547.

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SIGHT FIRST
A LIONS PROJECT

RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES
Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight boxes located at:

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

385 WANTED

WANTED: USED CSA approved wood stove. 537-8374.

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

WANTED TO Buy: Little Tikes outdoor toys. Call Christy at 537-4603.

Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

4 ACRES, GENTLY sloping, south facing, 150' from St. Mary's Lake, excellent lake view, large amount of good mature timber, CRD water available, driveway into roughed out building site. Home occupations and B&B permitted. Just \$169,000. Contact owner after 5 p.m. at 537-2081.

TRY YOUR offer. 1200 sq. ft., 3 bedroom home; full basement; on all school bus routes; level 1/2 acre lot on north end. Owners moving and must sell. 537-0055.

GRACE POINT on Ganges Harbour. Condo townhome with two ensuite bedrooms plus den & deck up. Living, dining & breakfast rooms plus kitchen & powder room down. Garage with small workshop under. Patio overlooks outer harbour and condo marina is behind govt breakwater on inner harbour. Private sale, price \$575,000. For appointment call 250-537-4464.

SOLID OLDER house, 3000 sq. ft on 2 floors. 3 bedroom in-law suite. 6+ acres. \$215,000. Catalina 22 Sailboat. \$4500. 537-2690. email buckler@salt-spring.com

3.5+ SUNNY ACRES with small home on N.E. corner of Long Harbour & Upper Ganges Roads, 800 metres north of Ganges. \$299,000. 537-5976.

FOR SALE by owner. 2 bedroom, 1200 sq. ft. home, .9 acre, overlooking Ganges harbour, Active Pass, 2 ensuite bathrooms, 1200 undeveloped lower floor. \$227,900. Call Wayne, 604-683-5247 before April 4, 537-1479 thereafter.

OWN YOUR OWN manufactured home lot in Sundre, Alberta. 50 lots remaining. 6,700 sq. ft. (\$17,928) to 13,400 sq. ft. (\$25,000). Please call the Sundre Town Office 1-403-638-3551, or fax 1-403-638-2100 or e-mail: sundre@agt.net.

NEW LISTING TRULY SALT SPRING MAGIC

Immaculate 2400sq. ft. log home, with 5 skylights, fir floors and sun, on 3.86 acres.
\$309,000 MLS
CALL ALLAN BRUCE FOR DETAILS & SHOWING
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CREEK HOUSE REALTY LTD.
164 Fulford-Ganges Road

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

I LIVE IN ROSCOMMON AND LOVE IT!
Do you have questions about Condominiums? Let me answer them for you. The buying is better and the living is easy! Call Mary Small at 537-5515

Windermere

Kingfisher

A unique opportunity, offering a bright, three bedroom, two and a half bath townhome with expansive ocean views. This 2,500 sq. ft. home has a level entry with complete main floor living area, a full lower floor with family room as well as many customized features.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 537-5311

450 MOBILE HOMES

QUALITY MANUFACTURED Homes Ltd. Ask about our used single and double wides. "We Serve - We Deliver". 1-800-339-5133, DL#6813.

Rentals

500 APT./SUITES FOR RENT

NEW 1 BEDROOM basement suite, 2 kms. to town, hydro, cable, laundry included. Single person, \$600/ month, negotiable. Available April 1. 538-0070.

SMALL BUT CONVENIENT 1 bedroom unit with view. New fridge & stove. Easy walk to stores and market, \$425 plus utilities. 537-4942.

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

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

TWO 2 BEDROOM suites. One @ \$600, one @ \$550. Also, 1 bedroom suite @ \$400 per month. 537-5363.

510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

SMALL OFFICE building with a large private parking lot. Located in Ganges. Available immediately. Call 537-5483.

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

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

OFFICE SPACE
AT UPPER GANGES CENTRE

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

Call Ron 537-5521

* REDUCE *
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515 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DELUXE WATERFRONT home, fantastic sunsets, warm beach, and original homestead in Fulford Bay. Booking now for summer vacations. Call for details and package. 653-9939.

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

HOUSE EXCHANGE with Toronto family. Exchange Salt Spring home with bright, 4 bedroom house in downtown Toronto. Near parks, U of T, cafes, etc. 2 - 3 weeks between July 1 and August 15. Call 416-588-9192.

KIHEI, MAUI, Rental: air conditioned 1 bedroom condo, 200' from beach, ocean view lanai all amenities. Island owned. Great daily & monthly rates. Call 537-5083 or enquire at The Fishery.

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

WATERFRONT BACHELOR (updated), self-contained cabin. Magnificent view with waterfront access. Monthly rental \$430/month. No utilities or heating included. References required. N/S, N/D. Phone 537-2492 for appointment to view. Available April 1.

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

2 BEDROOM MOBILE plus addition on private 1 acre, St. Mary Highlands. No pets. \$665 a month. 537-9635.

VERY CLEAN and bright 3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom duplex, newly painted. Large private yard for children. Available April 1. \$750/month 537-4577.

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

COZY 1 BEDROOM House, close to Ganges. \$600 per month plus utilities. Suitable for 1 or 2 adults. Available April 1. Sorry no pets. Call 537-5082 after 6 p.m.

CUTE, COZY and bright, modern, 1 bedroom & loft, 3 appliances, N/S & N/P please. \$625 plus utilities. 653-4500.

SUNNY 2 ACRES, waterfront, award winning cottage, Arbutus, deer, eagles, sunsets, outstanding view. 1 year lease. \$850 per month. 537-4492 days or 537-2184 evenings.

1 & 1/2 BEDROOM HOUSE, nice view, walk to Fulford, suitable for single or quiet couple, \$650/ month. Also 1 bedroom cabin, south end, ocean view, suitable for single or quiet couple. \$600/ month. Leave message 653-4520.

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

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

BRAND NEW, 1 bedroom plus den cottages. Close to Golf Course and town, features skylights, in-floor heating, 3 appliances for persons wishing a quiet lifestyle. N/S & N/P please. \$695 plus utilities. 653-4500.

LONG TERM - Vesuvius, small, cozy 2 bedroom home. W & D, propane fireplace, carpet. Available April 1, \$650. 537-9100. Sorry, no pets.

SPOTLESS, 3 BEDROOM SxS duplex for quiet persons. \$750 + utilities. 653-4500 or days only 537-2833.

CUTE, NEW, but small 1 bedroom cottage. Suitable for single person, 4 appliances, N/S, 1 cat OK. \$595 + utilities. 653-4500 or days only 537-2833.

LARGE, SPACIOUS, near new 3 bedroom executive home, with upstairs studio. Excellent references required. N/S, N/P. \$1200 + utilities. 653-4500 or days only 537-2833.

AVAILABLE MAY 1. Bright, sunny, 3 bedroom home in Vesuvius with separate studio/office. Longer term preferred. \$900 per month plus utilities. 537-1866.

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



- 3br., 2 bath, waterfront, Beddis Rd. with dock, quality throughout, bright, 2 plus acres, \$1400/mo.
- Large 2br., plus den, 2 baths, Scott Pt., decks, steps to beach, \$875/mo.

525 RENTALS MISC.

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

SMALL WORK shop to rent, \$150 per month. Telephone 537-1771.

530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

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

ROOM IN FAMILY home. N/S, \$300 per month includes utilities. 537-2297.

ROOMMATE WANTED to share house in south end. Includes washer & dryer, \$325 and 1/2 hydro. Phone day 537-0099, night 653-2399.

540 WANTED/RENTALS

OUR WISH: 2 bedroom home on acreage, preferably with workshop space for carpentry and art for 2 older, responsible N/S, N/D men and cat. Lots of light and wood burning stove preferred. Lived on Mayne Island working in carpentry, and gardening. Excellent references. Long term with possibility of caretaking. 604-488-8828.

WANTED TO lease/rent, arable farm land with house, barn, out-buildings. Rural working family of 4 with seed business. References. (250) 537-5491.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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

PLEASE NOTE: Too Late to Classify ads are accepted only after 2:00pm Monday and before 12:00pm Tuesday at the rate of \$10.50 for 20 words or less and 35 cents for each additional word. They are accepted on a first come first served basis and are printed only if space permits. The Driftwood cannot be responsible for errors or omissions as these ads may not be proof read because of time constraint.

GEEZER YOGA with Sid Filkow. Back by popular demand. 5 Monday afternoons beginning April 13. 4:30 - 6:00 pm. 537-2326.

POTTERY WORKSHOP with Minnesota Potter Linda Christianson; Friday, April 10, 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 11, 10 - 4 p.m. For further information call 537-4906.

FENG SHUI: Unclutter your life. A workshop with Dyan Grant-Francis. Room 204, High School. Monday, April 6, 7 - 10 p.m. \$30. 537-2395.

IS CHRIS CORMACK really 50?!

SAX PLAYER - non-professional looking for other serious musicians to play modern jazz, standards, R & B, etc. Mike 653-9697.

ISLAND PARENTS! Looking for help dealing with your child's challenging behaviours? Come to an Information Meeting featuring speaker Maryse Neilson of the Learning Disabilities Association of BC to find out about L.D.A.B.C. and a new parent-lead support group on Salt Spring. Monday, April 6, 7 p.m., G.I.S.S. Library. Sponsored by SS Community Services and the Gulf Islands Special Needs Association. For more information call Jamie Alexander, 537-9938.

FOR RENT: clean, bright, 1 bedroom cabin close to town, includes laundry. \$550 plus hydro. 537-2728 after 4 p.m.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

MOVING: OAK dining room table with 6 chairs and china cabinet. Two pale green love seats. Birch entertainment centre with matching bookcase. Large 4 dr. chest of drawers. Night table. 537-0640.

INFORMATION EVENING on food combining. Learn about alkaline/ acid balance. Find out how this is applied to problems of overweight, fatigue and stress, etc. April 4, 7 p.m. at 284 Channel Ridge Dr. No charge.

STUDENT DESKS - table & chair attached, \$5 - \$10 ea. Have lots to sell. Call Claudia 537-9480.

WANTED: FIREWOOD logs. Will compensate owner. Konig & Son Firewood. 537-9531.

CHOCOLATE CARROTS and bunny bait, as well as Belgian Callebaut chocolate eggs, bunnies and chicks available at Harlan's. Next to Pharmasave.

FOR LOCALS only! \$100 off - Living Well Workshop. April 24 - 26 Call Earthways 537-1177 before April 10!

FUNKY NOT functional. Fabulous 1 acre private Fulford Village cottage/studio on creek, composting toilet, maximum 2 people, cat OK, 1 year lease. \$625. per month. 653-4051.

EASTER CARDS \$1.45. Chocolate Easter Eggs 30 cents each or 4 for \$1.00. 1998 Calendars \$2.95. All at Save-On Saltspring in the Upper Ganges Centre (next to Dagwoods).

EXERCISE BIKE for sale, top quality "Cateye Ergocyser". Magnetic resistance, no belts or chains, has heartbeat monitor. \$125. 653-9790.

MISSING: White male cat, short hair, very friendly, 1 blue 1 green eye, lost in Rainbow/Layard area. 537-1740.

FOR SALE: Boat trailer, E-Z loader. Tandem axle, with surge brakes for up to 22' boat. \$1200. 653-2008 or 653-4399.

JANITORIAL PERSON wanted at SSI Community Services for Tuesdays (4 1/2 hrs.) and Fridays (6 1/2 hrs.) each week. \$13 per hour. Drop off resume with three references of people you have worked for, by Wednesday, April 8, 4:00 p.m., to Jane Parlee, 268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Community Services. Please do not phone. Please note that a Criminal Record check will be mandatory for the successful candidate. Must be able to handle heavy cleaning responsibilities.

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COMING THURSDAY, a new selection of glazed pottery in a variety of sizes and colours. Save-On Saltspring in the Upper Ganges Centre (next to Dagwoods).

23' MOTORHOME: NEW motor; new transmission; new exhaust; new tires; fully self contained. \$11,000. 537-5803.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ONE BEDROOM ground level suite. North end. Suitable single or quiet couple. No dogs but cat OK. \$500/ month includes hydro. References, long lease. Available now. 537-2638.

TITANIC MATINEES are at 3:00, please change your tickets! Sorry for the inconvenience. And yes, we are open all week! Seats are still first come first seated. Thanks. Cinema Central.

WIZARD OF OZ. A 90 minute video of Fernwood School's spectacular production of this beloved musical is now available! Relive the youngsters finest moments, plus great photos and behind the scenes action of cast & crew. Call Peter Prince at 537-2116 today!

CHEMICALLY SENSITIVE woman and partner seek older, sunny 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.

LOOKING FOR future foster families to care for moms with nursing kittens. S.P.C.A. 537-2123.

TREAT YOURSELF or someone you love. April specials: Facial and Reflexology \$60, reg \$95. Stress relieving facial massage and foot massage (30 mins) \$32 reg \$40. Skin Sensations, 2102 Grace Pt. Sq. 537-8807.

BEAUTIFUL ROSEWOOD upright piano, \$1250. Toyota truck bucket seats, great condition, \$290 obo. Ladies Apollo 10 speed bike, like new, \$45. 537-2397.

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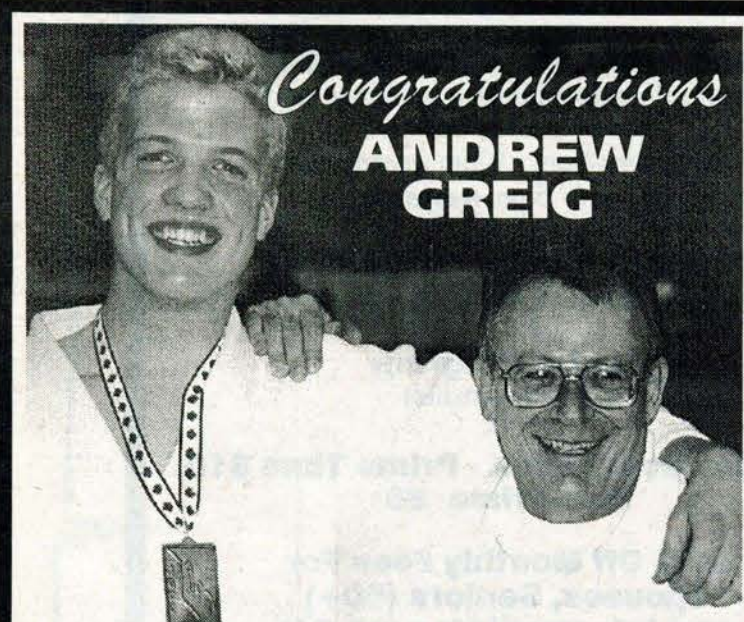
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for the issue of April 8

Display Advertising
2:00pm Thursday, April 2

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Classified deadline remains Monday, 2 pm.



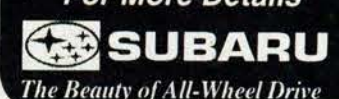
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Alberta-born Tom Grundy has lived on Salt Spring Island for nine years. He has been a farmer, a rodeo cowboy and worked on oil rigs. Often seen handling the reins on wagon rides, Grundy started driving teams of horses at the age of 12.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Mahon Hall's future is topic

Islanders' input into the future of Mahon Hall is invited at an open house at the hall on Saturday.

A display of hall history and an opportunity to discuss ideas for the building takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mahon Hall was built by the Islands Farmers Institute (IFI). In the 1940s it was transferred to the school board and was used for school activities until recently. For the past few years the hall has been leased to the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission.

In 1997, the school board declared Mahon Hall surplus to its needs. The board offered to return it to the Farmers Institute but if that group doesn't want it then it will be offered to the Capital Regional District for use by PARC.

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