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Jazzy sound

Monik Nordine gives a rousing performance with fellow band members at Sunday Night Dinner Jazz held weekly at Moby's Pub. Here

Nordine is seen playing the soprano saxophone framed by a circular star map in the background.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Coast Hotels will manage Village Resort

Coast Hotels and Resorts will manage the Salt Spring Island Village Resort on Bullock Lake once the resort is completed.

An announcement Friday by Coast Hotels predicted the Coast Salt Spring Island Village Resort will be completed by the summer of 1999.

"On Friday we concluded a letter of intent to manage the property," said Coast Hotels vice-president of marketing Graeme Benn. He said his company recognizes the sensitivity of the project, which is the largest resort development on the island and has drawn opposition from Salt Spring residents.

Benn said Coast Hotels is not involved with the restructuring or resolving the paperwork problems which have beset the project. "We're simply providing operational expertise and management for the resort."

However, he said Monday that he understands the required paperwork is going before the provincial securities commission "as we speak."

Coast Hotels will be working with Salt Spring Island Village Resort to prepare a management strategy for all stages of planning, development, pre-startup, promotion, marketing and staffing. Once the resort opens, Coast Hotels will operate it.

Benn described the resort as having "first-class amenities." There will be 120 fully-furnished cottages — Hauff's plans are for 123 units — and a 20,000-square-foot lodge which includes a conference centre, banquet facilities, restaurant, pub, gym, European spa, library and

HOTELS 2

School deficit rises despite many cuts

The school district deficit will reach \$1.3 to \$1.5 million next year if the board maintains the current level of service.

The district's education advisory committee got a first look at the 1998-99 budget last Wednesday at a meeting of representatives from the board, administration, teachers, non-teaching staff and parents.

"We're asking them to be a budget oversight committee where they'll look at the budget and make

recommendations to the board," said superintendent Andrew Duncan.

The projected \$1 million-plus deficit next year assumes a \$900,000 deficit in this year's budget. If this year's deficit turns out to be smaller, next year's deficit will also drop.

Duncan said most of the meeting was spent going over information.

DEFICIT 2

Olympic camp beckons

Salt Spring's Andrew Greig has been invited to train with the Canadian Olympic judo team.

The call came last week from "God" — almost.

Greig's coach Shaun Adams returned from March 30 judo club practice to hear an answering machine message asking him to call Yeji Inouyi.

Adams says Inouyi is considered the best judge of Canadian judo athletes' potential.

"This is like 'God' has called, asking me to call him back," joked Adams.

Inouyi said he wanted Greig to

OLYMPIC CAMP 2

Ferries president sees high-speed ferry for islands

The view from the bridge of B.C. Ferries includes a high-speed ferry on the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands route, a boosting of the provincial subsidy to \$24 from \$4.7 million and a need to cut operating costs and replace aging ships.

That's what members of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee heard from recently-appointed B.C. Ferries president Tom Ward March 31.

One of the ships due for replacement is the Queen of Tsawwassen. Ward said expressions of interest to replace that ferry — which serves the Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen route — are due April 17. The ferry is one of those which

the ferry corporation hopes to replace under a proposed public-private partnership where private enterprise would construct the ships for leasing back to B.C. Ferries.

Private-sector companies were invited to indicate their interest in constructing up to seven conventional ferries.

Ward suggested that the eventual answer to profitability on the Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen route will be a high-speed ferry able to make more frequent trips.

VISION 4

U-19 players trounce opponents for District Cup

Salt Spring brought home a District Cup on Sunday.

Members of the under-19 boys soccer team capped years of play together by winning the trophy in their Lower Vancouver Island Soccer League division.

Salt Spring trounced Prospect Lake 7-1 in what coach Hans Hazenboom described as an

intense game. It saw Prospect Lake receive three yellow and two red cards, while Salt Spring was handed one yellow card.

Rough play in the game, held at Sooke, led to Prospect Lake's downfall. Action was fairly even throughout the first half, he said, which ended 1-0 for Salt Spring. Prospect Lake tied it up at the

beginning of the second, but after getting their first red card, "they basically fell apart," said Hazenboom.

"It was a good effort by the whole team," he said.

Players also showed good sportsmanship, which drew praise from the referee.

Numerous Salt Spring team

members have played soccer together on local and school teams for years. Most of them are graduating from Gulf Islands Secondary School this spring and will not be on the under-19 team next year.

Hazenboom said the team benefited from lots of parent support.

Most readers enjoyed stories created for April Fool's day

Reaction ranged from complimentary to critical, but the majority of readers enjoyed last week's April Fool's edition.

All the stories appearing on Pages 1 and 2 were fictitious, though based for the most part on current affairs.

Joy Eastman was "getting madder by the day" about the Islands Trust purchase of an island by using tax dollars. "You really had me hooked with your front page," she said in a voice mail message, until she discovered on Monday that the story was a fabrication.

Residents of Brinkworthy were shocked at the house trashing that was reported to

have taken place in their neighbourhood. But most readers guessed a joke was afoot when they reached the bit about the evidence at the crime scene: a set of false teeth.

She was relieved when he pointed to the date of the newspaper.

Ken MacKenzie wrote that his wife was set to picket the Trust and move from Salt Spring after reading the lead story. She was relieved when he

pointed to the date of the newspaper.

And on Monday Bill Henwood of BC Parks called from Vancouver to inquire about Halfmoon Island, the subject property in the Trust's purchase plan. Someone had faxed him a copy of the story, but not the editorial that explained the April Fool's hoax.

The front-page photo, meanwhile, actually showed a toy model of a Ford pickup in a standard size pothole on Walker Hook Road. The truck really is the property of "driver" 10-year-old Jeremy Byron, a nephew of Driftwood publisher Tony Richards.

OLYMPIC CAMP: Greig invited

From Page 1

attend this year's Canadian Olympic training camp in Quebec.

Greig, 17, became the national junior men's judo champion on March 21.

Inouyi said if Greig wants to attend college or university in Montreal (with scholarship support), he could contin-

ue training with the team at the end of the summer. Some Judo Canada funds would also be available to help offset living costs, said Adams.

In the meantime, Greig came third in B.C. and fourth overall at a senior men's (over 20 years, expert class) tournament at UBC last weekend, which ensured his participation at the national senior men's championships

in Montreal on the May long weekend.

After the nationals, Greig will stay for a week to train and see what life might be like if he takes the Olympic training offer.

Salt Spring Judo Club members Matt King and Cam Beals also did well at the UBC tournament, finishing just out of the medals.

DEFICIT: Continues to rise

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Reasons for the budget problems include the provincial "equalization" of education funding from 1990 onward, which cut revenues for the Gulf Islands district; province-wide bargaining which eliminated local control over contracts; and changes in regulations which have reduced funding to schools.

The projected district-wide enrolment for September 1998 is 1,709 students. It represents a reduction of 33 students, which will reduce provincial funding to the district by a further \$200,000.

To deal with budget cuts the district has already eliminated most full-time and part-time district coordinator positions, combined the positions of manager of plant services and secretary-treasurer and reduced custodial, maintenance and grounds staff.

Teaching staff has been cut by 10 per cent by eliminating department heads at the high school, eliminating all elementary school counsellors and librarians, reducing counselling and library services at the middle and high schools and staffing as closely as possible to maximum class sizes.

One problem is the division of students into smaller schools throughout the district, which means it cannot practise any economy of scale.

Their location on islands is only a small part of the problem, Duncan said. "If we could take our 10 little schools and plunk them in Richmond so you could drive to them there would be no significant change. We'd still be broke."

Salaries and benefits alone cost 5.6 per cent more than the total funding received from the province.

The district spends less than its provincial allocation on administration and operations/maintenance, with the difference funnelled into the instructional account.

For example, \$155,272 from operations/maintenance and \$54,667 from administration was transferred this year into instruction, which is what funds education in the classroom.

The district receives approximately \$50,000 annually from the province in recognition of the geographical dispersment of the schools, but that doesn't begin to touch the additional costs, Duncan said.

"If we were to have two schools in the system and bring all the kids to that point, we would probably manage (within the budget)," Duncan said.

"If we could take all 1,709 students and put them in one school and optimize class sizes we could manage comfortably," he added. If class sizes were optimized under the contract, the district would require

25 fewer teachers.

The projected deficit for next year does not include any additional services. School "flex funds" will still be reduced, computer repair services will be cut and technology replacement will be all but non-existent.

One dramatic example at the classroom level is in supplies and equipment. Provincial guidelines suggest each teacher should have \$8,000 available for supplies during the year: in the Gulf Islands, each teacher has \$1,800 available.

Although the board is inviting input from staff and parents, there are very few areas where decisions can be made locally, Duncan said.

"It's really a pity. It's a good little district." There are many sound, exciting and educational things happening in local classrooms and students often score well in provincial competition.

"It's a little gem and people don't recognize it."

The board will be discussing the coming year's budget at its meeting today (Wednesday) on Mayne Island.

HOTELS

From Page 1

swimming pool.

Resort developer Brian Hauff said he was delighted that Coast Hotels will be managing the resort. He said Tuesday that the Vancouver-based Dubrulle International Culinary and Hotel School will be operating the restaurant, which will feature local organic food.

The M.C.M. Spa Group of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will be operating the spa.

Construction on the controversial resort has been halted by regulatory problems for the past five months.

Based in Vancouver, Coast Hotels and Resorts has hotel

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Auxiliary police off job after gun ruling

Auxiliary members of the Salt Spring RCMP detachment joined others in B.C. in withdrawing their services this week.

The move came in response to an RCMP directive on Friday that auxiliaries no longer be permitted to carry guns.

Sgt. Cliff Doherty said the three local auxiliary constables decided on Tuesday to discontinue volunteering their services. He expressed some sympathy for the auxiliaries' position. When someone shoots at a policeman in uniform, he said, that person doesn't stop to look at the shoulder flashes that identify the policeman as an auxiliary.

Doherty said the situation creates hardship for the local detachment, particularly with the approach of summer.

"We value their services tremendously," he said of the auxiliaries.



No injuries
There were no injuries reported when this vehicle flipped over and landed on its roof Friday morning. The accident occurred on Fulford-Ganges Road, between Horel and Garner roads.

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Salt Spring RCMP seized about 577 grams of pot after executing a search warrant on Monday.

Further details will be released once Crown counsel has formerly approved the charges.

In other police news:

• An 18-year-old Salt Spring man was issued a 24-hour driving suspension after police received report of a possible impaired driver on Rainbow

RCMP REPORT

Road.

The driving suspension was issued at noon Sunday.

• A vehicle sustained about \$3,000 damage and a local driver was issued a 24-hour driving suspension following a single vehicle accident on Isabella Point Road on Saturday.

The accident, which occurred at 5:27 p.m., took place when the 48-year-old female driver

went off the road and struck a stump.

• A skid tube on a helicopter received minor damage after a man threw a rock at it.

Last Wednesday at approximately 9 a.m., a student helicopter pilot was practising in the Mount Tuam area. The rock was thrown as the student landed the chopper.

• A quantity of jewellery has been found and turned into the Salt Spring RCMP. Anyone with lost or stolen jewellery should contact the RCMP detachment to identify the found goods.

Assault charges net jail for local man

A Salt Spring man charged with offences ranging from assault to breaching a court order was handed three years' probation and a jail term in Duncan Provincial Court recently.

However, John Paul Ellacott has already served the jail term while waiting for court appearances.

Ellacott appeared before Judge Alan Palmer following a psychological assessment earlier last month.

He was handed the probationary period for two assault charges, two counts of breaching a court order and one count each of theft and uttering threats.

Stays of proceeding were entered in seven further counts of

breaching a court order, plus another assault charge.

In other court news:

• A Salt Spring man will pay a \$300 fine and lose his driver's licence for one year after pleading guilty to impaired driving.

John Stewart pleaded guilty to the offence in Duncan Provincial Court on March 17.

• Donavan Gordon Haas will serve four months' probation and pay \$200 restitution after attending Duncan Provincial Court recently and pleading guilty to one count of mischief.

• Joseph Valcourt entered a plea of not guilty to one count of assault causing bodily harm. His trial has been set for October 9 in

Duncan.

• Derek Quesada will appear in court October 19 to fight charges of theft and obstruction of a peace officer. He pleaded not guilty to the offences in Duncan on March 10.

• Also preparing to attend a trial in Duncan court is Richard Coles-Nash, who pleaded not guilty to one count of breaching a court order. His trial is set for March 30.

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VISION

From Page 1

Such a ferry would be smaller than the catamarans now being constructed for B.C. Ferries, he added.

The ferry corporation is now working with a private company to establish a passenger-only service from Swartz Bay to downtown Vancouver, Ward said. He hopes the new service will be announced by the end of April.

Although a stop in the Gulf Islands has been suggested as part of such a service, Ward said, there would be no link for the islands at least for the first year of operation.

With 41 ships, B.C. Ferries is the largest ferry operation in the world, Ward said. In terms of users, it places third, carrying 23 million passengers annually.

When he took the helm of the corporation last fall, Ward said, he was given three challenges by B.C. Ferries board:

- to move the money-losing ferry corporation into a profitable position in four years;

- improve labour relations; and
- improve customer service.

Ward outlined last December's split of B.C. Ferries into one division for Vancouver Island-Mainland services and another for inter-island services.

Glen Brown, the vice-president in charge of the latter division, also attended the March 31 meeting.

Brown is to focus on the cost and the level of service offered to island communities, with input from advisory committees, Ward said.

He also welcomed the independent audit of B.C. Ferries recommended in mediator John Fryer's February report to deputy premier Dan Miller, minister responsible for B.C. Ferries. He said proposals have already come in for the job and the audit would be completed within four months.

Miller's commitment to offer a provincial subsidy to B.C. ferries was borne out in the budget, which allocated \$24 million for 1998. In recent years the province has been phasing out its subsidy, which had dropped to \$4.7 million in 1997.

Advisory committee member David Birchall of Galiano suggested B.C. Ferries owes thanks to the public protests which pushed the government into offering the increased subsidy.

Ward conceded the actions of ferry users drew the government's attention to the problem of financing.

A more secure solution would be a provincial subsidy based on travel miles, suggested Ken Lee of Salt Spring.

Patrick Brown of South Pender suggested funding through part of the gas tax, which is already used to support the province's highways.

Ward also pointed out that the ferry corporation must keep the capital cost of replacing aging ferries separate from the cost of operating the system. Both issues need to be brought before the provincial government, he said, and will affect islanders.

"Our needs are your needs," he told the meeting.

Lack of progress frustrates advisory group

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A bid by members of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee to shift from advising to decision-making was scuttled last week. But not before committee volunteers expressed intense frustration with their lack of progress.

"We've sat here for three years and problems which existed three years ago still exist," said North Pender representative Graham Leggett at the committee's March 31 meeting.

The committee was established in January 1995 to help develop a financially viable 10-year plan for ferry service in the Gulf Islands.

Leggett pointed out that route five, which serves the Outer Islands, and route nine, which links the Gulf Islands and Tsawwassen, cost \$16 million annually to operate but only bring in \$10 million in revenue. If the committee could solve that problem, 95 per cent of the problems surrounding the Gulf Islands routes would be resolved, he added.

Equal frustration but different reasons were cited by other committee members.

"I personally feel the reason we've been stalled for three years is because we're not part of the decision-making process," said Salt Spring representative Drew Thorburn.

He said he did not want to be part of a group that only reacted to the decisions of government or the B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC). "I want to be part of a decision-making group."

Proposed terms of reference from B.C. Ferries for the advisory committee create a passive group, Thorburn said. A later motion to reject the terms of reference failed but committee members agreed to table the issue for discussion at the next meeting.

(Creating terms of reference for the advisory committees was one of the recommendations made in February by mediator John Fryer to Dan Miller, the minister responsible for B.C. Ferries.)

Gary Burgin, a Saturna representative, said committee mem-

bers were "treading water." Representatives of ferry users, B.C. Ferries and employees are now part of the advisory committee but there is still no representation from the provincial government, he said.

"We have to have somebody present who can help us have the ear of government."

South Pender's Patrick Brown maintained that the government's approval of fare increases last November, against the recommendations of advisory committees, had been the "death knell" of the committees. "That led to a politicization of the advisory committee."

Both he and Thorburn cited the amount of effort which had gone into political action. Brown said the B.C. Ferries board of directors should be demanding better government support for the corporation. "The people who work on these committees are, in fact, shouldering the responsibility which the board should be shouldering."

Thorburn moved the government be asked to appoint "stakeholders" — representatives of

those who use the ferry system — to a majority of the positions on the B.C. Ferries board.

The motion was defeated after several members maintained that the committee should remain an advisory group.

"It takes us into the true realm of politics and I think we have no place there," Burgin said, pointing out that BCFC board members are now political appointees.

Saturna representative John Money said the committee was established as an advisory group and would be "laughed out of parliament" if it asked for majority representation on the BCFC board.

"The best you're going to get is an advisory role, regardless of how frustrating it is," Mayne representative Richard Dalon said.

B.C. Ferries president Tom Ward offered to invite a member of the board to attend advisory committee meetings.

Galiano representative Bill Foster suggested the bid for decision-making power reflects frustration with the three-year process. "We haven't done a whit of strategic planning," he said.

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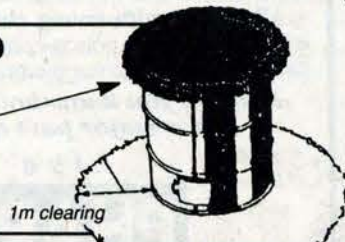


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Historical perspective
Susan Larson, top, and Elizabeth Ralph view an old photograph as they attend an open house at Mahon Memorial Hall held Saturday to provide islanders with information on the historic building.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ward will respond to ferry group wants

Neville Atkinson of Salt Spring and Richard Dalon of Mayne were elected March 31 as co-chairs of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee.

They will also be the committee's representatives to a "second tier" committee which is to be established with representatives from all the advisory groups. The new committee was recommended by mediator John Fryer in his February report to Dan Miller, minister responsible for B.C. Ferries.

Among other issues raised at the March 31 meeting:

- B.C. Ferries President Tom Ward promised to respond in writing to a series of demands established by 11 island representatives at a meeting March 19.

However, inter-island south marine superintendent Ross Harris was surprised that objections to the proposed summer schedule were included among the group's resolutions.

He said he was still attempting to resolve issues raised by the scheduling committee. One is a fear that the Friday and Sunday stops at Mayne Island by a route one (Swartz Bay/Tsawwassen) ferry would not continue this year.

Vice-president for inter-island services Glen Brown said traffic on route one is down so only four ferries may be assigned to it this summer. Last year there were five ferries and it was the fifth that made the stops at Mayne Island.

- B.C. Ferries will be developing a "social profile" for each area represented by an advisory committee and comparing the results to members now on that committee. Ward said B.C. Ferries had received complaints that another advisory committee — not the Gulf Islands group — was not accurately representing residents.

- An inter-island services vision statement presented by Brown was criticized for failing to include customer service among its primary goals of increasing revenue and reducing costs.

- Harris suggested the advisory committee make presentations to a standing committee on inter-island services which was recently established by the B.C. Ferries board.

Harris also announced plans to move all Gulf Islands ferry offices into one office. At present, administration is divided between an office in Fulford and one at Long Harbour.

Harris also wants to establish small working groups. One will work on detailed design and planning for a local Saturna ferry service; the second will do an efficiency review of each route; the third will recommend minor strategic changes which will help improve the service and reduce operating costs; and the fourth will look into the ships and technology needed in the future.

- A Driftwood editorial which criticized advisory committee members for holding a private meeting on March 19 was read aloud by Atkinson, who described it as "mean-spirited and a gross injustice" against the volunteers on the committee.

Eleven of the island representatives on the advisory committee attended the March 19 meeting, at which the group developed their position for the March 31 meeting. Atkinson rejected a suggestion that he respond to the editorial with a letter to the editor, arguing instead that the newspaper should publish a retraction.

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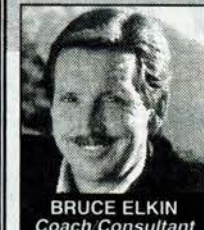
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Pay equity program means higher taxes

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A pay equity program for staff at the Capital Regional District (CRD) will help push up property taxes by nearly seven per cent this year.

"All of the budgets have been hit and that, across the board, is a seven per cent average," reported Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth last week.

The requisition from Salt Spring for 1998 is \$1.615 million, compared to \$1.513 million a year earlier, according to figures released last week by the CRD.

For the Outer Islands, the requisition is \$914,214, which is up 4.6 per cent from \$874,405 in 1997.

The budget was approved March 25 but Booth had to wait another week for details on the slice of the overall \$137 million budget which is paid by Salt Spring residents.

The estimated tax hit on an average Salt Spring home — estimated as having an assessed value of \$214,382 — will be \$273, an increase of approximately \$13 over the previous year.

The estimated tax hit on the average Outer Islands home will be \$143, compared to \$137 a year earlier.

Both Booth and Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission manager Tony Hume attributed the budget increase to the January 1 implementation of the job evaluation and pay equity program.

In 1993, the CRD board agreed to undertake a pay equity program. "This is in the trend of recognizing that women deserve to be paid equally for equal work," Booth said.

During the past five years every job in the CRD has been evaluated and wages adjusted. The CRD board set aside \$1.2 million every year for the past three years to cover the expected cost of retroactive payments.

Before the program was introduced, Hume said, an outdoor worker might be making \$5 more per hour than someone working at a desk job. For example, someone starting as a groundskeeper in local parks might have no specialized training but could still be paid \$14 an hour, while a secretary who had completed a business college course started at \$10 an hour.

Hume said the impact of pay equity on the Salt Spring PARC budget was almost \$10,000.

Booth suggested the \$8,538 increase in Salt Spring's share of the CRD regional parks budget could be traced to the pay equity program.

Still to be resolved are 275 complaints about job evaluations, Hume said. Any further increases arising from those disputes will have to come from existing budgets, he said.

Salt Spring's share of the general cost of operating the CRD reached \$653,835 this year, up six per cent from \$616,121 in 1997.

Up by 8.8 per cent to \$55,058 is the island's contribution to the traffic safety commission and the emergency response service.

The PARC budget jumped by 8.8 per cent or \$42,630 to \$525,230. In addition to \$9,684 extra in staff costs, the 1998 budget included \$10,000 for the federal youth employment program and \$25,000 to construct a caretaker's cottage in Mouat Park.

Both one-time costs have brought additional value, Hume pointed out. The cottage has an estimated value of \$50,000 and the \$10,000 paved the way for a \$100,000 federal grant.

Other minor changes shaved just over \$2,000 off the PARC budget, reducing the actual budget increase to \$42,630.

Other Salt Spring programs with increased budgets were animal control, up by \$4,536 to \$55,651; noise control, up by \$1,610 to \$6,710; and nuisances and unsightly premises, up by \$5,356 to \$8,800.

All of those increases reflect an increasing number of complaints requiring greater enforcement, Booth said.

Richer this year by \$8,590 is the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program, whose budget reached \$52,590 from last year's \$44,000.

Booth said the increased budget will improve emergency communications on the island, including a new tower at the provincial government building on Lower Ganges Road and radios for the three emergency reception centres: Fulford Elementary, Fernwood Elementary and Gulf Islands Secondary School.

A recent review of emergency preparedness by the provincial auditor-general found that many communities are not adequately prepared for a major emergency, Booth observed. "For being in the high incident zone that we are, we are not well prepared."

Gone from this year's budget is the building numbering program, which has been completed, and the storm water quality management program, which Booth said duplicated work already handled by Salt Spring Salmon Enhancement Society.

The CRD grant-in-aid budget was cut by \$3,600 to \$50,040 to reflect the actual total of grants that were approved for 1998.

Informal survey shows radio support

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

If they broadcast, people will listen.

Strong interest for a local radio station was discovered by volunteers from Salt Spring Island's Community Radio Society when they did an informal survey in Ganges March 28.

Of the 94 people who responded, 83 said they would listen to a Salt Spring station, said society director Richard Moses.

He and fellow board members Sam Krizan, Clifford Knox and Christina Tatnall approached people in downtown Ganges, at Thrifty Foods, at Ganges Village Market and at Mouat's with their four-question survey.

Two people said they might listen to a local radio station while eight said they would not. Reasons for not listening included living off-island, never listening to radio or only listening to CBC.

"Which simply provides a challenge as far as I'm concerned," Moses remarked.

Asked what they would like to hear on an island station, respondents gave their top three choices, in

order, as local music, local issues and local news.

Other popular choices were local weather, sports, lifestyle programs and information on gardening.

Thirty-four of those surveyed said they would like to get involved in a local radio station. The most popular task was as a radio DJ, followed by programming, technical assistance, public relations and fundraising.

Eighty-two said they would be willing to pay the \$25 annual membership to join the society.

Moses said islanders have been working on the project for 18 months but had not done a survey before.

He felt the reaction was positive. As the society wants at least 200 responses it will continue the survey this Saturday. Results will be used as part of the group's application to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Whether to establish an FM or AM radio station was discussed at the group's March board meeting, Moses said.

An FM station offers better sound quality and is cheaper and easier to

run but can only be received by those within line-of-sight of the transmitter.

An AM station frequency would be easier to obtain from the CRTC and it could be heard by everyone on the island.

Ken Sebryk of Space Communications in Victoria is working with the group and is putting together specifications for a small station.

Moses estimates it would cost approximately \$50,000 to set it up. "We could theoretically be on the air for around that much."

The group is now attempting to become registered as a charitable organization and will then think about fundraising.

Fundraising won't start until ArtSpring's fundraising campaign is complete, Moses said.

At present, the radio society has 30 to 35 members. A year ago, members agreed that they would like a radio station in place by the winter solstice of 1998.

"It's a Salt Spring goal," Moses admitted. "We don't want it to be a Salt Spring goal but you never can tell."

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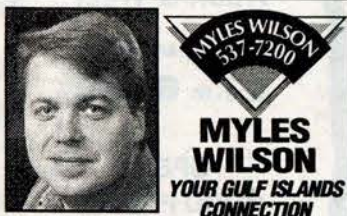
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Arson blamed

Arson or suspected arson was the single greatest cause of structural fires on Salt Spring in 1997.

Nine of the 17 structural blazes were the result of deliberately set fires, Salt Spring fire chief Les Wagg told the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's annual meeting March 31. He explained that six fires had been set but they spread to involve three additional buildings. One person has been charged with three of the fires, he said.

He also reported that someone charged following an arson fire which occurred over a year earlier was found guilty in Sidney provincial court.

Throughout the year, the fire department responded to 306 calls, down slightly from 369 calls the year before.

Of the fire calls, 17 were for structural fires, 12 for chimney fires, 24 for bush or grass fires, four for appliance fires and 11 fires involving vehicles or boats.

Total dollar loss from fires was \$451,000.

Other calls were for first-responder emergency first aid, to deal with hazardous materials and false alarms.

The 30 volunteer firefighters put in 1,766 hours of training. They worked especially long hours dealing with the heavy snowfall and flooding New Year's Eve 1996 and assisting at a harbour accident in May.

The heavy snowfall at the end of 1996 prompted the fire department to purchase a 1997 four-wheel-drive pickup, both for emergency transportation and as an inspection vehicle.

The fire department also took possession of a new \$220,000 pumper truck for the Fulford hall.

Chairman Ben Martens was re-elected to the board along with trustee Denis Andrews. They join Don Harrison, Don Irwin, Ben Taylor and Steve Thomas. All trustees serve for three-year terms.

'Dynamo' Molly Akerman always found the best

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

"You can't say enough good about her. There's not enough words to go around to say how good she was."

That's how Ted Akerman recalled his mother Molly on Monday following her death on the weekend. She died at home, surrounded by her family, on Saturday. She was 83.

Throughout her life, Molly was a dynamo. She raised 11 children, could still pitch a wicked softball game at 75 and assembled a staggeringly comprehensive doll collection which could serve as a museum-level history of the toys.

Born on October 27, 1914 in Vancouver, she came to Salt Spring with her family in the 1930s. Husband Bob first met her at a Saturday night dance in the Harbour House Hotel.

Molly was 19 and working as a cook at Lady Minto Hospital.

"She was a very easy-going person," Bob Akerman said in an interview. Happy, optimistic and always able to find the best in any situation with a great sense of humour, she captivated Bob and they were married in 1939.

"There's a lot of things that happened in the last 59 years," he said.

Molly crammed in an seemingly unending stream of activity. There were the 11 children: Lyn, Darlene,



Molly Akerman

Ted, Roberta, Morris, Cathy, Dan, Patrick, Jim, Kerry and Lance.

"She was the boss of the family," Bob conceded. But while keeping the brood in line, she was always fair. She also encouraged the children to pitch in and help each other, creating a family which is still close-knit and service-oriented.

"She was very devoted to her family," Bob said. If someone dropped by they were welcome, regardless of whether there were 10 people or 30 people already at the table.

At Christmas, family members recalled her getting up at 5 a.m. to put a giant turkey and a ham in the oven. Bob and Molly's 11 children grew to a dynasty which now

includes 30 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

"We always had at least 50 for Christmas dinner."

Molly tended a large garden, had an orchard and canned the fruits of her labours. "I remember one year she put up 100 quarts of cherries," Bob recalled. That job included picking the cherries. She also picked blackberries which were transformed into countless jars of jam.

She enjoyed bowling and was a skilled enough roller skater to do a form of dancing on the wheels. While participating in the Lions Club fundraising walkathon many years ago, she and twin sister Betty Mout did the Ganges to Fulford route on skates.

But it was on the pitcher's mound that she gained her greatest fame. She had played softball since high school, abandoned the sport to raise her family and then resumed it once the children were grown.

"She organized the local ladies to have a team." Started in the early 1960s, the team won numerous tournaments. Molly loved both the sport and the team spirit.

In 1989, at 75, she pitched four games at the B.C. recreation championship tournament in Duncan and received the trophy for best pitcher.

Salt Spring Ladies Softball established the Molly Akerman trophy,

which is awarded each year to the most valuable player on the team.

Another hobby was collecting dolls. Her collection eventually included over 1,000 creations, from late 19th-century porcelain in eyelet and lace to Shirley Temple dolls to Barbie dolls and Cabbage Patch dolls.

Filling a large room of the Akerman home, the collection is an international history of doll-making for the past century.

"They reminded her of her children, I think," Bob said.

Molly also made time for community service, working for Meals on Wheels and on Fulford Hall, among other projects. The attitude spilled over into the next generations: it is not unusual to find an Akerman coaching a team on Salt Spring, working among the fire department volunteers or assisting with any community need or event.

"She taught us to help out in the community," son Kerry Akerman said.

Friends and relatives of the family are invited to an open house in her memory which will be held at the family home, 2501 Fulford-Ganges Road, from noon until 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9.

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OPINION

Ferry frustrating

We can understand why members of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee are frustrated.

For more than three years they've discussed the future of ferry service in the Gulf Islands. And what has been the result? A great deal of discussion but no great strides toward the development of a ferry transportation plan.

The only significant achievement we've heard is B.C. Ferries' discovery last fall that the present system offers the best blend of service and cost efficiency — perhaps because maintaining an existing system with its built-in ships, schedules and crews is cheaper than changing it.

It wasn't long after that B.C. Ferries drew the advisory committee off course by asking for input on proposed fare increases. The committee expressed disagreement, but the government increased the fares anyway.

At that point, feelings of frustration and futility blew into full-fledged rebellion. Advisory committee members in the Gulf Islands and elsewhere withdrew their services, eventually forcing a partial roll-back of the fare increase and an independent audit of B.C. Ferries.

The political action was more successful than any of their advisory action. So it's no surprise that at last week's ferry advisory committee meeting, the revolution continued.

Instead of advising on decisions, some committee members would prefer to make them.

We think they should be careful what they wish for — they might get it.

Becoming decision-makers means they would have to make decisions. To date, this group has tended to run aground on, split apart over or table the tough decisions.

To serve fairly as decision-makers, they would have to consider all interests and steer between them. They would no longer be able to represent islanders.

Their current frustration is understandable. But the solution is simple. It lies in getting back on course and working on what the committee was formed to do: advise on a ferry system for the Gulf Islands.

And soon, we hope. Like some B.C. Ferries sailings, they're already behind schedule.

Good news at Bullock Lake

The agreements falling into place for the future operation of Salt Spring Island Village Resort are not only good news for the resort, they're good news for the island.

As unpopular as Brian Hauff's Bullock Lake resort project may be among a significant number of islanders, it is in everyone's best interest to see it completed and operating.

A successful resort is far better than an involuntary science project demonstrating how fast half-finished structures can deteriorate in a wet, west-coast climate.

Hauff himself admits the project has been plagued by problems, from the controversial building permits to the belated downzoning of the 35-acre property by the Salt Spring Trust Committee to the latest set of paperwork tangles, which have stopped construction for the past five months.

Being ordinary mortals and not developers of multi-million-dollar resorts, we find it hard to understand how anyone could cope with \$5,600 in interest ticking up day after day for five months while lawyers fumbled with paperwork.

We suspect we might have done something to resolve the problem much, much sooner. Not only firing our lawyers, but firing at them comes to mind.

But the delays didn't deter Coast Hotels and Resorts from signing an agreement to manage the facility. And Hauff has also lined up two other fairly impressive players. Vancouver's Dubrulle International Culinary and Hotel School is ready to start cooking when the restaurant opens and Florida's M.C.M. Spa Group will be diving right in to manage the spa.

So it appears Hauff is not the only person who looks at the partially completed units on the shores of Bullock Lake and sees a viable vision.

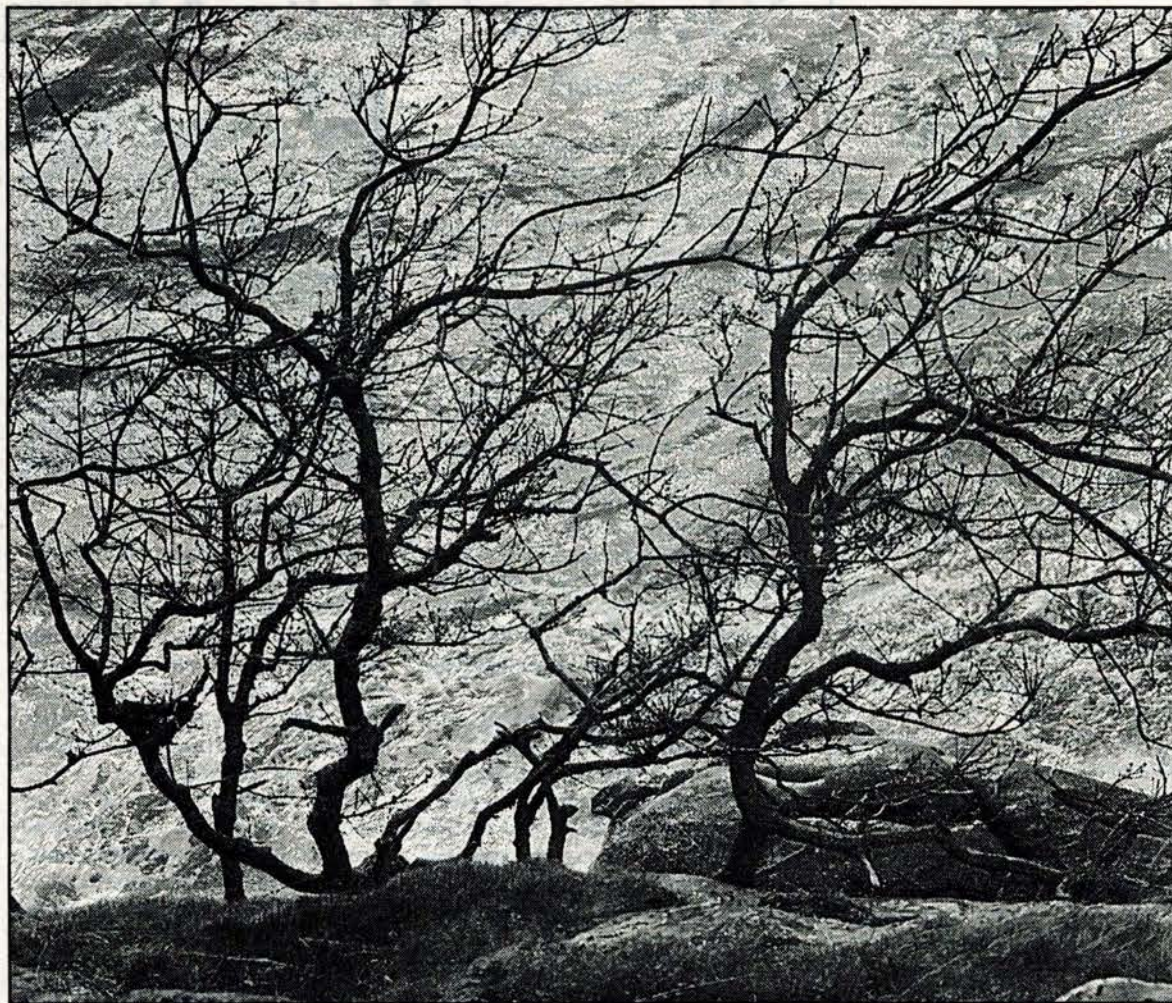
And as much as we don't want to trade the gem-like beauty of the island for something as crass as employment, we have to admit there could be an islander or two happy to get a steady paycheque from Coast Salt Spring Island Village Resort.

There is also the matter of some local creditors who are hoping that Hauff will resolve his paperwork problems and free up his financing — a hope that has more to do with unpaid invoices than a philosophical stance on the project.

It's true that an unfinished resort would certainly fall in line with Salt Spring tradition, but it's not a tradition we'd like to see encouraged.

Hauff has already made his mark on island culture by giving us "goofers." He can stop with that.

We don't want to see him goof up by giving us another project to add to the list of half-built island dreams.



Grove of trees on Saturna Island

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Shadow of complacency alive — we must act to change our world

By ROD MCGUCKIN

In response to the March 25 Viewpoint, in my view our apathy, which is defined as "lack of interest, or indifference," stems directly from our "perception" that we are powerless. To insist that we are powerless is precisely the problem we face as individuals and as a society.

This business of personal power is a tricky thing because it rests in the minds of men and women. We either seize it or not. It is a personal choice. If we perceive ourselves as powerless, then we are.

We cannot change the past, or leap physically into the future to fix the mess. The only place we can work is in the great big long now moment, "the present."

Many of us insist that it is "their fault," if only they would change. In truth there is no us and them, there is only "us," humanity. We will either take responsibility for what we are creating or not. It is a personal choice. We live in a physical universe of change, change is about the only constant. I submit that things are getting worse.

Those few of us (humanity) at the top of the power structure, the system, those that profit from conflict and corporate greed, count heavily on our cooperation, our sense of powerlessness, our apathy, our acquiescence. They count on our "poor me, in and of myself, I can do nothing" attitude, and for the most part they are not disappointed.

We do not stand in protest, we don't march, we aren't seen in "sufficient numbers." We the people, by this I mean, the vast majority, sit and watch it unfold, watch our planet, our fellow humans, our rights as individuals being devastated. It has become an 11 o'clock ritual and still we do nothing. It behooves us all to look at this shadow, this fear and apathy that fixes us to the couch.

Is it appropriate to do nothing when so much is at stake?

We are all caught up in our daily grind, scratching to make ends meet, and those of us at the top keep making it more difficult. Still we do nothing. I fear



VIEW POINT

that the opportunities to turn the bus away from the precipice are growing fewer with each passing day.

There was an awakening in the '60s that some of our youth would emulate. In those days, those few in the United States that took their

power to the streets stopped something "horrific." They stopped the "mega deaths" at 50.

A truly great man was shot dead in late 1963 trying to prevent those "mega deaths." I was nine, my world stood still when I heard the news.

Those among us on this planet who count on our fear, our complacency, are becoming ever bolder, ever more confident that we will as ever remain as sheep. I have of late been forced to face this shadow of complacency. I feel that it is very much alive and well.

I live in the hope that T.S. Eliot's warning will not become our obituary. Will we ever remain "the Hollow Men"? Will we go out with a whimper? I would say that the choice is ours, and that not to act is an act in itself. An act which "allows."

In the words of David Byrne of the Talking Heads, we are all ordinary guys (and gals) but we are "burning down the house." We do as Byrne says, "live in a time of big decisions." I hope we will not find ourselves saying "My God what have I done." We need very much to stop trying to make sense of it. It

doesn't.

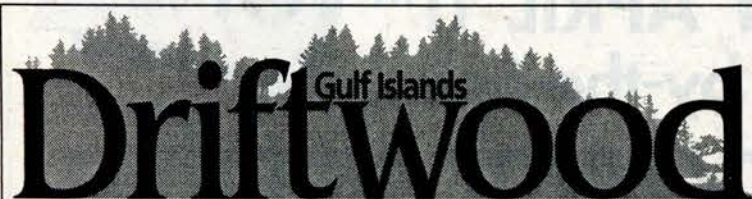
I pray that we will wake up in time in sufficient numbers to create something better for ourselves, and our children's children's children.

I pray that we will all stop thinking and talking about it, that we will take the next step and act on what we see and feel going on in our world. Our planet, our children, our home, all of it hangs in the balance. Will we act to save all that is precious? We are free to choose, even yet.

As Harrison Ford once said, "The force is with us, we need simply to force ourselves."

The writer lives on Salt Spring Island and is planning to walk across Canada to promote global unity.

The only place we can work is in the great big long now moment, "the present."



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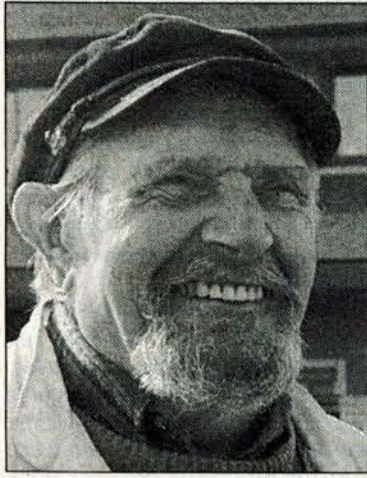
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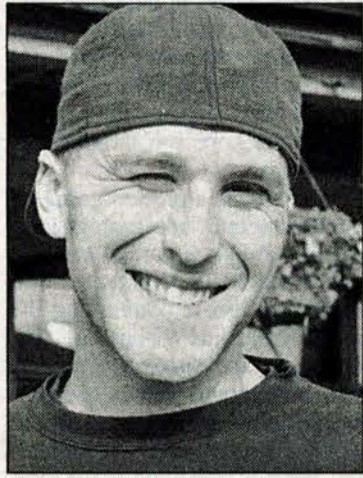
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We Asked: What did you think of the provincial budget?



Joe Sranko

Where do you think the provincial government should get more money? Everybody wants to give less yet they want to get more.



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I haven't even thought about it. I've been too busy.



Ruth Savage

If everyone would get together and just chip in \$1, maybe we could bring the deficit down.



Tina Reid

I knew the budget would be way off so I didn't pay attention because I thought I would get mad.



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Tedious. Same old boring thing, nothing new under the sun.

Letters to the Editor

Basked

After 31 years of marriage and an equal number of April fool tricks having been pulled on me, I thank you.

You got my wife with page one of last week's issue. She was within an ace of cancelling our subscription, picketing the Trust offices and moving to another island when I gently suggested she carefully read the editorial page. I basked in your success.

Well done.

KEN MACKENZIE,
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No joke

I think your first two pages in the April 1 Driftwood stinks — just stupid.

One April fool joke (short) on the back page would have sufficed. But one whole front page, then if that wasn't enough, another page. Give us a break.

I sincerely hope you do better the next time.

This ain't a belated April fool joke. I wish it was.

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Sharp Road

April 1 thanks

Thank you for the front page warning: "Newspaper price to be \$1.50." What a shocker!

Surely Mr. Richards could use the extra during his Mexican sojourn, perhaps to cover airmail postage of the Driftwood. Don't you think it should be \$2 now? Then he's got some options: a block party with Senator Thompson or a contribution towards the clean-up after the "carousing seniors."

I do wish April 1 coincided with weekly publication dates more often.

ELSPETH THOMSON,
Salt Spring

Support own

I have chosen to share my feelings about the recent letter from islander Leslie Wallace.

Leslie was one of the first "psychics" I met when I moved to the island and I must say, I was impressed with her style. Leslie, like myself, is reputable, does not work at psychic fairs because they are too impersonal, yet she chooses to represent Salt Spring Island at its ever-popular Saturday market. Is the "association" in question not aware of the rising need for new age awareness? Is this energy not part of the magic of the island and the market?

Honest, hard-working islanders

such as Leslie should not be discounted. The response to her talent is noticeable by the number of tourists who frequent her booth for advice. We have talented artists, musicians such as Peeter Prince and our ever-present "crystal awareness man" in the market; again, that is all part of the magic. I suggest the association involved stand back, take a long look at its actions and reconsider a hard-working islander's place in a market she has helped to bring attention to.

In this day and age there is a need to support our own in order to grow.

CAROLE MATTHEWS,
Salt Spring

Good work

Island Pathways would like to thank the students of Salt Spring Middle School and Fernwood Elementary and the teachers, staff, parents and principals Bob Brownsword and Bruce Stewart for participating in our fundraising drive for the Portlock Park bike lane project as part of their community service effort.

They raised \$1,340. Good work and thanks so much for the support.

CLAIRE HEFFERNAN,
Vice-president,
Island Pathways

Picture perfect

Perhaps living in the city and hearing about crime every day is why we wrote off ever seeing it again.

It was a gift from my mother and though not terribly expensive, it was sentimental. The Christmas I received it I was given definite instructions: "Now be careful, try not to lose it."

I must have been jinxed because "lose it" is precisely what I did.

It was two summers ago. My boyfriend, my dog and I stole away to Galiano Island for some "down time." The trip was exactly what we needed. From the little cottage we rented (they take dogs); to winning \$50 at pull tabs at the local pub; to the amazing owners of the golf course who quenched our thirst and need for conversation, we couldn't have had a better getaway.

It wasn't until we were on the ferry on the way home that I realized I had forgotten the camera I was told not to lose. Upsetting as it was, it didn't cross our minds that we'd ever see it again. I guess that's why we were so shocked when Const. Mitch Romanhook of the Delta Police called.

Constable Romanhook knows my boyfriend Marc so when he saw the picture of us up in the Galiano community centre he called right away.

"Do you know these people?" the sign said. "We've found their camera." Unbelievable, two years later! Rarely do you find anyone who wouldn't cite the famous "finders keepers" article in a case such as this let alone go to the trouble of developing the film and hanging a poster!

Robin and Jillian Ridington are an exception.

It turns out that the camera has provided happy memories for the Ridingtons and their granddaughter Kaela and that little camera has seen more travel than I have lately. I feel rather guilty getting it back after all this time. If it wasn't such a sentimental gift I'm sure I would have left it where it's been happy for the past two years.

So thank you to Robin and Jillian Ridington and Constable Romanhook for their unselfishness, thoughtfulness and effort. This city girl will never forget it.

AMANDA MARSHALL,
Vancouver, B.C.

Azure alive

In the March 25 edition of the Driftwood you state that the recent purchase of a van by PARC will "fill(s) a gap left by the loss of Azure Transport's charter bus service."

This statement amazed the 20-plus women who were sitting on an Azure Transport bus when your article was brought to our attention. After some consternation we did a reality check and discovered that we were in fact sitting on an Azure Transport bus and were far from realizing the "loss of Azure Transport's charter bus service."

In fairness, would it not be appropriate for you to correct your statement and let it be known that Azure Transport is still functioning?

EILEEN F. STUBBE,
Scott Point Drive

Prized pen

I would like to thank the lady who felt compelled to claim the 14-karat gold pen that was found on the floor of the produce section of Ganges Village Market on March 27.

That gold pen was a gift to me seven years ago from my employer's father.

Over the last seven years I felt that pen had brought me luck. I have never had to replace the ink refill, never had to wipe the tip of

excess ink.

That was the pen I used to sign the lease on Autumn House and it was the pen I used to sign the offer on my own house. I loved and cared for that pen as my prized possession, never quite believing that anyone would ever give me such a gift.

Now you feel you need it more than I!

BARBARA PELLERIN,
Swanson Road

Bunny

At Easter time we're inundated with images of cheerful, chirping chicks and fuzzy-faced bunnies. As representations of the renewal of life and the abundance of nature, they're suitable symbols.

But as Easter gifts, live chicks and baby bunnies become more than symbols; they grow up into adult chickens and rabbits for whom someone has to take responsibility.

The SPCA generally discourages the giving of live animals as gifts, especially unplanned or surprise gifts. Often, shortly after Easter, SPCA shelters across Canada come alive with chirping, hopping, unwanted pets. It's hard to resist the endearing looks of a baby animal and, at first, babies can be quite easy to look after. But after a few weeks, when the chick begins to look and act more like a chicken or the bunny begins to mature into a rabbit, the novelty of Easter and the new pet can wear thin and thoughts begin to centre on giving it away.

There is no "away."

"Free to a good home" often becomes "free to any home." Other owners simply abandon the unwanted pet in a public park, golf course or any other open area — as long as it's away from their own home. Some owners do the responsible thing and contact their SPCA. Even so, the pet does not go away, it simply becomes the responsibility of SPCA workers and volunteers.

Live animals should never be presented as unplanned or surprise gifts. An animal is a responsibility, one that the recipient should be fully prepared to assume. That being the case, it's best not to acquire a new pet at the peak of festival times such as Christmas or Easter, when the household will be abuzz with excitement over the gifts, decorations and family traditions. It's far better for everyone concerned if the animal comes at a time when the household is relatively stable and quiet.

If the clamour at home for a bunny or a baby chick persists, try

deferring the purchase of a new pet for a few weeks after the excitement is over. Sometimes a plush toy will satisfy the immediate desire for something cute and cuddly.

If the desire for a pet appears sincere, try giving a pet care book for Easter, allowing time to get used to the idea of a new pet, and time to prepare for its arrival and long-term care.

LIBBY HUGHES-KLOKEID,
Salt Spring SPCA

Angels watching

Thank you to the kind woman who caught my baby before she could run out in front of a passing car.

I always tell Georgina she has angels watching over her. You must have been one of them. I don't know what would have happened had you not been there.

Thank you again.

BETH BYRON,
Wilkie Way

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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.

Phony letter writer used 'stupid' methods

VICTORIA —Just about the only thing left to find out about Paul Reitsma's penchant for writing phony letters lies probably in his early school years in his native Holland.

If we dig deep enough, some school teacher is bound to tell us that young Master Reitsma was in the habit of writing notes under the signature of his mother, telling the school what a bright lad he was.

This bogus-letter thing has certainly mushroomed. First our esteemed MLA from Parksville-Qualicum gets

caught writing a letter to the Parksville Morning Sun under the signature of one Warren Betanko, who doesn't exist. The letter kicks the hell out of Jan Pullinger, the NDP MLA of the neighbouring riding of Cowichan-Malahat and sings the praises of himself.

Caught and cornered, he lies about it, triggering one of the most succinct headlines I've ever read: "Our MLA Paul Reitsma is a liar and we can prove it." Now that's gutsy journalism.

Asked by reporters if he has ever written phony letters before, old Paul scratches his head, thinks for a moment and says: "Not to my knowledge. I don't think so." Hey, I don't remember everything either.

Unfortunately, the same day, those pesky reporters find out that he has written at least another 10 letters under assumed names, all slamming political opponents. Forgetful Paul has no choice but to fess up to those letters, too.

Now, I thought that would surely be the end. How wrong I was. There are people coming out of the woodwork who were the targets of letters written by Reitsma under phony names all the way back to 1985.

The latest to come forward is former Parksville councillor Dean Hustwick. According to Hustwick, his family started receiving letters from non-existing people just before his father Allen defeated Reitsma in the 1985 mayoralty campaign.

Hustwick says other people started getting similar letters. Newspapers were flooded with them. The handwriting was always the same. It went on for years after the election.

When Hustwick was elected to Parksville council, along with Reitsma, he started to receive fake letters.

In the late 1980s, Hustwick and his dad took three letters to the RCMP, asking them to fingerprint them. At first, the RCMP agreed, then dragged their feet.

Hustwick said his father kept up the pressure, going all the way up to the assistant deputy attorney general. They got nowhere because it was determined that it was no crime to impersonate somebody that doesn't exist.

It must have been his victims' failure to stop him legally that prompted Reitsma to brazenly forge on and continue writing phony letters, attacking his perceived enemies and praising himself, until he got caught by someone who proved, once again, that the pen is mightier than the sword.

And here he is, disgraced, kicked out of the Liberal caucus, his political career in ruins, his family shamed, his life in shambles. And all for what? For the sake of what he thought was power.

There is something very wrong with Reitsma. He needs serious counselling. Nobody in his right mind would resort to such unimaginative and stupid methods to further their political career.

The final act in the Reitsma drama will play out over the next few months, as the recall process unfolds. It will be the first time recall legislation is used for the purposes it was intended.

A last thought: I've tried to find out if anyone feels the slightest bit sorry for Reitsma. I found no one. Some tell me they feel sorry for his family, which makes them even madder at Reitsma because it is he who put his family in that position.

And yet, is compassion to be confined to the innocent?

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More letters

Majorities

Canadians can applaud and look with envy at the province of Nova Scotia, which has achieved that rare democratic goal, the "minority" government, the best the prevailing system can produce.

With 19 out of 52 seats, the Liberals can govern only with the consent of one of the other two parties. To do so means accommodating the views of the citizens who voted for that other party, as well as their own. This increases the likelihood that the will of the majority will be listened to.

One wonders how such governments, pressured to govern on behalf of the majority, are peddled as "minority" governments, while governments such as ours in B.C., elected by 40 per cent of the people, are called "majority" governments. After all, is democracy government by the majority of the people or the majority of the politicians?

The good reputation of so-called "minority governments" is surely connected to the more democratic approach to decision-making imposed by the absence of one-party dominance of the house. Pity we can't get more of them!

NICK VARZELIOTIS,
Salt Spring

Global aristocracy

Caught up in the post-war excitement of the stimulated stock-market of 1950, I bought shares in a recommended issue of the newly-created Steep Rock Iron Ore Company.

A Canadian subsidiary of Republic Steel of Cleveland, the stock rose briefly then settled back somewhat below par. It never paid much in dividends but yielded millions of tons of high grade ore and was reported to be a rich producer from the bed of a drained Canadian lake.

Cyrus Eaton, the Canadian industrialist and his partners, controlled their enterprises through a totally-owned holding company that not only garnered profit from shares in the producing companies, but operated as agent supplying their needs. The capital equipment, trucks, drilling machinery, etc. of Steep Rock could not, by the terms of agreement, be purchased directly from manufacturers but only from the holding company. Thus added expense to the producing corporations became profit "tricked off" by the holding company.

Eaton and his partners, of course, had to exercise a fine discrimination in bleeding off revenue from

their producing companies. They obeyed national laws and ensured that shareholders in their firms did not withdraw their investments, for the holding company could not exist on its own. A flow of reports of production increases maintained shareholder hope for an upturn of stock value.

Now there is a process going on in international trade analogous to that in Eaton's financial empire. The American Congress and administration is converting the United States into a huge "holding company." To appreciate this, one must understand that in the new global economy, who owns the mighty conglomerate is not important. What is important is the location of its controlling management; under whose national laws does it operate; to whom does it look for protection and subsidy; who obstructs challenges from foreign rivals to give it advantage?

Under the umbrella of the world's mightiest military force, Congress can make American law prevail over international law and can dismantle the free enterprise system as it applies to international exchange.

Copyright, patent right, "intellectual" property rights can be acquired by purchase both inside

and outside the nation. The Multilateral Agreement for Investment removes any foreign shields to their sovereignty. Buy-outs and take-overs both inside and outside America take place under U.S., not international, laws. In time, when the vast national holding company is in full operation, foreign nations will be little more than units bidding for franchises offered by American-based conglomerates.

The risk for the national global holding company, like that for Eaton's empire, is lack of restraint. If American legislators of the political stripe of Senators Jesse Helms and Dan Burton squeeze too hard, the structure could collapse from within. This, perhaps, is why shrewd entrepreneurs over the world watch the runaway market and regional collapses with anxiety.

BILL WILLSON,
Pender Island

Hypocrisy

It is sad to see the hypocrisy of those who condone the spraying in Ruckle Park yet extoll its beauty.

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GISS physics team takes second overall

Local physics students scored well in a competition recently.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students earned a first and second-place finish in the 21st annual University of B.C. Physics Olympics, placing second overall.

Team members were Paul Campsall, Graham Regan, Travis

Beals, Loren Kirkby and Kelsey Butkus. Teacher is Larry Nelson.

The team earned a gold medal in the intuitive physics competition in which they had to solve problems based on computer simulations of mechanics, electricity and magnetism.

In the optics competition, for which they had to demonstrate

theoretical and applied knowledge in building an optical instrument, they earned a silver medal.

Medals were given to individual students and a plaque and graphing calculator was awarded to the school. The GISS team competed against 48 teams from 45 schools throughout the province. Both private and public schools competed.

Students also competed in four other competitions. They were: building a mechanism that either flung or transported itself over a wall, solving a mystery problem using physics principles, building a capacitor and determining its properties and building a derrick that would support a load as far as possible from the edge of a table.

Island students win Skills Canada medals

Students at Gulf Islands Secondary School earned medals in three components of the Skills Canada competition held at the school on Saturday.

Matt Simpson won gold and Chris Leier won silver in computer-assisted drafting — architectural, and Melissa Estable won a silver medal in computer-assisted drafting —mechanical.

In the computer animation competition, Chris Coulter and Matt Gee won bronze.

Nearly 40 students participated in the event, coming from schools in several communities on Vancouver Island.

Also part of the Skills Canada Day was an exhibition of work by the school's art students.



SKILL TESTING: Local students were joined by youths from Vancouver Island as a total of 40 participated in a Skills Canada competition at Gulf Islands Secondary School Saturday. Here, a number of students participate in a computer animation competition. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Scott Point waterworks elects trustee

Doug Gordon was elected March 28 to a three-year term as a trustee for the Scott Point Waterworks District.

Continuing as trustees are Michael Wilson and Jim Ballantyne.

The water district serves 61 properties on Scott Point.

Approximately 20 people attended the annual general meeting.

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CHAMPION THINKERS:
Displaying the medals from their first and second-place finish in the UBC Physics Olympics are team members, from left, Graham Regan, Travis Beals, Loren Kirkby, Kelsey Butkus, Paul Campsall and teacher Larry Nelson.

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80th birthday brings magical memories

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It is 80 years since my proud mother dandled a proud twin on each knee. And look at me now!

Born to the thunder of anti-aircraft guns, sirens and maroons I was destined to live out the few remaining months of the Great War and to serve in the second.

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If wisdom is the reward of longevity behold me, wise! The only shortcoming of

that empty boast is the patent evidence that those same years that might be contributory to wisdom are the very years that bring memory loss and all the mental deterioration of the rusty brain.

The reward is yet there when the calendar clicks into the octogenarian slot. That same unreliable memory looks back over scenes never imagined by my descendants and their contemporaries. I can reflect on the horses that lived and died to bring me the basics of survival. Not a motor vehicle in sight when the baker's van delivered my daily bread. Likewise milk, coal for heating, parcels and almost every commodity arrived by courtesy of the horse.

I recall the buses running through my home city of Birmingham with a driver behind the wheel and a soldier in uniform nursing a rifle. It was the days of the Great Strike of 1926.

I arrived as the bicycle was still the basis of travel for the working man; and woman. I saw the arrival of the motorcycle and the mass-produced car. I made my own radio sets and there were few joys more profound than listening to a voice over a radio wired and wound by a young boy.

I even went to school where language and grammar were at the top of the list and where punishment remained about the bottom! All this time I rejoiced in the royal "we." As twins, we were always jointly involved. Twins have twice the capacity for devilment.

I arrived into the work force as the Hard Times were softening. But I still see those shades of yesterday when poverty was still the lot of a lot of Brits. Ill-clad children and workless adults were the common pattern of any great city crippled by the economy.

They were happy years, between school and war. Mine was the first generation to accept the automobile and to adapt to it.

I had been accustomed to the rise of Hitler and his forces. Songs and chants and poems ridiculing the Nazi-Fascist strife for ascendancy had been rife in school days and obscene in later years. Hitler was part of the backdrop of our stage. I remember the debates over politics in the 1930s. Should we join the Communists or the Fascists?

So many memories!

The outbreak of war was far from unexpected, but it was the beginning of the end of that era. The carelessness and the joy of life was threatened when war came and I counted my life from birth until war as the interesting period.

The second war saw me stationed in Canada with the Commonwealth Air Training Plan and the post-war era saw me return, bag and baggage, with my Barbara, to discover that the post-war era also held its charms.

They have been strenuous, demanding years and rewarding. Today I have three children and 11 grandchildren, all Canadians. And a host of memories, largely Canadian. I have the memories and rewards of 80 years and I have the friends and reminiscences of those years.

And now, today, the struggle is on.

In another 10 years I'll be 90!

And the driving test

Having hit the high road of longevity, I must meet its demands. And the first of these is the driving test.

I took the test and I passed. I'm certainly not griping; the procedure was courteous and helpful, as were the personnel involved. But I am puzzled.

The driver is required to signal his intention of making a turn. As we all know. And there is a fixed penalty of 10 points for failure to make that signal in a driving test.

Several years ago I was involved in a collision. The insurance adjusters explained to me that I should not assume that a turn signal from another driver was a clear indication of intent. And I was adjudged wholly responsible for the incident. I didn't argue.

But now I am puzzled. The superintendent of motor vehicles deems the signal of considerable importance. The insurance corporation assures me it is not binding. And both administrative bodies are part of the same government!

I shall continue to signal my turns and I shall hope that other drivers will place a modicum of confidence in my signals.

Trust grants permits

A temporary use permit for property in front of The Fishery was one of three permits issued by the Salt Spring Trust Committee March 26.

The one-year permit granted to Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber Co. Ltd. allows two trailer-type structures not exceeding 200 square feet in size to be set up on the waterfront area. Activities allowed are a mobile food vendor, fish boat moorage, float plane tie-up, charter boat moorage and a kayak rental office.

In addition to basic permit conditions, the committee added that float planes taking off from the spot could not do so before 7 a.m. and that the kayak rental operator should create educational materials outlining harbour safety issues for distribution to his customers.

One opposition letter was sent to the Trust office.

A one-year renewal of the temporary use permit granted last year to Haywards Funeral Service in the Home Design Centre on Upper Ganges Road was also approved at the meeting.

Property owners at 113 Woodhall Place were given a development variance permit to allow construction of an accessory building within three metres (9.85 feet) of the rear lot line.

Residents group looks at creeks

Good fish stories highlighted the annual general meeting of the South Salt Spring Residents' Association March 25.

Work by the Salt Spring Salmon Enhancement Society is showing results in south end creeks, said residents' association president Hank Doerksen.

Good returns of coho salmon were reported last fall in Fulford Creek and Cusheon Creek. Last spring, 20,000 chum salmon were released into Fulford Creek.

A new culvert has been installed in Stowell Creek and fish ladders are expected to be completed soon. Some salmon may be released into that creek this spring, Doerksen said.

Executive members of the residents' association for the coming year are president Doerksen, vice-president Mike Byron, secretary Anne Humphries, treasurer Stan Teitge, and directors Gary Holman, Jan VanStolk and Bruce Smith.

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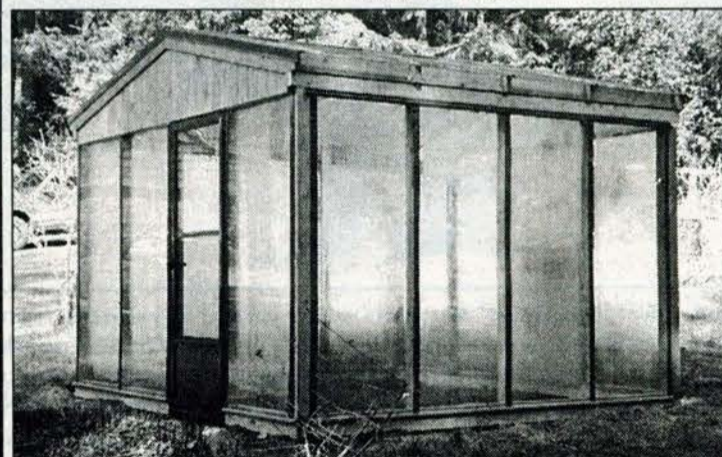
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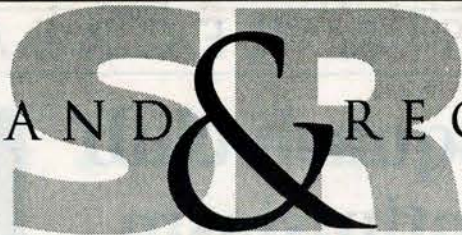
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Awards ceremony honours GISS basketball players

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) saluted its basketball players in style Thursday night at its first annual awards banquet.

Banish any preconceived thoughts of stuffy, elitist events. This upbeat gathering of basketball players, parents, siblings and coaches saw awards certificates presented to every player on five teams, in an atmosphere of humour, warmth and celebration.

While there were the standard honours for most valuable, most improved and sportsmanlike players, others were recognized for skills such as surviving the most teasing from teammates — junior boys Ryan Fogerty, Keith Barclay and Justin Davis — to the Statue of Liberty Award for best junior B girls shot blocker (Stephanie King).

GISS vice-principal Nancy Macdonald opened the evening by summarizing the "banner season." All teams — two junior girls, senior girls, junior and senior boys — had winning records. The senior teams and junior boys qualified for the island championships, while the junior girls should have, losing only two games all year and both to a powerhouse Cowichan team.

Coaches of the junior B girls team, Lee-Anne Gordon and Kim O'Neill, gave out a spate of imaginatively-titled awards, including a Chip 'n' Dale most sportsmanlike award to Sheila Profitt, the Bill Gates Award for "thinking on her feet" to Emily Walsh and the John Dillinger Award for best ball stealer to Ara Matheson. The most improved player award went to Jessica Temmel and Heidi Scott was team MVP.

Tony Mason was junior boys team coach. He said 35 students had tried out for the team, making it hard to narrow the ranks to only 14. His team's most valuable player was Chris Langdon, while most improved players were Nathan Wvong and Mike Deas. Paul Drebert received the sportsmanship award for keeping a level head despite "interesting" calls from referees and other incidents during the season.

Coach of the junior girls A team was Dayna Christ, who was recruited when teacher Sally

Walker couldn't lead the team. Her scroll of awards included one for Cynthia Cameron, (the loudest, most talkative and biggest spirit); the Veronica Versatile Award for Clare Rustad; the most improved player and one who never missed a game or practice — Annette Wright; and MVP Karoline Ingle.

Christ also thanked Mason, Walker and senior girls coach Kellie Booth for their help.

Mason gave awards to the senior boys in the absence of coach John Callas. He also described their season, which saw them finish in number-two spot on southern Vancouver Island. The team averaged 80 points per game, "and never stopped trying until the final buzzer..."

Keanu Meyers was named the senior boys' most improved player and Justin Smith was most valuable player.

Callas had also extended special thanks to members of "the five-year club" — Smith, Kurtis Buyze, Tom Langdon and Ian Baker, who have played the sport at GISS since Grade 8.

Senior girls team coach Booth described a few season high points, including the Chemainus Cougar Classic Tournament, and a fourth-place finish at the Vancouver Island championships.

Booth obviously took great care in fashioning her awards, which described the players' attributes in some detail. Some of those were: Helen Stacey was most solid, effective and consistent defensive player; Jill Speed was recognized for her versatility and ability to adapt to any game situation with a positive attitude; Sheila Stacey was the most improved player; Bree Cheveldave and Randi Outerbridge were given MVP honours.

Parents and students also got in on the giving. Besides bouquets of flowers for Walker and coaches, Booth received a paper bag full of colourful plastic noisemakers to help boost next season's team.

While the skills and spirit of athletes and coaches were being recognized, students in the GISS cafeteria program had a chance to display their own by creating a delicious Greek dinner for the packed house.

Close game downs 85ers

By MEROR KRAYENHOFF
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring '85ers soccer team lost the under-13 divisional final to Gorge FC in a close 2-1 game Sunday.

Both teams were obviously pumped for the match which began with Salt Spring weathering 10 minutes of pressure before asserting its style of play. Just before halftime a perfect corner by Chris Snook found its way to Riley Reid who stroked it home.

The second half was full of

excitement as the teams took turns applying pressure until Gorge scored on a scramble in front of the net.

As the game wore on, the momentum swung more and more in Salt Spring's favour as the team applied tremendous pressure but was unable to score.

Unfortunately, the final whistle blew and the referee decided to go straight to a shootout without the customary overtime.

Despite losing in the shootout, the lads should feel proud of their effort and quality of play.



AWARDS NIGHT: Sheila Profitt takes her sportsmanship award at the Gulf Islands Secondary School basketball awards night, while junior girls B team coaches Lee-Anne Gordon (left) and Kim O'Neill get set to call up their next award winner. All players on the school's five basketball teams were honoured at last Thursday's event.

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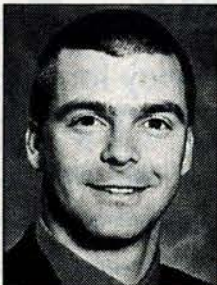



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Prayer or skill? Old Boys beat out FC

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Sea Otter Old Boys 4, Salt Spring FC 2

The annual Daylight Savings Cup once again provided a major surprise as the Salt Spring Old Boys dismantled the highly touted Salt Spring FC to the tune of 4-2.

Last year the Old Boys upset the youthful FC squad 2-1 in what was considered by many as a major upset. But with this most recent victory, the Old Geezers seem to have established who truly has the bragging rights as the best men's team in soccer on Salt Spring.

But how does a team with an average age of 42 manage to continually beat the youthful FC at an average age of 24? Are the lads really that much better?

Well, let's take a look at these two teams and see why the Old Boys continue to defy the odds and baffle every bookie.

One only has to start in goal and immediately the difference becomes apparent. The Old Boys' Siggy Karl, who has Bunderleague experience with Kerplunken United, gives the lads far better goalkeeping than FC's Cree Binkley who played like he was not even there.

Then one looks at both squads' defences. The Old Boys defence, the truly "old" part of the Old Boys, is anchored by Jonathan Oldroyd, Graham Tweddle and this writer, and their savvy and experience allows them to keep their younger opponents at bay. Of course a certain amount of pre-game praying does not hurt either.

FC's defence, on the other hand, makes an NDP budget look airtight. It has so many leaks that the Old Boys could have and should have scored at least 10 (in fact, if not for the brilliant goal-tending of Cal "Back-up" McKay, who the Old Boys loaned out, the score would have been worse).

Then there is the midfield — well, that one is easy. The Old Boys with Doug Pearson, Jack Braak, Darryl Lister, Alan Webb and Alvaro Sanchez have one and FC does not — end of story.

Lastly there is the offence, or the glory boys of every team, another area that the Old Boys dominate in.

Led by the fleet-footed Drew Lindsay and Dave Norget, the lads tore gaping holes in the FC defence, with Lindsay scoring two, Norget one and Pearson the other, and would have had many more had they not taken it easy on the weak-kneed defending of FC.

As for the FC attack led by Corbin Scott, Erik Jorgensen, Cal MacConnachie and Chad Little, the best one can say is that "it was not their day." When a defence with an average age of 45 keeps you down to two goals in 90 minutes, maybe it is time to hang up those cleats (except for MacConnachie and he can get promoted to the Old Boys).

After looking at these facts it is easy to see why the lads won and in fact should have won by more.

And for these Old Boys it is time to move on and find a real challenge on the soccer pitch — maybe an intra-island team can give us a better run.

Proposed squash club met with enthusiasm

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

You've probably seen the ads for the proposed Salt Spring Squash and Fitness Club. But if you want to see the building on Rainbow Road and enjoy its facilities, you need to commit to the club soon.

Darren Schneider, who is spearheading the idea along with his wife Sonia, said Friday the club has almost half the 200 names it needs to make the project fly, and many more have expressed interest.

The facility would be located on property owned by Gordon Swan at 325 Rainbow Road. Swan would construct the 6,250-square-foot building and lease it to the Schneiders' company. The property would require rezoning to Commercial-5.

Facilities are to include three international-sized squash courts, 2,080 square feet of gym space housing cardio and weight machines and some free weights, a steam room, sauna, hot tub and lounge and games area. Social amenities are included in

membership cost.

While the desire for squash courts initiated the idea, the fitness and social club aspects grew from that.

The last Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission survey found 16 per cent of respondents wanted squash courts on the island, and many requested more fitness opportunities.

Schneider said they investigated public and private facilities in Vancouver and on Vancouver Island and confirmed that a private club was the way to go.

Lessons would be available for adults and youths, and while the facility would be adult-oriented, junior players would be welcomed with their member parents during non-lesson periods.

Schneider stressed that the idea will only be pursued for a short time and if adequate support is demonstrated. If the project goes ahead, those with reserved spots will be informed by June 30. Initiation fee cheques will be cashed on July 15 and used solely for the project.



Kayak season
Shaun Adams and son Callum enjoy the first launch of their kayak this season. The two were seen recently embarking on a kayaking excursion at Beddis Beach. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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By RUTH HUME
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Tuesday afternoon: Murray Anderson 213, Jerry Latvala 205, Don McCardia 207, Gwen McClung 208, June Webb 218, 205/621.

Wednesday Special Olympics: Gloria Dale 153, Mahjor Bains 183, Terry Swing 140, Jim Beck 190, Stuart Elliott 218, Sharon Way 175.

Wednesday ladies: Jackie Jensen 204. Golf ladies: Maddy Cooper 237, Mildred Gurney 202, Mary Campbell 204, Becky Armstrong 201.

Looney tunes: Ron Cunningham 206, Doug Sykes 231, Lance Leask 201, John Van Schetsen 285.

Friday afternoon seniors: Madalene Jory 202.

Children's leagues: Patrick Buitenwerf 121, 142.

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Salt Spring girls blast opponents in tourney

By DOUG PEARSON
Driftwood Contributor

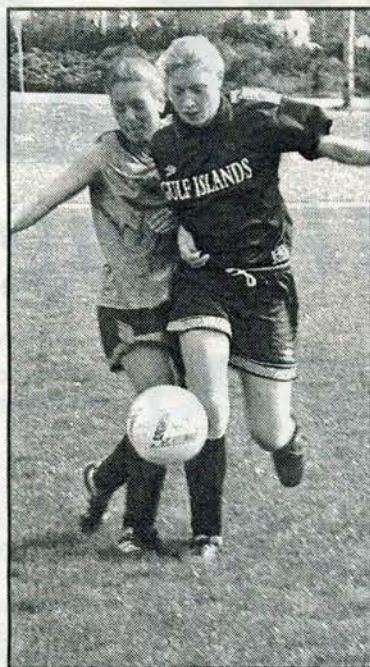
The soccer gods smiled on Salt Spring Friday and Saturday, blessing the island with sunshine and providing the Salt Spring Spring Cup Tournament with 26 great games.

As the action got under way Friday morning it quickly became apparent that many of the high schools participating had rosters full of really talented girls.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions opened up with a 7-1 thrashing of Lord Tweedsmuir (Langley), which has 2,000 students enrolled. Clare "Rookie" Rustad notched four goals in the victory while Jenny Kerr carved up Tweedsmuir's defence with several long, darting runs.

In the second match GISS shut out Little Flower Academy (Vancouver) 4-0. Throughout the match, deadly crosses from Stephanie Collette found heads of strikers Kate McNair and Tanisha Van Pelt.

On Saturday the Scorpions moved on to the semi-finals against Fleetwood Park (Surrey). In an exciting match GISS came back from a 0-2 deficit to send the game to penalty kicks. However, on the fourth penalty kick Collette blasted her shot over the bar while Fleetwood scored,



sending them to the final.

Fleetwood went on to defeat Claremont to claim the cup while the Scorpions lost in the consolation final to Pitt Meadows in another shoot-out.

While the Salt Spring girls didn't take home any hardware, they were consoled by knowing they could compete against and defeat the best teams in the province.



PENALTY KICKS DEFEAT LOCAL TEAM: Stephanie Collette, right, tries to take the ball from a player on the Fleetwood Park team Saturday at Portlock, while at far left, Joelle Morrison, right, dances a step or two with another Fleetwood player. The local team played to a 2-2 tie then lost on penalty kicks.

Photos by Tony Richards

PARC awaiting report on indoor sports facility

A recommendation on an indoor recreation facility for Salt Spring is expected to reach the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) by the end of this month.

Last month the PARC facilities task force met with representatives of two companies that construct recreation centres: the latest of approximately a dozen presentations to the group over the past two years.

Topics studied have included overall recreational issues, the capital costs of recreation facilities and the operating costs.

"We've had about 30 meetings and then subcommittee work. Some of these people deserve a medal," said PARC administrator Tony Hume.

"There's 15 to 20 volunteers who have really done yeoman duty on this task force."

The PARC already owns nine acres near the high school where a recreation facility could be constructed. Recent surveys of both adults and students reveal strong interest in both a pool and an ice rink.

But the first step will be the report from the task force, which may recommend construction of a pool, of an ice rink, of both facilities or neither.

Any recommendation would then be discussed by PARC members and a referendum held if the PARC decides to continue with a construction project, Hume explained. "At this point of publicly funding facilities, we're only looking at a pool or rink. Period."

There is additional space on the nine acres for development of joint public/private recreational facilities in the future, he said.

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Abusers deal with anger

By SUSAN LUNDY

Driftwood Staff - Third in a series

Daddy slapped and hit him. Daddy called mom a bitch and a whore and shoved her onto the couch when he was mad. Sometimes he clenched his fist and punched her in the mouth and at least once he kicked her in the stomach.

He yelled when he was frustrated so everyone knew who was in charge. He taunted the boy for crying, told him to stand up and fight like a man.

He liked to drink and both the boy and his mother knew to stay away when the empty bottles started littering the table and his words began running together. He was loud and mean and the boy hated him.

As he grew into a man, the boy buried the emotions so despised by his father during his boyhood. He scorned any show of vulnerability in himself or other men. To be sensitive would be unmasculine. He liked to drink now and again; he liked to watch televised sports with the boys. He married a woman who appeared perfect, but was soon in his face about this and that. She became a bitch and he took a few swings at her. She became a nag; he became an abuser.

It's a path many men have followed, generation after generation. It's not new and it's not going away.

An abuser can be the nice guy who lives next door. He could be a relative or a co-worker. And he has one thing in common with all other abusers: he is stuck in a cyclic and losing battle against his own bottled-up anger and the very qualities that society has come to equate with manhood.

"The men who are in jail are just extremes of men in regular families who deal with similar issues," says Salt Spring counsellor Alan Caplan. "It is an extreme expression of what we all do."

Caplan runs a private counselling practice on Salt Spring and also has a contract with the Nanaimo Non-Violence Society, facilitating anger management programs for abusive men both within the jail system and in the community.

His experience has shown him that societal values enforced on men from boyhood form the root of domestic violence.



"Boys are not taught to explore their feelings, or to know and ask for what they want. They are socialized to put their feelings aside. A man becomes trapped in a situation he doesn't want; he doesn't know how to name it or ask for what he does want. So he becomes violent."

Boys' role models are often sports heroes — large, powerful men in control — while sensitive men are minimized.

"There is an alternative culture breaking free, but it's not the mainstream."

After working with offenders for 15 years, Caplan can piece together a profile of a typical abuser.

First, he is emotionally isolated: he has difficulty making contact with, or relating to people. He finds a woman who may be attracted to his unavailability or his "aloofness," or one who feels she can rescue him.

"He will put her on a pedestal at first, but expect total obedience and loyalty," says Caplan, noting that the woman becomes the focus of his world. "He wants to control her life outside of him. And if she rejects him, he says he can't live without her."

"This emotional dependency can be mistaken for love."

Another piece of the profile can usually be found in an abuser's childhood, where there was no modelling of respect in the household. As boys, abusers were often subjected to numerous examples of domination and intimidation by the men who brought them up.

"They usually hate these men and swear they won't be like that. This leads to denial and repression — and they refuse to own their violent qualities."

Some abusive men are extremely nice, Caplan adds. "They have developed attractive personas in their minds so they can see themselves as nice."

Another typical quality is the inability to say "no."

"They often do things they don't want to do and store up resentment until they drink and then — boom!"

Many abusive men are afraid of conflict and discord, Caplan adds, and they are unable to negotiate.

"If a woman raises her voice to them — they call it bitching, nagging, in my face — they are hypersensitive to disapproval or anger in their partners. They see it as rejection."

The pattern leads to a whole range of emotional abuse, he says, such as verbally devaluing her, isolating her and controlling money and sex.

"Physical violence is the tip of the iceberg. The real issue is control."

"Beyond Blame" is the name of the anger management course Caplan offers over three seven-hour days to jailed abusers.

He starts the course by talking about feeling small and inadequate — "the split between the controlled, confident, in-charge outer man, and the wounded, fearful, doubtful boy in every man, and the lack of a place for honouring and expressing that side of ourselves."

Then he and the men work at redefining "courage and strength."

"Having strength is to risk vulnerability, and revealing doubts and fears is courage. That becomes the focus of the group."

They also talk about the options

between seeking control, giving up control and sharing power in a relationship.

Caplan likes to describe his anger management courses for men as helping them move from a closed fist to an open hand. He believes every man desires the kind of interaction that occurs in group sessions, although at first he might be uncomfortable with it.

"After 20 minutes there is a collective sigh and they're into it. Men are craving brotherhood; traditionally they have only gone to women to talk this way."

The course teaches men to detect signals that warn of pending violence. Warning signs can include a clenched fist, a sweating red face and rising voice.

They learn to acknowledge it, back off, calm down and tend to their own inner state, taking responsibility for their anger.

For many men, anger management has to go hand in hand with work on addictions.

"A man might say 'I beat her up when I was drunk, then I blacked out, but that's not the way I am.' But I say 'whatever came out is in you.'"

For some abusers, the course doesn't work, Caplan says. "But some men walk away and don't come back. You see them a couple of years later and they've turned their relationships around."

Although Caplan's work focuses on men and anger, he acknowledges that women are also undergoing a revolutionary stage in expressing anger — "when any oppressed group finds freedom a lot of resentment comes out."

And domestic fights often centre around custody and other family issues that are close to a woman's heart.

"Women are reclaiming the right to be angry," he says. "And as they express their anger, the men are not prepared for it and react by wanting to control it."

Toss into the equation a society that glorifies violence on television and in the media, and the result is a problem that is not going away.

Many men do not like to focus on the issue of domestic violence because they believe they are being blamed for it.

But Caplan likes to move beyond blame.

"I don't think men are to blame," he says. "It's a series of values that we've all adopted. We don't leave room for men to feel fear, doubt and confusion."

And the cycle goes on.

...and the violence continues

"Violence against women exists on a continuum. On one end there is overt coercion — wife assault and sexual assault.

At the other end of the continuum there are a host of "subtle" messages that reinforce an abuser's right to have power and control over his intimate female partner.

"These are the messages we see each day in the

media, where women's subordination is reinforced by a wide range of sexist stereotypes.

"Most forms of advertising use women's bodies to sell consumer goods. Films and TV shows regularly portray violence against women, sometimes in horrific detail.

"The violence against women shown in the media sends powerful messages to both men and women

about male power and control. This objectification of women promotes feelings of vulnerability and powerlessness among women. It also reinforces the abuser's attitude that violence against women is normal and appropriate behaviour."

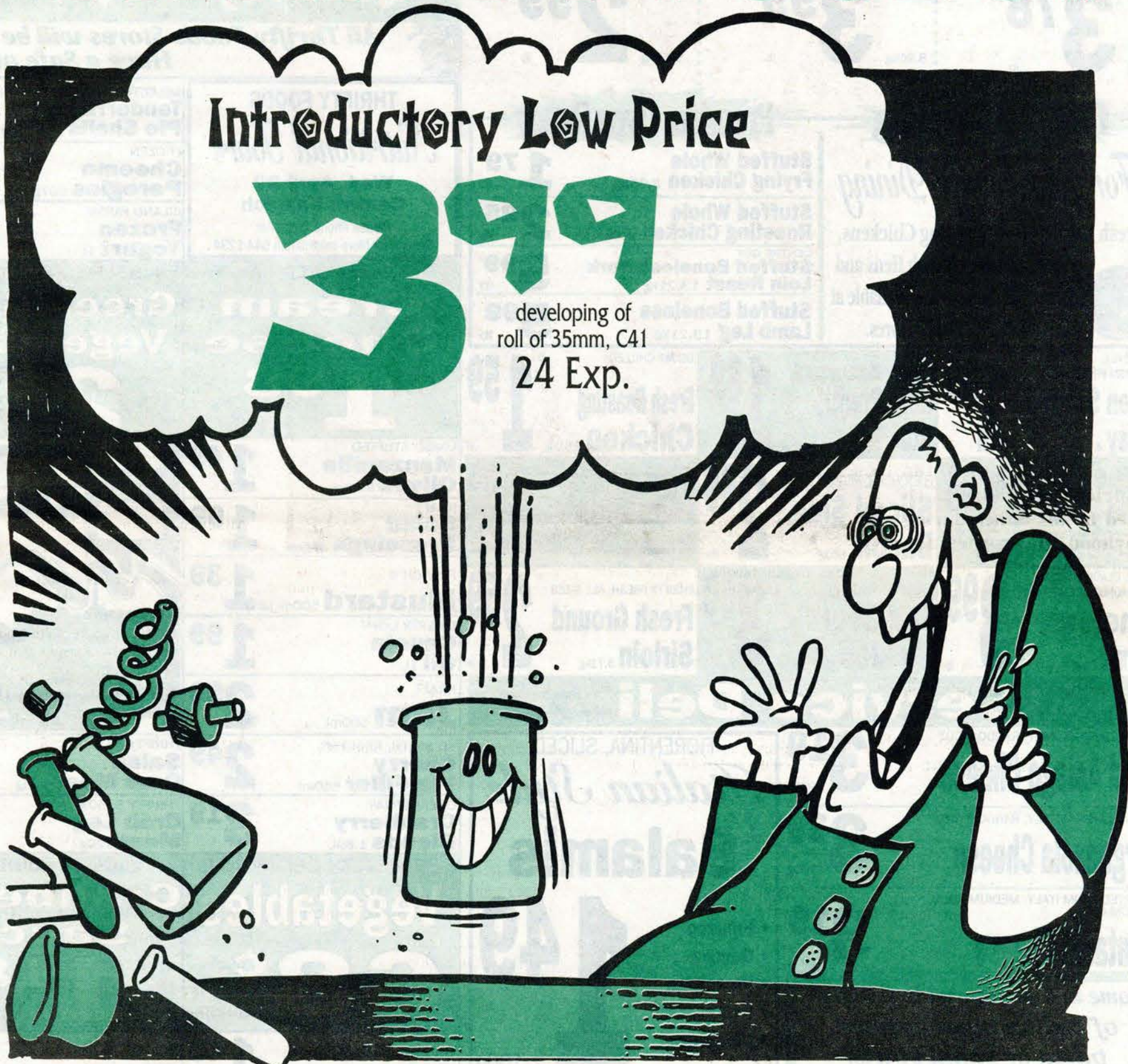
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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

New Graffiti play is 'up-to-the-minute' look at relationships

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Few men come home to see their wife systematically breaking a pile of dishes in the kitchen — like Jack does in the play called Jack and Jill — but the ensuing scene being rehearsed at Mahon Hall Sunday might be a more familiar one.

Anyone who has ever been in a relationship will recognize the pattern of the argument: one person angry, the partner trying to figure out why and each question or response triggering a fresh spray of anger from both.

The breaking dishes scene is intense and full of frustration for both Jack, played by Stewart Katz, and Jill (Laurie Clarke), but there is ample levity in this play too.

Jack and Jill is Graffiti Theatre Company's spring production, which opens next week at Mahon Hall.

Graffiti director Yvonne Adalian wanted to do a play about relationships, and found a brilliant one in American writer Jane Martin's romantic comedy.

The writing is excellent, says Adalian, and anyone who has been in an adult relationship is going to relate to it.

"Using great insight, compassion and humour," she says, Martin illustrates "the almost insurmountable odds against relationships today."

"It's up-to-the-minute," observes Adalian. "And it's not just a light comedy. The more I've worked on it the more dark it becomes."

Jack and Jill are an urban couple and the play spans eight years of their "roller-coaster" relationship.

What kind of woman named Jill releases anger by smashing dishes?

"She's struggling in her search for her identity," says Clarke. "She wants power and control but she also wants to be living in a world of feelings and intuition, particularly in her relationships with men."

And Jack? Katz describes him as "a bit of a romantic idealist"

who is not really in touch with his feelings.

"He just really wants to be loved and he will take a lot of abuse, and he kind of doesn't want to think about it ..."

He also wonders why Jill wants to create "problems" for them.

But Jack and Jill do trudge up "the hill" and undergo change throughout the play.

"I think they both become stronger by the end," says Katz.

Clarke and Katz, both veteran actors, say they were attracted to the challenge the two roles presented. Part of that comes from the naturalistic script, which includes unfinished sentences and interrupted dialogue. Clarke said she also wanted to work with Adalian and adds that she has enjoyed working with Katz.

Adalian explains another interesting aspect of Jack and Jill sees the actors remain on stage for the entire play, so the audience views the stage crew through set and costume changes.

The play opens next Thursday when a wine and cheese reception also follows the show. Jack and Jill then runs April 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12, except for the opening night and reception which costs \$15.

Jack and Jill is Graffiti Theatre's third production since the professional company was formed early last year. Random Acts, its first, was a diverse collection of modern theatre pieces, also directed by Adalian, while the group produced the Georges Feydeau farce A Tailored Affair last summer with professional guest director Kico Gonzalez-Risso.

Katz participated in both productions after bringing his acting skills to Salt Spring from Toronto. He was last seen as Sinbad in Cinderella and the Three Bears in January.

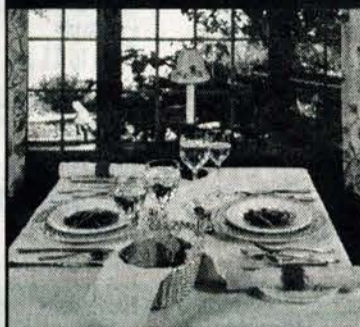
Clarke has been a strong presence on Salt Spring stages for several years. Her last two 1998 roles were as a Clowna Suit Raw clown in Throb Gallery and as Robin Hood in Cinderella.



GOING UP THE HILL: Laurie Clarke and Stewart Katz are Jack and Jill in Graffiti Theatre's production of Jack and Jill which opens at Mahon Hall next Thursday night. The fast-paced romantic comedy written by Jane Martin explores modern relationships.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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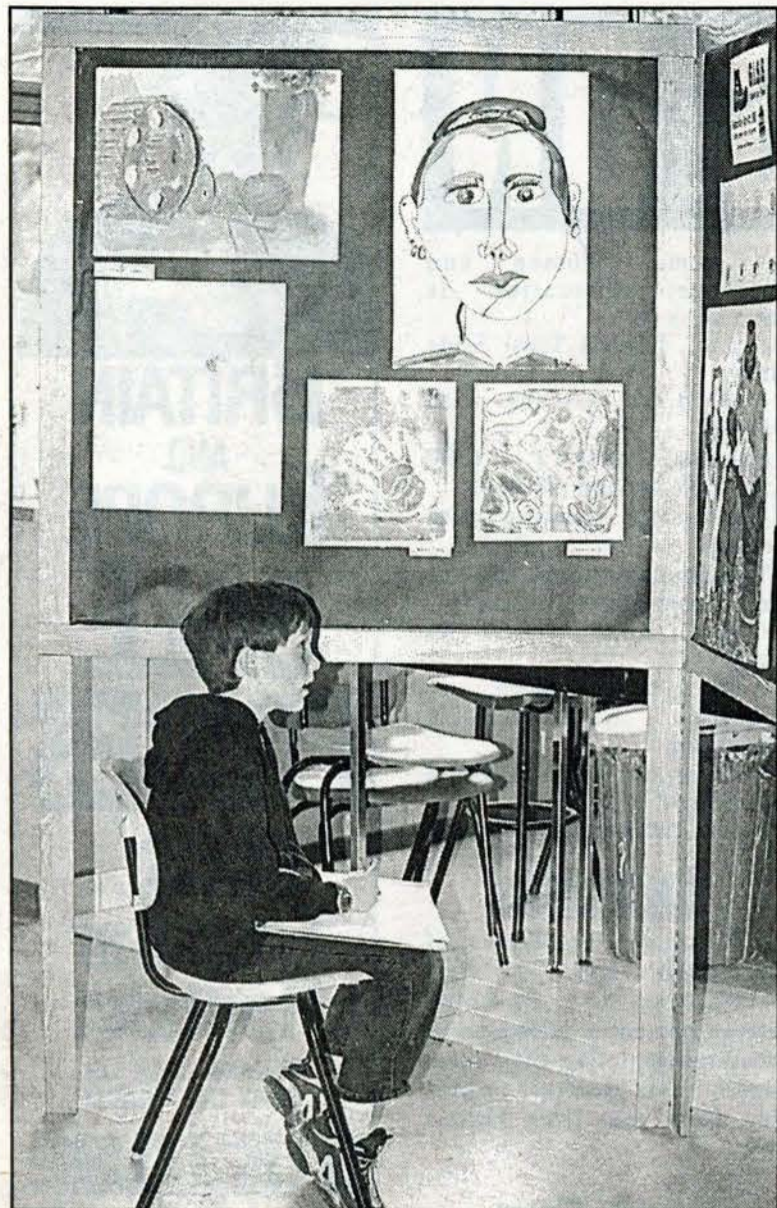
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Studying the "Masters"

Young artist Nick Watkins draws a study of an art piece created by a high school student. The youngster was seen at a display of artwork held this weekend at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Blues revolution 'in your face' with new Gene Grooms release

Blues for the Nineties is going to be big. Gene Grooms is nearly ready to release what is sure to be a musical blueprint for the next millennium.

In an interview last October Grooms said, "You don't just play the blues, you live the blues." Gene Grooms is the blues.

Don't expect traditional blues from this package, however, because it represents instead a gigantic leap into the future of the blues. According to Grooms, the title refers to the "state of being" blue, rather than the genre of music, but in the strictest sense it is both.

When James Joyce published *Ulysses* in the early 20th century he changed literature forever. He incorporated every style of writing throughout the history of English into an epic novel about one day in the life of an artist. The result became the blueprint for both the modern and post-modern novel forms. To anyone accustomed to the Victorian novel, Joyce's work seemed foreign and bizarre, and many critics claimed it wasn't a novel at all.

Blues for the Nineties may not satisfy the blues purists, but in it Grooms pushes the envelope musically just as Joyce did in literature. Grooms takes the basic blues form and infuses it with every style of music popular today, from jazz to reggae, country to rock and roll.

The title track takes an honest look at the personal and social malaise of the 20th century: addiction. It begins

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with a police radio, an arrest, and a conviction in the courtroom, and it ends with a bang. In between is Neil Taylor on lead and rhythm guitar, Dinos Grames doing a funky bass, and a hard-core violin solo by Marcelle Nokony. In his distinctive tenor polished by Jack Daniels, cigarettes and thousands of sets on stage, Grooms warns us that crack kills.

He sings the truth: "If you don't have the courage to change, brothers and sisters, you only have yourself to blame."

He's got the spooky, chilling chuckle of one who knows only too well how easy it is to fall pray to the seduction of drugs and alcohol.

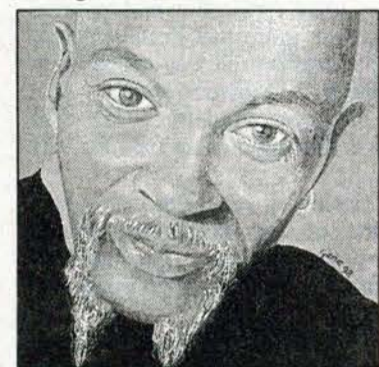
Somewhere Out There and Everything to Me both echo jazz, and both feature Dave Roland on upright acoustic bass. Everything to Me also features Simone Grasky on vocals. Drunk as a Skunk suggests a country swing with Zach Cohen on lead guitar, Larry Wallace on drums and Doug Saunders on bass.

Love Comin' Down is a slow sexy love song with a hint of reggae. The lush textures in this track are flushed out with Allen Dookie's steel drums, and back-up vocals by Grasky, Paul Brosseau and Richard Cross. Listen for Charlie "Super Smooth" Wade on Conga: even without the standard

blues harp, the number of flavours and textures on this release are remarkable.

Wake-Up is sure to top the charts. It speaks to all of us here on planet Earth, with lyrics like "We'll face the stormy weather; don't let the ship go down." Al Sabourin's staccato African pickin'-style guitar underlines the need for immediate intervention in charting our course. Brosseau plays keyboards on this track, while the rest of the album features keys by Phil Newns. Who knows? Maybe songs like this one will help us "turn the ship around" before we suffer "social genocide" at our own hands.

Grooms calls this release "very much in your face," and with it he's starting a blues revolution.



BLUES REVOLUTION: Painting of blues master Gene Grooms graces the cover of his new CD.

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Death of ArtSpring grant is premature

There's still hope for government support for ArtSpring.

The arts centre's bid for an infrastructure grant was buried prematurely last month due to confusion on the Island Arts Centre Society board over a March 4 letter.

The Community Grants Branch letter advised the society that its application had been turned down. Some board members concluded the letter referred to the infrastructure grant application and reported that the grant had been rejected. That information was relayed in a March 11 Driftwood story.

However, the letter referred to an earlier application for a B.C. 21 grant.

Society director Bill Curtin said part of the confusion arose because the same government branch is handling both grant programs.

However, Curtin said, the society withdrew its previous application for a B.C. 21 grant in order to apply under the infrastructure grant program.

The former application was made in October 1996. The application for the second grant was made May 30, 1997.

"Why they (Community Grants Branch) wrote a letter so far after the date is slightly confusing," Curtin said.

Society president Bob Weeden said there is still a chance that ArtSpring will receive an infrastructure grant.

"The news of our application's death is greatly exaggerated," Weeden quipped.

A decision on the remaining \$70 million left in the infrastructure grant program is expected soon. Awarding of the grants has been delayed by a disagreement between the provincial and federal governments. But differences were ironed out last week, clearing the way for allocating the money.

The Island Arts Centre had requested a \$200,000 grant, matched by \$400,000 in local donations and pledges.

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Art Wolfe's wild images contributed almost \$3,000 to ArtSpring last month.

Island Arts Centre Society member Richard Moses estimated more than 250 people saw the nature photographer's Wild Africa slide show at the Activity Centre March 21.

That number included people from Victoria and Vancouver who came specifically to see the Seattle-based photographer.

Wolfe, who was introduced by Robert Bateman, waived any fees for his appearance and donated all proceeds from the evening's book sales to ArtSpring.

Bob Weeden, Island Arts Centre Society chairman, was not surprised at the turnout.

"There are lots of photographers on Salt Spring. Lots of folks have travelled to Africa, and most of us are naturalists at heart."

WHAT'S ON

Music

• **Moby's Marine Pub** — Wednesday Night Live hosted by Charles Wilton, April 8, 9 p.m.

• **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Blues night is back! Join Dave, Matt and Jerome, and special guest Neil Taylor on Thursday, April 9.

• **Moby's Marine Pub** — Easter weekend bash featuring The Barley Bros., The Rounders and Three Chord Sloth, Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11.

• **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Rock with Colin and Donnie at a special two-night CD release party on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11.

• **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.

• **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Pat Coleman Trio on April 12 at 7 p.m.

who are as good as it gets! Playing Friday, April 10 at 6:45 and 9:15 p.m., and Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 11, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. 2 hours, 15 minutes. Rated PG, coarse language and violence. Cinema Central.

• **Titanic** — James Cameron's award-winning and fascinating film is great storytelling! That's why 11 Oscars and many months later it's still worth catching. Playing Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 11, 12 and 13 at 4 p.m., and Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. 3 hours, 15 minutes. Rated 14A. No advance sales this week. All shows first come, first served. Cinema Central.

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• **Storytime at West of the Moon** — Every Tuesday morning. Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join us!

Cinema

• **As Good As It Gets** — Both Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt won Oscars for their performances in this romantic comedy. A very eccentric writer and a feisty single mom

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• **Wednesday, April 8** — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom 6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock

7 p.m., Women and Violence: Education is Prevention #5

8 p.m., Islands Trust Slide Show

8:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji

• **Sunday, April 12** — 6:30 p.m., Talk Around the Rock

8:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji

• **Wednesday, April 15** — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom

6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock

7:30 p.m., Women and Violence: Education is Prevention

8:30 p.m., Islands Trust Slide Show

9 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji

Galleries

• **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** — Ron Carwardine and Francine Noreau present a collection of paintings depicting their local haunts, from Montreal to Mill Bay. Show runs from April 4 to 16.

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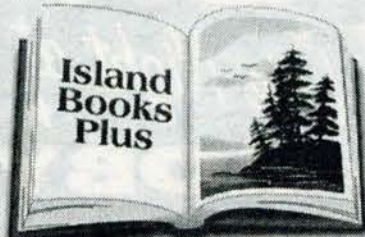
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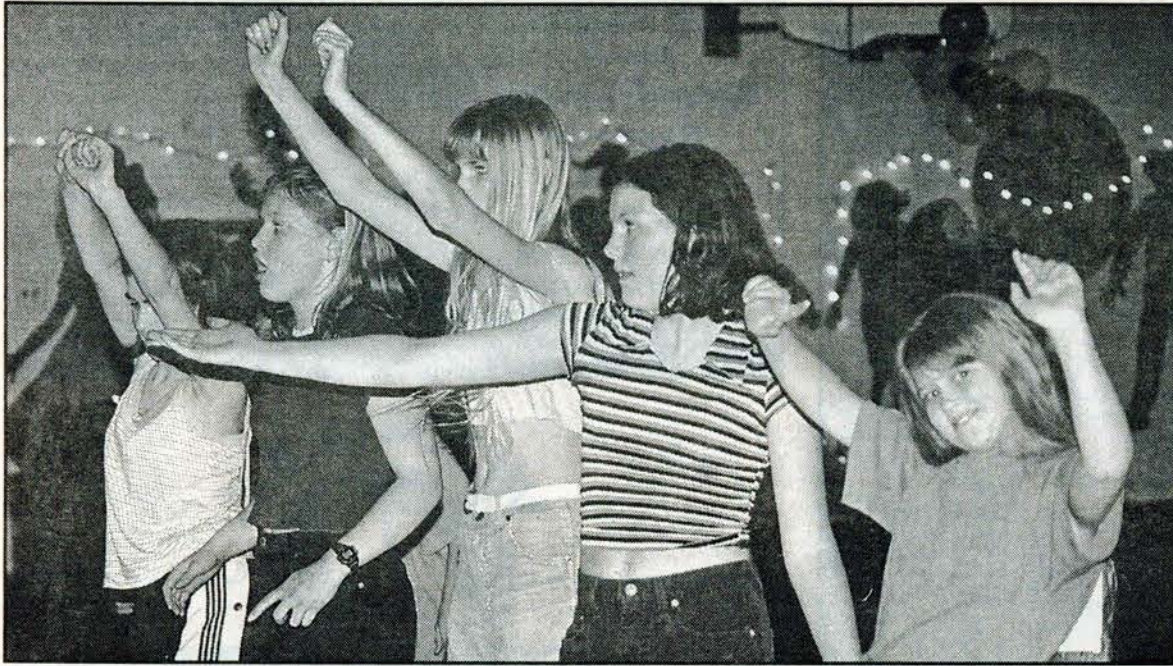
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Salt Spring Centre School students, from left, Metta McLeod, Jesse Young, Rande Kanne, Ayla Young and Zoe Anderson were among the 19 dance-a-thon contestants still shuffling their dancing feet at 4 a.m. Sunday morning following the community-wide event. The dance, which featured eight live bands, drew numerous people as contestants and spectators.

Canada's best brass quintet thrills Salt Spring audience

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Like gemologists who might handle rubies and sapphires every day of the week, the Foothills Brass Quintet pull out musical gems with the same air of nonchalance.

The group gave its Saturday night audience a polished sampling of all kinds — Baroque, blues, works of 20th-century composers — to exclaim about.

Bandemonium co-director Derrick Milton confidently introduced the Calgary-based Chris Morrison, Rosalee Morrison, Philip Seguin, Michael Thomson and Kenton McPeek as Canada's best brass quintet.

Besides having the chance to hear high-calibre performers, the audience met people who live, breathe and bathe in their passion for music. They tour throughout the year. They craft witty introductions from their knowledge of music history and past performances. They seek out interesting pieces and arrange them specifically for their group.

In introducing Aaron Copland's Hoe-down from Rodeo, trombone player Thomson said because they are from Calgary, group members would be asked if they play country and western music. In order to address this repertoire deficiency, Thomson dug up Hoe-down and arranged it for the quintet. The galloping piece was one of my favourites.

Foothills finds ways to celebrate

and showcase its instruments, from McPeek's tuba in the speedy parts of Amazing Grace and other pieces to the beautiful and pensive French horn work of Rosalee Morrison in Gymnopedie #1 to Seguin's chillingly-expressive trumpet playing.

There's always ample spotlight on those saucy trumpets, and seven of them converged for the promised rare treat: Johann Altemburg's Concerto for Seven Clarini with Tympani. Salt Spring musicians Adam Deas, Dawn Hage, Mitch Howard, Murray Hunter and Milton played trumpet with Seguin and Chris Morrison, while John Herbert was transformed into an 18th-century tympanist.

An ad hoc group was also formed to perform Suite from the Danserye by Tylman Susato. "Footsalt Brass" saw Hage, Hunter, Muriel Hale, David Jackson, Richard Moses and Kevin Wilkie join the quintet for the rich and ringing 16th-century dance suite.

Foothills' ease as performers is remarkable. Even when the silence of anticipation preceding the first notes of Amazing Grace, to be played by Chris Morrison, was cut by the sound of a toilet flushing. He laughed along with the audience, stating, "That has never happened before!" but quickly regained his composure to begin again.

I would like to think having five of Canada's best brass players sit

with Bandemonium for seven songs in the second half wouldn't make any difference to our community band's sound, but that probably isn't true.

If nothing else, they could take credit for handling what conductor Wendy Milton called "the fiddly bits" in the beautiful Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach).

The Bugler's Holiday, featuring a trio of Derrick Milton, Chris Morrison and Seguin, was a great way to open the Bandemonium set and the encore, which definitely benefitted from the quintet's assistance, brought everyone to their feet.

Foothills Brass also received rave reviews for its Fernwood School show, which Derrick Milton said could well spawn a parade of future brass players.

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THE ROUNDERS: One of three bands featured in a triple bill this Friday and Saturday at Moby's, The Rounders play original work by Randy Miller. Members are, from left, Graeme

Maltby on banjo, Miller on guitar, Jordy Sharp on bass and Brian "Buck" McDonald on mandolin.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Three band round-up at Moby's offers bluegrass, folk and blues

Three bands are better than one this weekend at Moby's, which celebrates the Easter weekend with a round-up of island music.

Sharing the stage from 9 a.m. until midnight both Friday and Saturday will be the Barley Bros., the Rounders and 3 Chord Sloth.

Some of the bands share members but each has its own distinctive sound.

First up on the triple bill is Salt Spring's popular bluegrass band, the Barley Bros. The trio of Brian "Buck" McDonald on guitar, Dave Roland on stand-up bass and Graeme Maltby on banjo delivers strong vocals, harmonies and a unique interpretation of traditional bluegrass.

Their music has been heard at festivals from Yellowknife to Tacoma and they have shared stages with such performers as Bill Monroe, Ralph Stanley, Peter Rowan, Spirit of the West, Valdy and Bill Henderson.

The original music of songwriter Randy Miller is the inspiration for The Rounders: Randy Miller, Brian McDonald, Graeme Maltby and Jordy Sharp.

This group will fill the middle set each night with a blend of new grass, folk and rock. Strong rhythmic drive, creative arrangements and arresting lyrics combine with infectious energy to produce the passionate sound of this new Salt Spring band.

Finishing off the evening will be the blues notes of 3 Chord Sloth. This hot combo includes blues veteran and recording artist Gene Groomes and well-known blues singer-guitarist Matt Steffich.

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The Salt Spring-based organization is devoted to encouraging and supporting young musicians from British Columbia by granting scholarships.

Since 1988, more than 30 musicians have received financial aid, allowing them to further their musical studies in Austria.

Entertainment at the ball will be provided by three different groups of performers. A string ensemble of the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra will play Viennese classics and several scholarship winners will present Melodies of Vienna.

From 9 till midnight the Leighton Noble Orchestra will play for dancing or listening.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

World mountain climbers visit Salt Spring

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Climbing every mountain is more than a lyric for Emil and Renate Frehner, who spent two days on Salt Spring as part of a four-year trek around the world.

Originally from Appenzell, Switzerland, they left their home in May 1995 on a four-year quest to climb the highest mountains in North and South America, New Zealand and Australia.

Although Salt Spring's Mount Bruce wasn't high enough to tempt the pair, they enjoyed camping one night in Ruckle Park and one night at Teri Noel-Cooper's home.

Noel-Cooper invited the couple to Salt Spring after meeting them camping on a beach in Mexico on New Year's Eve 1995. By then they had been in North America since May 1995 and had climbed Mount McKinley in Alaska, Mount Rainier in Washington State and Mount Whitney in California.

There have been many adventures. In a Volkswagen camper van, the couple travelled through Central America and down to the most southern tip of South America.

"There's a lot of adventures here because it's not so easy to travel through with a car," Emil said.

In 1996 there was a ferry service linking Panama with Colombia but that has now stopped. In a bid to slow drug trafficking, there is no road, Emil explains.

"It's very funny that between these two continents, there is no road."

To reach the tip of South America, they drove 3,000 kilometres down a narrow gravel road officially known as Carretera Austral but nicknamed the loneliest road in the world.

They climbed mountains in Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile. In Argentina they climbed the Aconcagua, at 6,959 metres or 22,834 feet, the highest peak in the western hemisphere.

From South America they shipped their van to New Zealand. With backpacks and tent they went to Easter Island and toured



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS: Swiss mountain climbers Renate and Emil Frehner stopped in Salt Spring last week as part of their four-year quest to climb the highest mountains in North and South America and New Zealand.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

French Polynesia, camping on the warm beaches and swimming in the ocean.

"There are a lot of sharks. They swim around you," Renate said.

They arrived in New Zealand the same day as their van, put the van in storage, and returned to touring islands: the Kingdom of Tonga, the Hawaiian Islands, the Cook Islands, Fiji. They moved between islands like the local people, on small cargo ships, where they slept on the deck and brought their own food.

Back in New Zealand, they found two mountains to climb: the Ruapehu and the Taranaki. From New Zealand they shipped their van to Australia and hit the first snag in their itinerary.

Their original plan was to spend a year travelling the Australia outback but because of a chip in the van windshield they were told the van was not road worthy.

So they shipped the van back to Seattle, deciding to wind up their

mountain-climbing by again scaling the 6,193-metre (20,313-foot) Mount McKinley and by taking a second stab at Canada's highest peak, Mount Logan, which was closed to climbers on their first visit because of an avalanche a week earlier.

They expect to be home by the end of June, 1999.

In addition to scaling moun-

tains, they have seized the chance in their travels to study another of their interests: aboriginal cultures and the impact of European colonization on those people.

Emil plans to write a book about the trip entitled *Where Earth Touches Sky*.

The trip took five years to plan and included a decision by Emil to retire at 55 from the furniture business he and Renate had developed over the previous 30 years.

"It was a dream of life to climb all these high mountains and if you're older, you can't do it anymore," Emil said. Both have been mountain-climbing most of their lives.

They are also multilingual, speaking English, Spanish, French, Italian and German. For the four-year trip, they allocated a budget averaging \$1,500 Canadian a month.

Finishing the adventure with a second climb of Mount McKinley — the first mountain climbed back in June 1995 at the start of the trip — will close the circle, Emil explains.

On the first climb, the temperature was -55 degrees C and the wind speed reached 150 kmh. "I nearly froze to death."

Emil quotes a Tibetan proverb: The man who goes to the high mountain puts his soul and his fate on the knees of their gods.

"I want to go back to Mount McKinley, where I first put my soul and my fate on the knees of the gods, and take it back."

But not for long: in the spring of 2000 he hopes to be climbing to the summit of Mount Everest.

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APR. 8: Fall Fair recruiting volunteers, Farmers Institute, 7:30pm.

APR. 14: History Soc. "Early Surveys on SSI", Central Hall, 2pm.

APR. 15: SSI Garden Club meeting, All Saints, 7:00 show, 7:30 program.

APR. 16 - 18: Graffiti Theatre presents "Jack & Jill" a romantic comedy, Mahon Hall, 8pm.

APR. 18: SSI Garden Club spring plant sale, Farmers' Inst. 12:30 handicapped, 1:00 gen. public, plant drop off 9:30-noon.

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
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Ratepayers report activities at AGM

Busy years were reported by both Galiano Ratepayers and the North Galiano Community Association at their annual general meetings.

Ratepayers president Peter Hansche, in his report on the year's activities, mentioned the work now proceeding on Sturdies Bay Road at Murchison Cove. Levelling and blacktopping of the verge is now being done before concrete bumpers are installed. In past years a number of cars have gone over the bank at this point, landing on the beach below. Fortunately, no one has been hurt in these accidents.

Hansche reported a busy year for the Ratepayers with a number of initiatives begun in an attempt to solve the land use conflict between forestry lot owners and the Islands Trust. "Trust members (Margaret) Griffiths and (Debbie) Holmes, invited to these meetings, have never agreed to attend," he stated.

The Ratepayers are also concerned over how long it has taken to write our community plan (two and a half years) and then to review existing bylaws (another two and a half years). Meanwhile, he states, "Things are at a standstill, and our workers and island economy suffer."

Secretary-treasurer Mary Jean Elliott's report was adopted unanimously. Another unanimous vote saw Irene and Mel Frith named life members. Irene is past president of the Ratepayers. Her experience in municipal affairs on the Lower Mainland proved an asset in political matters here.

Three new directors were nominated and elected — Barbara Geary, Dave Hutton and Andrew Loveridge. Other directors are Flemming Larsen, Jack Ford, Bill Eller, Jim Scoones, Debra Marshall, John Donaldson and Glenna Mattin. Past president Peter Hansche completes the executive. Valerie van Wint is the new president.

North Galiano

Traditional supporters of the North Galiano Community Association were all on hand for the group's AGM.

Financial statements for both the hall and the fire department were given by treasurer Ellen den Holder. The balance in the hall funds account was down a little from last year, due to some rewiring and extensive renovations done in the kitchen. A new

GALIANO NOTES WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



electric cook stove was purchased as well.

"It takes about \$6,000 a year to operate the hall," the treasurer said. "Funds brought in by hall usage do not come near to covering this need."

President Emily Switzer reviewed activities held in the hall during the year, down somewhat from previous years. A revision of the hall's usage policy was completed during past months and is now posted in the building for all to see. Hall usage is by donation.

In his final report as fire chief, Ted Waterman paid tribute to all those he had worked with over the last 10 years. A good complement of volunteers come out for weekly practices, according to Waterman. On-training courses continue.

"The force has a near complement of volunteers at this time," said Waterman, "but there is always room for one or two more."

No major fires occurred here during 1997, according to the chief. Most call-outs were to automobile accidents. Extrication equipment purchased a year or so ago is proving to be very worthwhile.

New members of the board elected for 1998 include Julia Pearson, Merv Olson and Valerie Wickland. With another year of their terms to serve are: Ted Bings, Brian Cowperthwaite, den Holder, Irene Howard and Walter Roots. Past president Switzer completes the board.

Coming events

Culture comes to the South Hall later this month in a big way. Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., islanders will enjoy the last of the Gulf Islands winter concert series with guest artists the Vancouver Trombone Quartet.

Then on Friday, May 1 and 2, the Galiano Players and Friends will present a special live cabaret entitled Pop Through the Century. This event is a fundraiser for the South Hall. Rehearsals are now under way.

Held this weekend is North Galiano's Sale of Modern Antiques — the auction at 11 a.m., the indoor sale at about noon at the North Galiano Hall. For bargains and a good time you can't miss it. Barbecued hot dogs and coffee are available.

Fall fair volunteers wanted

Anyone with the "volunteering spirit" who enjoys the Salt Spring Fall Fair might want to consider joining the team.

An information session for potential Fall Fair and 4-H Club volunteers has been set for tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Islands Farmers Institute building on Rainbow Road.

Members of both organizations will be on hand to tell people how to get involved.

"It's a huge job to put on the fair and there are so many ways people can help," said the institute's Cathy Unruh, "from outdoor clean-up to collecting tickets at the gates and from assisting section coordinators to colouring posters."

She added: "There are so many jobs we haven't even thought of them all yet."

The 4-H Club also needs project leaders to assist young people to "learn by doing" in specific areas of interest.

Anyone who wants more information or would like to volunteer but cannot attend the meeting can call Unruh at 537-8840 or leave a message on the Farmers Institute answering machine at 537-4755.

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Easter weekend busy for Saturna Islanders

Easter weekend is coming up quickly and activities are planned on Saturna by many of the local clubs. On Good Friday everyone is invited to a service of meditation at St. Christopher's church at 1 p.m.

SATURNA NOTES

WITH GAIL TRAFFORD



Friday at 8 p.m. Tanja Dixon-Warren, daughter of Dr. Brian and Jane Dixon-Warren will introduce Hoarse Raven Theatre's production of Molly Sweeny to Saturna. Tickets are available in advance at Saturna General store for \$9 each.

This Irish tale brings together a blind woman, her passionately hopeful husband and an alcoholic, once-renowned physician. Their quest for a cure is based on a case study called To See or Not to See by Oliver Sacks, an internationally-famous author and doctor.

Michael Fern and Ian Morton will join Dixon-Warren for what should prove to be wonderful island evening entertainment to start the long weekend.

Saturday, don't be late for the Easter Bake Sale. It starts at 1 p.m. and if tradition holds true within half an hour most of the goodies will be swept up by hungry customers. But following the buying frenzy everyone is invited to settle down for a cup of tea and Welsh cakes in the fireplace room.

While the parents visit, the children can try to win a family dessert on the cake walk. The raffle will be drawn and winners announced at the end of the sale, about 3 p.m.

Everyone on the island is invited to provide their best baking and some

good starter plants for this sale. Be sure to come out and support the island's Women's Service Club and the Parent's Advisory Council on this joint venture.

Saturday evening the Lions Club will be cooking up a first-class crab dinner. This is definitely a "dress down" event. Bring your own crab crushing tools. A big bib would be very appropriate as well.

Following dinner stay and dance as Robert Montgomery plays some of your favourite music. Feel free to talk to him in advance if you would like to request a special song or two. Tickets are available in advance at both stores.

Sunday, St. Christopher's church will celebrate Easter with Rev. Bruce Bryant Scott. Everyone is welcome. Following the service there will be an Easter tea and an Easter egg hunt for the children.

On Monday the only scheduled community activity is relaxing and enjoying living in or visiting one of the nicest spots in Canada.

Coming up April 18 and 19 is the Small Boat Club workbee to create a trail to the new club site.

On April 25 there will be ballroom dancing at the Community Hall from 11 to 4 p.m. and in the evening the Lions will hold the monthly Timmy's Telethon Crib Night.



ISLAND FACES



Born on Salt Spring in 1913, Margaret Cunningham is well known here for the many hours of entertainment she has provided playing the piano both at church and

at the cinema. She has four children, has travelled the world, and loves gardening, reading and painting with watercolours. She now lives at Greenwoods.

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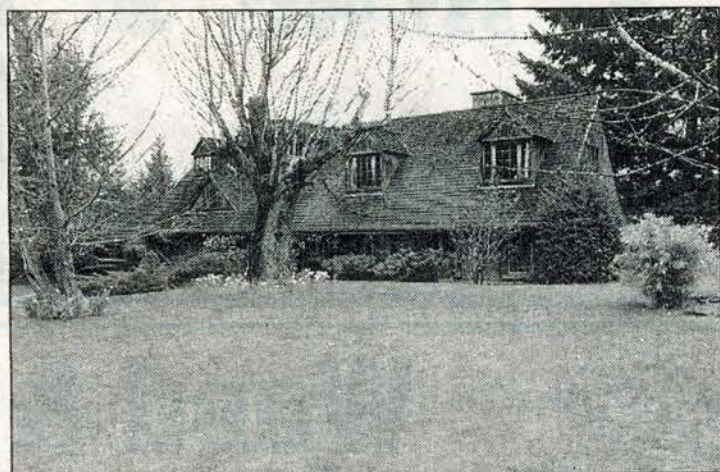
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Prized picture
Maggie Reddy (left) and Rebecca Claire display one of 25 prizes in a raffle being held today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. This piece of art by Rosemary Partridge is just one of the many temptations offered by the raffle. Tickets are still available at Choices.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Bending the rules led to literacy in rewarding teaching endeavour

The principal lit his pipe and smiled.

"Alex," he said. "I want you to teach kindergarten and Grade 1 for the next few months. This will look good on your resume' when you apply for the guidance counsellor position."

He, like me, was a World War II veteran and had spent three years flying light bombers over Burma. We would have a few beers every Friday night and compare creative and imaginative war stories. He was a good friend.

And so it came to pass that I went downstairs and with some trepidation pushed open the door leading to my new territory.

A diminutive cherub put her hand in mine.

"My name is Jill," she said, "and I can put my big toe in my mouf and I was bit by a wopse yesterday and Mrs. Hamilton kissed it and made it all better."

I said I was glad that she had made a full recovery from the wasp attack.

"This is my best friend Joan," she continued, and introduced me to a fellow ankle biter, a charming elf whose missing front teeth did nothing to detract from her beauty.

"Would you like to see my belly button?" Joan asked and pulled her dress up over her head and pointed to her navel. She was not an inhibited elf.

I made a few complimentary remarks and confessed that I too had one of those. Before she could ask me to show it I turned around and found myself face to face with

ALEX MITCHELL



George. I knew his name because it said so on his name tag. He was exploring his ear with his pinky and gave me an intense and curious stare.

How to communicate with the kid? I took off my thumb, swallowed it and brought it out of my ear. He was enthralled. He laughed. We had bonded. I left him trying to pull off his thumb and swallow it and went in search of Mrs. Hamilton.

The next few months were sheer delight and the most rewarding of my teaching career. I sat on the floor a lot, learned to use puppets and tell outrageous stories. I sang, played games and became one of them. I regained my innocence and a child-like approach to life.

Best of all I introduced them to the magical world of reading and writing and opened a door to future delights and rewards.

I believe it was the philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau who likened the young child's mind to a "tabula rasa," a clean slate ready and waiting to be filled. This was to be the responsibility of the

teacher, a supreme responsibility, and to my mind the most valuable and vital of all human endeavours.

By the end of the year we had a literacy rate of close to 100 per cent and I was insufferably proud. In later years I had some successes but none gave me greater satisfaction than being a part of this.

At that time, the early '70s, school systems were top heavy with non-teaching, highly-paid dinosaurs. To justify their questionable existences they panicked and frantically introduced new programs, most without merit. One of these was a new approach to teaching reading known as "sight sound," associating language with the sight or picture of the object. It was a perfect formula for producing a child who was unable to read.

This displaced the tried and true method called "phonics," associating letters or groups of letters with particular sounds.

Fortunately, Mrs. Hamilton, like myself, was a phonics person so we paid lip service to the new program but taught our method under the table.

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Scabies cases remain within normal levels

A few cases of scabies have turned up at local schools but the incidence of the itchy skin condition is still at normal levels.

Public health nurse Pam MacKenzie said she had heard of cases at Fernwood Elementary School, where she works, and at some other schools.

Scabies is caused by tiny mites and may appear as little blisters or burrow lines just under the skin, often in places where the skin folds, such as the inside of wrists and elbows. The mites create intense itching and often cause a red rash.

MacKenzie said the condition is spread by skin-to-skin contact so students with scabies are usually excluded from school for a day until they have been treated.

Treatment consists of applying a non-prescription lotion or cream to the affected area, which will be itchy and display a red rash. A second treatment may be recommended a week after the first.

It may take several weeks for the itchiness to disappear.

MacKenzie said the condition is not unusual but seems to gain a higher profile once it shows up in local schools. "There are some cases but it's certainly not an epidemic. There's always a few cases around."

Women invited to pampering session

Nurturing body, mind and spirit will be the focus of an upcoming pampering session for women.

Set for April 9 at Skin Sensations in Grace Point Square, the event will feature guest facilitator Ingrid Deringer who will lead the group in discussions and exercises that are both "fun and inspirational."

Deringer holds a Masters Degree in Women's Studies and a Bachelor of Arts with honours in psychology. Her passion is working in the area of women's health and chronic illness.

"Often women have difficulties nurturing themselves," notes a press release on the event. "When health problems arise, it becomes

crucial that women learn to nurture themselves and learn how to feel okay about being nurtured."

The evening of pampering is directed to women with health problems.

Each participant will discover why it is crucial to pamper oneself. She will also learn easy, relaxing ways to nurture body, mind and spirit.

Women should wear loose fitting clothes and bring a blanket to the session, which runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes a \$20 gift certificate to be used towards either a pedicure, facial, Reiki session or reflexology treatment at Skin Sensations.



Faithful

Practitioners of different faiths on Salt Spring prepare for the annual Earth Day interfaith service which will be held April 26 at the Activity Centre, beginning at 2 p.m. Shown here, clockwise from lower left, are Sharada Filkow, Anuradha Ens, Sharon Moore Cooke, Barry Cooke, Judith Boel, Aileen Neish, Ralph Miller and Patricia Brown. Each is holding a banner depicting his or her faith.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trail rights-of-way set

Two rights-of-way for park trails were approved by the Capital Regional District (CRD) board at its March 25 meeting.

One, between Salt Spring Lands Ltd. and the CRD, will

allow a trail through a subdivision off Rainbow Road.

The second, on behalf of the Saturna Island Parks and Recreation Commission, was between the CRD and Money Family Projects Ltd.

Schools raise bike funds

The contribution by two local schools was omitted in a report on the recent Island Pathways raffle.

Staff and students at Fernwood Elementary School and Salt Spring Middle School participated in the bicycle group's fundraising drive, raising \$1,340.

A raffle and silent auction raised \$8,535 for a bike lane project at Portlock Park.

Ayurveda discussed at seminar

Enhancing the quality of life is one aim of the Science and Art of Living weekend at Salt Spring Centre April 17 to 19.

Steven Cox, who has a private practice in Ayurvedic medicine called Water's Edge Herb Company in Sidney, will speak about Ayurveda in daily life. He will also describe how the physical treatments of the "panch karma," a method of purification and rejuvenation, fit into the Ayurvedic system.

Weekend workshop participants will experience first-hand one of these treatments, the Swedan, along with other healthful practices.

The purpose of Ayurveda is to help people understand their constitutional make-up and choose diet, living conditions and regimes suited to their needs.

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Announcements

6 DEATHS

GLYDE, HENRY George (RCA), at Victoria at home, peacefully in his sleep on March 31, 1998, in his 92nd year. Predeceased by his wife Hilda and daughter Helen Collinson. His passing leaves two sons and seven grandchildren. Born in Luton, England in 1906, he came to Canada in 1935 and is widely recognized for his Canadian landscape painting, figure murals and extensive contributions to developing the Arts in Western Canada. He was the founding Head of the Fine Arts Department at the University of Alberta, developed painting at the Banff School of Fine Arts (Banff Centre) and taught painting widely and generously throughout Alberta. Friends, students and all touched by his work are invited to celebrate his life informally at his home, 1280 Hampshire Road in Oak Bay, Victoria on Saturday, April 4, 1998 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AKERMAN - MARY Reed (nee: Morrison) Born October 27, 1914 in Vancouver, BC. Molly passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on April 4, 1998.

The Lord is my shepherd... I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. Psalm 23.1 - 6.

Predeceased by her daughter Lyn Andrews, her younger sister Peggy Bryan. Molly is survived by her beloved husband Bob, dear twin sister Betty Mouat, Children Darlene (Tim) O'Donnell, Ted (Donna) Akerman, Roberta (Max) Allard, son-in-law Dennis Andrews, Morris (Janice) Akerman, Cathy (Dale) Cook, Dan Akerman, Patrick (Brenda) Akerman, Jim Akerman, Kerry (Leah) Akerman, Lance Akerman. Thirty grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. Molly will always be remembered for her caring, unselfish ways by her loving family and friends. There will be a family service. Friends and relatives are invited to an open house in Molly's memory at the family home Thursday, April 9, 1998 between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. Flowers gratefully declined. If so desired, memorial remembrances may be made in form of donation to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THANKS TO The Salt Spring Weavers Guild, your weaving course has been a source of inspiration to our children and to us indirectly. The care and sharing of time and knowledge with our children has been invaluable. We have been amazed and heartened by the support of our children's mentors (or as our children put it "Their Adult Friends" in weaving). This feels like the kind of thing a real community is made of. Thanks again to all of you, The Tuttlers.

THE JEFFERIES family wish to thank Dr. McNie and the nursing staff of our hospital for their kindness and great care of Henry. Also our friends & neighbours for the sympathy cards, flowers and food. We are most grateful.

TO NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS, & Staff of Lady Minto and Dr Woodley: Thank you, Thank you, Thank you from Laszla Bedocs.

HEARTFELT THANKS to all who participated and supported 2nd Annual Spring Equinox 24 hour Spirit Walk for Unity, Peace & Dignity. Each one of you (and you know who you are) make this wonderful event the beautiful experience it is! Same time, same place... next Spring. See you there! Phone 653-9497 for details.

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SIDEWALK SALE at Mouat's Clothing Company starts today through Sunday, April 12: Spring jackets, shoes, runners, sweatshirts & more. Open Good Friday and Easter Sunday, 10 - 5.

FANTASTIC FLEAMARKET, Saturday, April 18, 10 - 2:30 p.m. at Fulford Hall. 8' tables \$12 ea. Entrance free. Concession. Information 537-5482.

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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.

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.

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.

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NEW WATERCOLOUR Classes. Semi-private. Starting on Mondays, April 13 - June 29. Beginners & Intermediates 1 - 3 p.m. Intermediates, 7 - 9 p.m. Call Val Konig 537-9531.

GIANT COMMUNITY Garage Sale Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Salt Spring Island Middle School gym. To rent a table, parking lot space or donate items please call 537-1005, 537-5367.

CAROLE MATTHEWS, psychic consultant taking appts. on island April 21 to 23. Call 537-2031. Join Carole on AM900 Saturday evenings 7-9 p.m.

REGISTER NOW for April PARC programs! Judo, water-colour painting on silk, cooking for kids, wills & estates, child-safe, babysitting safety, moss baskets, CPR A&C and Rally Round the Rock. Call 537-4448 for info & registration.

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

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

AGM FOR Central Community Hall Society, Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

20 COMING EVENTS

BC BOYS CHOIR will perform on Salt Spring Island before embarking on their European tour. Don't miss this showcase of young musical talent. Saturday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. G.I.S.S. Multipurpose room. Hosted by S.S. Singers Choir.

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HEART OF S.S.I. notice to members. A.G.M. Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. Hart Bradley Hall, (Lions Club), Drake Road. Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m.

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.

FROM RHINESTONES to Cookbooks to cross country skis. The S.S.I. (Nature) Conservancy Rummage Sale will have it all. Saturday, April 25 at All Saints Church 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and support the Conservancy and find treasures. Tools, mysteries, wooden chairs, jewellery and much more.

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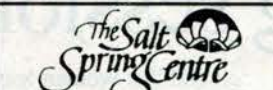
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Monday, April 20

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SALT SPRING ISLAND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Wednesday, April 22
 7:30pm
 ~CLUBHOUSE~

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



Salt Spring Historical Society

APRIL MEETING

Tues. April 14 ~ 2pm

Early Surveys on Salt Spring Island with **Brian Wolfe-Milner** and **Barry Cotton**

Central Hall
 Visitors Welcome & Tea.



Salt Spring United Church

invites you to join in their

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

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
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APRIL 12, 9:00am
 Holy Communion
 10:00am Easter Sunday Service and Flowering of the Cross

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 Tickets at Mout's Ticket Office, Murray's Brewplace, Sharon's, and Stuff & Nonsense, or by calling 537-5272



OPEN HOUSE
 Sat., April 18
 10am - noon
 Come explore learning through play

23 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.

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26 LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN GORDON MATHER, Deceased,

formerly of 2130 - 135 Brinkworthy Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1S3. Creditors and others having claims against the estate of JOHN GORDON MATHER, are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Administratrix at Box 414, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2W1 on or before May 1, 1998, after which date the Executrix will distribute the said estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims which the Executrix then has notice.

James Pasuta, Solicitor for the Estate of John Gordon Mather.

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 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd., S51
 Call: 537-4448 or Fax: 537-4456
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 Extensive References required

PUBLICATION REQUEST RE: CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Director of Vital Statistics for a change of name, pursuant to the provisions of the "Name Act" by me: JULIE ANN KOGUT, 260 Reynolds Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1Y2, telephone #653-9104, to change my name from KOGUT, Julie Ann to PURSLEY, Julie Ann. Dated this 30th day of March, 1998. Signed by Julie Ann Kogut.

26 LEGALS

(Section 65(1) (a) BRITISH COLUMBIA PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITY ACT

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF AGENT OF A CORPORATION

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2. The instrument under which we were appointed is a Security Agreement dated the 9th day of June, 1995 and registered at the Personal Property Registry in Victoria, British Columbia on the 21st day of June, 1995 under base registration number 5843931 to secure interest and other monies therein mentioned. This Security charged, inter alia, all of the property, assets and undertaking of the Company.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

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FOUND: REALLY furry, large, greyish brown, cat, short tail, green eyes and white tipped feet. 537-8939. Vesuvius Bay area.

FOUND ON Norton Road: Necklace with ring on it. 537-5540.

FOUND ON Fernwood Road in ditch, unusual basketball. 537-1008.

FOUND: PONCHO at March Madness Comedy show, at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church. Call 653-9268.

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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239 UPHOLSTERY

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302 APPLIANCES

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310 BUILDING SUPPLIES

GARAGE DOOR. Sectional overhead, 9x7, white, like new, \$250. 537-5335.

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322 COMPUTERS

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327 EQUIPMENT

1996 CAT 330 ROAD-BUILDER, 2350 hours, dig bucket, thumb & Q.C. Financing available. (250) 832-7718.

330 FOOD PRODUCTS

OPEN GOOD Friday with a full selection of Easter bakery and chocolate treats! Embe Bakery, foot of Ganges Hill, 537-5611.

335 FURNITURE

4 SALE - 4 OAK chairs. English T-back, leather seats, \$500. Also, large, genuine pink pearl stud earrings, \$225. 538-0056.

WANTED: SOFA about 5' that can be used as a bed. 537-5728.

MOVING MUST sell, chesterfield suite, good condition. Fall colours, \$85. Boston Rocker oak finish, \$50. Oak hall tree, \$20. 537-9801.

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340 GARAGE SALES

FANTASTIC FLEAMARKET, Saturday, April 18, 10 - 2:30 p.m. at Fulford Hall. 8' tables \$12 ea. Entrance free. Concession. Information 537-5482.

THE GULF ISLANDS Shrine Club will pick up donations anytime for the Garage Sale to be held, Saturday, May 2. 537-2567, 537-5826, 537-2077 or 653-4655. Proceeds to Lady Minto Hospital and Shrine Childrens Hospitals.

LIONS GARAGE Sale, 103 Bonnet Ave. Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday. 10 am. - 12 noon. Come & browse, we just may have it. New merchandise arriving daily. Good, clean merchandise wanted. Call 537-2000 for pick-up or info.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE Sale Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 152 McPhillips Ave. in Ganges.

GARAGE SALE Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and see what has been collected for 50 years. Work bench, fret saw, drill press, tools galore, plus garden tools. Also, loveseats, chair, household collectibles and mattress. Moving, must sell at give-away prices. Watch for sign on corner of Vesuvius and Broadwell at 9 a.m.

MOVING SALE - good stuff also from neighbours and Purple Parrot. Mirrors, stained glass, plants, golf clubs and cart, frames, drum humidifier, heaters, chalk board, etc. Saturday, April 11, 1374 North Beach Rd., 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

APRIL 11 & 12 FROM 7 - 3. Dishes, appliances tools, 1981 Pontiac & much, much more. 80 Suffolk Road.

ON APRIL 25 the SSI Conservancy will hold a giant rummage sale at All Saints Church. From wooden chairs to books to jewelry to skis to household items of all sorts. 9:00 a.m. sharp. Be seen. Be green. Support the Conservancy.

342 GARDEN SUPPLIES

ROTOTILLER: ARIENS Rocket V. 5 h.p., rear tines, perfect condition, \$1200. 537-5739.

343 HEALTH SUPPLIES

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GULF ISLAND Brewery will be starting production in mid to late April. Spent grain will be available for animal feed (cows, sheep, pigs, etc.) Nutritional information available. Call for details. Bob 653-4513, Murray, 537-1429.

DOES ANYONE out there have my moisture meter? I lent it to someone last year and can't remember who. Please return to Illyd Perkins, 653-9392.

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10' FLAT DECK, with A-frame, 8000 lb. P.T.O. winch, storage/tool box, good condition, \$1200. Wrecker deck with winch, \$400. 653-4877.

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MEN'S GOLF clubs & cart. Vitrine table, hinged glass top. Drum-type humidifier and large wooden easel, nearly new. Phone 537-4239.

FLAT DECK for truck, \$300. Misc. shop equipment. 1986 4 x 4 1-ton truck. 1938 Fargo 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.

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ASSORTED KITCHEN cabinets including two pantry cabinets, \$400. 537-2119.

BROWN HARDING carpet, 9' x 13', \$50. Hide-a-bed, rose-coloured, \$50. 653-4696.

FORD PICK-UP, see section 855. 3 Diana Dean oils, \$2000 each. Loomis 7 wt. 2 piece graphite fly rod, \$225. 26" Zenith stereo TV, \$275. Denon DRW580 double deck, \$225. Technics am/fm tuner, \$20. Large carousel microwave, \$75. Men's brown size 40 leather bomber, \$185. Brunswick 18 oz. cue soft case, \$65. Entertainment centre, \$30. Ceramic heater, 1500 W, \$30. Solid alloy stilts, \$35. Misc. floats, trowels, \$30. Misc. cedar, nails, screws. The following available May 25: 10" Rockwell table saw, bench extensions, \$500. 12" Dewalt chop saw, 2 blades, 14' extension, \$475. Dado set, \$125. 40' light strings, new, \$25 each. Misc. 10" carbide blades, \$20 - \$30 each. Misc. drywall knives, \$20. Misc. plumbing gear, \$35. 537-5497.

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376 SPORTING GOODS

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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.

FREE: 35' X 80' STEEL QUONSET Building on SSI. Approx. 20 preformed steel arches and metal cladding. To be dismantled and removed. 604-591-5295.

BOAT RACK for pick-up truck - fits over canopy. Call Stephen at 537-9664.

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Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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.

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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.

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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

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38 FT. PARK model trailer, 1991 Kingston, with living and bedroom tip-outs, furnished, loads of storage, storm windows, awning, antenna, two door fridge, top condition. \$19,000. 537-1422.

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510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

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

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COZY TOWN House, 2 bedroom with fireplace, washer/dryer, no pets, \$850 per month. Available immediately. Contact Alane, 537-4266.

1/2 DUPLEX, LOWER level, available May 1, on Fulford-Ganges Rd. 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, \$660. Call Walter at 653-4877 to view.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house in quiet area near Ganges. Long-term. N/S, Refs. \$950 + util. 537-9910.

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

AVAILABLE MAY 1. Bright, sunny, 3 bedroom home in Vesuvius with separate studio/office. Longer term preferred. \$900 per month plus utilities. 537-1866.

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

VERY SPACIOUS, near new 3 bedroom, 2 bath executive home with upper studio. Gourmet kitchen, 5 appliances & many more great features. N/S & will consider pet, \$1200 plus utilities. 653-4500.

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TWO BEDROOM Duplex, clean and neat. All appliances. \$650 per month. Peter Bardon, Re/Max. 537-9977.

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RESPONSIBLE, MATURE, quiet adult looking for house sitting situation or a small furnished suite May - September 1. Call Carleigh 250-468-1861, collect, evenings

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.

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615 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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12' ALUMINUM SPRINGBOK Boat. Full flotation, excellent condition, with trailer. \$1,025. Will sell separately. 537-2374, leave message.

1989 JOHNSON 8 H.P. kicker, very low hours. Excellent condition, \$650 obo. Call 537-4099 or 538-0012.

822 CAMPERS & TRAILERS

HARDTOP TENT Trailer. Easy tow, sleeps 4, old but good condition, carpeted, many extras. \$1500. 537-9237.

38 FT. PARK model trailer, 1991 Kingston, with living and bedroom tip-outs, furnished, loads of storage, storm windows, awning, antenna, two door fridge, top condition. \$19,000. 537-1422.

825 CARS, SALES

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TO ALL those who applied for the position of janitor for Community Services, we thank you as the position has been filled.

TUNED AIR presents: Elektra Women's Choir singing a program entitled "Southern Skies" with Sal Ferreras Saturday May 2, 8 p.m.

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TWO BODIES needed to commit to Tuesday, Thursday. 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Step Classes until end of June. Replaces two cups of coffee: has shapelier side effects. Excellent instructor included. 537-9149.

HE LOVES me! ... He loves me not! ... But does she love him? Sound familiar? Jack and Jill, a uniquely staged romantic comedy opens with a post-show reception on Thursday, April 16 at Mahon Hall - 6 shows only, limited seating. A must see! Tickets at Patterson's and Island Books Plus.

NEW 600 SQ ft. cabin one bedroom, water view, deck, long term. Available May 1. \$600 per month. N/S, N/P. 537-1968.

SPRING SALE. 27' travel trailer, 17' boat trailer, 2 utility trailers, '86 Honda motorcycle, computer, arc welder, weed eaters, lawn mower, dressers, exercise bike, TVs, burn barrels, 2 Campers and much more. SS Salvage. 401 Robinson Road. 537-0695.

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REQUIRED RESPONSIBLE person for child care in my home. Two children. Monday to Friday full time for next 8 weeks. References required. 537-5757.

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P.U.G.S.: The PC Users Group of Salt Spring meets Thursday, April 16 at Seniors for Seniors, 379 Lower Ganges Road, 7:30 p.m. Topic: Video program on dealing with the year 2000 problem.

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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.

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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.

CHEAP LIKE Porch Sale! Happening next week Stuff and Nonsense in Fulford Harbour. Open 7 days a week, 10 - 5. 653-4620.

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FREE AND UP. Spring clean-up hauling. Free if items of value. Free estimates. By hour or contract. David. Also for sale, 1986 Bronco II, \$3000. 537-1984.

GARAGE SALE: 111 Hillcrest, 10 a.m. till 4, Saturday, April 11. Misc. household goods, clothing, books.

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Across the generations
Senior Ruth Kreissl listens as Grade One student Rosie Hamilton reads. Each Wednesday, volunteer seniors join parents to read with Grade One students at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Communication needed

Better communication would have eliminated a rescue mission which drew the coast guard vessel Skua from Ganges Harbour the last week in March.

A mayday was sent just after 11 a.m. March 28 from an 18-foot runabout in Active Pass. The owner reported a dead motor and a boat, with five aboard, going on the rocks.

When the coast guard crew on the Skua responded, along with a hovercraft and rescue tugboat, the group was back to fishing, having bumped the rocks and drifted away.

The boat had an auxiliary

motor, an anchor, a paddle and a friend fishing in another boat 100 yards away — all of which could have resolved the problem.

Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-charge Dave Howell said he advised the boat operator that perhaps the mayday could have been avoided.

What is it that attracts people to islands?

I met a lady once who collected islands.

She was rich and travelled to islands just to tick them off in a little atlas. She wore big beads and seemed like the sort of woman who would either write children's books or embezzle pension funds. Not surprisingly we met on an island. When she ticked the island off, in the Gulf of Mexico, I had an immediate desire to hurl the atlas into the gulf. Islands are deeply sacred places and they do not deserve to be ticked off by ladies in beads.

Since that auspicious day, I have encountered hundreds of island collectors and formed some theories about the phenomenon. First, we are everywhere. Second, my reaction to her was jealousy. I didn't have the money (or the beads) to travel to all those islands. Third, islands attract for deep and mystical reasons and one of the deep reasons, I think, stems from our evolutionary ties to islands.

My favourite island collector is a man called Ed Wilson. He likes ants and should write children's books. He has travelled the world on a budget, describing islands' natural history, including their ants.

To Wilson, an island is "a world that holds most of its organisms tight

NOTES FROM WRANGELLIA
WITH BRIONY PENN



within its borders. It is the ideal unit for study of evolution. Enough immigrants fly, swim or drift ashore to colonize the islands, yet not so many in each generation to form the commanding elements of its population. If the island is large and old and distant enough, the descendants of the immigrants evolve into new races (and eventually species) peculiar to the new home.

"Tight within its borders" seems to be one clue to the attraction of islands. We feel tight within the borders, secure of our geography, and we secretly long to ascend to some new species. Life forms have felt drawn to drag themselves up on some primal deserted island to feel secure and begin again.

Certainly, organisms like the bead lady are departing rapidly from the "commanding elements" of mainland populations. Isolated places become origins of diversity and subsequently refugia — places from which species immigrate to repopulate mainlands.

Gwai Haanas (Queen Charlotte

Islands) were refugia for many species during the ice age since parts were never glaciated. These species then flew or swam to the mainland to repopulate it.

Wilson also observed that the smaller and more remote the islands are, the fewer the species; and when they are colonized by new species, they appear to replace existing species that become extinct. At first look, this seems to be a theory that would only interest a handful of ant experts. On second look this theory is probably the most important idea of the millennium and holds the secret to our survival. What he pointed out is that islands do not necessarily have to be surrounded by the "hostile" sea. Any natural area surrounded by urbanization, clear-cuts or monocultures becomes a continental "island."

So back to the lady with the atlas. If she were to circle the remaining fragments of biologically rich areas in her atlas, it would look like South Pacific-tiny "islands" sparsely dotted in a vast sea of urbanization. As these natural areas shrink, the number of species goes down and it becomes harder to fly, swim or drift through Wal-Mart parking lots and burning forests to the next friendly spot.

These are reasons enough to explain why islands have mysterious meanings. We see in them our salva-

tion and our demise. They are vulnerable, opportunistic places — worlds in a nutshell — the metaphor of the age.

And there really is an island close to you that needs saving right now. It is called South Winchelsea. It lies in an archipelago off Nanoose Point near Nanaimo. It is the closest thing to what all the islands in the Gulf of Georgia were like 100 years ago. It is a hot-spot of diversity, it is vulnerable, and species pushed off Vancouver Island have flown and drifted there and are adapting to life on the edge.

I wish I had taken down that rich lady's address. We could do with her right now and her atlas full of pension funds. I'd tell her she could make her mark in evolutionary history as the one who kept the gene pool going for the rest of North America.

You can do your part for evolutionary history in the Gulf Islands. Buy four square metres of South Winchelsea for your favourite island collector. Send your cheque, VISA or MasterCard number to TLC — The Land Conservancy of British Columbia, 5793 Old West Saanich Road, Victoria, B.C. V8X 3X3. Its phone number is (250) 361-7693.

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Students competed in oratorical contest

Thirty-five years ago

The smallest speakers scored the biggest hits in the school oratorical contest for Grades 1 to 12. Primary and intermediate students spoke for less than three minutes; junior and senior students spoke for three to five minutes. Easiest to hear were the students in Grades 1 to 3 and those in Grades 4 to 6. Older students tended to speak more quietly and the girls were especially soft-spoken. Students researched and wrote their own speeches. Winners were Denis Blais, Grade 3, for primary; Rhonda Byron, Grade 5 for intermediate; Marcel Blais in junior (Grades 7 to 9) and Colin Booth in senior (Grades 10 to 12.)

Thirty years ago

Salt Spring Lions Club members were eyeing a recreation complex for the island which would include a sheet of ice and a heated outdoor pool for an estimated cost of \$250,000. The ice could be designed to be used for both skating and curling, club members were told. An indoor pool was rejected because of the cost of ventilating and heating the building.

Salt Spring Lions were holding their first fundraising walkathon on the Easter weekend. The money was to go to the Fulford Community Club.

Twenty-five years ago

The Gulf Islands schools band took second place in the Cowichan Valley Music Festival, performing Salute to Mozart and Killarney. The Salt Spring

DOWN THE YEARS

Elementary ballet group picked up two trophies for its performances.

Community plans for both Salt Spring and Galiano islands were to be reviewed by the B.C. Legislative Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters. The plans had been developed on the individual islands and a decision on both was expected later in the spring. Capital Regional District chairman Jim Campbell of Saturna and director Marc Holmes urged the government to deal with the islands individually as each was unique.

Twenty years ago

Salt Spring Trust Committee received a complaint from island auto repair businesses about back-yard motor repair operations. Four businesses signed the letter, which complained that any resident could operate a competing business from home.

Appointed to Salt Spring's first Advisory Planning Commission were Nick Gilbert, Charles Baltzer, Ken Patrick and Gerry Bourdin. Also on the commission were Trust committee members Charles Longueay and Jack Fisher, along with regional director Jim Bryce.

Fifteen years ago

Parents represented by Parents of Pender Island School Children were lobbying to have their island removed from the Gulf Islands School District and

included in the Saanich district. A letter from the group noted that 20 of the 21 secondary students from Pender attended Parkland Secondary in the Saanich school district, not Gulf Islands Secondary. The parents were upset by a school board decision removing Grade 8 from Pender Island as part of a proposal to establish a junior secondary school on Mayne Island to serve Pender, Saturna, Mayne and Galiano. School trustees agreed to meet with the parents.

Ten years ago

School taxes were expected to increase on the Gulf Islands as part of a government proposal to shift money from wealthier school districts to poorer communities. Gulf Islands board chairman David Eyles said the provincial contribution towards education costs had dropped in recent years to 45 per cent of the budget from 55 per cent. Taxes were expected to reach \$6.36 for each \$1,000 of assessed value compared to \$5.01 a year earlier.

A survey of islanders showed 82 per cent in favour of a late night sailing between Fulford and Swartz Bay. Proposed were elimination of the 6:30 a.m. sailing from Fulford and the 7:15 a.m. sailing from Swartz Bay and the addition of a 9:45 p.m. sailing from Fulford and a 10:30 p.m. sailing from Swartz Bay. The survey drew 474 responses.

Five years ago

Agriculture Canada dropped plans for aerial spraying to eradicate gypsy moths in favour of a ground-based spray program. The

spraying would only be done with the permission of property owners. A number of islanders had objected to the aerial spray program.

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Doris Cook remembered for love of gardening, arts, plus creativity

An island woman known for her love of arts, gardening and family passed away March 17 at the age of 79.

Doris Cook and her late husband Harvey came to Salt Spring from Hinton, Alberta about 25 years ago. Harvey built two homes, which they lived in for a brief time, and settled in the third home he built.

Margaret Allan, Doris' close friend and neighbour, said the former island woman will be remembered for her gentle nature and devotion to her family. Allan said Harvey grew huge amounts of vegetables, some small fruits, and various fruit trees, and Doris processed many jars, making extras which she gave to family members.

"Doris loved plants and flowers, and her large flower bed, with its profusion of blooms, gave her much pleasure," said Allan. "She was also adept at making beautiful, moss-lined hanging baskets, which she filled with huge begonias — a treat to behold."

She had a talent for batik work, creating beautiful scarves and

pictures, and made lavender-filled sachets decorated with antique lace and ribbons.

Her colourful quilts were displayed at ArtCraft each summer for a number of years and, along with her nightgowns, at Waterfront Gallery (now known

as Off the Waterfront Gallery).

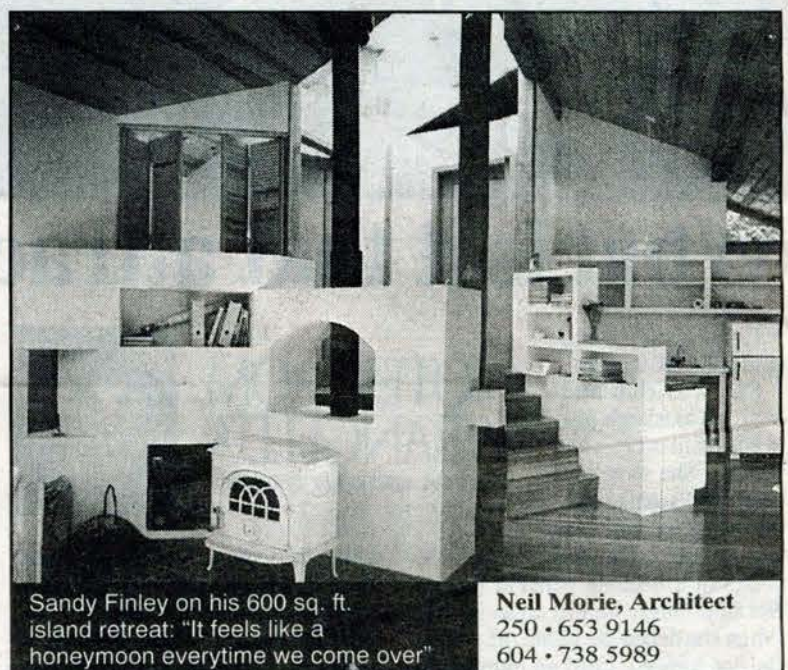
Doris is survived by five sons, one daughter, one brother and five grandchildren.

"Doris will be fondly remembered by her neighbours and the many lives she touched," said Allan.

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- * **24 HR. CRISIS LINE:** Dial 0 and ask for ZENITH 2262 (no charge). Caller is connected with the Need Crisis Centre in Victoria.
- * **EMERGENCY FOOD BANK:** Open Tuesday 11-3.
- * **COUNSELLING SERVICES:** Crisis and short-term counselling provided by Community Workers.
- * **ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM:** Prevention & treatment service is free and confidential.
- * **FAMILY PLACE: DROP IN -** for parents & children under 6 yrs. Mon-Thurs 9:30-12 noon. **RUG HUGGERS -** drop in program for new parents, Fridays 11am-1pm (includes light lunch). **CLOTHING EXCHANGE -** open daily.
- * **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
- * **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- * **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- * **CLIMBING WALL HOURS:** Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm. Full equipment chg. \$2.50. **CLUB NIGHT:** Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.



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